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Capitol Classic 2024

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PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

BY TIM ROBB



Howdy Modelers.

HEADS UP! This month we begin meetings at a new location, day of the month, and time.

We will be meeting on the 4th Saturday of the month, 11 am, at the Austin Northwest Rec. Center, 2913 Northland Dr.

At this month's meeting we will have a presentation from Bob Bethea on zenithal lighting theory and how to use that in painting a more realistic looking model.

We will have the 10th and final Bondo Memorial challenge. I was wrong at last month's meeting, this WAS scheduled for the October meeting. But, no Bondo models were brought to the meeting so let's have a go at it this meeting.

And, new business, let's choose a show theme for the 2025 Austin Capitol Classic Scale Model Show.

Thank you very much to all who made our 2024 show a great success!

Go Build a Model!

Tim





HOUSE CLEANING



ASMS MEETING

Fourth Saturday each month
at 11:00 AM

No Reservations Necessary!

Austin Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Drive
Austin, TX

ASMS Club Dues Are Due!

Annual ASMS club dues are \$25.00/individual
or \$30.00/family.

You may bring your dues to a club meeting or remit
same to ASMS, 1928 Dragonfly Loop, Bastrop, TX
78602.



Events

Model Fiesta 2024
New Braunfels Civic Convention
Center
January 4th 2025

Club Quarterly Contests

Open, PLUS 10th and Final Phil "Bondo"
Brandt Memorial Challenge. Traveling
Trophy to be retired.

Monthly Meeting Presentations:

Bob Bethea on zenithal painting technique.

Capitol Classic 2024

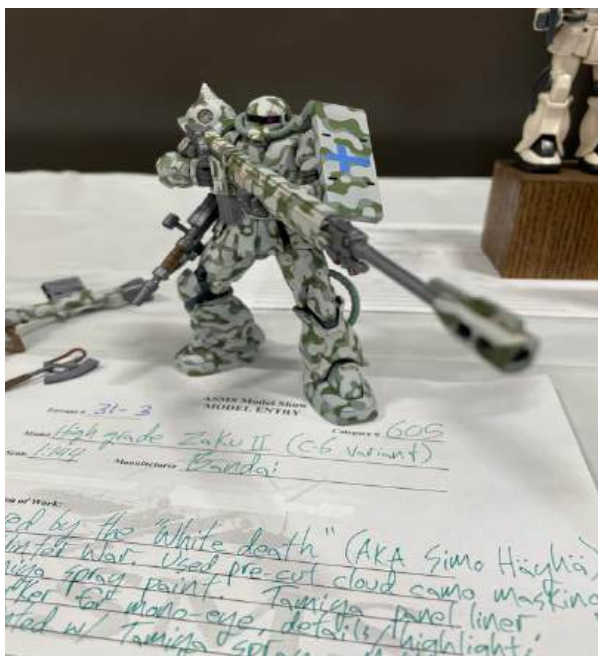
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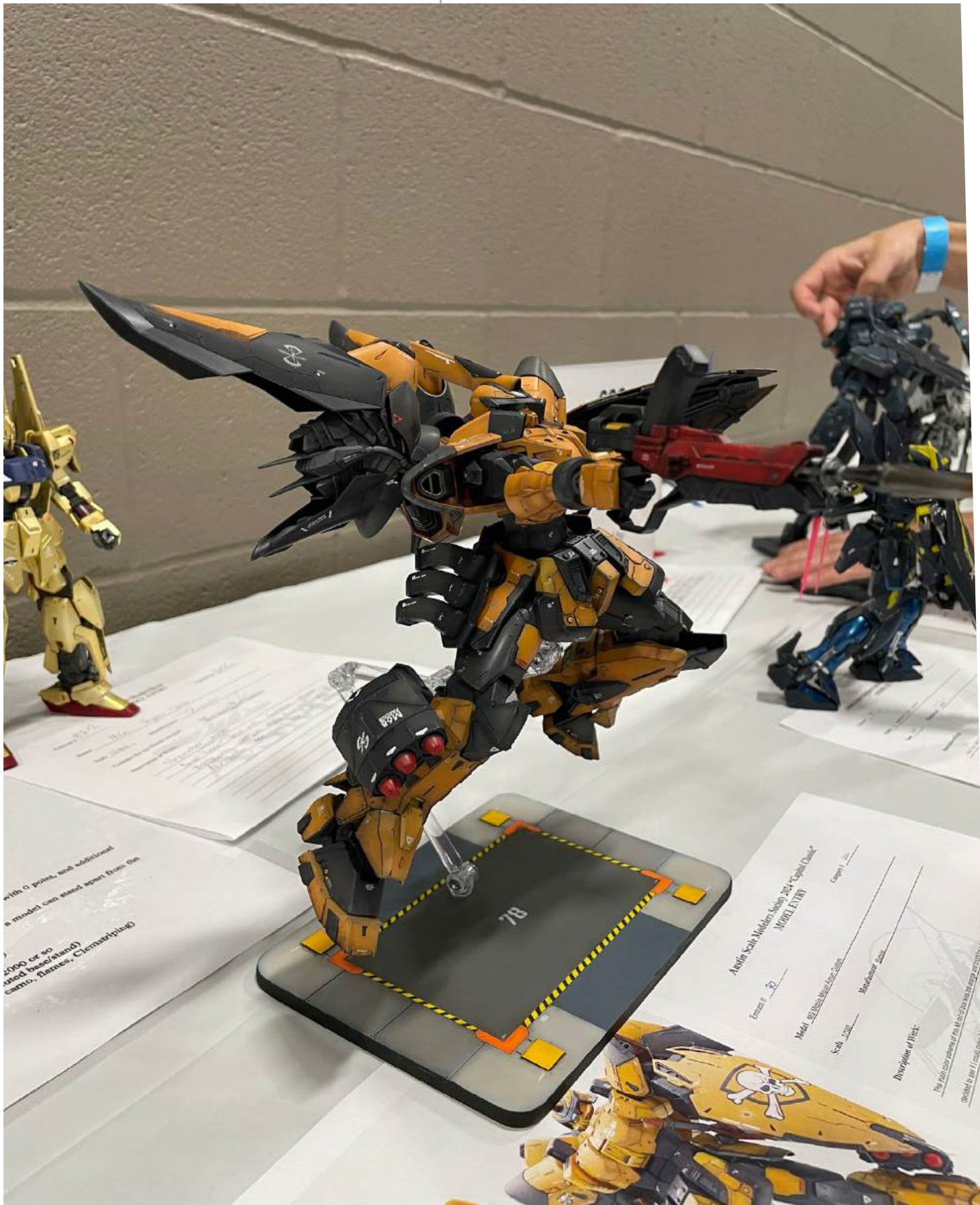


This year's Capitol Classic was held at a new venue, the Williamson County Expo Center. The food was handled by a vendor and if you were judging you ate free. There are always trepidations when trying a venue for the first time. Fortunately the venue didn't disappoint.

The tables were filled with great models and some categories in Armor and Aircraft had to be split due to the number of entries.

The Gunpla and figure categories were judged separately.





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Askin's Year Modern Series 201 "Upin Clank"
MODEL ENTRY
Entry # 37
Model: 201 "Upin Clank"
Scale: 1/200
Manufacturer: Bandai

Discipline of Work:

The main rule volume of this event is the rule book which is available for free at the event.
Modeling by user / (modeling) / (user)



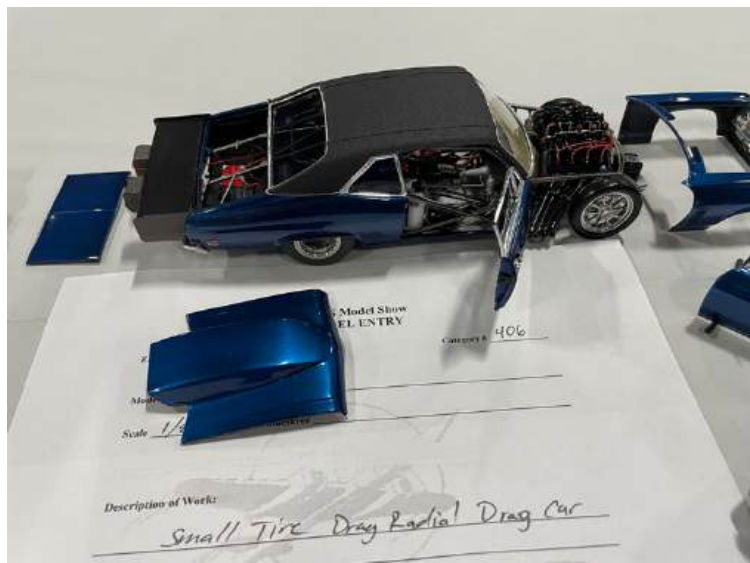
The quality of the work was outstanding with a lot of imagination going into the presentation of each Gundam.





Most categories were well represented, IPMS nationals sent out an e-mail blast to its members in Region 6 before our contest. This was a welcome boost. Cars and ships were well represented this year.





This year's contest had some visitors. Modelers Without Borders was visiting.



Austin Armor Builders Society was present also. If you're not familiar with them they are an AMPS chapter and focus mainly on Armor Models.



Armor models were well represented with excellent work all around.





This piece was believe it or not in 1/48 scale and was judged Best armor.



This M42 was also in 1/48 and featured many 3D printed accessories.



Lots of great aircraft models were present including Ron McCracken's PB7Y armed with a scratch built torpedo.



Stryker M-1128 MOS
United States Army

Description of Work:
KIT COMPLETED COB WITH TIANG SAGGED WHEELS AND
AFTERMARKET STOWAGE. PAINTED WITH TAMIIYA ACRYLIC
LAGUER TESTOR'S DULLCOAT CLEAR COAT



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Name: Panther ABCE AMBEM 1:72 (No. 8949)
Scale: 1:72 Manufacturer: Revell Models - RSM
Description of Work:
Kit of this build. Primed with Vallejo black. Base coated with Tamiiya
Yellow and camouflage painted with Tamiiya Dark Green and Red
wheel scheme hand painted. Additional detail painting
Vallejo acrylics



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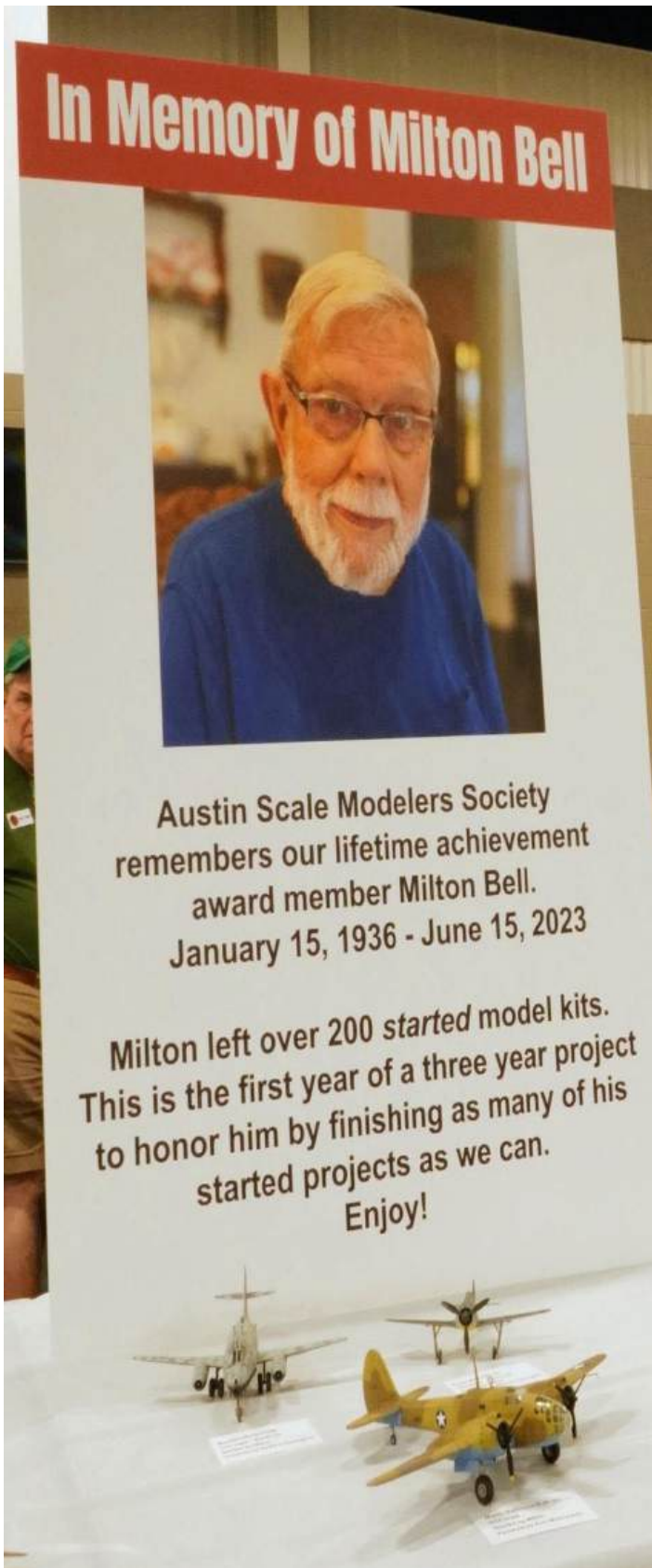






Best Aircraft and Best of Show was this excellent 1/32 Dauntless

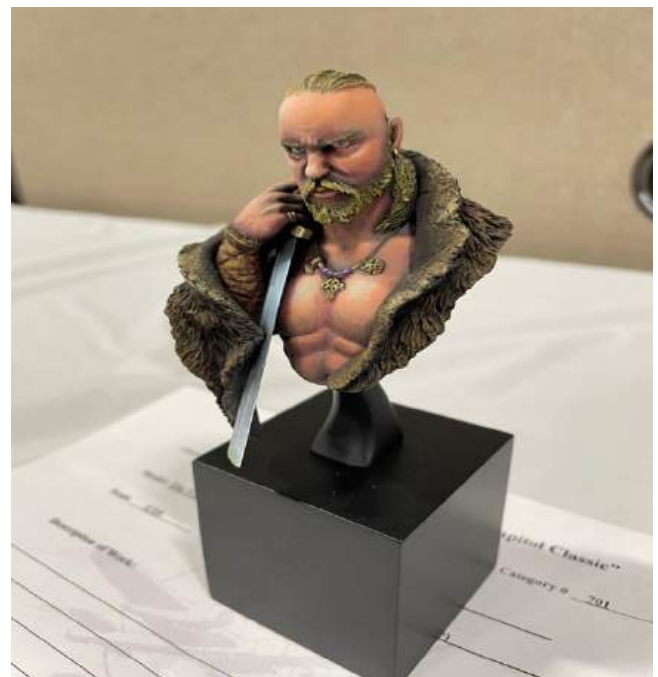
A special tribute was done at the show for Milton Bell. A table of Started by Milton kits was shown and a table of P-40 kits which was his favorite was displayed.





The vendor area of the contest. Some great deals to be had.

We were lucky to have Bob Bethea as our head figure judge. The figure categories had some great work.





Henry Nunez took best figure and also won the At the Movies theme award with his Sgt Horvath from Saving Private Ryan

LIONHEART

— H O B B Y —

Here's this month's featured products from Lion Heart.

1/32 Supermarine Spitfire
Mk.Va 32002

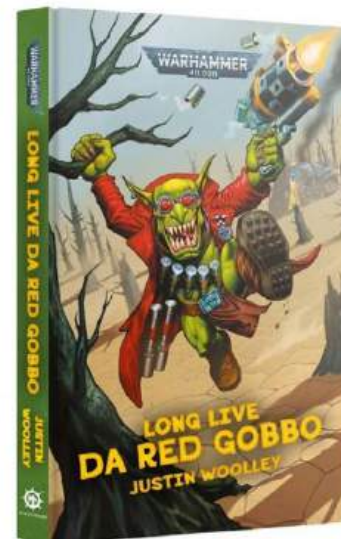
Long Live Da Red Gobbo (Hard-
back)

1/35 King Tiger Henschel Turret
Upgraded Kit 5126

1/144 Gundam HG MSZ-008 ZII
2263509

1/144 Gundam HG Efreet
Schneid 2379384

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What's Up wid You?

ASMS/Bill Delk sponsors an on-line ZOOM meeting with whoever wants to join us to talk about models and life. It happens almost every Sunday at 4:00.

Contact Bill Delk to have him send you a link to be able to get into the meeting.

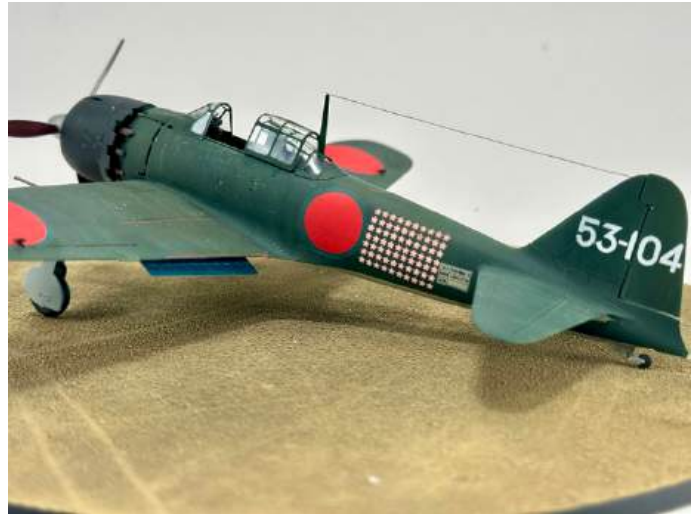
Everyone is welcome.

Bill Delk`s e-mail address

Falconfyredeuce@gmail.com.



Lots of great models at the meeting this time. Floyd Werner who couldn't be there in person to contribute to the Milton Bell tribute sent in some photos.



Floyd's A6M



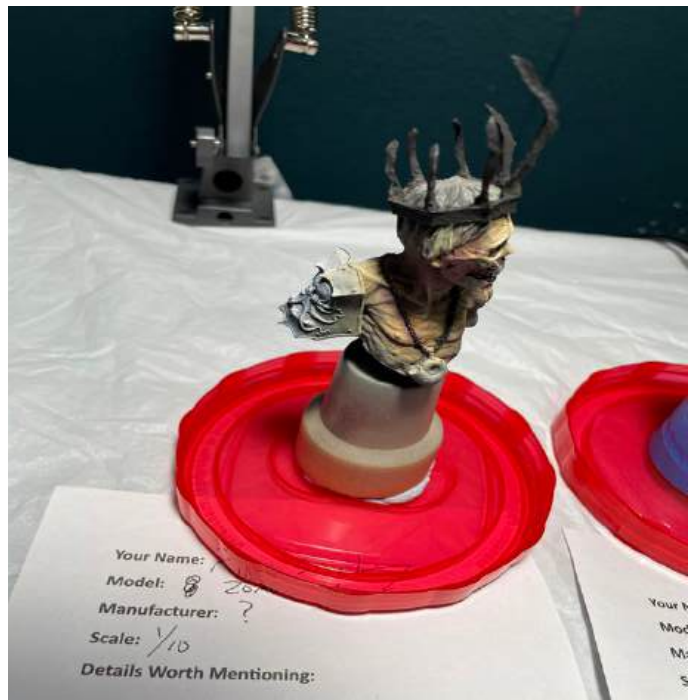
Floyd's P-40 builds.



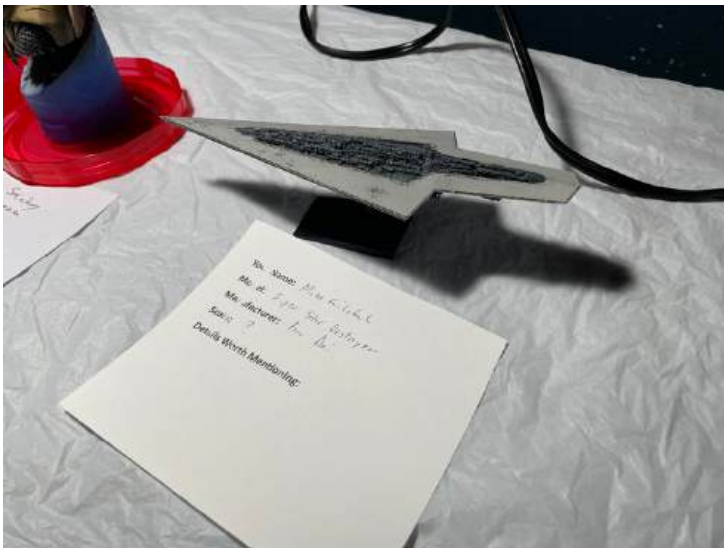
Rick Herrington brought in Meng's latest 1/72 a Himars. He did it up in Ukrainian livery.



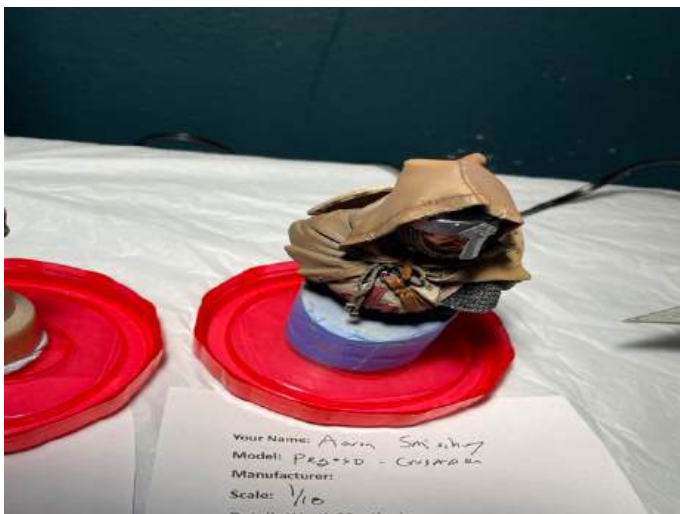
Mike Gilsbach shared a Monogram 1/48 HE-111 and a Bandai Super Star Destroyer.



Michael Lamar brought in two 1/72 aircraft, an Arma KI-84 and an Eduard FW190A5.



Aaron Smischney shared a 1/10 Pegaso Crusader and a Zombie King.



Ron McCracken had two Battle of Midway gems on the table. The first was a Douglas SBD-3.



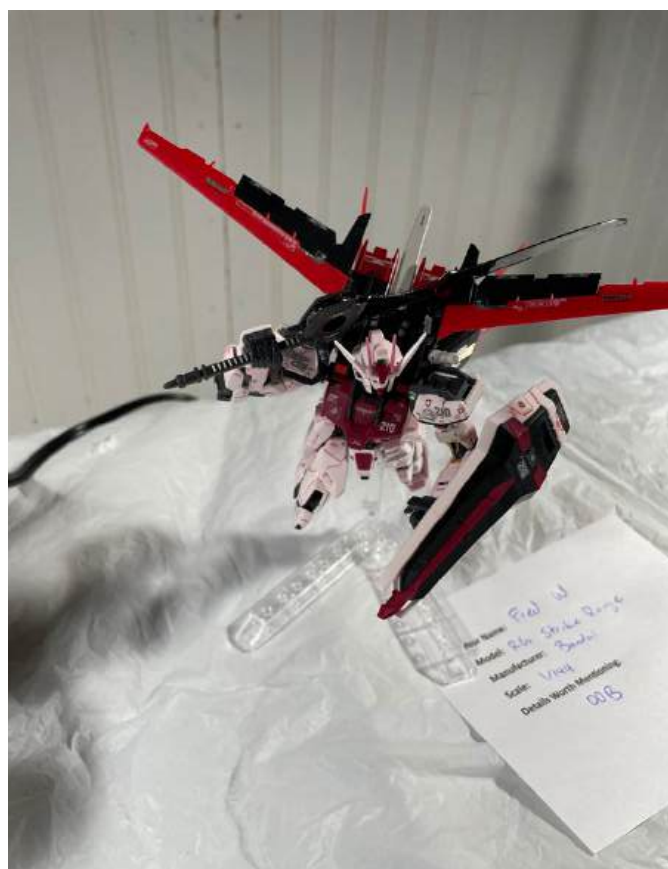
The second was a Brewster K2A-3.



Moving on to the Gunpla in house, Gordon Stiemans shared his HG Gundam LFrith UR by Bandai.



Fred Wang shared his RG Strike Rouge.



Joaquin brought in a HG Varquill by Bandai but unfortunately I didn't get an image of it.

Ron Askew brought in two Tamiya Panzer 4s, an F and a G.



Finally from Ron was the big winner for the night his M109A3 and M151A2 diorama, Ron calls this the "Conversation" and it depicts a scene circa 1982 Lebanon.



"So there I was, minding my own business, when a mosquito hit my windscreen..."

...Car Insurance man looks up at me disbelievingly....



Old Rumors and New Kits

New and In View Aircraft by Ron McCracken

There are two new-tool releases announced this month, an AH-1W from Trumpeter, and a TBM-3 from Hobbyboss. Otherwise, it is a month for re-pops. However, some of those re-releases haven't been available for quite a while, so they are welcome too.

1/35th Scale

Trumpeter has announced a new-tool AH-1W Super Cobra, currently forecast for early 2025 availability.

AH-1W Super Cobra

Trumpeter | No. 05116 | 1:35



1/48th Scale:

Eduard has re-released their Bf 109G-4 in a Weekend Edition kit. The Weekend Edition series generally does not have photo-etch or masks typical of other editions.



Eduard has also re-released their Mustang Mk.III in a Profipack Edition.



Hasegawa has re-released their CF-104D Starfighter with new decals.

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Hasegawa has re-released their F/A-18D Hornet in VMFA(AW)-224 Bengals 2024 markings.

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HobbyBoss has re-released their F/A-18E Super Hornet in VFC-12 markings.



ICM has re-released their Ki-21-Ib Sally with five figures added.



1/72nd Scale:

Academy has re-released their F-14B kit as an F-14D Tomcat in VF-2 markings with some new parts.



Eduard has re-released their Bf-109 kit as a Bf 109G-6AS/14AS Limited Edition Dual Combo kit with some new parts.



Eduard has re-released their P-51D-5 Mustang in a Profipack edition with five markings options.



Hasegawa has re-released their P1Y1-S/S1Y2 Ginga Type 11/16 Night Fighter with new decals.



HobbyBoss has announced a new-tool TBM-3 Avenger



Revell is re-releasing their BV 222 Wiking.



Revell is re-releasing their Lynx Mk.88 Germany.



1/144th Scale:

Hasegawa is re-releasing their YS-11 JASDF/JMSDF in a dual kit with new markings.

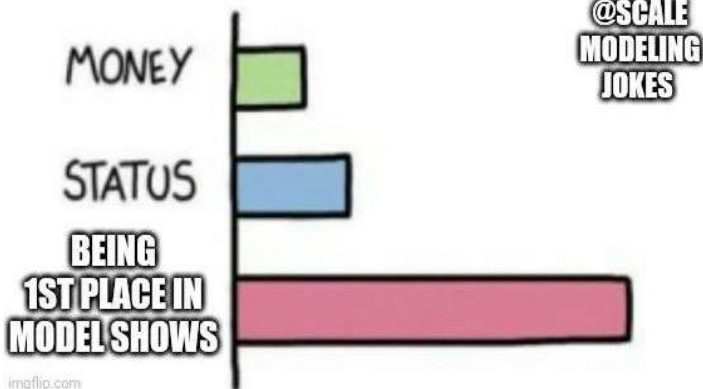


Roden has announced an XC-99 – the transport development of the B-36.

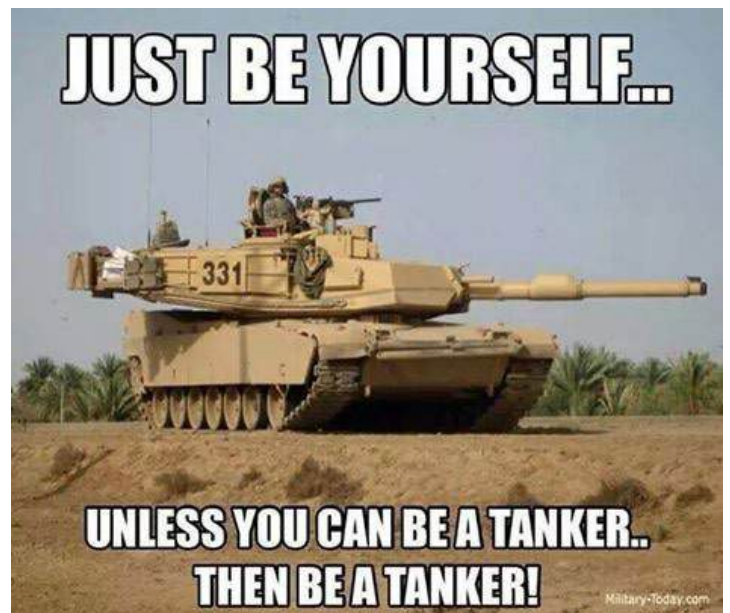


And that's it for November, so go build a model!

WHAT GIVES PEOPLE FEELINGS OF POWER



@SCALE MODELING JOKES



Shipping News

by Rick Herrington

Ahoy mates! Let's start off with 1/700 scale. Aoshima and Fujimi are dominating this month with re-releases. Hobby Boss and Vee Hobby appear to be the only truly "new" releases. Aoshima is up first with two destroyer releases. The first is HMS Jupiter.



Next from Aoshima is the IJN destroyer Shiranui.



Hobby Boss is releasing a PLAN Type 94 nuclear sub the Jin



Hobby Boss is also releasing the RMS (Royal Mail Ship) Olympic troop ship.



The Olympic was an armed troop ship and had the distinction of having sunk a U-boat in WW1.

Vee Hobby is releasing the USS New Jersey.



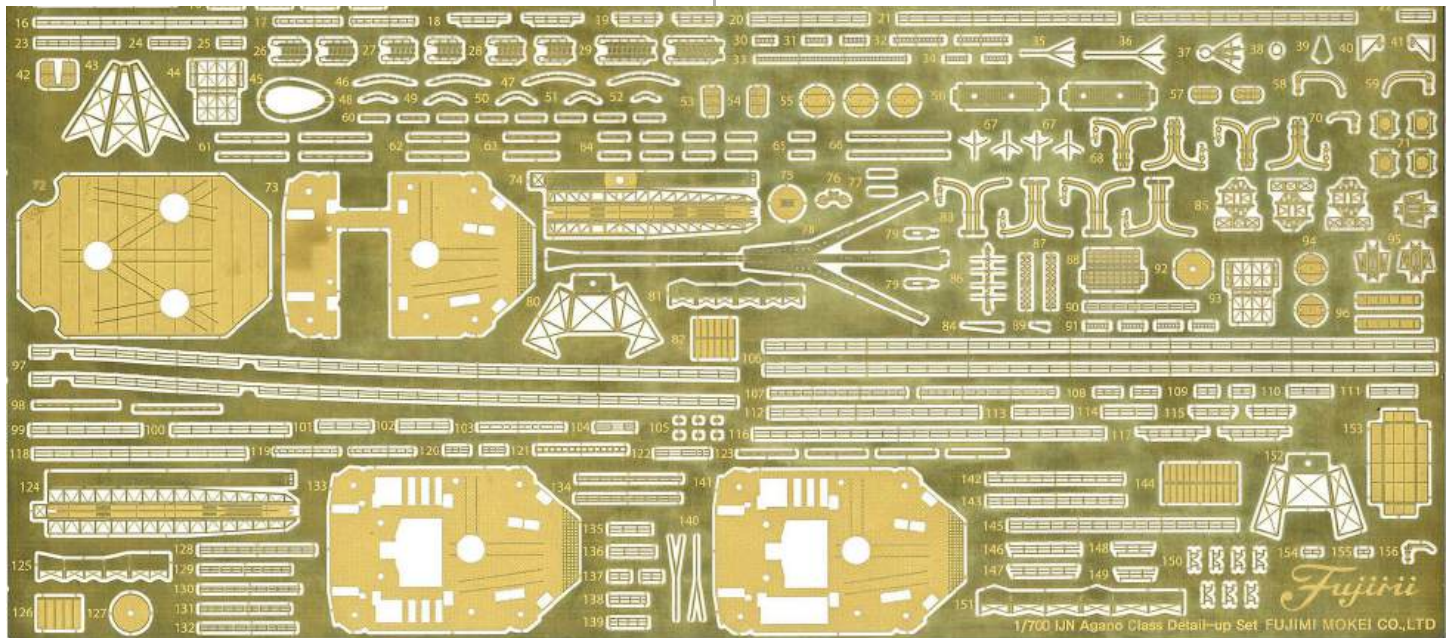
Aoshima is rre-releasing the DKM Tirpitz.



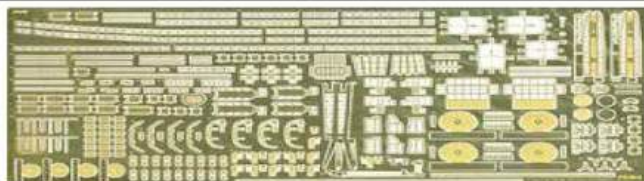
Fujimi has two IJN Cruisers. The first is a light cruiser the Yahagi



The photo below is of the photo etch set that comes with the kit.



Next up from Fujimi is the IJN heavy cruiser Chikuma



※エッチングパーツは21・13号電探、羅針艦橋窓、ポートダビット、クレーンなどを収録しています。

The last four re-releases are from Aoshima. IJN battleships and a destroyer. The first battleship is the Mutsu .



The second is the Fuso



The third battleship is the Yamashiro



The destroyer being released by Aoshima is the Maikaze.

1/700 WATER LINE SERIES MAIKAZE 舞風 ウォーターラインシリーズ No.447
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- Special device included to level specific photo-etched parts to correct angle
- Photo-etched propeller guards finely reproduced
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- Photo-etched propeller guards finely reproduced
- Movable structure for 36-inch searchlight without part included
- Side doors (optional photo-etched parts) can be assembled open or closed
- Smoke generator with fine details
- Waterline or full hull version can be assembled
- Sponsons are represented on lower hull by slide-mold technology
- True-to-scale ultra-fine propellers reproduced
- Bridge supports finely reproduced with photo-etched parts
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DRAGON 1032

Fujimi is releasing the IJN destroyer Shimikaze as she looked in 1943.



Fujimi has some amazing art work on their kits.

Last up from Fujimi is not a ship kit but a battleship bridge kit. Fujimi is releasing the bridge from the Ise/Hyuga battleships.



Last in the column is in 1/200 scale from Hobby Boss. They are releasing the PHM Pegasus.



That's all the wind in the sails for this month.

Tracked Topics

By Panzer Lehr

Howdy tread heads! No 1/72nd to speak of this month so we'll stick to 1/35 and 1/16. Dragon has the lion's share of the re-releases. Let's start off with one of their superb Tiger 1 kits. This one is labelled Wittmann's last Tiger referring to the Tiger ace Michael Wittman. The kit includes Zimmerit, a metal barrel and a bonus figure of Michael. The kit was originally issued in 2018.



Next from Dragon is another Tiger 1 labelled as Villers Bocage. This is another chock full of bits kit with Zimmerit, a metal barrel and photo etc.

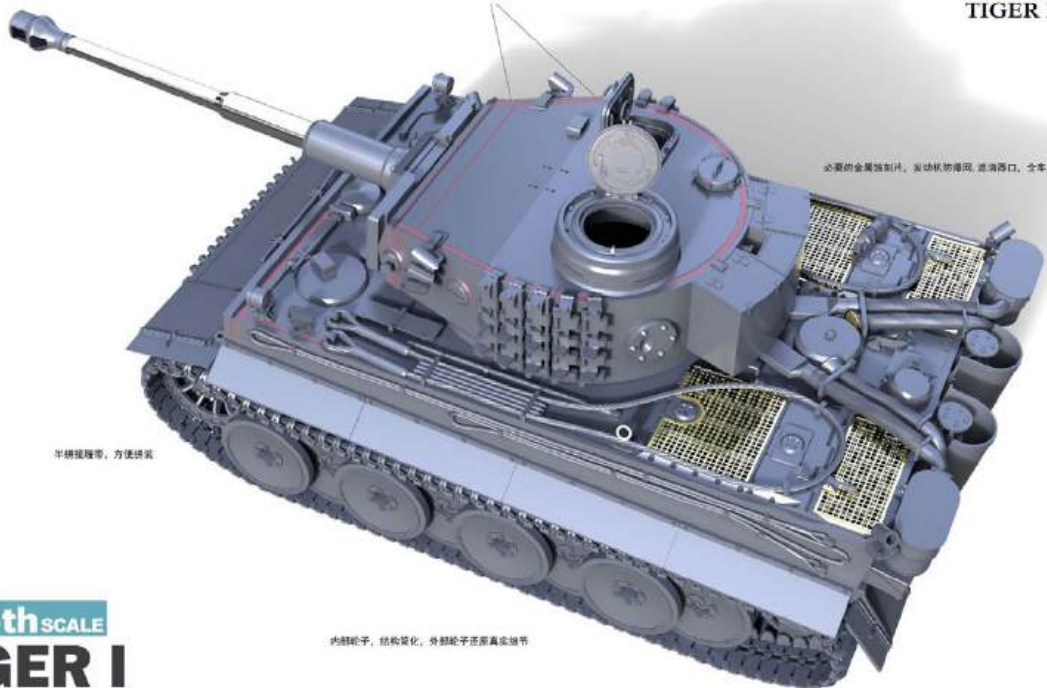


Not to be outdone Tiger Models has their own Tiger 1 early production with the feifel air cleaners included.



TIGER I 1942-1945 虎式坦克 TIGER MODEL ITEM 4901
 第二次世界大战德国1942-1945年 虎式重型坦克初期型 1/35比例静态拼装模型 NO.4901 * 本产品仅适用于14岁以上儿童及成人使用, 符合玩具安全标准, 不适合年龄较小的孩子。

焊线 有没有焊接细节的问题?
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1/35th SCALE
TIGER I

Sd.Kfz.181 / TIGER MODEL 1/35 NO.4901

Tiger Models also has a LeClerc for us.



Border Models has a Sdkfz 251/22 with a 75mm Pak gun mounted on it.



Next up from Dragon is a 251C with a short barreled 75mm gun mounted on it.

1:35 '39-'45 SERIES
Sd.Kfz.251/9 Ausf.C
mit 7.5cm Kanone 37



- Sd.Kfz.251/9 Ausf.C mit 7.5cm Kanone 37
- 7.5cm Kanone 37 in great detail

- Detailed radio and ammo box
- Newly looked front armor w/3D printing parts

- Detailed one-piece lower hull
- Newly scaled 7.5cm Kanone 37 gun base

- Front seats w/details
- Photo-etched springs on seat tracks
- Driver compartment with full interior details
- Side fenders with accurate details
- One-piece upper hull accurately molded
- Side armor plates with correct shape

- Spoked wheel and road wheel engraving details
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According to Scalemates this one is a fairly recent release by Dragon (2023). Looks like this one has a lot of bells and whistles included with it also.

Moving on to US hal tracks Dragon has an M2A1 for us.



Dragon has a Flak Panther ausf D. This is basically a Panther D chassis with a flakvierling mounted on it. This was a prototype only.



Last up from Dragon is an RSO (RaupenschlepperOst) with a 75mm gun.



Hobby Boss has three for us this month. The first is an LAV 300 with a 90mm gun.



The second release from Hobby Boss is a BMD-2



The third is a Type 59 PLAN medium tank.



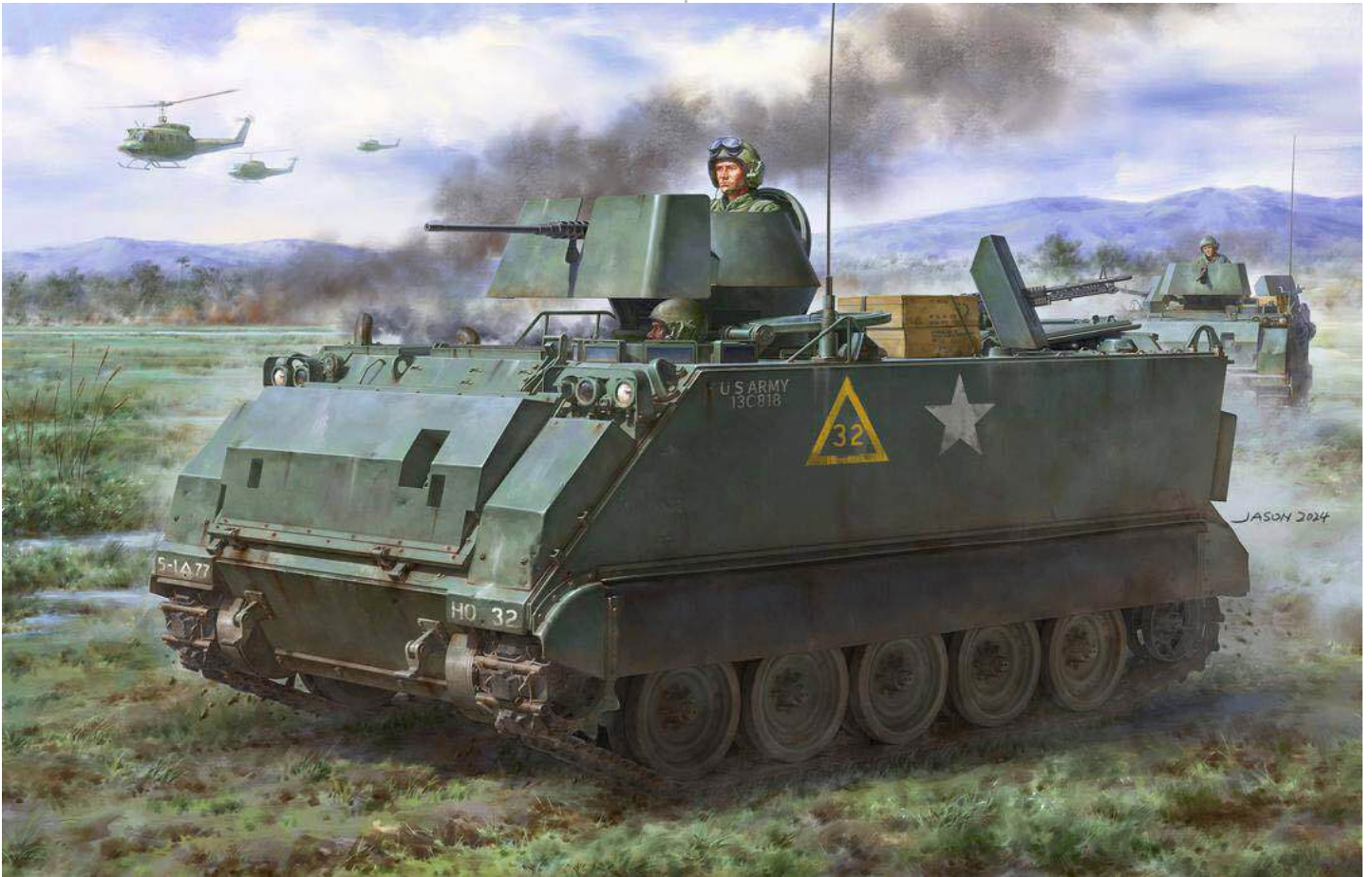
RFM Is releasing an MA4 Sherman.



Trumpeter is releasing an E-100 with a Reindhoter SAM.



Moving on to shelf buster scale 1/16 Takom has an M113 Acav. Perfect for a large scale Vietnam diorama.



Last in the column this month is Trumpeter with a 1/16 scale Tiger 1



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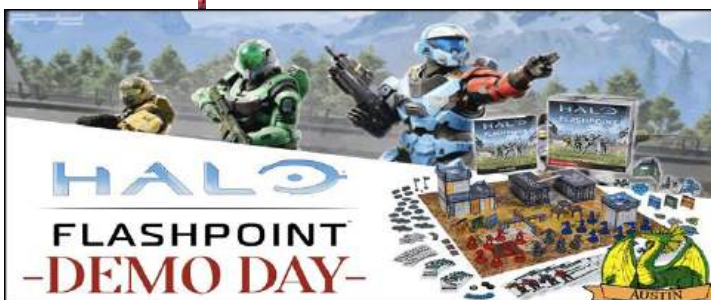
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