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Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter. A newsletter for two months in a row. Wow! Of course, when there isn't a lot of content, it's much easier to "write" a newsletter.

The meeting start time is now firmly back to starting at 6 pm with an official end time of 8 pm. If you show up early, and there's no one in the meeting room, feel free to "occupy by force" (a dismounted patrolling term for one of the techniques used to occupy and secure a patrol base).

Check out our website for more info & photos:
<http://www.ampscentralsouthcarolina.org/>



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<https://www.facebook.com/ampscentralsouthcarolina>

Regular Meeting Minutes, 09 April, 2019

Our last meeting was held on **Tuesday**, April 9, 2019 from 6 - 8 pm at the Richland Library Sandhills (Village of Sandhills Shopping Center), 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia (NE).

Our meeting this month was on a different day due to using the Library Craft Media Room. We had 11 club members in attendance, who brought 7 models for Show & Tell, plus Ben Brandes e-mailed some pictures of his latest build. The normal photographer, Jeff Nelson, was not able to attend the meeting, but Dave Varettoni stepped in to take this month's pictures. Mike Roof gave a slide show

and demonstration about Basic Scratch Building Techniques. For the Raffle, we had Trumpeter's 1/35 scale "*Russian ASU-85 Airborne self-propelled gun Mod.1965*", kit #01588, won by Bob Spagnola.

Please see the link below on our website for photos of the models that were brought in for Show & Tell, the meeting, raffle prize and winner.

- 1) T-34/76 M1941/42 (Tamiya 1970s, scratch-built Tie-Downs, changed Fuel Tanks), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
- 2) M1A1/A2 Abrams Main Battle Tank, with Full Interior (Rye Field Model #RM-5007 2-in-1), 1/35 – Daniel Karnes
- 3) Russian DPM Scout/Heavy Patrol APC (Tamiya T-55A + SP Designs DPM conversion, some Eduard P/E, & scratch built bits), 1/35 – Tim Darrah
- 4) Czech T-72M1 (Tamiya T-72 + SBS Models T-72M1 turret & P/E, Eduard gun barrel & P/E, Echelon Decals), 1/35 – Tim Darrah
- 5) M1A2 Abrams (?), 1/35 - ?
- 6) M4A3E8 Sherman "Easy Eight", Korean War (Tamiya?), 1/35 – ?
- 7) M1 IP Abrams MBT (Panda-Hobby & Trumpeter T156 Tracks), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
- 8) Mark IV Tadpole WWI Heavy Tank (Takom), 1/35 – Ben Brandes (e-mailed after the meeting)

Photo Album on our webpage at: <http://www.ampscentralsouthcarolina.org/meeting-photos.html>

Business items:

1) Treasurer's Report:

- a. Bank balance = \$6,049.12.
- b. Cash on Hand (CoH) reported by the treasurer.
- c. Total Treasury with CoH reported by the treasurer.
- d. One Deposit this month – Dues and Vendor Table Sales = \$130.
- e. Pending Expenses:
 - \$1000 for NG Armory
 - \$400 for Event Security (est.)
 - \$ TBD RIPCORN Expenses

Reminder: Club Annual Dues of \$12 per member for 2019 are due starting in January. Still \$12 for adults with no dues for juniors under 18 years old. New adult member dues are pro-rated at \$1 per month for the remainder of the calendar year, first month's meeting attendance excluded. Please see the treasurer, Ralph Nardone, if you need to pay your dues.

2) Project RIPCORN:

- Project is still progressing. Added plywood sides and painted black.
- We continue to hold Saturday build days starting at 11:30am almost every week.
- Craig Van Hout, a RIPCORN vet, visited the project on Saturday, April 6th.
- On Saturday, April 13th, we hosted an "Open House" for a group of RIPCORN vets, along with reps from the museum.

- 3) 2019 **Scale Model Mega-Show** items reported/discussed:
 - a. Vendor Update: Timmy has sold / reserved 51 of 61 tables. This means that we only 10 tables still available.
 - b. We only have one confirmed food vendor. Suggestions to Timmy if you have any.
 - c. Floor was turned over to Ralph for the IPMS Update.
 - d. Observations, Comments, and any Questions.

- 4) The floor was opened for any new business:

- 5) Demonstration – Discussion: “*Scratch Building – Working with Styrene Stock*”, by Mike Roof. This month we discuss our scratch-building material along with some basic cutting & construction techniques:
 - Use POLYSTYRENE and not ABS.
 - Polystyrene Stock Types and Sizes.
 - Basic Cutting Technique: “Scribe and Snap”.
 - Measuring, Marking and Scribing.
 - Accuracy.
 - Basic Box Construction Exercise.

Polystyrene materials are the same as most kit plastic, so the normal model glues and cements you already have on your workbench should be good.

- 6) After the business portion of the meeting, we held our usual **Show & Tell** of new builds and works-in-progress. We drew for the monthly raffle prize winner at the end of the meeting. Ralph, our treasurer, sold raffle tickets during the meeting. See the Meeting Photos page on our website for all of the completed and works in progress brought to this month’s meeting!

- 7) After the meeting, a number of members went to a nearby restaurant for the “after-the-meeting-meeting”.

Tentative Agenda, Regular Meeting, 9 May, 2019

Our next regular meeting will take place 6-8 pm, Thursday, May 9, 2018, at Richland Library Sandhills (Village of Sandhills Shopping Center), 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia, SC 29223. **This month our meeting will either be in the crafts room so we can have actual media demonstration, OR in our regular meeting room. It will be a SURPRISE!**

Tentative Agenda Business items:

1) Treasurer’s Report:

Reminder: Club annual dues are due this month. Still \$12 for adults with no dues for juniors under 18 years old. New adult member dues are pro-rated at \$1 per month for the remainder of the calendar year, first month’s meeting attendance excluded.

2) 2019 June **Scale Model Mega-Show** Report.

- 3) Demonstration – Discussion: “*Scratch Building*”, by Mike Roof:
- Creating more complex shapes with angles.
 - Laminating.
 - “Glue Ups”.

To be held in the craft room downstairs. MAYBE.

- 4) Floor will be open for New Business.
- 5) After the business portion of the meeting, we’ll **Show & Tell** off new builds and works-in-progress. We’ll also draw for the monthly raffle prize winner at the end of the meeting. See Ralph, our treasurer, for raffle tickets at any time during the meeting.
- 6) After the meeting, everyone is invited to join us for the “meeting after the meeting”!

Mike Roof

Michael D. Roof
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Chapter Contact
AMPS Central SC “Wildcats”

Up-coming Events

2019 South Carolina Scale Model MEGA-Show, co-hosted by AMPS Central South Carolina Wildcats and IPMS/Mid-Carolina Swamp Fox Modelers, will be held on June 21-22, 2019.

Location: SC National Guard Armory, 1225 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC, 29201, 803-299-4200.

2019 Show Theme: “Hit the Beach”

See the following web links for more information: <https://scmegashow.com>.



The poster features a collage of images: a military landing operation on the left and a beach scene with people and surfboards on the right. Text includes logos for AMPS Central South Carolina Wildcats and IPMS/Mid-Carolina Swamp Fox Modelers, the event title '2019 SOUTH CAROLINA SCALE MODEL MEGA-SHOW', the theme 'Hit the Beach!', dates '9am - 6pm Saturday, June 22, 2019', location 'SC NG Armory & SC Military Museum, 1225 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC 29201', and directions 'I-77, Exit #5'. A website link 'https://scmegashow.com' and a slogan 'You'll have more fun than Gidget on a surfboard!' are also present.

2019 New Releases

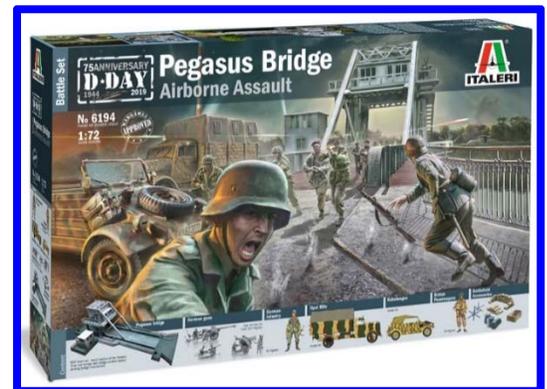
- **Kangaroo**, Italeri, 1/35th scale, kit # 6551 (Rebox).
Release date May 2019.

New glueable Rubber Tracks, Decals For 3 Versions, Color Instructions Sheet, Contains 6 Figures



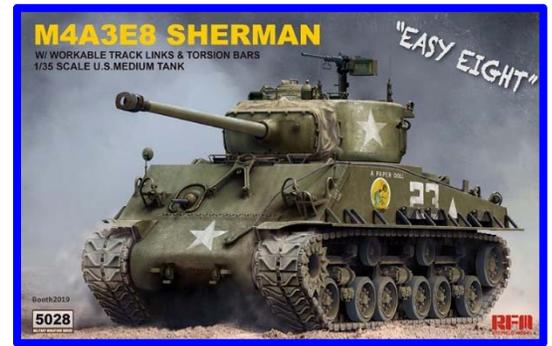
- **Pegasus Bridge – D-Day 75th Anniversary, 1944-2019**, Italeri, 1/72nd scale, kit # 6194 (Rebox).
Release date May 2019.

Multi-Kit Battle Set



- **M4A3E8 Sherman U.S. Medium Tank**, Rye Field Model, 1/35th scale, kit # 5028. Scheduled for May 2019.

With workable track links and suspension, photo etch.



- **Sd.Kfz.165 Hummel (Late)**, Tamiya, 1/35th scale, kit # 35367 (new tool).

With Link and Length Tracks, 3 figures loading shells.



- **Country Road w/ Farmhouse Ruin Section**, HQ72 Resin Products, 1/72nd scale, kit # HQ-R-043.



- **Cobblestone Street w/ Undamaged Store Front**, HQ72 Resin Products, 1/72nd scale, kit # HQ-R-001.



- **TBMP T15 Infantry Fighting Vehicle w/ 57mm Gun**, Panda Hobby, 1/35th scale, kit # PH-35051 (New Tool).

With photo etch, workable track links.



Members Build Blogs

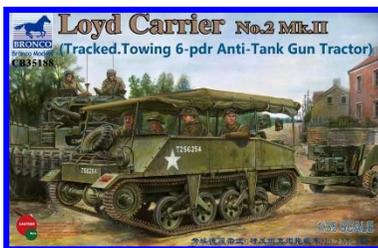
Build Blogs give an in-depth review of the construction process and allow the builders to share their knowledge. We are fortunate to have some of the members in our club with build blogs on modeling web sites. Please note that due to a change with Photo Bucket in 2017, many build logs have been impacted and linked photos may not show. While some modelers have/are relinking their blogs to a different photo hosting site, many older build logs and postings on various forums will likely never show the original linked pictures again and are lost forever. A posting on Missing-Linx provides a (temporary) work-around for Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome browsers:

<http://www.network54.com/Forum/47211/message/1504035816/PB+-+extension+to+make+photos+viewable+again>

Mike Roof has 2 on Track-Link.com:



MiniArt T-44 Soviet Medium Tank, Kit # 35193
http://www.track-link.com/forums/site_blogs/27686



Bronco Loyd Carrier No. 2, Mk II (Tracked Tractor), # CB35188,
 towing a Riich British Ordnance QF Mk. IV A-T Gun 6 Pdr, # 35042
http://www.track-link.com/forums/site_blogs/22053

Jeff Nelson has 1 on Armorama.com:

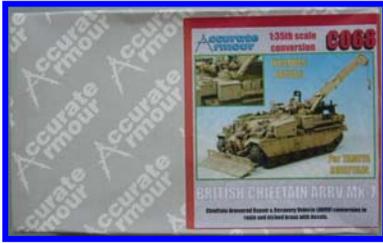


Fine Molds Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Type 60 APC, FM40
http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=Squa wkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic_id=213731&page=1#2056793

Additionally, Jeff did an In-Box-Review of this kit.

<http://armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=Reviews&file=index&req=showcontent&id=9272>

Keith Frape also has 2 on Armorama.com:



Chieftain Mk. 7 ARRV (Tamiya + Accurate Armor Conversion)

http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic_id=241027



Up Armored Scimitar LEP with Bar Armor (AFV Club + Castoff Models Conversion)

http://armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic_id=212968

Bryan Moeller has one on Armorama.com:



Flakpanzer IV "Kugelblitz" (Cyber-Hobby's 1/35 scale "Orange Box" Series Kit #09 + Dragon's 1/35 Pz.Kpfw. IV Ausf. J Mid Production, Smart Kit #6556)

http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic_id=250681#2120546

Interesting Article – Project RIPCORD Open House, 13 April 2019

On Saturday, 13 April, 2019, AMPS Central SC "Wildcats" hosted an open house for FSB RIPCORD Association veterans to view the in-progress diorama and offer their thoughts and observations. As the saying goes, "Build it and they will come", and to the Roof Hacienda they did.

Our guests were Craig Van Hout, Frank Marshall and Steve Wallace, all members of the FSB RIPCORD Association and veterans of the battle. Also attending was Ron Hagel, videographer from the SC Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum, our project patrons. (Ron's also a Vietnam War vet.) All of these gentlemen live in South Carolina, and we were honored to offer them our hospitality for the day.



Visiting FSB RIPCORD Veterans arrive at the Open House



Visiting FSB RIPCORD Veterans were (L-R): Frank Marshall, Steve Wallace, and Craig Van Hout
[Picture by Ron Hagem]

We had 16 members of the club representing the Wildcats, all of whom have had a hand in modeling various aspects of the diorama, from the howitzers and helos, to casting resin copies of the bunkers, and actual construction on the base. In addition to the diorama base, we presented a number of the scale models and details that will be featured on the finished work. For all of us, this was the first time that we've seen all of these various elements brought together in a mockup of the diorama. Unfortunately, some of the club members had to leave before the group photo was taken.

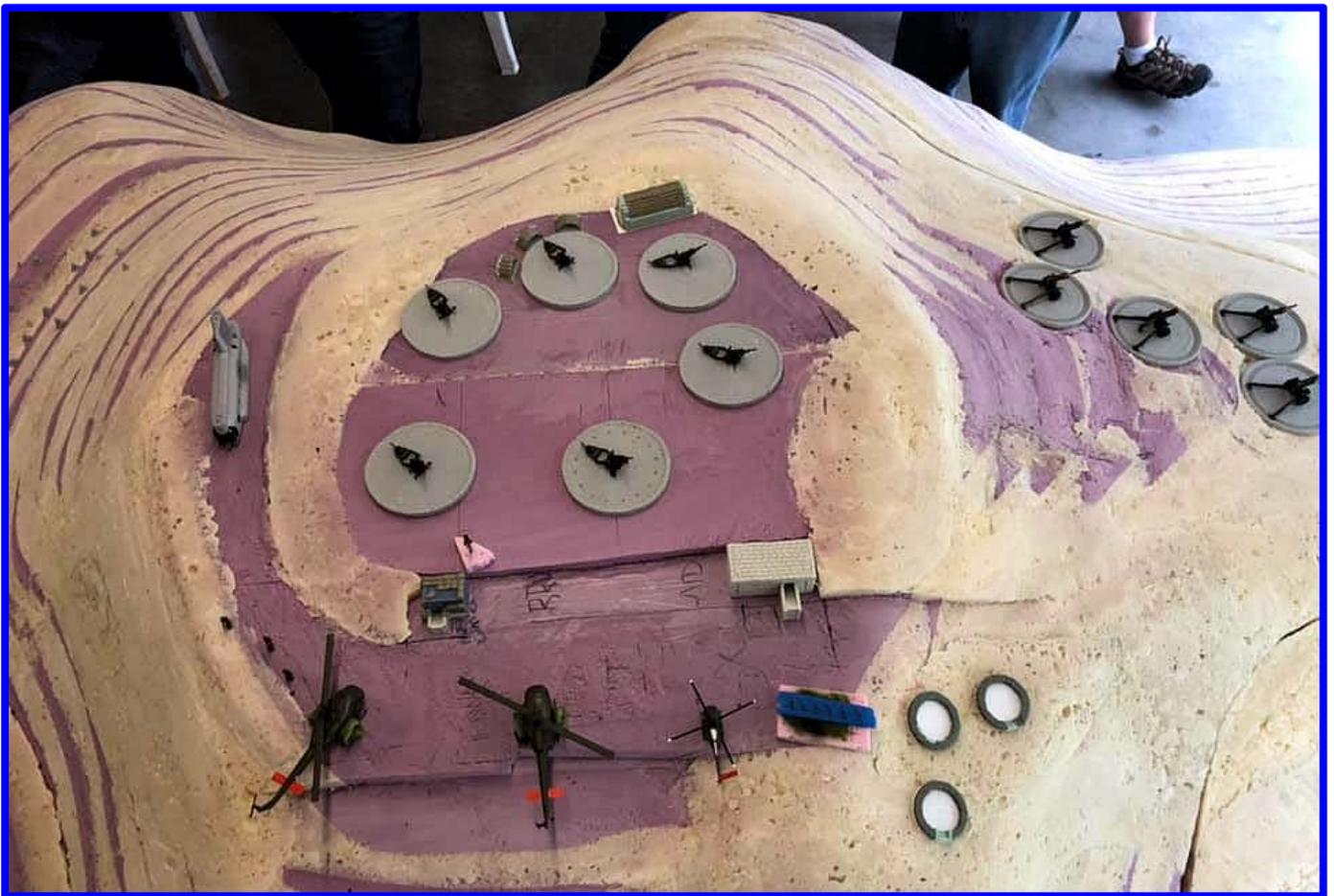


Group Picture (front row, L-R) FSB RIPCORD Veterans Frank Marshall, Steve Wallace, Craig Van Hout (back row, L-R) Carl Wethington, Bryan Moeller, Ben & Noah Brandes, Matthew Goodman, Trevor Edwards, Tony Abbott, Ralph Nardone, Mike Roof, Rebecca Hettmansperger, Kevin Cook, Bob Kerfonta **[Picture by Ron Hagel]**

During the day, the vets got the chance to talk to the club members and learn about how many of the scale models and details are being created. We also discussed with them our research and efforts to get as much of FSB RIPCORD as accurate as possible. Ron, the museum's videographer, interviewed all of the vets and most of the club members to get their thoughts and opinions about the diorama and the historical events it will depict.



Craig Van Hout describes the Infantry Fighting Positions around FSB RIPCORD while Ron Hagel records



Fire Support Base RIPCORD Layout



Fire Support Base RIPCORD Helo Details



More Fire Support Base RIPCORD Helo Details



Ron Hagel records Craig Van Hout describing FSB RIPCORD while a couple Wildcats listen



Ron Hagel records Frank Marshall discussing his memories of FSB RIPCORD

In addition to getting some very interesting and helpful firsthand observations about the project, since the open house, our guests have encouraged a number of the FSB RIPCORD Association members to contact us to provide new information and photos. The expanded access to the information from these other FSB RIPCORD vets has been extremely helpful in ensuring that we

get the diorama as accurate as possible.



Ron Hagel records Mike Roof explaining our club's research and construction of FSB RIPCORD

The club put on a picnic buffet style lunch with hor d'oeuvres, pizza and soft drinks.



A heart-felt "Thank you!" to Sheila Roof for helping take care of our FSB RIPCORD Guests

After a couple of hours, our guests had to bid us farewell and head back home. However, the event was a great experience for everyone involved. The club received some nice compliments from our guests on the work. We also developed a greater appreciation for the events

surrounding FSB RIPCORD and the men who fought there in that spring and summer so many years ago in the mountains along the east wall of the A Shau valley.

Below are a couple pictures of the FSB RIPCORD Base after the sides were added and painted.



The USA Historical AFV Register

New Version 4.3 Released!

Mike Roof has provided us with a great link he found that may be of interest to all.

"For those who are interested in preserved AFVs or photographing them for research, here's a link to the latest issue of the AFV Register Organization's "The USA Historical AFV Register."

The register is broken down by state and city, with the AFVs listed along with their exact locations (to include GPS lat/long coordinates). This is a good list to keep saved on your computer.

If you travel around you can plan accordingly (look up your travel destination or itinerary stops to see what interesting AFVs might be there), and if you need reference material on a particular vehicle, you can often contact one of your "virtual" friends online who lives near an exhibit to take some pictures for you".

The AFV Register website has information for AFVs not just in the USA but the world, too. So give it a look.

The USA Historical AFV Register

*Armored Fighting Vehicles Preserved
in the United States of America*

V4.3

Edition 2019

**Michel van Loon
Neil Baumgardner**

For the AFV Association



SOUTH CAROLINA

ANDERSON

American Legion Post 14, 1301 E Greenville St: N34 31.499 W082 38.530

[M60A3](#) USA out SN 1858¹⁷⁶⁸

BLACKVILLE

Local VFW hall: N33 20.757 W081 15.071

[M48A1 Patton](#) USA out

CHARLESTON

The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, 171 Moultrie St: N32 47.906 W079 57.661

LVTH6 USA out

[M4A3\(75\)W Sherman](#) USA out SN 49619¹⁷⁶⁹

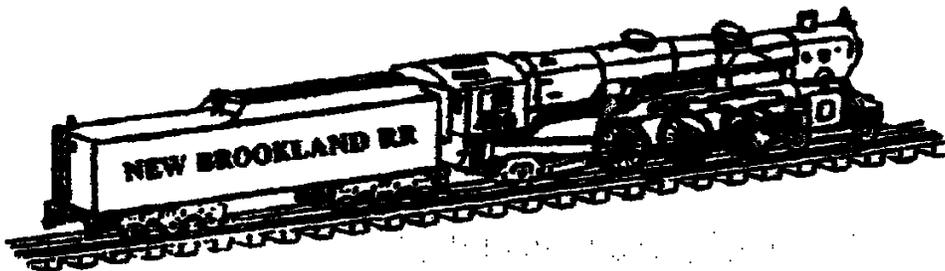
<http://afvregister.org/Downloads/The%20USA%20Historical%20AFV%20register%204.3.pdf>

Full website: <http://afvregister.org/>

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Augusta, GA 30907
(706) 855-5003



405 State Street
West Columbia, SC 29169
(803) 791-3958
Mon – Sat, 10am to 6pm

Classified Ads

All submissions for entry into the Classified Ads section should be submitted to Jeff Nelson **two (2) weeks prior to the monthly AMPS meeting**. Also, please let the Jeff know if your ad is no longer needed so we can remove it from the newsletter.

Wanted: I am looking for the Eduard (35 233) 1/35 photoetch M110A2 SPH update set for the Italeri M110/M1102, and M107 kits. As with the Hobby Fan resin Kit, I kept waiting to buy one until it also was gone! -- Are you picking up a recurring theme here? **Contact Carl Wethington.**

Wanted: I am looking for the Hobby Fan (HF001) 1/35 resin M110A2 SPH update set for the Italeri M110/M1102, and M107 kits. As you can tell from the item number it was the first resin detailing kit make by Hobby Fan. It was an excellent set that replaced much of the traditional Italeri soft detail, and included an outstanding loader / rammer section. I kept waiting to buy one -- until, well, it was gone! If you come across one, I would be glad to "rent" the set to make resin masters for my M110 and M107 kits. Thanks for any leads you can offer!
Contact Carl Wethington.

“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...”

So, Wildcats... the SC Confederate Relic Room Fire Support Base RIPCORN Diorama commission is really taking shape, literally!

Join AMPS Now! <http://amps-armor.org/SiteMain/Main.aspx>

Happy modeling,

JEFF NELSON

(Temporary) Editor, “The Wildcat”, AMPS Central SC “Wildcats”

