



# Sabot Away!



AUSTIN ARMOR BUILDERS SOCIETY

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## From the Turret



Eric Choy tanks aim with a Panzerschreck. Photograph by Roderick Bell

The last four years flew by so fast that it seems like yes-

terday I was elected as the president of this club. I have

to admit I enjoyed every minute of being the honcho of this troop. I learned more than I need from you lot. I built way too many club projects because of you lot. And best of all, I am now a part of you lot. Surely I have also made enemies along the way, but that is a small price to pay for every managerial position. After all, I was elected NOT to please everyone but to do the right things and make the right decisions FOR the club.

Now it is someone else's turn to steer this boat of ours. To my friends I want to encourage you all to step up.

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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
- ◆ SPIKED HELMETS
- ◆ LONE STAR FIGURE SHOW
- ◆ BORESIGHT VOLUME 19 No. 6
- ◆ AMPS 2012 CONVENTION

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If you think I have done good in the last four years, please continue my legacy by running for my position.

To my enemies I want to remind you all that this is the time to put up. If you don't like what I have done in the past, please right the wrong by, again, running for my position. That is how democracy works, and that is why we have an election every other year.

I hope in some insignificant ways I have made a difference to this club. As always, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve as your commander. I also want to give special (and extra extra) thanks to my team (Russ (& Cheryl), Bob, Ted, Rod) for their trust, support,

invaluable advices, and joyful sarcasm over the years.

Cheers, mates.

**Von Erich  
(Eric Choy)**

## Calendar of Events

- ♦ **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 - 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
2012 - September	TBD	TBD
2012 - October	TBD	TBD
2012–November	TBD	TBD
2012 - December	TBD	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.

**Roderick Bell**

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## Spiked Helmets

By Thomas Pachalos



This is a Prussian Officer's 2<sup>nd</sup> Garde zu Foot, helmet with a white(1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. btl.) parade horse hair brush on a gilt brass trichter; the black leather body with all gilt brass furniture, round base, star studs retainers and flat chin scales secured to the helmet body by a pair of style Kokards(left side is in the state color black & white and the right is in the national colors: black, white & red). The front plate is a garde Prussian eagle, with a frosted silver garde star having an enameled Black Eagle Order in the center. Circa 1914. Photograph by **Thomas Pachalos**.



The next image is a Pommer-sches Pioneer-Batl. Nr. 2 Officer's spiked helmet. The black leather body with frosted silver furniture, round base, gilt star studs retainers and gilt flat chin scales secured to the helmet body by a pair of Officer style Kokards(left side is in the state color black & white and the right is in the national colors: black, white & red). The front plate is a frosted silver Prussian infantry eagle. Circa 1910. Photograph by **Thomas Pachalos**.

### Spiked Helmets - Continued



The third image is a Prussian wartime Jaeger enlisted shako. The black leather stiff body with rounded front and rear visors, reinforced by a bead of leather. The front plate is field grey metallic Jaeger style eagle.

Side posts are of M-91 pattern with a matching black leather chin strap, having grey metal buckles. A black horse hair parade brush over a white and black Prussian field badge, worn at the top front of the helmet, with the national three colored kokard on the right side. Special note: when using the field badge the state kokard is not used.

Photograph by **Thomas Pachalos**.



The fourth image is a Prussian wartime Uhlan enlisted Tschapka. The body of the helmet, including the visor is black leather. The mortarboard base is black painted metal with a number of vent holes around the neck of the base. The fittings are field grey metal and the chin strap is of black leather with grey metal buckles. Kokards (left side is in the state color black & white and the right is in the national colors:



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## Spiked Helmets - Continued

black, white & red). Special note: in service, the top would not be worn.



The fifth image is a Prussian wartime Artillery enlisted helmet. The body of the helmet including the visors are black leather. The fittings are field grey metal and the chin strap is of black leather with grey metal buckles, in place of a spike is a "cannon ball". Kokards(left side is in the state color black & white and the right is in the national colors: black, white & red). Photograph by **Thomas Pachalos**.



The sixth image is a Prussian wartime Jaeger enlisted shako. The black leather stiff body with rounded front and rear visors, reinforced by a bead of leather. The front plate is field grey metallic jaeger style eagle. Side posts are of M-91 pattern with a matching black leather chin strap, having grey metal buckles. A white and black Prus-

### Spiked Helmets - Continued

sian field badge, worn at the top front of the helmet, with the national three colored kokard on the right side and state colored black and white on the left. Special note: when using the field badge the state kokard is not used. Photograph by **Thomas Pachalos**.



The seventh picture is a Prussian wartime Garde Jaeger enlisted shako. The black leather stiff body with rounded front and rear visors, reinforced by a bead of leather. The front plate is field grey metallic garde star style front plate. Side posts are of M-91 pattern with a matching black leather chin strap, having grey metal buckles. The national three colored kokard on the right side and state colored black and white on the left. Special note: when using the field badge the state kokard is not used. Photograph by **Thomas Pachalos**.



The eighth picture is a Baden wartime infantry enlisted helmet. The body of the helmet including the visors are black leather. The fittings are field grey metal and the chin strap is of black leather with grey metal buckles, with a griffin front plate in grey metal. Kokards (left side is in the state color yellow & orange

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### Spiked Helmets - Continued

and the right is in the national colors: black, white & red). Photograph by **Thomas Pachalos**.



The ninth image is a Prussian Ersatz wartime Reserve enlisted pressed felt helmet. The body is pressed field grey felt. All the fittings are chemically subdued brass and the front plate is the Prussian infantry style with a reservist cross superimposed on the eagle's breast. M-91 side post, leather chin strap with field grey metal buckles and Kokards (left side is in the state color black & white and the right is in the national colors: black, white & red). (Damaged front plate, eagle is missing the orb.) Photograph by **Thomas Pachalos**.



The tenth image is a Prussian Ersatz wartime enlisted pressed felt helmet. The body is pressed field grey felt. All the fittings are field grey metal and the front plate is the Prussian infantry style. M-91 side post, leather chin strap with field grey metal buckles and Kokards (left side is in the state color black & white and the right is in the national colors: black, white & red). Photograph by **Thomas Pachalos**.



### Spiked Helmets - Continued



The eleventh image is a Prussian wartime enlisted helmet. The body of the helmet including the visors are black leather. The fittings are field grey metal and the chin strap is of black leather with grey metal buckles. Kokards (left side is in the state color black & white and the right is in the national colors: black, white & red). Photograph by **Thomas Pachalos**.



The final image is a Prussian wartime Ersatz pattern 1917 steel spiked helmet. Stamped steel body with separately affixed leather liner. The painted field grey body with brass front plate, spike and M-91 side posts. Leather chin strap with brass buckles. Kokards (left side is in the state color black & white and the right is in the national colors:

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## Spiked Helmets - Continued

black, white & red).

Thomas Pachalos

## Lone Star Figure Show 2012

By Eric Choy

Here are a few pictures from the first Lone Star Miniatures Show that was held at the Dallas Renaissance Hotel in Dallas, Texas this past weekend. We had several club members attend (Myself, Rick Herrington, Russ Holm, Ted Paone, Bob Bethea, and Roderick Bell). The show had 400+ entries and the quality of the work was awesome. Lot's of Figures and quite a bit of armor.



**Lone Star Figure Show 2012 - Continued**





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**Eric Choy**




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**In this issue: A look at small-scale armor**  
**Dragon T-34 (85) Lesney Miniatures Mirage M3 Lee**  
**Trumpeter S-Tank Dragon Tiger I**



### Boresight Volume 20 No. 1 - Continued

By Roderick Bell

The latest issue of the **AMPS Boresight** is out. Here is what is inside the Volume 19, Issue No. 6:

- ♦ Editor Notes
- ♦ AMPS Review Crew News by Chuck Aleshire, Review Coordinator
- ♦ Get Small by John Stelik and Mark Deliduka
- ♦ General Lee Speaking by John Robinson
- ♦ Red Metal by Ashley Abernathy
- ♦ My Love Affair with Lesney by Leigh Eaton
- ♦ Kickin' Some "S" by Mark Deliduka
- ♦ A Small Diversion by Kevin Hjermstad

Roderick Bell

### AMPS International Convention 2012



By Roderick Bell

The 18<sup>th</sup> 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. This year's theme is "Flak'n Ack-Ack". Anti-Aircraft defense weapons.

Pre Registration ends on April 15, 2012. So, if you are going to AMPS 2012 then I recommend you use the pre registration tool. It will save you time because you will not have to fill out your forms or pay at the show. That can all be done online.

Looks like I will be going to the AMPS 2012 convention in April 2012. As of now, I have two traveling companions. **Bob Bethea** and **Aaron Smischney** will be driving up to Auburn with me and we will be sharing expenses. Sharing the expenses will give us more money to spend at the vendor tables!

If you would like to tag along let me know. We can talk about getting a larger vehicle to haul us all to Auburn! From Round Rock, Texas it is only 1,218 miles or about 20 hours away.

If you can't make Auburn but would like to send models with us; please let us know and we will be happy to take it. As mentioned before I like that the show is in late April (almost May). This is one of the latest shows that I can recall. I will have a show update at the next meeting. See you there.

Roderick Bell

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## New Kits

By Roderick Bell

**Bronco Models** has two new 1:35<sup>th</sup> scale World War II kits available. The first kit is the Hungarian 40/43M "Zrinyi" II 105mm Assault Gun. Kit No: CB35036.

The second kit is the Russian Heavy Self-Propelled Gun SU-152 (KV-14) Late Production in 1:35<sup>th</sup> scale. Kit No: CB35109.

**Roderick Bell**





## Seek, Strike, and Destroy

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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](http://AustinArmorBuilders.com)**

## Support our Troops



A Marine with 1<sup>st</sup> Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion accompanied by his improvised explosive device (IED) detection dog provides security during a patrol last month as part of Operation Highland Thunder in Afghanistan, where Marines and sailors with 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Regiment swept for weapons and drug caches and disrupted insurgent operations.