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Regular Meeting Minutes, 9 March, 2016

Our March regular meeting was held 6-8 pm, 9 March, 2016 at the HobbyTown USA store in the Publix Shopping Center on Two Notch Rd, Columbia (NE). We had 24 members in attendance who brought a total of 19 models in for Show & Tell. The raffle prize was Tamiya's 1/35 scale "British Armored Car Staghound MK I", which was won by Ben Brandes.

1. M41 Walker Bulldog NVA (Favorit Kit Resin), 1/72 – Bob Kerfonta
2. M551 Sheridan, Early Version (S-Model + Wire Loops & Headlight Guards), 1/72 – Bob Kerfonta
3. German Panzerkampfwagen 38(t) Ausf. E/F (Tamiya), 1/48 – Bob Kerfonta
4. Soviet SU-152 Self Propelled Heavy Howitzer (Trumpeter), 1/35 – Bob Spagnola
5. Mk. A Whippet British Medium Tank (Meng), 1/35 – Bob Spagnola
6. British Main Battle Tank Chieftain MK 5/P (Takom), 1/35 – Bob Spagnola
7. Panzerkampfwagen IV, Ausf. J, Sd.Kfz. 161/2 (Tamiya + Eduard PE Zimmerit), 1/35 – Trevor Edwards
8. Sd.Kfz.184 Schwerer Jagdpanzer "Elefant" (Tamiya + Tamiya Detail-Up Parts Zimmerit Coating Sheet), 1/35 – Michael Child
9. M4A3E8 Sherman "Thunderbolt VII" (DML), 1/35 – Ben Brandes
10. T-34/85 Mod. 1944 (DML + Scratchbuilt Engine Louvers, Fuel Tank Straps, Spade Ace Tracks, Aber PE & Barrel), 1/35 – Tom Wingate
11. T-54 Model 1949 (Tamiya + Legends Conversion), 1/35 – Dave Varettoni
12. Military Truck Cargo (Model Master Dioramabouw Resin), 1/35 – Robin Evans
13. T-44 Soviet Medium Tank (Miniart), 1/35 – Mike Roof
14. Panzerkampfwagen IV, Ausf. H (Revell), 1/35 – Jacob Gonzalez
15. M26A1 Pershing Heavy Tank (Hobby Boss), 1/35 – Phil Cavender
16. M26 Pershing (DML + Eduard PE, Cast Resin Ammo Boxes, MV Lenses, Drilled Viewports filled w/ Kristal Kleer), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
17. M60A1 Patton Main Battle Tank (AFV Club), 1/35 – Carl Wethington

18. Otto Cariius' Tiger I Mid Production (Tamiya + scratch built Zimmeritt, Welds, other details, convert from an Early, Aluminum Barrel), 1/16 – Eric Lasek
19. Various Helmets (DML Repainted w/ Hand Painted Insignia), 1/6 – Josh Orenstein

Photo Album on our webpage:

<http://media5ik1.onlineview.it/FullScreenSlideShow.aspx?gallery=4747140&mt=Photo>

Items of business covered during the meeting were –

1) Members picked up club tee-shirts, reimbursing the treasury for their individual costs. There are still a number of club shirt pickups that are outstanding. **2)** Reminder that some members still need to pay their 2016 club dues. Please see the club Treasurer, Ralph, to check your status if you are unsure or to pay your dues. **3)** Members who attended the Atlanta AMPS show provided their views. The trip to Ft. Benning and the NACM was a major highlight. **4)** We have ordered the special AMPS I-Con host shirts. Cost will be \$45 each for those who ordered them. The shirts should be available for pickup at the April meeting. **5)** Treasury report - ~\$3134 bank balance; major expenses = \$895.90 I-Con host shirts (to be reimbursed), \$298 to renew our website for two years, \$55.83 to increase our club email account's storage space, \$80 to IPMS R-12 Con hosts for AMPS club display tables and sponsor "Best Armor" award, \$323.68 donation to purchase raffle prizes for the 2016 AMPS I-Con. **6)** Organized volunteers to participate in AMPS club display at the IPMS R-12 Convention in Charleston, SC on 19 March. **7)** Volunteers signed up for support positions for the 2016 AMPS I-Con.

New business items: **1)** "Poster Party" to assembly signs, etc., for I-Con pending. Mike Roof will notify club members of day and time when we have the materials printed. Will be held at the HTU store. **2)** Interest in a club trip to Ft. Benning and the NACM is very high. Dave Varettoni will discuss this with the NACM POC at the I-Con. **3)** We welcomed new members Tim McVeigh and Jacob Gonzalez to the club!

Mike Roof presented a short demo on using various punch and die sets to replicate nuts, bolts and rivets.

Regular Meeting Minutes, 13 April, 2016

Our March regular meeting was held 6-8 pm, 13 April, 2016 at the HobbyTown USA store in the Publix Shopping Center on Two Notch Rd, Columbia (NE). We had 20 members in attendance who brought a total of 19 models in for Show & Tell. We didn't hold a raffle prize at this meeting.

Meeting was held from 6-8 PM at the HobbyTown USA store. We had 20 members in attendance.

1. M113 APC (Tamiya ACAV Vietnam), 1/35 – Trevor Edwards
2. Panzerkampfwagen VI Tiger I Sd.Kfz. 181 Ausf. E (finishing uncle's 1970s build; Tamiya + self-cast Roadwheels), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
3. T-44 Soviet Medium Tank (Miniart), 1/35 – Mike Roof
4. Figure Base Mortar Crew (Verlinden), 1/35 – Robin Evans
5. City Base w/ *Schwimmwagen* Type 166 & Panzergrenadiers Panzer Lehr Div. Normandy 1944 Figures (Verlinden, Tamiya, DML). 1/35 – Robin Evans

6. JGSDF Type 60 APC (Finemolds + Finemolds PE, Academy ROK Armor Crewmen, numerous scratch-built details), 1/35 – Jeff Nelson

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Items of business covered during the meeting were –

1) Brief Treasurer's report – Balance totals for bank account and cash-on hand are pending reimbursement from AMPS for I-Con expenses and an accounting of club tee shirt and I-Con host polo shirts. **2)** 2016 AMPS I-Con Committee members presented verbal reports of their various areas of responsibility. General discussion by all members of their experiences, observations and thoughts on the convention. **3)** Discussed a possible trip to the NACM. General agenda would be one travel day there, a day to tour the collection, and one travel day to return. Consensus is to table the decision on picking a date until late summer (August meeting?) with a possible date in the fall when the weather turns cooler. **4)** Discussed and have a consensus decision to hold a Saturday club "build day" in June. Location will be at Mike Roof's house. If interest and participation is high enough, we'll consider making this a regular quarterly event. We will select a Saturday date in June during the May regular meeting.

New business: We welcomed new member Daniel Karnes to the club!

Tentative Agenda, Regular Meeting, 11 May, 2016

Our next regular meeting will be held from 6-8 PM, 11 May, 2016 at the HobbyTown USA store in the Publix Shopping Center (North Pointe Shopping Center), corner of Two Notch Road and Sparkleberry Lane, Columbia (NE).

Proposed business agenda items: **1)** Treasurer's report – Bank balance as of 2 May = \$2,895.82 pending a deposit of \$766 (AMPS I-Con expenses) totaling ~\$3,661. Cash on-hand totals are pending an accounting of the reimbursements by people who ordered the club and special host polo shirts. 2015 IRS Form 990-N has been filed. Balance totals are still pending final reimbursements for shirts and other show expenses. **2)** Select a Saturday date in June for the club "Quarterly Build Day." Available Saturday dates are – 4, 11, 18 and 25 June. Please look at your personal calendars and be ready to say what your first and second choice dates are. **3)** Discuss and vote on putting on AMPS club display at the IPMS Nat's in August. Display tables will cost us \$25 each (reimbursement to IPMS for rental cost). Our tables (if we get any) will be located next to the AMPS National table. We will use our table(s) as a club "rallying point," display-only models, club promo / recruiting materials, and perhaps to sell club tee-shirts. We will not have a formal "guard roster" to man the tables since so many of us will be involved in show support on the IPMS side.

Floor will be opened for any new business.

Mike Roof

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

IPMS Eagle Squadron. RDUcon 2016

"Back To Basics", Saturday May 21, 2016 at the Wake Tech Community College
9101 Fayetteville Rd, Raleigh, NC. 9AM-5PM, See RDUcon.com for more information.

AMPS Great White North

Military Vehicle Model Show, Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28, 2016
Ontario Regiment Museum, Oshawa, Ontario. For more information, see:
www.AMPSGreatWhiteNorth.com

Columbia 2016 IPMS/USA National Convention, "Every Model Tells A Story", The Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, Columbia, SC. August 3-6 2016. See IPMSUSA2016.com for more information. Let's show our support by attending and entering our models.



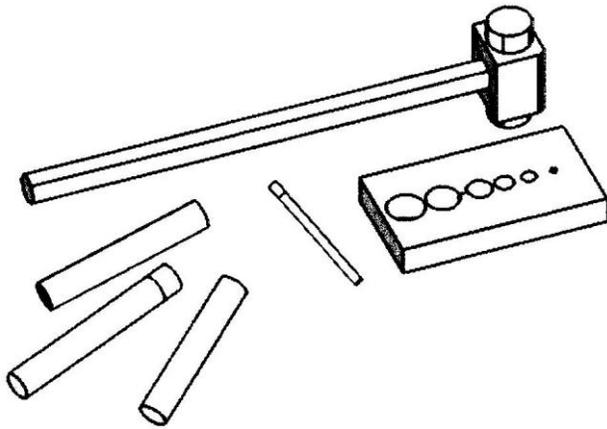
2016 New Releases

- **Pz.Kpfw. V Panther Ausf..G Late**, Italeri, 1/35th scale, Kit #6534
- **Jagdpanzer 38(t) Hetzer**, Rebox (Updated/New parts), Italeri, 1/35th scale, Kit #6531
- **M113 APC**, Italeri, 1/35th scale, Kit #6533, Release date TBA
- "M48 Patton - A Visual History of the U.S. Army's Mid-20th Century Battle Tank", Ampersand Group, Inc.
- Osprey "Valentine Infantry Tank 1938-45", Osprey Publishing, April 2016
- "US Army Green Beret in Afghanistan 2001-02", Osprey Publishing, April 2016

- **M36B1**, Italeri, 1/35th scale, Kit #6534, Date TBA

Punch and Die Sets

Mike Roof gave an excellent presentation on punch and die sets during our last club meeting. Mike showed the different sets and gave a tutorial on their use. These were passed around so each member could see an example. He also showed how bolt heads were attached using either Artist matte medium or liquid cement. "Apply matte medium with one brush then pick up item with a different brush wet and place on location. After drying apply some more matte medium to the item and around. For glue just apply on the item". Should be easy, **RIGHT**. Dave has posted a short video on the AMPS Central South Carolina Facebook page. So if any of you want to increase your modeling skills to the highest level you may want to look into adding one of these sets to your large tool collection.



Sources:

- **Micromark:** <http://www.micromark.com/SearchResult.aspx?deptIdFilter=0&searchPhrase=punch+and+die+set>
- **UMM-USA:** http://umm-usa.com/onlinestore/index.php?cPath=21_145
- **RP Toolz:** <http://www.rptoolz.com/?p=196>
- **Small Shops:** "Nutter Tool", http://www.theshop.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&product

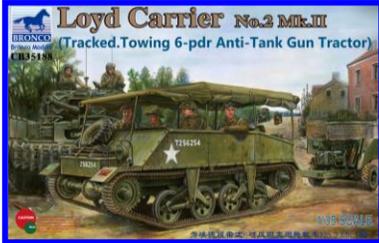
Members Build Blogs

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.

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

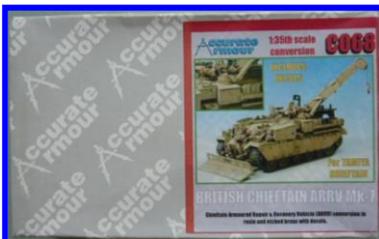
Jeff Nelson has 1 on Armorama.com:



Fine Molds Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Type 60 APC, FM40
http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=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 Frappe 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



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

This Month's Tutorial

Airbrushing with Tamiya Acrylic Paints

Mixing Tamiya paints for airbrushing is like a high school science fair project... Sounds complicated, but actually pretty easy once you start doing it.

The XF-series paints are formulated to dry flat, so they shouldn't need any of the Flat Base mixed in with them. Having said that, sometimes the reflectivity of their flat colors can vary, especially in jars that have been opened for some time. How well the paint is mixed also effects the sheen it will have when dry. I don't ever worry about it, though, since I always use clear flat overcoats (Testor's Dull Coat) anyways. I just shake the paint by hand until I get tired of doing it, and then move on.

X-20A is the usual thinner for airbrushing. It can be substituted with 90%+ isopropyl alcohol - IPA (not the common ~70% "rubbing" alcohol, though, which often contains lanolin - keeps the skin from drying out - in addition to more water). I think the X-20A also has some sort of drying retarder added to it, but it's like the formula to Coke - Tamiya won't say.

Tamiya also markets their own brand of lacquer thinner (often called "yellow top" thinner because of the color of the lid on the bottle). I myself use ordinary hardware store lacquer thinner since I cannot tell any difference between it and the more expensive Tamiya brand (which is also hard to get locally).

I have found that Tamiya's X-20A (and straight IPA) usually dries too fast for my tastes. Neither will also dissolve dried paint that tends to collect on the airbrush tip. This dried paint is the most common problem with airbrushing Tamiya. It clogs up the paint tip and needle making you to have to open the tip up more and more as you spray until you get an inevitable large squirt of paint and runny blob on the model (at least inevitable for me...).

Straight lacquer thinner does work well, but it the fumes can be pretty strong over a long painting session. However, the lacquer thinner does keep the paint tip from clogging up since it will re-dissolve the paint in the tip. The lacquer thinner also dries slower than the straight IPA or X-20A. (Although you can buy lacquer thinners formulated with different drying rates.)

So, what I do is mix my thinner 50:50 ~ X-20A and lacquer thinner. I reduce the XF paints at about 70:30 to 60:40, paint to thinner, for most airbrushing. The exact thinning ratio kind of depends on my estimate of how thick the paint in the jar is. Fresh paint, well mixed, from a new jar sprays well at about 70:30, whereas older paint that has thickened some in the jar requires more thinning. I aim for a consistency a little heavier than whole milk, if that makes sense.

(Professional painters use timed viscosity measurements, but that's way too much trouble for a job that might only need 40-50 total drops of paint, say 10-15 drops of thinner and 20-35 drops of paint, and probably a whole lot less.)

I dispense my thinners and paint using eye droppers (Walmart from the pharmacy for ones with glass tubes and removable rubber bulbs that can be cleaned and reused). I estimate the total amount of paint that I will need, usually in increments of 10 drops to make the math easy. I then figure out half the number of drops of thinner, and dispense that amount of X-20A and then lacquer thinner right into my airbrush paint cup. I usually add 2 drops more, one drop each of X-20A and lacquer thinner, to compensate for the paint channel in the airbrush.

I then dispense the required number of drops of paint also directly into the AB paint cup. I'll "swish" the eye dropper around in my water-filled cleaning jar and pump the bulb a few times to

rinse the majority of the paint out of it. This is especially important for custom colors that are mixed, maybe one or two drops of some colors mixed with others. If you only need a single drop of one color in the mix, then the extra paint left in the eye dropper will be enough to throw the mix off.

I then use the eye dropper to mix the paint and thinner in the AB cup by pumping the eye dropper bulb a few time. How much to mix depends on just watching the mixture to see if it appears uniform.

Again, a quick "swish" and a few pumps to clean out the eye dropper before setting it aside to paint.

I tend to estimate the total paint for a job on the low side, since it's so easy to just mix up a little more. This is especially true for single colors right out of the bottle. I don't even bother cleaning the AB to mix a little more paint for the same job right in the paint cup. Just add thinner and paint and mix as before.

All of this sounds complicated, but I have my painting area set up this way, and with practice, it takes less time to do than to type out.

This technique is also good for custom color mixes. I use a lot of these, and keep them recorded on note cards. Using the eye dropper to dispense and mix the paint directly in the AB paint cup is also very economical. There's very little waste like you get mixing in separate jars and then transferring to the AB leaving dirty jars with excess, unused paint to clean.

I can easily mix up just 10 total drops of thinned paint if I just need a small amount for a little job. That's only about 6-7 drops of paint and 2 drops each of X-20A and lacquer thinner. Very economical.

Finally, to clean the AB after spraying Tamiya paints, I just use straight lacquer thinner. I use the eye dropper to suck out any leftover paint from the AB, and squirt it into my cleaning water jar. I then spray the AB into a paper towel until the paint is out of the paint tip.

I'll then add about half an eye dropper full of lacquer thinner to the paint cup, and use the eye dropper to pump it down into the paint channel, and around the paint cup. You'll note then just how well the lacquer thinner dissolves the partially dried Tamiya paint. Once the paint in the AB cup is thoroughly dissolved, I'll spray some more through the AB to dissolve paint in the tip.

I usually suck up most of this now first dirty lacquer thinner and squirt it into an AB cleaning jar. I'll usually use a couple of drops on the corner of a paper towel and then wipe out the AB cup with that.

If I'm just switching colors, this is usually all I'll do to clean the AB. If I'm done with the AB for the day, I'll usually repeat this cleaning with a second eye dropper half full of clean lacquer thinner.

I'll use some of this mostly clean lacquer thinner on the paper towel to wipe down my AB needle and clean the paint and air tips. Most of it also winds up in the AB cleaning jar.

A little dab of AB needle lube, and then reassembly my AB.

So, it sounds like lots of X-20A and lacquer thinner is used here, but actually, I don't use much

more than about a total of one or two full eye droppers of both for most single base coat colors. Multi-color camouflage paint jobs might add another one (or two more) full eye droppers of thinner.

As they say, "your mileage may vary," so you'll want to test the spraying properties of your paint after you reduce it. Humidity, temperature and other variables can effect what's happening at your workbench, but this should get you in the ballpark.

Michael D. Roof
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 AMPS Central SC "Wildcats"

Results of Region 12 Regional Convention and Contest March 19, 2016

Our club members had a great showing in Charleston March 19th at the **IPMS Region 12 Convention and Contest**. The following is a list of the winners and awards for their armour entered:

Rebecca Hetsenberger	1/72 nd Flyhawk FT-17	1 st Place
Rebecca Hetsenberger	1/72 nd S-Model Dingo	2 nd Place
Rebecca Hetsenberger	1/72 nd S-Model Crusader Mk II	3 rd Place
Tony Abbott	1/72 nd ESCI Merkava Mk II	1 st Place
Tom Wingate	1/35 th Sd.Kfz. 25/22D German Halftrack	1 st Place
Tom Wingate	1/35 th Tamiya Panther D	2 nd Place

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."

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

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".

Olive Drab - The Mystery - Demystified or Not

Does olive drab come in one shade? Of course not. There are many books covering the topic. One particular book by Steven Zaloga "Modeling US Armor of World War 2" goes into detail. He writes,

"Another source of confusion over the precise shade of Olive Drab occurred after the war. When the new Federal Specification TT-C-595 was first issued on 12th January 1950, Olive Drab was designated as 3412. When the new Federal Standard (FS) was adopted on 1st March 1956, lusterless Olive Drab became (FS) 34087. The gloss and semi-gloss versions were respectively 14087 and 24087. At this stage, the reader might well ask what all this mumbo-jumbo means to somebody modeling World War II tanks? The problem is that the color FS 34087 changed when FS 595A was released in 1968. The color shown as 34087 was lighter and browner than the lusterless Olive Drab used to that date, and didn't even match the supposedly identical gloss and semi-gloss 14087 and 24087. And guess what? Model paint companies, and many modelers never noticed the change, since the hobby didn't really pick up steam until the late 1960s, by which time the new Olive Drab 34087 was shown in the contemporary Federal Standards".

References

Modeling US Armor of World War 2, Steven Zaloga, 2009 Osprey Publishing Ltd.

<http://www.militarymodelling.com/news/article/olive-drab/4536/>

<http://www.colorserver.net/history/history-specification-tt-c-595-1950.htm>

http://www.colorserver.net/articles/info_fs595_history.htm

<http://scalemodellinfo.com/federal-standards-reference-color-charts-for-modelers/>

Why Do We Build Models?

"Those people who do not have hobbies have a difficult time adjusting when they retire. They are no longer going to work every day and all that that entails. Their job is no longer a time-suck. In fact, they have ample free time and they don't know what to do with it so they sit in front of the TV, twiddling their fingers, and die an early death.

We've all heard stories of guys who, after busting their hump for 40 years, kick the bucket at their retirement party or shortly thereafter. These stories scare the crap out of me and make me wonder about the idea of retirement, or on the flip side, working so hard to accomplish retirement. After all, what happens when we retire? For many, a whole lot of nothing. Maybe some games of bridge, golf, and laying on the beach, but doesn't that get boring? Yes, and in fact, it might even bore you to death!

In a study done by Shell Corporation a shocking discovery was made about the age of retirement when correlated with age of death. According to the article: "People who retire at 55 are 89% more likely to die in the 10 years after retirement than those who retire at 65".

<http://www.moolanamy.com/2344/how-to-die-retire-early-ryan14/>

So what does this mean? I'm sure modeling for some of us replaces work and provides a way to relax and stay busy. For others modeling provides us with a goal in life. And for others modeling may provide enjoyment in the fact that we are building a piece of history. Who didn't like American and World History in school?

A well-known member of our club, Carl Wethington, explained to me during our first encounter "that modeling has 3 distinct components:

- Researching the model
- Building the model
- Painting the model

And as a modeler one would find his or her particular niche whether it included all 3 components or just one.

So what does this mean? **STAY BUSY!!!!!!!**

Favorite Technique

Here's a technique I read about somewhere on the internet for storing sprues while in use. I bought a (around \$12.99) wire file holder at the local office supply house. I then high lite the sprue letter and place in order in the holder. Makes for easy picking the right sprue needed rather than digging through the sprues if left in the box. I started using this with my current build and it really works great. (Don't look at the sprues!!!!!!) They are available in plastic or metal. Purchase the wire one so you can bend the wire sleeves apart a little.



Support Our Local Vendors

Hobby Town
10120 Two Notch Rd # 5, Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 736-0959

New Brookland Railroad & Hobby
405 State St, West Columbia, SC 29169
(803) 791-3958

Ray's Hobbies & More
5633 Broad St, Sumter, SC 29154
803) 983-5084

IPMS Review Corp

For those of you who want to increase your model collection and your library, IPMS/USA has a program called the "Review Corp". As a member of the "Review Corp" you are able to request from a list models, accessories, or books to write a review. On this list you'll find 94 companies such as AK Interactive, Dragon, Eduard, Kalmbach, Ming, Osprey, Panda, Tamiya, UMM and a host of others. As a member of the Review Corp you are not required to be an experienced modeler but, only to provide a fair, unbiased review of the product. IPMS/USA's guidelines require you to be an active member and be able to provide the review in a timely manner. Once the review is completed and submitted, the reviews are published on their website. What's very important in becoming a member of the Review Corp is that you get to keep the item. Great way to increase your library or to experience the thrill of building something out of your comfort zone. See IPMS/USA's guidelines here:

<http://web.ipmsusa3.org/content/reviewers-corps-membership-and-product-review-guidelines>

2016 AMPS International Convention

The "Wildcats" successfully hosted the 2016 AMPS International Convention held April 7-9, 2016. We setup the venue, provided logistical support, procured the Special Awards, provided numerous hours in the Judging Pits, ran the Raffle Table, provided the Assistant Chief Judges for Figures, Dioramas & Vignettes, and even provided some Judges Training to boot.

We had 39 entries, consisting of 9 Advance, 18 Intermediate, and 12 Basic Skill Levels. The results listed below are unofficial (the official results will be published in an upcoming issue of Boresight, but they have been checked against the listing on the AMPS Results page), but are still impressive with 12 Gold, 17 Silver and 9 Bronze Medals. Of all of our Chapter's entries. 97% of the models either won a medal, or scored enough to win a medal (but didn't because it was a duplicated in the same category). To top it off, Phil Cavender won the Andy Smith Best Basic Award, which gives our chapter two winners in the last 3 years.

<i>Entry #</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Skill-Level</i>	<i>Medal</i>
1	88mm Flak 36, Norway, 1944 (1/35, DML + ROP Decals)	Tim Darrah	Intermediate	[BRONZE]
2	T-34/76 Model 1941, Manchuria, 1945 (1/35, DML + ROP Decals)	Tim Darrah	Intermediate	[BRONZE]
3	Flammpanzer III Ausf. M (F1), Hungary, 1945 (1/35, DML)	Tim Darrah	Intermediate	[SILVER]

<u>Entry #</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Skill-Level</u>	<u>Medal</u>
4	ADF M1A1 AIM SA, Australian, 2013 (1/35, DML + Arm Corp Models conversion)	Tim Darrah	Intermediate	[SILVER]
5	T-55 Somalia (1/35, Tamiya + Eduard PE, RB Model barrel)	Tim Darrah	Intermediate	[SILVER]
6	SAS 1/4 Ton 4 x 4 Truck ETO (1/35, DML)	Tim Darrah	Intermediate	[SILVER]
7	M60 Patton (1/35, Italeri M60A1 + AEF Designs resin Early Turret)	Carl Wethington	Advance	[GOLD]
8	M109 155mm Howitzer (1/35, AFV Club M109A2 + a Bunch 'O Resin)	Carl Wethington	Advance	[GOLD]
9	FARELF FV.601 Saladin. 17 Gurkha Division (1/35, DML + Scratch-built)	Keith Frape	Intermediate	[SILVER]
10	Scorpion CRV(T) FV101 (1/35, AFV Club, Resin Castoff Conv.)	Keith Frape	Intermediate	[GOLD] ¹
11	Chieftain Mk. 7 ARRV (1/35, Tamiya + AA Conversion, Chally 2 Power Pack, Lifting Beam Set)	Keith Frape	Intermediate	[GOLD]
12	M20 Greyhound Armored Utility Car (1/48, Tamiya)	Ralph Nardone	Intermediate	[GOLD]
13	M26A1 Pershing Korea War 1950 (1/35, Hobby Boss + AFV Club Tracks)	Phil Cavender	Basic	[GOLD] ²
14	FT-17 Light Tank (Cast Turret) & LT George S. Patton (1/35, Meng & Shapeways)	Phil Cavender	Basic	[GOLD]
15	British M3 Grant "ATLANTA II" (1/35, Academy)	Phil Cavender	Basic	[SILVER]
16	Grant Mk. I – Tank, 2 nd NZ Div, 9 Brig (1/72 Mirage)	Tony Abbott	Intermediate	[SILVER]
17	British "Female" Tank MK II, (1/72, Master Box)	Tony Abbott	Intermediate	[SILVER]
18	Renault FT-17 Light Tank (Cast Turret) (1/72, Flyhawk Model)	Rebecca Hettmansperger	Advance	[SILVER]
19	Mk I "Male" British Tank, Gaza Strip (1/72, Master Box)	Rebecca Hettmansperger	Advance	[SILVER] ³

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20	Crusader MkI/II Cruiser Tank Mk.I/II (1/72, S-Model)	Rebecca Hettmansperger	Advance	[BRONZE]
21	Daimler Dingo Mk.Ia Scout Car (1/72, S-Model)	Rebecca Hettmansperger	Advance	[BRONZE]
22	Jagdpanther #211, France, AUG '44 (1/35, DML + Fruil Tracks, Aber PE & Barrel, Alpine Figure)	David Bridges	Advance	[GOLD]
23	Porsche Typ 205 "Maus", Boblingen, JUL '44 (1/35, DML + LOTS of AM parts)	David Bridges	Advance	[SILVER]
24	German WWI Officer Figure (1/72, Revel)	Kevin Cook	Intermediate	[SILVER]
25	WWII British Rolls Royce Armored Car Pattern 1920 Mk I (1/35, Roden)	Kevin Cook	Intermediate	[SILVER]
26	8.8cm Raketenwerfer 43 'Püppchen' w/Fallschirmjäger (1/35, DML)	Kevin Cook	Intermediate	[BRONZE]
27	Sd.Kfz.184 Schwerer Jagdpanzer "Elefant" (1/35, Tamiya + Zimmerit Sheet)	Michael Child	Basic	[SILVER]
28	Ambush at Poteau, Ardennes 1944; (1/35, Tamiya, DML)	Michael Child	Basic	[BRONZE]
29	Pz.Kpfw. Panther Ausf. D (1/35, Tamiya + DML Track Racks, PE Screens, Spade Ace Tracks)	Tom Wingate	Advance	[SILVER]
30	JagdPatton (1/72, ESCI M60A1 Blazer & Jagdpanther kit bash)	Dave Neuman ⁴	Intermediate	[GOLD]
31	SU-85 (1/72, ESCI?)	Dave Neuman ⁴	Intermediate	[BRONZE]
32	Sd.Kfz. 234/4 (HO, Airfix)	Dave Neuman ⁴	Intermediate	DNM
33	Mk. A Whippet British Medium Tank (1/35, MENG)	Bob Spagnola	Basic	[BRONZE]
34	Panther G (1/35, DML)	Bob Spagnola	Basic	[GOLD]
35	Sherman M4A3 105mm Howitzer (1/35, Tamiya)	Bob Spagnola	Basic	[GOLD]

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36	M103 Heavy Tank (1/35, Dragon)	Bob Spagnola	Basic	[BRONZE]
37	Leopard 2A7 (1/35, MENG)	Bob Spagnola	Basic	[SILVER]
38	Tiger Ausf E, Initial Production (1/35, DML + SpadeAce Tracks)	Bob Spagnola	Basic	[SILVER] ⁵
39	Soviet SU-152 Self Propelled Heavy Howitzer (1/35, Trumpeter)	Bob Spagnola	Basic	[GOLD] ⁵

¹ Keith Frape's Scorpion CRV(T) scored enough points to win a GOLD, but it was in the same category as his Chieftain Mk. 7 ARR.V.

² Phil Cavender also won the Andy Smith Best Basic Award.

³ Rebecca Hettmansperger's Mk I "Male" British Tank scored enough points to win a SILVER, but it was in the same category as her Renault FT-17 Light Tank.

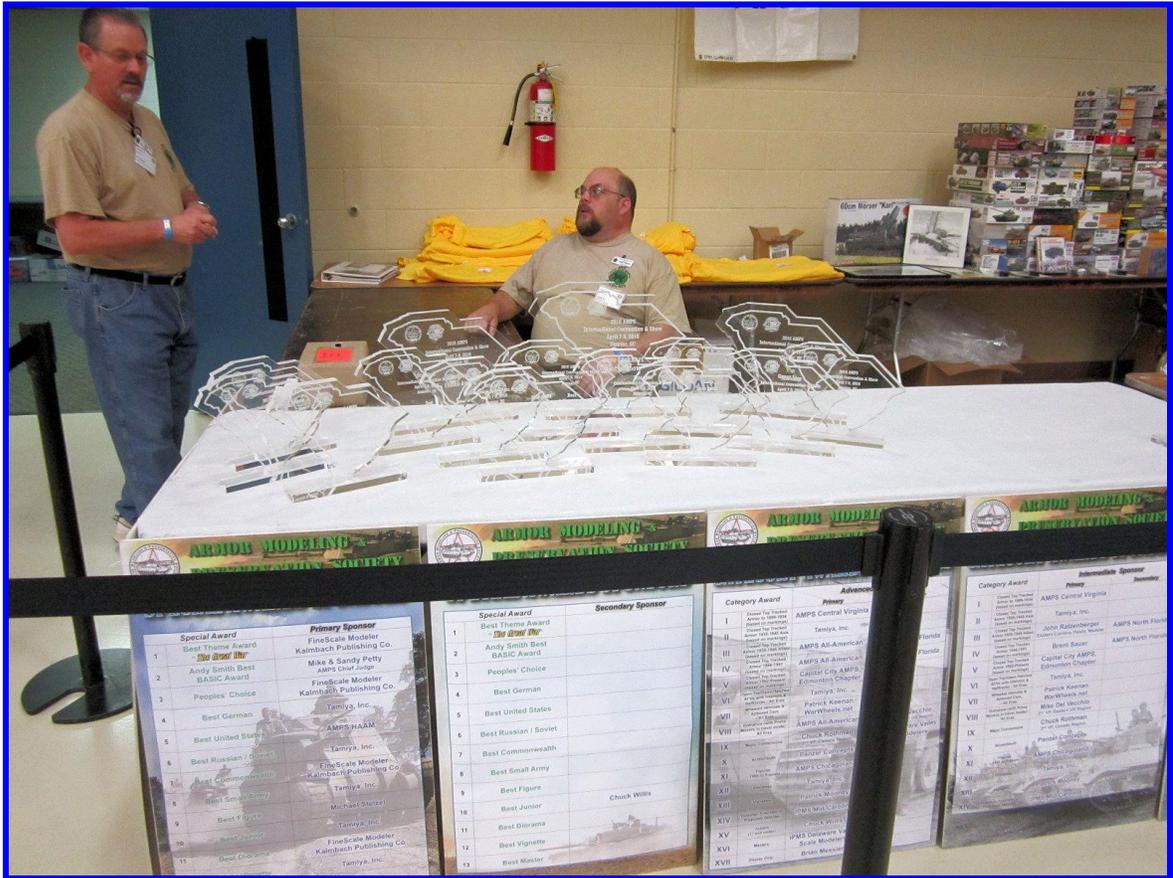
⁴ David Neuman is a Wildcat member who now lives in Missouri after retiring from the USAF, but we still claim him.

⁵ Bob Spagnola's Tiger Ausf E scored enough points to win a SILVER, but it was in the same category as his Panther G. Also, his Soviet SU-152 Self Propelled Heavy Howitzer scored enough points to win a GOLD, but it was in the same category as his Sherman M4A3 105mm Howitzer.

Superlatives: Ralph Nardone, Dave Neuman, and Keith Frape all moved up to the Advance Skill Level, while Phil Cavender and Bob Spagnola both moved up to the Intermediate Skill Level.

Photo Album on our webpage with some of the above models along with pictures from the convention: <http://media5ik1.onlineview.it/FullScreenSlideShow.aspx?gallery=4753983&mt=Photo>

The following are a sampling of some of the 2016 AMPS International Convention pictures on our website (picture credits as noted):



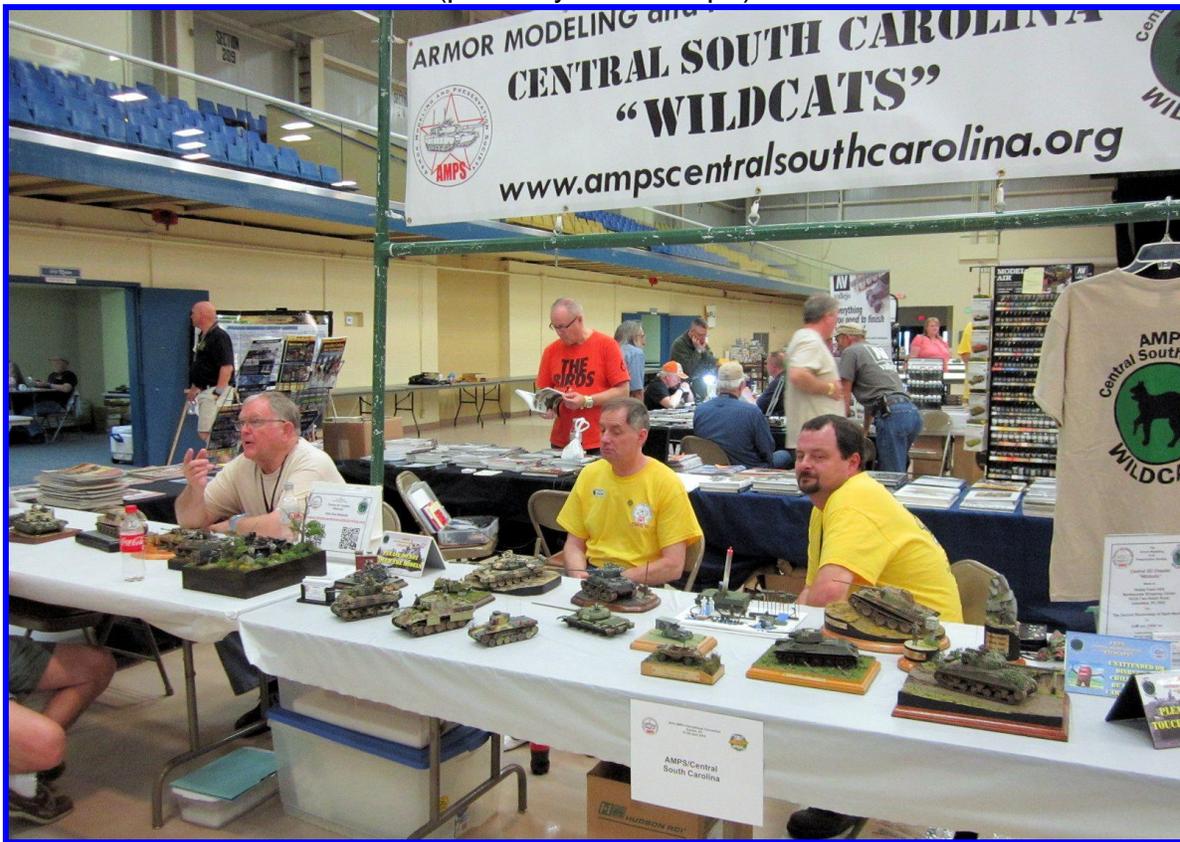
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"My first time. Cookie Sewell is a buddy from my military days."

James G. Bogle, Jr.
Senior Assistant Attorney General

“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, folks, this is the 2nd issue I've had the pleasure to be the editor. A lot has happened since our last Wildcat Newsletter. The Charleston Show in March and The AMPS Nationals in Sumter, SC. The AMPS Nationals were a raging success thanks to you and the show committee. Several members of our local club won awards and I'm sure purchased those needed items. Great seminars were given and we got to meet a lot of interesting people. Who can forget the “Aussie”? Don't forget about the upcoming events and show our support. Also don't forget to send me your favorite techniques you've learned through the years. We all would benefit. I'll include many of them in our next newsletter.

Happy modeling,

Phil Cavender

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