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Well guys, I apologize for getting this issue out so late. Seems like I just had too many irons in the fire, so to speak, and model building and the newsletter had to take a back seat.

But maybe, as they say, better late than never...

For those of you who missed it, last month we had an excellent demo by Scott Amey on the "hair spray" weathering technique. We also had a new member, Carl Wethington from Statesville, NC, attend for his first meeting. So, "thanks" to Scott and "welcome aboard" to Carl! Check out the slide show from Scott's demo on our website.

This past month we've continued our steady progress towards our show in July. Tim Darrah has completed the club banner project, and we'll be able to see it at this month's meeting. I've ordered the custom bronze, silver and gold medals for the show, and they should be delivered in time for our May meeting. And finally, wait until you get the latest treasurer's report from Scott. I think everyone will be surprised at his fund raising efforts (once again!).

Also this month, member Jeff Nelson had his "surprise" 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party. The party was held at the Mello Mushroom restaurant in Florence, and several AMPS club members attended. It was a very nice bash, and from the look on Jeff's face, he was thoroughly surprised!

So, keep your calendars clear for our show in July and don't forget that in just a couple of weeks, we have the IPMS Region-12 Regional Convention. I know the IPMS club is just about ready for that show, and it promises to be a good one with plenty of vendors and a great venue. We'll have an AMPS table for non-competition model display and recruiting, so keep your calendars free for Saturday, 28 April!

### **Last Meeting Minutes:**

At our last regular meeting held on 14 March, we had 10 members and one new member (Carl Wethington) in attendance. We had seven builds and WIPs brought in for Show & Tell, and Tim Darrah won the raffle.

Business conducted: Discussed and approved for purchase of custom award medals for our July show; Reviewed the final design for the club promo banner and received an up-date from Tim Darrah on its production status; Received a treasurer's report from Scott Amey who also encouraged all the members to solicit for trophy sponsors; Received a vendor and raffle coordinator's report from Tim Darrah. Scott Amey presented a demonstration on using the "hair spray" weathering technique.

### **Next Meeting Agenda:**

Our next meeting will be at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 11 April, 2012.

6:00 pm (1800): Meeting starts / Admin Business – This month's business (1) Report from Treasurer, Scott Amey (2) First look at the club's promo banner to be "un-veiled" at the IPMS R-12 Convention (3) Status report on the custom award medal order (5) Lock-in volunteers to man the IPMS R-12 display and recruiting table. Also need to line up display models.

6:20 pm (1810): Demo: Figure Painting (Part 1)

6:50 pm (1850): Break / Shopping / Mixer

7:10 pm (1910): Reconvene: Show & Tell - Builds and WIP's

8:00 pm (2000): Meeting ends (officially – but we'll carry-on as long as the store will stay open)

*Regular meetings are held on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 of Interest:**

**Apr 11, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Apr 26-28, 2012:** AMPS International Show, WW2 Victory Museum, Auburn, IN.

**Apr 28, 2012, 9am -5pm:** IPMS Mid-Carolina R-12 Contest, NG Armory, Bluff Road, Columbia, SC.

**May 09, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Jun 13, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Jul 11, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Jul 14, 2012:** AMPS Central SC Regional Contest, Gym, Ball Park Rec. Facility, Ball Park Road, Lexington, SC.

**Aug 08 (T), 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road. (Date conflicts with IPMS / USA Nat'l Convention and may be moved to either Aug 01 or 15.)

**Aug 8-11, 2012:** IPMS / USA National Convention, Disney Land, Lake Buena Vista (Orlando), FL.

**Sep 12, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Oct 10, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Nov 14, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Dec 12, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road. Christmas Party !

### **“The Day Room”**

Well, that about wraps it up for this month. I hope everyone is deep into their builds for our upcoming July show.

As a small heads-up, James Moody, the Chapter Contact for the new AMPS club up in Greenville has told me that his group is planning a "build day" for one Saturday next month, May. I don't have a firm date yet, but I'm certainly planning on trying to get up to it. It will be nice to hang around with some other AMPS guys and see how they do business. Maybe we can get some good ideas that we can incorporate into our program.

See ya at the meeting!

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