



## Christmas Edition



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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 Of course, what's published in this newsletter is probably out of date, known by everyone already, or completely off-topic.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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<http://www.ampscentralsouthcarolina.org/>



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### Regular Meeting Minutes, 8 November, 2017

Our last meeting was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 from 6-8 pm at the HobbyTown store in the Publix Shipping Center (North Pointe Shopping Center), Two Notch Road, Columbia (NE). We had 17 members in attendance, including junior member Morgan Cicimurri. The modelers brought 6 models for Show & Tell, plus Daniel Karnes sent pictures of his AFV Club M60A2 a few

days later because he couldn't make the meeting. We didn't hold a Raffle this month. Please see our website for photos of the models that were brought in for Show & Tell, and the meeting.

- 1) Dorchester Armored Command Vehicle & Commonwealth Tank Troops (ACV) (AFV Club + Italeri), 1/35 – Michael Child
- 2) M40 155mm SP Howitzer “Two-fer” (Tamiya & AFV Club + Resin copy of the Tamiya Gun), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
- 3) Panhard AML-90 Light Armoured Car, Argentine Army (Takom), 1/35 – Dave Varettoni
- 4) SU-100 (Tamiya Lower Hull & Resin Upper Hull + Aber turned Barrel, scratch-built Handles, Modified the Mantlet to SU-100), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
- 5) Pz.Kpfw. IV Ausf. D (Tamiya + Scratch-made Spare Road Wheel Wire Holders, plastic strip Jerry Can Rack, Repainted old model from Barry Nelson), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
- 6) IJA Type 89 Japanese Medium Tank OTSU, Gasoline Engine (IBG Models + OKB Grigorov resin Tracks, scratch-made Wire Handles), 1/72 – Bob Kerfonta
- 7) U.S. Tank Destroyer M10 Mid Production (Tamiya + DML Tracks, scratch-built items), 1/35 – Mike Roof
- 8) M60A2 “Starship” (AFV Club w/ Full Interior), 1/35 – Daniel Karnes (e-mailed after the meeting)

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

#### **Business items:**

- 1) Treasurer's Report: No Change. Bank balance of \$5,287 + ~\$65 cash-on-hand = approx. total treasury \$5,352. Ralph Nardone, Chapter Treasurer, was absent due to business.
- 2) Rebecca and Tony said that they were traveling to the RDU Con show on Saturday, 11 November. They offered to take some basic show flyers along with copies of our vendor solicitation letter to start promoting our June, 2018 contest. Mike Roof will send them a digital copy of the vendor letter to print and distribute. The club will reimburse the cost of the printing.
- 3) Updates on our 2018 show preparations were made:
  - a. The event title has been decided: “**South Carolina Scale Model Mega-Show**”.
  - b. Draft show posters have been made by Jeff Nelson (AMPS) and Jodie Peeler (IPMS).
  - c. Tim Darrah has begun to officially solicit vendors for the show. Vendor tables will be \$30 each for 8' long tables. Please refer any vendor contacts to Tim, or get the vendor's contact info and pass it on to him for action.
  - d. A coordination meeting between the AMPS and IPMS clubs has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, 19 November. The time was set for 2pm and Brandon gave his OK to hold the meeting at the HobbyTown.
- 4) The club voted to conduct a trip to tour the NACM in January, 2018.
  - a. The date, Saturday, 20 January was selected.
  - b. Mike will contact our POC, David Hobbs, to coordinate.

- 5) The club discussed and voted to repeat our donation to the NACM building fund for this year (2017)?
- a. The decision was made to do the same thing as last year (\$250 club donation with ten, \$25 individual donations for a total of \$500)?
  - b. The members approved that if we have more than 10 members who would like to make individual donations, we will have to structure the donation so that the club donation is \$300 vice \$250. That means that we will need at least 12 individual donors. We could go as high as 20 individual donors in that case, although there might be a limit as to how much the club can donate / match. \$300 would have to be the minimum, though.
  - c. All members were informed that FIRM commitments have to be made by all of the individual donors. The club will have to pay the full amount up-front with the individual donors reimbursing the club.
  - d. Mike will contact the NACM fund raising POC and arrange the donation if the vote is to do this.
  - e. A reminder was made that our real support of the NACM is recognized and that it sets us apart from most of the other folks who ask for special tours without giving anything back to the museum.
- 6) The floor was opened for new business:
- a. The club voted to hold our usual Christmas Party in lieu of a regular meeting next month, Wednesday, 13 December at our usual time and location.
  - b. We will do a “White Elephant” gift exchange with a “pot luck” buffet.

**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, 13 December, 2017

Our next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 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: Major Expenditure \$700 paid to the NACM Paver Program Fund, of which \$400 will be paid back by the 16 members that pledged \$25 each.
  - a. **Total Treasury** = \$4,472.00.
  - b. **Bank Balance** = \$4,407.00.
  - c. **Cash on Hand** = \$65.00 (with treasurer).
- 2) Note next month, January 2018, starts our new fiscal year. Club dues will be due starting then. Dues are \$12 for adults, no dues for juniors 17 y.o. and under. New member dues are pro-rated at \$1 per month remaining in the calendar (fiscal) year you joined the club (first meeting month is not counted). Juniors who turn 18 will not be required to pay dues until the next calendar (fiscal) year.

**3)** Note, if you are one of the 16 members who pledged to make a \$25 donation to the NACM Paver Fund, please give your money to the treasurer starting in January. Please pay your pledge as soon as possible.

**4)** Note that we have been approved to conduct a club visit of the NACM restoration facility at Ft. Benning, GA (Columbus, GA) starting at 9AM on Saturday, 20 January. Many of us are staying at the Holiday Inn Express on Victory Drive on Friday and Saturday nights, 19/20 Jan. If you want to participate, you must be with the group at 9AM when we conduct our entry at the fort. For more information, contact Mike Roof ASAP.

**5)** Note minutes from the AMPS / IPMS show committee meeting, 2-4PM, 19 Nov. There were 6 combined committee members at the meeting – Mike Roof, Ralph Nardone, Jeff Nelson, Tim Darrah, Hub Plott and Pete Maher.

a. Mike will check with the venue to determine if we must have RCSD provided security.

b. Mike will check the advertising rates for the Go Columbia and Free Times.

c. Tentative show schedule:

i. Friday –

1. Venue setup starting noon/1PM
2. Vendor setup starting 3/4PM until 6PM
3. AMPS Judges' Training 5:30PM
4. Close venue NLT 8PM

ii. Saturday –

1. Open for vendors 7:30AM
2. Registration opens 9AM
3. Registration closes 12:30
4. IPMS Awards 3:30-4:30PM
5. AMPS Awards 4:30-5:30PM
6. Vendors close NLT 5:30PM
7. Clean up 5:30-7PM

d. Registration Fees and General Admission:

i. IPMS

1. Adults \$15 with unlimited entries
2. Juniors (17 and younger) \$6 with unlimited entries
3. IPMS National Member Discount \$2

ii. AMPS

1. Adults \$15 with 3 models (\$4 each additional model)
2. Juniors (17 and younger) \$6 with 3 models (\$4 each additional)
3. AMPS National Member Discount \$2

iii. General Admission (GA) – Adults \$5 ea. Juniors FREE. If we place ads in the local newspapers, we MAY include a discount coupon for GA with the adverts.

iv. Duel registration (AMPS and IPMS) base fees (\$15 or \$6) and all GA take will be split 50:50.

e. Entrants must provide their own display table for any models / entries that exceed 48" in any dimension.

**6)** There will be no Regular or New Business.

**7)** Nor will we hold a Round Table Discussion.

**8) Regular Show & Tell:** Instead we will conduct our Annual Christmas Party and White Elephant gift exchange. Anyone who wishes to participate should bring a wrapped, hobby-related gift. Participation is entirely voluntary. Complete rules are below.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

### **White Elephant Gift Exchange Rules:**

For the gift exchange, if you want to participate, bring a wrapped, hobby-related gift to the party. Participation is not mandatory (but having fun is!).

All of these gifts will go into a pile, and each person participating will draw a number from a hat.

In numerical order, each participant has the option to, EITHER select a gift from the pile and unwrap it, OR to "steal" another gift already selected and unwrapped by someone else. If a gift is "stolen," then the loser has the option to either "steal" a gift from someone else or take a wrapped gift from the pile and unwrap it.

Gifts can only be stolen ONCE DURING A ROUND, and a round continues until EITHER the last loser chooses to select a wrapped gift from the pile OR when every unwrapped gift has exchanged hands ONCE at which time the last loser MUST select a wrapped gift. A gift stolen in an earlier round may be stolen in any later round. Just because you stole it once doesn't mean it's safe from being stolen by someone else in a later round.

The rounds will continue until there are no more wrapped gifts. Once this has happened, there will be one final round when participant #1 will have an opportunity to "exchange" (swap) or stay pat. If participant #1 opts to exchange, then he or she will exchange his or her gift for another one. The person who had to exchange may also stay pat or exchange the gift he or she just received with someone else. This final round will continue until every gift has changed hands one final time OR WHEN ANYONE decides to stand pat and not to exchange.

You may include a card or note with your gift, if you so choose, but if you do, you should attach it to the outside (or put it inside the box, etc.) of your gift before you wrap it so that it will stay with the gift through the various rounds.

Finally, for this year, I have been contacted by someone in the club who has asked for a one-time exception to the "unwrap it" rule. He explained what he wants to do, and I have granted this exception - just for this year - to see how it works out. If it goes as hoped, then maybe we'll see about making it a "standing rule," and if it flops - you can all blame me! I'll explain how this will work at the party, but for now, I just wanted to give everyone advance notice (warning!? LOL!).

No other exceptions this year - we don't want things to get totally out of hand! - so don't ask! :-)

Merry Christmas!

***Mike Roof***  
Michael D. Roof  
AMPS #1632  
Chapter Contact

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Atlanta 2018**, Atlanta Armor, Figure, and Modeling Contest and Exhibition, February 16-18, 2018. Atlanta Marriott Century Center, 2000 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345, 404-325-0000.

**2018 Show Theme: "REFORGER 1969 - 1989"** (Any Tracked or Wheeled Vehicle used by a NATO country during any REFORGER Exercises).

See the AMPS Atlanta Show page for info at:

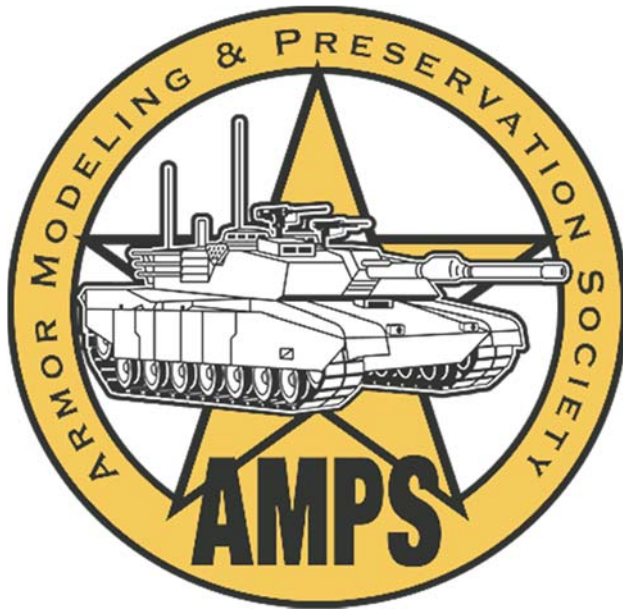
<http://www.ampsatlanta.org/amps-atlanta-annual-show.html>



**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](http://www.ipmsmidcarolina.com).

**AMPS CENTRAL SC "WILDCATS"**  
in Association with  
**IPMS / Mid-Carolina "SWAMP FOX Modelers"**

**SOUTH CAROLINA SCALE MODEL MEGA-SHOW**

**Show Theme: "I want my ... MTV"**

**9am - 6pm Saturday, June 23, 2018**

**SC NG Armory & SC Military Museum**  
1225 Bluff Road  
Columbia, SC 29201  
I-77, Exit #5  
[www.ampscentralsouthcarolina.org](http://www.ampscentralsouthcarolina.org)

**IPMS Mid-Carolina** <https://ipmsmidcarolina.com/>

**Theme Award Eligibility:** AMPS qualifying model subjects that were in-service between 01 January, 1980 and 31 December, 1989, inclusive of all nationalities and locations. Markings, camouflage, and other technical or historical aspects of the model must accurately place it somewhere along that timeline. Subjects that are depicted with technical or historical features or aspects that fall outside of this timeline will be ineligible even if the subject's basis for that model was existent during some period within the specified timeframe. Hypothetical, imaginary or sci-fi model subjects must be based on recognized fictional works that were first published or broadcast during the specified timeframe. Neither the specific genre of the fictional work nor the media by which it was published or broadcast will be the basis used to determine eligibility. Models of proposed vehicle / weapon / equipment designs must be based on sources that were first published during the specified timeframe. It will be the entrant's responsibility to provide, on request, corroborating information of his or her model's theme eligibility. This may be done by submitting "Research Bonus" information IAW AMPS rules. However, theme eligibility does not require accompanying "Research Bonus" material. The entrant may use some other method to corroborate his or her model's eligibility if it is questioned. In all cases, the entrants must notify the show registrar and Ram Rod of his or her model's eligibility for the theme award during registration. Failure to do so may result in that model being overlooked by the judges. Any questions about eligibility will be decided by the Chief Judge whose decision will be final. See our website for complete rules and registration information.

IPMS/MID-CAROLINA SWAMP FOX MODELERS and AMPS/CENTRAL SC WILDCATS  
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*I love the 30s!*

## SCALE MODEL MEGA-SHOW

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018 9 AM to 6 PM  
SC NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY AND SC MILITARY MUSEUM  
1225 BLUFF ROAD, COLUMBIA, SC

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
visit  
[WWW.IPMSMIDCAROLINA.COM](http://WWW.IPMSMIDCAROLINA.COM) or  
[WWW.AMPSCENTRALSOUTHCAROLINA.ORG](http://WWW.AMPSCENTRALSOUTHCAROLINA.ORG)






### 2017 New Releases

- **Bantam 40 BRC**, MiniArt, 1/35th scale, kit # 35212.



- **IJN 15 cm. Panzerwerfer 42 Ausf. Sd.Kfz. 4/1**, Italeri, 1/35th scale, kit # 6546.





- **Ukraine KrAZ-6446 Tractor with MAZ/ChMZAP-5247G Semitrailer, HobbyBoss, 1/35th scale, kit # 85113.**



## Members Build Blogs

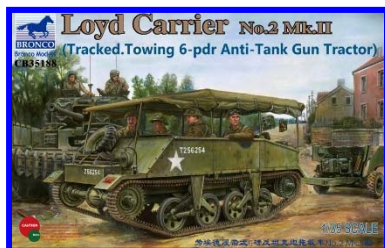
Build Blogs give an in-depth review of the construction process and allow the builders to share their knowledge. We are fortunate to have some of the members in our club with build blogs on modeling web sites. Please note that due to a recent change with Photo Bucket, many build logs have been impacted 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](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 V (Tamiya + Accurate Armor Conversion)

[http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic\\_id=241027](http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic_id=241027)



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

[http://armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic\\_id=212968](http://armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic_id=212968)

Bryan Moeller has one on Armorama.com:



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

[http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic\\_id=250681#2120546](http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic_id=250681#2120546)

## Interesting Articles – "What do you want for Christmas?"

### When your family asks, "What do you want for Christmas?"

Christmas to me is a time for reflection and a joyous time to be thankful. Thankful for what I have and whether I made someone else's life during the past year a little better. Christmas is also full of memories of when I was a kid going to church with my parents learning about the true meaning of Christmas. Memories of taking part in the church's Christmas play, receiving bags of apples, oranges and hard candy the church members gave out. Above all, memories of the whole family getting together for a big feast. The smells, the candy and everything.

Well the other day I asked my son and daughter to send me their Christmas list. After reading what they sent I asked my son to explain how he came to his decision. Here is what he wrote me:

*"Oh the joys of Christmas. Getting together with family, eating lots of goodies, something about the reason for the season, and of course the presents! The fun and exciting part of seeing what's in the wrapping, the box, the card, the awesome toy, gift card, or new shirt you get to play with, spend, and spiffy up with. And, as you get older, you even get excited about socks. And really, why wouldn't you, they are practical, comfy, and oh wait....guess I'm getting older."*

*But what goes into the decision of deciding what to ask for, if you in return have been given the task of providing a wish list. For me, I think, what do I need that I haven't gotten around to buying or what would I like to have that I know I would enjoy, but wouldn't necessarily buy for myself. Well, these are the two things I considered this year. Well, I considered one more as I live a long way from family and would also need to accommodate room in the luggage for said items when getting on a plane.*

*So, as I let a few days go by thinking about these questions subconsciously as I went through my day, things would dawn on me. Hey, I need some new dress shirts. I have some, but they are getting older and it would be nice to have a couple new nice ones to wear to the office. Aha! A gift card to one of my favorite dress shirt stores, yes, that could work, I need it.*

*Now, what about something I don't need but would really enjoy. I was reading an article by Ryan Holiday, one of my favorite authors and he mentioned a quote in the collection of writings by Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius where he wrote "You could leave life right now. Let that determine what you do and say and think." I really liked this quote, but also couldn't help but think I had seen it somewhere before. Later that day I realized it was on a coin. I went back to the interwebs and found it. It was a coin Ryan had been a part of creating with the first half of that quote. This was it, a great Christmas gift. I would keep it with me to remind me to live life to its fullest and not worry about things that really don't matter. Not only that, it would be special because my Dad had gifted it to me. Perfect.*

*So that was my thought process this year. What do I need, what do I not need but would really enjoy, and what would fit on a plane. Check, Check, and Check. Half the fun after I realized the questions I wanted to answer was the days I pondered all the things I could ask for. Anticipation can be really enjoyable and putting together a Christmas list certainly adds to the fun. It makes you that little kid on Christmas morning all over again.*

*I love you Dad, Merry Christmas".*

After reading what he wrote I had tears come to my eyes. I'll cherish those words.

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

## Interesting Articles – Up Armoured M4A3E8

My vision of an Up Armoured M4A3E8 which was a collaboration between the US and German army. In 1946 after Hitler's suicide, the German army surrendered and joined forces and fought against the hordes of Soviet armour which was on a giant push to gain control of Europe. To stem the flow of Russian medium tanks the collaboration drew up rushed plans to combine the reliability of the Sherman with Armour knowledge from German tank designers. A main 75mm high velocity gun, which was planned for the upcoming E-50 tank, was modified and squeezed into the turret. The turret was finished off with add-on armour and a heavily modified gun mantlet. Adding another layer of armour with added angle to deflect armour piercing shells to the frontal glacis plate was a must. A heavily armoured transmission cover was installed too to complete the armour package.

I used Tamiya's E8 kit with Tasca HVSS T84 tracks alongside a recent release from John Osselaer @ Paper Panzer Productions. Aber took care of the photoetch parts and Legends' resin fury aftermarket stowage set finished off the build.



I would like to thank John Osselaer for the product support and the use of this awesome set for the Sherman E8.

Tim Darrah  
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Contributing "Wildcat" Chapter Member

## Interesting Articles – Past AMPS Model Show Results

I reviewed the data from our past AMPS shows that our Chapter has run, and compiled it all into the following table.

Date	2011	2012	2013	2015	2016	2017	2018
	July 16	July 14	June 21-22	June 20	April 7-9	June 20	June 23
<b># of Entrants</b>	26	31	38	31		36	
<b>Master</b>	?*	?*	?*	?*		1	
<b>Advanced</b>	6	11	12	9		12	
<b>Intermediate</b>	16	16	22	15		14	
<b>Basic</b>	2	3	2	4		7	
<b>Junior</b>	2	1	2	3		2	
<b># of Models</b>	75	83	115	82		102	
<b># of Theme entries</b>	9	8	16	20		4	
<b>Awards</b>	61	38	85	54		68	
<b>Gold</b>	12	19	25	18		35	
<b>Silver</b>	35	28	35	25		25	
<b>Bronze</b>	14	9	25	11		11	
<b>Vendors</b>	8	3	27	7	17	8	
<b>Vendor Tables</b>	14	12	70	12	61	16	
<b>Show Theme</b>	"Middle East Turmoil: Past & Present"	"Stranger in a Strange Land"	"Cold War"	"Go Trackless"	"The Great War"	1967 Arab-Israeli "Six-Day War"	"I Love the 80's ~ I want my MTV!"
<b>Other Information</b>	w/ SCMA, Lexington	w/ SCMA, Lexington	w/ R-12 Regional, Sumter	Craine Creek	AMPS I-Con, Sumter	Bluff Rd Armory	IPMS Swamp Foxes, Bluff Rd Armory

Notes:

?\* - Masters Entries are judged ONLY during the AMPS International Convention, so Local Shows can only have Masters Entries for Display. At the same time, Mike Roof's Master Status was finally reconfirmed after our show in 2015.

■ - The 2016 AMPS International Convention data wasn't available.

Tim Darrah  
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**AMMO of Mig ~ SHERMAN: The American Miracle (SC)**

Author: Claudio Fernández & Enrique Calderón

Illustrations by: ?

Company: AMMO of Mig

ISBN: 978-84-16949-31-1

Other Publication Information: Softcover, 305x215mm, portrait, 80 pages with 170+ color profile illustrations.

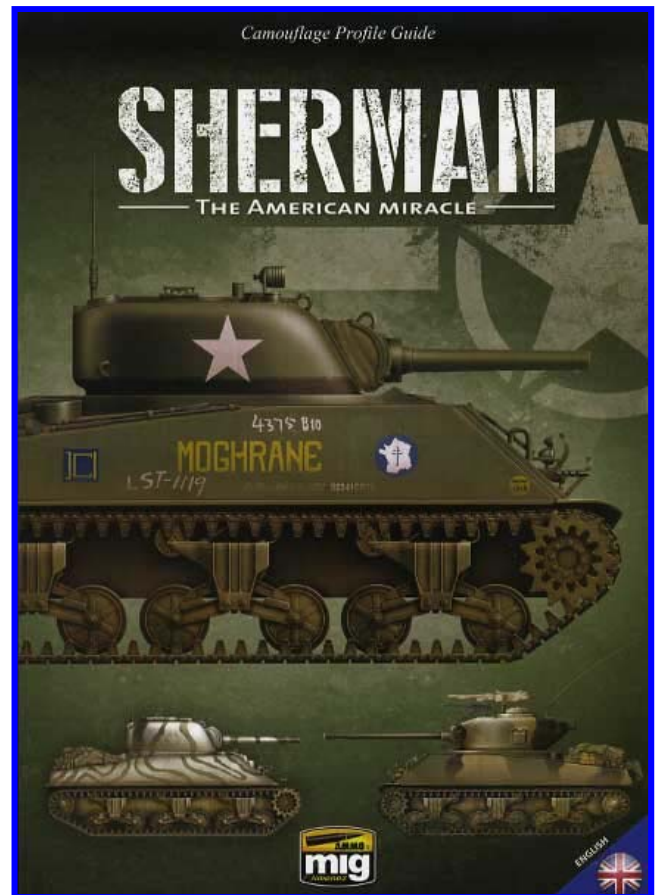
Price: 18.50 €(Euro) from AMMO of Mig

<http://www.migjimenez.com/en/english/1359-sherman-the-american-miracle.html>

AMMO of Mig has come out with a new book in their camouflage profile guide series on the M4 Sherman. I waited until I saw that Mega Hobby had it in stock, for \$27, as last time I ordered directly from Mig in Spain, the postage was the same as the cost of the book!!

So what is this book about and how much does it cover? If you want details on the M4, get the Hunnicutt book or Son of Sherman; if you want color profiles to provide inspiration on your next build, this book is for you. It is 80 pages long with 4 pages devoted to the identifying the M4 series by covering the hull, turret and suspension types.

Then you'll find 3 pages showing the different paints used for camouflages with 23 printed paint chips advertising the AMMO by Mig paint sets now out, for US Army, US Marine Corps, Russian and British vehicles.



Now the fun begins with 68 pages of profiles spread-out in different chapters covering North Africa & Middle East, Italy, the UK, France, Low Countries, Germany 1945, Free French vehicles, Soviet vehicles, Beutepanzer Shermans, Knocked out vehicles and Pacific Theater. In these 68 pages you'll get 187 color profiles and 12 photos showing some very interesting camo schemes.

They do have a short paragraph at the beginning of the book saying that "if the reader has questions, you can request additional information regarding photos used as reference" about the vehicle. So this should help us get the bonus half point for research.

While I was not impressed with AMMO by Mig's "DAK" book, I am very happy with this book.

Tim Darrah  
AMPS #2545, IPMS/USA #8821  
Contributing "Wildcat" Chapter Member

**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*

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**Michel van Loon  
Neil Baumgardner**

**For the AFV Association**



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

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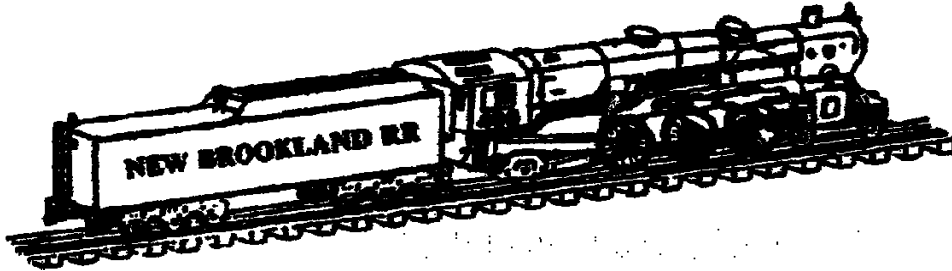


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**Classified Ads**

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.



**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!***

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Happy modeling,

*Phil Cavender*

Editor, “The Wildcat”, AMPS Central SC “Wildcats”