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Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter. We try REALLY hard to publish this each month, but sometimes stuff happens, or you know, CRS flair ups occur. Of course, what's published in this newsletter is probably out of date, known by everyone already, or completely off-topic. Maybe everyone will like the pretty colors, but then your ink cartridge will probably run out after only printing a couple pages. This paragraph is what's known as "filler text", which we needed since we added the snazzy table of contents and this area was kind of empty.

Check out the "Classified Ad" section near the end of the newsletter. This section will give you a space to advertise items you want to barter, swap, sale or trade. Or even a request for research material. Check it out. Contact the seller directly. Note personal email addresses are not listed on the public site. Contact the seller directly via his/her email addresses.

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**Regular Meeting Minutes, 14 June, 2018**

Our last meeting was held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Richland Library Sandhills (Village of Sandhills Shopping Center), 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia (NE). **Until further notice, our meeting day and location has been changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Richland Library Sandhills.**

We had 14 members in attendance, including Noah Brandes, plus Bob Spagnola was able to attend since his health has greatly improved. The members brought 9 models for Show & Tell, Michael

Child brought photos and printed info for his latest build, plus Daniel Karnes sent pictures of the progress he has made on his Starship build. For the Raffle, we had Bronco Model's "Russian Heavy Self-Propelled Gun SU-152(KV-14) (Late Production)", kit #00357, won by Rebecca Hettmansperger (we think, but we're not totally sure because we didn't write it down). 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) U.S. Army 3 inch AT Gun M5 on Carriage M6 (AFV Club), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
- 3) U.S. Army 3 inch AT Gun M5 on Carriage M6 (KMC Resin Conversion + Italeri 105mm Howitzer), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
- 4) Crew for M40 155mm SP Howitzer (Korea) (Tamiya), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
- 5) M4A1(76)W Sherman (Tamiya M1 Super Sherman backdated + Asuka parts, Verlinden Road Wheels, Eduard PE), 1/35 – Ben Brandes
- 6) M48A3 Mod B (DML + Legends Productions resin Mantlet Cover), 1/35 – Ben Brandes
- 7) M3 Lee (Tamiya), 1/35 – Noah Brandes
- 8) Le Tigre French FT-17 (Cast Turret) (Flyhawk), 1/72 – Kevin Cook
- 9) "The Desert Fox" Erwin Rommel (Lots of Models 2016 IPMS Show, scratch-built base), 1/35 – Kevin Cook
- 10) White M3A1 Scout Car, Battle of the Bulge, 3 ID (Peerless), 1/35 - Michael Child
- 11) M60A2 "Starship" (AFV Club w/ Full Interior), 1/35 – Daniel Karnes (sent in after the meeting)

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

### **Business items:**

#### **1) Treasurer's Report:**

- a. Treasury balance was reported at the meeting. We had some small deposits for vendor tables this month.
- b. Expenses this month = \$425.69 for table rental (Party Reflections) and \$320 for security (Richland County Sheriff's Department).
- c. Pending expense for this month is \$1,000 for the SC NG Armory show venue.
- d. Keep in mind that all the venue expenses (tables, security, and armory rental) will be shared by the IPMS chapter. Vendor table sales will also be split with them along with the raffle take. There will also be some shared registration / entry fees. This means that an accurate treasury balance will be reported in July after all the show income and expenses have been finalized.

**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) June *Scale Model Mega-Show* Report:**

- a. We currently have 50 vendor tables reserved / sold. This is a “sell out.” **Well done, Tim Darrah!** (Note to any potential vendors for 2019 – Reserve your space early to avoid disappointment.)
- b. Payments received this month for vendor tables will be reported at the meeting.
- c. We have paid in full the cost of renting 33, 8’ tables for vendors. Tables will be delivered on Thursday, 21 June and picked up on Monday, 25 June.
- d. We have paid in full the cost of security for the show. We will have an armed RCSD deputy at the show for 8 hours on Saturday, 23 June.
- e. We have submitted the request for our insurance certificate from the AMPS Treasurer, Tom Faith.
- f. Our AMPS registration and scoring file has been setup and is ready to run. Anyone who is interested in assisting with data entry for registration and scoring should contact Mike Roof. If possible, you’ll need to bring your WIFI capable laptop computer on Friday and Saturday.
- g. We will hold our “arts and crafts” meeting on Saturday, 16 June at Mike Roof’s house. We need to construct a new Judges’ Signup Board and assemble our special awards. Start time is 11:30 am.
- h. If anyone is interested in doing AMPS Judges’ Certification Training, let Mike Roof know. We can conduct the seminar portion of the training on Saturday leaving the mentored judging sessions for the show. We can also conduct an abbreviated “refresher” training session on Saturday.
- i. We can conduct all of the AMPS Judges’ training on Friday, 22 June after setting up the venue. However, you must let Mike know before then if you want to do this. If no one asks for the training in advance, we will not plan on presenting it.
- j. See below for the detailed show operations time schedule. Be sure to either write it down or print a copy.
- k. Raffle donations: All club members that are able are asked to consider making a donation to the show raffle. Kits, books, tools, etc., are needed, especially ARMOR RELATED modeling items. If you have any donations, you may bring them to the meeting or direct to the show. THANKS!

**3)** Until further notice, we will now be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> THURSDAY of each month at the Richland County Library Branch in the Village of Sandhill Mall.

We already have a reservation for the library meeting room, 6:30-8:30 pm on Thursday, 12 July.

**4)** We took suggestions and discuss options for a place to go and eat dinner and hold our “meeting after the meeting.” After a brief discussion, we decided on CiCi’s Pizza.

**5)** The floor was opened for any new business:

- 6) After the business portion of the meeting, we held our usual **Show & Tell** of new builds and works-in-progress. We'll 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. 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 we had about 10 members go to CiCi's Pizza for the "meeting after the meeting." While we were able to sit together and had some good discussion, essentially closing the place down, the atmosphere was more than a little chaotic and high school drama tension was high. The consensus was consider another après meeting location in July.

***Mike Roof***

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## Tentative Agenda, Regular Meeting, 12 July, 2018

Our next regular meeting will be held on THURSDAY, July 12, 2018, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Richland County Library Branch, Village of Sandhill Mall, Columbia (SE).

### Tentative Agenda Business items:

#### 1) Treasurer's Report:

- a. **Total Treasury** = To be Reviewed at the Meeting (total of Bank Balance + CoH + Deposits).
- b. **Bank Balance** = \$4,959.34 with one pending deposit of \$773.17 for an expected bank balance total of \$5,732.51 by the end of the month.
- c. **Cash on Hand** = To be reported by the treasurer.
- d. **Income and Payments this Month** = The pending deposit is \$773.17 to be remitted by the IPMS chapter as reimbursement for their share of the June show's venue expenses and the AMPS share of event sponsorships.
- e. Our June 2018 MEGA-Show netted a profit of \$841.03. In comparison, our 2017 show netted a profit of \$652.71. A full profit and loss statement (P&L) for the show can be found later in this newsletter.

**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) June **Scale Model Mega-Show** Report:

- a. AMPS had 42 entrants and 96 works. This is right down the middle of our 5-year show averages. We were slightly down on models entered over last year (102 in 2017) but slightly up on the number of entrants (36 in 2017).

- b. We awarded 70 medals this year which was about 1.7 medals per entrant. Again, this is right on our 5-year average.
  - c. There were a total of 11 shared registrations between the IPMS and AMPS sides of the show. Interestingly enough, we also had 10 shared entries last year between the AMPS and Flight Deck shows. However, IPMS had 307 models entered by 63 entrants which was about three times larger than the FD side of our 2017 show.
  - d. The combined AMPS / IPMS contest numbers for the show were 114 individual / unique registrants with 403 models. Pretty good numbers of any one-day model show.
  - e. We sold out all 50 of our vendor tables but had two no-shows on three tables. That means that on Saturday, we had 47 vendor tables filled. Again, very respectable numbers. Timmy sold out of tables early and maintained a “stand-by” list, so that when we did have the inevitable cancelation the week before the show, he was able to fill all five tables in about two days (at full price).
  - f. The raffle was huge, and credit must go to all the AMPS members who stepped up in a major way to donate armor kits and items to make up for a serious deficiency in that area. All in all, we made about as much on the raffle as we could have hoped for. I’m not sure we could manage a raffle much larger than this year’s.
  - g. AMPS Judging was a major success this year. We got lots of good help from our out-of-town friends, and all of our club members not engaged in other support activities really stepped up, too. There were a few common issues with individual scores. Some of these issues can be attributed to the usual human errors, but, once again, we still had a couple of judges who just can’t seem to get with the program. We’ll discuss some of the most egregious issues.
  - h. The food vendors both seemed to be big hits with our show patrons, and hopefully we’ll get both back next year (or equally good replacements).
  - i. Venue setup and tear down went about as smoothly as we could hope for. Everyone pitched in and worked continuously until the job was done! I don’t recall looking around and seeing any “wall flowers.” I’d like to point out that no one who showed up at the scheduled time on Friday was late! A handful of us got to the venue early (for reasons I’ll discuss at the meeting), and since we were already there, we went ahead and started work. Kudos to everyone who was involved, though, on Friday and Saturday. You folks work like a well-oiled machine, and it’s impressive to see just how well.
  - j. We’ll publish a full and detailed show report next month, but suffice it to say that this was another great show put on by a great bunch of guys and gals! AMPS Central SC rocks!
- 3) As we discovered after last year’s show, the NG armory venue is in very high demand. If we want to host another show in 2019, and if we want to use the same venue again, we really need to reserve the armory ASAP.
- a. Question: **Do we want to host a show in 2019?** We will discuss and vote on this issue this month.

If you can't make the meeting, send Mike Roof an email with your thoughts and

preferences. I will accept written absentee votes. I have to have something in writing from you, though. I'll be happy to discuss the question with you on the phone, but we need to keep things above board. A written record of the votes is necessary in the (unlikely) event the question is more contentious than it seems.

- b. Related question: **If we do decide to host a show in 2019, do we want to invite the IPMS chapter to co-host again?** We will discuss and vote on this issue this month.
- c. Further related question: **If we do decide to host a show in 2019, with or without the IPMS chapter, do we want to invite the SCMA chapter to co-host with us?** We will discuss and vote on this issue this month.

4) We will be participating in the 2018 Toy Soldier Show at the SC State Museum on Saturday, 11 August. This will be a joint scale model club display with the IPMS club and (tentatively) the SCMA club. We will be in the same general location in the mezzanine where we were last year.

- a. Question: **Do we want to try to organize some sort of display theme? If yes, what?**

Also, we have the opportunity this year to expand our static display to include some active model building / finishing demonstrations. Ideas floated are folks building models (any subjects or scales), figure painting, model painting, model kit examples displayed, etc. We can get round tables from the museum and put them in the corner between the club displays.

- b. Question: **Do we have any volunteers interested in doing this?** You would have to bring your own supplies, etc. The club can provide the desk lamps that we use for judging along with power cords, etc.

5) Floor will be open for New Business.

6) 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.

7) After the meeting, everyone is invited to join us for the "meeting after the meeting" in which this month we'll explore some new ground! As mentioned in the June meeting minutes, last month we went to CiCi's Pizza which was OK, but not really suitable (crowded, chaotic, and filled to the brim with teenaged angst and tensions). Consider ahead of time where you might like to go this month and we'll discuss some new options.

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## Up-coming Events

**DownEastCon 2018**, hosted by Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers, July 14, 2018. Havelock Tourist & Event Center, 201 Tourist Center Drive, Havelock, NC, 28532 (right between/behind the Holiday Inn & Hampton Inn).

**2018 Theme: "The United States Marines"**.

See the following web links for more information: [http://www.ecpmod.com/contest\\_2018.html](http://www.ecpmod.com/contest_2018.html)  
[www.ecpmod.com](http://www.ecpmod.com)



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**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)



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## 2018 New Releases

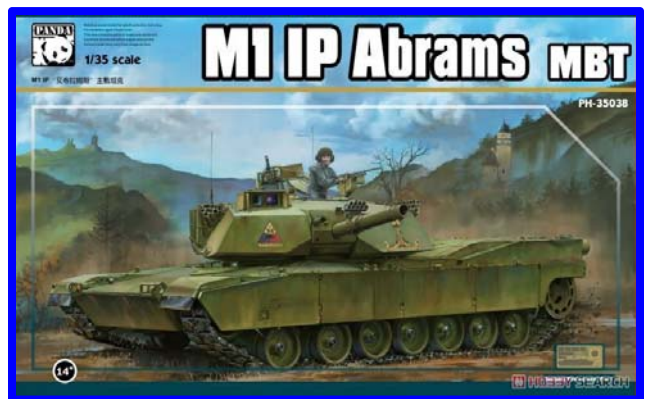
- **M132 Armored Flamethrower (Smart Kit),** Dragon USA, 1/35th scale, kit #3621.  
Estimated Arrival: August 2018.



- **Russian Self-Propelled Gun, Tamiya,** 1/35th scale, kit #35348.



- **M1P Abrams MBT, Panda Hobby,** 1/35th scale, kit #PH-35038, Available July 2018.



## 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 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:

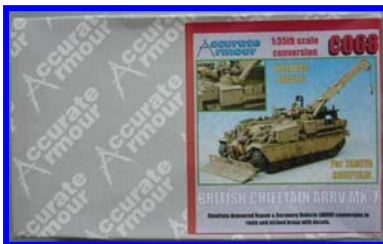


Fine Molds Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Type 60 APC, FM40  
[http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic\\_id=213731&page=1#2056793](http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic_id=213731&page=1#2056793)

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.Kpffw. 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)

**Interesting Articles – 2018 MEGA-Show AMPS P&L**

**2018 South Carolina Scale Model MEGA-Show**, co-hosted by AMPS Central South Carolina Wildcats and IPMS/Mid-Carolina Swamp Fox Modelers, was held on June 22-23, 2018, at the SC National Guard Armory, 1225 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC, 29201.



A Profit & Loss Report for our 2018 MEGA-Show:

**Shared AMPS / IPMS Expenses:**

Venue	\$1,000.00 (SC National Guard Armory)
Security	\$320.00 (Richland County Sheriff's Dept.)
Table rental	\$425.69 (Party Reflections)
Promo / Advert	\$200 (Columbia Today on-line advert) (donated)
<b>Total shared expenses =</b>	<b>\$1,945.62</b>
<b>AMPS share of expenses =</b>	<b>\$972.85</b> (1/2 of above total)

**AMPS Expenses:**

Awards	\$384.12 (medals + special awards)
AMPS share expenses	\$972.85 (carried from above)
Admin expenses	\$64.85 (reimbursed expenses)

**Total AMPS Show Expenses = \$1,421.82**

**AMPS Earnings:**

Net Registration	\$674.50 (after counting split entry fees)
Sponsorships	\$395.85 (includes donated reimbursable expenses)
AMPS raffle share	\$487.50 (1/2 of total raffle take \$975.00)
AMPS vendor share	\$705.00 (1/2 of total vendor table sales \$1410.00)
<b>Total AMPS earnings =</b>	<b>\$2,262.85</b>
<b>Total AMPS expenses</b>	<b>(-) \$1,421.82</b> (subtract from earnings)
<b>2018 Net Show Profit =</b>	<b>\$841.03</b>
(2017 Show Net Profit =	\$652.71)

**A detailed breakdown of the show expenses and incomes is available for any club member who would like to see it. Please ask either Mike Roof or Ralph Nardone to see a copy.**

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**Interesting Articles – Another AMPS Show in 2019?**

**An Editorial from Our Chapter Contact: Another AMPS Show in 2019?**

I'm pretty sure that those of you who know me can already guess that I'm all for doing another show next year. Yeah, it is a lot of work (a LOT of work!), but I actually enjoy most of that. No kidding. I really do enjoy the time I spend with you, my friends, doing something together even if it's putting tables up and then taking them down. I enjoy the time I spend with you in the judging pits looking at and talking about models. I enjoy, appreciate and share your excitement when you find that perfect kit at the vendors or win a ton of prizes at the raffle. And I enjoy sharing your happiness and pride when you earn the recognition of your skills by your peers and are awarded a medal or two to show for it. The bottom line is that my attraction to model shows is mainly social. However, I also enjoy the opportunity to put my models on display. Oh sure, my family and non-model building friends are always polite when they "ooh and ahh" over some latest work, but let's face it, nobody appreciates our models like other modelers. And there's no better place to put your models on display for other modelers than at a model show where you're surrounded by like-minded folks who share your model building passions.

As your chapter contact, I see great value in the way hosting a model show draws the members of our club together and helps to cement the individuals in the group into a whole. The bonding experience that comes from working together to put on a successful show lasts a lot longer than just over a weekend, too. Throughout the year it contributes to making the individuals in the group more comfortable and open with each other which leads to a greater willingness to share and to reach out to one another about anything to do with modeling. The ultimate result is that as a

group our modeling skills improve at a faster rate. Working together to put on a model show brings us all closer to each other, and that close association with other modelers helps make us all better modelers.

Hosting a model show also forges a stronger connection with the wider model building community. Just as we bond with each other in our club and become better modelers with the experience, when we host others from the broader modeling community, we also bond with them and grow better. If for no other reason than we like to travel to model shows hosted by others, hosting our own shows gives us the opportunity to pay them back for their hospitality. By becoming engaged in the larger modeling world, we also establish a legitimate place for ourselves as part of that world. We move out of the shadows and away from being nameless and faceless modelers to becoming recognized and respected for the roll we play in our modeling community.

Of course, there are the financial aspects of running a successful show. Our shows are our club's main source of operating revenue. In all honesty, though, the money side of our shows is not all that important. We could easily get by financially without any annual show income. We'd probably have to scale back our website, but that's it really. We don't have to host model shows because we somehow couldn't get by without the money. Actually, our biggest annual expense is... our model show. If we didn't run a show, we wouldn't really need the money we earn from running a show.

Yeah, I know there are some out there who insist that model clubs and, by extension, model shows need to be run like businesses. You know, I do get that, but I think it only applies up to a point. The bottom line is that we, AMPS Central SC "Wildcats," don't just host successful shows, we host darned profitable ones, too! We've never even come close to going in the red on one of our shows, and I don't have any concerns about that. Yeah, our club's a "business," but it ain't Wall Street.

Still our show profits have allowed us to donate more than \$1,000 over the past two years to the National Armor and Cavalry Museum's building fund. This is another example of how hosting a show allows us to give back to the modeling community while cementing our place in that same community. (There're not many – actually none that I know of – other AMPS clubs that have donated so much to the NACM. You guys have earned the bragging rights to that!) Making money on hosting shows does create opportunities for us, and it does allow us to run our website like we want, but it's not critical to our existence as a club. The profit mostly just allows us to give back more to the modeling community.

On the related questions about inviting the other scale modeling clubs in our area to co-host with us, I'm also firmly in the "yes" column.

This year with the IPMS/Mid-Carolina "Swamp Foxes" chapter, we hosted what is arguably our most successful show ever. On the money side, we netted about as much profit as we ever have, and on the participation side, when combined with the IPMS chapter, we had more entrants and models than ever. The combined show also made soliciting vendors much easier, and selling out the vendor tables went a very long way to paying for the venue (which in turn contributed to our tidy little profit). As a practical matter, two clubs made setup and tear down easier, and the raffle was just that much bigger (which again contributed to a higher than usual profit).

But more importantly, co-hosting the show made a major impact on the broader regional modeling community than just hosting by ourselves. It demonstrated that AMPS and IPMS can work together to everyone's benefit. So, do we NEED IPMS to co-host with us? No, not at all. As we



have demonstrated again and again, year in and year out, our chapter can host successful and profitable shows on our own. It's not about "need," though. It's about "should" and doing the right thing by the modeling community in our area. We should invite the IPMS chapter because that's the right thing to do.

I believe that one of the reasons why this year's show was so successful is that there was an unfulfilled demand in our area for a large, all genres and subjects scale model show. We, AMPS Central SC, are in a unique position to meet that need again next year if we invite our IPMS friends to co-host with us. This is not to say that the IPMS club couldn't do it on their own (or, for that matter, that AMPS couldn't do it on our own like we did last year), but that we have the momentum and experience to take the lead on doing it. There has been a lot of bad blood towards AMPS in IPMS Region-12, and we, AMPS Central SC, can take the high road and help put that to rest. We and our IPMS/Mid-Carolina friends are better than that, and together our two clubs can set the example. Our success together is the strongest answer to the IPMS R-12 AMPS critics.

Furthermore, we also have a unique opportunity in 2019 to include the local SCMA chapter in our invitation. Again, doing so puts AMPS in a "lead by example" position with the broader modeling community, and it also gives us a chance to pay back a debt we owe the SCMA folks for allowing us to co-host our first shows with them. The local SCMA chapter has been through some rocky times over the past year or so, and now as they're getting their feet back on the ground, it's time for us to reach out with a helping hand to them.

So, there you have it. When it comes to the question of should we host another show in 2019, my unqualified answer is, "YES!" Should we also invite the IPMS and SCMA clubs to co-host? Again, my vote is "yes." But, this is not my club, it's OUR CLUB. Everyone's opinion counts, and if the group consensus is "no," then so be it.

You guys and gals give all this some thought for our next meeting.

Until then, happy modeling!

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### Interesting Articles – "Wildcats" at 2018 AMPS International Convention

The "Wildcats" left their mark in a big way yet again at the 2018 AMPS International Convention held May 3-5, 2018 in Dayton, OH.

We had 18 entries, consisting of 10 Advance and 18 Intermediate 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 11 Gold, 5 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals. Of all of our Chapter's entries. **ALL** 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, one of the Wildcats won the Best German Award.

<u>Entry #</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Skill-Level</u>	<u>Medal</u>
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1	Type 94 Japanese Tankette - Late Prod. w/ Towed Idler (1/72, IBG)	Tony Abbott	Intermediate	[GOLD]
2	Panzer II Ausf. L "Luchs" (1/35, Taska + Masterclub Tracks, Evolution Figure)	David Bridges <sup>1</sup>	Advance	[GOLD] Best German
3	Heavy Tank T29E3, APG, 1948 (1/35, Takom + TM Designs T-Series Turret, Adler's Nest 0.30 cal MG Metal Barrel, Taska 0.50 cal M2HB MG)	David Bridges <sup>1</sup>	Advance	[GOLD]
4	Sturmtiger, Sturm mortar Kompanie 1002, Germany, Spring 1945 (1/35, AFV Club + LOTS of AM parts, Evan Model Designs Light Kit)	David Bridges <sup>1</sup>	Advance	[GOLD]
5	King Tiger "332" & M19/M20 Tank Transporter (1/35, Takom & Merit Int. + Archer transfers, RB Model metal Barrels & Tow Shackles, Friulmodel metal Tracks)	Phil Cavender	Intermediate	[GOLD]
6	King Tiger "332", NACM (1/35, Takom + Archer transfers, RB Model metal Barrels, Friulmodel metal Tracks)	Phil Cavender	Intermediate	[GOLD]
7	GMC CCKW 353 Bofors 40mm Gun SP/AA Truck, Free French Forces, WWII (1/35, Hobby Boss + Aber Metal Barrel, MV Lenses, Eduard PE X2, ValueGear resin Stowage & Tarps)	Phil Cavender	Intermediate	[GOLD]
8	"Repairs" 1942, T-34/76 Factory No. 122 (1/35, AFV Club + Detail Master Wiring, Fruilmodel Tracks)	Phil Cavender	Intermediate	[SILVER]
9	U.S. Heavy Tank T29E3, Aberdeen 1947 (1/35, Takom + 2 Voyager PE sets, resin & PE 0.50 Cal M2, MasterModel metal 0.30 Cal MG Barrel)	Trevor Edwards	Intermediate	[SILVER] <sup>2</sup>
10	T26E4 Super Pershing Pilot #1 (1/35, Hobby Boss + Fruel metal tracks, metal barrel)	Trevor Edwards	Intermediate	[GOLD]

11	Firefly IC Welded Hull, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Polish AR DIV (1/48, Tamiya + Archer Weld Beads, Black Dog Stowage, Metal Screens, Sponson Fillers)	Rebecca Hettmansperger	Advance	[GOLD]
12	Vs.Kfz. 617 MINENRAUMER (Minesweeper) Eastern Front, Kursk July '43 (1/35, Meng + Voyager PE, Tristar Pz. I Turret Interior, Royal Model EU Well, much more)	Bryan Moeller	Intermediate	[GOLD]
13	M8 75mm Howitzer Motor Carriage (1/35, Tamiya + LOTS of scratch built parts)	Carl Wethington	Advance	[GOLD]
14	M40 155mm SP Howitzer (Korea) (1/35, Tamiya)	Carl Wethington	Advance	[SILVER] <sup>3</sup>
15	Sd.Kfz. 173 Ausf. G1 Jagdpanther Early Production, Normandy (1/35, DML + figures)	Tom Wingate	Advance	[SILVER]
16	T-34/85 Mod. 1944 (1/35, DML + scratch built Engine Louvers, Fuel Tank Straps, Master Club Tracks, Aber PE & Barrel)	Tom Wingate	Advance	[SILVER]
17	Sd.Kfz. 251/22 Ausf. D, Holland '44 (1/35, DML + figures)	Tom Wingate	Advance	[BRONZE]
18	Schwimmwagen Type 166, Normandy (1/35, Tamiya + figure)	Tom Wingate	Advance	[BRONZE]

<sup>1</sup> David Bridges is an original Wildcat member who now lives in Florida.

<sup>2</sup> Trevor Edwards' T29E3 scored enough points to win a SILVER (26), but it was in the same category as his Super Pershing.

<sup>3</sup> Carl Wethington's M40 155mm SPG scored enough points to win a SILVER, but it was in the same category as his M8 75mm HMC.

**Superlatives:** Tony Abbott, Phil Cavender, Trevor Edwards and Bryan Moeller all moved up to the Advance Skill Level.



David Bridges' "Panzer II Ausf. L 'Luchs'" [GOLD & Best German]



Tony Abbott's "Type 94 Japanese Tankette - Late Prod. w/ Towed Idler" [GOLD]





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Trevor Edwards' "T26E4 Super Pershing Pilot #1" [GOLD]





Rebecca Hettmansperger's "Firefly IC Welded Hull, 2<sup>nd</sup> Polish AR DIV" [GOLD]



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## 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".

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**Michel van Loon  
Neil Baumgardner**

**For the AFV Association**



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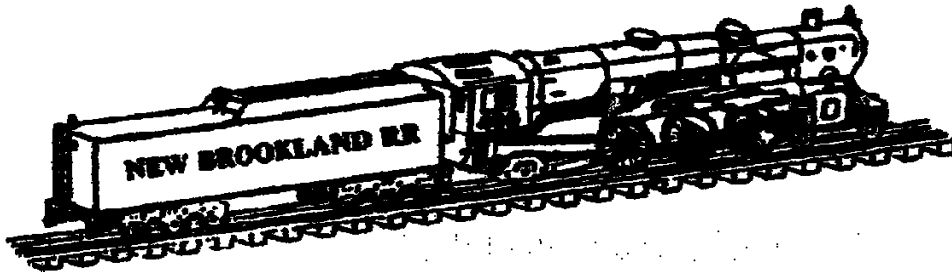


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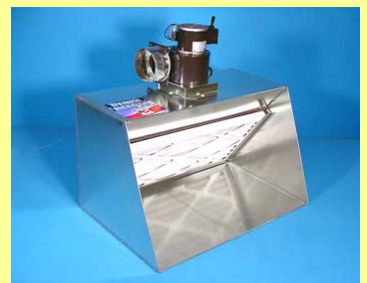
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All submissions for entry into the Classified Ads section should be submitted to the editor **two (2) weeks prior to the monthly AMPS meeting**. Also, please let the editor know if your ad is no longer needed so we can remove it from the newsletter.

**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'm looking for a cheap 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale Hetzer, all I need out of it is the complete running gear/suspension and tracks. I don't care about the rest of the kit, so parts of that can be missing.  
**Contact Tim Darrah**

**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...”*

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who submitted articles to this month's newsletter. Without your work “The Wildcat” would not be a top-notch publication. Also, don't forget about the upcoming events to 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 them in our next newsletter.

Finally, if you aren't a member of AMPS, now is the time to join. **Join AMPS Now!**

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Happy modeling,

*Phil Cavender*

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