



Alright, guys... Game on!

Yep, it's hard to believe, but it's already one year later and time for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual model show and contest.

Last year, you guys did something that is still impressive – You hosted our first AMPS style contest after only one year in existence as a club! But wait, not only did you host the show, but it was a huge success and very, very well-presented.

So, you've set the bar high. We've gotten a lot of interest for this year's show based on last year's excellent effort, and there have been a ton of people who didn't come last year asking about the show and making plans to attend this year. This year's attendance promises to be considerably larger than last year's.

Expectations are great, but I know you're all up to the challenge!

### **Last Meeting Minutes:**

At our last regular meeting on Wednesday, 13 June, 2012, we had 11 members in attendance and 6 models brought in for Show & Tell. We also had one new member join, Trevor Edwards – Welcome aboard Trevor!

Agenda items covered were: Treasurer's and Vendor Coordinator's reports; Discussed and approved renting a truck or trailer to move tables for the contest; Discussed and approved organizing and sending "modeler's care packages" to troops forward deployed; Presented the last of the three-part figure painting demonstration.

For the modeler's care packages, the club will match the donation made by our HobbyTown USA. We will also accept donations of kits, acrylic paints, and modeling magazines from members, and finally, we will donate a percentage of our contest raffle proceeds. With the monetary donations, the club will purchase needed modeling supplies (glue and paint) along with basic tools. We have also solicited back issues of the AMPS *Boresight* magazine and membership flyers from the national organization. These will also be included in the care packages.

### **Next Meeting Agenda:**

Our next meeting will be at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 11 July, 2011.

6:00 pm (1800): Meeting starts / Admin Business – This month's business: Organize for the show. Set-up and Judges' training on Friday. Show execution on Saturday. See the time schedule below.

6:10 pm (1810): Show & Tell: Builds and WIP's

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

7:10 pm (1910): Reconvene / Continue: 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:**

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

**Aug 11, 2012:** South Eastern Model Soldier Show, SC Military Miniatures Club, SC State Museum.

**Note:** Tentatively, we will put on a model display and recruiting table.

**Aug 15, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Note:** Regular date conflicts with IPMS / USA Nat'l Convention and has been moved.

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

**Sep 15, 2012, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm:** Piedmont Scale Modelers 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Fall Modelfest," Byrnes High School, 150 East Main St., Duncan, SC.

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

**Nov 10, 2012,** IPMS Lafayette Scale Modelers and AMPS All-American combined show and contest, Honneycutt Kiwanis Rec. Center, 352 Devers Street, Fayetteville, NC. **Note the armor judging will be conducted IAW the AMPS judging system.**

**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!

**Feb, 2013 (exact dates still TBA):** Atlanta AMPS Regional Show, Atlanta Marriott Century Center Hotel, Atlanta, GA.

**Apr 18-20, 2013:** AMPS International Show and Convention, Atlanta GA. Venue is the Atlanta Marriott Century Center Hotel (same venue as the Atlanta AMPS Regional Show).

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Contest and Show Schedule:**

**Wednesday, 11 July:** Our next meeting and final show coordination.

### **Friday, 13 July:**

1000 am: Pick-up U-Haul cargo trailer from Herbert's Auto Sales, 2307 North Main St.

1100 am: Pick-up tables (32 each) from the Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 827 Wildwood Ave.

1300 pm: Venue set-up. Gymnasium, 423 Ball Park Road, Lexington, SC. Note that some vendors may be present to set up.

~1830 pm: AMPS National Judges' Certification Training Seminar presented by Mike Petty, AMPS Chief Judge and AMPS South Region Coordinator. Approximately 2 hours in length.

### **Saturday, 14 July:**

0730 am: Venue open for vendor set-up and last minute organization.

0900 am: Doors open for Registration and General Admission. // Judging shift #1 starts – Judging shifts are 2-hours long.

1330 pm: AMPS Registration Closes. // Judging continues until complete.

~1530 pm: Judging complete. // AMPS Awards Ceremony.

~1630 pm: AMPS portion of contest ends. // Venue break-down commences.

~1800 pm: Venue cleared.

### **“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!*

OK, what more is left to be said?

...Only that we can't do this unless everyone pitches in. Just like last year, it will take every one of us to carry off the show.

With more attendance, we'll have even more models to judge this year but not one minute or even one second more time to judge them in. This will mean some long judging shifts for everyone.

So, please, if you're not doing something, get in the "judging pits" and lend a hand. If you've gotten burned out on judging, then tag out with the guys running the raffle so that they can get a judging shift in. Give the model Runner a break so that he can get to lunch, etc, etc, etc...

We'll also need guys working as a Runners, Ram Rods, and Scorers. I'll be covering down on the Ram Rod and Scorer's positions, but I'd like to get someone to assist me and learn the ropes for those jobs so that next year, I'll be available to get in the "pits" and do my part with the judging.

Last year you guys did a superlative job running the show, and I'm sure that this year will be no different.

*Hau Ruck, Wildcats!*

*Mike*