



**CORRECTED COPY #2**

Well gang,

I have to apologize for getting this newsletter out late – so late that I’ve had to combine two months into one newsletter. The April newsletter should have been out before our last meeting, but its due date was so close to the AMPS International Convention, that between travel and prepping for the last meeting, I ran out of time. By the time I caught my breath, the April meeting was already over, and it seemed like a reasonable idea to delay the publication and combine the April and May newsletters into one.

These last couple of months have been busy ones for us all, though. We had a very strong showing both in participation and exhibition at the 2014 AMPS International Convention in Fredericksburg. We had no fewer than nine (!) members who attended the convention; very respectable and very visible. Tony Abbott and Rebecca Hettmansperger were decisively engaged in running the raffle and show souvenir sales, and everyone else did more than their fair share of judging, to include duties as Table Captains and ACJs. In regards to exhibition, everyone who brought and showed works earned some medal recognition, to include several members who advanced in skill level. Finally, at a Saturday morning working-breakfast meeting, our 2016 Convention Planning Committee introduced our club, our proposed convention location, and presented our draft plans to a select group of AMPS national officers and previous convention committee chairs in order to solicit their ideas and opinions about our draft plans. Our presentation was very well received, and we got some helpful feedback and advice.

Our 2016 Convention Planning Committee has since been busy taking this experience and turning it into changes and refinements to our proposal. On Sunday, May 04, the committee convened for a working meeting and finalized our floor plans, and on Tuesday, May 06, Tim Darrah and Jeff Nelson met with our Medallion Center POC and presented her with our final, specific venue requirements. We should have the Medallion Center’s firm proposal and price before our next meeting in June.

Finally, I have reserved our space at the North Springs Recreation Center for our Saturday, 21 June “Armor Model Geek Day Celebration.” The recreation center is undergoing renovations this month, and it should be bright and shiny for our little soirée.

So, even without a newsletter, things have not been static, and all is not quiet on the ol’ AMPS frontlines... We’ve been mustering our troops and massing our forces for great things to come!

## March, 2014 Meeting's Minutes:

Our March, 2014 meeting was held at 6:00 pm, 12 March, 2014. We had 14 members in attendance with 6 models for the intra-club contest, "Anything American" with 3 more models present for Show & Tell. The club raffle prize was DML's Panther A, which Jeff Nelson won (what?! a 1/35 model?!), but then he promptly traded it with Trevor Edwards for his \$15 HT Gift Certificate prize.

During the meeting: 1) We held our first intra-club contest using standard AMPS judging rules and procedures. (The results were published on our website, but are also shown below) 2) There was no new business introduced.

### AMPS Central SC Intra-club Contest: Anything US

For our first Intra-Club Contest, the subject was "Anything US", consisting of any vehicle that has been in the US Military inventory. We had six entries, consisting of 1 Master, 1 Advance, 3 Intermediate, and 1 Basic Skill Levels. Three Teams judged the entries using the standard AMPS Rules.

Here's the entries and results:

<u>Entry #</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Skill-Level</u>	<u>Score</u>
1	US Amphibian ¼ ton Truck, Ford GPA (1/35 Tamiya)	Mike Roof	Master	(N/J)
2	Sherman M4A3 105mm Howitzer (1/35 Tamiya)	Bob Spagnola	Intermediate	21.5
3	US M48A3 Mod B (1/35 DML)	Rebecca Hettmansperger	Intermediate	27
4	M36B1 Jackson Conversion (AFV Club + Tank Workshops Conversion)	Tim Darrah	Intermediate	16.5
5	US M4A1 DV – Early Sherman (1/35 DML)	Trevor Edwards	Basic	23
6	US 155mm Howitzer M114A1 – Vietnam War (1/35 AFV Club)	Carl Wethington	Advanced	29

Winners:

**1<sup>st</sup> – Carl Wethington (Advanced, 29 points) [GOLD]**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Rebecca Hettmansperger (Intermediate, 27 points) [GOLD]**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Trevor Edwards (Basic, 23 points) [SILVER]**

Note: (N/J) - the Master skill-level model was "For Display Only" and not judged.

## Last Meeting's Minutes:

Our last meeting was held at 6:00 pm, 09 April, 2014. We had 15 members in attendance with 14 models present for Show & Tell. The club raffle prize was the 1/48 scale Hobby Boss M4A1(76) won by Michael Child.

During the meeting: 1) We had an open discussion about the AMPS International Convention experience. Tony and Rebecca reported that they thought that they sold over \$5K in raffle tickets at the convention. The "unofficial" results for "Wildcat" entries have been posted to the website, but are also provided below.

### 2014 AMPS International Convention

The "Wildcats" had a significant impact at the 2014 AMPS International Convention held April 3-5, 2014. Not only did 80% of the models that we entered medal, but we also provided numerous hours in the Judging Pits, running the Raffle Station, providing the Assistant Chief Judges for Dioramas & Vignettes, and even provided some training to boot.

We had fifteen entries, consisting of 2 Master, 1 Advance, 10 Intermediate, and 2 Basic Skill Levels. The results listed below are unofficial (the official results will be published in an upcoming issue of Boresight), but are still impressive with six (6) Gold and seven (7) Silver Medals. As of this writing, the results for one entry isn't known.

<u>Entry #</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Skill-Level</u>	<u>Medal</u>
1	Kubelwagen Workshop Vehicle (1/35 Tamiya, Aries Conversion)	Tim Darrah	Intermediate	<b>[SILVER]</b>
2	Kubelwagen Radio Car (1/35, Tamiya, Tiger Werke Conversion)	Tim Darrah	Intermediate	No Medal <sup>1</sup>
3	IJA Type 95, 24 Tank Regiment (1/35 DML)	Rebecca Hettmansperger	Intermediate	<b>[SILVER]</b>
4	US M48A3 Mod B (1/35 DML)	Rebecca Hettmansperger	Intermediate	<b>[GOLD]</b>
5	US 155mm Howitzer M114A1 – Vietnam War (1/35 AFV Club)	Carl Wethington	Advanced	<b>[SILVER]</b>
6	Tiger I Initial Production, Tunisia (1/144, DML)	Jeff Nelson	Intermediate	<b>[SILVER]</b>
7	WWII US Infantryman, Winter Coat (1/35, Tamiya)	Trevor Edwards	Basic	<b>[SILVER]</b>
8	German King Tiger, Henschel Turret w/ Zimmerit (1/35 DML)	Trevor Edwards	Basic	<b>[GOLD]</b>
9	Southern Lebanese Army M50 (1/35, Tamiya + DEF Models Turret)	Dave Varettoni	Intermediate	<b>[SILVER]</b>
10	Russian MBT T-90A (1/35, Meng)	Dave Varettoni	Intermediate	<b>[SILVER]</b>

<u>Entry #</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Skill-Level</u>	<u>Medal</u>
11	US M3A1 Halftrack (1/72, Hasegawa)	David Neuman <sup>2</sup>	Intermediate	[GOLD]
12	US Bazooka Jeep Willys MB Armoured (1/72, DML)	David Neuman <sup>2</sup>	Intermediate	[GOLD]
13	German Sd.Kfz. 232 Recon Vehicle (1/72, DML)	David Neuman <sup>2</sup>	Intermediate	?
14	Universal Carrier Mk 1 w/ Crew (1/35, Riich)	Mike Roof	Master	[GOLD]
15	"Canadian Bren Gunner - Normandy, '44", resin (1/35, Arsenal 35)	Mike Roof	Master	[GOLD]

<sup>1</sup> Tim Darrah's Kubelwagen Radio Car scored a Silver medal, but was in the same category as his other entry.

<sup>2</sup> David Neuman is a Wildcat member who now lives in Missouri after retiring from the USAF, but we still claim him.

**Superlatives:** Rebecca Hettmansperger and David Neuman both moved up to the Advance Skill Level, and Trevor Edwards advanced to the Intermediate Skill Level.

2) The 2016 Convention Planning Committee members present give a brief up-date on the status of the planning and the meeting held with AMPS national members and others during the convention. 3) We discussed the desirability of holding additional club meetings on Saturday's. A decision was made to tentatively hold these extra meetings once a quarter to see how much interest there is, and if the interest is high, consider moving to a greater frequency (every other month). The first of these Saturday meetings will be in July, with the next one in November, followed by March, 2015. A date, time and place for the July Saturday meeting has not been decided on. 4) The June "AMPS Model Geek Day" banquet will be held on Saturday, 21 June, 10 am-4pm, at the North Springs Recreation Center (see below for more information). 5) NEW BUSINESS: Keith informed us that the HTU store is up for sale and that potential buyers have made inquiries. The status of the store as a continued meeting place for our club cannot be known for certain until after any such sale takes place.

### Next Meeting's Agenda:

Our next regular meeting will be at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 14 May, 2014 at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road, Columbia.

6:00 pm (1800): Meeting starts / Admin Business – 1) Report on 2016 Convention Proposal planning. 2) Coordinate for "Armor Model Geek Day" at the rec center: food, intra-club contest, display tables, swap-meet tables. 3) Discuss Intra-club contest – "T-44 through T-62 Family of Vehicles". 4) Discuss and decide first Saturday meeting date, time, and location for July. 5) Floor is open for new business.

REMINDER: The HobbyTown USA 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 7:00 pm.

7:10 pm (1910): Reconvene: Continue Show & Tell: Builds and WIPs

8:00 pm (2000): Meeting ends (officially – but we'll carry-on as long as the store will stay open)

*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:**

**May 14, 2014**, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Jun 11, 2014**, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Jun 21, 2014**, 10 am-4 pm: "Armor Model Geek Day" at the North Springs Recreation Center, 1320 Clemson Road, Columbia, SC 29229. Food, intra-club contest, display tables and swap-meet. **Intra-club contest / group build.** Theme – Any T-44 to T-62 Family AFV (T-44, 54, 55, and 62 and vehicles built on that chassis).

**Jul 09, 2014**, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Jul, 2014**, Date, time and location TBD: AMPS Central SC Saturday build day and informal meeting.

**Aug 13, 2014**, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Aug 30, 2014**: AMPS All-American contest and show, Fayetteville, NC. This show will be a unilateral AMPS effort.

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

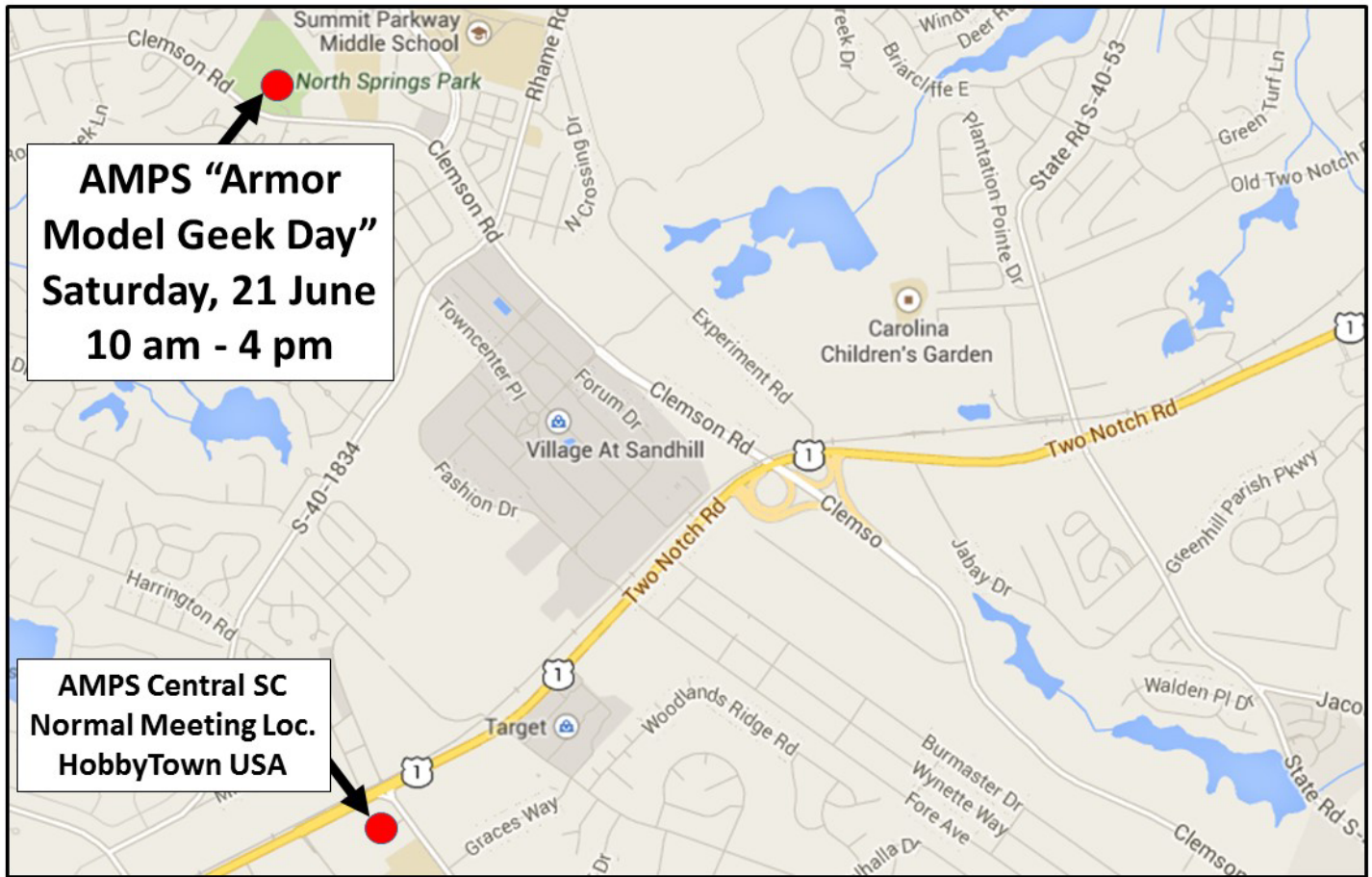
**Oct 08, 2014**, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**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.

## AMPS Central SC Wildcats: “Armor Model Geek Day” Saturday, 21 July 2014

Here’s a map to the location for our little summer get together.



At the moment, we intend to have a buffet-style lunch meal at about 12-noon. We’ll also have tables available for members to exhibit and discuss their work in a non-competitive environment (think meeting Show & Tell with a more open format). Bring whatever models, finished or works in progress that you’d like to share with other members. Also, we’ll have tables available for you to bring anything from your stash that you’d like to sell or swap with other members. Whatever deals you make will be between parties, no table rental fees or “baksheesh” to the club required. Finally, we’ll set up a standard type AMPS judging area for the intra-club contest, so bring your entries for that (and be willing to help out with the judging).

Club members may bring guests, and potential AMPS members who would like to “crash the party” are welcome. I’ll send out an invitation to the other AMPS chapters in our neighborhood to come and join us. If you know you’ll be attending and bringing guests, please RSVP so that we can get a headcount to be sure we have enough food and drinks (no alcohol – rec center rules!).

There is a very nice regular playground at the rec center and for your guests who get their fill of “model geekiness,” the Village at Sand Hill shopping center is just a 2-3 minute drive from the rec center. They can join us for lunch and then take off shopping.

Please make plans to attend and hang out with us. It promises to be a fun and relaxing day.

## **“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...”*

Well, folks, that’s a wrap!

Sorry again for the delay in getting the newsletter out last month. The harsh 1/1 scale world just intruded too much into my 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale business.

Our 2016 Convention Planning Committee is doing a lot of work behind the scenes, and I think they really impressed the AMPS officers who attended their presentation. As long as the Medallion Center doesn’t price itself out of an event, I believe that we stand a VERY good chance of landing the 2016 AMPS International Convention. And, not only that, but I also believe that the convention our folks are planning will be one of the best ever held by AMPS – a great venue, some very interesting potential tours, and all very well organized under a single roof. It promises to be a great show!

I’m also looking forward to our summer get together at the rec center next month. I believe this will be a very nice and relaxing time. We should all have a great day hanging out and talking about models and modeling. If anyone has ideas about something that they’d like to do or see on that day, let us know.

See ya Wednesday and Happy Modeling!

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