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Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter. This is a shorter newsletter since its right before our June Scale Model MEGA-Show next week 21-22JUN19.

Unless we have a special meeting day and time, our monthly meeting start time is 6 pm with an official end time of 8 pm. If you show up early, and there's no one in the meeting room, feel free to "occupy by force" (a dismantled patrolling term for one of the techniques used to occupy and secure a patrol base).

Check out our website for more info & photos:

<http://www.ampscentralsouthcarolina.org/>



Visit us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ampscentralsouthcarolina>

Regular Meeting Minutes, 09 May, 2019

Our last meeting was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2019 from 6 - 8 pm at the Richland Library Sandhills (Village of Sandhills Shopping Center), 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia (NE). We had 12 club members in attendance, who brought 7 models for Show & Tell. Mike Roof gave another slide show and demonstration about Basic Scratch Building Techniques. For the Raffle, we had Riich Model's 1/35 scale "SKODA RSO-Radschlepper Ost", kit #RV35005, won by Mike Roof. Now Mike usually doesn't buy a ticket, but since he bought TWO this month, he must have really wanted this kit!

Please see the link below on our website for photos of the models that were brought in for Show & Tell, the meeting, raffle prize and winner.

- 1) JGSDF Type 61 (Tamiya + Mr. Surfacer 1000 Cast Texture, scratch Welds, Grab Handles, etc.), 1/35 – Dave Varettoni
- 2) Jeep Willys MB, ¼ ton 4X4 Truck (Tamiya), 1/35 – Trevor Edwards
- 3) Russian Tank Destroyer SU-85, Captured German “219” (Tamiya (old) + Dragon Track Links, scratch-built metal wire Tie-Downs, changed to Dragon Fuel Tanks and Mounting Brackets, scrap PE Grouser Tie Down Straps, scratch-built Antenna & Base), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
- 4) Free French Panther Ausf. A, w/ Zimmerit & Full Interior (Takom + Fruil metal tracks), 1/35 – Tom Wingate
- 5) Tracks for Armored Utility Vehicle [for John Sherrer’s scratch-build project] (Engineered from pictures & a few dimensions from Hunnicutt’s “Bradley” book, 3D Designed, printed by Mike Roof), 1/35 – Jeff Nelson
- 6) Various Vietnam War Era Fire Support Base Bunkers, Ammo Bunkers & Mortar Pits (resin casting of 3D printed parts, scratch built), 1/72 – Mike Roof
- 7) British Airborne Infantry (Bronco “WWII British Paratroopers in Action Set A” & Tamiya “British Paratroopers w/ Small Motorcycle”), 1/35 – Michael Child

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

Business items:

1) Treasurer’s Report:

- a. Bank balance = \$5,698.58 (including Paid & Pending Expenditures).
- b. Cash on Hand (CoH) reported by the treasurer.
- c. Total Treasury with CoH reported by the treasurer.
- d. No Deposits this month.
- e. Pending Expenses:
 - \$402.11 Table Rental (paid)
 - \$205.11 Plaque Materials (paid)
 - \$143.32 RIPCORN Open House (paid)
 - \$480.00 for Event Security (pending invoice)

Reminder: Club Annual Dues of \$12 per member for 2019 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) 2019 *Scale Model Mega-Show* items reported/discussed:

- a. Vendor Update: Timmy has SOLD Out all 62 tables, and is currently taking “stand-bys” for additional vendors.
- b. We currently have THREE confirmed food vendors: Southern Momma’s, Wurst Wagon, and The Arepa Chef (Venezuelan cuisine). No longer soliciting food vendors.
- c. We have our Special Awards Materials on-hand.

- d. Need to convene a plaque construction and contest materials inventory day one Saturday. Discuss dates and vote.
- e. Observations, Comments, and any Questions.

3) Project RIPCORDER:

- a. Project is still progressing, but going slow.
- b. We continue to hold Saturday build days starting at 11:30am almost every week. NOTE – This week’s build day was canceled! We will resume next week, 18 May.
- c. On Saturday, 13APR19, we hosted a group of RIPCORDER vets, along with the museum’s videographer. The project was favorably received by the vets. Participation of the RIPCORDER Association has opened up some new information for us.
- d. New field fortification masters delivered to HQ-72 for casting.

4) The floor was opened for any new business:

5) Demonstration – Discussion: “*Scratch Building – Glue Ups and Laminated Objects*”, by Mike Roof. This month we finish up the Basic Box Construction Exercise, and then making more complex shapes:

- Very small, regular Objects made from Polystyrene Stock.
- Glue Ups
- Laminates
- More complex Assemblies.

Patience is the key. And planning out how you will fabricate a specific object using different shapes and sub-assemblies.

- 6) After the business portion of the meeting, we held our usual **Show & Tell** of new builds and works-in-progress. We drew for the monthly raffle prize winner at the end of the meeting. Ralph, our treasurer, sold raffle tickets 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, a number of members went to a nearby restaurant for the “after-the-meeting-meeting”.

Tentative Agenda, Regular Meeting, 13 June, 2019

Our next regular meeting will take place 6-8 pm, Thursday, June 13, 2018, at Richland Library Sandhills (Village of Sandhills Shopping Center), 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia, SC 29223.

Tentative Agenda Business items:

1) Treasurer’s Report:

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2) 2019 June **Scale Model Mega-Show** Report.

- 3) Demonstration – Discussion: nothing this month due to our pending show.
- 4) Floor will be open for New Business.
- 5) After the business portion of the meeting, we'll **Show & Tell** off 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.
- 6) After the meeting, everyone is invited to join us for the “meeting after the meeting”!

Mike Roof

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Up-coming Events

2019 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 21-22, 2019. Location: SC National Guard Armory, 1225 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC, 29201, 803-299-4200. **2019 Show Theme: “Hit the Beach”**
 See the following web links for more information: <https://scmegashow.com>.



2019 New Releases

- **M4A1 SHERMAN, with U.S. infantry**, Italeri, 1/35th scale, kit # 6568 (Rebox). Release date June 2019.

New glue-able Rubber Tracks, Decals for 3 Versions, Color Instructions Sheet, Contains 10 Figures



- **Soviet T-34/85 Medium Tank**, Bronco Models, 1/32nd scale (yes that's an airplane scale!), kit # MB32001 (new tool). Released January 2019.

With individual track links (?), photo etch.



- **Crusader Mk.III Anti-Aircraft Tank with 20mm Oerlikon Guns**, IBG Models, 1/72nd scale, kit # 72070 (new tool). Release date June 2019.



- **Crusader Mk.I - British Cruiser Tank Mk.VI**, IBG Models, 1/72nd scale, kit # 72065 (new tool). Release date June 2019.



- **Renault FT 75 BS (1+1 Double Ones)**, Flyhawk Model, 1/72nd scale, kit # FH3009 (New Tool). Released 2019.

With photo etch, two models per kit.



Members Build Blogs

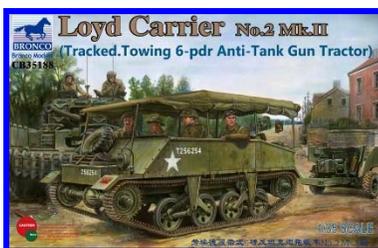
Build Blogs give an in-depth review of the construction process and allow the builders to share their knowledge. We are fortunate to have some of the members in our club with build blogs on modeling web sites. Please note that due to a change with Photo Bucket in 2017, many build logs have been impacted 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



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=SquadBox&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



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 Article – More Project RIPCORN Open House, 13 April 2019

Some more pictures from the Project RIPCORN Open House held on Saturday, 13 April, 2019. Pictures by Ralph Nardone.



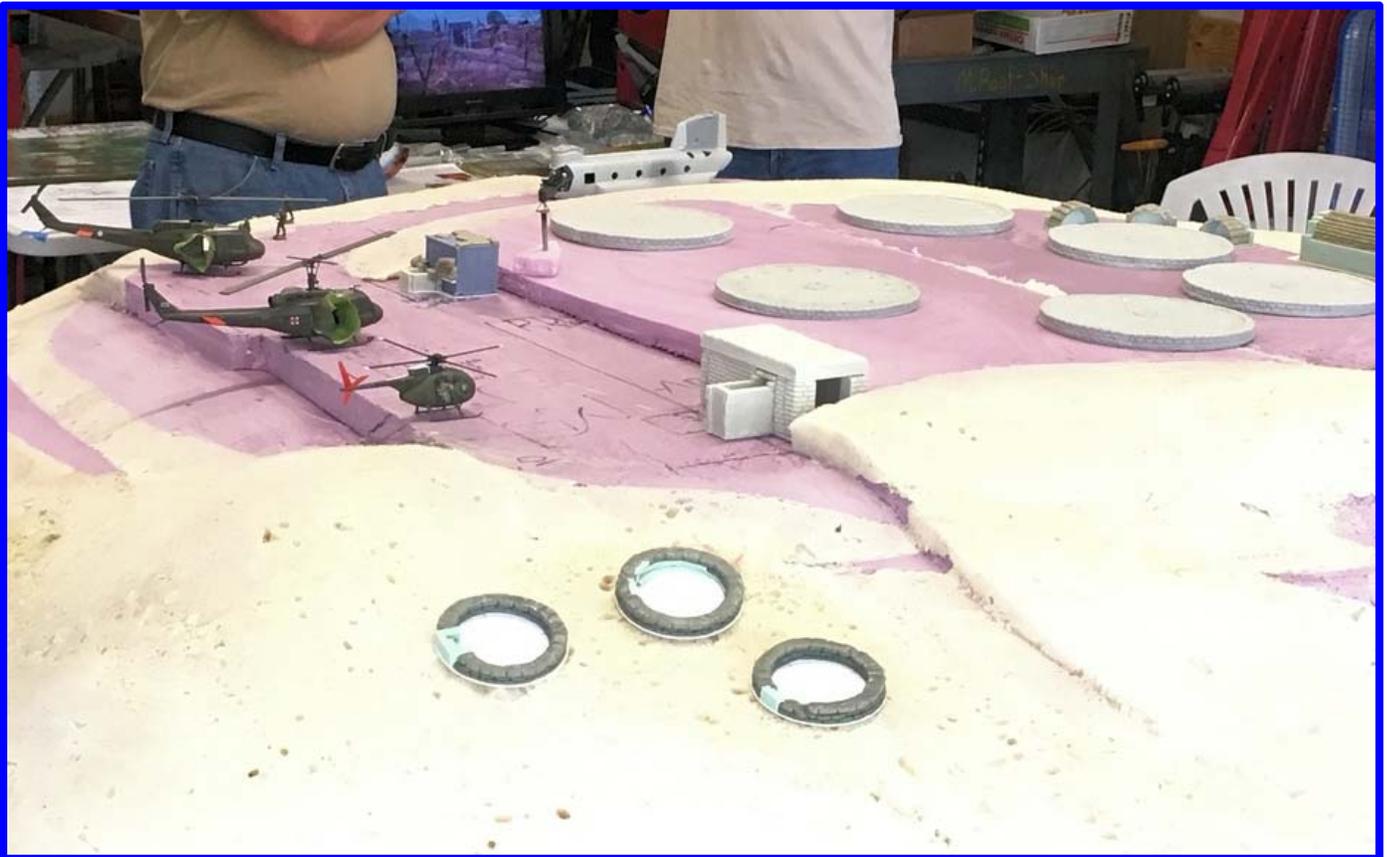




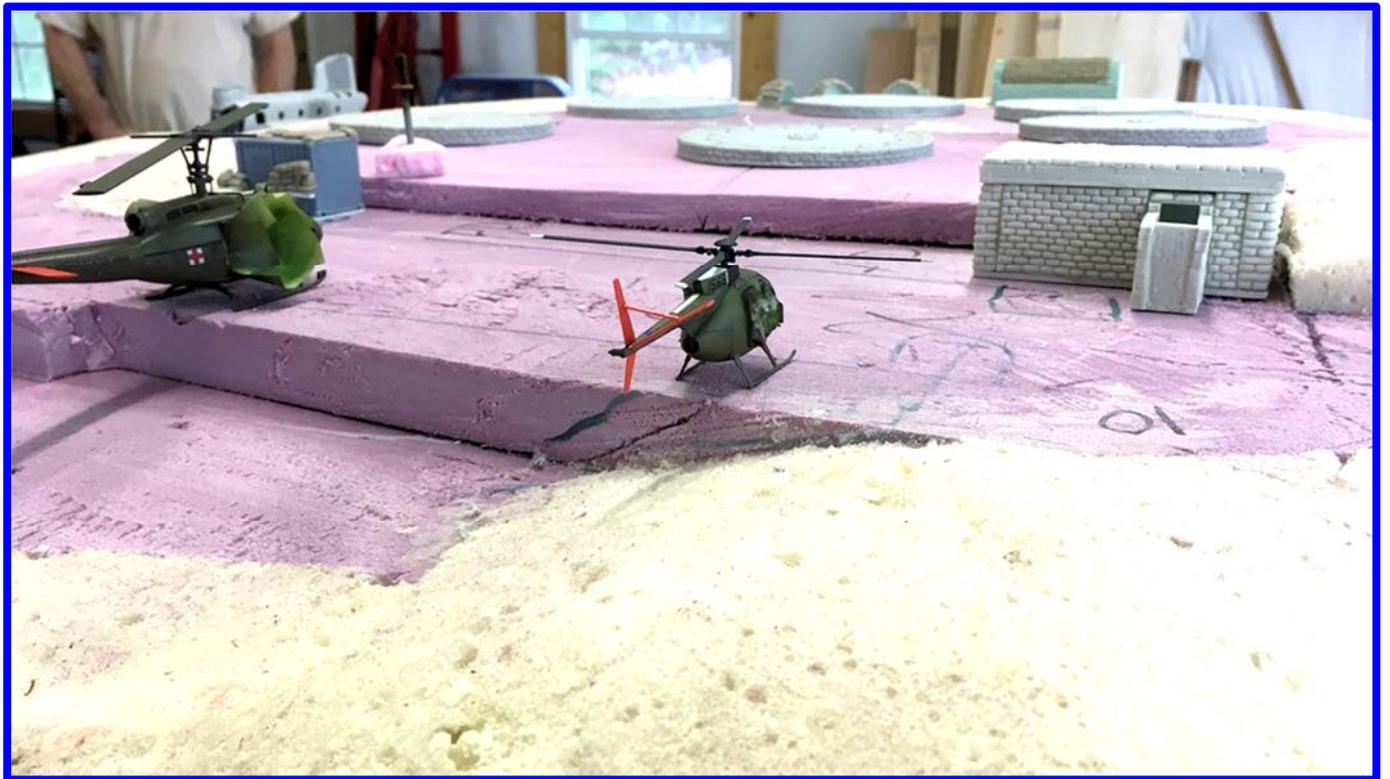




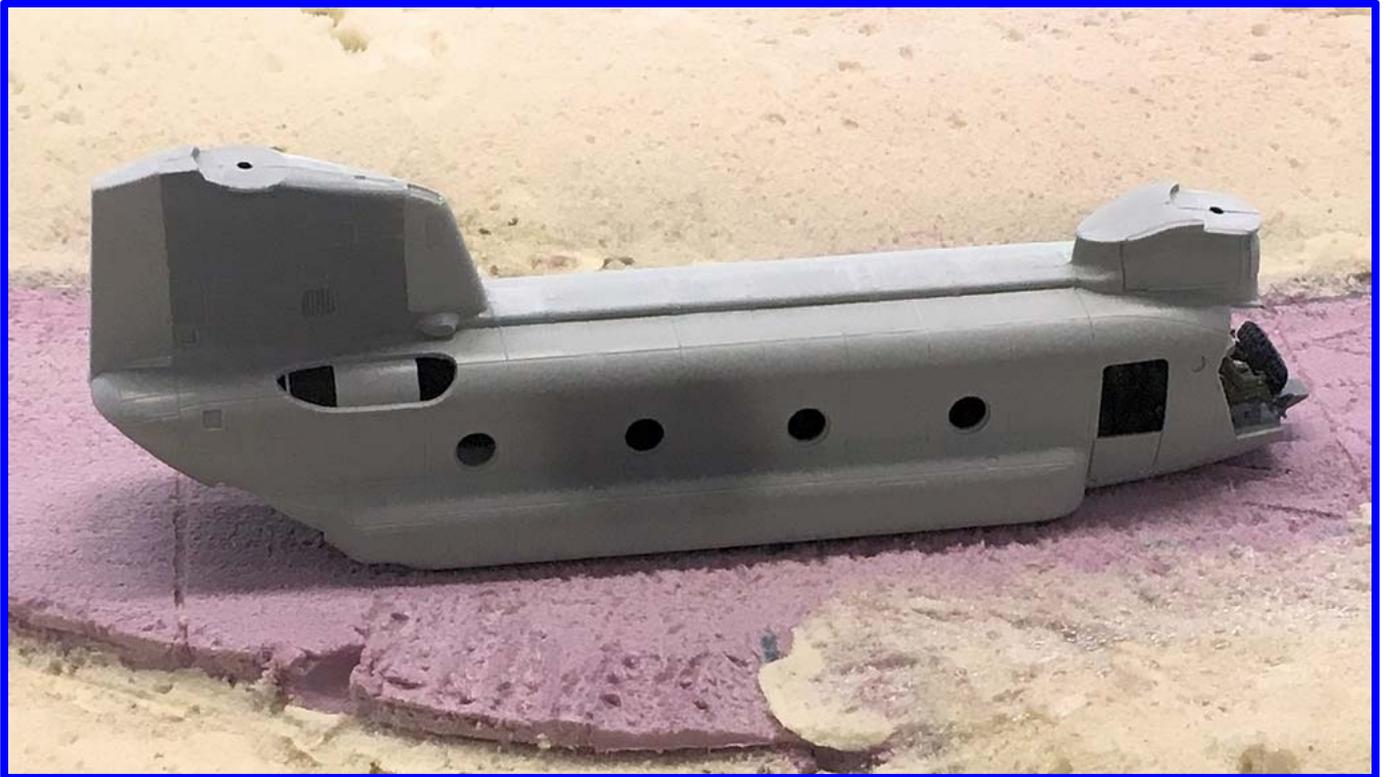












The USA Historical AFV Register

New Version 4.3 Released!

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 AFV Register website has information for AFVs not just in the USA but the world, too. So give it a look.

The USA Historical AFV Register

*Armored Fighting Vehicles Preserved
in the United States of America*

V4.3

Edition 2019

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SOUTH CAROLINA

ANDERSON

American Legion Post 14, 1301 E Greenville St: N34 31.499 W082 38.530

[M60A3](#) USA out SN 1858¹⁷⁶⁸

BLACKVILLE

Local VFW hall: N33 20.757 W081 15.071

[M48A1 Patton](#) USA out

CHARLESTON

[The Citadel](#), The Military College of South Carolina, 171 Moultrie St: N32 47.906 W079 57.661

LVTH6 USA out

[M4A3\(75\)W Sherman](#) USA out SN 49619¹⁷⁶⁹

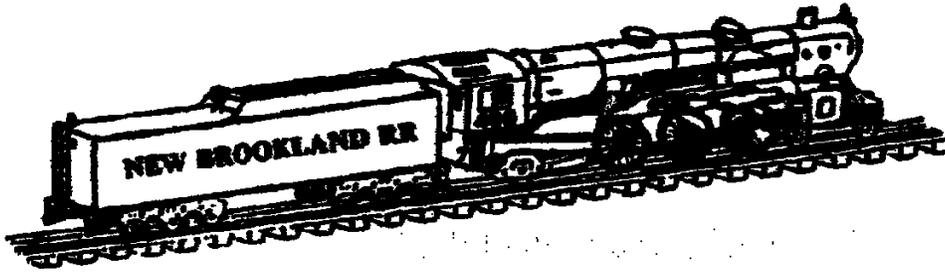
<http://afvregister.org/Downloads/The%20USA%20Historical%20AFV%20register%204.3.pdf>

Full website: <http://afvregister.org/>

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Classified Ads

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

(none this month)

“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...”

So, Wildcats... the SC Confederate Relic Room Fire Support Base RIPCORN Diorama commission is really taking shape, literally!

Join AMPS Now! <http://amps-armor.org/SiteMain/Main.aspx>

Happy modeling,

JEFF NELSON

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