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Sad days, my friends,

This month we had to say goodbye to our good friend and fellow modeler, Scott Tobin Amey. Scott was a founding member of our AMPS chapter, our club treasurer, and a damn fine model builder. Above all else, Scott was our friend. He was a soft-spoken man whose wit and sense of humor were not immediately apparent when you first met him. For those who were fortunate enough to know Scott, his friendship was rewarding. He was a loyal and enthusiastic supporter of our club, and a regular “work horse” who could always be counted on to help out with our events. His volunteering to be our treasurer was just one example of his enthusiastic support.



**Scott Tobin Amey and Tobin Amey, Best Friends**

I will miss him more than words can say. His absence will be felt at every meeting and club get together. Our hearts and prayers go out to Scott’s family and friends.

## **Last Meeting's Minutes:**

Our last meeting was held at 6:00 pm, 09 July, 2014. We had 16 members in attendance with 7 models present for Show & Tell. The Raffle prize was a Tamiya 1/35 scale "Citroen Traction 11CV Staff Car", won by Ralph Nardone.

1. Tiger I Mid-Production Model Kommandant Otto Carius (Tamiya), 1/35 – Trevor Edwards
2. M109 155mm Howitzer (AFV Club M109A2 + Bunch 'O Resin), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
3. Churchill Mk. III - Africa (AFV Club), 1/35 – Mike Roof
4. Tiger I 3 in 1 (DML + Attak Zimmerit), 1/35 – Tim Darrah
5. Israel Heavy Armored Personnel Carrier Achzarit Early (Meng + Chinchila Sand & Embossing Powder), 1/35 – Tony Kelly
6. German Pz.Kpfw.I Ausf.F (VK18.01) – Early (Hobby Boss + Spade Ace Metal Tracks), 1/35 – Scott Amey **[Photo Feature]**
7. IDF Shot Kal GIMEL1982 (AFV Club, w/ PE & turned Aluminum Barrel), 1/35 – Bob Spagnola
8. Sd.Kfz.182 King Tiger, Henschel Turret (Tamiya 35160, Cavalier Zimmerit, Verlinden Interior), 1/35 – John Sherrer

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The agenda items covered: 1) Report on 2016 Convention Proposal planning. We will base our bid for 2016 on the Sumter County Civic Center with the tentative dates of 7-9 April, 2016. 2) We discussed the "Saturday Club Build Day." Everyone in attendance said they enjoyed the build day, and the consensus was to repeat the event in October. A date will be chosen at the September meeting. 4) We discussed our participation in the SE Toy Soldier Show. The club display once again proved effective in promoting the club and society and will hopefully result in some new membership. 5) Reminder that the AMPS All-American show is on Saturday, 30 August. The AMPS All-Americans asked for help and participation in judging and running the show, and several members said that they would be attending. 6) Mike Roof presented a short demo on using textured artist acrylic gel mediums troweled on with Campbell Scale Models HO corrugated aluminum to replicate Zimmerit.

We welcomed a new member, Tom McCoy, to our group. Tom's a very experienced and talented figure modeler, and we're all sure to benefit and learn a lot from him. Welcome aboard, Tom!

## **Next Meeting's Agenda:**

Our next regular meeting will be at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 10 September, 2014 at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road, Columbia.

6:00 pm (1800): Meeting starts / Admin Business – 1) In memoriam – Scott Amey. Floor will be open to talk and share stories about Scott. Discuss the possibility of establishing a special award named in honor of Scott to be made at our future shows and contests. 2) Discuss the disposition of the donations made to the club by Scott's family. See the article below for information on these donations and some of the suggestions made thus far. 3) Interim treasurer's report. Treasury balance and solicitation for a volunteer to be the new treasurer. 4) Brief update on the status of our 2016 AMPS convention bid. We have reserved the Sumter County Civic Center and are working on the detailed floor plan to determine additional resources required for the venue. 5) Solicit suggestions for the Saturday October date for our next Club Build Day. 6) Floor will be open for new business.

REMINDER: The HobbyTown USA store will close at 8:00 pm (2000). 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 USA store, 10120 Two Notch Road, Suite 5, Columbia, SC 29223, (803) 736-0959.*

### Up-coming Events:

**Sep 10, 2014**, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Oct 08, 2014**, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Oct, 2014**, DTG TBD: AMPS Central SC “Saturday Build Day.”

**Nov 12, 2014**, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road. **Intra-club contest / group-build.** Theme – Any Light Tank 20 tons and under (any era, nationality, or scale).

**Dec 10, 2014**, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS Christmas Party at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

### Club Donations from Scott Amey’s Family

After Scott’s passing, his family donated all of his kits, model building supplies and reference materials to our AMPS chapter. They also asked that, in lieu of flowers, Scott’s friends send memorial donations to either the “Walter M. Crowe Animal Shelter” or to our AMPS chapter. To date, we have received \$50.00 in memorial donations made in Scott’s name to the club.

On Sunday, 24 August, Sheila and I met with Scott’s parents and his brother, Bill, at Scott’s house to receive the club treasury. It was at that time that they offered to donate Scott’s model kits, supplies and books to the club. On behalf of the club, I accepted this offer, and Sheila and I packed the donations and moved them to our house.



On Monday, 01 September, a group of club members – Tony Abbott, Rebecca Hettmansperger, Ralph Nardone, Trevor Edwards and I – inventoried and sorted the donated kits, supplies, books and magazines. After checking all of the kits for completeness, we divided the donations into groups by estimated valuations. A copy of the inventory and estimated valuations has been sent to all club members in good-standing.



The question that must now be decided by the membership is how do we make best use of these donations for the club in a manner that is fair and equitable to all?

I will offer my suggestions for how I think we can make best use of the donated items. However, these are just my ideas, and before we make any decisions, we need to hear from as many club members as possible. Once we have discussed this issue, we can then vote on what we want to do.



1) We need to conduct an open inventory of the donated items and make a complete list of them for all club members to see. (This has already been done). We can't rationally discuss and make decisions without knowing exactly what we're dealing with.

2) We should hold a "club members only" sale in which ALL of the donated items are available for purchase by ANY club member IN GOOD-STANDING. That is, only club members whose dues are paid current should be allowed to participate in this initial sale. We should use some sort of lottery system to order the members participating and limit the number of items that can be purchased in order to give everyone a fair chance at buying the most desirable items. I suggest that we pull numbers from a hat to determine the order that members can buy and limit the first round of purchases to a single item for each member. After everyone has had a first chance, we continue going in rounds increasing the number of items allowed by one for each round until all of the partial kits and box lots of supplies have been sold. All proceeds from this sale will go into the club treasury.



3) We would have to determine a date and location to hold this sale that would allow the most club members possible to participate. We could allow members who cannot be present to designate another club member to act as their "agent" and make purchases for them in absentia.

4) Any remaining magazines, to include IPMS Journals and AMPS Boresight magazines, will be donated to the Dorn VA Hospital.

5) After the "club members only" sale, we could open the sale up to the public depending on how the event was organized. A "sidewalk" sale / fundraiser has been suggested with the "club members only sale" conducted first followed by the public sale. We could publicize the public sale in order to attract more participation.

6) All other remaining complete kits and books will be used as monthly and future contest raffle prizes.



Other ideas that have been submitted:

1) We hold a "club members only auction" rather than a straight sale. Members present would bid on the items in a competitive manner against each other. Donated items would go to the highest bidder with the proceeds going into the treasury.

2) We rent one or more vendor tables at other model shows or events and sell the donated items. Proceeds would go into the treasury. We would use treasury funds to pay for the vendor table(s).



3) We conduct some sort of club build with the donated kits. Members participating would select a kit from the donations. (A detail that was not offered with this idea is how to equitably decide who gets what kits. Perhaps a lottery of some sort could be held?)

### **"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..."*

As I said in the beginning, this has been a sad month, but it wasn't all bad.

This last month also saw the AMPS All-American show up in Fayetteville, NC. The AMPS All-American show was well attended, and participation was quite good, I think, for a show so close on the heels of the IPMS Nationals in VA and over the Labor Day Weekend. There were 22 participants who entered at total of 75 models, and AMPS'ers came from as far away as Atlanta and northern VA. The EOD unit display from Fort Bragg was very impressive, and the AMPS All-Americans deserve a lot of credit and kudos for organizing that with their show. The landmines as the Theme and Judges' Best in Show awards were memorable, and no one will soon forget them!

I'd like to thank all of our club members who made the trip up to participate and help out. Our club had a total of seven members and a couple of spouses for a total of 9, AMPS Central SC folks. Everyone in our club pitched in and helped out, and I know the Fayetteville club was very grateful for the assist!

See ya Wednesday and Happy Modeling!

***Mike Roof***

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