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Next meeting date:  
**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**7:30 pm to 10 pm**

Levittown Public Library  
1 Bluegrass Lane, Levittown, NY

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We will be back at the Levittown Library this month on Monday the 21st. Doug returns with the coffee and Steve runs in with the doughnuts. Please do not eat doughnuts over the model tables. Your powdered sugar might be mistaken for snow on the models. We will have a club contest that we missed in the fall so you members should have twice as many models to bring down. Fred

is ready. It was a nice change to meet at the Museum of American Armor last month. The vehicles were all over the place in any way they fit because the museum had to move them a few times to add an expansion joint material between the cement floor sections. Some members asked where we were having our event? All vehicles will be back in place and there will be space. I will be stopping there a couple of times before the show in case of last minute changes.

Next month, Steve is delighted to continue his slide Presentation. Let's see what he has in store for us.

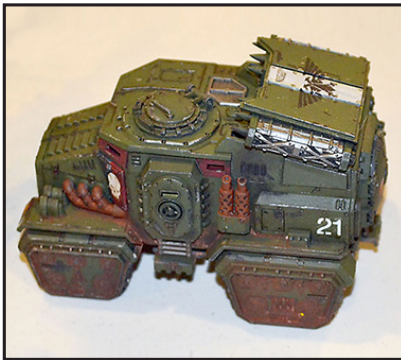
I have been constantly updating our website, mostly on the Noreastcon updates that are necessary, but I did add a picture to the home page. We have 18 vendors attending and the Trophy Sponsorship has been great. Please remember to check our website for any contest changes! Everything is up there, even a schedule! We received the awards for the category packages. The Special Awards are all sponsored and will be ordered very soon. Revell has sent us a dozen Star Wars Snap kits for the children's Make-n-Take! If only our 300+ piece kits can be that easy....

I finally got to visit Roger and he is still getting around. I had repaired a few of his models last year and now helping finish an 18 inch square auto diorama he started several years ago. He shelved it when he joined our club and built plastic kits. Most of this diorama is of metal parts and a car. We work on this during my visits to his house. He mentions wanting to see the club members again.

April is around the corner and so is the start of shows. Mosquitocon and Wings & Wheels are within driving distance. There is a little conflict in that Downeast Event in ME and Valleycon in MA are the same day. Close your eyes and pick one! If it were a day after each other....you can do some serious racing. We'll see where we stand after Noreastcon this year and give thought for next year.

Keep our hobby alive and well,

*Bob*



**Model:** Strange tank like thing w rocket tubes  
by Rick Verreist  
**Photo:** by Steve Muth





# The Museum of American Armor

**1301 Round Swamp Road, Old Bethpage Village Restoration, Old Bethpage, NY 11804**

Reviewed by Steve Muth

The last meeting, on February 22nd, was held at the Museum of American Armor within the Old Bethpage Restoration in Old Bethpage. For me, it was an eye opener. I was expecting something on the order of the American Airpower Museum in Farmingdale. Surprise!! It is in what appears to be a new attractive, modern facility just to the left as you turn off Round Swamp Road. All the exhibits appear to be in good shape and kept indoors out of the weather. This has its good and bad points. The exhibits are safe but access for photographs is limited due to the necessary crowding. You can see this in the photos.

At this point I must apologize. My knowledge of things armored or thin skinned vehicles is virtually nonexistent. I will attempt to have someone identify the subjects but there may not be enough time.

For the rest, I will let the pictures and captions provide what information I have. Enjoy. 🚗

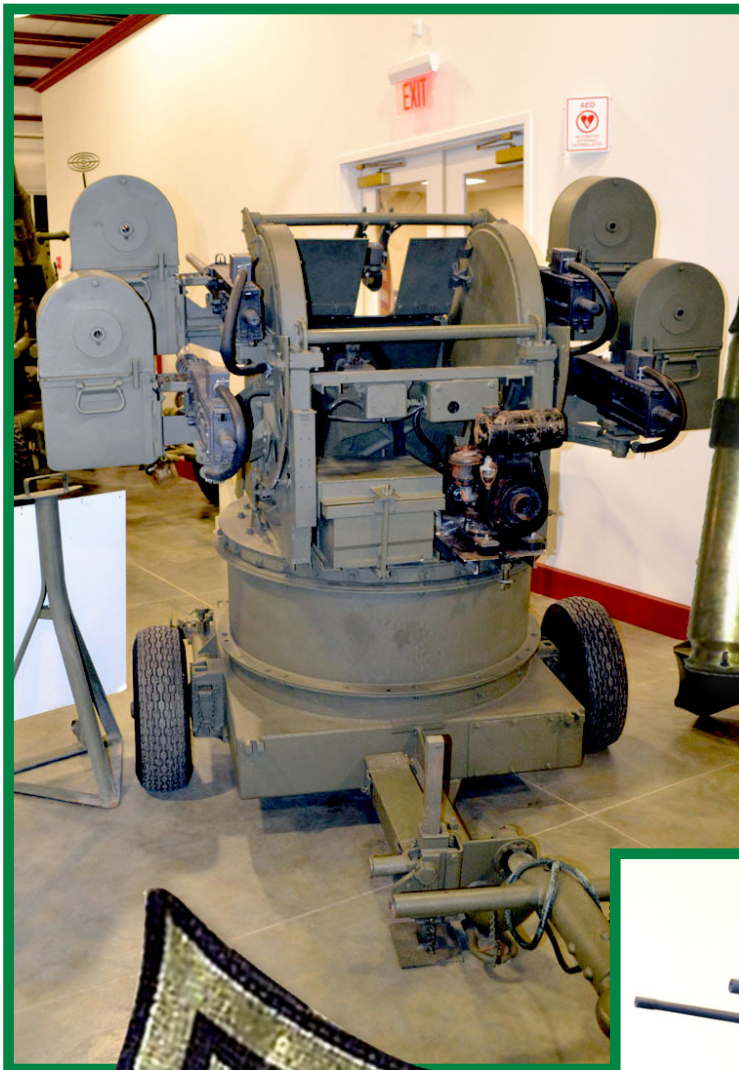


*Front is a M48A4 Megach 3 with a 105mm main gun. On the left is a M4A4E8 late Sherman hull and some sort of early M4 turret*

*Front is a M-20 Scout car and M-8 scout car is in the rear left*







*M-55 .50 caliber Quad  
mount rear*



*M-55 .50 caliber Quad  
mount left front*







*M-1 57mm towed anti tank  
gun right rear*



*Front and center is a  
M-18 Hellcat tank de-  
stroyer and on the left is  
a late model M5 Stuart*



*Sherman and Patton tanks  
right front*





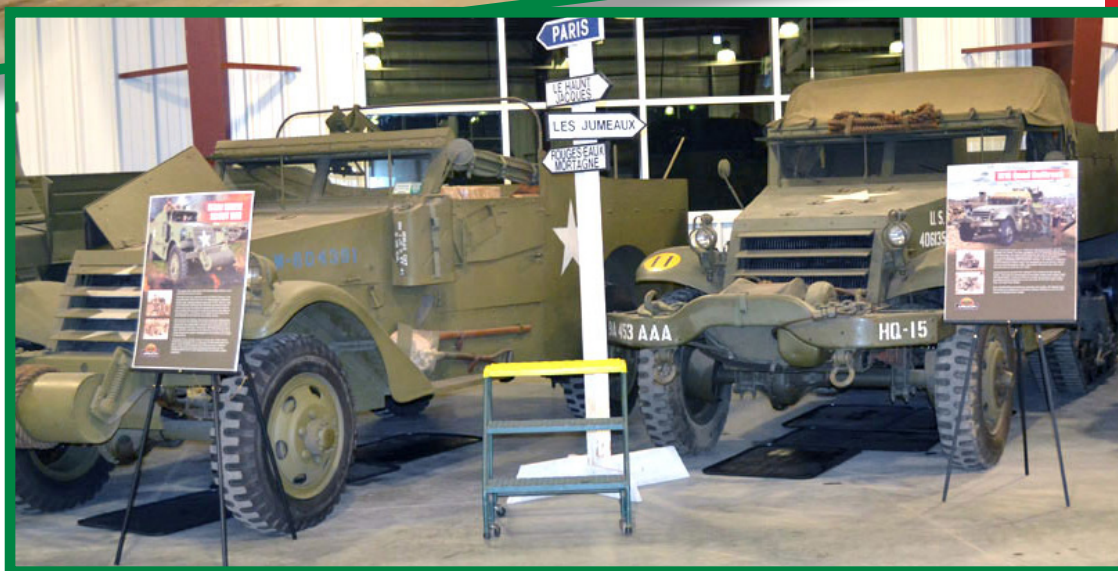


Utility vehicle with 2 50 cal guns



Left rear of the museum  
w various jeeps

On the left is an M3  
Scout Car while on the  
right is most likely a  
M-16 Half Track with-  
out the quad .50







*Right rear wall line up*



*Open engine bay of a M18 Hellcat*



# 1/48 Me 262A-2a/U2

by Hobby Boss and 1/72 Me 262A-2a/U2 by MPM

Reviewed by Steve Muth



The Me 262 was the first jet fighter to see operational use. It was a good 100 mph faster than any of its adversaries. It has a slightly swept wing which gave it a higher critical Mach number. Many think this was by intent but alas it is not so. The wings were swept back as a fix to help maintain the center of gravity when the engines became a reality. It was originally a straight wing design.

Development was protracted by delays in the engine development. The original BMW 003 engines originally intended for the 262 were woefully inadequate and unreliable so Jumo 004s were used. These were somewhat

better but were heavier. They eventually got to the point where they could achieve about 10-20 hours of operational use before having to be overhauled. Their main problem was lack of hi quality steel and other metals that were in short supply in the Reich.

Although, about 1400 were built only a few hundred were used operationally and seldom in more than thirty or forty at one time when the allies were sending out over a thousand bombers at a time. Their impact was dramatic but too little too late to make difference.

In an effort to improve the bombing

accuracy of the bomber variant, Me 262A-2, Messerschmitt put a bombardier in the nose much like Lockheed did with the P-38 Droop Snoot. Like the P-38 program, the plan was to have a formation of Me 262s drop their bombs on signal from the lead aircraft, the Me 262A-2a/U2. Later it was to be designated the Me 262A-3. The first prototype was delivered to the Luftwaffe for evaluation on October 22, 1944. Only two prototypes were built but like many things in in the 3rd Reich at the end of the war it was too little too late.



# Now to the Kits:

The two kits being compared are:

**1/48 Me 262A-2a/ U2 by Hobby Boss #80377**

**1/72 Me 262A-2a/ U2 by MPM #72018**

**A quick one-to-one comparison reveals:**

	<b>Hobby Boss</b>	<b>MPM kit</b>
Parts Count	161(16 not used)	75 + with VF clear
<b>Parts</b>		
Parts Tree Diagram	yes	yes
Protection	all pts bagged sturdy top opening box	all but decals bagged fragile end opening box
Flash	no flash	flash on small parts
Plastic	gray styrene	ditto
Locating Plns/Sockets	yes	no
Sinks	no	no
Decals	for two prototypes, extensive stencils	ditto but limited stencils
Cockpit	excellent, plastic, decal IP	excellent, P.E., acetate IP
Wheels	good	good
Wheel Wells	good, plastic	good, P.E.
IP	decal of instrument faces + molded	decal of whole IP + molded
Engine	none	ditto
P.E.	no	yes
Resin	no	no
GunBays	none but Bombardier Position	none but bombardier position
Scribing	recessed panel line with rivets*	OK no rivets *
Moveable Controls	rudder only	none
Extra Parts	yes 2 diff bomb racks+ for internal equip	yes
Instructions	8 pages, 7 steps	4 pages 7 steps
Metal NoseWeight	yes	no
Box Art	good	good
Marking data	Color four views for both prototypes	B&W four views

\*Me 262s were puttied on all seams and rivet lines/dimples.

If you want to build an Me 262A-2/U2 you have a choice of either (or both) a limited run 1/72 scale multimedia kit by MPM with lots of P.E. detail for the cockpit, landing gear and wheel wells or an excellent traditional all plastic 1/48 scale offering by Hobby Boss. Luckily, both are good kits.

## 1/48 Hobby Boss Me 262A-2a/U2, kit #83077

These comments are for the Me 262A-2 fighter-bomber variant as reviewed in these pages previously. The molds are the same but with new fuselage halves and nose parts for the bombardier.

There are 161 gray styrene parts with 16 not being used. The molds are all clean and crisp and separately bagged. No flash is evident. There is a comprehensive cockpit and detailed landing gear wells, also extensive structural and equipment details in the fuselage interior. A nice touch is a nose weight in the form of a metal nose wheel well part. There are no engines, only a front section with the bullet, guide vanes and compressor blades and a rear section with turbine blades and the "onion thrust regulator". Two types of bomb racks are provided; two ETC 503 racks and two Wikingerschiff style bomb racks. Both were used on the Me 262. The horizontal stabilizers/elevators are each one piece affairs also resulting in nice fine trailing edges. The rudder is pose-able. The wheels are well done with nicely detailed hubs and treads. There are no molded on main landing gear brake lines (The nose gear did not have brakes so a brake line would be incorrect. The decal sheet, which is excellent, has a full set of stencils and markings for both prototypes, V-555


and V-484. There are no swastikas. You will have to source these elsewhere. The instructions are on 8 folded up pages with 7 assembly steps. Good four view drawings are provided for decal placement. One of the nice touches, besides the metal nose weight, is the windscreen treatment. The clear plastic extends a short way into the fuselage at the front of the windscreen thereby eliminating the windscreen to fuselage seam which can be difficult for some of us. There are lots of equipment to mount inside the halves which will not be visible with it closed up. I guess they might be good to have if want to open some of the access panels. It is a good solid kit suitable for any skill level.

## MPM Me 262A-2a/U2, kit #72016

The MPM kit is a good quality limited run kit with largish sprue gates but the molds look excellent. It also has extra parts that are not used. There is excellent detail in the cockpit and landing gear wells thanks to the P.E. The smaller molded parts are not as crisp as they could be but are useable. The instruction sheet is rather

crude but adequate. The level of detail coupled with the lack of locating pins and sockets clearly takes it out of the "beginner" category and puts it squarely in the "for experienced modelers only" category. Everything is there to produce a great model but it will require some work and skill with P.E.

The only place I have trouble with is in the painting instructions in the MPM kit and their artwork on the box. They call out the top color as Brown Violet RLM 81. I have a rare color transparency that distinctly shows V-555 to be two shades of green, probably Bright Green RLM 82 and Dark Green RLM 83 segmented much like many Me 262s of the period. This photo appears here for the first time.

In summary, if you like 1/72 and enjoy multimedia kits then MPM is the way to go. If you like 1/48 scale and tend to shy away from multimedia, then Hobby Boss is the way to go. Both are recommended, with those caveats. 







## MApril 2016 SEEN ON THE TABLE

If you didn't make the meeting, you missed a nice evening. The meeting was at the American Armor Museum in Old Bethpage. It was great! You must go there sometime. We had 19 models on the tables and chairs (!!!) this month and as usual there were some nice ones. Unfortunately, I neglected to identify some of them! Mea Culpa. I was

so fascinated by the tanks and such and so occupied with photographing them that I didn't do due diligence for either identifying the tanks or the models. As penance, I promise to build a tank someday.

Anyway, it was a good showing. Enjoy 🛡️



*This work in process is a 1/35 scale Israeli APC, a Kirin conversion set for the Tamiya Centurion. The road wheels and track links are from the AFV Club. By Rick Verriest.*

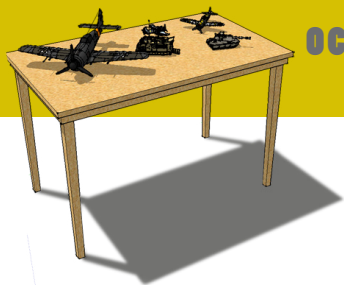
*1/48 Tamiya F4U-1 Birdcage Corsair by Fred Seitz*



*1/48 scale Eduard Yak-1b. A repop of the Accurate Miniatures kit. By Fred Seitz*







*Dragon 1/35 scale German 88mm Flak 37 victory rings on the barrel.  
By Bob DeMaio*



*1/35 scale German Tiger tank  
by Steve Martens*



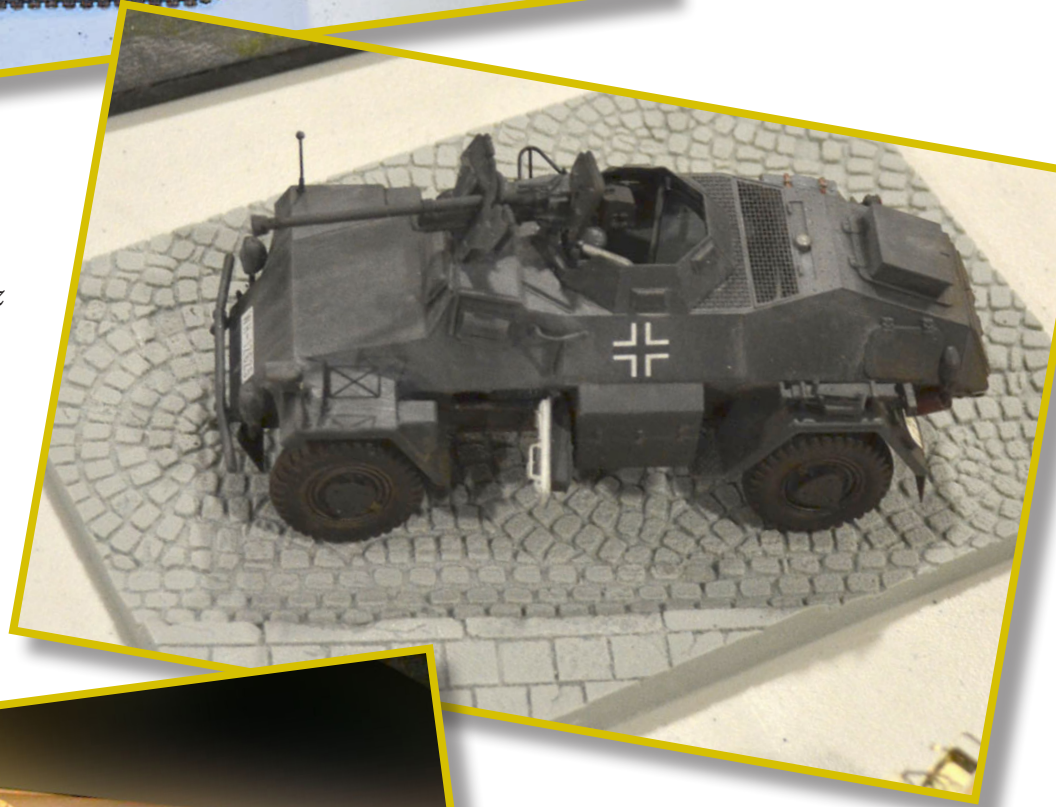
*1/35 Takaom 21cm howitzer in process.  
by Steve Andreano.*





*Tan tank by unknown modeler.*

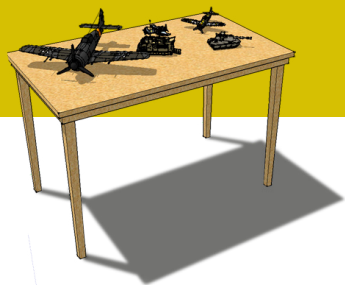
*A Bronco 1/35 scale German Sd. Kfz 221 Leichter Panzerwagen Pz. B41 dark green German armored car by Bob DeMaio.*



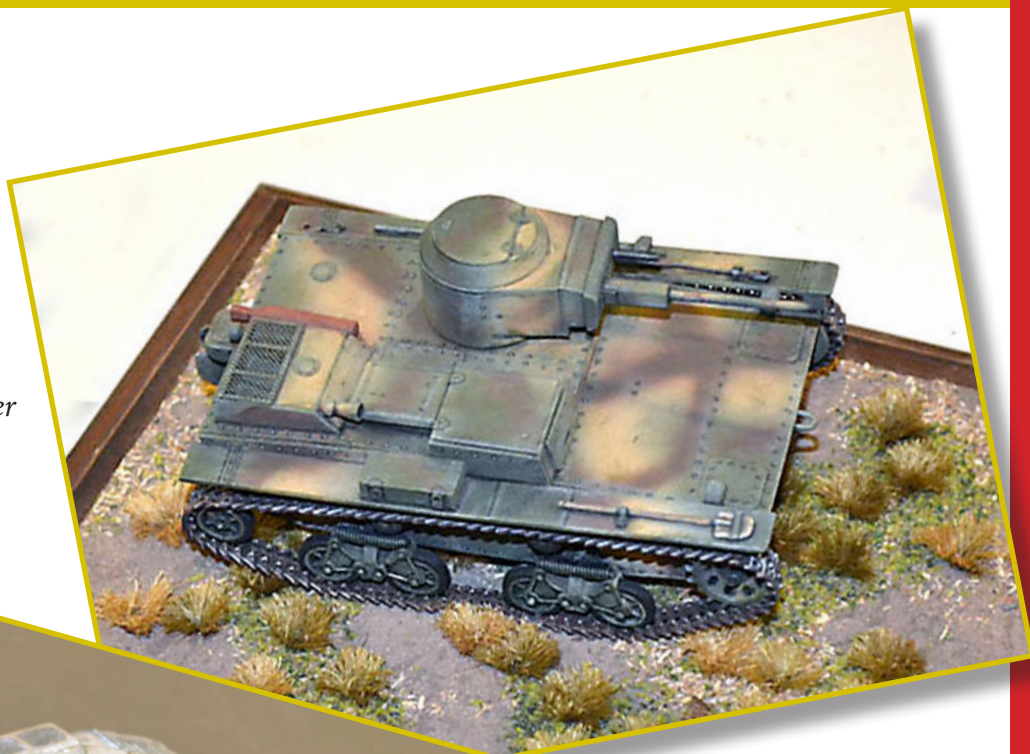
*1/24 scale Panther G in process. The green is Squadron putty Zimmeritt. The kit has a full interior and working tracks and suspension. By Marshall Voizard.*

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*T-38 Tank By Joe Yeager*



*German T-70 tank in winter scene. By Joe Yeager*



*Armored car with tank turret is a 1/35 scale Ba-3 by Eastern Express. By Rick Verriest.*







*Yes, it is a Games Workshop Raven gunship by Rick Verriest.*

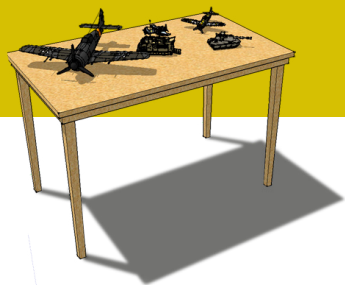
*Walking chain saw and recoilless gun is an Imperial Knight Titan made by Games Workshop. By Rick Verriest.*



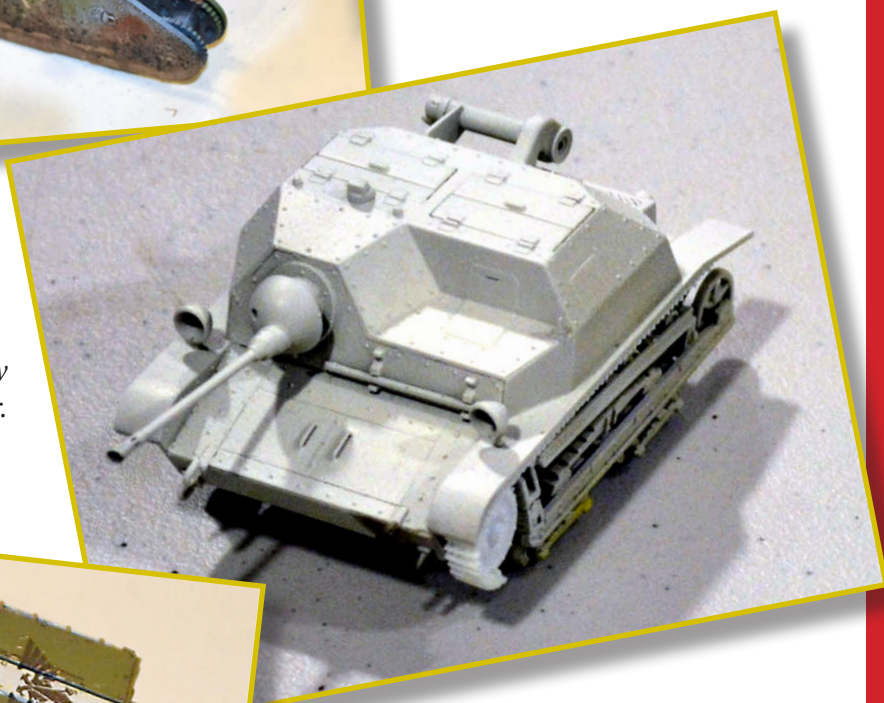
*This 1/35 scale WWI armored car is a 1920 Ford TFC of the Polish Army. By Rick Verriest.*

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*Work in process. A 1/35 scale German Mk.1 WWI tank by Ehmer. By Rick Verriest.*



*Tank in process by unknown modeler.*



*Strange tank like thing with rocket tubes is by Rick Verriest.*



## Show Calendar Listing for 2016

See Bob DeMaio for details

Date	Event & Location	Website	Day
April 2	Mosquitocon 25 1 Pal Drive Wayne, NJ	<a href="http://njipms.org">http://njipms.org</a>	Sat
April 3,	6Downeastcon Southern Maine Scale Modelers Linnell Gymnasium/Thornton Academy 438 Main Street, Saco, ME, 04047	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/SouthernMaineScaleModelersipms">www.facebook.com/SouthernMaineScaleModelersipms</a>	Sun
April 3	Valleycon 26 Knights of Columbus Hall 460 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA, 01020	<a href="http://www.wwwmodelclub.org/">www.wwwmodelclub.org/</a>	Sun
April 10	Buffcon 33 Justin & Columbus Hall 2735 Union Rd. at William St. Cheektowaga (Buffalo), NY, 14227	<a href="http://www.ipmsniagarafrontier.com/">www.ipmsniagarafrontier.com/</a>	Sun
April 29 & 30	NOREASTCON 45 The Museum of American Armor 1303 Round Swap Road Old Bethpage, NY 11804	<a href="http://www.lisms-ipms.org">www.lisms-ipms.org</a> <a href="http://www.themuseumofamericanarmor.org">www.themuseumofamericanarmor.org</a>	Fri-Sat
Aug 3 - 6	IPMS National Convention 2016 Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center 1101 Lincoln St Columbia, SC	<a href="http://www.ipmsusa2016.com/">http://www.ipmsusa2016.com/</a>	Wed-Sat
Sept 11	Patcon 2016 Hudson Elks Lodge 959 99 Park Street, Hudson, MA	<a href="http://www.ipmspatriot.org">www.ipmspatriot.org</a>	Sun
Sept. 23-24	Armorcon Crown Plaza Danbury, CT	<a href="http://www.militarymodelers.org">www.militarymodelers.org</a>	Fri-Sat
Oct 22	HVHMG 26 Elks Lodge 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY	<a href="http://www.hvhmg.com">www.hvhmg.com</a>	Sat
TBA	Baycon 2015 Elks Hall 326 Farnum Pike Smithfield, RI 02917	<a href="http://www.ipmsbaycolony.com">www.ipmsbaycolony.com</a>	Sun
Nov 12	LIARS Freeport Recreation Center 130 Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY	<a href="http://www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars">www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars</a>	Sat
Noc 19	Long Island Figure Show Freeport Recreation Center 130 Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY	<a href="http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com">http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com</a>	Sat

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