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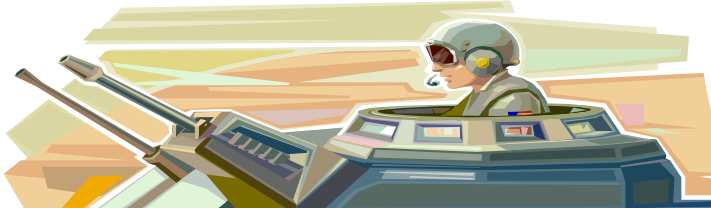


AUSTIN ARMOR BUILDERS SOCIETY

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From the Turret



Happy New Year, everyone. I hope you all had a nice Christmas and Santa was nice to you. Once again I want to express my gratitude to those who attended the Christmas Party last month. We all had a wonderful time. As usual we can't

thank our Vice President **Russ Holm** and his wife **Cheryl** enough for hosting the party at their castle.

It's our tradition to award two most impressive members of our club at each year's Christmas Party. The 2011 Member of the Year

went to **Bill Menzies**. Bill won our votes not only because of his help with the monthly presentation and newsletter, he also scored a near perfect attendance record that put even some of our club officers to shame. Way to go, Bill. The other award, Most Prolific Modeler, went to **Oscar Perez** for an impressive record of ten built models. That's almost one model per month! Damn! I think I need to get cracking now if I want to have a chance of beating Oscar in 2012.

Don't forget it's time to renew your membership this month.

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Austin Armor Builders Society Membership Dues

Dues are collected in January. This will make it easier for us to track and easier to maintain the membership cards.

As always, membership is \$12.00 USD per year. The membership cards will be presented to members at the January meeting.

The card will be valid for one year and a new card will be created each year as long as your club membership is in good standing.

New members will be given a card after they pay their dues. Dues will be prorated based on the month they join.



Special points of interest:

- ◆ CLUB MEETING PLACE
- ◆ UPCOMING PROGRAMS / PRESENTATIONS AND NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
- ◆ 2011 CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS
- ◆ BORESIGHT VOLUME 19 No. 5
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Bring your cash or check
book and pay a visit to our
treasurer Bob Bethea at the
meeting.

See you all there.

Von Erich
(Eric Choy)

Calendar of Events

- ♦ *January 4, 2012* - Club Meeting; Program by **Bob Bethea**
- ♦ *February 1, 2012* - Club Meeting; Program by **Frank McReynolds**
- ♦ *March 7, 2012* - Club Meeting; **Red Cross Month Contest**; Program by **Greg Beckman**
- ♦ *April 4, 2012* - Club Meeting; Program by **Eric Choy**
- ♦ *May 2, 2012* - Club Meeting; Program by **Worth Haggerton**
- ♦ *June 6, 2012* - Club Meeting; **White Elephant Contest**; Program by **Roderick Bell** (*D-Day Tanks*)
- ♦ *July 5, 2012* - Club Meeting; Program by **Bill Menzie** (Meeting on Thursday instead of Wednesday)
- ♦ *August 1, 2012* - Club Meeting; Program by **Russ Holm**

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Club Meeting Place

By Roderick Bell

We meet at the **Austin Public Library - Old Quarry Branch**.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Old Quarry Branch Library on 7051 Village Center Dr.

The meeting time is still 7PM on the first Wednesday of

the month (See **Calendar of Events** for schedule) I hope to see you all there!

Roderick Bell



Upcoming Programs / Presentations and Newsletter Articles

By Roderick Bell

Month	Program / Presentation	Newsletter Article
2012 - January	Bob Bethea	Bill Johnson
2012 - February	Frank McReynolds	Roy Ott
2012 - March	Greg Beckman	Bob Bethea
2012 - April	Eric Choy	Thomas Pachalos
2012 - May	Worth Haggerton	Ted Paone
2012 - June	Roderick Bell	Karl Leidy
2012 - July	Bill Menzie	TBD
2012 - August	Russ Holm	TBD

Here is a list of members who are responsible to provide a article for the newsletter and to perform a program / presentation. Please note that you may contribute as many articles as you want anytime. This schedule is to insure that we have at least one article in the newsletter per month.

Please make sure you get the newsletter editor

the article as soon as possible. He must have it the Friday before the meeting.

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2011 Christmas Party Photos



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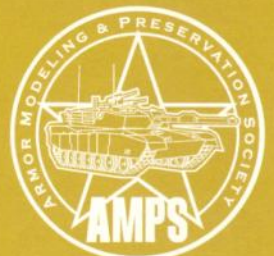
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Battle Damaged Hilux from MIG Productions

MiniArt Bantam BRC-40 U.S. Army 1st Div. Museum



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Boresight Volume 19 No. 5 - Continued

By Roderick Bell

The latest issue of the **AMPS Boresight** is out. Here is what is inside the Volume 19, Issue No. 5:

- ♦ Editor Notes
- ♦ AMPS Review Crew News by Chuck Aleshire, Review Coordinator
- ♦ Churchill Mk. IV - Armored Vehicle Royal Engineers by Glen Martin
- ♦ T26E4 Super Pershing - Tamiya's Tiger Killing Prototype by Chuck Aleshire
- ♦ T26E4 Super Pershing - U.S. Army First Division Museum by Chuck Aleshire
- ♦ A Pickup for Battle - MiG Productions Damaged Hilo by Jeff Sheehan
- ♦ The Forgotten Jeep - The Editor builds the MiniArt Bantam BRC-40 by John Robinson

Roderick Bell

AMPS International Convention 2012



By Roderick Bell

The 18th AMPS International Convention will be held at the **National Military History Center**. Home of the **World War II Victory Museum** in Auburn Indiana from Thursday April 26, 2012 to Saturday April 28, 2012.

Looks like I will be going to the AMPS 2012 convention in April 2012. I like that it is late April closer to May then it has been in years. I will probably be driving to Auburn again. I will know more about the trip as it gets closer.

Roderick Bell

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New Kits

By Roderick Bell

Hobby Boss Modern **Oshkosh M1070 truck tractor** paired with **Systems & Electronics M1000 Heavy Equipment Transport semitrailer** - a military logistics vehicle system intended to transport, deploy, and evacuate tanks, armored personnel carriers, self-propelled artillery, and other heavy vehicles. M1070 features highly detailed chassis with intricate driveline, articulate 1st and 4th axle wheels, full cab interior, pivoting 5th wheel coupling and excellent winch with control panel. M1000 sports detailed frame, multi-part sub-systems, extensive hydraulic plumbing, pivoting loading ramps, movable platform, adjustable support legs and functional sprung suspension. The set also includes metal chain, photo-etch detail parts (cab roof, grille, brackets, heat shields, wheel chocks and mud flaps), metal axles and springs, plus vinyl tires and suspension dampers - in all, over **1447 parts!** The perfect companion kit for your ultimate M1 Abrams project.

Another Modern kit from **Hobby Boss** is the **PLA ZSD89 Armored Personnel Carrier**. The ZSD 89 is an APC developed for the PLA. During the 1999 national day parade at Beijing, revealed its to the public, which finally confirmed the service status of the vehicle.



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The Austin Armor Builders Society is an organization where members gather and share information on building scale armor and figure kits. The Austin Armor Builders Society was founded in 1997 and has about 30 active members. The Austin Armor Builders Society is the local chapter for the Armor Modeling and Preservation Society (AMPS). Every two years the organization host an AMPS Regional show known as AMPS Centex. This show attracts armor and figure modelers from around the state of Texas and is one of the Premier AMPS Regional shows.

We are on the web: AustinArmorBuilders.com

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A destroyed M-ATV in Afghanistan.