

This picture recently appeared in the most recent (October) Albuquerque chapter newsletter.

The only comment was a caption reading, "*You **KNOW** the judges will still want to pick it up to see the other side.*"



It appears to be an American M1 Abrams tank, but then I'm not an armor modeler....

A little internet research indicated that the occurrence was hardly unique.



Almost commonplace? <https://www.indiatoday.in/fyi/story/russian-military-tank-upside-down-middle-of-the-road-12600-2016-06-06>



Definitely a traffic hazard....



Or even bizarre! <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1393899/Venice-Biennale-art-fes<val-Does-upside-tank-jogger-REALLY-sell-U-S.html>



This got me to wondering if my tanker friend had any related stories. A re<red Army Sergeant Major, he's one of the regulars at my regular Monday-and-Thursday-Kafé-Klatache-Liars-Club-Down-at-the-Local-McDonalds.

He'd been a tanker for his entire Army career, with multiple tours in Germany, so I thought sure he might have some comments to add.

So I asked him if he had ever done a half-loop in a tank.

His response:

Never happened to me, but I did go nose first into a deep ditch. Nothing but my grill doors pointing to the sky was visible from my rear. Thank goodness I traversed the gun tube to the rear before attempting to cross that "shallow little obstacle" otherwise the thing would have been ruined and my driver might have drowned. In my defense the ditch wasn't all that wide when I started, but my side of it caved in under the weight.

For myself, I still prefer aerobatics in airplanes....

