



Happy – belated – 4th of July!

By now, I think, Jeff has up-dated our website with some pictures and notes about our first “Armor Model Geek Day Event.” I have to say that I thought it was a great time, and I hope you all enjoyed yourselves! For those of you who missed it, all I can say is that we missed you and hope that you can make it next time. As usual, we had feast fit for royalty and plenty of *bon temps* to go along with all that good food. Many thanks to everyone for their generous contributions to the buffet. I think Tom Wingate’s chili for the hotdogs was the big hit, but there were plenty of other dishes with nothing left over but the bowl. We had almost 30 members and guests in attendance over the day, including a few of our non-AMPS friends from the Swamp Foxes IPMS chapter. Congrats to the three winners in our intra-club contest (see Jeff’s notes on our website for complete details). (Tim Darrah told me he didn’t even get home with his HobbyTown gift-card. He had to stop by the store on his way!)

I think this event is definitely in the “do over” category. If you think so, too, let me know, so we can start making plans for next year. If you have any ideas or suggestions for what we should do differently next time, don’t be shy about those either.

Finally, don’t forget that this month kicks off our quarterly Saturday club-build days. We’ve scheduled this first build-day for Saturday, July 19, starting at 1100 am. We won’t set an end time, we’ll just go until everybody’s through. I will host the first one of these at my house, and I’ve included driving directions below. We’ll see how this first Saturday build-day goes with participation and adjust our plans accordingly for the next one.

Last Meeting’s Minutes:

Our last meeting was held at 6:00 pm, 11 June, 2014. We had 16 members in attendance with 10 models present for Show & Tell. The club raffle prize was Academy’s *Merkava II with KMT-4 Mine Roller* won by Jeff Nelson.

During the meeting: 1) Report on 2016 Convention Proposal planning. 2) Final coordination for “Armor Model Geek Day” at the rec center: food, intra-club contest, display tables, swap-meet tables. 3) Reminder about the Intra-club contest – “T-44 through T-62 Family of Vehicles” to be judged at the “Model Geek Day.” 4) Discuss any desired agenda for our first Saturday “build day” meeting on Saturday, 19 July. No particular agenda or program was desired. We’ll just show up and build. 5) Discuss and vote to sponsor a category or award at the AMPS All-American show in August. Sponsorship was approved and a donation will be sent. (A donation of \$20 in cash was given to Kerry Brenstuhl at our “Model Geek Day” event.) 6) Keith will updated us on the policies and procedures from the new HobbyTown USA store owners and manager. Everything looks status quo

for the club operations and we should see some real improvements in the merchandise stocking. 7) No new business was introduced.

Next Meeting's Agenda:

Our next regular meeting will be at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 09 July, 2014 at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road, Columbia.

6:00 pm (1800): Meeting starts / Admin Business – 1) Report on 2016 Convention Proposal planning. We've encountered some venue pricing issues that might make our proposal unacceptable at the AMPS National level. 2) Solicit feedback from members on our "Armor Model Geek Day." What did you like? What would you change for next time? 3) Discuss directions to Mike Roof's house for our first Saturday "build day" meeting on Saturday, 19 July. 4) Floor will be open for new business.

REMINDER: The HobbyTown USA store will close at 8:00 pm (2000). This means that all purchases at the store must be made before then so that the cash registers can be closed.

6:15 pm (1810): Admin business and Show & Tell.

6:50 pm (1850): Break: Shopping & Social Mixer. Cash registers close at 8:00 pm.

7:10 pm (1910): Reconvene: Continue Show & Tell: Builds and WIPs

8:00 pm (2000): Meeting ends (officially)

Regular meetings are held on 2nd Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 pm (1800) at the HobbyTown USA store, 10120 Two Notch Road, Suite 5, Columbia, SC 29223, (803) 736-0959.

Up-coming Events:

Jul 09, 2014, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

Jul 19, 2014, 1100 am (1100) until complete: Mike Roof's house - AMPS Central SC Saturday build day and informal meeting. See driving directions below. Bring whatever you want to work on and any special tools you need and have a good time hanging out and working on models.

Aug 13, 2014, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

Aug 30, 2014: AMPS All-American contest and show, Fayetteville, NC. This show will be a unilateral AMPS effort.

Sep 10, 2014, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

Oct 08, 2014, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

Nov 12, 2014, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road. **Intra-club contest / group-build.** Theme – Any Light Tank 20 tons and under (any era, nationality, or scale).

Dec 10, 2014, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS Christmas Party at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

From Tim Darrah's Work Bench

Tim has asked me to spread the word that he has an article index for *Military Miniatures in Review* from issue one through issue 59. This index is in Excel and Tim will give a copy to anyone who would like it.

Also, Tim is looking to borrow a copy of Hunnicutt's *Firepower – The History of the American Heavy Tank* to do some research on the new DML M6A1 heavy tank. If you have a copy of the Hunnicutt book or have any suggestions for M6 research, please let Tim know.

Inaugural Quarterly Saturday Club Build-day, 19 July, 2014

Well, all roads lead to Mike's house! But, just in case, here're some driving directions and maps to get you there. Your destination address is: 290 Old Ruff Road, Winnsboro, SC 29180.

Old Ruff Road is a paved, single lane road marked with a standard green road sign leading west off of US 321. Old Ruff Road passes between two red brick houses and is easily missed as a driveway. Once you get on Old Ruff Road, Mike's house is about ¼ mile and will be on your right just over the hill top (you'll know when you get to the top of the hill!). The house number is marked with a blue sign on a post.

From Columbia, (or by way of I-20 from Florence, Sumter or Lexington) you can take either US 321 north towards Winnsboro or I-77 north.

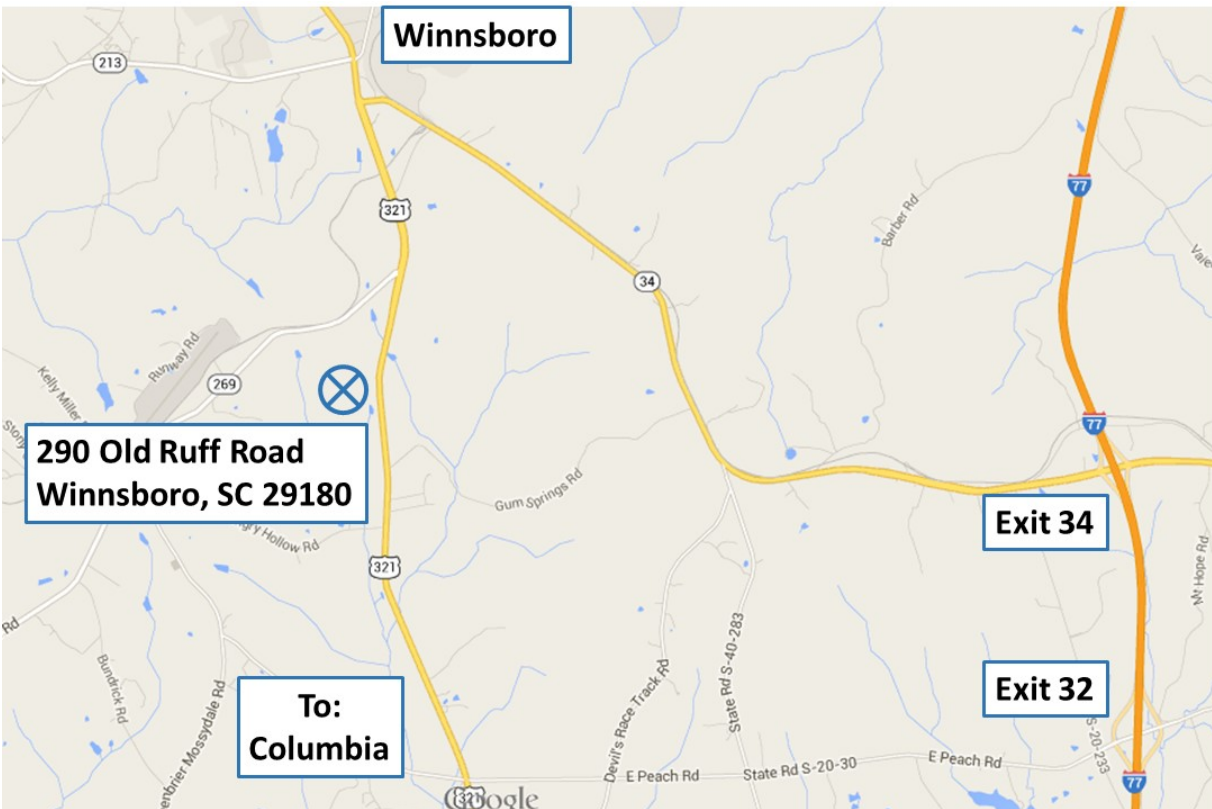
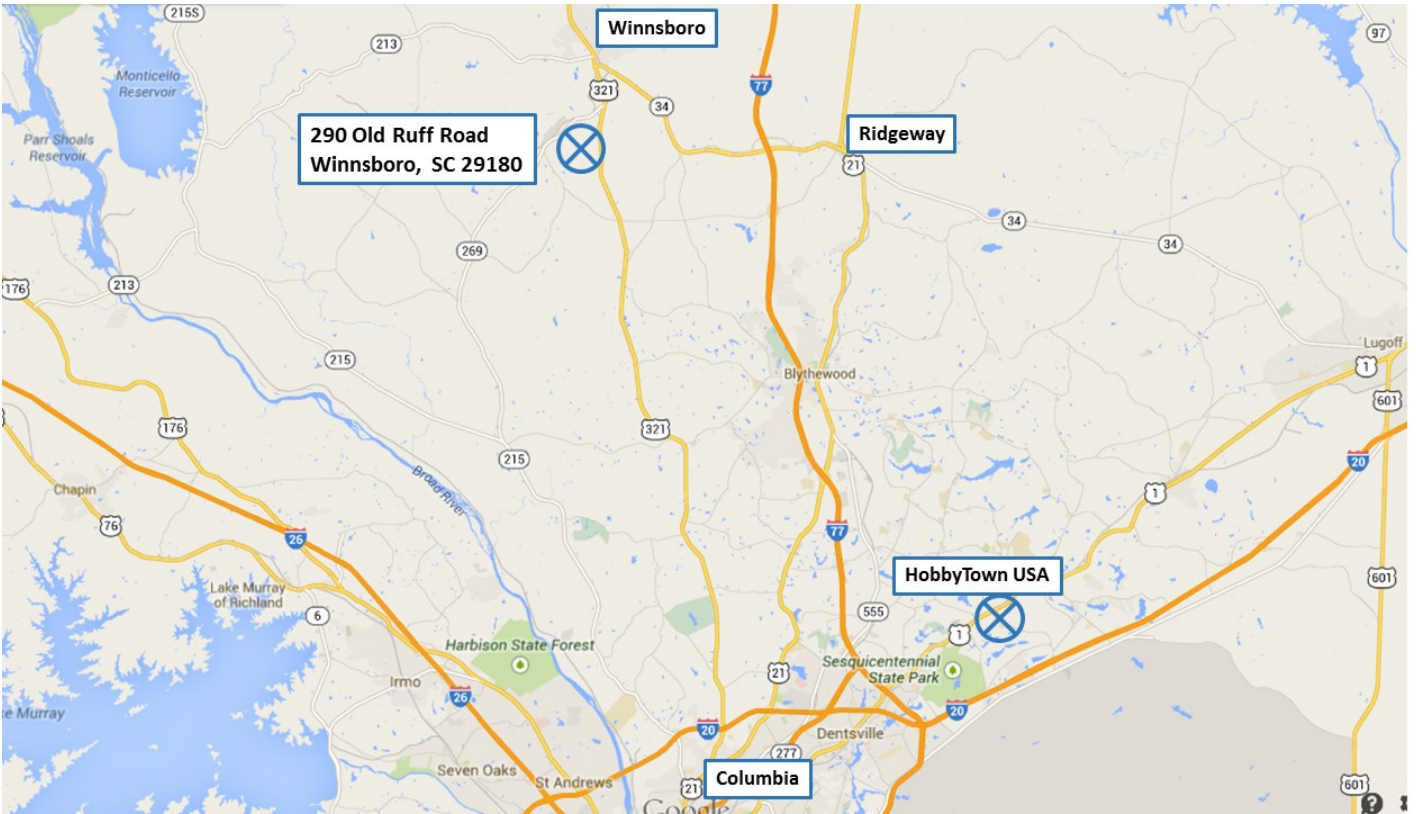
By US 321 (Exit 70 off I-20), Old Ruff Road will be on your left / west approximately 6 miles after crossing the Richland-Fairfield county line at the bridge over Cedar Creek. If you get to the four-lane US 321 By-pass in Winnsboro, you've gone about ¼ mile too far.

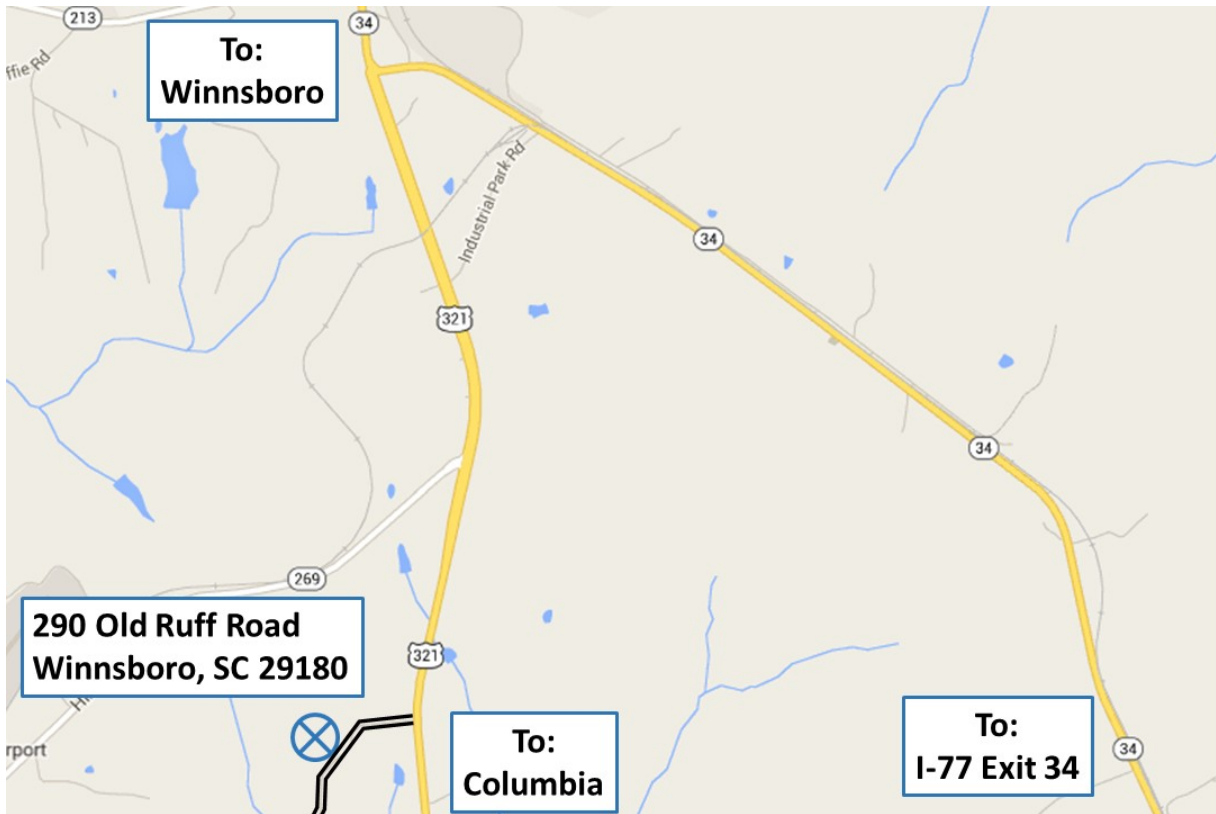
By I-77 north (Exit 76A off I-20), take Exit 32, Peach Road. Turn left / west onto Peach Road and follow it approximately 4 miles to US 321 (clearly marked). Turn right / north on US 321 and Old Ruff Road will be approximately 3 miles on your left / west. Again, if you get to where US 321 turns into four-lanes, you've gone about ¼ mile too far.

From Charlotte / Rockhill, take I-77 south to Exit 34 onto SC 34. Turn right / west on SC 34 and follow it about 5 miles to the SC Railroad Museum. Turn left / west onto Industrial Parkway and follow it about ¾ mile to US 321. Turn left / south on US 321 and Old Ruff Road will be about 1-1/4 mile on your right / west (about ¼ mile after the four-lane narrows to 2-lane).

From Newberry / points north on I-26, take Exit 74 (across I-26) to SC 34. Go east on SC 34 to Winnsboro. SC 34 merges into US 321. Drive south on US 321 through Winnsboro (SC 34 will diverge east but stay on US 321). Once US 321 turns from four-lane to two-lane, Old Ruff Road will be about ¼ mile on your right / west.

From Camden / Lugoff / Elgin, take SC 34 west towards Winnsboro. Cross I-77 just west past Ridgeway. Continue on SC 34 to the SC Railroad Museum. Turn left / west onto Industrial Parkway and follow it about ¾ mile to US 321. Turn left / south on US 321 and Old Ruff Road will be about 1-1/4 mile on your right / west (about ¼ mile after the four-lane narrows to 2-lane).





“The Day Room”

In the US military, most company-level units have a “day room” in the barracks where the troops hang-out, relax, and BS. When you want to learn the latest in “rumor control,” you swing by the day room and chat-up the Joes and Janes hanging out there. They might not always get it right, but they’re always willing to tell ya just what they think! So, welcome to “the Day Room...”

Well, that’s all for this month.

I hope you all had a great 4th of July holiday and are getting some model building done. I’m looking forward to our next special event, the Saturday Club Build-day. Don’t forget to put the August AMPS show in Fayetteville on your calendars. Kerry and the AMPS All-American gang have a very nice show planned, and I’m also looking forward to that road trip. (How about those Theme and Best of Show awards!?! Engraved land mines! Gar-ran-tee you’ll be the only kid on the block with one of those!)

See ya Wednesday and Happy Modeling!

Mike Roof

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