

## THE FEZ SEZ TONY HUMPHRIES

So, another year draws to a close. Thanksgiving is done and Christmas is once again on our doorstep trying to give us the perennial pamphlet or sell us a set of en-

cyclopedias (not much use for those these days, what with this new-fangled internet thing). Another modeler of the year contest is decided. The wounds are treated, the points are tallied and the glue fumes slowly disperse. So it must be December then? Hark, Harold the Angel sings, Shepherds wash their socks by night, some guy called Noel keeps getting mentioned (probably because he was in some band called "Oasis")

and we find a sudden need for all that seasonal stuff that Hobby Lobby have been trying to sell us with increasing desperation since July 1st. All of the political malarkey that we've spent the last year or so enjoying (cough...) is finally all done and dusted too so maybe we can look forward to some peace on earth and goodwill (not the thrift shop) to all men. Given the current climate, this may be asking a lot, but whether you are celebrating change or building a nuclear bunker in your back-yard, we should all do the best that we can.

So what does December bring to us specifically at ASM? Well, we have the model of the year contest, open to all who have won a Best of Show award during the last twelve months. So that will be Larry and possibly one or two others, then. Also we usually have a handover meeting for the E-Board, so that those leaving their current positions can hand over any paperwork, information etc.

November Meeting highlights, left to right: members check out the model entries; Mike Blohm makes good use of our room's shiny new A/V system to give a presentation on a recent visit to the Cavanaugh Flight Museum in Dallas; and the business meeting.



to prepare the new incumbents for the coming year. Most of the positions on the board are going to be occupied by the same individuals as last year of course, and this gives us the opportunity to congratulate Frank on his 147th consecutive vear as Club Secretary/Treasurer. Probably. He must be due for a gold watch by now, I would have thought. Possibly accompanied by an extensive psychological and mental evaluation... The PTSD has probably kicked-in by now too, so please don't make any loud noises or sudden movements when renewing your membership for the coming year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new board members too, except that the composition of the board is almost the same as last year. But in any case, I am sure that they (and I) will do their best to represent you, the members, to the best of their ability over the next twelve months. As always.

It is also time for us to begin considering what 2017 will hold for us as a club. Preparations for Chile Con IV in June are well underway now-the most current info is on the club website (http://tinyurl.com/ChileCon4) and will be regularly updated as we move forward. Also the contest schedule for the forthcoming year will be discussed and published as soon as we can, so that you know what to build and when. It is pretty much guaranteed that our first three months will follow the now established pattern which has been in place for so long that it's probably mentioned in the Declaration of Independence, or possibly even the Dead Sea Scrolls; i.e., January will be a non-points contest on the theme of Sci-

Fi and Real Space, February will be a swap meet with no competition, and March will be an Open theme points contest. But beyond that, who knows? If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see in terms of competition themes for next year then please let our Contest Director and/or any other member of the Board know and we will add it to the list for consideration. There is a good chance that the themes for Chile-Con IV will show up (Star Wars and WWI, since the original Star Wars movie came out in 1977 and this coming year will also be the 100th anniversary of US involvement in that conflict—WWI I mean, not the Star Wars rebellion) in some shape or form along with other anniversaries such as the 70th anniversary of the founding of the USAF or the 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War, but we will keep you posted on those, and as I said, if you have any particular wishes here, then let us know. Even

#### FRED'S FOTO FILE FRED FRANCESCHI

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[Editor's note: The full text of Fred's article, and many more photos from this set (larger and in higher resolution) can be found in the **Bonus Pages**. -JW]

if we can't fit them in to the points contest schedule, it may be that we could add them as a special or sponsored contest.

Also, you may wish to attend the next IPMS Nationals competition which I believe is being held in Omaha at the end of July. That sounds as though it's a long way off, but if you haven't made travel arrangements and booked your hotel by this point, you'll probably have to stay in Des Moines or Cedar Rapids and commute, at this stage, and you'll probably be lucky if you can get anything there too. Everything else will probably be fully booked by now.

Anyway, on that happy note I will leave you with the usual Compliments of the Festering Season. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or Festivus (or maybe all of them), on behalf of ASM I'd like to wish you a wonderful holiday season, a Happy New Year and may you have a joyous and prosperous 2017.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT MIKE BLOHM

There are a couple of items to mention this month.

December is the "ASM 2016 Model of the Year Showdown" contest, so please be sure to bring your Best of Show winners in to compete. This includes both the Theme (points) contests and the Special (non-points) contests. You don't have to be at the meeting, but your model does. So if you cannot attend, please arrange to have someone else bring your models to the meeting to participate in the competition. We'd like to see them all there. Check the ASM Website's "Model of the Year" webpage for a listing of all the contenders in the four divisions of each contest during 2016.

The January Contest is the annual "Moe Blalters Sci-Fi, Real Space, Science and Fantasy" Special Contest, so I hope that you are all building for that. Star Wars models should be prevalent in 2017, as this will be the 40th anniversary of the first movie. In addition, that is the major theme of Chile Con 4. Joe and I will have some special awards for the "Just Staff favorite entries" that will be in addition to the normal ASM awards for Best of Show. See the picture below of the highly collectible 2016 awards.

Unfortunately, I do not have any new information on the ASM model display at the 2017 Albuquerque Comic Convention, which occurs on January 13 - 15. Anything new will be briefed at the December 2 ASM meeting or provided via a mass ASM Members email.

Upcoming 2017 events, including quite a few IPMS Region 10 contests, are as follows (links are available on the ASM Website):

- Albuquerque Comic Con 2017 at the ABQ Convention Center on January 13 – 15.
- Scorpfest IV hosted by Modelmania Tucson in Tucson, Arizona, on January 17. Information is on the Sonoran Desert Model Builders website.
- CoMMiESFest 2017 hosted by the Colorado Modeling Militia Enjoying Sci-Fi (CoMMiES) in Colorado

#### Year 2016 Contest Quick Reference Chart Titles in **blue** indicate contests for points **08 Jan SPECIAL CONTEST #1:** SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY Sponsored Contest: "Frickin' Laser Beams" (Patrick Dick) 05 Feb ASM Swap Meet—no contest. **04 Mar Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale. **01** Apr Rescue Me!—Any kit/subject/scale. **13 May Anniversaries**—Any kit/subject/scale. **03 Jun Special Contest #2: US Presidents** Sponsored Contest: "Northrop Grumman" (Patrick Dick) **08 Jul Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale. Sponsored Contest: "Revolutionary War / Bicentennial Subjects" (Tony Humphries) 05 Aug ASM Swap Meet—no contest. **02 Sep Captured!**—Any kit/subject/scale. Sponsored Contest: "100 Years of British Armor" (John Tate) Sponsored Contest: "Caricatures" (Gil De La Plain) Sponsored Contest: "Star Trek: 50th Anniversary" (Mike & Matt Blohm & Joe Walters) 07 Oct Empire of the Sun—Japan—Any kit/subject/scale from the World Wars **04 Nov Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale. Sponsored Contest: "Big 'Uns" (Tim Wood) **02 Dec** Model of the Year competition! Year 2017 Contest Quick Reference Chart **06 Jan SPECIAL CONTEST #1:** SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY **03 Feb** ASM Swap Meet—no contest. **03 Mar Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale. (Remainder of year TBD!) Note: The most complete and up-to-date

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on March 17.

- Chile Con 4 at the Marriott Pyramid Hotel on June 16 17, 2017, Be there!
- IPMS/USA National Convention in La Vista, Nebraska, on July 26 29.

#### THE FINER POINTS JERRY LITTLE

Well, it's December! That means we've reached the end of another fantastic year in ASM club contest history! This of course will be my last "Finer Points" for now since I'm moving on from Contest Director. This was a great experience and a lot of fun working with the executive board and the club members. And what a year it was! Three hundred and eighty-nine models! Yes, 389 models were entered and displayed in 2016! If you discount the two months we use for swap meets, we averaged over 40 models a month! And that doesn't count the December Models of the Year! When I started as CD, I said my number one priority was to get club members to build models. We'd do that through interesting themes and encouragement of special and sponsored contest! Well, I couldn't have asked for a better response from the club! 389 models! If you include all of our activity from this year and last year, we've built and displayed easily over a thousand models! Great Job ASM!

Along with that desire to be better at building models comes the competition! I mean it is a monthly contest after all. November was an "open" meaning a bunch of things like "any scale, any subject... blah, blah, blah..." It means there was going to be some competition on the table! Of course there was tight competition for ASM Modeler of the Year and it was going to play out right there during the last club contest of the year. So let's get straight to it, the monthly contest results. No, not the Modeler of the Year; that will come in a minute!

In Masters we had a great turn out with a large number of models on the table. The Best of Show went to Bret Kinman's M1126 Stryker ICV. This was a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>35</sub> version of AFV Clubs Stryker with DEF Models wheel set and the Stryker stowage set added. Bret also add additional scratch built items and did a nice job weathering it with MIG washes. Not only was it Best of Show, it also earned People's Choice as the favorite Masters model.

In Intermediate, Steve Brodeur earned a Best of Show for his 1929 Bentley Blower. This was a huge  $\frac{1}{12}$  scale kit that

started off as an Airfix model. As many of you know, that is a tough kit to start with. Steve added custom rims along with other scratch built items like exhaust and a wrapped steering wheel. In case anyone is wondering where to get custom radiator grill screen, ask Steve, he knows where it all comes from and has enough to build a few more Blowers! People's Choice went to Chris Kurtze's <sup>1</sup>/<sub>72</sub> Ju-87G-1 Stuka. This started life as an Academy kit with added EagleCal decals and some wig hair. By the way, wig hair makes great radio wire!

Finally, in Junior, Chris Vaughn earned both Best of Show and People's Choice for his <sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub> Panther G from Tamiya. The tank was displayed in a nice base with a cobblestone wall as a backdrop. There were no entries in Basic.

This was another great month for the ASM club contest. With thirty-five models entered or displayed, an awesome way to end the year!

#### **The Final Point**

Yes, this is the final "Final Point" for the year. So I start with saying "Thank You" to all those who participated over the year. Thanks to not only the model builders, but also those who volunteered to judge and set up the tables for the contest. It was a club effort. What a better way to end the year than ending with the Modeler of the Year finals for the club contest. It always seems to come down to the last contest for points and that was no different this year. In Masters, Tony Humphries earned Modeler of the Year with 1830 points over Larry Glenn with a close second of 1702 points. Over the year, Tony entered eleven models with five First, three Seconds and one Third place finishes. Tony had one Best of Show and was selected for one People's Choice awards. In Intermediate, Chris Kurtze finished with 2034 points with Robert Henderson second with 1625 points. Over the year, Chris entered fifteen models with seven First, five Seconds and one Third place finishes. He had two Best of Show and three People's Choice awards. In Basic, David Haskins finished with 1110 points to Jeannie Garriss's second place finish of 535 points. David entered four models with four First place awards, three Best of Show and three People's Choice awards. Finally, in Junior, Chris Kurtze, Jr. finished first with 939 points over Joshua Kinman in second with 102 points. Chris entered three models for the year with two First and one Third place finishes. He had three Best of Show and three People's Choice awards. Congratulations to all the Modelers of the Year!

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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 the 20th of the preceding month.

## BONUS PAGES! NOVEMBER CONTEST WINNERS



Top to bottom: Chris Kurtze, Jr.'s *Panther* (Junior); Steve Brodeur's *Bentley* (Intermediate); and Bret Kinman's *Stryker* (Masters). There were no Basic entries.



[Editor's note: As none of the winners of September's Trek contest were present at the October meeting, we elected to delay this announcement to November, when there might actually be someone present to receive the awards! And there was—until the time came to make the announcement, and we found that person had left and, once again, there were no winners present. So we announced them anyway! With quite a few entries, we split them into four categories: Best Starship (Federation, Original Series), Best Starship (Non-Federation), Best Starship (Movies and Beyond), and Best Humor Subject. -JW]

This page: Adrian Montaño's magnificent lighted and motorized *Enterprise* took Best Starship (Federation, Original Series). You can't see it in this photo, but even the bridge is detailed and visible from above.



Adrian Montaño wins again in Best Starship (Non-Federation) with this excellent Klingon Bird of Prey build from *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*. Looking closely at *just* the right spot underneath, one can make out where Dr. McCoy had painted "HMS Bounty" on one side.



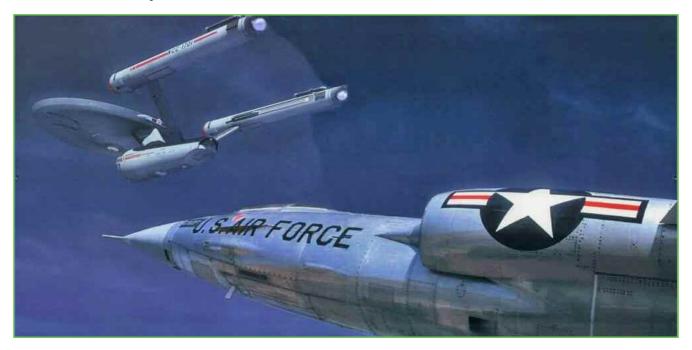
Best Starship (Movies and Beyond) went to this USS Reliant from Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan by Anthony Weaver.



How to explain this one? There were several entries in the Humor category, but this one—which we suspect wasn't even considered an entry into this contest by its builder—really stood out. Jack Garriss takes the award for Best Humor Subject with this Freddy Flameout build.



How does this qualify as a Star Trek entry? Fans of the original series will remember an episode called "Tomorrow is Yesterday," wherein our intrepid crew found themselves unintentionally in a low orbit around Earth back in the 1960s, just in time to be intercepted by an alert F-104 before chaos ensued... See the photo below from the episode.





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A Hawker Hunter and a Gloster Meteor. It looks like the Meteor is painted in British colors. I don't know if the Hunter is painted or just primed.



The same two British aircraft, but with a Rutan VariEze taking off in the background. Since Rutan Aircraft is based at Mojave Airport, there are a lot of Rutan airplanes there.



A couple of T-33s. Maybe used as chase planes for Army flight experiments conducted at Edwards AFB or Fort Irwin, both nearby military bases.



Another T-33, this one in civilian markings for Flight Test Systems, Inc. In the background is the tip of the rudder of an Army F-86, of which there are good photos in the February 2012 newsletter.

## BONUS PAGES! CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE PROCLAIMS "HARRY DAVIDSON DAY" MIKE BLOHM

The Council of the City of Albuquerque formally proclaimed October 5, 2016, as "Harry Davidson Day in the City of Albuquerque." A ceremony was conducted at the beginning of the October 5 City Council meeting where the proclamation was read and presented to Harry. Pictures of the proclamation document and the ceremony are included below.



The proclamation cited seven accomplishments by Harry, which are summarized as follows.

- 1. Harry is a life-long resident of New Mexico who flew missions in the Pacific in the Navy's last operational flying boat, the Martin P5M Marlin;
- 2. In 1963 Harry proposed the installation of the Cavalcade of Wings at the Albuquerque Sunport, which is seen by thousands and known and respected by aviation aficionados worldwide;
- 3. Harry has served as the unofficial historian of both the Sunport and Kirtland AFB for many years and his knowledge of the history of the people, planes, and events is legend;
- 4. Harry created and oversees the Albuquerque Aviation History group, arranging speakers and displays;
- 5. Harry worked to get funding to restore the Ingram Biplane that is the centerpiece of the art display at the Sunport;
- 6. Harry introduced many people to the joy of flying through his work as a flight instructor;
- 7. Harry is a one-of-a-kind person who has made an indelible mark in preserving Albuquerque's aviation history and his determination to create the Cavalcade of Wings is the primary reason that the display exists.

The document is signed by the members of the Albuquerque City Council.



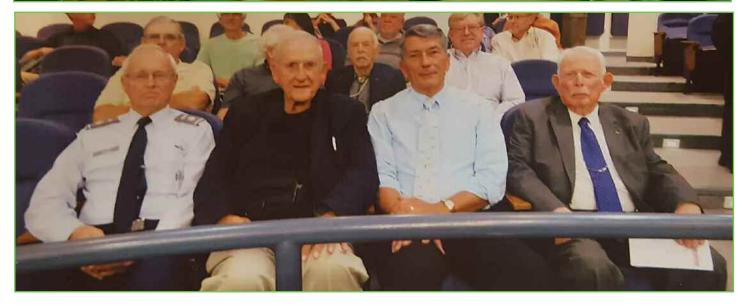
This award was very well deserved by Harry for all his hard work over the years, and ASM is proud to have Harry as a longtime member. Support of the vast Cavalcade of Wings model display at the Sunport is an ongoing effort by ASM, and contributes to the public's knowledge of the hobby of scale modeling. Multiple ASM members serve on the Executive Board of the Cavalcade of Wings.

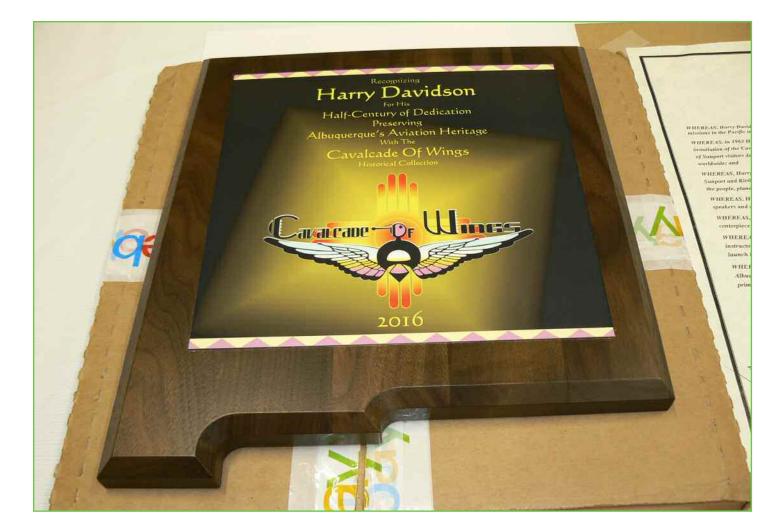


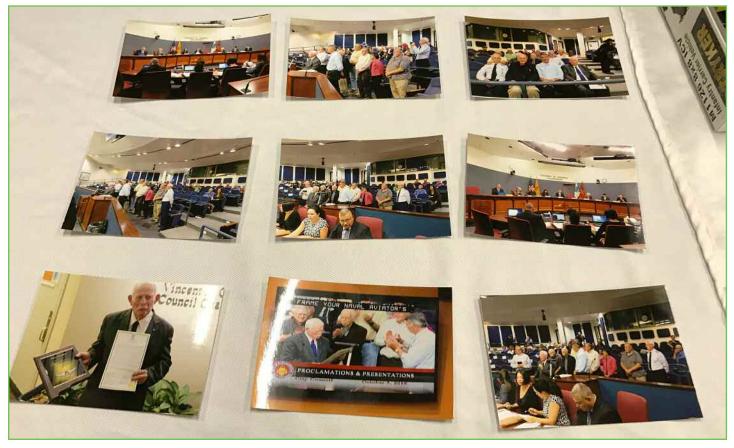
In addition to the proclamation by the City, Harry was also honored by the Cavalcade of Wings Executive Board with a plaque for his half century of dedication in preserving Albuquerque's Aviation Heritage with the Cavalcade of Wings Historical Collection and his service as the Chairman of the Board.













#### The Council of the City of Albuquerque

October 3, 2016

WHEREAS, Harry Davidson is a life-long resident of New Mexico and a naval aviator who flew missions in the Pacific in the Navy's last operational flying boat, the Martin P5M Marlin; and

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WHEREAS, Harry introduced many people to the adventure of flying through his work as a flight instructor, and will share his love of aviation with anyone who will pause long enough for him to launch into folklore that few people have the privilege of knowing; and

WHEREAS, Harry is a one-of-a-kind person who has made an indelible mark in preserving Albuquerque's aviation history and his determination to create the Cavalcade of Wings is the primary reason the display exists.

BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, HEREBY DELCARES TODAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016, HARRY DAVIDSON DAY IN THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

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## BONUS PAGES! KEN'S ARMOR FILES KEN PINIAK

At the September meeting, I gave a presentation on Operation Desert Storm. Some people missed it, and others have asked for more information, so here are some of the photos, and a bit more background information than I could cover at the meeting.

#### **Stowage**

One topic that gets even the experts is all of the gear that is stowed on modern US armored vehicles. Often this is referred to as "extra stowage" or "extra gear." It is not "extra" anything; it is just gear, and mostly required gear. Throughout the Cold War and beyond, heavy mechanized units were expected to operate, in combat, for at least three to four days without resupply. Therefore, they had to carry everything they needed to survive with them. Exactly what was carried, and where, varied by unit; and was covered by the unit Standing Operating Procedure, or SOP. Although these varied from unit to unit, the basics are all the same. Each soldier carried/wore their basic combat gear: Helmet, flak vest, web gear, gas mask, and weapon. Everything else was divided up into three bags: A bag, B bag, and C bag.



Above: Duffel Bags and Water



Above: Convoy back; Below: Water, MREs, Oil can





Above: Bradley with spare track blocks; Below: Track blocks and 20mm ammo can for parts





Tanks

The A bag was carried by the soldier, and went with him. Usually the rucksack, sometimes a duffle bag, it contained at least one fresh uniform, socks and underwear, toiletry items, a sleeping bag, and anything else that a soldier would need right away. The B bag, usually a duffle bag, carried another uniform, more socks and underwear, along with the field gear that was expected to be needed very guickly. This usually included cold- and wet-weather gear. The B bag should travel with the soldier, but may be transported separately and get to the soldier later. The C bag, the last duffle bag, contained another uniform, socks and underwear, and the rest of the issued field gear. This bag was often transported separately from the soldier and delivered to him when needed/available.

All this means that for every soldier on a vehicle, you have one rucksack and two duffle bags. A tank has a crew of four, a Cavalry Bradley five, and an Infantry Bradley nine. That gives you 12 to 18 bags of required gear carried on a vehicle. Additionally, in Desert Shield/Storm, we were not allowed to sleep on the ground and were issued cots. So add four to nine cots to the vehicle. The crew has to eat. Assuming three meals a day, one case of MREs will feed a soldier for four days. So add four to nine cases or MREs to the load. The crew also needs water, so add at least one five-gallon can of water to the vehicle. In Desert Storm, cases of bottled water were often carried.



Tank under camo



Bradley gear under burlap

The vehicles themselves need maintenance and repairs. Most SOPs require at least one spare road wheel, track blocks, and other parts to fix broken tracks and road wheels. They also have at least one five-gallon can of oil for the engine, and the transmission. Additionally, Bradleys, M 113s, M 577s, Humvees, and

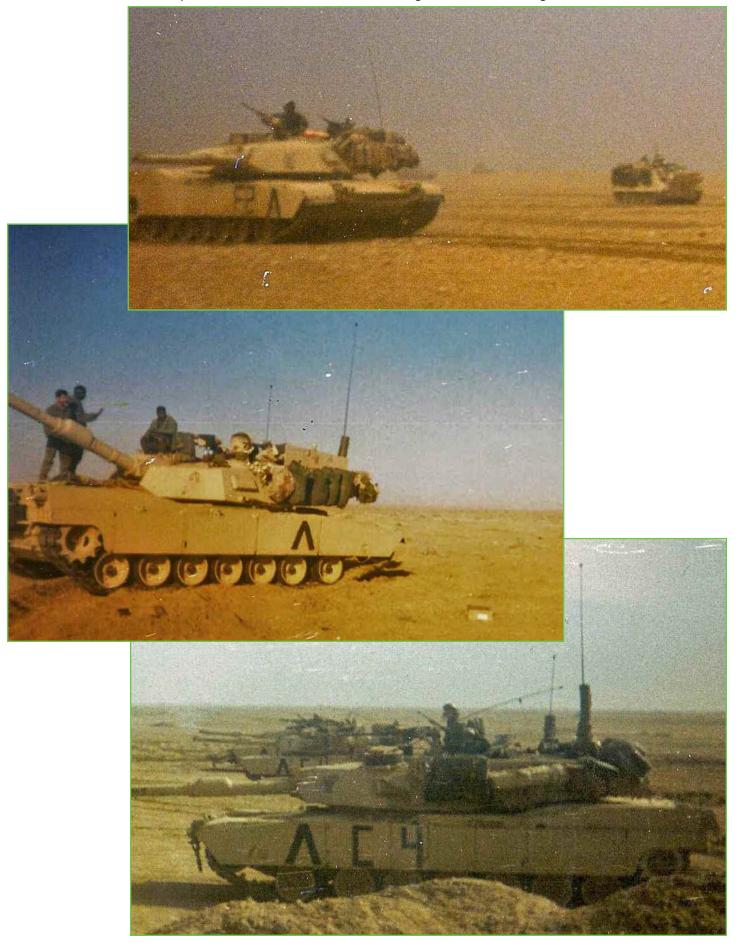


most wheeled vehicles need water for the radiator, so add another five-gallon water can. And lastly, most vehicles were required to carry a camouflage system consisting of one net (in bag) and one support bag of poles and spreaders.

At this point, a vehicle is pretty well covered with gear, all of which is required by SOP. This does not include any personal gear, comfort gear, or war trophies. And if you have ever looked inside of an armored vehicle, you know that there is very little room in it, so all this stuff gets piled on top or hung along the sides. So now you know why US armored vehicles are covered with so much "extra" gear.

G Troop Bradley

Top to bottom: Tank and M113; Tank with gear; and Tanks with gear





Above: Bradleys with gear uncovered.

Below: War trophy portrait of Saddam



## BONUS PAGES! MISCELLANEOUS

Being desert dwellers, we have to wonder: Is this is how boats come now?



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