



Sabot Away!



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From the Turret

Now that we've all been either tricked or treated by the ghosts of Halloweens passed, it's time to announce activities yet to come.

Hear ye, hear ye! We will be hosting our annual fundraising **Kit Auction** at the club meeting this month. All members should come with checkbooks ready and bring friends to bid against. The more the bidders, the merrier the auction. Please remember to donate some great unstarted and no-missing-part kits. Let's have a good time giving away our out-of-favor models and picking up new ones from your peers!

The auction is also a great chance to pick up a kit or two to work on at the **Build Day** hosted by **Bob Bethea** this weekend. Many talented modelers in our region will be there, and you will get to see what they are working on and receive great advices should you need any help.

Thanksgiving will come later this month of course, but save some of your appetite for our Christmas party! It will be held at the **Wells Branch Community Library** again on **Saturday December 6th** starting at **6:30pm**. We'll have a short discussion of the details prior to the auction.

All of these coming events are good recruiting opportunities. Please consider inviting your friends and family members to come learn more about our great hobby.

John Talley
President

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Austin Armor Builders Society (AABS) meets at 7PM each month at the **Austin Public Library Old Quarry Branch**. Our next meeting is on

November 5, 2014

Annual dues for full membership are USD \$12 to be collected at each January meeting. Upon receipt of payment, a membership card will be issued. This card is valid for one year, and it entitles holder to discounts at various local hobby shops in the Central Texas and San Antonio areas.



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Calendar of Events

- ◆ November 5 - AABS Club Meeting
- ◆ November 8 - Lone Star Military Miniature Society Modeling Day Shady Hollow Community Center, Austin, TX
- ◆ December 3 - AABS Club Meeting
- ◆ December 6 - AABS Christmas Party Wells Branch Community Library, Austin, TX



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Upcoming Program Presentations and Newsletter Articles

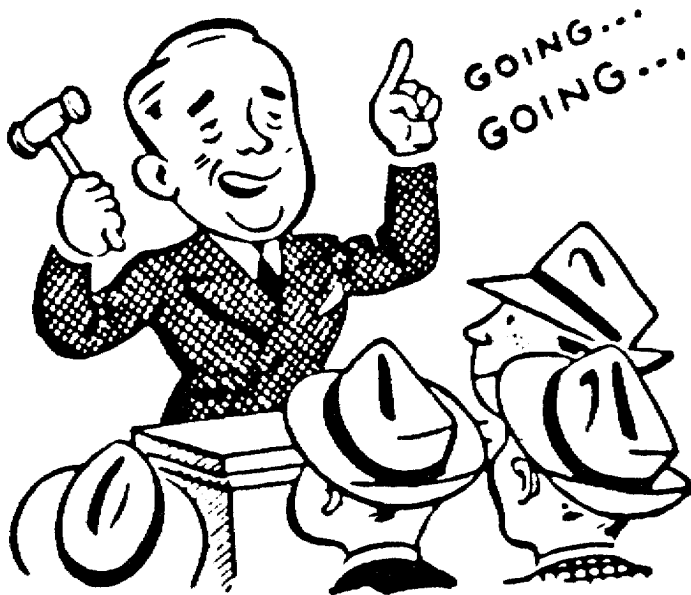
Month	Program Presentation	Newsletter Article
March, 2014	Ted Paone	Ted Paone
April	John Talley	Russ Holm
May	Pat Rourke	Pat Rourke
June	Eric Choy	Robert Mesch
July	Rod Bell	Rod Bell
August	Ted Andreas	Ted Andreas
September	Rick Herrington	Elliot Nowacky
October	Robert Mesch	Greg Beckman
November	Annual Kit Auction	John Hernandez
December	Bob Bethea	Bob Bethea
January, 2015	Tom Pachalos	Tom Pachalos
February	Dave Bourland	Dave Bourland
March	Jake McKee	Jake McKee

Here is a list of members who are responsible for providing articles for the newsletter and program presentation at our monthly meetings.

Please note any member may contribute as many articles as he/she wants anytime. The purpose of this schedule is to ensure we have at least one article in the newsletter each month.

Prompt submission of your article is much appreciated. The deadline is always **11:59PM on the last Wednesday of the previous month** (e.g. Ted Paone's article for March was due on the last Wednesday of February).

Editor



Annual Kit Auction @ November Meeting

Our annual kit auction will be held at our November meeting this year. This auction is our club's only fund raising activity. All monies collected go straight into the treasury for our biennial show and other club activities.

To participate in this auction, please bring:

1. A few unwanted kits in your collection that are complete and haven't been started.
2. Your checkbook or cash-filled wallet.

Remember, your friends and fellow modelers will be bidding and building these items. Be considerate and DON'T bring a kit that has missing parts or has been partially glued/painted!

AMPS Boresight (Volume 22, Issue 5)

The latest issue of *Boresight* is out. Here is a quick look inside:

- ♦ **Buffalo 6x6 MPCV** by Bill Schmidt
Bronco's latest with bar armor and CROW II system.
- ♦ **A Bridge Too Far** photos by Alex Valz
Building a star of this screen epic.
- ♦ **M172 Lowboy Trailer** by John Kirkpartrick
Scratchbuilding a 15-ton hauler from the Vietnam War era.
- ♦ **WWI Mk.1 Male in 1/72 Scale** by John Ratzenberger
A land ship from Master Box.
- ♦ **Canadian RG-31 Mk.3** by Jim Wechaler
Converting an Afghanistan veteran.
- ♦ **AMPS 2015 Update** by John Charvat
That's right, it's coming sooner than you think.
- ♦ **Marmon-Herrington T16** photos by the Editor
Photos of a rare light tank from the 1940s.
- ♦ **AMPS Local Chapter News**
What's going on in the AMPS community.





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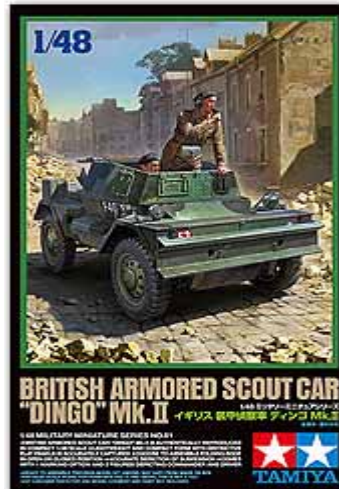
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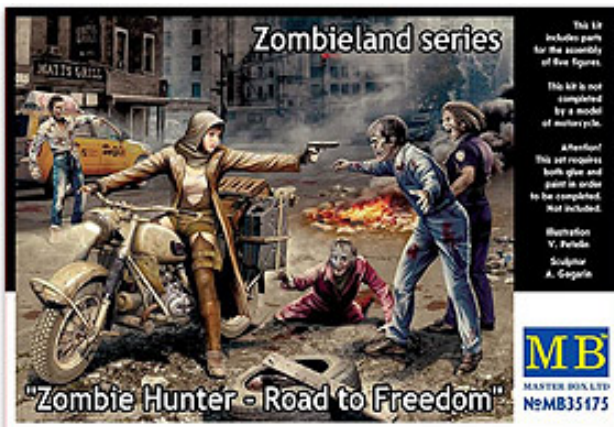
Hobby Boss has gone multi-turret these days! Their latest releases include the early production of Soviet T-28 Medium and T-35 Heavy tanks.



Another most welcomed release in 1/48th from Tamiya: British scout car "Dingo" Mark II. Only one ETO marking option is provided. To make up for the Spartan interior, Tamiya has included two great figures. An early Mark I BEF conversion is already in the works by Canadian company Battalion Bits (www.belcherbits.com).



Move over DML, Trumpeter's Scud B is here! No doubt "Al-Hussein" & "Al-Abbass" will follow shortly.



Zombies? Sure, why not. It appears Masterbox's 1/35th biker heroine and her undead nemesis are based on characters from the Resident Evil movie series.



Enjoy the movie Fury? Bravo6 now has Sgt. "Wardaddy" Collier and his gang out in 1/35th scale.



About Us

The Austin Armor Builders Society (AABS) started in 1999 when Don Jones, a member of the local IPMS chapter, decided "what a good idea to get out two nights a month, and on least one night talk tanks."



At each monthly meeting, we talk tanks, swap kits, and share our building techniques and tricks. We also hold regular in-house model contests and organize out-of-town field trips to museums and model shows.

Every odd-numbered year AABS hosts the biggest armor model show in AMPS South Central Region (AMPS CENTEX). Known as Lone Star Armor &

Figure Expo, we attract some of the best armor modelers in Texas as well as in the neighboring states to come participate.

Since then AABS is the only modeling club in Central Texas devoted solely to armor modeling. We don't build planes because they are just plain! Our passion is armored fighting vehicles and military figures. Subject of our interest ranges from WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Middle East, to the most recent Gulf War Conflicts.

To find out more about AABS, you can visit our website or pick up a club flyer at your local hobby shop.

We are on the web @ AustinArmorBuilders.com

Oh John Hernandez, where art thou? Here's his 1/35th KV-2 model (Trumpeter) he finished in Russ' armor model class at King's Hobby several years ago.

