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AUSTIN ARMOR BUILDERS SOCIETY

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From the Turret



The Beast of War



Only a month into the new year and I already have five projects laid out for the rest of 2012! How did that happen?

Well, three of them are obligations to various clubs' ac-

tivities (e.g. White Elephant, Anti-aircraft contest), and the other two are promises I committed to build for my friends. I know it is an ambitious schedule, but I hardly think I am turning into a

model mule chucking out kits I do not care for. The trick is to find that hidden fun factor when tackling any subject out of our comfort zones.

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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
- ◆ TAMIYA M42 DUSTER
- ◆ BORESIGHT VOLUME 19 No. 5
- ◆ AMPS 2012 CONVENTION

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Take my White Elephant (WE), Tamiya's 1/35 T-55, for an example. Not exactly a model I want to build out-of-the-box, but I have always wanted to build an IDF Tiran 5, so this is the perfect opportunity to do one. Better still, I can "tweak" it to depict the Soviet tank* in the 1988 movie *The Beast* for ASMS "Made In Hollywood" show theme in October. Best of all I have to finish it by June for the WE contest, so I have no excuse for procrastination. Now that's killing three birds with one stone under a deadline. Brilliant, won't you say?

My point is simple: make the best out of every project that you build. There's bound to be something in every model that will arouse your interest,

whether it is a conversion or a foreign paint scheme. You just have to take a moment to think outside of the box (literally), and that idea bulb of fun will light up inside your head in no time at all.

*In case you haven't watched *The Beast*, the tank in the movie was indeed a real life conversion from an Israeli captured T-55.

**Von Erich
(Eric Choy)**

Calendar of Events

- ♦ **February 1, 2012** - Club Meeting; Program by **Frank McReynolds**
- ♦ **March 7, 2012** - Club Meeting; **Red Cross Month Contest**; Program by **Greg Beckman**
- ♦ **March 16-17, 2012** - **Open House 2012** (Brent Mullins and The Museum of the American G.I.), College Station, Texas
- ♦ **March 30-31, 2012** - **Lone Star Figure Show** (Renaissance Hotel, Dallas, Texas)
- ♦ **April 4, 2012** - Club Meeting; Program by **Eric Choy**
- ♦ **April 26-28** - **AMPS International 2012 Convention** (Auburn, Indiana)
- ♦ **April 28** - **ModelMania 2012** (IPMS Houston Show), Stratford, Texas
- ♦ **May 2, 2012** - Club Meeting; Program by **Worth Haggerton**
- ♦ **May 19, 2012** - **ScaleFest 2012**, Mesquite, Texas
- ♦ **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**

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 - February	Frank McReynolds	Bill Johnson
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	Roy Ott
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.

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

Please make sure you

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Tamiya M42 Duster



By Bill Johnson

The kit I used was the old Tamiya kit. In its day it was a great kit. However, a lot of work is needed to bring it up to today's modeling standards.

Construction and Painting

I had to do a lot of filling on the underside. I used sheet plastic and putty to fill the motorization holes (see Picture 1). I had an old Eduard photo etch kit for this model and I had been saving it for a long time. The kit is lacking so much detail it would take a year to fix everything so I just fixed the easy stuff.

I knew as soon as I started upgrading this kit there would be a new kit on the market and low and behold, it is now available. AFV Club has announced that they are releasing a M42A1 Duster Late Type. They were just waiting for me to do this kit (See Picture 2).

I enjoyed building the kit even though it was lacking detail. I filled in the underside of the fenders with sheet plastic. In addition, I replaced and added many tie down clips as the tank is covered with them. I built the traversing crank arms, as the kit had none. The kit is an early version so has the early open sites the photo etched sites were my favorite part. I replaced the Tamiya track with track from an AFV Club M41 walker bulldog as they were more detailed.

I built a new auxiliary muffler for the back, because the one in the kit was very bad. I painted it with Testors drab green for the base color and highlighted with Testors olive drab. I dry brushed with tan oil paint and made chipped spots with Testors gunmetal. I painted the track with Testors burnt umber and flat black. I dry brushed with gunmetal and chrome silver. I used dry transfers for the lettering and yellow decal sheet for the diamond on the gun mantlet. I gave it an all over dusting of rust color mixed with flat base for that Vietnam weathered look it was very hard to part with it but I was happy to do it for Frank. I am looking forward to building the AFV Club kit when it arrives (see the progress pictures on pages 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11).

Bill Johnson

Tamiya M42 Duster - Continued



Picture 1: This photo shows the work that **Bill Johnson** did on filling the motorization holes on the Tamiya M42 Duster. Photograph by **Bill Johnson**.



Picture 2: AFV Club M42A1 Late Type Duster that will be released soon.

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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.

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New Kits

By Roderick Bell

Tamiya releases a 1:35th scale **Iraqi T-55 "Enigma"** main battle tank. Kit No: 304.

Academy will be releasing a 1:35th scale Jagdpanzer 38(t) Hetzer "Late Production Version". Kit Number: 13230. This was announced last year around this time but it will be released 1st Quarter of 2012.

Another modern subject from **Bronco Models** is the "Buffalo" 6x6 MPCV (2004-2006 Production version) in 1:35th scale. Kit number is CB35100.

Roderick Bell





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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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On display is a Leopard 2A3 MBT with a unique camouflage pattern. It represents the spots on a real leopard.