

## Sumer is Icumen in, Loudly sing, cuckoo!

By Ed Burgess

We have successfully affiliated with IPMS, and are a member of Region 5. I know this because I have a certificate. I'll bring it to the meeting this week.

We also have approval from IPMS for our September contest, and, even more important, we have insurance coverage. I have a form for that, too.

And, we are visible on the IPMS web page that lists upcoming contests.

So that's some major milestones taken care of. We have a number of other things to get in place.

Here are the things I'll have on the agenda Wednesday next:

- 1 - Name the contest Chairman
- 2 - Name the Head Judge
- 3 - Raffle Organizer. Please let me know what raffle items you can provide.
- 4 - Finalize the categories and get the Contest Flyer out.
- 5 - Notify the various modeling websites - ARC, MM, Hyperscale and deliver Contest Flyers to the various local model clubs. Out of town

clubs, Wichita, Des Moines, Omaha, too.

6 - Trophy Package

7- Presentation of sample club polo shirts, with cost estimates.

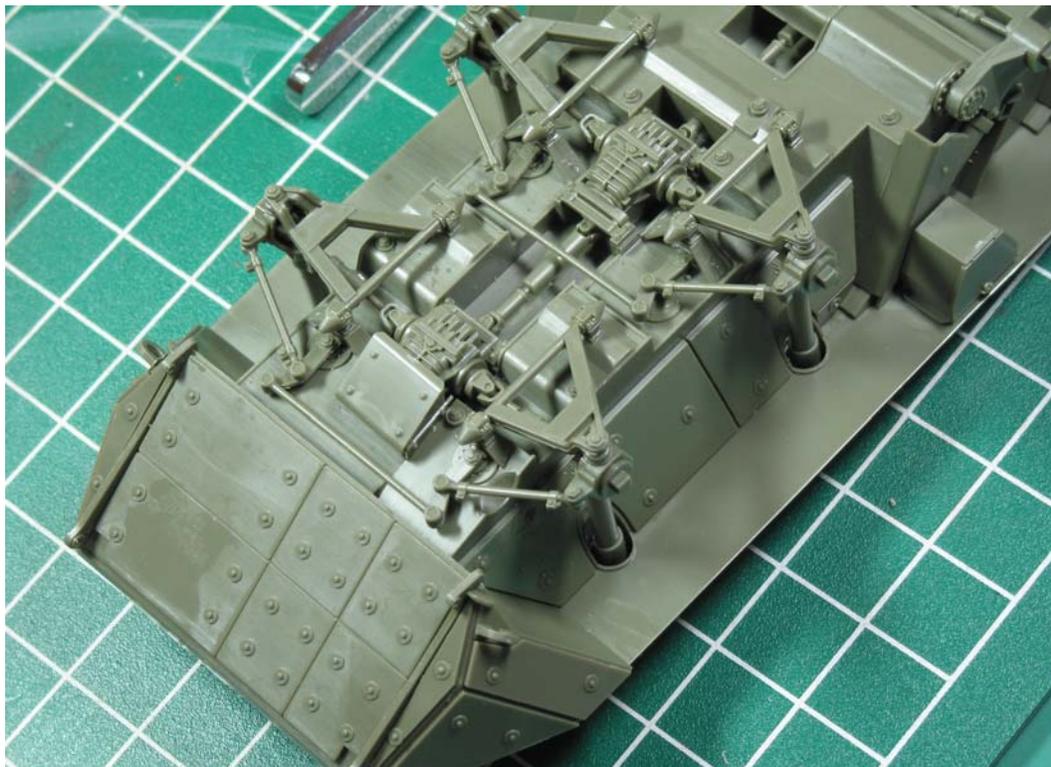
What with going to Poland, getting rather sick for a fortnight, and just generally life, I haven't done a lot of modeling lately. Or at least I haven't finished anything. Finishing a project is always hard for me. Getting that last bit, that final touch, that makes it good enough to stop--I have to reach hard for that and keep focused.

I have done some work on that Canadian LAV-III variant. The hull and some other parts are from the AFV kit of the M1126 Stryker. The upper hull and turret are a Realmodel conversion set. Big chunks of resin, and seven sheets of photoetch. Plus, to make the turret baskets, Realmodel gives you some brass rods. Bending them to shape is up to you.

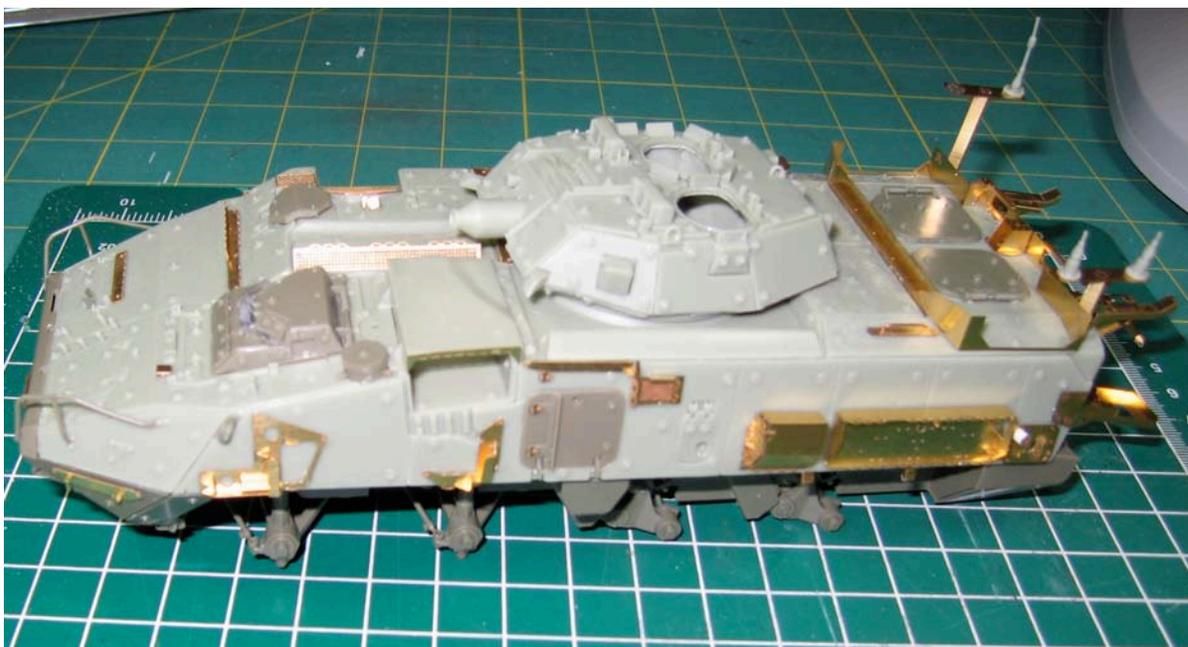
Here are a few pictures. Note the PE just about covers the whole vehicle. I don't have it all on yet, and I haven't done anything to the turret.

The superstructure and turret are marvelous castings. Everything fits perfectly. A little flash that comes off with five minutes' work. The instructions are very confusing. What you actually get are two sets of PE, which is only clear if you read very closely. And they contain instructions for several large, complex pieces that you have to choose between. This isn't obvious at all, so it is very easy to put up a stowage rack, then find on the next page that something entirely different goes there.

The PE is Eduard, and well up to their usual standard. Lot of small bits, as for instance 2mm squares that have to be glued on edge. Quite a lot of fun, actually.



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# Calendar

## Upcoming club meetings:

- 16 June -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm
- 21 July -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm
- 18 August -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm
- 15 September -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm
- 25 September -- Annual contest