



ARMOR BITS

September 2022

Newsletter of the ChicagoLand Armor Builders Society

15

YRS



MODEL CLUB



Founding members at the first meeting.

Right to Left:

Ron "Cap'n Ron" Damratowski, Jeff Jensen, Sean Lynch Paul
"Candyman" Sengstock, Tom ("Tommy the K") Kondziolka, Chuck
Aleshire, John "Nappy" Napolitan, Pat Keenan, Jeff Demuth, Chad Clark
and John Wendt.



Well, last months meeting, that incorporated “Vintage” builds, was a HUGE success. Everyone really enjoyed seeing and talking about their past builds. It was a great meeting. The only cloud that appeared was that we became pressed for time at the end and some of us were forced to hurry through their explanations!

During the meeting Ron Damratski pointed out that Septembers meeting will mark the 15th anniversary of the club’s first meeting at Pat Keenan's home.

As you may have surmised already from the cover, this is a special edition celebrating 15 years of coming together in comradery involving building “Armor” models and everything that goes into that effort.

SO, to help with the celebration I have included a small sampling of pictures from past meetings and events (many more can be seen on the website).

We also conducted a Zoom meeting with some of the members who attended that very first meeting to allow them to reminisce about the club and tell some sea stories. A sea story is one that usually starts or ends with “No shit, this really happened” and it is left to the listener, to determine how much to believe!

Since this was too long for the newsletter, we will post it on the club website for your enjoyment.

Cheers and I hope to see you all in September

Stan

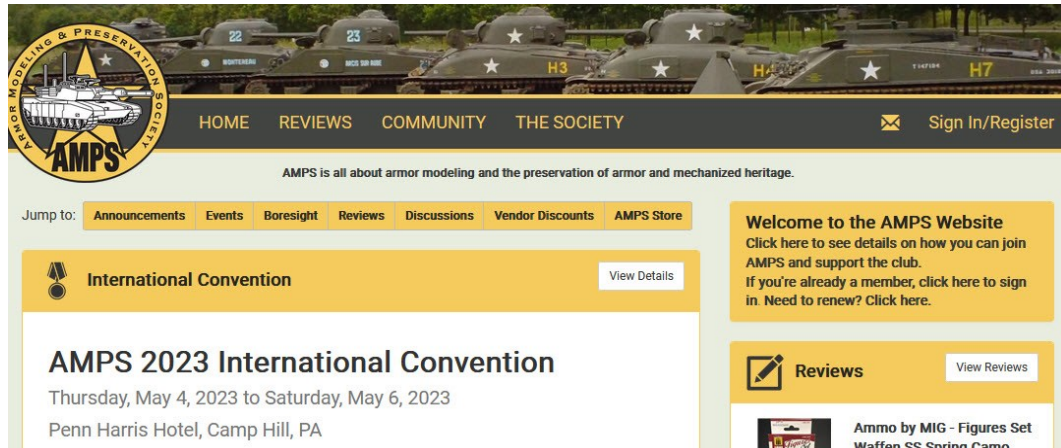
Our next meeting is scheduled for 10am **September 10th** at Cantigny in the MeDill room main reception bldg.



AUGUST MEETING NOTES

- The meeting was brought to order in the Medill room at Cantigny.
- First order of business was a vote on renewing the web domain.—Passed
- Chuck Aleshire gave the Treasurer's report - \$800+ after the auction. There was no new update about the 2024 AMPS National bid.
- The **2024** IPMS convention will be held in **Madison Wi.**
- Ron Damratoski reminded everyone that September's meeting will be the 15th anniversary of the club's first meeting.
- **Upcoming events:**
 - Every Thursday from June—August at 1pm the museum will conduct a Military Vehicle Display in the Tank Park to learn about the vehicles there. No reservation required. It will not be held in inclement weather.
 - Duneland Model Contest and Swapmeet Oct 15 Hobart Ind. (see poster at end)
 - MMSI Oct 22-23. The registration info is further down in the newsletter.
 - Butch OHare show is Nov 5th at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. See their website for registration.
 - Ron Damratoski and Joe Kozak have started an "On Line" group build for any HUMMV kit over the next 6 months. If you are interested in joining the fun, send a text message to Ron @ 708-269-5431 or an email to: rondz28@sbcglobal.net

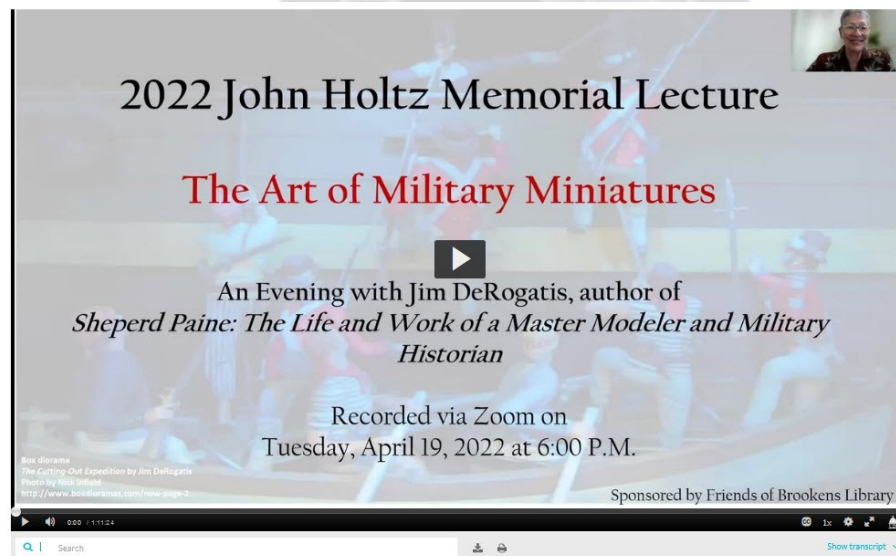
TRACK LINKS



The screenshot shows the AMPS website homepage. At the top is a navigation bar with links: HOME, REVIEWS, COMMUNITY, THE SOCIETY, and a Sign In/Register button. Below the navigation bar is a banner for the AMPS 2023 International Convention, held from Thursday, May 4, 2023 to Saturday, May 6, 2023 at the Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill, PA. To the right of the banner is a 'Welcome to the AMPS Website' section with a link to join and a link to sign in if you're already a member. Below the banner is a 'Reviews' section with a link to view reviews. At the bottom of the banner is a small advertisement for 'Ammo by MIG - Figures Set Waffen SS Spring Camo'.

Just a little reminder about the 2023 National Convention

<https://www.amps-armor.org/SiteMain/Main.aspx>



The screenshot shows a Zoom video player. The title of the lecture is '2022 John Holtz Memorial Lecture' and the topic is 'The Art of Military Miniatures'. The speaker is Jim DeRogatis, author of 'Sheperd Paine: The Life and Work of a Master Modeler and Military Historian'. The lecture was recorded via Zoom on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. The video is sponsored by Friends of Brookens Library. The video player interface includes a search bar, a play button, and a 'Show transcript' link.

2022 Holtz Lecture: Featuring Sculptor and Painter of Military Miniatures, Jim DeRogatis (April 19, 2022)

[https://uis.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/2022%20Holtz%20Lecture%3A%20Featuring%20Sculptor%20and%20Painter%20of%20Military%20Miniatures%2C%20Jim%20DeRogatis%20\(April%2019%2C%202022\)/1_ey98xgf9](https://uis.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/2022%20Holtz%20Lecture%3A%20Featuring%20Sculptor%20and%20Painter%20of%20Military%20Miniatures%2C%20Jim%20DeRogatis%20(April%2019%2C%202022)/1_ey98xgf9)



TRACK LINKS

MMSI got the 2022 show online registration up and running. A benefit is that a savings of \$5.00 or \$10.00 is provided by registering this way, and saving a few bucks is always good.

There are still rooms available.

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/MMSI1/MMSIShowRegistration2022>



[Trucks of World War I - Trucks of War](#) Link to Trucker Path's website here: <https://truckerpath.com/Join> our Patreon here: <https://www.patreon.com/jackschromeshowHappy>

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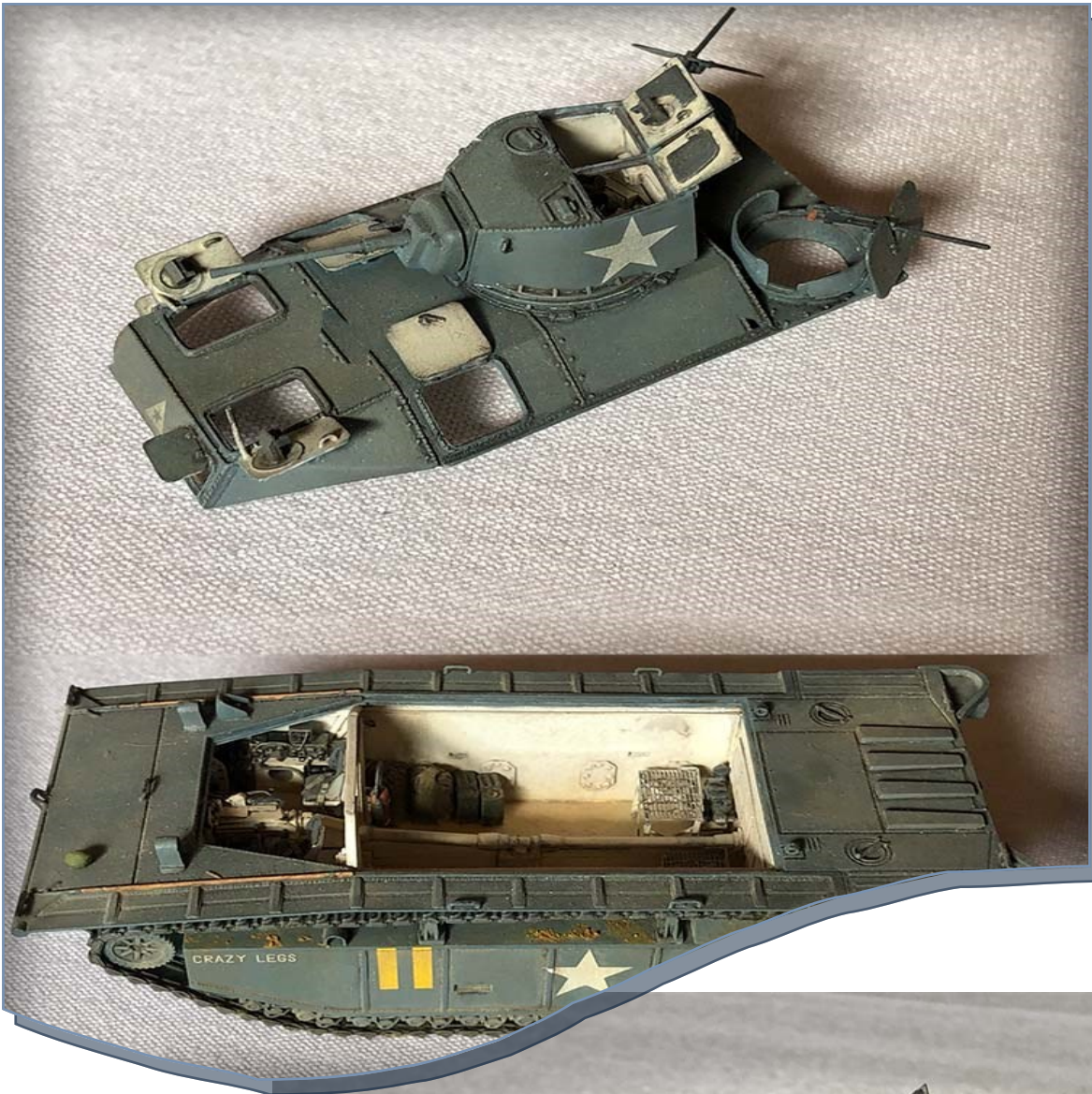
Steve Lipke has another link here on the Trucks of WW1 presented by Jack's Chrome Shop, Jack's a shop that caters to truckers to dress up their rigs and has created a video series on military trucks. I thought that it might be interesting to someone.

SHOW AND TELL

Victor Hernandez — Tamiya 1/48 M4A3E8, Dragon 1/35 M46, Revell 1/72 Bergepanther (Vin), Dragon 1/72 LVT(A)1(Vin)

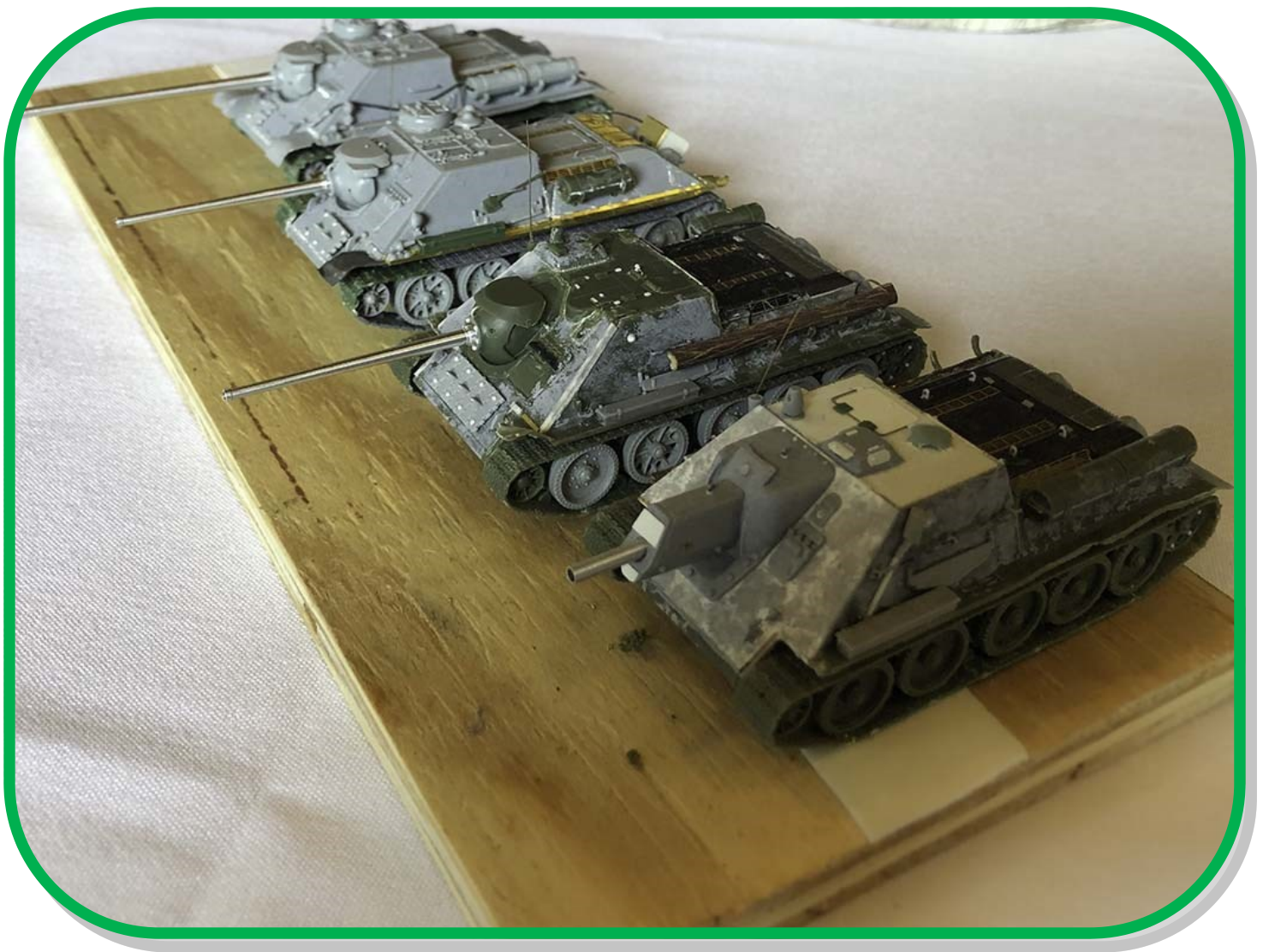






Chris Kowall - Dragon 1/72 SU Series. PE from ET Parts; Bulgarian OKB resin

He is also working a LOT of T34's



**Paul LaRock — Copper State 1/35 Romfall Armored car w/Vargaj
armed trailer,**

DML 1/35 Soviet T-80 w/Verlinden figures; Tamiya 1/35 USM1A1 w/





Lee Lygiros— RPM TKS Tankette(Vin), Bicycle tank scratch built from Tamiya bicycle troops, Tamiya M1 Abrams (Vin),





Ihor- Dragon 251C Halftrack (Vin), & MiniArt panzer tracks set. (OOPS we missed getting a picture!#*!) Sorry Ihor.

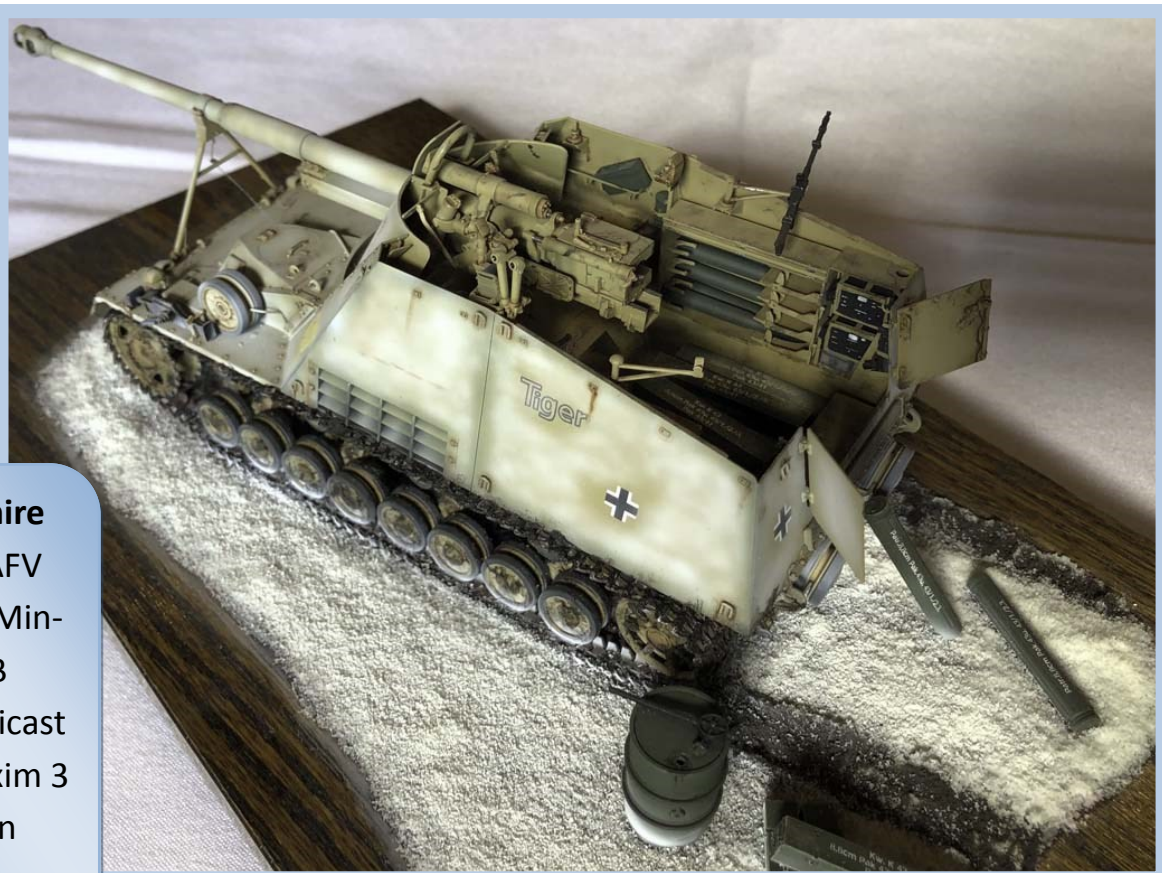


Bill Horn— Vintage 1/35 Tamiya PZ 4D & Tamiya Pz 4H





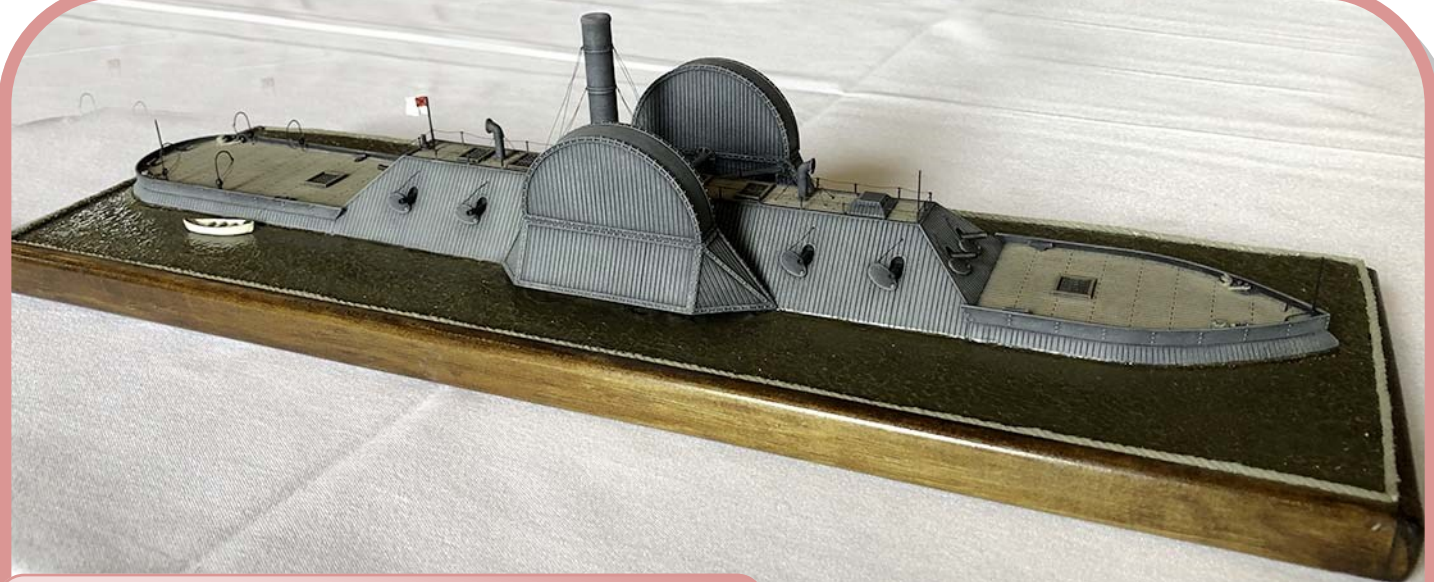




Chuck Aleshire
 — Vintage AFV
 Nashhorn; Min-
 imart Type B
 Lorry w/Resicast
 Vickers/Maxim 3
 Pounder Gun



Mike Kinowski. Miniart Harley Davidson on a resin base. Flag is from an old Squadron sheet.



John Wendt— Vintage (2010) Verlinden CSS
Nashville

Stan Kurcz— Vintage Takom kit. My first diorama effort.



Sean Lynch — Sent in some pictures as well! Vintage Star Wars speeder bike and a Chinese ZTZ 99b; and a recent Czech T55 AMB2 build





Rob Yalden -Rob's case of Vintage builds





The Last Round



The following pictures are a small sampling from past meetings and events that I pulled off the club website. There are many more.

For a meeting by meeting description go here:

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

For a simple list of photos try this:

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

I would highly recommend looking thru the archives and listening to the zoom reminiscence when its posted shortly!

Over the past 15 years the club has grown from the original 11 members to 50 currently, both local and International. We have hosted two National conventions (hopefully another in 2024) and one Super regional. The club has also made contributions to Fisher House in 2013 & 2019 and the National Armor and Cavalry Heritage Foundation in 2018.

The club has also gone from meeting at members homes starting with Pat Keenan's to regularly hosted ones at Cantigny in Wheaton, Ill. We also survived Covid with ZOOM meetings until we could once again meet in person.

While the club has a large number of exceptional modelers who regularly win awards, we all remain committed to maintain a welcoming and friendly environment. We all love sharing techniques and advice to help any one do the best they can while having plenty of laughs.



2008



2009





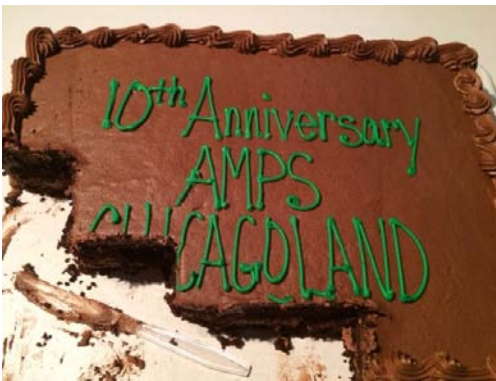
2010







2015



2017





2020





2021 Meeting & Christmas Party



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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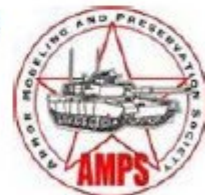
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*For anyone living at the same address with a regular active member. Family member DOES NOT receive an individual copy of Boreight but enjoy vendor discounts, website access, and can enter in the national competition as long as he/she is accompanied by the regular active member.



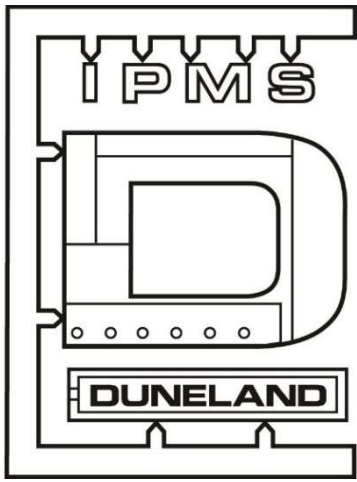
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www.amps-armor.org



Region 5 - 2021
Chapter of the Year

2022 MODEL CONTEST AND SWAP MEET

OCTOBER 15, 2022 9:00AM CST

At the Hobart Moose Lodge
143 S. Hobart Rd, Hobart, IN 46342

OVER 50 TROPHIED CATEGORIES

(No Sweeps Rule will be used)

Planes, Automobiles, Space, Sci-fi,
Figures, Dioramas and Everything Else!
Many Special Awards!

ADMISSION FEES

General Admission: \$5.00

Moose Members: Free

12 and Under: Free

Entry Fees: First 5 Models \$12.00; \$1.00/Model 6 to 10 Models
Over 10 Models are free

Entries accepted: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm CST

Judging 12:30 – 2:30 CST

Awards at approx. 3:30 CST

VENDORS! VENDORS! VENDORS!

50 vendor tables available

Food cooked to order and Adult Beverages will be available.

CONTACT INFO:

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Just the Beginning