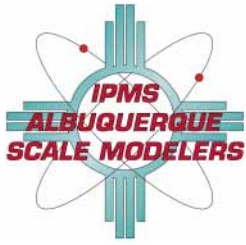


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April 2022

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS JOHN TATE

There were several pandemic-related events affecting the club recently but following the Governor's decision in February to rescind statewide COVID restrictions, UNM lifted its masking requirement effective March 18, 2022, meaning our April 1 swap meet will be mask-free. Hopefully that's it for this notorious pandemic that's claimed so many lives and put the world through so many changes over the past two years, but we're ready in

case it throws us another curve ball.

Recent sales of donated kits and model supplies have put the club solidly in the black and we're in a good position to maintain our operations. We'll continue to be careful with expenses and adding to our treasury balance as opportunities arise.

Scale modeling gives us a chance to recreate history and there's been no shortage of that recently,

March Meeting highlights, left to right: members milling about before the meeting; a contest entry I can post here without rancor; and the business meeting in progress.



given events unfolding in Ukraine. Therefore, to capture in miniature some of that conflict, I'm sponsoring a contest for the May 6 meeting, "The Ukraine War," open to any model subject related to that conflict.

The modeling year is just starting and there are still four open contests ahead. So hit the work bench and finish those pandemic projects you started but never finished- finally there's a chance again to share your work.

IN THE BONUS PAGES!

In this month's **Bonus Pages**:

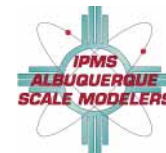
- The March contest winners
- A StarFest update
- Mark Vaughn builds a replacement Waco CG-4A glider model for the Cavalcade of Wings
- Mike Blohm reports on our Korean War-themed display in the New Mexico State Fair model contest
- Ken Piniak brings us a new installment of Ken's Armor Files
- And more!

Year 2022 Contest Quick Reference Chart

Titles in **blue** indicate contests for points

- 07 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1:**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
Sponsored Contest: "Gold Member"
Frickin' Laser Beams (Patrick Dick)
- 04 Feb** **Cancelled**
- 04 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
- 01 Apr** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest
- 06 May** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
Sponsored Contest: "Putin's War Machine" (John Tate)
- 03 Jun** **NO CONTEST; CLINIC NIGHT**
- 08 Jul** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
- 05 Aug** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest
- 09 Sep** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
Sponsored Contest: "75th Anniversary of the USAF" (Mike & Matt Blohm)
- 07 Oct** **NO CONTEST; SEMINARS**
- 04 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
- 02 Dec** **Model of the Year** competition!

Note: The most complete and up-to-date details on the contests, as well as detailed rules, as always, are on the ASM Website:
<http://tinyurl.com/asmsched>



Master

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| Victor Maestas | 2 |
| Chuck Hermann | 350 |
| James Strickland | 6 |
| Mike Blohm | 2 |
| Frank Randall | 100 |

Intermediate

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|-------------------------|-----|
| Jim Medina | 502 |
| Bob Henderson | 325 |
| Jim Coatney | 250 |
| Ken Piniak | 150 |
| James Barrett | 100 |
| Rob Whitlock | 100 |
| Steve Miller | 75 |

Basic

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|------------------------|-----|
| Rolf Nitsche | 275 |
| Kris Herrera | 225 |
| Mark Vaughn | 225 |

Junior

[No entries]

2022 MODELER OF THE YEAR POINTS

As of 04 Mar 22

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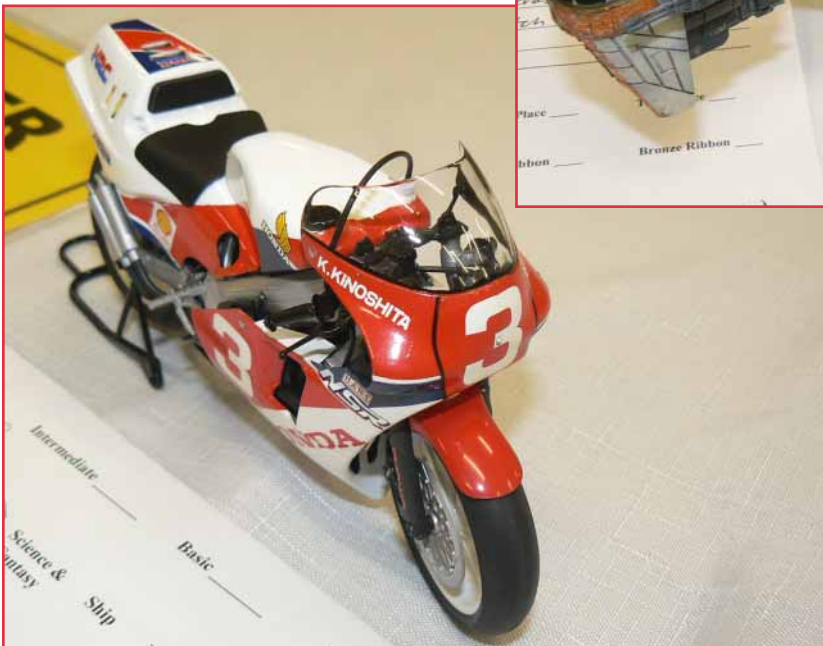
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ASM members are encouraged to submit articles, reviews and other items as appropriate. Contact editor Joe Walters for details and specs. **Submission deadline for each issue is now ten days prior to the next meeting (that's a Tuesday). Items I receive by Tuesday night will be in the newsletter, and items received after that will be in the following issue.**

BONUS PAGES!

MARCH BEST OF SHOW WINNERS

March's Best of Show winners, top to bottom: Rolf Nitsche's *Hamburg Harbor* diorama (Basic); James Medina's *Hammerhead Cruiser* (Intermediate); and Victor Maestas's *Honda NSR 500* motorcycle. There were no Junior entries. Photos by Frank Randall.



BONUS PAGES!

STARFEST UPDATE

JOE WALTERS

Well, after two years of cancellations (for some reason or other), it appears there will be a StarFest 2022 in Denver, but this year, it will be held in May (13 – 15), and will be at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center, about a block north of the Marriott where they've been holding it for the past several years.

StarFest is a general science fiction convention, and covers everything from Star Trek to Star Wars to Babylon 5 to Firefly... and on and on.

There is always a model competition, along with some modeling clinics and Make & Takes. Guest speakers abound, and autographs and photo ops are available. Amazing costumes abound.

And, of course, the omnipresent Dealer Room is there ready to tempt you to leave some money behind!

So far, they only list four guests (including Jonathon Frakes and Brent Spiner from Star Trek), but more will appear as the dates get closer.

For up-to-date information, monitor <https://starfestdenver.com> frequently!



BONUS PAGES!

WACO CG-4A GLIDER NOTES

MARK VAUGHN

The Cavalcade of Wings display at the Albuquerque airport had a model that was disintegrating. It was a Waco CG-4A that was used for training in New Mexico during World War II. Fort Sumner was one of six New Mexico glider fields and it was the hub of advanced instruction. The current Fort Sumner airfield is the old glider field. The current airfield at Tucumcari is also an old glider field. There were others. If you look on Google Earth fifteen miles ENE from Clovis, you'll find the ghostly remains of field #5 in the middle of a wind farm, with a cattle tank in the middle of it. There were others. Cutter-Carr was the civilian contractor supplying instructors, a familiar name.



Matchbook cover, front and back from the war

Back to the model. Here is a photo of the old model.



As you can see, the fuselage, which is made from some solid black cast material, disintegrated, as if it had taken a direct hit! This was not due to physical mistreatment but internal stresses finally tearing it apart. Usually I can salvage/repair models for the Cavalcade of Wings, but I decided to just start over. I

don't know how old this original was but it has raised lettering on the under surface of a wing, so it was an old kit. Fortunately Italeri made one in 1/2, a 1975 mold, and I snagged one on eBay. It has a rudimentary interior (seats along the wall) and a basic cockpit. Since this is for a museum, and most patrons would likely not understand why the glider's nose was "broken," I built it with the swing-up cockpit down so there was little reason to doll-up the interior. You could drive a Jeep into one of these! I would have done more with the cockpit had I realized how visible it is with the greenhouse windshield—painted with Future!



The actual build was simple right out of the box. While the Wacos we see in the D-Day movies have the invasion recognition stripes, the trainers did not have them (preserving my stash of black and white trim film). I resisted filling the wing-fuselage join since these had a big gap. They were kit planes with removable wings.

The Italeri decals disintegrated on contact with water, so I had to use some stars from my stash. Since the stars on the demolished models were the early ones without the "paddles," I removed the paddles with a little surgery. They are not quite right, since the tips of the stars should go all the way to the edge, but since the viewers will be feet away, and unaware of this detail, good enough. Apparently, some trainers didn't have numbers or they were painted out, so I didn't worry over the disintegrated tail numbers. Here's a photo of a training wreck with numbers painted over. You can barely see the old numbers under the paint.



One final thing about these gliders is that while there are landing gear, there are also skids for when the wheels tear off in the soft soil of the farmer's fields in Normandy.

So, here's the final product. You can see the skids under the cockpit. See what I mean about the visibility through the greenhouse windshield? Oh, and there's a window in the top of the fuselage as well as small portholes in the side.



I invite all of you to build for the Cavalcade of Wings. Museum builds get far more "views" than they do on your own shelf.

BONUS PAGES!

ASM's "KOREAN WAR" DISPLAY AT THE 2021 NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR

MIKE BLOHM

This article provides a look at ASM's model display at the 2021 New Mexico State Fair that occurred on September 9 – 19, 2021. The display's theme was "The 71st Anniversary of the Korean War 1950 – 1953." This was the same theme that was going to be used in 2020 until the fair was cancelled due to the pandemic.





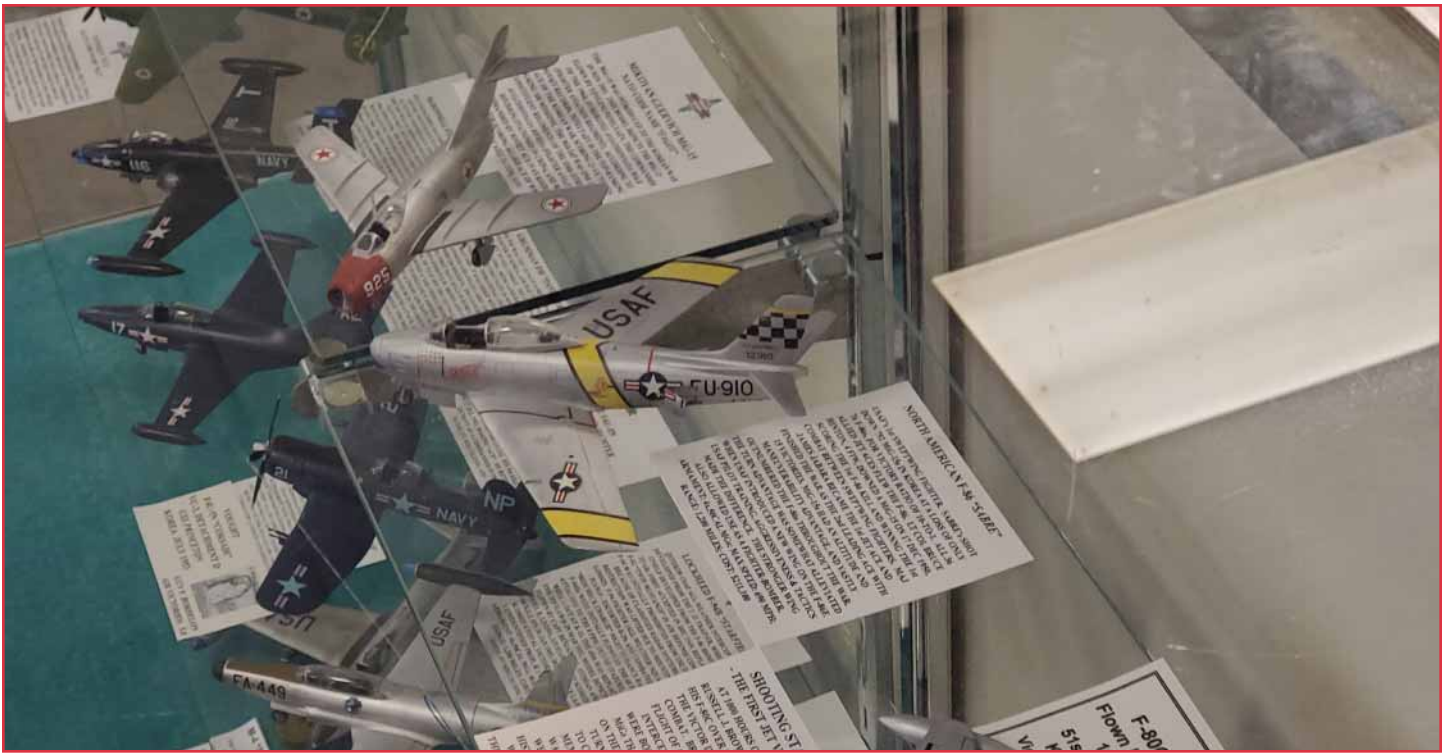
Above photos: Overall views of the display case, and the left and right halves.

We filled up a whole case with a total of 33 models covering the major aspects of the conflict. We had a mix of models in multiple scales from all the US services, the United Nations (UN) allies, and North Korea. The display included a high level description of the Korean War and maps showing what had occurred during the invasion, the UN counterattack, the Chinese intervention, and the eventual stalemate. Information cards covered the major battles, including the retreat to the Pusan Perimeter, the Inchon Landing, the Chosin Reservoir, and MiG Alley. Cards were also provided describing each of the models. Pictures of the models are included below. More pictures will be posted on the *ASM Website*.

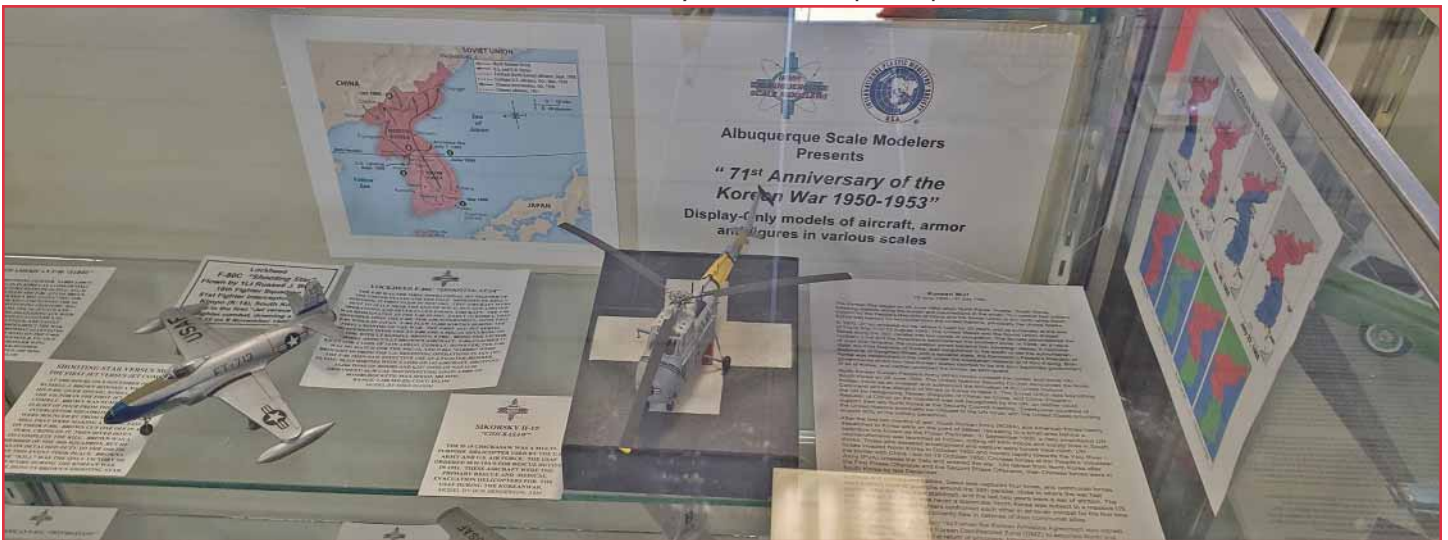
Following three photos: Top shelf, aircraft models in 1/2 scale plus maps and historical summary of the Korean War and information on "MiG Alley."



North Korean Yakovlev Yak-9 "Frank" and Lavochkin La-11 "Fang" and the "F-86 Sabre versus MiG-15" diorama by Glenn Bingham depicting the third and final victory of Major John Glenn USMC.



Face-off between the MiG-15 "Fagot" flown by Soviet ace Colonel Yevgeny Pepelyaev and the F-86 "Sabre" flown by USAF ace Capt Joseph McConnell.



F-80 "Shooting Star" flown by 1Lt Russell Brown, who was the victor in the first jet versus jet air combat over a MiG-15; and an H-19 "Chickasaw" rescue helicopter.

The air war had the largest amount of models in the display with 21 total, mostly in $\frac{1}{72}$ scale. These included US Air Force, US Navy, and US Marine Corps (USMC) jets and propeller aircraft, a Sea Fury from the United Kingdom's Royal Navy ($\frac{1}{48}$), and six aircraft flown by North Korea. The ground war section had four models. These included three US Army subjects: an M-26 Pershing heavy tank, an M4 Sherman medium tank, and a self-propelled M40 155mm gun of the 937th Field Artillery Battalion. North Korean armor was represented by a T-34/85 tank. These were in $\frac{1}{35}$ scale, except for the Sherman, which was $\frac{1}{48}$. The Inchon Landing section of the display included seven US Navy and US Army beach assault models—landing craft, amphibious vehicles, and ground vehicles, and a soldier, all in $\frac{1}{72}$ scale. Three of the display models were also State Fair model contest entries. Scale breakdown for the display was 26 in $\frac{1}{72}$, 4 in $\frac{1}{48}$, 3 in $\frac{1}{35}$, and 1 in $\frac{1}{144}$ (included in the excellent F-86 Sabre Versus MiG-15 diorama built by Glenn Bingham to create a forced perspective).

Following three photos: Middle shelf, aircraft models in 1/2 scale.



North Korean Ilyushin IL-10 "Beast" (Sturmovik) and Tupolev Tu-2 "Bat," and U.S. Navy F-2H "Banshee" and F9F "Panther."



US night fighters: F4U-5N "Corsair" flown by the only USN ace in the Korean War Guy Bordelon, F-94B "Starfire" flown by Capt Ben Fithian and 1Lt Samuel Lyons who downed an La-9, and the F-82G "Twin Mustang" flown by 1Lt Skeeter Hudson and 1Lt Carl Fraser who scored the first aerial victory in the Korean War defending Seoul. Lastly is the F-86E Sabre flown by ace Capt Harold Fischer.

Thanks to all the model contributors, who were as follows: Frank Randall (3), Glenn Bingham (2), Scott Jaworski (2), Bob Henderson (1), Ken Piniak (1), Mark Vaughn (1), and Mike Blohm (23). A large number of this last group of 23 models had been built to support ASM's Korean War display during the "USAF 50th Anniversary" celebration at Kirtland AFB in 1997. 2022 will be the USAF's 75th Anniversary.

We do not yet have a proposed theme for the ASM display at the 2022 NM State Fair, so put your thinking caps on.



F-84E "Thunderjet" flown by 1Lt Jacob Kratt the top-scoring F-84 pilot with three victories (two over MiG-15s), a B-26 "Invader," an LT-6G "Mosquito" forward air controller aircraft, and an F-51D "Mustang" flown by 1Lt James Glessner, who scored a Yak-9 victory.

Following three photos: Bottom shelf showing the ground war with info cards on the most significant battles during the war. Also includes some 1/48-scale aircraft.



Diorama of a M40 self-propelled 155mm gun motor carriage of the 937th Field Artillery Battalion built by Glenn Bingham.



US M26 "Pershing" and M4 "Sherman" tanks and North Korean T-34/85 tank (actually in Soviet markings). F-80 "Shooting Star" and UK Royal Navy Hawker "Sea Fury" and a USAF pilot figure in 1/48 scale.



Models in 1/72 scale covering the Battle of Inchon invasion from the sea: Willys Jeep, M4 Sherman tank, US infantryman, LV-T4 AMTRAC, DUKW, Landing Craft Mechanized Mk III, and Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel "Higgins Boat."

BONUS PAGES! KEN'S ARMOR FILES KEN PINIAK

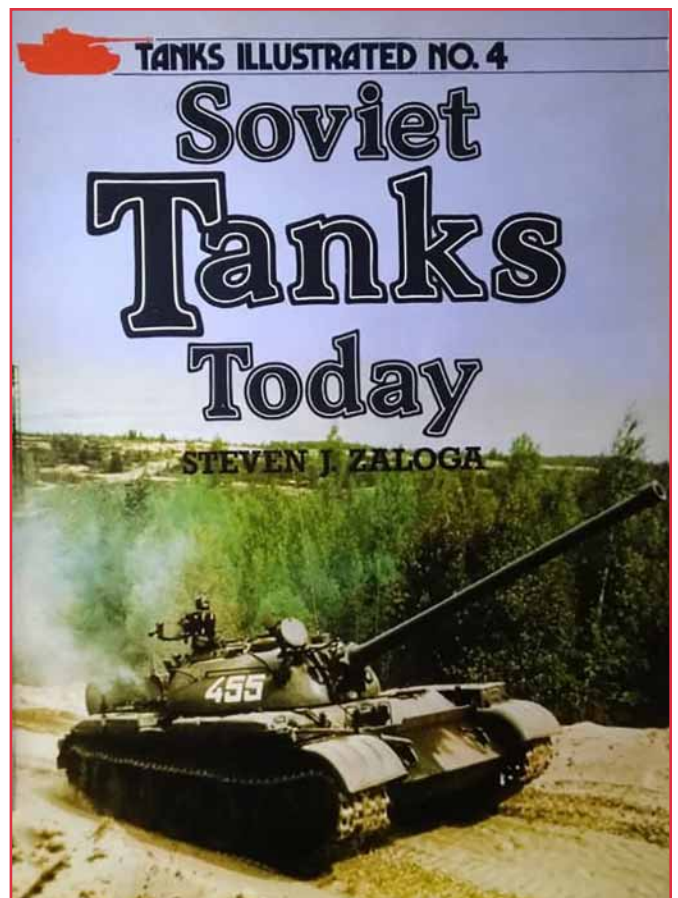
A Look Back At The Cold War: Building A T-72 From Scratch



I originally built this T-72 back in 1983, at the height of the Cold War. It is scratchbuilt/kitbashed, using the then-brand-new Tamiya T-62 kit as a base. There were basically no good references to go by at the time; the best reference I had was the book "Soviet Tanks Today" by Steve Zaloga, published in 1983.

All of its photos are black and white. Essentially everything you see on this model is rebuilt, scratchbuilt, or taken from something else, the only original parts left from the T-62 are the drive sprockets and the rear fuel drums. With very little references to go by, I had to "guesstimate" a lot of it.

Both the turret and hull had to be re-done. The road wheels were built using wheels from several 1/25 Jeep CJ kits, the support arms are from a Tamiya M60A1, the support rollers are from a Heller AMX-13. All of the stowage boxes on the turret and hull fenders are made from sheet styrene, as are the fuel tanks. The entire front of the hull had to be rebuilt from plastic sheet, and the front "V" splash guard and the frame for the engine air intake are Plastruct angle iron strips. The turret had to be chopped up and reshaped using lots of styrene and putty. The gunner's sight and hatch are both scratchbuilt; the TC's hatch and machine gun were converted using the kit parts.





The oldest photos I have of finished model are from 1992, at which time it was nine years old. In one photo I compare it to a then-new AMT/MPC/ERTL T-74 kit I had just finished; I think the scratchbuilt one is better.

In 2021, I decided to revisit this old build, and fix it up a little bit. It had gotten some damage over the years—hey, its nearly forty years old, and I wanted to correct a few things I never got to doing before. Some of the road wheels had broken, and an idler wheel. In this photo of a broken road wheel, you can still see some of the chrome from the Jeep kit it came from.



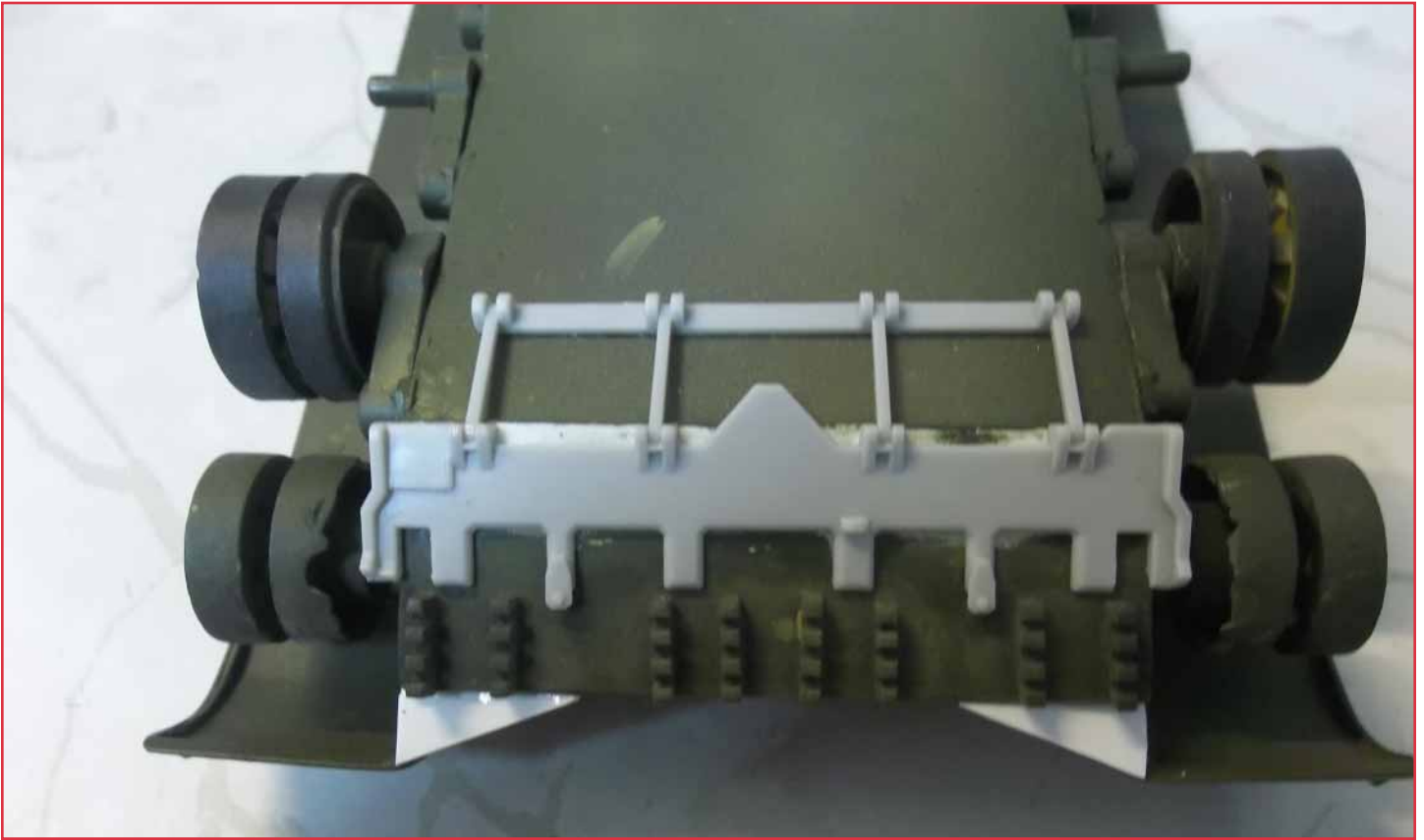
I also had to repair the fuel drums and the rear of the hull. The oil tank and engine exhaust were broken off, so I replaced them with parts from the AMT/ERTL kit. While working on those, I decided to do a few upgrades. The first two were things I had planned to do all along, but never did.

The machine gun was modified from the Tamiya DsHK. I was going to cut off the feed mechanism from the top of it, and never did. I snipped that off and sanded it down. Then I added the small triangles at the front fenders. They are just styrene sheet. I also used a pair of nippers to cut out the sides of the original Tamiya tracks, to better replicate the RMSH tracks from the T-72. All of this took less than ten minutes, but it took me almost forty years to get around to it. No excuse for it really, just lazy.

I never liked my original engine fan cover; the glue had



soaked thru the screen. I pried it off with a screwdriver and replaced it with one from the AMT kit. I also added a bit of photoetch to the engine deck, and a leftover hinge for the engine cover. I had a scraper blade left over from a Dragon kit, so I added it to the front.



One of the tie-down loops had broken off the turret, so I replaced that, and added a bit of photoetch to the top of the sight.



Also, one of my headlight guards lost a couple of pieces; I replaced them with copper wire. While working on the lights, I added some new lenses from SKP.

I didn't want to do too much in the way of upgrades to it; I wanted to keep it pretty much as I originally built in back in the day, and there is simply no way I could bring it up to modern standards. But then I don't have to, there are plenty of better kits available now, I even have some of them. So at that point I touched up the paint and called it done. Comparing the finished tank to more modern kits like my Dragon M-84 or the Amusing Hobby T72M1 I found that it does hold up pretty well, especially considering the lack of resources I had. The dimensions are a bit off, but not bad. The shape and layout of the back of the turret and the rear of the engine deck are wrong, but I could not make out the correct details with the photos I had.

One thing I did notice on mine, because it was based on the Tamiya T-62 kit, the turret is too far forward. I had no way of knowing that at the time. Here the hulls are lined up:



And here the turrets/guns are lined up:



A small difference, but it is there. Otherwise, it is pretty close. All in all, I am quite happy with how it came out, especially for when I built it!

BONUS PAGES! MISCELLANEOUS

Our first two entries are from John Tate, with his commentary on the second image.



“Here’s an image for the newsletter that’s actually for real—the French Vespa 150 TAP anti-tank motor scooter. They made about 600 of these during the 1950s, mounting an M20 75mm recoilless rifle. They were issued to paratrooper units with the gun designed to be removed and set up to fire, but it could also be fired on the fly.”

Ken Piniak supplied these two.



Armor_Buff Patron 1 Neo 2h



I really like the "drybrushin" on the wheels it really makes them pop! Very nice touch. However, i had to deduct a 1/2 point on the weathering score because the rest of the vehicle isn't finished to a consistent standard...wink

Also according to the **color accuracy police**, orange 🟠 isn't used so the vehicle painted "wrong". Likewise our friendly local CAP pointed out the FS number of the bright green is at least one shade too bright and requires more blue.

Some one needs to the the crew their "vehicle is wrong" and real vehicles don't look like that...wink



Brian Peck sent this one in (top):



For Sale: Star Wars TIE Fighter rolling chassis. Needs cab and new hyper drive, serious offers only, no low ballers I know what I have. May trade for late model At-At. #theioah #iaoh











This guy cut me off, but I decided to let it slide...



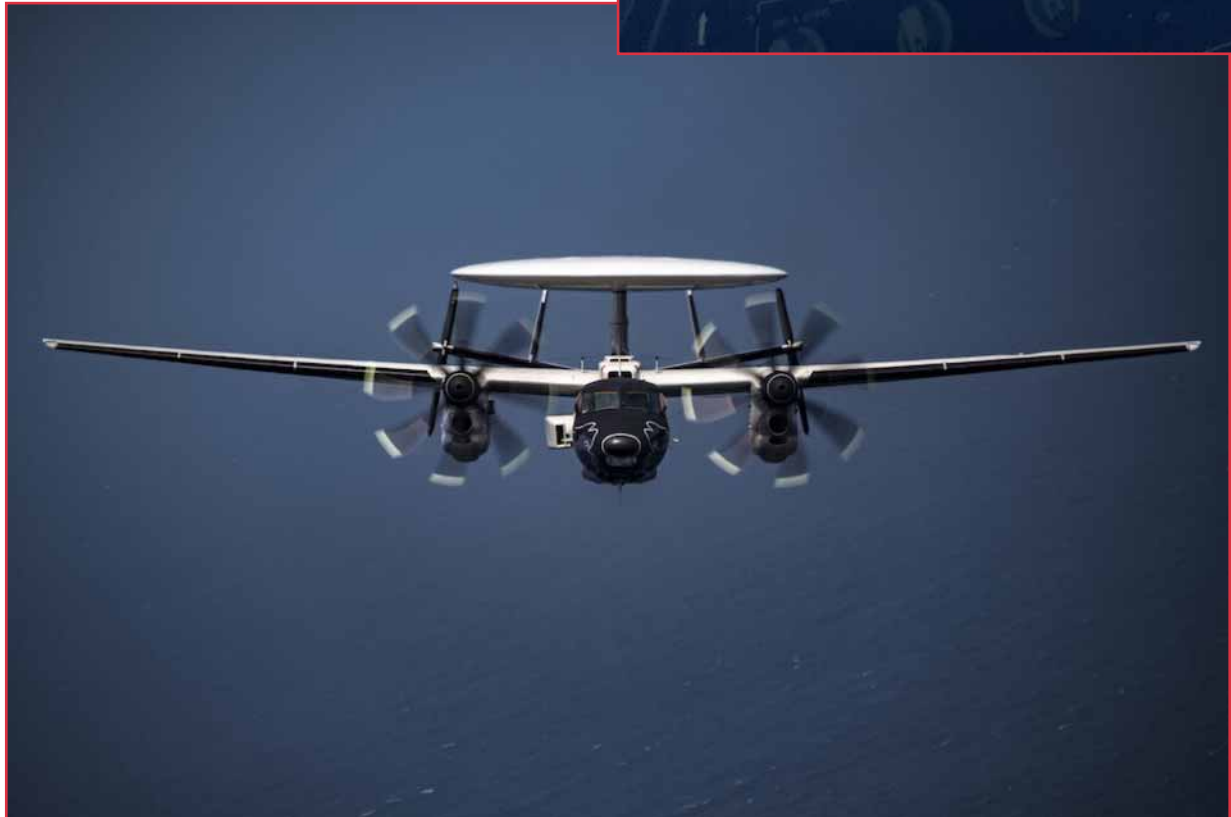






Yeah, we did this all the time...

F-117 Refueling



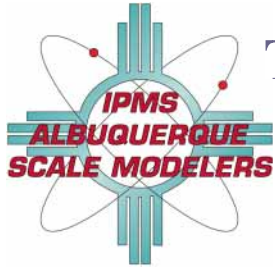
After a long day of flying, Navy jets are washed thoroughly and hung up to dry on the side of the carrier.





Precision munitions are always in demand.

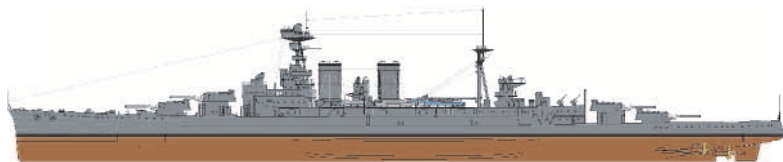




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