



# Long Island Scale Modelers Society

## October 2023 Newsletter

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### **From the Driver's Seat - Jim Boulukos**



I can't believe that it's October already and our next meeting will be Monday, Oct 16, 2023 at the Levittown Public Library in meeting room A starting at 7:30 pm. We are now in the middle of the fall model show schedule. I've listed some of the show's dates near

the end of the newsletter, but I know it's not complete. As always, please bring in any WIP models or any completed builds for the "Show-N-Tell " portion of our meeting.

A very special thanks goes out to both Peter Vetri and Rick DeFavero from Atlantis Hobby for generosity in sponsoring the LISMS Atlantis Hobbies contest with gift certificates that was held in September. Congratulations to all the winners and it was a great turnout with 28 club members at the September meeting.

The October meeting will be a group discussion on "A Great Start to a Great Finish - The Perfect Primer" Is primer important? Do you prime all the parts or just the ones that you removed mold lines? What is your go to primer or what primer brand don't you like?

Sunday, October 1, 2023, began our month-long model display at the Levittown Public Library, highlighting what we do as a club. We had ten club members bring in models and dioramas and help set them up into five cabinets to showcase our work to the public. Please check out the display at the library's main desk before our October meeting. The breakdown will be on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm to remove our models from the display cases.

A special thanks to Joe Salierno, Peter Rottas, Gary Morgan, Matt Kozerski, Steve Adler, Jim Boulukos, Tim Kelly, and Greg Hunt, Owen Francis and Edward Kaferissem for bringing in models for the library display.

Back in August several club members and myself attended the "Salute to the Armed Forces" held at the waterfront park in Port Washington. There was an incident in which an elderly woman with a walker grabbed 2 of my models and threw them in her bag and proceeded to walk away. I was able to secure both my models back. The car model was repairable and currently part of the library display, but the WW II I- 16 aircraft model was not since the landing gear and at the canopy were destroyed. A big thanks to Ricky Verriest for giving me his kit so I could rebuild the landing gear and canopy. What makes this hobby so great is that we have friends and club members that will reach out to help each other when a situation happens. This is the great advantage of belonging to a club such as ours and probably one of the reasons the club has lasted for over 50 years.

And last, Bob DeMaio provided a detailed build report on the Dragon 1/35 scale Soviet Russia's WWII SU 100 Long Gun. Thank you for your review!

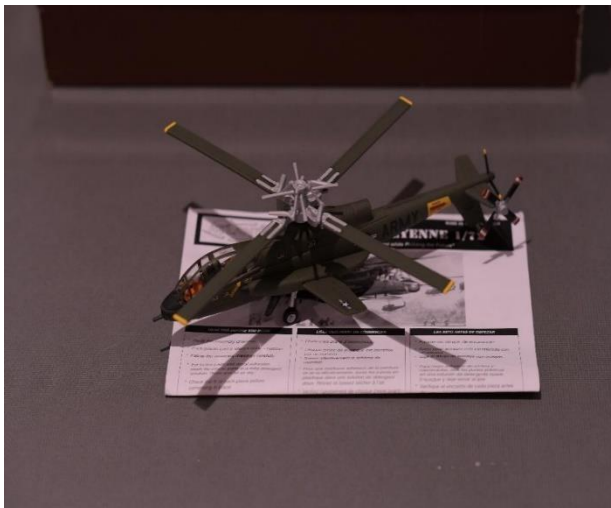
Below are pictures from the LISMS library display.







Some pictures from the September meeting and Atlantis Hobby model contest.





## Fall LISMS Meetings

Oct. 16, 2023 – Levittown Public Library meeting room A

Nov. 20, 2023 – Levittown Public Library meeting room A

Dec. 11, 2023 – Holiday Party at the East Meadow American Legion Hall

## LISMS Meeting Dates for 2024

Jan. 22, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

Feb. 26, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

March 18, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

April 15, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

May 20, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

June 17, 2024 - Levittown Public Library meeting room A

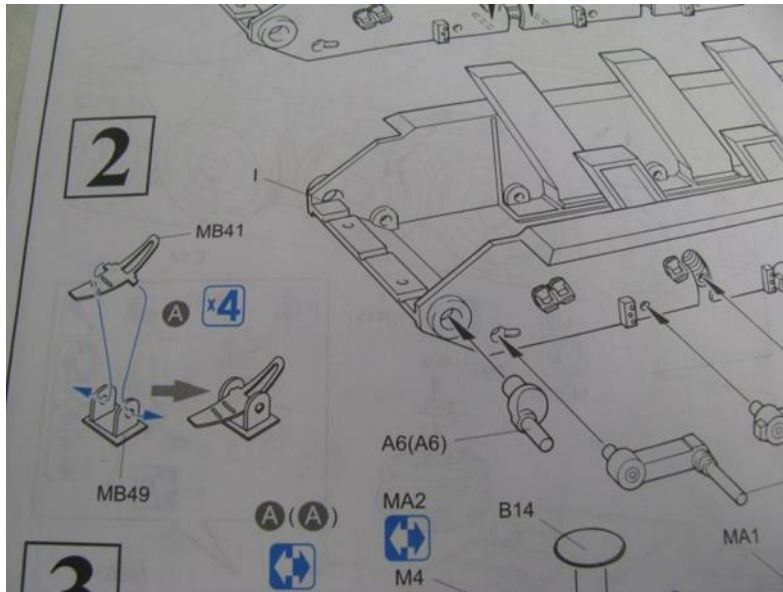
July to December TBA

## Kit Review - Soviet Russia's WWII Long Gun by Robert DeMaio

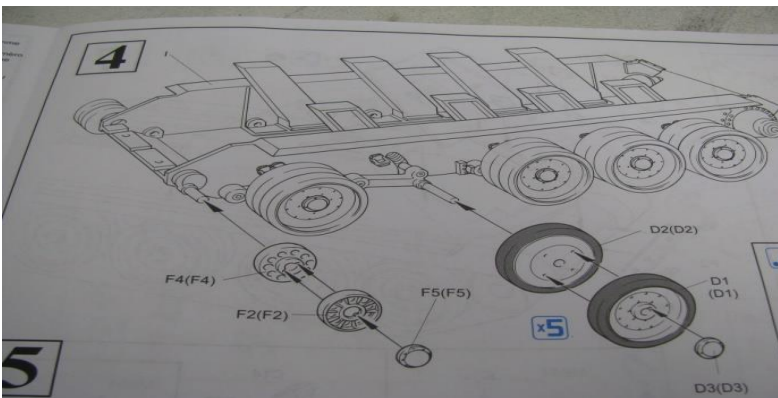


Most times when I build kits, I tend to remember the snags, glitches, bad instructions, wrong paint color call outs, and above all, instruction sheet arrows pointing a part to nowhere. This being a premium kit I figured it had to be complete and no problem building. It didn't take

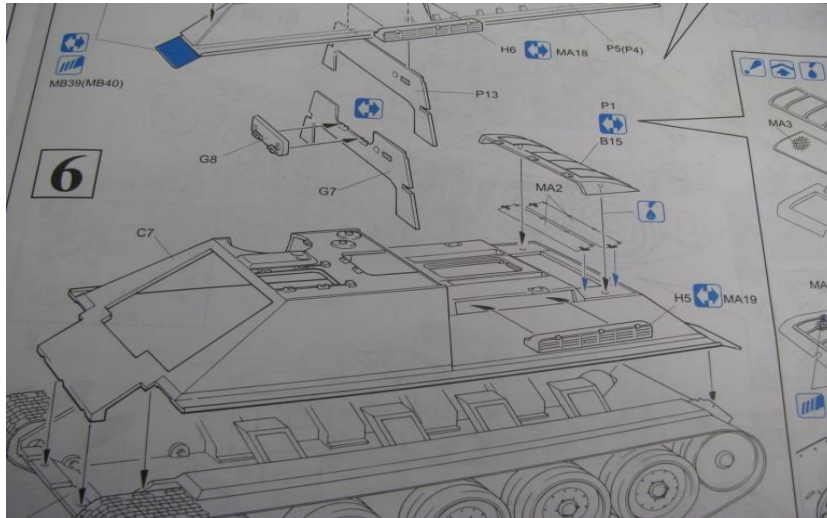
long to prove me wrong. This kit had all the above that took me more patience to fight through and ask, why do I build these? This is Dragon kit 6359 Su-100 Tank Destroyer premium edition with an aluminum barrel and a PE fret of straps, belts, and various small pieces. I am including a few instruction sheet pictures, as I have never done so before in my reviews, to alert builders how bad these were. In step 2, part A6 swivels in place does not indicate what rotation to cement it. There isn't a part behind it to hold it in place so what do you do? I have had the same part on other armored vehicles, so I dump this into "my parts to add later" container since I took it off the tree. Add the second one as well. You will add and rotate these in place when ready to add the tracks in place.



In step 4 the shaded wheel edges parts D1 and D2 do not indicate a color. Are we supposed to know if they were made of rubber or steel? Oh wait! You should have a library of resource books with detailed pictures.

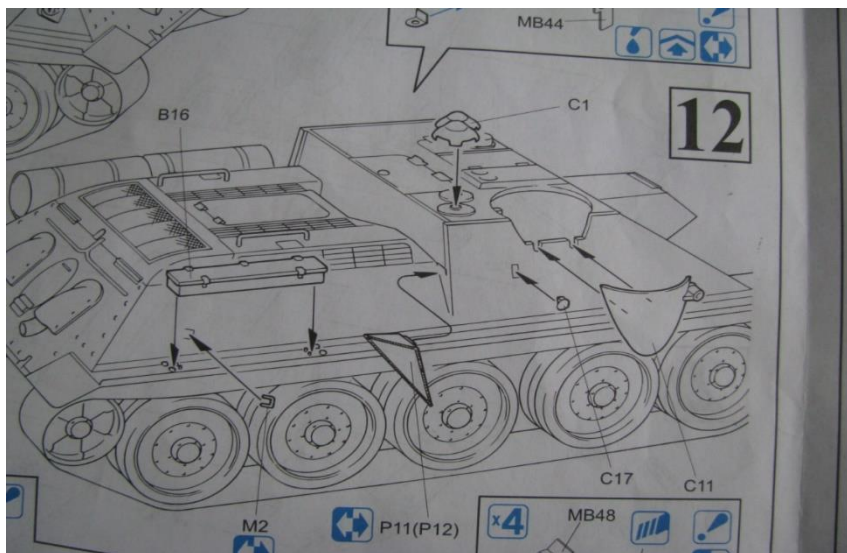


I did not take a picture of step 5 because I can use step 6 to accomplish what I need to point out. Plastic part H5 or MA19 (PE19) can be used for the grill. I opted for the plastic part and prevented more grey hairs to grow on my head using the PE. But instead of B15 plastic part with a molded-on grill, I used P1 on the open space to glue the PE screen (not seen to the right in the step). I also used MA2 PE flaps under it.



In step 6 there is a small mini assembly of 6 track links and the rest is up to you to figure out how to put all and how many track links together. My trick is to make an upper and lower set that when put together on the tank, they can be glued as one.

In steps 5 and 6 is the first time the top half of the vehicle is worked on. I noticed the top where there are hatch openings, that top overlaps the sides a little. Definitely strange so I checked all include small parts for inside the hatch covers, which I leave off since you won't see them closing the hatches, the instructions and found nothing to indicate I made a mistake, so I continued. Steps 7, 8, and 9.



Now we come to part P11 and P12 to be put in place, but something wasn't right! Placement wasn't fitting well so I set them aside for later. Moving along assembling parts in steps 10, 11, and 12 were fine except after part C11 was put in place I tried to add the turret on top but was slightly too large. Hmm, too large to be a molding mistake. I went back to the past steps to no avail. I started looking through the sprue parts on the

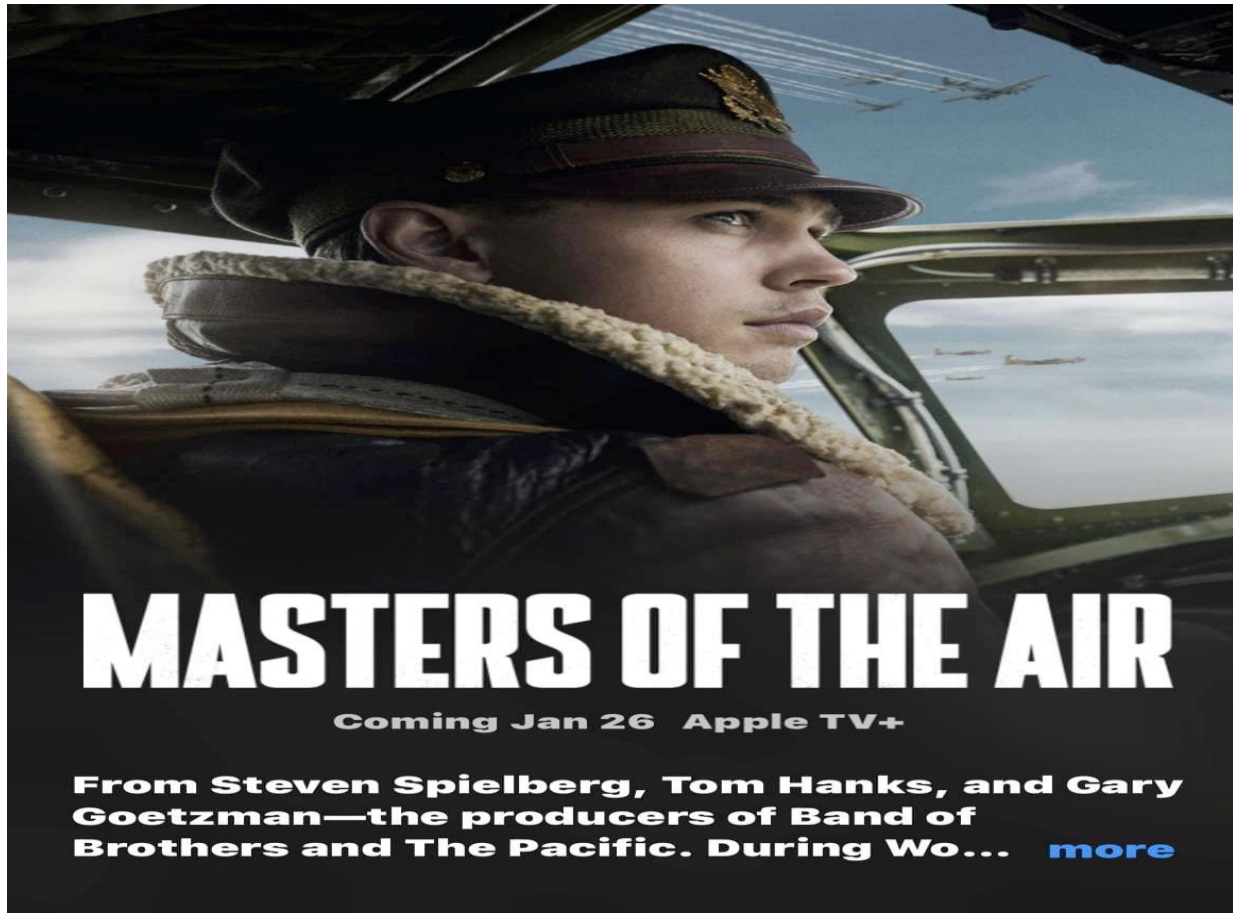


trees and found these parts that looked like walls. I cut them off and matched them to the side walls and they filled in the top overlaps on each side of the structure. That would have moved out part C11 and the turret would have fit perfectly. I had to pop off the turret and cut off C11. It wasn't easy but successful. I glued it on the non-mentioned walls, C11 and the turret fit great! Remember parts P11 and P12? Well, they didn't exactly fit well so I went to sleep until morning. A new day didn't help for the parts fit as bad as the day before. I mounted them in a place where I felt they belonged, and that be it.

All fragile parts were left off with the tracks until the body and tracks were painted. Then I used the typical Glosscote, decals, added the tracks, grab rails and fragile parts, painted them, and used Flory Brown wash on everything, cleaned off excess wash, Dullcote was applied then used Pan Pastels to dust the vehicle.



**Side Note** - First the "Band of Brothers", then "The Pacific" and now finally the "Masters of the Air" coming out January 26, 2024, on Apple TV +. It will be about the bombers, but we know the Mustangs were the "little friends" that helped them get to their targets! Thanks to Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks for producing something worth watching. BTW - Apple TV Plus has a 7-day free trial. So, binge watch it and cancel after.



**New Releases from Italeri**



Lancia Delta HF Kit No. 4712 - SCALE 1/12



Battle of Normandy Sainte-Mère-Eglise 6 June 1944 Kit No. 6199 – SCALE 1/72





MAN 26.321 FORMEL SIX KIT NO. 756 - SCALE 1/24

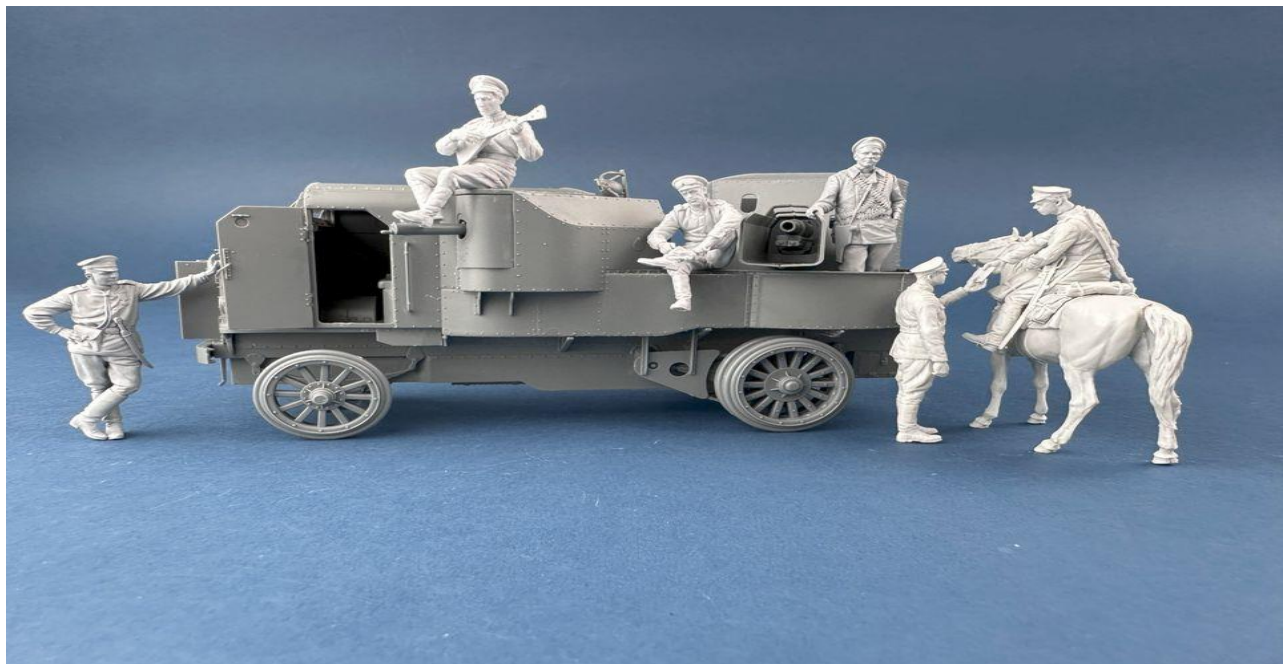


HURRICANE MK. IIC KIT NO. 2828 - SCALE 1/48  
SIX DIFFERENT DECAL MARKINGS AND PE PARTS



SEMOVENTE L40 DA 47/32 KIT 6477- SCALE 1/35

DECALS FOR 4 VERSIONS - PHOTO ETCHED AND ACETATE PARTS - LINK-AND-LENGTH TRACKS



The Copper State Models 1/35 scale Garford-Putilov Armored Car is now in the pre order stage along with figures and accessories.

## 2023 Model Show Schedule

October 13th and 14th , 2023, Armorcon, Wyndham Southbury, 1284 Strongtown Rd., Southbury CT.

October 28, 2023, IPMS Hudson Valley Historical Miniatures Guild, Elks Club Hall, 29 Overrocker Rd. Poughkeepsie, N.Y. [www.hvhmg.org](http://www.hvhmg.org)

November 11, 2023, LIARS Car Model Show, Freeport Rec. Center, 130 E. Merrick Road, Freeport, NY, 11520. [www.liarsmodelsclubbuilds.com](http://www.liarsmodelsclubbuilds.com)

November 17/18, 2023. Long Island Miniature Collector Society Model Show, Freeport Rec Center 130 E Merrick Rd Freeport NY 11520.

## The Final Word



Rob Riviezzo and his crew just released episode seven of the modeling Insanity podcast. Make sure to listen and join insanity for a fun and hilarious look at the world of scale modeling. Attached is the hyperlink to listen to [Episode 7 - Riv Rants, Debate Brews and Group Build Season Bears Down on Us \(buzzsprout.com\)](https://buzzsprout.com/episode-7-riv-rants-debate-brews-and-group-build-season-bears-down-on-us)

We would like to encourage club members to join the national IPMS. Help support the hobby on a national level. IPMS provides the insurance that allows us to have our RepLICon events, and membership includes a Bi -monthly IPMS Journal magazine. Join IPMS/USA just click the link: <https://ipmsusa.org/> and just click the blue tab section "Join IPMS/USA."



BTW - I need articles, kit reviews, pictures, model show information, and stories from the club for the monthly newsletter. It can be anything hobby related. All submissions to the Long Island Scale Modelers Society Newsletter must be received by the Monday of the week before our scheduled meeting night.

Email your articles and/or pictures to [www.jnboul19@yahoo.com](mailto:jnboul19@yahoo.com)

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