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Military Vehicles

► **ALBERT TURECZEK**
AARHUS, DENMARK

Albert backdated CyberHobby's 1/35 Tiger I 1943 to be one of the first operational Tigers at Leningrad in early 1942. The changes included a revised exhaust system, the spare link holder on the front armor plate, and relocated tool holders. He took the photo in black-and-white to emulate a period image.



DAVID LEWIS
LEAWOOD, KANSAS

David built a Meng 1/35 scale Bradley M2A3 kit straight from the box. He relied mostly on Tamiya paints supplemented by Vallejo metallics for the tracks and brown pastels for weathering.





**MIKE FLECKENTEIN
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA**

Mike combined a Dragon 1/72 scale Churchill AVRE and a Lonewolf fascine conversion for this little beauty. The model represents a vehicle with the British 82nd Assault Squadron, 6th Assault Regiment, 79th Armoured Division. Mike scratchbuilt turret stowage boxes and the fascine bundle cable release and drilled the machine-gun barrels.



**LUK VANSTAPPEN
MECHELEN, BELGIUM**

“What a challenge this Italeri kit was!” Luk says. A self-diagnosed Tamiya addict, the 1/9 scale Triumph 3HW seduced him. “What a great motorcycle this is,” he says, even though building it brought him “to the very edge” of his modeling skills. He painted with — what else? — Tamiya acrylics.

NordicCon 2021

NordicCon 2021 model show and contest was once again a success with plenty of stunning scale models on display. Organized by the Twin City Aero Historians, RPM Model Club, Oddball Modelers Group, Minnesota Military Figure Society, and Minnesota Scale Modelers on Saturday, Sept. 25, the theme was Legends of the 20th Century.

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► **JEFFREY CAMPBELL**
EDEN PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA

Jeffrey's 1/72 scale A-6A Intruder won gold. A Fujimi kit, Jeffrey mounted it on a "ground blur" base.



STEVE GUTHMILLER
HAWLEY, MINNESOTA

Steve's unique 1964 Pontiac Grand Prix showcases his many modeling talents and captured gold in the Replica Stock Automotive category.



ROB ZIELINSKI
BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA

Rob's Eduard 1/48 scale Spitfire Mk.IXc features a resin engine and detailed gun bay. This beautiful model earned Rob a first-place award.



DEAN KUITUNEN
HANOVER, MINNESOTA

Dean weathered his 1965 Chevy Pickup to replicate a daily vehicle from the Iron Range. His talents were rewarded by receiving first place in the Best Truck category.



WonderFest 2021

After the COVID-19 pandemic twice forced the cancellation of WonderFest in 2020, the show was back at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville, Kentucky, June 5-6, 2021. Hundreds of people attended, and the contest tables were packed with 780 scale creations. *FineScale Modeler* editor Aaron Skinner attended and here's a taste of what he saw.



▲ **BRIAN DUDDY**
DAYTON, OHIO

We can abide Brian's model of The Dude's car from *The Big Lebowski*. He modified Revell's 1/25 scale Ford Torino with damage, bullet holes, suitcase, bowling bag, and "The Rug" license plates. He painted it using Tamiya acrylics. Hairspray helped finish its "green with brown rust coloration." A scratchbuilt base and sign puts the car at the In-N-Out Burger on Camrose.

◀ **MARK FRALEY**
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Going for the classic TV show look, Marc painted a Blackheart Enterprises 1/7 scale bust of Lily Munster in grayscale using Scale 75 acrylics. He airbrushed the base colors and hand-painted details.



▲ DAN GORDON
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

"Robots are cool!" says Dan. That's definitely true of his 1/20 scale Krote that he painted with acrylics using hairspray to distress the winter camouflage over multiple shades of gray. Plenty of oil washes and streaking, chipping, and more weathering followed. "So much fun," he says. To display the Hasegawa Maschinen Krieger model, he sculpted the terrain with mud and snow.



▲ DOUGLAS SCOTT
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Interpreting what Hera Syndulla's A-wing would have looked like after *Star Wars Rebels*, Douglas painted Bandai's 1/72 scale model with Vallejo acrylics and used decals from Cosmos Models. Salt masking adding chipping to the paint. "I used Aves Apoxie Sculpt to create the [lekku] (head-tails) on Hera's head," he says.



JOHN ROSS
BROOKLYN PARK, MINNESOTA

For a realistic paneled finish on Polar Lights' 1/1000 scale USS Enterprise NX-01, John painted it with Testors Model Master Metalizer Steel and applied Acreation decals for the Aztec pattern.