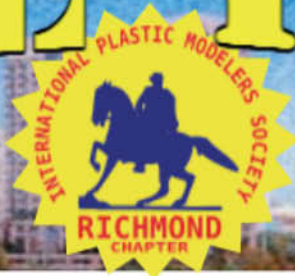


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MAY CHAPTER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

IPMS Richmond has cancelled the monthly chapter meeting for this Monday, May 11, due to concerns related to the COVID-19 Virus, and the real threat it poses to members and their families. But, see Page 2!

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Members and Friends,

Hope you are doing okay during our continuing times of social distancing. Since we will not be able to have a physical meeting again this month Tom Daily, Mark Groth and I are going to host a JITS! meeting in place of our May 11th in person meeting which has been cancelled. JITS! is much different from the Facebook Live meeting we did last month and has a more benefits along with a few negatives. The first good news is JITS! is a very user friendly App which can be loaded to iPhones and Android phones and Tablets. The other good news is that many of the local AMPS members have been using this App and they successfully conducted their April meeting by JITS!. The next good news is JITS! is easy to get up and running. And finally the best good news is that this will be an interactive meeting where we can have real time conversations, sharing of videos and everyone can participate. The only negative is that many of the you might not have used the JITS! meeting App on your phones, tablets or laptop/computers before or for many, video conferencing will be a new process.

Spare Parts editor, Mark Elder, has emailed chapter members and friends with my detailed instructions about getting and using JITS!. If you have not received said email, please email Mark at mark701@comcast.net to request that said email be sent to you. We will hold a virtual meeting starting at 6:30PM on Monday, May 11th. The first 30 minutes will be like our live meetings with just general chit chat plus getting used to JITS!. We can use that time to also help people who are in the meeting but can't figure out how to change the camera or have other questions. Then we will have club business and finally the main event of Show and Tell.

And just a reminder, wear pants just in case you are not sure how to point your camera ☐ See you Monday!

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INTRODUCTION

In November 1942, the State Defense Committee of the Soviet Union ordered the construction of two infantry support self-propelled guns, one of which was the SU-76 to be armed with the ZiS-3 76mm anti-tank gun. The T-70 tank chassis with an extra road wheel per side was chosen as the basis for the new vehicle. The first SU-76s ran into problems with the power-plant setup which featured two automobile engines mounted parallel with each engine driving one track. This arrangement could cause strong vibration forces which could lead to engine and transmission failures. This set-up was replaced with an arrangement that featured the two engines mounted in tandem on the right side of the vehicle which proved successful. The modified version was designated the SU-76M and placed into mass production in early 1943. During the war, Soviet industry produced nearly 14,000 of these vehicles, the second most produced armored fighting vehicle after the T-34 tank.

By mid-1943, the SU-76M virtually replaced infantry tanks in a close support role. The vehicle combined three main battlefield roles: light assault gun, mobile anti-tank weapon, and mobile gun for indirect fire. Two advantages that it had over the earlier tanks were it's more powerful gun for close support and better communication between the crew and infantry because of the open crew compartment. However, this second feature made it more vulnerable to small arms fire and hand grenades although crews often survived a Panzerfaust hit because the vehicle was not enclosed and the blast was dispersed.

The 76mm gun was effective against any medium or light German tank and it could knock out a Panther with a side shot, but it was ineffective against the Tiger. A low profile, a low noise signature, and good mobility were other advantages of the SU-76M. This was ideal for organizing ambushes or rear strikes, where the gun could be even more effective. A variety of ammunition types made the vehicle a versatile multi-purpose light armored fighting vehicle. -Wikipedia

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The Build

The most noticeable feature of this kit is the compact size of the vehicle. The vehicle was 16 feet long and about 7 feet tall, giving it a very low profile. It weighed about 11.5 tons and carried a crew of four (driver, gunner, loader, commander). The instructions are the usual Tamiya clearly drawn booklet. There are 37 steps in the instructions indicating a high parts count which it has. The first three steps cover construction of the basic hull, which includes five parts (two sides, a floor, a front bulkhead to the fighting compartment, a front plate).

The next 11 steps cover the interior of the fighting compartment and there is a lot here including ammunition racks with two types of shells, submachine guns and ammo for mounting on the walls, a radio, and sides and a back for the compartment. Finishing the shells requires a lot of time to clean seams, paint, and put them in the respective racks. One rack holds the longer shells (probably HE) while two smaller ones hold the shorter shells. Be sure you note which ones go where before you glue them in place. All components of the fighting compartment should be painted in sub-assemblies before moving on because things are tight here.

The next 5 steps cover construction of the suspension including rocker arms, road wheels and track. The tracks consists mainly of individual links and includes one long piece consisting of a number of links for the bottom run. For the top run, a jig is provided to provide the proper sag around the upper support rollers. A run of 34 links can be made using this jig. To prevent the links from becoming permanently attached to the jig when glue is applied to them, I first coated the jig with a thin layer of Vaseline to provide a barrier between it and the links. After the links had dried for 15 minutes or so I removed the completed run from the jig and set it aside. Generally, Vaseline will evaporate and dry in a couple of days so that you can paint the tracks. So there are additional uses for Vaseline that some of you don't know about. The end runs have to be bent around the sprocket and return roller carefully and set aside before they are permanently attached. I painted the tracks with a custom mix of Tamiya Dark Iron (XF-84) and Red Brown (XF-64) in about a 50:50 ratio.

The next five steps cover attachment of external details such as fenders, mufflers, the exhaust pipe, and pioneer tools. The following seven step you through construction of the gun which consists a number of parts including a one piece slide-molded gun barrel. What an improvement over the older barrels! Due to a fairly high number of parts on this assembly, instructions must be followed closely. The final five steps include periscopes for the fighting compartment the headlight (clear lens included) and the three man crew (driver not included). The figures are nicely molded and the commander figure is a dead ringer for Vladimir Putin.

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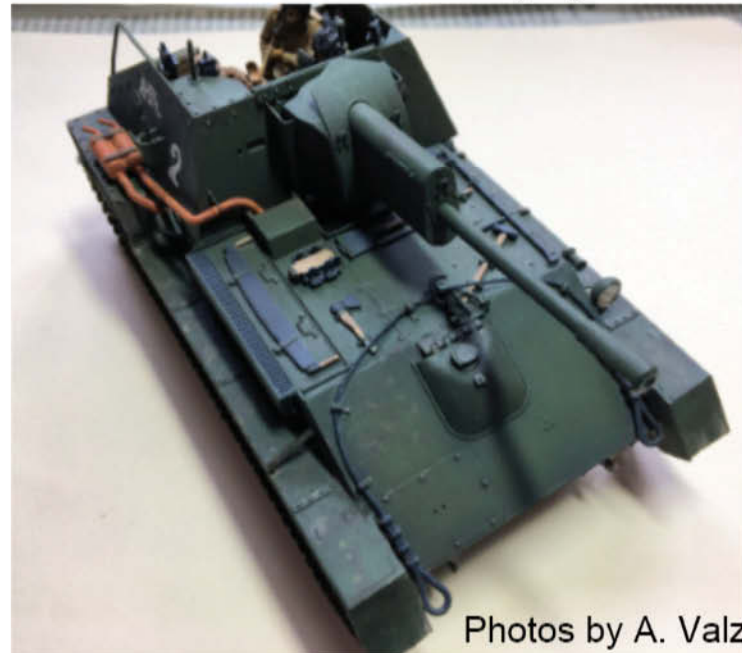


Paint and Finishing

This kit is a lot of fun but will take you a while to complete. Be sure to follow the instructions closely and paint in sub-assemblies. I painted the entire model with Tamiya Olive Green (XF-58), which is close enough to Russian Green for me. Then I mixed olive green with a little yellow to lighten it and stippled it on with a sponge to simulate wear marks. I also stippled some Vallejo German black-brown camo color to simulate heavier wear exposing some of the primer. That was followed by some oil and pigment washes. The figures were painted exclusively in Vallejo acrylics. Details on the vehicle were pin-washed with raw umber oil and dry-brushed with lightened olive green. Tracks were covered with track rust and European dirt pigment washes.

Summary

An overall fun project. Tamiya has released a number of new armor kits with better detail and more small parts than the older kits. They will take a little longer to build but will give you more satisfaction in the end. Some of them are for subjects that have so far been overlooked by the model industry and will draw additional attention when displayed. I plan to build quite a few of these new kits.



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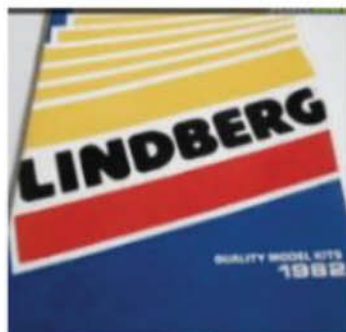


3 This episode is on 1/8th scale cars

Starting in 1962 and up to 1985 Monogram released several versions of 1/8th scale cars based on a Model T chassis, Starting with the "Big T" and going forward with "Big Drag" "Big Rod" "Street T" "Big Tub" and "Golden T".



Lindberg also created a few original ones, and re-released "Big Rod" several times under their brand. From 1985 on, there were no new releases, or re-releases of any of them. Then in 2010, Revell dipped a toe in and re-released the Big Tub for 1 year only. The rest of the versions have never been "revived".



Today, finding one complete is a task, and when or if you do, it will set you back in the neighborhood of \$300 to \$500 dollars. If you find one under \$200, be very careful to find out if it's complete, started, has broken parts.

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During the 70's Monogram also offered a few signature year Corvettes, some Camaro's and a Trans Am, specifically the same model used in Smokey and the Bandit. As with the others, these have also never been re-visited. Just like the Model T's, these will also set you back in the same range as the "T"s.



The most likely and the first place to seek them out is on E Bay. Although you can occasionally locate them in Estate sales, Auctions, and maybe flea markets. The latter will at least furnish the option to bargain with the seller.

What prompted this version was my "barn find"? of a Revell "Big Tub" at the O.D.O. The box was roached, and it was already started, but poorly. I got it for 25.00 and decided to look for what one was worth. The one I snagged was missing quite a bit, and the instructions. I gave up on attempting to restore it, found a willing buyer, and sold it for my purchase price and shipping. He's ecstatic, and I recovered my costs.

Finally, I want to mention two other 1/8th scale kits. Both of these have become rarer than the rest and one has some very unique features, like working roll down windows. These two cars are the Jaguar X-KE and the 1930's Cord. The cord's body parts are well cast and heavy or thick plastic compared to most. Finding these two is much more difficult. The most recent value I've found is on the Jaguar, currently trending at \$600.00. This could be the most valuable, BUT, I can find no Cord's for sale to establish if it's higher or lower. Sometimes in your searches, if you run across any of the kits below \$200.00 it will be an instantly profitable purchase to turn around.

Your collector kit guru?
Gene

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The logo for 'Sticky Fingers' features the text 'STICKY FINGERS' in a stylized font, with 'RICHMOND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS SOCIETY' below it. There is an illustration of a hot rod car and a fingerprint graphic. The URL 'http://ramseang.weebly.com' is at the bottom.

An advertisement for 'Teds Modeling Marketplace' with a black and yellow checkered background. It lists various products like 'PRO TECH', 'dirt modeler', 'HIGHLIGHT MODEL STUDIO', 'Competition Resins', 'SLIM DECALS', 'DETAIL MASTER', and 'VCO Resins'. The website 'www.TedsModelingMarketplace.com' is listed at the bottom.



I'm intruding on Gene's article, I know, but my torn, duct-taped, and water damaged Monogram 1/8 '65 Corvette Stingray box contains an un-started kit with undamaged and mostly still-on-the sprue trees red, black, white, chromed, and clear parts. I should build it just to get rid of the nasty box! Gene, what's it worth?

- editor

May "On the Bench" Show & Tell

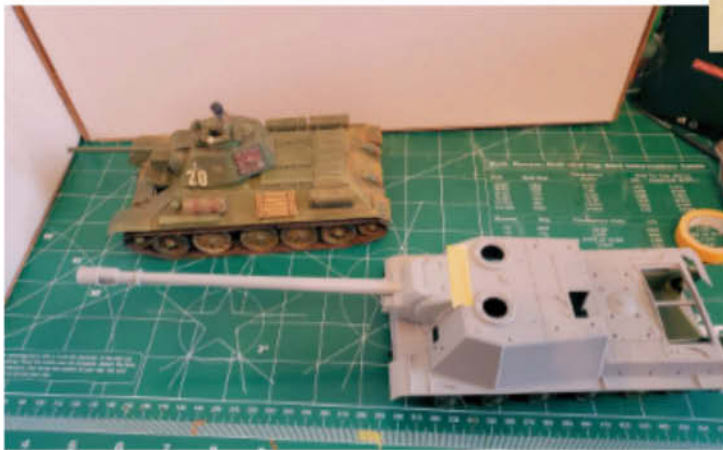
...Tom Dailey



Tom's Paint Booth



In-progress Dragon 1/35 ISU-152-2



In-progress 1/35 Dragon ISU-152-2 with BL-10 Gun (prototype vehicle 1943) right, compared to the much smaller 1/35 Tamiya T-34 left.

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Scott's Revell 1/72 Eurofighter/Typhoon II before and after German camo and markings. By the way, Scott is looking for aftermarket 1/72 F-102 decals?



Scott's Italeri 1/48 IDF F-16 during application of decals, shows camouflage colors and simple markings to good advantage.

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Richard's in-progress 1/24 Hasegawa Mazda 687B and Tamiya Toyota GT One.



Richard's in-progress Trumpeter 1/350 USS Langley and all the trimming...

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(Left) Mark's Panda 1/35 M109A7 "Paladin" and (Right) Tamiya M113A2 , Baghdad 2003. Both in various stages of in-progress.



(Left) Mark's 1st ship! Trumpeter 1/350 USS Lassen (DDG 82) ready for paint booth. No parts at this stage. (Right): ?

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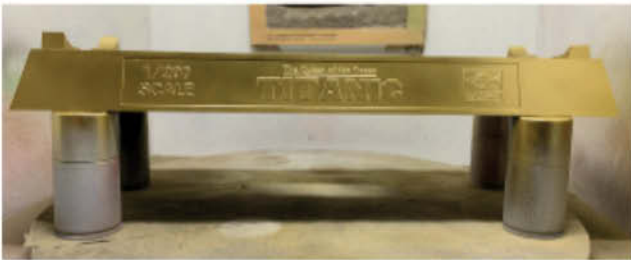




(Left) Matchbox Corvette hull primed & (right) painted 5 coats on Trumpeter 1/200 Titanic's props.



Gene's Titanic funnel liners assembled & funnel interiors painted



Titanic nameplate painted Gold

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“Gee, I wish I had unlimited time at home to work on models!!”

OK, so you got your wish. Seems like a harsh way to realize your wildest dreams, doesn't

To all my brethren in the modeling world, I send my greatest wishes that you and your families are well and safe. This coronavirus has certainly changed the American landscape and has thrown a monkey-wrench into what seemed like a normal existence only a few short weeks ago. PLEASE STAY SAFE! That is the number one concern now. Enjoy your quality time at home with your favorite hobby, model-building. Stay in touch with your modeling buddies the best you can through newsgroups and Zoom meetings. Send in pictures of your new creations to post on Facebook posts and chat rooms and help keep the hobby alive with orders to your favorite mail-order hobby suppliers and don't forget to include your local hobby shops in your buying plans. Even though they may not have retail sales in their stores many are working out a way for customers to get their supplies without breaking social distancing rules. Check their websites and phone numbers to see how they are working through the pandemic. And please don't forget to support our older members in their time of need and stay in touch to make sure they are safe and well. We all have grown a little long in the tooth, so to speak, and we must use extra caution in the environment that is out there right now.

Our Region has been especially affected by the corona virus in that many of the states that make up the Region are in the “hot-spot” areas of the country, namely NJ, PA, VA, MD, DE and DC. Even though states are now trying to work out a system of gradual re-opening, we may be a long way from the normal we were used to, including large crowd gatherings in tight quarters, or as we call it, a model show. Information is still vague and ambiguous on the re-opening of spaces for large get-togethers. We will have to wait and see what transpires in the next few months. Which leads me to my next bit of information.

MosquitoCon 2020 has moved to August 22 at the Wayne PAL building in Wayne, NJ. Contact Big Bill Schwartz at whsch@optimum.net or Mike Pavlo at njipms.com for details on their show and any rules and/or restrictions.

PennCon 2020 is scheduled for September 19 at the Eisenhower Convention Center. Contact Chet Mohn at magus47@aol.com for details on the show and any news that may affect the show.

MarauderCon 2020 has moved to October 3 at the Level Volunteer Fire Company building in Havre de Grace, MD. Contact mark Altizer at maltizer1@verizon.net for details on the show.

Hopefully all of these shows will be able to be held and will be successful. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

This brings us to the IPMS Region 2 Convention. It is with a very heavy heart and disappointment that our committee has decided to postpone the Region 2 Convention until 2021. Our theme, 2020—“Eyes on the Prize” will still be in play and all of our categories, Special awards, raffle and Mega-Raffle, as well as Silent Auction, seminars, demos and speakers are still planned, but this will take place in 2021, a date has not been settled on yet but will probably be in the Fall of 2021. The logistics of a two-day Regional combined with the uncertainty of the virus as well as conflicting state and federal rules made the show too risky to put on in 2020. I want to thank all of the support we have already received from Region 2 clubs and your sponsorships will be carried over to the show in 2021. For those who have already made hotel reservations, please let me know if any cancellations run into any problems. To all potential vendors, please accept our apologies and know you have an open invitation to the 2021 show and hope you can make it then. The t-shirts that were already purchased will still be good in 2021 for the raffle drawing that we had planned, so don't forget to wear them. Again I am sorry for the cancellation, but we feel this is the best course of action to ensure not only the integrity of the show, but also the safety of our members and Region 2 participants.

In closing, please stay safe and hopefully we can all get together and enjoy the close-knit fellowship we have always had 😊😊😊

Tim Ward

Region 2 Coordinator



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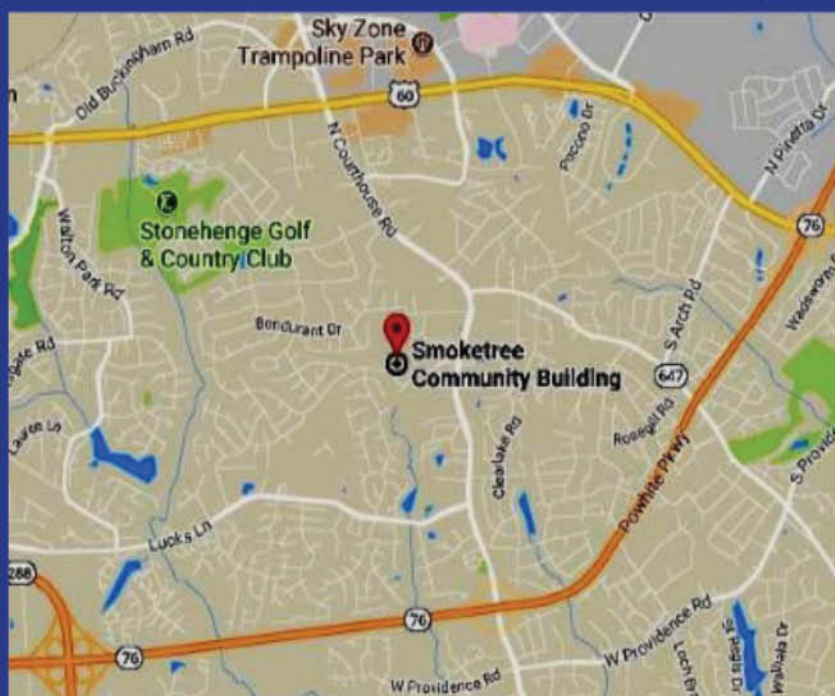
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