



The Plastic Whittler



Our Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, October 17th, 6:30 pm**, at HobbyTown USA! Note—As per custom we're going to wrap up at 8 PM and go to dinner. Note per discussion at last month's meeting we're going to Cheddar's for dinner for a change!!!.

Here we go.....

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE
Next Meeting	10/17/2016
Build Day	10/22/2016
IPMS/Middle Tennessee	11/5/2016
Chattanooga ModelCon	1/6 & 7/2017
IPMS/Nationals Omaha	7/26-29/2017

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Dave Blackwell	– 1/72 Airfix Avro Shackleton Mk2 (In Box 1/32 Dragon Messerschmitt Bf 109E-4B (In Box) – Watch HobbyTown Items ON SALE!
Bruce Block	– Living Historian / Yankee Artillery
Ben BonVillain	– Kamo Paper MT Masking Tape “Washi” Adhesive Tape – Off of Amazon/Used for Masking purposes
Bob Colbert	– 1/72 NorthStar Models Mk82 500lb Bombs Set
Mike Fiore	– Welcome Back!
George Fugett	– 1/72 Airfix Sea King Navy 2006
Tom Gaston	
Ben Gibby	– 1/48 Kitty Hawk TF-8J Cougar (In Box) – AGAIN Watch HobbyTown Items ON SALE!
Gary Haars	– 1/35 Tamiya M10 (New Tool)
Don Hixson	– Welcome Back! 1/60 Scratch Built (from plans out of Paddle Wheels & Props) W.H. Bancroft paddle/fishing boat
Steve Lewis	– 1/48 Eduard Fokker E.V (OLD edition) W.I.P.
Jeff Mattheiss	
Mike Moore	– 1/72 Minicraft PBM-5A Mariner (In Box)
Lynn Petty	
Emanuel Roland	– Photos
Dave Scott	– Civil War Re-enactor / Confederate Artillery
Tim Simmons	– 1/700 Samek Models Monitor vs. Merrimac (aka CSS Virginia)
Ed Sunder	– 1/72 Fujimi A-4M Skyhawk w/VMA 214 Blacksheep markings // Harbor Freight micro drill bits

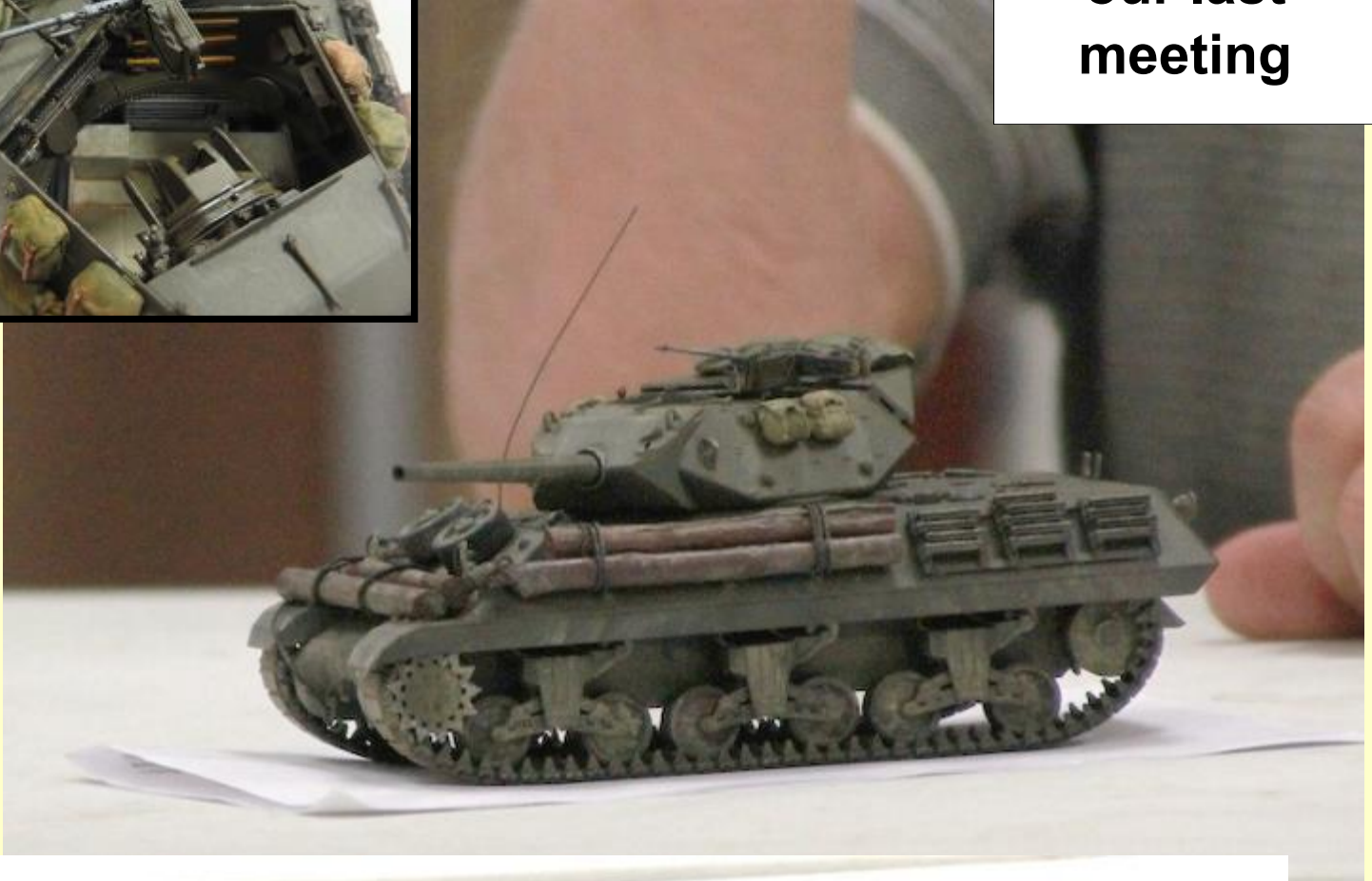
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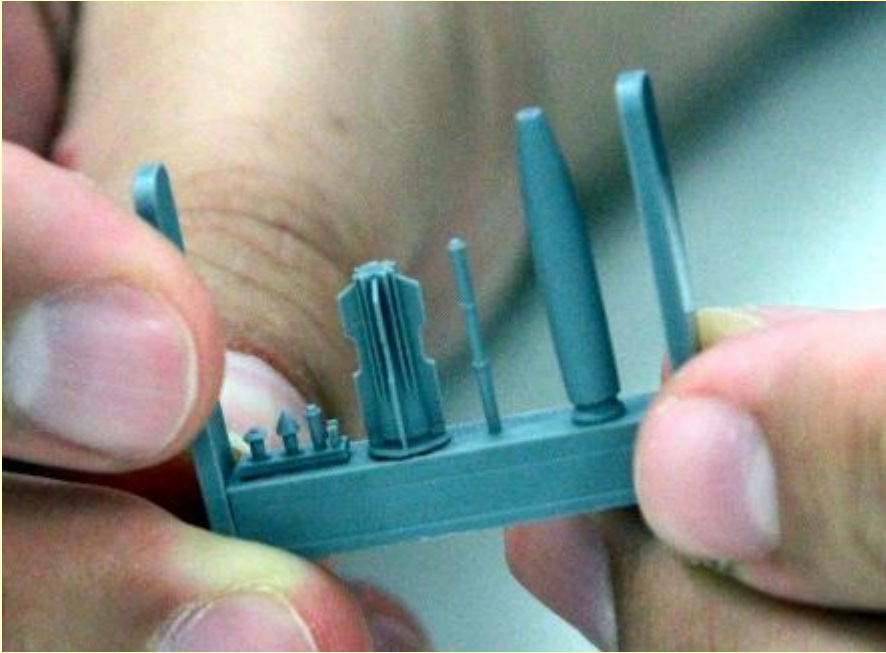
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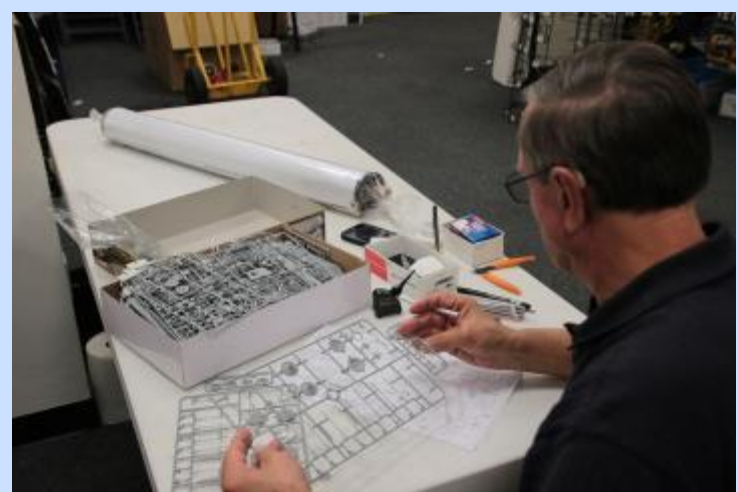


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Sept 17 Build Day Photos

By Dave Blackwell



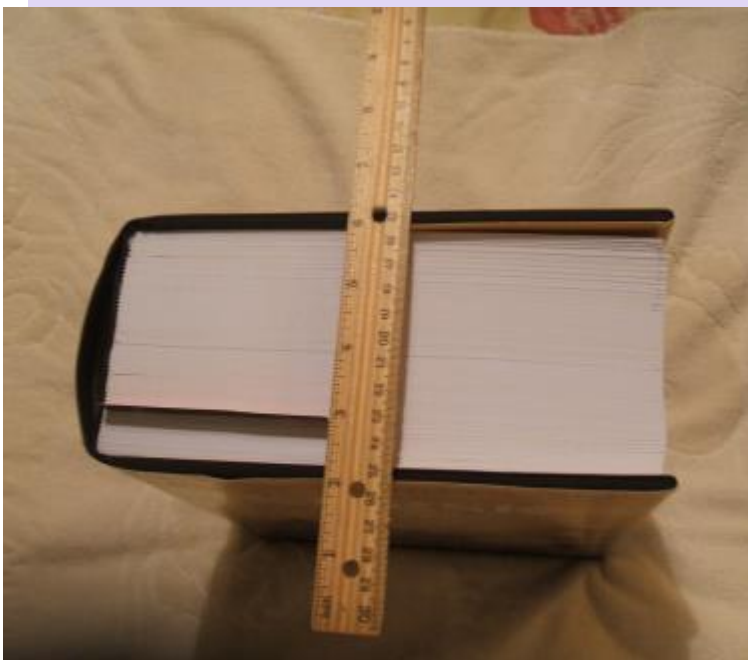
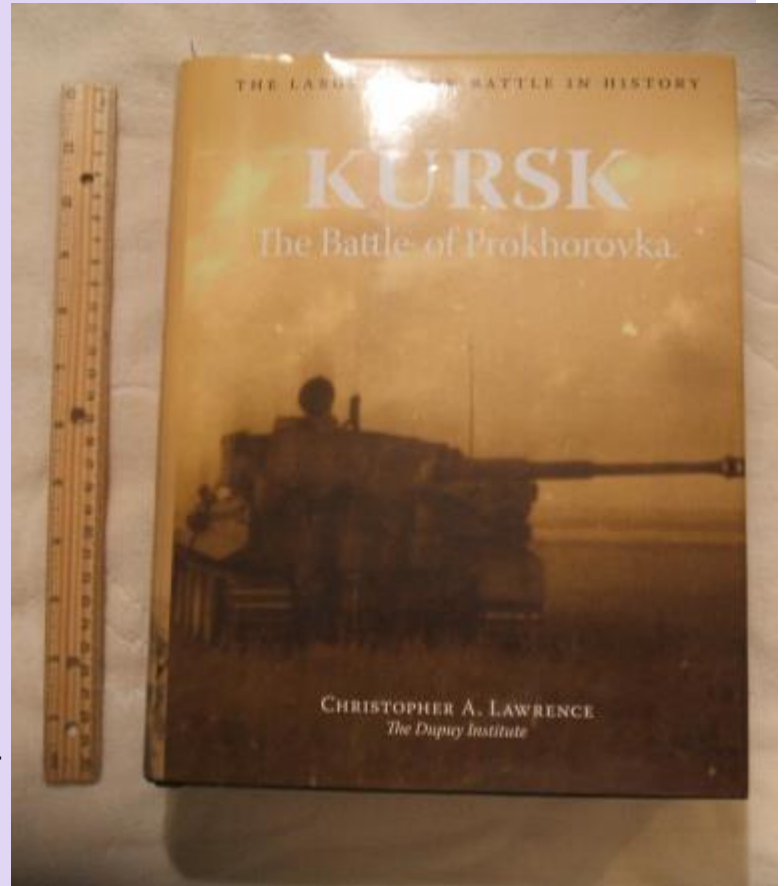


THE MAN OF CHATTANOOGA (or, To Read The Impossible Read)

OK, ok, so my humor is a little off but, once you've really gotten a good look at this book, you'll understand where I'm coming from. The book is "KURSK, The Battle of Prokhorovka, The Largest Tank Battle In History". It might as well have been subtitled "The Largest Military Book In History"!

As I've said in earlier blogs of our illustrious newsletter I'm probably more of a military historian hobbyist than an actual model builder but I still dream (yes, yes, ... The Impossible Dream ...). James Burton brought this humongous book to club back earlier this year and I thought, why not, and asked to read the tome. The size of the book is 11 1/4" x 8 3/4" x 3 3/4". It has a whopping 1582 pages of reading not counting the bibliography or index. And it weighs in at an arm straining 11 pounds. Can you say "door stop for a fire door"?

Be that as it may it is a history book and I enjoy military history, especially the Eastern Front. As you can see in the pictures (I hope) my bookmark shows I've not advanced that far. That bookmark is on page 308 towards the beginning of a 50+ page section on the air campaign of Kursk. An interesting side note (and the book is FULL of side bars for those that like that kind of thing) is that Kursk was practically the only time on the Eastern Front the Germans attempted to do some strategic bombing on the Soviets. No, it didn't do too much harm.



No, I've not made it yet to the actual start of the battle but just to the preliminaries where the troops are approaching their "jumping off" points. Yes, it is that detailed.

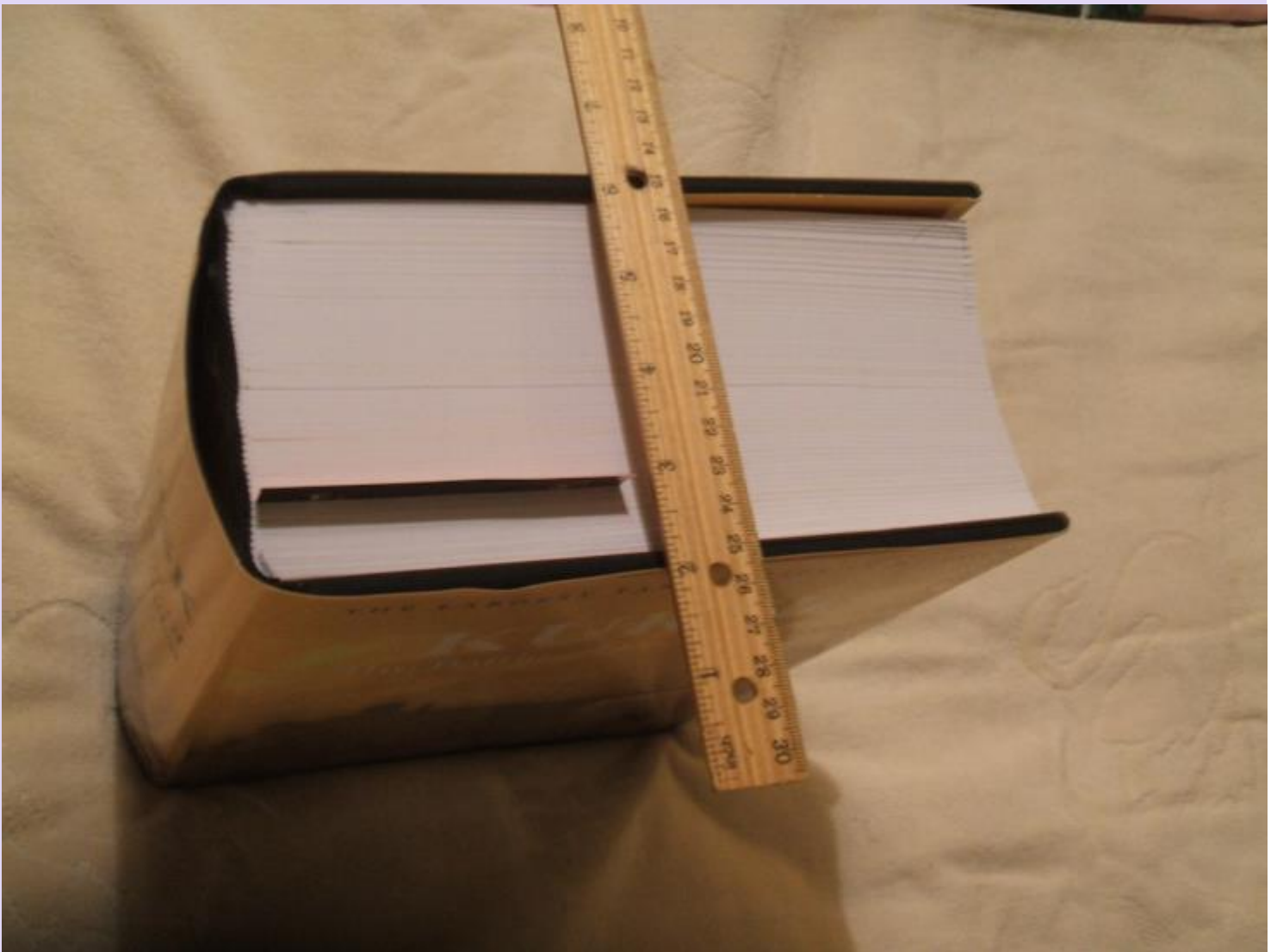
One thing that I've read about in other places (but obviously in not this detail) is about the German Panthers being so unready. The Panthers sent to Kursk were only in 2 battalions placed under one regimental command. The battalions received their tanks less than a month before combat and were shipped to the front not even being told they were going straight into combat and the second battalion was even still unloading their tanks the day before the offensive kicked off! How's that for "breaking in" a new combat weapon?

Think of it this way: You're a good hunter and a notable weapons company has brought you out in the woods and asked you to try out their brand new hunting rifle. But they just brought it off the assembly line and have never fired it and, oh, yes, here comes the bear now it was designed to kill. Good luck! The more I read about WWII, the more stupid decisions I find. Interested in Kursk Panthers? Check this thread out: <http://www.feldgrau.net/forum/viewtopic.php?f=24&t=26752>. This is from a site I refer back to on a regular basis.

I got this book from James back on August 20th so you may wonder why I've only read so much. Well, it's kind of hard being as big as it is to read on the john! I mean, talk about losing circulation in the legs! I thought about a mobile music stand but I doubt it'd take the weight. Thus, I've read a couple of Patrick Delaforce books (yes, I've read another one since last article) "in between" reading this monster. But, hey, reading it this way will give me something to continue to post and for you to read, right? Stay tuned!

Thanks,

Jeff Mattheiss



NEW BOOK FROM JOHN BRENNAN

Dear IPMS Chapters, won't you please inform your members about this publication, thank you.

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Thanks for supporting Army helicopter history research. Rotors forever, John Brennan, former SP5, 114 AHC, 1970-71, Vinh Long AAF, Mekong Delta

PS The Vol 3 helicopter photo-book is slated for a late 2017 publishing date

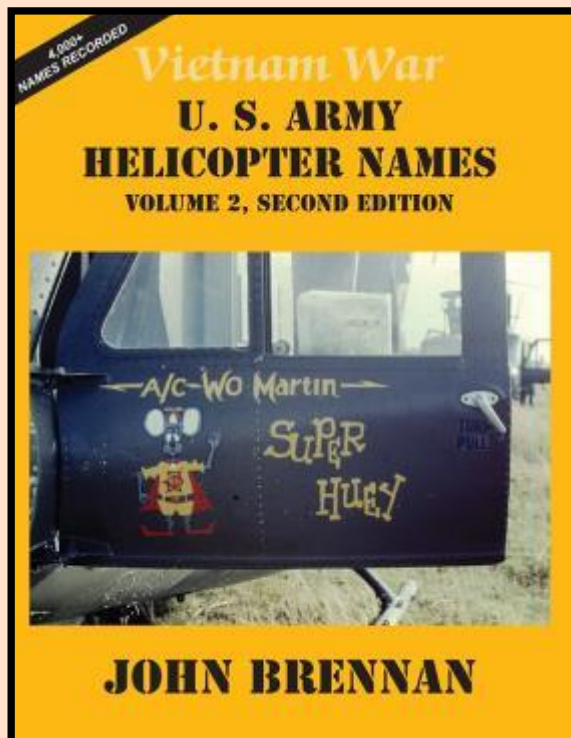


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FROM MIKE FIORE

Mike Fiore sent this as an update for his interesting drone presentation from earlier this year. The Navy MQ-4C Triton has been approved for production.

PATUXENT RIVER, Md., Sept. 23 (UPI) — The U.S. Navy has approved production of the MQ-4C Triton drone, the service announced Thursday.

The decision allows the program to enter low-rate initial production, the first piece of the production and deployment phase, the service said in a statement.

Triton's sensor package will provide persistent maritime intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance data collection and dissemination.

It will be a forward-deployed, land-based, autonomously operated system that provides services within a 2,000 nautical mile range.

It is scheduled to deploy in Fiscal 2018. The program calls for 68 aircraft, built by Northrop Grumman, to be fielded.

Triton incorporates a reinforced airframe for increased internal payload and reinforced wing for hail, bird strike and gust load protection, along with de-icing and lightning protection systems, allowing the drone to descend and ascend through harsh maritime weather environments.



All in a Day's Work

(or, other things to do around town)

By Jeff Mattheiss

For those of you that don't know I've been job hunting since the end of June. Since that time I started working for Groome Transportation in a part time status making sure they know I'm still looking for a job. I get to work as many hours as they have available but most of them tend to be on the weekends. This brings me to my story.

Most folks tend to think of Groome as that shuttle service that takes passengers to the Atlanta or Nashville Airport. Well, that's true but what a lot of folks don't know is that you can charter a Groome van for just about anything you want. It was one of these special charters that sparked my interest.

On September 10th I drove a shuttle for the International Towing & Recovery Museum. That weekend was a special show in the Convention Center all for towing and such. I had no idea 'til I started working that morning. I drove passengers from their hotels (there were 5 on the list) down to the museum itself where there was a ceremony honoring those that had died during the year while



doing the work of towing & recovery. It appeared to be a very nice ceremony with well over 500 people there. Then, besides driving passengers to the museum, I drove them to the Trade Center, back to their hotels, then later to the beginning of the parade, and finally to the big party and fireworks show down on the river. It was a LONG day.

The gist of this is that the museum is a neat little place to find some not overly common info on an item we sometimes may take for granted. Check out their website: <http://internationaltowingmuseum.org/>. I met a lot of real nice folks that day and had fun talking to folks from all over. Even met

an older couple that brought their Model T wrecker down on a trailer from Oregon just for the parade! Sounds like people with a little bit of “modeler” in them.

The parade itself was at 6:00 and that’s the only pictures I was able to take (I was “on the clock”). The angle I was at wasn’t the greatest but there were about 50 wreckers of all sorts there. Outside of that old Model T there was also a very nice Diamond REO down from New Jersey.

Anyway, just wanting to let you all know about a real neat place around town that’d also be a good place to visit.

Thanks,
Jeff



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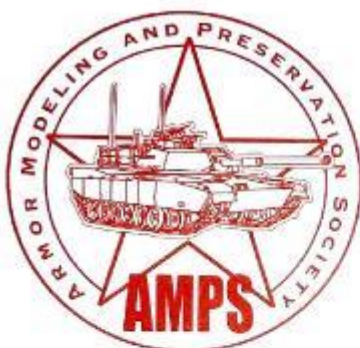
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