

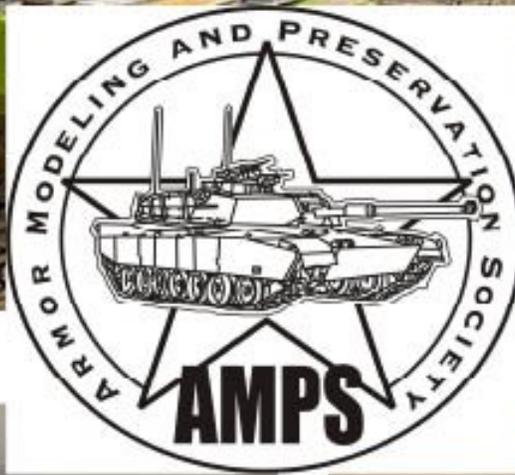


Newsletter of the ChicagoLand Armor Builders Society June 2023



2023

Convention





Welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

.... No I haven't gone senile or lost track of time! But the latest Amps convention, has always been my reminder to renew my membership and begin a new modeling year.

Now the New Year typically ushers in resolutions and a fresh and positive outlook on work and life. So I'm taking this as a chance to update and change. The run-up to the last convention was exciting but also a hectic race to finish in time! I don't want to duplicate that so I'm vowing to plan & finish my entries well beforehand. (LOL)

I also intend to finish a model every 4-5 weeks for the next year! Which means no large elaborate displays!

I am also coaming thru the stash and packing away everything that I can't build in the next year or ever. Although the point of a stash is the "Potential" of building, I wonder if its more detrimental in its effect as you think you have forever?

Alas, I've come to realize that as in soc-

cer, I'm coming to the end of the match and I am down to "Penalty" time and not really aware of how much that is!

So I'm boxing up the overflow, and concentrating on the here and now!

As I have not been to a convention in 4 or 5 years I had a great time at this one! Hopefully we can make the upcoming one in So Bend Special as well!

This months edition of the newsletter, in addition to the normal meeting news, has coverage of the convention as well as Dan's garage sale.

I hope you find it of interest, and please, challenge yourself. Try a new paint or weathering technique or find a modeling video to watch on YouTube and on to So Bend!

Remember, its New Years!

Cheers

Stan

Our next meeting is scheduled for 10am June 10th @ the Cantigny Education Bldg. Watch for the reminder to verify.

MAY '23 MEETING NOTES

Welcome –

Treasure's report/ Amps 2023 convention review

Stan got a Bronze & Silver; Bill Horn won GOLD (4)

2023 Meeting list – Next Month? *Watch for the meeting reminder for confirmation*

Dan Tsoncek Garage sale May 20th 110 Verne Circle Barrington– *The sale went very well and Dan wanted to express his gratitude to everyone who attended and bought items!*

Lakes Nimcon contest June 24th. We are sponsoring BEST ARMOR award for \$35. *Please try to attend and help judge.*

Database review— *I'm asking for everyone in attendance to review their info. I will be sending out emails to all other members as well.*

New business? - *The Butch O'Hare contest will be held on Nov 5th at the DuPage Fair-grounds.*

Show & Tell

2023 AMPS Best of Show



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About the Show

The Armor Modeling & Preservation Society (AMPS) held its International Convention at the Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, from Thursday, May 4, to Saturday, May 6, 2023. The convention commemorated the 30th year of the organization's founding in 1993, and this year's convention theme was "The Pacific," which included military vehicles and equipment used in conflicts between 1940 and 2022 in any theatre from Burma in the west, to Hawaii and the U.S. West Coast in the east, and from Australia and New Zealand in the south to the Aleutian Islands in the north.

The weather was perfect for each of the three days of the convention, and was extremely well attended—the event hosted 177 (entering-the-contest) registrants and 196 walk-in (not-entering-the-contest) registrants from as far away as Canada and Great Britain. All told, the event attracted close to 500 people. In general, the Penn Harris Hotel Convention Center facilities were extremely roomy, well laid out, and turned out to be perfectly suited for an AMPS convention. The hotel itself was reported to be very comfortable, and the newly-built (2021) Comfort Suites, designated as the convention's overflow hotel, was very closely situated and quite attractive. In addition, an abundance of places to eat and drink within easy walking distance surrounded the convention center, providing many opportunities to take a walk or a break if needed.

As always, this convention proved to be a showcase of superb individual creativity and excellence—the show's model competition attracted 646 total entries (614 judged, 13 judged master, 19 display only) in the various armor modeling categories. 80 tables were dedicated to completed models on display, and were nearly completely filled up by the end of the convention. Hundreds of gold, silver, and bronze medals were awarded; some special awards were the K-Bar Award for the best USMC vehicle and the Braille-Scale award for the best model in 1/72nd scale, plus various "best-of" category awards.

A series of seminars on topics of interest to modelers and military enthusiasts were held with great success. All the seminars were fully booked and wait-listed; topics included: A Modeler's Guide to U.S. Marking Systems, Building Cobblestone and Brick from Foam Board, and Weathering Track, among others. For those who could not attend, PowerPoint presentations of the sessions are available (click on a seminar at the right to download the file).

The convention hosted vendors from all over the country, selling books, reference materials, model kits and a large variety of model supplies. 18 vendors occupied 111 tables in the main venue area, forming a veritable bazaar of model kits and supplies. Many bargains were available and dozens of interesting and unusual items related to the armor modeling hobby were displayed. Such well-known vendors as Custom Dioramics, Ammo By Mig, MicroWorld Games, LLC, David Doyle Books, Wanamaker Hobbies, Vargas Scale Models, Graetner Woodworking (model display bases), and Eugene Bagnoli were in attendance. A couple of the vendors, notably Vargas Scale Models and Wanamaker Hobbies, were displaying the latest in model design—3D-printed model kits and accessories—which garnered great attention (and sales).

Also in attendance was Aaron Skinner of FineScale Modeler magazine, taking photographs of the model entries and chatting with the attendees. We hope to see a full-blown feature article in an upcoming issue.

Each year, the AMPS membership votes on a theme for the next year's convention, which will be held in South Bend, Indiana on April 11-13, 2024. The 2024 theme will be "1944," commemorating 80 years since that pivotal time during the Second World War.

See you in South Bend!
Peter Espada
2023 AMPS Show Chairman



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Congratulations to our club members and associates who medaled at the recent convention. Also a big shout out to Chuck and his wife Kim who helped with judging and at the raffle table!

2023 MEDAL WINNERS

346-B	WILLIAM HORN	TIGER I	GOLD
346-C	WILLIAM HORN	PANTHER A	GOLD
346-D	WILLIAM HORN	PANTHER G	GOLD
346-A	WILLIAM HORN	KV I EHKRANAMI	GOLD
080-A	JOHN CHARVAT	TIGER 312	SILVER
080-B	JOHN CHARVAT	POLISH T-34/85	GOLD
010-B	STAN KURCZ	CROSSROAD	SILVER
010-A	STAN KURCZ	GETTING READY	BRONZE

<https://www.amps-armor.org/SiteShows/ShowResults.aspx?sid=10110>



You can find more pictures of the convention entries at the AMPS website.



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Dan's Books for Sale

Combat history of Schwere PanzerJager Abt 653 \$30.00	Blitzkreig 1939-1940 \$5.00
JagdTiger operational history \$15.00	SS Panzerkorps Battle for Kharkov \$20.00
Russian tanks&armored vehicles 1917-1945 \$10.00	For King and country \$10.00
Kubelwagen on the front lines \$15.00	Panther battalion Brandenburg \$20.00
Tigers in combat HB Vol 1 \$20.00	Blood steel and myth, 11 SS panzerkorp and the road to Prochorowka \$20.00
Tigers in combat HB Vol 2 \$20.00	Russian Tanks and armored vehicles 1917-1945 \$10.00
Pak at war \$15.00	Lorraine pictoral journal 1944-1945 \$20.00
Flak at war \$15.00	Victory memorial museum \$20.00
God Honor Fatherland \$10.00	Leibstandarte division history \$10.00
Green Devils, German Paratroopers \$10.00	Waffen SS division history \$10.00
Gerbirgsjager 1939-1945 \$10.00	Waffen SS pioniere division history \$10.00
Fallschrimjager in Crete \$10.00	Combat history of the 21 st panzer division \$10.00
Operation Barbarossa \$10.00	

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Uniforms and traditions of the German army 1939
\$10.00

German combat engineers in WW2 , photo history
\$10.00

Pictorial history of WW2 \$10.00

Bataille de Alps \$20.00

Funkpanzer remote and radio control armored
units \$20.00

Bloody Tarawa \$10.00

Lost ships of Guadalcanal \$10.00

Discovery of the Bismarck \$10.00

3rd panzer division history \$10.00

Wiking panzer division history \$10.00

Waffen SS history \$10.00

La Bataille de Stalingrad \$10.00

Circle of fire The battle of Cholm
\$10.00

German anti tank weapons
\$20.00

Das Reich division history
\$10.00

Afrika corps uniforms
\$20.00

Die Nebelwerfer
\$5.00

Panther tank, quest for combat supremacy
\$10.00

Imperial Japanese army uniforms WW2
\$20.00

British soldier Vol 2 armament, tanks, vehicles
\$10.00

Battle of Kharkov
\$20.00

Germanys Tiger tanks vol 1
\$10.00

Germanys Tiger tanks vol 2
\$10.00

Tiger 1 on the Eastern front
\$15.00

Tigers in Combat (HB) vol 1
\$25.00

Tigers in Combat (HB) vol 2
\$25.00

Totenkopf tigers
\$20.00

Combat history of Schwere Panzerjager Abt 653
\$35.00

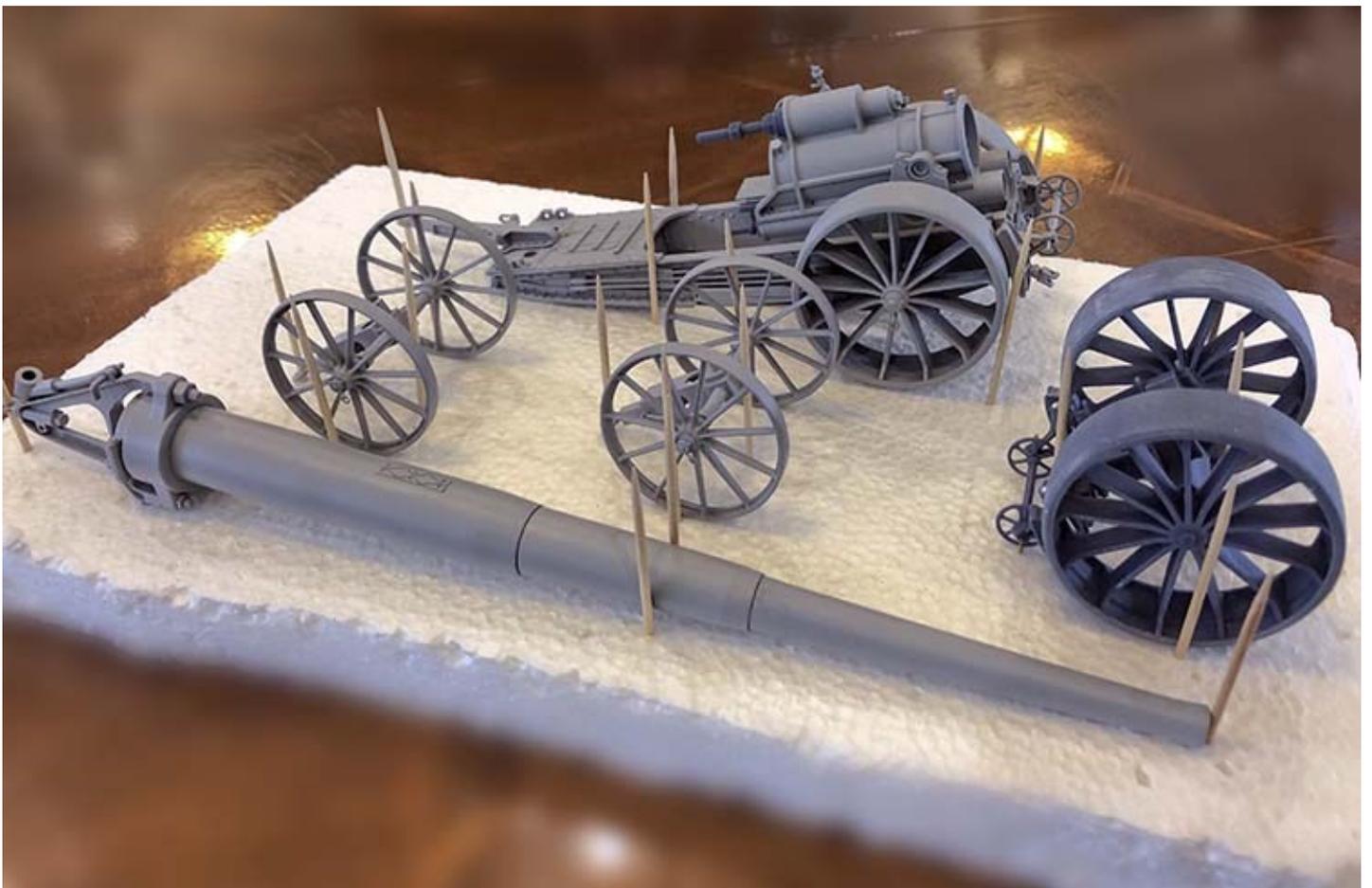
Red Army 1941-1945
\$10.00

Die Wermacht (Ryton book)
\$20.00

Most of these books are out of print and are very expensive. Dan has them priced to sell. If you're interested in any of them or have a question drop me an e-mail (rondz28@sbcglobal.net). I can bring them to the next meeting or ship them but you will have to pay for it.

MAY SHOW AND TELL

Chuck Aleshire — Panzer Concepts M1905 U.S. 6" Gun
w/M1917 carriage



Victor - HobbyBoss 1/48 M4A1 & Tamiya M4 with T34 Calliope





Victor - Tamiya M4 with T34 Calliope

do
you see any
warheads? ... I don't
see any! *#!*
warheads



Ron Damratowski

– Tamiya M3 Halftrack/Deuce Combo prototype.





Paul LaRock— Academy 1/35 Lee Indian army in Burma



Bob Kita — Jagtiger & Smallmover D7





Tommie K— I8HC Prototype—3D printed kit, finally completed



Dan O'Connor — Meng T-90,
plenty of aftermarket addons, Tamiya
paints and Wilder weathering.



Scott Graupner — DML SdKfz 234/2 Armored Car





Ihor— Bronco Diana Sd Kfz 6 dio “in progress”



Stan — Tamiya M-20 armored command car configured as Patton's vehicle in Europe post D-day.



Frank Ciccarella — Some new completions by our old friend



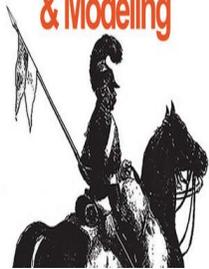




The Last Round



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SUBJECTS**
Big Ideas About Miniatures
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Small Subjects is a podcast devoted to discussing big topics in the worlds of scale modeling, diorama-building, and sculpting and painting miniature figures, as well as presenting interviews with some of the top artists in the field, including every era, and ranging from historical to fantasy subjects.

The latest episode features : Tools (And Other Stuff) That We CAN Live Without

<http://www.boxdioramas.com/smallsubjects>



Don't forget about the **Zoom call reminiscence** up on the club web page in 3 parts for ease of viewing; <http://www.amps-chicago.org/PhotosMeetings.htm>



For a meeting by meeting description go here:

<http://www.amps-chicago.org/News.htm>

For a simple list of photos try this:

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AMPS ChicagoLand

On September 8, 2007, 11 people met for the first time in Pat Keenan's living room, creating AMPS-Chicagoland. Since that day, AMPS Chicagoland has been an active chapter in the Armor Modeling and Preservation Society (AMPS) with members from Southern Wisconsin, throughout Illinois to Northwest Indiana. We specialize in all eras, scales and aspects of building military ground vehicle models.



These subjects include tracked vehicles, wheeled vehicles, artillery and figures. Our members consist of novice to master level, so all are welcome in our fun and inviting environment.

The AMPS – Chicagoland Chapter's philosophy is that having a good time and enjoying oneself while engaging in the military modeling hobby is of paramount importance. This means we do NOT take the hobby or ourselves too seriously and its members are expected to "play nice with others". There's just no drama.

For more information about AMPS Chicagoland, please visit our website at www.amps-chicago.org

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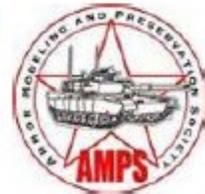
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