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## *Just Enough Room to Give You The APRIL Meeting Sans Club Contest(s)*



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“ *It's ONE PACKED MONTH ALREADY and here we are about to have our own remake of SEVEN DAYS IN MAY* ”

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BEST OF THE WEST 2026 which IPMS-Las Vegas hosts, opened the model fun month already

Literally hours after our SVSM meeting, we will have TWO great shows go to in seven day span !

BE THERE.



**IPMS FRESNO**  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
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**2026**

THEMES: USA 250TH ANNIVERSARY  
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## BE THAT AS IT IS MAY, HERE'S A LOOK AT APRIL SVSM MEETING, FOR THE MOST PART !



**At the April meeting**, we started handing off kits in the “Here, Let Me Finish That for You” contest. That will be judged in November and involves prizes for the donor and the builder!

We also have events coming in May (Build Your Name), June (Best of Our Best — bringing your best for a non-contest display), and July (Ride the Wave).

Bob Meyers and others gave a report on the Wine Country Scale Modelers contest. In May we have contests in Sacramento and Fresno — details are in this issue of the Styrene Sheet!

**We had two contests for April.** The “Here Comes the Sun” contest (**held over from March**) and our other contest was the 120-day wonders event for models received during the gift exchange in December. (*See APRIL/MAY 2026 TAMS for all of this club contest coverage*)

**In model talk...**

**Steve Hays** has completed the lovely Fujimi 1:72 F1M2 “Pete” floatplane for the Midway display; Kit Mask made some tail marking masks for it, based on Steve’s suggestions for Japanese aircraft.

There were three seaplane tenders with F1M2s at Midway waiting to send their planes to the island following its capture.



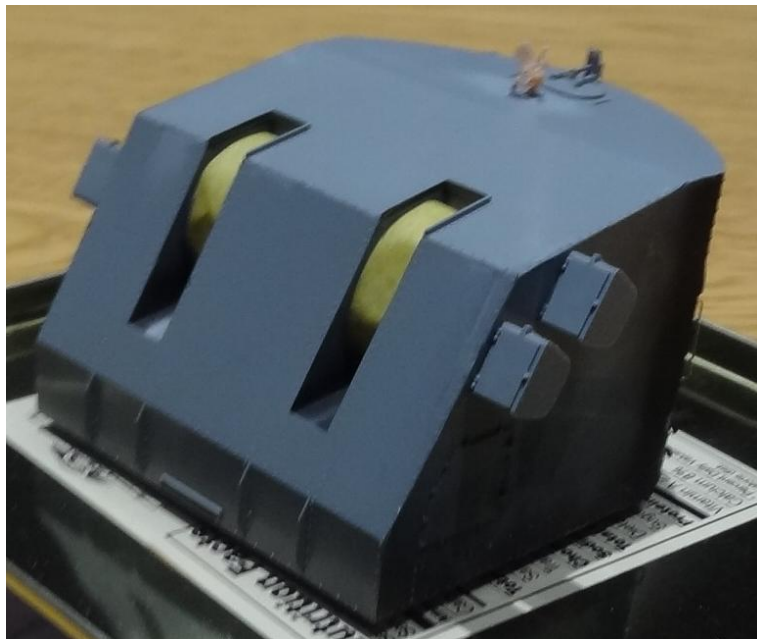
**Bob Meyers** grabbed his 1:48 Tamiya Tiger I on the way out the door to the Wine Country Scale Modelers’ contest, and he took a silver with it.



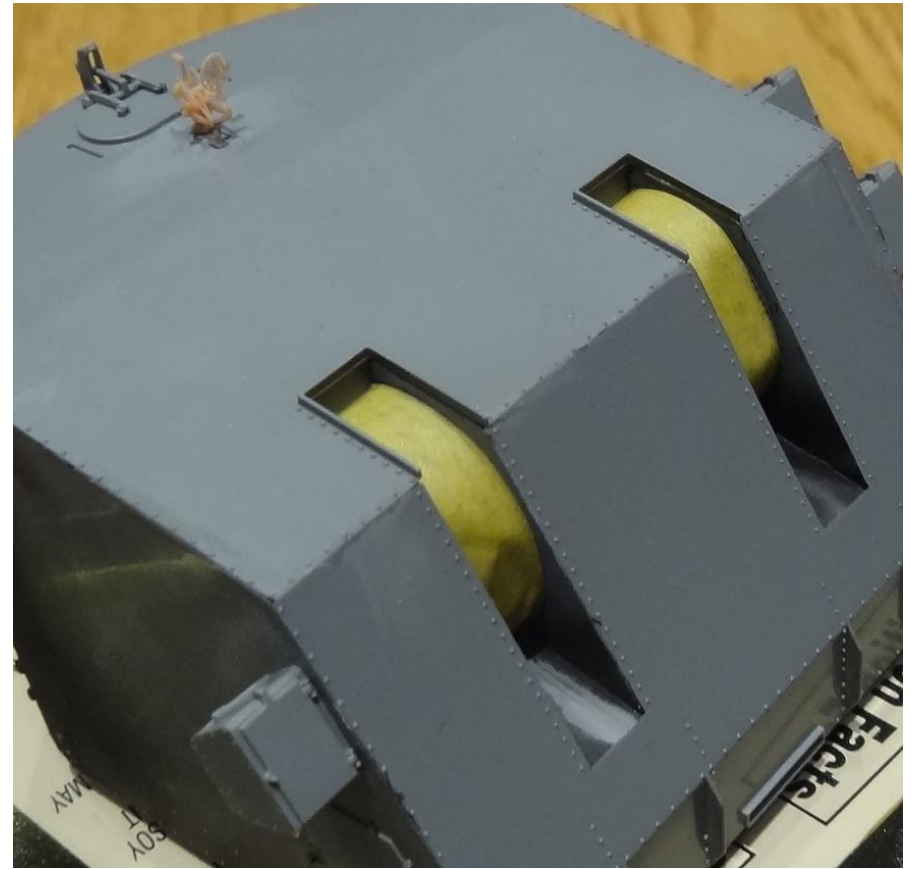
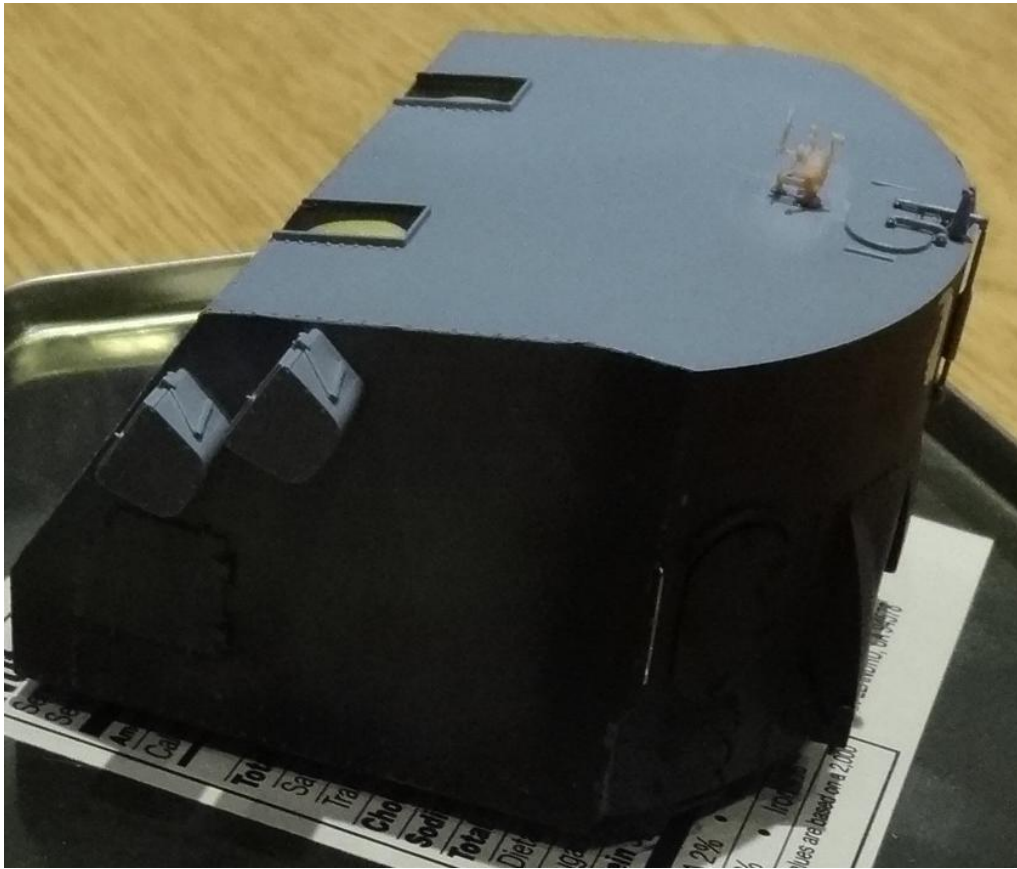


Bob's also done a masterful job with the Takom modern U.S. tank transporter with an M1A2 TUSK on the bed, adding 1:72 details like jerry cans, brake lines, water bottles and a cooler from T-Model and modifying the crane and winches.





**Randy Ray** has added the tiny 3D-printed optical sight to the top of his Snowman 1:72 5-inch/38 caliber twin turret, which he says has a bit of slop in the fit of the parts, but he does like the decals, which he's getting close to using.



**Ben Pada's** pre-war F4F-3 Wildcat from the 1:48 Eduard kit has received a wash to pop out the surface details over a Gunze and MRP finish.

Ben's also nearly finished a Hasegawa 1:48 F6F-3 Hellcat, which wears a set of markings from Aeromaster over a Gunze paint job. Ben complained that it's hard to get a glossy sea blue paint scheme to look right.







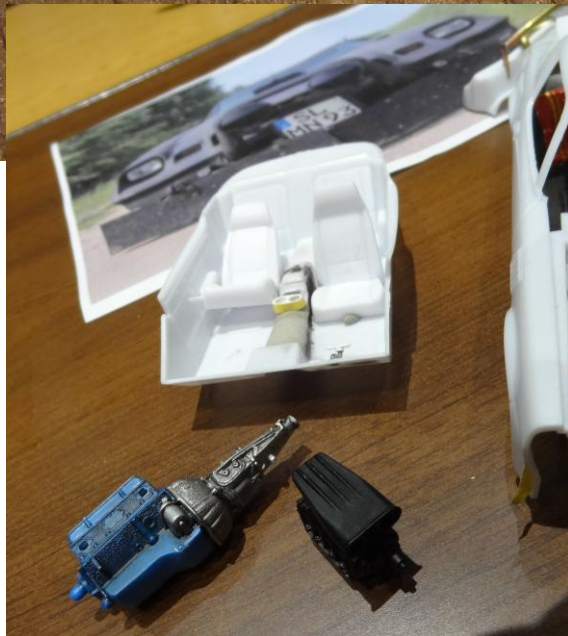


**John Carr** bought the old *CHiPs* 1979 Camaro Z28 used and started over 17 years ago; only 12 were made, and the real cars were tested but never selected for service.



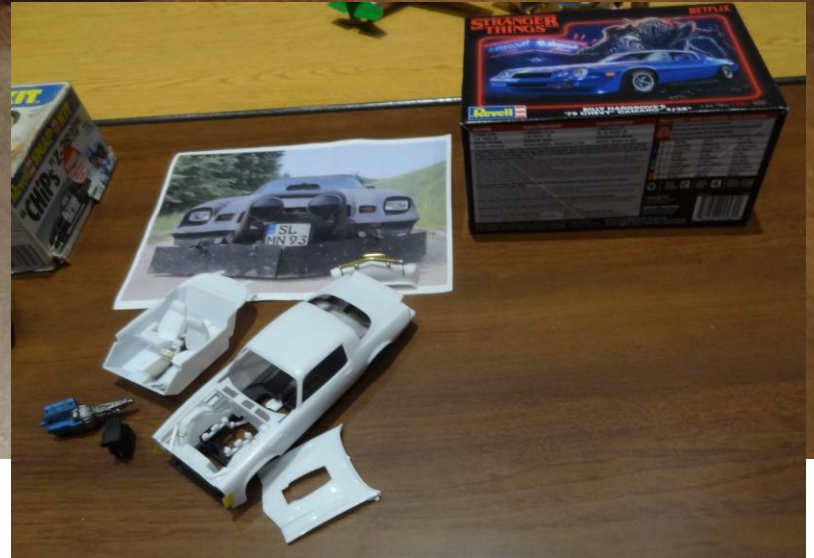
John took the kit and omitted the T-top in the kit and added all the police equipment (steering wheel, dash, shotgun, etc.) and the correct wheels and rims.





He's also building the Camaro used by Helge Meyer to make humanitarian deliveries in Bosnia, this one with a new roll bar, run-flat tires, nitrogen oxide system, and other goodies.

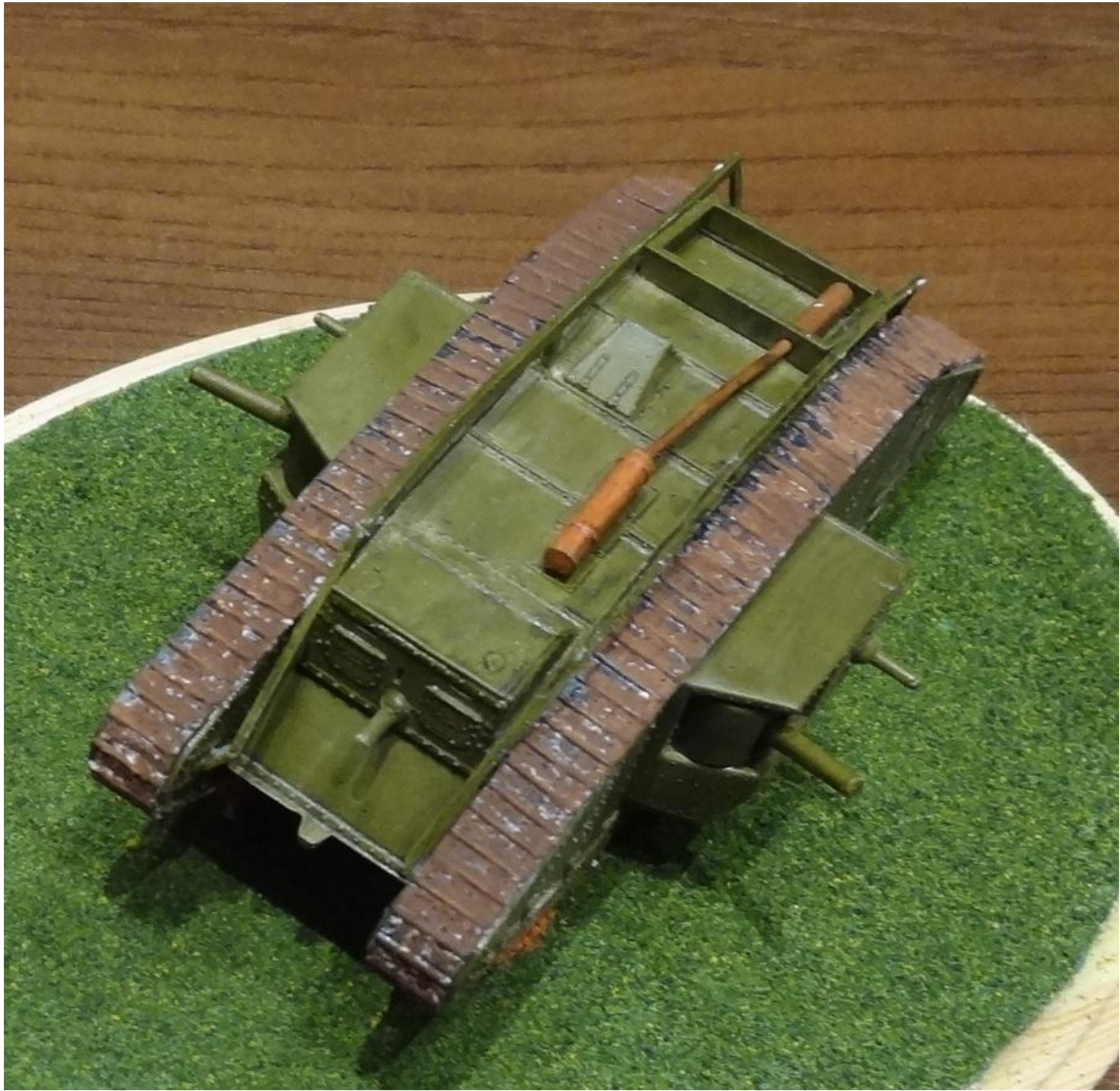
John is using the current *Stranger Things* Camaro for this build.

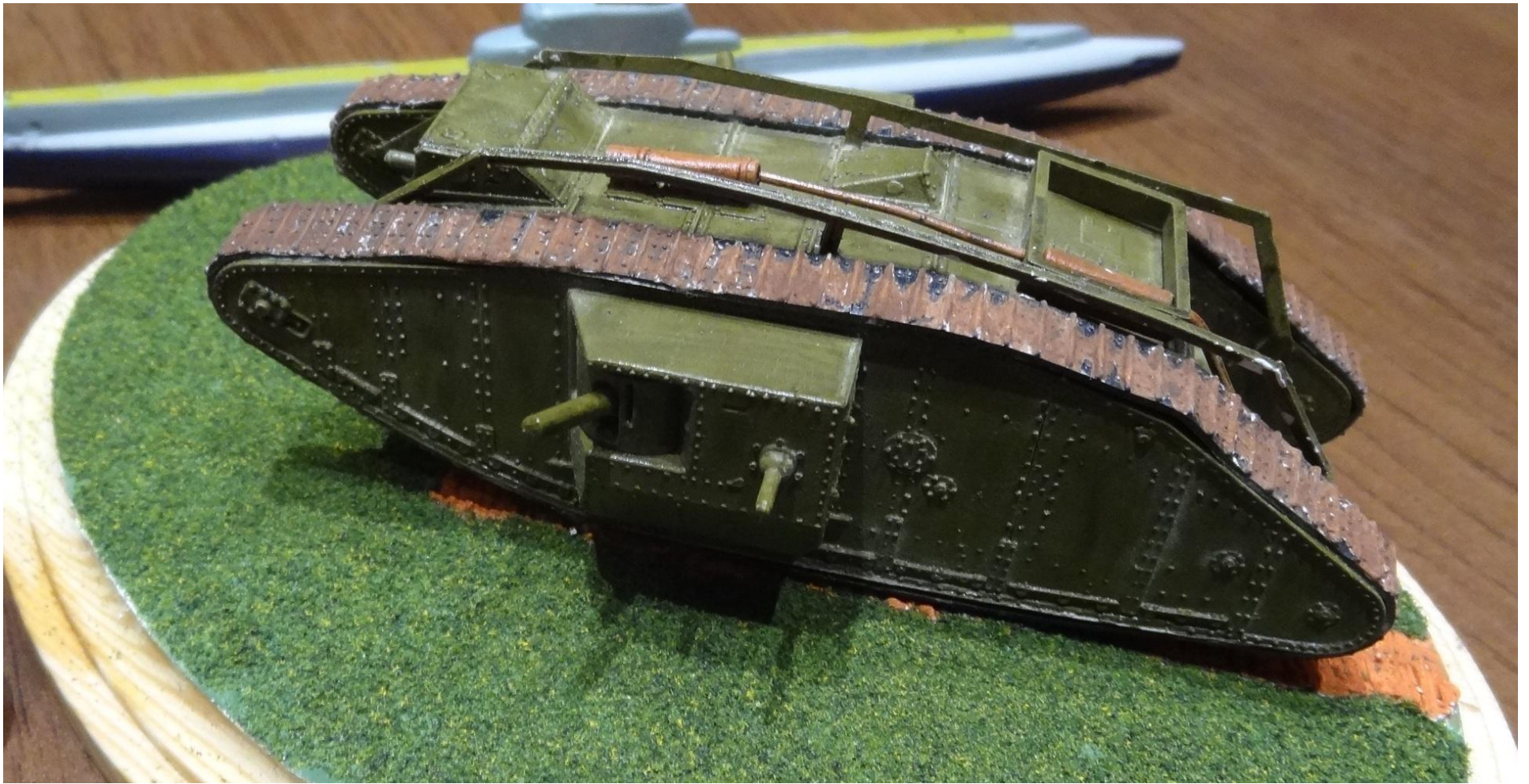




**Chris Bucholtz** has completed his Academy 1:72 Lockheed Vega PV-1 Ventura as a photo-equipped plane flown by Lewis “Pat” Patteson of VPB-135. Pat flew the plane from Attu in the Aleutians to Paramushiro and Shumushu in the Kurile Islands in Japan and photographed the six air bases there during one of a number of flights he made to Japan in 1944 and 1945. Chris used Plus Model nacelles, Quickboost R-2800 engines and a Pavla interior set, but he had to modify the set to work, then did a lot of scratch building on the interior and bomb bay. He scratch-built the bomb bay doors and swapped the kit’s astrodome for the clear top of a craft googly eye. The markings were a combination of painted numbers applied through masks made by Ernie Gee and Roy Sutherland and decals, including the side art Chris made with his printer based on a drawing supplied by Boris Ilchenko, an authority on Aleutian Theatre aviation. Finally, the model was placed on some 3D-printed tires and wheels that Chris plans on adding to the Obscureco line.







**Kent McClure** likes Emhar's 1:72 Mk. IV tank; for a kit of its vintage, it's nice, he says.

Kent's working in the 1:400 Mirage kit of the Polish submarine Orzel, which had some interesting colors called out in the instructions - the hull is dark mauve and the bulge in the hull is called out as turquoise!





Kent's built a little Big Sum, smaller in scale than the old Bandai kit he finished last year, and his egg plane Corsair must be an F4U-7 since he gave it yellow and black Suez stripes.



He's also working on an Academy 1:72 A6M5 Zero, which he plans on putting in surrender markings applied over its combat camouflage. The hardest part so far has been the removal of the rocket stubs attached to the lower wings.

**Bill Ferrante** happened to have a Heller 1:72 F4U-1 Corsair handy, so he did something radical: he built it, and then brush-painted it using Hataka lacquers .

He used TechMode decals to give it VMF-214 markings as used aboard USS *Bunker Hill* (and as seen on the T.V. show *Black Sheep Squadron*).







**Mark Balderrama** has a couple of 1:48 Hasegawa F-104 Starfighters underway, with plans to finish them as NASA chase planes, with aid from markings on a Caracal Decals sheet.

He's also building two 1:48 Lockheed spy planes with the help of Caracal markings - a U-2R and a U-2CT two-seater he's converting with the aid of a spare canopy and some styrene sheet.





**AND NOW – FOR SOME THAT ALMOST GOT AWAY – SORRY BUT I HAVE PICTORIAL EVIDENCE YOU WERE THERE !!**



NO details on the kit used but as I am a fan of the Republic F-84F as well as it's earlier and later letters, wasn't going to let this one slip by

It's 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale and the scheme is in very late USAF Vietnam period TAC camouflage, probable ANG.

Only **Thanh Nguyen** can say for sure, he brought it but left meeting before this could be in minutes...



GOING OUT ON A LIMB HERE, HOWEVER I AM PRETTY SURE I HAVE CORRECT ASSIGNMENT:

**RON WERGIN** brought this 1/48<sup>th</sup> Koster Aerokits Vacform conversion underway of Monogram's old but still lovely Flying Fortress B-17G kit.

Bill Koster was a damned good model designer and worked for Monogram Models, Inc during a good number of their best years. His conversions and "improvement" kits (P-38 set is very nice) were all good values, he also did full kits for planes he felt Monogram should have done in 1/48<sup>th</sup>. Based on success of later A-20, Ju-88 inject kits by others, YES





AGAIN, I AM JUST GUESSING but If GREG PLUMMER didn't bring this Model, then here whoever did, you can see Greg took a closer look ...



And the model of the month goes to...

Steve Hays for his Fujimi 1:72 F1M2 "Pete" floatplane - *chris fini*

**Technique Model of the month award went to Bob Meyers for his much improved upon M1070/1000 Tank Transporter with M1 Abrams – *mick fini***

And below, a pair of snapshots of the two club contests from April



Along with reminder they will be covered in April/May 2026 AfterMarket Sheet which should be arriving not long after this SST (Styrene Sheet Two)



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