



IPMS Prison City Modelers

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to take some "save the date" flyers (see me if you need them), wear your Prison City Modelers shirt, and take pictures!! It's always fun to hear about other clubs' contests.

SCUTTLEBUTT FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Hello everyone! I hope you are ready for our "wheeled vehicle challenge" contest at our next meeting!! I know many of you will have some great stuff to share with the group. The winner (by popular vote) gets a Sprue Brothers gift certificate--so don't forget to bring yours in!

Many contests coming up in the next few months. Make sure to check out the IPMS website (<http://www.ipmsusa.org>) and Finescale Modeler (<http://www.finescale.com/events.aspx?page=list>) for upcoming events. If you go to any, make sure

One upcoming contest in particular is the KC Slammers' Heartland Model Car Nationals held in Overland Park on June 7th (registration) and 8th (vendors, raffle, and awards ceremony). These guys really came out for our contest last September with entrants and judging (even helping with our judging clinic) and we need to show our appreciation. They have dozens of categories for just about any kind of wheeled vehicle you can imagine--they even have a military vehicle category. Hope to see many Prison City Modelers down there!

See you at this week's meeting!!

Shane Curtis

REMINDER: *This month is the club contest. Bring in your wheeled military vehicle that you started in January. Remember, this isn't a clean out your closet on vehicles you built in the past few years, but the kit you brought to the January meeting and completed in the timeframe January-May 2014. Even if you didn't finish your kit (like me) bring whatever you have done. We want to see it!*

WORK IN PROGRESS: *If you have a project that you are working on and would like to share it with the group, please send me a short description and a couple of photos of the work in progress.*



from Ed Burgess: The attached shots show a Legends kit of the SPARK mine roller. This is a device that is pushed in front of a truck or other vehicle, which simply explodes any mines in the road. Pretty low tech, but crucial in an environment rife with IEDs. Mine rollers of several different types are widely used in Afghanistan. I hope to attach the device to an M-ATV MRAP, which is a (relatively) light mine resistant truck in wide use. More about that when I get around to working on the Panda M-ATV kit!

The Legends kit is resin, and comes in a box that is approximately 3x3x1 inches. All the parts are attached to substantial casting stubs and require some sawing and sanding, but the parts themselves are flash-free and delicately cast. There is a PE fret holding some large and as well as microscopic parts. There is also a bag holding a 1 mm rod and two kinds of flexible hose.



the pin vise, which by no coincidence is exactly 1 mm so it's easy to ream-out holes. Still, it is slow work.

The instructions leave a lot to be desired. The photos are OK, I guess, but you really have to study them to figure out where stuff goes. A few bits are not labeled so some matching of resin to photo is advisable. All part of the fun? I recommend this kit to a modeler who is confident of his ability to work with resin and PE, and has plenty of patience. Definitely not for beginners but should build into a nifty modern AFV accessory.

The instructions advise you to acquire some .010 styrene sheet for the fender flaps. The instructions also mention some bolt heads, but either I lost them or they were not in the box. No real clue what they are though.

Otherwise, there are no particular red flags. The parts seem to fit nicely. Hinge pins are provided as a set of resin rods that have to be cut to size, but the holes are in the right places and with a little fiddling all goes together. I have a .039 drill in



I'm also working on a small JGSDF truck. It is essentially a Jeep. That's for the club challenge and eventually the Slammers show. Since that will be at the meeting I'll not bore you with it for now.

from Alex Gerges: These photos are some of the reference photos I've found for my Italian Puma 6x6 that I'm building for the club contest. What these photos show are Italian vehicles deployed to Iraq. If you remember the problems I've had the past few months attaching the tiny little details that look like



bumps on the kit, you'll notice something strange about these images—the real vehicles



DON'T HAVE THOSE DARN PIECES! It just isn't fair!

from Mark Gerges: Just one WIP photo to show you that the USS Kidd still exists, and is the next project I jump back into. This shows the bridge, number 2 5" gun and one of the 40mm gun mounts. Before you ask, no, those barrels aren't drilled out, nor will they be. I've drilled into my thumb too many times!



from John Piloni: John says that after six months, he finally finished the M10 tank destroyer that he has been working on. Check out the photos.



DIORAMA IDEA: Shane Curtis came across this on You Tube, and thought it would make a good 1:72nd scale diorama—imagine four T-72s, each painted in a primary color. Check out the link to see his idea:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rJiaZ2bqzc>

REQUEST FOR HELP: *Reminder from member Tim Fincham:* Anyone with old built models, unbuilt model kits, acrylic paint, or tools they would like to donate to the School of New Beginnings in Lansing it would be most appreciated. The kids have had a lot, lot of fun. Also, if you would like to volunteer, Tim will send you the forms to fill out and take to the school board office.