

# IPMS Prison City Modelers

Leavenworth, Kansas  
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## SCUTTLEBUTT FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Hello everyone! We are at our usual meeting place this month at the Leavenworth Library. The agenda is light, so bring something that you are working on. Better yet, bring something that you are stuck on (it happens to everyone, all the time,) and let the club work for you in figuring it out!

We'll be discussing the recent Great Plains and AMPS show that a number of us went to. I won a bronze for my BRDM; Ed Burgess a 3<sup>rd</sup> place for his steampunk bus, and Paul Curtis cleaned up with a 1<sup>st</sup> place for his Tiger I in Juniors Armor and a 1<sup>st</sup> place in Juniors Automotive for his Tony Stewart #20 Home Depot race car.

**FROM THE TIM FINCHAM:** I would like announce again to the club that the School of New Beginnings needs model kits, acrylic paints, paint brushes, modeling supplies, and old "clunker" models for our students to work on/with every Friday. Also, if you are interested in volunteering, please drop Tim a line to get the forms necessary for the background checks, etc.  
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**WORKS IN PROGRESS:** from Mark Gerges

Yes, I finally finished a model! This one was a break from my Fletcher destroyer—it is a *Neubaufahrzeug*, one of 5 multi-turreted tanks that the Germans used during the Norway campaign in April-May 1940. The Germans sent originally three, and later another two of the tanks to Norway, photographing them all over Norway so that the allies would think that had numerous heavy tanks. The kit was a Trumpeter



Demo this month will be dot filtering technique by Mark Gerges, so if you have always wanted to try it out but were afraid to try, make sure you come to the meeting.

Remember—just two months to finish the club build for this year, wheeled armored vehicles.

Hope to see you Wednesday at the library!  
Shane Curtis



version, with Dragoon tank crewman with Hornet heads. The mud is built up with ground chalk



pastels fixed with hairspray. The weather was fun to do, a mixture of pre-shading before airbrushing the gray, then dot filters and pin washes, and then chalk pastels to dirty the running gear. These photos are before I sprayed a dull coat, and there are a few minor details to touch up- for instance, the machine gun barrels are too silver, despite a black wash. I'm particularly happy with the rusted mufflers and fuel spill.

### **WORK IN PROGRESS:** from Ed Burgess

Here is a model I worked on while first getting back into the hobby. It's an AB-41 Autoblinda, an Italian armored car that had some success in North Africa. 20mm gun, and two driver's seats so it could go in either direction easily. Handy for quick getaways. The kit is Italeri and is OK by today's standards, everything



fitting well and reasonably accurate. This was an early stab at photo etched, an Eduard kit with not a lot of bling in it. I replaced the fender indicators with brass rod, dipping the tips in superglue to build up the knobs. The turret would have benefitted from an aftermarket barrel. I've since come to prefer plastic or resin tires. The soft tires in the kit are fine if you like them but very hard to weather. Somehow I managed to get one of the tires on backward (this did not improve my score when the AMPS judges looked at it). Also my first try at a pin wash. That looked great to me at the time, but now it looks amateurish and forced.

It is not weathered at all, another thing the AMPS guys disliked. BTW, the judges' comments were direct and painful, but absolutely accurate. I'd have gained half a point if I'd documented any of the research I did. I incorporated that experiential learning into later models. We live and learn!

If I were doing it today I'd experiment with a less boring color scheme. The *Wehrmacht* grabbed a number of them and used them against partisans in Italy and Yugoslavia, with complex (meaning interesting) camo. A few apparently survived the war and were used as police vehicles for several years, painted red. Must have been some serious unrest!

Looking at this kit, which I loved building and learned a lot on, I can see a lot of things that could be improved, but it still takes a decent picture. Especially if you look at it in dim light.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Anyone interested in carpooling to the 12 April contest in Des Moines, see Mark Gerges or Ed Burgess.**

4/12/2014	Iowa Des Moines Region 5	<b>Surgicon 20</b> The Euclid Room 2540 E Euclid Avenue Map IPMS Plastic Surgeons Aimee Wright 515-291-3395
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