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Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter. Ok, fellow Wildcats, here’s an up-front reminder that we have decided to go back to our old meeting time schedule, 6-8 pm. This starts this month with our September meeting. Last month it became pretty clear that your leadership (i.e. me!) had “over thought” the issue. We don’t really seem to have any trouble getting the library room, thanks to Matt Goodman’s diligent efforts, and that the start time change was actually causing some problems with a few folks trying to deal with traffic. A classic case of “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it!” Well, we’ve un-fixed it...

Beginning this month with our September meeting, **the meeting start time will be 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 dismantled patrolling term for one of the techniques used to occupy and secure a patrol base)

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**Regular Meeting Minutes, 09 August, 2018**

Our last meeting was held 6:30-8:30 pm, Thursday, 09 August, 2018 at the Richland Library Sandhills (Village of Sandhills Shopping Center), 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia, SC 29223.

We had 14 members in attendance, who all brought 16 models for Show & Tell, plus Daniel Buchmeier from Charleston sent in some pictures of his Elefant Diorama. For the Raffle, we had Bronco’s “Hungarian 40/43M ‘Zrinyi’ II 105mm Assault Gun”, kit #CB35036, won by Bob Spagnola.

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

- 1) Pz.Kpfw. III Ausf. M (Tamiya + scratch-made skurtzen brackets), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
- 2) Type 69 Iranian (Tasca, RB Model metal Barrel), 1/35 – Dave Varettoni
- 3) Tiger I. Early Production Version (Academy w/ full interior), 1/35 – Bob Spagnola
- 4) M1A2 SEP V2 Abrams (DML), 1/35 – Bob Spagnola
- 5) Pz.Kpfw. III Ausf. M (Tamiya + scratch-made skurtzen brackets), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
- 6) Italian Medium Tank M13/40 (Italeri), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
- 7) Israel Merkava MK. III (Trumpeter), 1/72 – Dave Maher
- 8) M48A3 Mod B (DML + Legends Productions resin Mantlet Cover), 1/35 – Ben Brandes
- 9) M4A3E8 Sherman “Easy Eight”, Korean War (Tamiya), 1/35 – Ben Brandes
- 10) GAZ-67B Field Car (Bonus with the Tamiya M4A3E8 Sherman), 1/35 – Ben Brandes
- 11) M4A4 Sherman, Free French (DML), 1/35 – Ben Brandes
- 12) BT-42 Finnish Assault Gun (DML Armor Pro), 1/72 – Bob Kerfonta
- 13) British Leyland 8 inch Howitzer Mk. VI (Roden), 1/72 – Bob Kerfonta
- 14) U.S. M151A2 Ford Mutt (Tamiya), 1/35 – Bob Kerfonta
- 15) M4A1(76)W Operation Cobra (DML + Formations resin details), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
- 16) Crew for M40 155mm GMC (Korea) (Tamiya), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
- 17) Airspeed A.S.58 Horsa Glider Mk. II (Bronco), 1/35 – Michael Child
- 18) Nicht Lustig! (Not Funny!) (DML + Grief metal Tow Cable, Tank (from Russia) & Dragon figures, mud from coffee grounds & plaster, Dio Dump Mud, puddles from Magic Water & Valejo paint, Future Floor Polish to give it a slight sheen on the mud, tracks & fenders), 1/35 – Daniel Buchmeier (sent via e-mail before the meeting)

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

### **Business items:**

#### **1) Treasurer’s Report:**

- a. Bank balance = \$5,732.51.
- b. Cash on Hand (CoH) reported by the treasurer was \$288.00.
- c. Total Treasury with CoH reported by the treasurer = \$6,020.51.
- d. Deposited in August was \$733.13 from IPMS as their residual share of the show expenses.
- e. There were no expenses.

**Reminder:** Club Annual Dues of \$12 per member for 2018 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) We discussed the club's plans for the SE Toy Soldier Show to be held Saturday, 11 August at the SC State Museum on Gervais St. We will be presenting a club display / exhibition of member works along with "live action" demos.
- 3) 2019 **Scale Model Mega-Show** items reported/discussed:
  - a. The IPMS Mid-Carolina chapter has been formally invited to co-host our 2019 show.
  - b. The written application for the Bluff Road armory venue with the SC NG has been submitted. The selected dates are Friday / Saturday, 21-22 July, 2019. These dates do not conflict with any published AMPS, IPMS or SCMA shows within our region.
  - c. Tim Darrah has contacted both of the food truck vendors from our 2018 show and invited them back for 2019. As of the meeting, only Southern Mommas has replied and said that they will come back for 2019.
  - d. As soon as we have a reply from the IPMS chapter, we'll begin official promotion and solicitation efforts.
  - e. We're looking for volunteers to take on the jobs for raffle coordinator and show promotion coordinator.
- 4) The floor was opened for any new business:
  - a. Members in attendance suggested that we plan another tour of the NACM facilities in early January, 2019. The scheduling in early January would avoid conflicts with school dates. Mike Roof will contact our POC, David Hobbs, and begin coordination.
  - b. Members in attendance discussed and resolved to go back to our old meeting times, 6-8 pm. Our next regular meeting will be scheduled for 6-8pm, 13 September.
- 5) Demonstration – Discussion: Using Dry Transfers, by Mike Roof.
- 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 Red Robin for the "after the meeting meeting". We are still in search of a good place. A suggestion was been made to just go back to Schiano's Pizza next to the Publix, and three members did this.

## Tentative Agenda, Regular Meeting, 13 September, 2018

Our next regular meeting will take place 6-8 pm, THURSDAY, September 13, 2018, at Richland Library Sandhills (Village of Sandhills Shopping Center), 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia, SC 29223.

### Tentative Agenda Business items:

#### 1) Treasurer's Report:

- a. **Total Treasury** = \$6,020.51 (with CoH reported last month).
- b. **Bank Balance** = \$5,732.51.
- c. **Cash on Hand** = To be reported by the treasurer.
- d. **Deposits this Month** = None.
- e. **Expenses this Month** = None.

**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) The 2018 Toy Soldier Show was held on Saturday, 11 August at the SC State Museum on Gervais Street, which was well attended and patronized by club members.

- a. We had 15 AMPS members who brought along almost 50 models for a club display / exhibition of member works. In addition, Ben & Noah provided a "live model building demo," Tom McCoy conducted a day-long figure painting demonstration and Ralph conducted two airbrushing demos.
- b. The IPMS/USA Midlands "Swamp Foxes" chapter and the Lexington chapter of the SCMA also set up displays and engaged the general public.
- c. The combined scale model clubs setup and manned about 80 linear feet of table space with probably close to 150-175 models on display. We exhibited our work from the time the museum opened until about 4 pm and the scheduled close of the show.\
- d. General public attendance at the Toy Soldier Show seemed down from previous years, but that was likely because there was a large Lego show also being held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Still, all of the clubs got a lot of foot traffic past their tables.
- e. Thanks to our SC State Museum hosts for inviting us again this year! They not only provided us an excellent location on the mezzanine level of the museum, but this year they brought around iced bottle water and snacks all day!

#### 3) 2019 June *Scale Model Mega-Show* Report:

- a. The IPMS Mid-Carolina chapter has formally accepted our invitation to co-host our 2019 show. They discussed and voted to do so at their Wednesday, 15 August meeting. All the members present voted in favor of accepting our invitation as did all but one member voting absentee.
  - b. Tim Darrah, the 2019 show vendor coordinator, has already sold or reserved 9 tables with 4 vendors. A very good start!
  - c. Now that the IPMS chapter has accepted our invitation, we'll begin official promotion and solicitation efforts. Our first opportunity will be the IPMS R-12 show this coming Saturday, 15 September. Anyone attending this show should take any chances you get to let folks know about our 2019 show.
  - d. We are still looking for volunteers to take on the jobs for raffle coordinator and show promotion coordinator. If you're able to give up some time for the club, let me know. You'll get detailed guidance and instructions, so you won't have to figure it all out or make it up on your own. We can have raffle donations delivered to either my house or to Ralph's house and one of us will maintain an inventory, so if you don't have room for storage, that can be worked around.
- 4) 2019 Scale Model MEGA-Show Theme:** This month we need to discuss and select our top 3 choices for a show theme. Once we have our top ideas, the combined contest (AMPS and IPMS) committee will take all the ideas, to include the ones put forward by the IPMS chapter, and either select one or use all of the ideas to suggest a theme that will work for both clubs.

Put on your "thinking caps" and come to the meeting with some ideas and suggestions.

- 5) Mike Roof has contacted our NACM POC, David Hobbs, about scheduling a tour of the facilities in early January. David is working the issue on his end.**
- 6) SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum FSB RIPCORDER diorama commission:** This month we need to discuss and vote on whether or not to reaccept the museum's commission for a 1/72 scale diorama of FSB RIPCORDER. We owe the museum an answer within a few days after this month's meeting.
  - a. The museum's specifications for the work have not changed since this time last year when we voted to accept the commission only to have the museum postpone the project. Anyone who needs to refresh their memories about the project's details should contact Mike Roof. We can also discuss any of these at the meeting.
  - b. The museum has decided that the diorama (should we accept the project) will be displayed in the atrium near the Relic Room's entrance. It will likely be on display for at least two years. The museum will contract separately for a protective acrylic case to be built to cover the entire diorama. The overall dimensions of the diorama will remain unchanged – approximately 8'x12' – and the diorama will be displayed to afford all around viewing. The Relic Room will reimburse us for the costs of the materials, but we would be donating our time and effort.
  - c. The new projected delivery window would be the end of February / beginning of March, 2019. That's about six months, which is doable, but which does not offer much in the way of Murphy time. We'd have to jump on the job right away.

- d. Mike Roof is still willing provide the shop space for the main diorama construction. However, it will take at least 8-10 volunteers to do all the work, to include building and finishing the detail models and assisting with the construction of the main diorama.
- 7) David Bridges has sent us another very generous kit donation for our raffle. This time he sent us a total of 13 kits (which includes two, 1/48 scale Eduard FW-190 kits). We need to decide whether to add these kits to our monthly raffle prize pool or to hold them for our 2019 show raffle. Unlike the last donation that David sent us, we did not have to pay for the shipping for these kits, so if we put them in the 2019 show raffle prize pool, they will not have cost us anything out of our treasury.
- 8) Floor will be open for New Business.
- 9) After the business portion of the meeting, we'll **Show & Tell** of 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.
- 10) After the meeting, everyone is invited to join us for the "meeting after the meeting"! This month we're still in search of a good place.
  - a. Several members have suggested that we pick a place on Killian Road near Killian Crossing (the new mall near exit 22, I-77). Since we have to all get in cars and drive somewhere anyway, this could work. For most of the club members, it would be more or less on their way home.
  - b. Last month, we went back to Schiano's Pizza which is only a couple of minutes by car from the new meeting location, but we only had 3 folks.
  - c. Other ideas and suggestions are welcome.

***Mike Roof***  
Michael D. Roof  
AMPS #1632  
Chapter Contact  
AMPS Central SC "Wildcats"

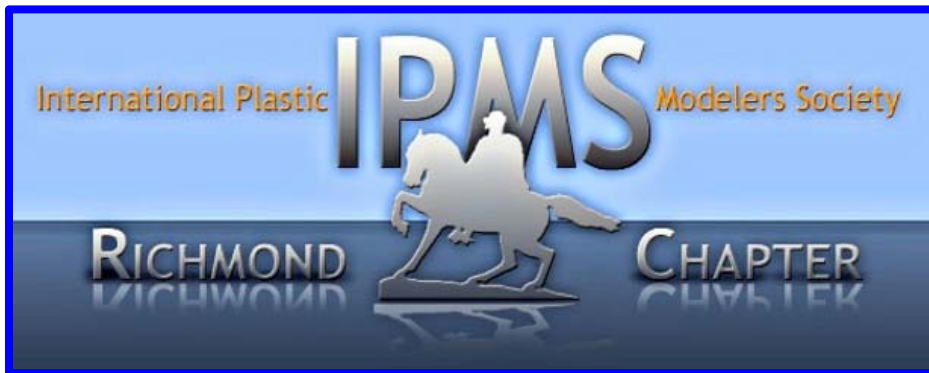
## Up-coming Events

**2019 Old Dominion Open**, hosted by the IPMS Richmond, February 23, 2019. Richmond Raceway Complex, The Henrico Building, 600 East Laburnum Ave., Richmond, VA 23222. Doors open 8:30. Registration closes 12:00 noon.

**New Special Award: "Man in Space: Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Man's First Moon Landing"**. Figures and manned space vehicles (all nationalities) are eligible from the X-15 through Apollo 17. Models must be entered in the appropriate Figure category, in the Real Space category, or in Dioramas/Vignettes (Photos in Time will be a part of Dioramas/Vignettes). Free-standing special award with its own judging team.

For more information:

[https://ipmsrichmond.blogspot.com/p/2017-odo\\_1.html](https://ipmsrichmond.blogspot.com/p/2017-odo_1.html)



## 2018 New Releases

(None reported this month)

## Members Build Blogs

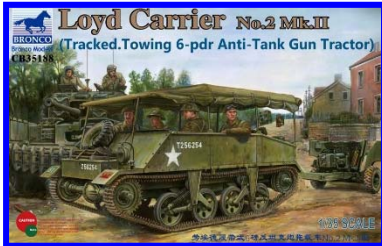
Build Blogs give an in-depth review of the construction process and allow the builders to share their knowledge. We are fortunate to have some of the members in our club with build blogs on modeling web sites. Please note that due to a change with Photo Bucket in 2017, many build logs have been impacted 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](http://www.track-link.com/forums/site_blogs/27686)



Bronco Loyd Carrier No. 2, Mk II (Tracked Towing 6-pdr Anti-Tank Gun 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](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=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic\\_id=213731&page=1#2056793](http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&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 ARR (Tamiya + Accurate Armor Conversion)  
[http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic\\_id=241027](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](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](http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic_id=250681#2120546)



## The USA Historical AFV Register

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 USA Historical AFV Register

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

V4.0

March 2016

**Michel van Loon  
Neil Baumgardner**

**For the AFV Association**



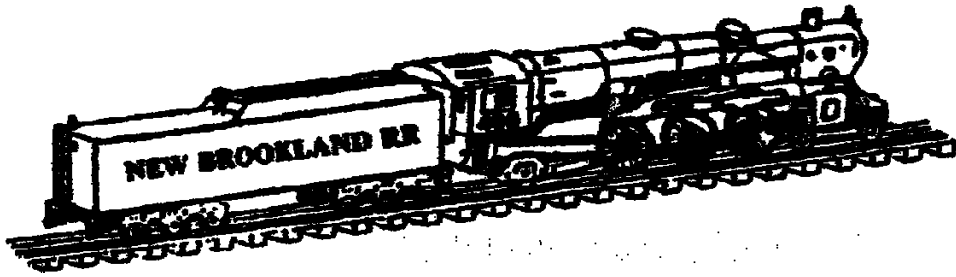
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<http://afvregister.org/Downloads/The%20USA%20Historical%20AFV%20register%204.0.pdf>

## Support Our Local Vendors



592 Bobby Jones Expy # 5  
Augusta, GA 30907  
(706) 855-5003



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



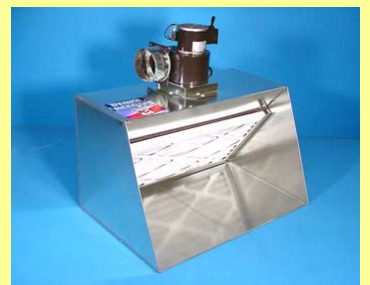
5633 Broad Street  
Sumter, SC 29154  
(803) 983-5084  
Mon – Sun, 2pm to 7pm



## Classified Ads

All submissions for entry into the Classified Ads section should be submitted to the 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.

**For Sale:** 24-Inch Mini-Plus Home Hobby Spray Paint Booth, made by Pace Industries. Brand New. Never Used. 148 CFM Shaded Pole Exhaust Fan, 115 volt - 1.37 amp - 3,160 RPM, 26 Gage Galvanized Sheet Metal Construction, 4" Collar to Exhaust to Outside, up to 15 feet, Duty Power Switch, 24" X 12" X 1" High Capacity Pleated Air Filter. Includes exhaust Kit and extra filters. Price paid \$295.00. Price negotiable, starting at \$200.00. **Contact Herb Horvath.**



**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... What about that SC Confederate Relic Room diorama commission?

I really don't know what to tell you all that we haven't already talked about. All of the reasons in favor of accepting the project are still the same, as are all the reasons not to. About the only thing that's changed is the loss of momentum and enthusiasm. We can get those back if you want, but only if you want.

We voted once before to do this, but that doesn't automatically mean that we have to vote again to do it. On the other hand, the museum is moving forward with the Vietnam War exhibit, and we can still be a part of that.

I personally think that it would be a great project for the club.

The diorama would provide us with years' worth of promotion and publicity, being prominently displayed like it will be in the museum's atrium. It would recognize and honor the troops who fought one of the final, major battles of the Vietnam War, a battle that is almost unknown. Finally, it would be something that, as modelers, we could all be proud of having a part of.

As a group project, it would be an epic bit of modeling!

Having said all of the above, this is not something that I can do in the time allotted by myself. This will take a dedicated group of folks in the club to pull off. The folks who step up will have to set aside their personal modeling projects until this thing gets done. In short, if we say we're donating our time an effort to do this, we are making a real commitment that we will have to fulfill.

Think about it and be ready to vote on Thursday. If you can't make it to the meeting on Thursday,

don't hesitate to contact me by email or phone to let me know what you think. I will ensure that everyone's opinions are considered. If you want to cast an absentee ballot or nominate a proxy to vote for you, again, let me know (preferably in writing by email).

The ball is in your court, Wildcats...

This project would involve many of you working directly on some aspect of it, and it WILL involve ALL of you as its success or failure will reflect on the entire club and everyone in it. Everyone's voice counts.

**Join AMPS Now!** <http://amps-armor.org/>

Happy modeling,

***Mike Roof***

Chapter Contact & (Temporary) Editor, "The Wildcat", AMPS Central SC "Wildcats"