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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 Of course, what's published in this newsletter is probably out of date, known by everyone already, or completely off-topic.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 February, 2018

Our last meeting was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 from 6-8 pm at the HobbyTown store in the Publix Shipping Center (North Pointe Shopping Center), Two Notch Road, Columbia (NE). We had 18 members in attendance, including Noah Brandes. The attending modelers brought 11 models for Show & Tell, plus Daniel Karnes e-mailed pictures of his Krupp Protze 6x4 Kfz.69 Towing Truck w/ 3.7cm Pak after the meeting since he couldn't make it due to work. Trevor Edwards took the pictures this month (Thank you!), but he forgot to take pictures of his model. For

the Raffle, we had Dragon's "Pz.Kpfw. 38(t) Ausf.G Early w/ Interior", kit #6290, AND Squadron Signal's book (HC) "Pz.Kpfw.38(t) Variations In Action", #52052, won by Rebecca Hettmansperger. Please see our website for photos of the models that were brought in for Show & Tell, the meeting, and the raffle prize.

- 1) Type 94 Japanese Tankette Late Production with Towed Idler Wheel (IBG 72044), 1/72 Tony Abbott
- 2) M3 Lee (Tamiya), 1/35 Noah Brandes
- 3) M4A3 Sherrman (Tamiya), 1/35 Noah Brandes
- 4) M26A1 Pershing (DML + Verlinden resin Vision Blocks, Bison Decals, Bronco Tracks), 1/35 Ben Brandes
- 5) Italian Self-Propelled Gun M14/40 Semovente 18/75 (Italeri + scratch-built Resin Sandbags, hand Stenciled Markings, added fine wire to wrap Sandbags), 1/35 Dave Cicmurri
- 6) Anti-Tank Gun IV Sd.Kfz. 164 Nashorn (Hornisse) (Bandai), 1/48 Bob Kerfonta
- 7) M40 155mm SP Howitzer (Korea) (Tamiya), 1/35 Carl Wethington
- 8) Sd.Kfz. 173 Ausf. G1 Jagdpanther Early Production (DML), 1/35 Tom Wingate
- 9) German Flakpanzer IV Wirbelwind (Monogram), 1/32 John "Turkey" Melton
- Panhard AML-90 Light Armoured Car, Argentine Army (Takom + scratch-built External MG Mount), 1/35 – Dave Varettoni
- 11) Krupp Protze 6x4 Kfz.69 Towing Truck w/3.7cm Pak (Tamiya + Eduard PE), 1/35 Daniel Karnes (e-mailed after the meeting)
- 12) T29E3 U.S. Heavy Tank (Takom + 2 Voyager PE sets, Voyager resin & PE 0.50 Cal M2, MasterModel metal 0.30 Cal MG Barrel), 1/35 Trevor Edwards [but he forgot to take pictures of his own model!]

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

Business items:

- 1) Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Bank balance was \$4,220.55 (includes deposits of \$231 and pending expense of \$387.50).
 - b. Cash on Hand as reported by the treasurer was \$771.00
 - c. Pending expenses: \$387.50 for new B-S-G medals and \$60 for postage.

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 prorated 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.

Reminder: If you pledged to make a \$25 donation to the NACM paver fund that the club has already paid your donation in advance. Please see Ralph and make your reimbursement payment to the club.

Note: The mini NACM pavers for each of the individual donors have already arrived, so once you reimburse the club you will receive your mini paver. Ralph will have the mini pavers at the meeting. **Bring your money.**

- 2) We had 22 members and their guests in our NACM tour party on Saturday, 20 JAN 18. This was an outstanding and fun opportunity for the club to get up close and personal with the AFVs and related artifacts in the collection. Those who have never been are highly encouraged to participate at the next opportunity they have. It is very likely that our near unrestricted access to the collection will not last forever. In a couple of years, the museum will formally open (tentatively scheduled for 2020), and once the public is on site, AMPS members will probably not be allowed the kind of access that we have now.
- 3) A short update on the plans and coordination for our June contest. Note that it's not too early to start soliciting show award sponsorships and donations.
 - **a.** Venue price has been locked in at \$1,000.00. We are OK for the food trucks. We are OK for Friday afternoon setup. We should have the classroom available for judges training and AMPS judging. Venue security is a "show stopper." No security = no event. RCSD security is recommended at this time.
 - **b.** Free Times print advertising rates have been requested and received:
 - i. Cube (2"x2") = \$75
 - ii. 1/8 page = \$145
 - iii. 1/6 page = \$195
 - iv. 1/4 page = \$280
 - v. "Go Cola" 1/8 page est. = \$200
 - **c.** Vendor letters and AMPS and IPMS flyers were distributed at the IPMS Marietta show on Saturday, 10 FEB 18.
 - d. Vendor letter and AMPS flyers will be distributed at the AMPS Atlanta show on 16 FEB.
 - e. AMPS Central SC "Wildcat" B-S-G medals have been reordered. Total cost for 200 medals is \$775 (\$3.89 ea). This was a \$0.50 each price increase over our 2015 order (\$678 @ \$3.39 ea). A 50% deposit, \$387.50, has been made, and the order is now being processed. When the order is ready for delivery, the balance of \$387.50 will be due. Deliver is expected within 60 days. Details on the order are available. If you want more info, please ask.
- **4)** Members were reminded that it's not too early to start planning for the Atlanta AMPS show in February.
- **5)** The floor was opened for new business:
 - a. There was no new business.
- 6) Following the business portion of the meeting, we took a short break for shopping and social mixing. After we reconvened we had Show & Tell with new stuff, builds and WIPs (see above list).

7) Everyone was invited to the "meeting after the meeting" at Schiano's next to the Publix. We had about 13 members at the restaurant.

Regular Show & Tell: See the meeting photos for all of the completed and works in progress brought to this month's meeting!

Tentative Agenda, Regular Meeting, 14 March, 2018

Our next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 6-8 pm, at the HobbyTown store in the Publix Shopping Center (North Pointe Shopping Center), on Two Notch Road, Columbia (NE).

Tentative Agenda Business items:

- **1)** Treasurer's Report:
 - a. **Total Treasury** = \$4,251.66 (total of Back Balance + CoH Expenses).
 - b. **Bank Balance** = \$3,510.55 (includes deposit of \$75 and expenses of \$1,182.90).
 - c. **Cash on Hand** = \$741.00 (with treasurer, as reported last month).
 - d. **Income this Month = \$75** (Contest Award Sponsorships).
 - e. **Pending Expenses = \$1,182.90**: \$775.00 for new B-S-G medals, \$307.90 (for 2-year Website Renewal), and \$100 (purchase Monthly Raffle Prizes).

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- 2) This month we made a purchase of 24 kits to use as monthly raffle prizes. The kits were offered by David Bridges for ONLY \$100 to cover the cost of postage. An inventory list of the kits has been made and will be passed around for review at the meeting. These kits should cover us for the next two+ years of meeting raffles.
- **3)** Our club website came up for renewal this month. The cost was \$307.90 for the next two years. We are still using Go Daddy. If any member is willing to take on the job as web designer / web master and build us a site from scratch, please let Mike know. Jeff Nelson continues to manage and update our site.
- **4)** Our Gold-Silver-Bronze Medal Order was received this month and is now paid in full (\$775 for 200 medals). We now have 130 gold, 130 silver and 90 bronze medals on hand. At the current average issue rate of 50% gold, 30% silver and 20% bronze these medals should cover us for at least this year's and next year's shows.

5) We had 22 members and their guests in our NACM tour party on Saturday, 20 JAN 18. This was an outstanding and fun opportunity for the club to get up close and personal with the AFVs and related artifacts in the collection. Those who have never been are highly encouraged to participate at the next opportunity they have. It is very likely that our near unrestricted access to the collection will not last forever. In a couple of years, the museum will formally open (tentatively scheduled for 2020), and once the public is on site, AMPS members will probably not be allowed the kind of access that we have now. The next AMPS tour will be this Friday, 16 FEB, in conjunction with the AMPS Atlanta show. If you want to participate you MUST contact Mike Roof ASAP to get included on the tour roster. You will need to be at the tour rendezvous (at Ft. Benning, Columbus, GA) at 7 AM on Friday morning.

6) June Scale Model Mega-Show Report.

- a. We currently have 25 vendor tables reserved / sold.
- b. Our show poster was on display at the AMPS Atlanta show. We distributed show flyers and vendor solicitation letters there, too.
- c. See Mike or Jeff to get show flyers and mini-posters to put in other hobby shops if you plan on traveling out of the local area and will be patronizing other hobby shops.
- d. We received \$75 this month in show award sponsorships. Remember that every member of the club can (and should) solicit award sponsorships. Info on costs and promotion benefits to the sponsors are available from any of the club officers or show committee members.
- 7) Our current 2018 membership roster has been updated. We have 34 active members (i.e. paid dues and attended at least one meeting in the past year) and 5 "honorary / associate" members (members who have moved outside the area). A copy of the membership roster is available for any member who requests one. Send Mike an email on the club email account to request one. Please do not distribute the membership roster outside of the club.
- **8)** We had 11 club members patronize the AMPS Atlanta Show, 16-18 FEB 18. Everyone who entered models / figures in the shows earned medals. In addition, we had 3 members earn their AMPS Table Captain certifications: Phil Cavender, Tom Wingate and Trevor Edwards. Bryan Moeller attended the TC training seminar.
- 9) Floor will be open for New Business.
- **10)** Following the business portion of the meeting, we'll take a short break for shopping and social mixing.

Round-Table Regular Show & Tell: to follow the business portion of the meeting & the break/social mixing. Finished models, works in progress and cool new stuff – Bring it all with you to share! 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.

Don't forget the "meeting after the meeting" at Schiano's next to the Publix. Make plans to hang out and eat dinner if you can. Everyone's welcome – no special invitation required!

Mike Roof
Michael D. Roof
AMPS #1632
Chapter Contact

AMPS Central SC "Wildcats"

REMINDER: The HobbyTown store will close at 7:00 pm (1900). 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

store, 10120 Two Notch Road, Suite 5, Columbia, SC 29223, (803) 736-0959.

Up-coming Events

AMPS 2018 International Convention, Hope Hotel and Richard C. Holbrooke Conference Center, Dayton, OH, Phone: (203) 794-0600, May 3 to 5, 2018.

2018 Convention Theme: Mishaps (and Oh...).

See the AMPS Homepage for info at: http://www.amps-armor.org/SiteShows/ShowMain.aspx



2018 South Carolina Scale Model MEGA-Show, co-hosted by AMPS Central South Carolina Wildcats and IPMS/Mid-Carolina Swamp Fox Modelers, will be held on June 22-23, 2018. Location: SC National Guard Armory, 1225 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC, 29201, 803-299-4200. **2018 Show Theme: "I Want My MTV!** ~ I love the '80s"

See the following web links for more information: http://www.ampscentralsouthcarolina.org/ and www.ipmsmidcarolina.com.





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



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1 January 2018









2018 New Releases

Some new products by HQ72 Resin Products.
 See their website: https://hq72resinproducts.com/



• Wooden Bridge, kit # R-004.



• Church Ruins #1, kit # R-035.



Foxhole / Defensive Position, kit # R-078.



• **German Tank Crew, Special Edition,** MiniArt, 1/35th scale, kit # 35583.





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 recent change with Photo Bucket, many build logs have been impacted and linked photos may not show. While some modelers have/are relinking their blogs to a different photo hosting site, many older build logs and postings on various forums will likely never show the original linked pictures again and are lost forever. A posting on Missing-Linx provides a (temporary) work-around for Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome browsers:

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

Mike Roof has 2 on Track-Link.com:



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



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

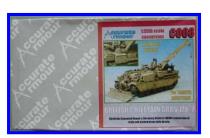
Jeff Nelson has 1 on Armorama.com:



Fine Molds Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Type 60 APC, FM40 http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=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 ARRV (Tamiya + Accurate Armor Conversion) http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic id=241027



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

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

Bryan Moeller has one on Armorama.com:



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

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

Interesting Articles – AMPS Atlanta Show 16-18 February 2018





Six fellow club members attended the AMPS Atlanta 2018, Atlanta Armor, Figure, and Modeling Contest and Exhibition, February 16-18, 2018. The 2018 Show Theme was: "REFORGER 1969 - 1989" (Any Tracked or Wheeled Vehicle used by a NATO country during any REFORGER Exercises).



Trevor Edwards, Sheila Roof, and Tom Wingate having some fun

Below are the unofficial results for our fellow "Wildcats" at AMPS Atlanta:

Kevin Cook	WWI German A7V Wotan, Tauro Model, 1/35th	Bronze
Kevin Cook	"3 Americans" Vignette, Tamiya, 1/35 th	Bronze
Kevin Cook	Japanese Infantry, Esci 1/72 nd	
Tom Wingate	Pz.Kpfw. V Panther Ausf. D, Kursk, Dragon, 1/35 th	
Tom Wingate	Schwimmwagen Type 166, Tamiya, 1/35 th	Silver
Tom Wingate	Sd.Kfz. 251/22 Ausf. D, Holland '44, Dragon, 1/35 th	Gold
Herb Horvath	88mm Flak Gun 36, Rommel's Game, Tamiya, 1/35 th	Bronze
Herb Horvath	Horch Type IA Flak 38, North Africa 1942, Tamiya, 1/35 th	Bronze
Tony Abbott	Type 94 Japanese Tankette - Late Prod., IBG, 1/72th	Silver
Trevor Edwards	T29E3 U.S. Heavy Tank, Takom, 1/35 th	Silver
Phil Cavender	King Tiger "332" at NACM, Ft. Benning, Takom, 1/35 th	Gold
Phil Cavender	King Tiger "332" on M9 Trailer, Takom & Merit, 1/35th	Silver
Phil Cavender	King Tiger "332" at NACM, Ft. Benning, Takom, 1/35th	Best German Subject

As listed above, Phil Cavender's Intermediate Skill entry *King Tiger "332" at NACM* won the Best German Subject Award over all other German-subject entries, including all of the Advance entries!



Phil Cavender's King Tiger "332" at NACM, Ft. Benning

Below are un-official results of the **Atlanta Figure Painting Show** held in conjunction with the AMPS Atlanta Show.

Tom McCoy	"Mountain Man Bearclaw", Mitches Models 1/20th	Bronze
Tom McCoy	"Odin", (Unknown Manufacturer), 30mm, Fantasy Painters div.	Bronze
Tom McCoy	"Mountain Man Bearclaw", Mitches Models 1/20th	Best of the West



Tom McCoy's Mountain Man Bearclaw

In addition to the above awards, three members received their "Table Captain" certifications:

- Trevor Edwards
- Tom Wingate
- Phil Cavender

Well done, Wildcats!

Phil Cavender AMPS # 3060, IPMS # 50085 Editor, "The Wildcat

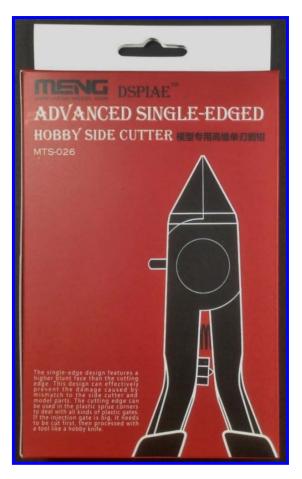
Interesting Articles – New Tools and Accessories

Meng Advanced Single-Edged Hobby Side Cutter # MTS-026

Here's a review of a new sprue cutter brought out by Meng this month. It is somewhat expensive as compared to other sprue cutters on the market with a MSRP of \$59.00. Does it make a modeler a better modeler? Probably not. I saw this on Modeling News's website previously and thought I would see just exactly how it compares to other sprue cutters I have on hand.

The cutter comes in a nice 4" x 6" x7/8" red and black box. Inside, the tool is packaged in foam with a leather head cover and a small tool to adjust the closing limits. Upon first inspection the tool seems to be smaller than other sprue cutters I've used. It is a side-edge cutter meaning that it has the cutters placed on one side and are flat. Purporting to be able to get close to the part on the sprue.

After using it for 2 hours I decided that I wasted my money. It does cut close, but in the end one still has to trim with Exacto and a final sanding. Thanks to my wife who didn't know exactly how much I paid for it.







Robart Paint Shaker

It's been around for quite a while, so some of you may have or heard of the Robart Paint Shaker. This interesting item available as either AC powered or DC using D-Cell batteries. MSRP is between \$39.00 to \$51.00, depending on source and whether you choose AC or DC.

On line reviews give it a +4.



Phil Cavender AMPS # 3060, IPMS # 50085 Editor, "The Wildcat

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



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

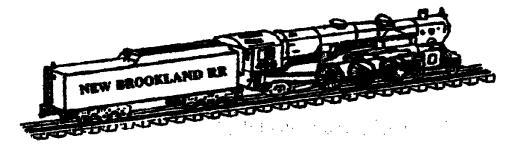
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(*) - New Store Hours, (#) - Model Build Days EVERY Saturday starting at noon.

*Sunday	12-5
Monday	11-7
*Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	11-7
*Thursday	11-7
*Friday	11-8
Saturday	10-8 (#)



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



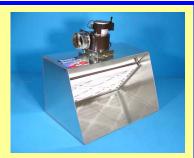
5633 Broad Street Sumter, SC 29154 803) 983-5084 Mon – Sun, 2pm to 7pm



Classified Ads

All submissions for entry into the Classified Ads section should be submitted to the editor two (2) weeks prior to the monthly AMPS meeting. Next submission deadline will be August 30, 2017.

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 1/35th 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..."

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!**

http://amps-armor.org/

Happy modeling,

Phil Cavender

Editor, "The Wildcat", AMPS Central SC "Wildcats"