

IPMS/USA

By Modelers, For Modelers

Will-Cook Chapter



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Cover Photo

The caption accompanying this old photo is: A German Tank almost falls off a Russian bridge on July 4, 1941. Well, If I've learned anything from master diorama base builder and member, Don Klein, the bridge looks like typical German construction. So, while likely in

Russia, it probably isn't a "Russian bridge"! In this issue you'll find Jack Bruno's build article about a model of a Stug III. Maybe this photo will be just the inspiration Jack needs for an early Panzer III to come along after it. After all, he does write, "...cause I gotta bunch more coming". Can you see the open horn track in the photo?

Bill's Banter

Happy Halloween! I sit here in the evening with long shadows on the wall. It is starting to be modeling time again. Things are being put away outside for the winter. It is starting to get dark earlier and earlier. Not much (at least around here) left to do outside. I've had modeling on the brain all summer. I could model in fits and starts this summer; nothing got finished. I felt terrible about this year for modeling.

I have been working on a model and it seems like it's been forever. It is almost finished. I feel good how it is coming out. Maybe it's because when I am able to work on it, I focus on just one small part of the build. If I can get that part done in that session it's an accomplishment. Little by little it is taking shape. It has paint on it now and the decals are a day away. This has been a battle for me this year. But, I think I've won more of the battles than lost them. This war is almost over. I will have a model completed very soon.

Pick your own battles. Start a fight to get something built. Little battles, one campaign at a time. Sooner than later your own war will be won also. Don't stand on the sidelines and be Switzerland. Start and build something.

Get going! Wild Bill

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Coming Events

The 2014 contest season continues! New events in R5 for 2014 continue to be announced. Full details are always available at the meetings, on flyers, on the IPMS/USA website, and in the *IPMS Journal*.

- 10/18/2014 IPMS/West Central Missouri; **2014 Region 5 Regional Convention**; AmeriStar Casino & Hotel, 3200 N. AmeriStar Dr., Kansas City, MO; Justin Carlson, (816) 256-1310
- 10/25/2014 IPMS/Minnesota Military Figure Society; IPMS/OMG Modelers; IPMS/RPM; IPMS/Twin City Aero Historians; **Nordic-Con 2014** Fort Snelling Base Camp, Northern Star Council BSA 201 Bloomington Road; Mark Jacques, 952-994-5329
- 11/1/2014 IPMS/The Glue Crew; **Glue Crew 2014**; The Howard Johnson Inn & Conference Center, 2101 N. Mountain Rd., Wausau, WI; Joseph Drew
- 11/8/2014 IPMS/Central Missouri Scale Modelers; **TigerCon 2014**; Hickman High School, 1104 North Providence, Columbia, MO; T. Mike Curry, (573) 696-0316
- 11/8/2014 IPMS/Butch O'Hare; **Butch O'Hare Annual Contest**; Lakeview Junior High School, 701 Plainfield Rd., Downers Grove, IL; John Bishop, (630) 904-2819
- 2/7/2015 Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers; **18th Annual Hope It Don't Snow Show**; Ramada Hotel & Convention Center, 1517 16th St.; Rochester, MN; Chris Krco, (507) 254-4646
- 3/7/2015 Madcity Modelers; **Madcity Modelers Model Show**; Doubledays, 4586 Baxter Rd., Cottage Grove, WI; Rob Teubert, (608) 295-9258
- 3/14/2015 IPMS Great Plains / IPMS KC AMPS; **KC CON 2015**; First Church of the Nazarene, 11811 State Line

Road, Kansas City, MO; Stuart Malone (816) 560-8282

- 3/21/2015 South Central Modelers of Minnesota; **12th Annual Contest and Show**; Five Lakes Center, #1 Center Drive, Fairmont, MN; Dan Bauer (507) 822-3938

Meeting Themes

- 10/17/2014 **Theme:** Black Cat's, anything with a cat name or anything predominately painted black (Happy Halloween) **[at the Church]**
- 11/21/2014 **Theme:** My favorite go-to tools. What can't I live without while building my model. **[at the Church]**
- 12/19/2014 **Theme:** My must build model/models for 2015. **[at the Church]**

As specifically noted above, IPMS/Will-Cook meets each month on the 3rd Friday at 7:30-9:30 p.m. at:
First Presbyterian Church of Homewood
17929 Gottschalk Ave.
Homewood, IL 60430
Or at Steve Butt's house
3757 W. 152nd St.
Midlothian, IL 60445

Raffle Winners

No raffle at the September meeting.

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- The IPMS/Region 5 Coordinator is Kelly Quirk, keldq@aol.com, (816) 415-9745.
- The IPMS/Region 5 website is: <http://ipms-gateway.com/Region5coordinator.html>
- Any IPMS/USA member who recruits a new member will receive a **two-Journal issue free membership extension, up to two full years.**

- The 2015 R5 Regional will be hosted by IPMS/Gateway in St. Louis, MO, on September 12, 2015.
- IPMS Gallery Photos: Contact Larry Randel, Associate Webmaster, at gallery@ipmsusa.org to post photos of your models on the website. Log in and check out the Member Gallery. You will like it.

New Projects Done

Completed new projects brought to the meeting will be photographed for and published in the next issue of the Newsletter.



1/144 Boeing 707 by Dave Stukel



1/48 A-4E Skyhawk by Ed Mate

Model Kit Review

—Jack Bruno

Modeling Notes for DRAGON 1/35
Stug III Ausf. G (late)



I've been busy lately building the older kits that everyone seems to discard everytime a newer/better version comes out.....yes, at even twice the price. I came on this little jewel a few weeks ago looking thru the stash for a "Pigshead" Stug. This was nice and doubled the fun since I had never built a late version before. Late Stug G's had a few simpler manufacturer differences in them like the return wheels made of steel, smaller/angled machine gun shield, pilson mounts and fighting compartment deck. In doing a bit of research I decided to do a vehicle from an unidentified unit in Poland in late 1944. It was all dark yellow but.....let the story begin.

Having built a few Stugs of late I started getting into the trap every modeler gets himself (or her) into by having the finished product in your head before you even built it. ...c'mon, we all do it. Anyway, I took it off the shelf and started to let my mind wander to a different colder place and allowed myself to make the model the vision I had. I started with the running gear and chassis and the only different thing here was the all steel return rollers. this was finished before the

end of a Blackhawks game (they won) and I started working on the tracks. The kit comes with the solid horn 40cm Track but I just could not get into it. Solid horn on a Stug III is like spitting into dinner before you eat it, so... I opted for my built up stash of hollow horn Magic Track. I have built so many DRAGON kits that I have an ample supply of extra's that I use for moments like this. YES, you CAN use the solid, but I'll save them for that Panzer IV Ausf. J (late) that I have in mind. The following night I was watching The Big Bang Theory and before the three episodes ended I had both runs done, mounted and just looking oh so very pretty. The upper hull and fighting compartment was very easy to build and I started to scratch the rear stowage deck from scrap plastic and brass strip for the mounts. I always play with the rack by putting weld beads along the mounts with green putty and a toothpick. I added the stowage from the spares box. Looks good!



Next, the mantlet is put together and I stippled it with liquid glue and an old brush to give it a nice cast texture. Then in went the 75mm gun. I added a canvas cover according to my pics and I was starting to really dig it! I made the steel cable and attached it to the side skirt mounts and again was starting to have

visions. I wanted to be a little different and while researching Panthers I came across a couple of crews that removed the side skirts and stored them on the engine deck. I thought that was interesting and decided to do that. Everything that you see here was done and off to the paint shop it went.

As always, I sprayed the entire vehicle Flat Black from the can (TAMIYA). When it dried I took out my trusty PAASCHE H single action that's older than my kids. I few light coats covered it and I changed colors to a darker yellow (VALLEJO) to do some panels just to give it depth. This was coming along and I gave it a FUTURE covering for the decals and some oil wash. I did the lower part of the vehicle first and let it dry before removing the film with Q-Tips. During this time I started to paint the stowage. Interesting enough, I found that in field vehicles sometimes received an application of new paint. To bring this into my thought process I painted everything on the Stug that the crew would take off, such as bedrolls, canvas and some light boxes, but other heavy things like spare roadwheels, tool boxes, and sometimes the tools themselves were just over sprayed. I did want to add some SASSY, so I painted two of the schurtzen a primer red brown. I must say, it did pop! After that prep work was finished I decaled a few German Crosses (Solvaset); one on the rear stowage rack and one on the non-covered hull side (right). When these were dry I brushed FUTURE over them and they were sealed for the weathering process.

I flat coated the whole kit and took a wide chisel brush and just lightly went over the tank with a small Turpentine wetting. Just enough to make it pretty ;) At this time I used an idea that I've seen many good armor builders do - chips and

scratches. I took out a tube of PAYNE'S GRAY and with a small brush, streaked some areas where the crew would be getting on and off. It came out the way I wanted, subtle and not over done. The tools were painted BUFF on the wooden area's and when those dried I used a wee bit of burnt sienna oil to streak it until I had a nice wood grain finish. I stopped for a day to work on something else and the returned to give the wooden areas a nice li'l brush painted flat finish. I stepped back to look at the overall picture then went over some areas with some dry-brushing. Like I always say, "It looks like Crap.....then it's done!" I got a camera so the pictures should be of better quality. Anyway, I hope you like it and stay tuned cause I gotta bunch more coming ;)

