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Welcome Wildcats to the August edition of our newsletter. This has been a pretty slow month on the AMPS front. I guess we're experiencing the modeling equivalent of the dog-days of summer. Those hot, sultry days where everything seems to move in slow motion. Not so bad, though, 'cause when it's just too darned hot to do anything outside, the weather's always just fine on the ol' work bench! When it's a hundred plus degrees outside in the shade, you'll find me inside at my bench.

I hope you're putting yours to good use, too, and I'll be looking forward to seeing what you're working on!

For our 2015 "Go Trackless" Show held 19-20 June 2015, our Current Show page has been updated on our website to include all of the official results, Best Of winners, photos, Judges Certification Class, raffle, vendors, other events, etc., etc., etc. Here are some of direct links:

2015 Show Report:

http://www.ampscentralsouthcarolina.org/uploads/2015_Show_Info_Results.pdf

2015 Show Best Of's:

<http://media5ik1.onlineview.it/FullScreenSlideShow.aspx?gallery=4665122&mt=Photo>

2015 Show Pictures (247 in all, so it could take a while to load!):

<http://media5ik1.onlineview.it/FullScreenSlideShow.aspx?gallery=4675282&mt=Photo>

Last Meeting's Minutes:

Our **July** meeting was held 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 15 July, 2015 at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road, Columbia. We had 17 members in attendance who brought 10 models for Show & Tell. The raffle prize was the AFV Club's 1/35 scale Sd.Kfz. 251/1 Ausf. D + Pak 40 Anti-Tank Gun Limited Edition, and the lucky smuck who won it was Paul Lovell. (The raffle was hotly contested! A primo prize donated by Keith and everyone wanted to win. Thanks, Keith!)

1. Pzkw. VI Ausf. E Sd.Kfz. 181 Tiger I Late Prod. (DML + Verlinden resin Building), 1/35 – Adam Lasek
2. Soviet Super Heavy Tank KV-5 (Takom), 1/35 – Dave Varettoni
3. Skoda 30.5cm M1916 Siege Howitzer (Takom), 1/35 – Rebecca Hettmansperger
4. M4A3 (76)W VVSS, 14 AR DIV, Lohr, Germany, 1945 (DML+ Bucket 'O Resin & some Scratch Built, too), 1/35 – Tim Darrah

5. M4A3 (76)W VVSS Battle of the Bulge (DML + Italeri Commander's Hatch), 1/35 – Trevor Edwards
6. 15cm Sturm-Infanteriegeschutz 33 Auf. Pz. III (DML), 1/35 – Tom McCoy
7. General JEB Stuart 1862 (Michael Roberts, Ltd.), 120mm – Tom McCoy
8. French Carabinier, 1807-10 (United Empire), 120mm – Tom McCoy
9. Loyd Carrier No. 2 Mk. II & British Ordnance QF Mk. IV A-T Gun 6 Pdr (Bronco & Riich), 1/35 – Mike Roof
10. WWI German Airfield Maint. Crew (3d Printed by HOLDEN8702 via Shapeways), 1/72 – John Currie

Photo Album on our webpage: http://www.ampscentralsouthcarolina.org/Meeting_Photos.php

During the meeting: 1) Treasurer reported our current bank balance as \$3,503.17 with a net profit from our show of \$239. 2) We discussed lessons learned from our July show. The consensus view was that all of the problems we had were minor and the result of using a new venue and table vendor. Everyone was pleased with the venue, and the majority believe that we should use the same venue for our next local show. 3) We discussed the desirability of continuing with our Inter-Club Contest. The consensus view was that these are no longer meeting the needs of the majority of the club members. Upon voting to continue or cease, the vote was to suspend the Inter-Club Contest until after the 2016 AMPS I-Con and then revisit the matter. 4) We had a brief update on the status of the plans and preparations for the 2016 AMPS I-Con. 5) The members in attendance voted to participate in the 2015 SE Toy Soldier Show on August 8th at the SC State Museum. The club will put on a display of models and conduct recruiting. 6) The last Inter-Club Contest was held. The theme with month was "Germany 1945", and there were only two entries. Adam Lasek won 1st place with his Pzkw. VI Ausf. E Sd.Kfz. 181 Tiger I Late Prod., and Tim Darrah won 2nd with his M4A3 (76)W VVSS, 14 AR DIV, Lohr, Germany, 1945. (Note – due to the shortage of time at the meeting, the entries were determined by a popular vote.) 7) New Business: Dave Varettoni and Rebecca Hetmansperger updated the club on our Facebook page.

Next Meeting's Agenda:

Our next regular meeting will be at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 12 August, 2015 at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road, Columbia.

6:00 pm (1800): Meeting starts / Admin Business – 1) Bank balance on August 21, 2015 = \$3,503.17. Treasurer will report cash-on hand after any final local show expenses or income. 2) Report on club activities at the SE Toy Soldier Show, SC State Museum, 8 August, 2015. See article below in this newsletter. 3) 2016 AMPS I-Con planning and preparation update. AMPS Masters Seminar solicitation letter has been sent. We have several tentative speakers. 4) Mike Roof will present a short demo on using the Vallejo paints now available in the HobbyTown. 5) Floor will be open for new business.

Don't forget this month's Show & Tell theme – Builds from "Scott's Stash." Those of you who bought kits from Scott's estate sale, please bring them in to show to the rest of the club.

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 2nd 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:

Aug 12, 2015, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.
Interclub display: "Build Something from Scott's Stash!"

Sep 09, 2015, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road

Sep 25, 2015: IPMS/AMPS Northeast Military Modelers Association (NMMA), ARMORCON, Crown Plaza Danbury, 18 Old Ridgebury Rd., Danbury, CT.

Oct 14, 2015, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road

Oct 17, 2015: IPMS Arm/Air Contest, First Ministry Center, 220 North Front St., Salisbury, NC.

Nov 11, 2015, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.
Interclub contest: "Militarized Civilian Vehicles."

Dec 09, 2015, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS Christmas Party at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road

Feb 19-21, 2016: Atlanta AMPS Regional Show, Atlanta Marriott Century Center Hotel in conjunction with the Atlanta Military Figure Society show.

April 06-09, 2016: AMPS International Convention, Sumter County Civic Center, Sumter, SC hosted by the AMPS Central SC "Wildcats"

AMPS Central SC "Wildcats" Club Display: SE Toy Soldier Show, SC State Museum, August 8, 2015

On Saturday, August 8, 2015, AMPS Central SC "Wildcats" participated for the fourth year in a row with a club display and recruiting table at the SC Toy Soldier Show, hosted by the SC Military Miniature Society.

This year, we were unfortunately able to obtain a single, six-foot table, but fortunately our SCMMS friends were able to accommodate us at literally the last minute. So, although our club display was quite modest by comparison with our previous displays, we were still able to make the most of the available space and present some interesting works to the public. Additionally, we were able to present club meeting and other recruiting information to a number of interested folks who stopped by our table over the course of the day. Hopefully some of these folks will join us at one of our future meetings.

All in all, though, we had a most excellent turnout by our club members with no fewer than 11 members coming to support the club and help out. So, a big shout-out and thanks to: Tom Wingate, Phil Cavender, Kevin Cook, Ben & Noah Brandes, Michael Child, Tony Abbot, Rebecca

Hettmansperger, John Curry, Josh Orenstein and Tom McCoy for their assistance over the course of the day. I know I had a thoroughly good time sitting around and talking model building all day.

Hopefully, next year we'll manage some better coordination with the SCMMS folks and get some more table space along with a longer lead time to plan and prepare an attention-getting display.



Michael Child manning the Club's Display Table.



A potential future Modeler?

“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 all for this month.

Things are progressing along nicely with our plans and preparations for the 2016 AMPS I-Con, and our club is doing well with our membership and finances.

The “contest season” is approaching with the end of summer, so hopefully you’ll all be finishing up with your current builds and making plans to attend some of the shows in the southeast over the next couple of months.

Don’t forget that it’s not too early to start making your plans for the Atlanta AMPS Regional, 19-21 February, 2016. Their next show will not be on Valentines weekend, so hopefully that will help with scheduling your calendars and crowd at the venue hotel.

Happy modeling,

Mike Roof

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