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## Our June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Model Show was an AMAZING SUCCESS!

Check out our website for more info & photos: <u>http://www.ampscentralsouthcarolina.org/</u>



Visit us on Facebook at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/ampscentralsouthcarolina</u>

## Regular Meeting Minutes, 10 May, 2017

Our last meeting was held on Wednesday, May 10, 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 24 members in attendance and one guest in attendance. We welcomed new member, Dave Maher to the club. The modelers brought 18 models for Show & Tell. For the Raffle, we had a Trumpeter 1/35 scale "*Russian BMP-3E IFV*", won by Matthew Goodman. Please see our website for photos of the models that were brought in for Show & Tell and the meeting raffle prize and winner.

- 1. T-34/85 (Tamiya hull + CMK resin Turret & Chesapeake Model Designs resin Wheels, scratch made Handles), 1/35 Dave Cicimurri
- 2. IDF Magach 3 Main Battle Tank (DML 50th The Anniversary Six-Day War), 1/35 Daniel Karnes
- M2A2 Bradley (Tamiya + AFV Club Tracks, scratch-built Vision Lenses from Party Ribbon).
   1/35 Ben Brandes
- 4. KV-2 (Cobi Small Army), ? Nick Varettoni
- T-34/76 Pressed Turret (DML + Tamiya Turret, Master Club Tracks), 1/35 Dave Varettoni [T-34 Group Build]
- 6. SU-101 (Trumpeter + Magic Hobby Metal Barrel), 1/35 Dave Varettoni
- 7. Sturmgeshutz IV Early (DML), 1/35 Ralph Nardone
- 8. SA-2 Guideline SAM (Trumpeter), 1/35 Ralph Nardone
- 9. M40 155mm SP Howitzer "Two-fer" (Tamiya & AFV Club), 1/35 Carl Wethington
- 10. Star Wars A-Wing Fighter [Airbrush Practice] (Bandai), 1/72 Henry Horlbeck
- 11. Schwerer Panzerspäwagen 8 Rad Sd.Kfz. 232 (Tamiya), 1/35 Matthew Goodman
- 12. Israeli M51 "Super Sherman" (Academy + Eduard PE, scratch-built Mantlet Cover), 1/35 -Matthew Goodman
- 13. German Super Tank Maus (DML + Fruel metal tracks, Eduard PE, Aber metal Barrels), 1/35 – Trevor Edwards
- 14. IDF M3 Halftrack (DML + Verlinden Stowage, PE added), 1/35 Phil Cavender
- 15. Sd.Kfz. 251/22 Ausf. D (DML), 1/35 Tom Wingate
- 16. Izuzu Type 94 Cargo Truck (Fine Molds + Stowage), 1/35 Bob Kerfonta
- 17. M4A3E8 Sherman "FURY" (Asuka, Tamiya US Tank Crew Set), 1/35 Michael Child

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

#### **Business items:**

**1)** Treasurer's report: Current bank balance is approximately \$3,542.75. Cash on-hand is approximately \$336.11. Major expense for April were \$507 for special awards and \$156 for Go Columbia ad.

- **Note:** We still had two outstanding NACM reimbursements. Please see the treasurer, Ralph Nardone, if you're the last member who has not met your \$25 pledge.
- **Reminder:** Club dues of \$12 per member for 2017 are now due. Please see Ralph if you need to pay your dues.
- 2) Updates for our June, 2017 Show:

**Venue** – We received our Insurance Certificates from the AMPS Treasurer, Tom Faith. Timmy was still working the food truck issue. We committed to a 1/8<sup>th</sup> page sized ad in the Thursday, 8 June "Go Columbia" supplement to the State Newspaper. Cost was \$156 (already paid).

**Vendors** – We had firm commitments for 17 tables. Dave V. had 2 more potential tables sold. If all 19 tables are sold, vendor income for the show was projected at \$570.

**Raffle Donations** – The raffle donation situation improved significantly. We received a large donation from Tom McCoy along with some items from Walthers. A number of additional items had

also been donated. We were expecting a fairly substantial donation from Cool Mini or Not (CMON) (mostly table top gaming items – Rivet Wars). (Note this donation never materialized.)

**Awards Sponsorships** – Current awards sponsorships received stood at \$1115. This total included \$250 from the Flight Deck, as well as several smaller private donations made this month. We paid \$507 for the special awards from TS Productions (acrylic awards). The awards were expected to be shipped to us by the end of this month. We still had a few open categories and special awards available for sponsorship.

Still to do for the show: New category table cards; Registration and entry forms; Score cards / tally sheets. We need a portable internet "hot spot" to run the registration and scoring database. Does anyone in the club have one that they would be willing to use on show day?

**4)** We continue to distribute show flyers. This month we got flyers to the 2017 AMPS I-Con in Danbury, CT, and to the IPMS R-12 Regional in Dallas, NC. We continue to restock flyers in other locations as they run out.

5) Show Reports from:

**a.** 2017 AMPS I-Con in Danbury. Members who attended the show: Dave Varettoni and Mike & Sheila Roof. Mike Roof entered two models in the Masters Category earning a gold medal for his T-44 and Best Master for his vignette "The Cuppa Before the Storm."

**b.** 2017 IPMS R-12 Regional Convention in Dallas, NC. We had a large number of members in the club enter models in the show and winning numerous awards. Particularly noteworthy was Rebecca Hettmansperger who won a first place and Best Figure in the figure category.

6) The floor was opened for new business:

**a.** Dave V. reported that he spoke with David Hobbs at the AMPS I-Con in Danbury. David Hobbs says that we are still welcome to make a return visit to the NACM. We're still looking at a tentative trip scheduled sometime in November.

**b.** Phil C. donated the new raffle drum that he purchased to the club.

**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, 14 June, 2017

Our next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 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:
  - a. Total treasury \$5,254.45 (after pending deposits and outstanding checks)
  - **b. Bank Balance** \$5,054.45
  - c. Cash on Hand \$200.00 (with treasurer)
  - d. 2017 Show Profit \$652.71 (see P&L for full details)

- Note: We still had two outstanding NACM reimbursements. Please see the treasurer, Ralph Nardone, if you're the last member who has not met your \$25 pledge. If we don't get your pledge soon, we'll offer your paver stone to the general membership for purchase.
- **Reminder:** I will no longer be reminding members that the 2017 club dues are due. If you haven't paid your dues by this month, your name will be dropped from the current membership rolls.
- 2) Updates for our June, 2017 Show (see the show stat slides for full details):
  - a. AMPS 36 entrants with 102 models
  - b. Flight Deck 20\* entrants with 55 models (\*10 entered both shows)
  - c. Total participation 46 entrants with 157 models
  - d. Vendors 16 tables sold
  - e. AMPS Medals awarded 71 total
  - f. Group process and discussion.
- 3) Questions:
  - a. Do we want to host another show in 2018?
  - b. Do we want to extend an invitation to the IPMS Swamp Foxes to co-host?
  - c. Do we want to use the same venue?
  - d. Group process and discussion.
  - e. Votes on questions a, b and c.

# 4) Question: "Do we want to participate in the Toy Soldier Show in August at the SC State Museum?"

- a. Group process and discussion.
- b. Vote on question.
- 5) Floor will be open for new business.
- 6) Discussion / demo on using artist pigments and chalk pastels.

**Regular Show & Tell:** to follow the business portion of the meeting. Finished models, works in progress and cool new stuff – Bring it all with you to share!

## Mike Roof

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**

None for this month.

#### 2017 New Releases

 T-60 Early Series Soviet Light Tank Interior Kit – MiniArt, 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale, kit #37215



 1945 KING TIGER Panzerkampfwagen Tiger Ausf. B. Henschel Turret, 2 in 1 – Ammo by Mig Jimenez / Takom, 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale, kit #A.MIG-8500, June 2017 estimated release.

The model is a special edition kit for collectors and includes two unique versions not available before, featuring two assembly options, new parts, and unique features. **March 1945 model.** This version incorporated the last improvements that entered production with the turret completed by Wegmann in March 1945



 44M Zrinyi - Hungarian Assault Gun – IBG, 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale, kit #72050



German 90mm Gun Motor Carriage M36B1

 Italeri, 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale, kit #6538



## **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.

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 <u>http://www.track-link.com/forums/site\_blogs/22053</u> 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=Squa wkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic\_id=213731&page=1#20567 93

Additionally, Jeff did an In-Box-Review of this kit. <u>http://armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=Reviews&fil</u> <u>e=index&req=showcontent&id=9272</u>

#### Keith Frape also has 2 on Armorama.com:



Chieftain Mk. 7 ARRV (Tamiya + Accurate Armor Conversion) <u>http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=Squa</u> <u>wkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic\_id=241027</u>



Up Armored Scimitar LEP with Bar Armor (AFV Club + Castoff Models Conversion) <u>http://armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox</u> <u>&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic\_id=212968</u>

## Interesting Articles – June 2017 AMPS & Flight Deck Show

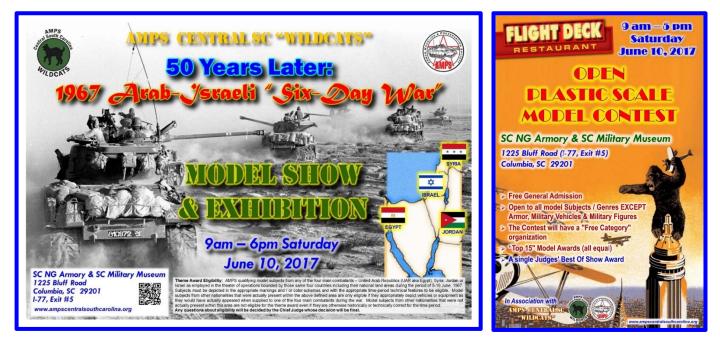
#### A few words about our show...

I know that most of you have been following along with the club discussions and posts on our FB page about our show. I've also sent out several "all hands" email messages. However, I want to take the opportunity to put something down about our show in a more official record.

By now you've all heard that our 2017 show was our largest show to date. As you can see from the stats published here, just on the AMPS side, we had 36 entrants with 102 models. That is, hands down, the largest AMPS show we've ever run on our own. If you include the additional entrants and models on the Flight Deck side of the show, this contest is even larger than the one we co-hosted with the IPMS R-12 Regional Convention in 2013. The combined numbers this year are 46 entrants with 157 models!

And make no mistake, even though we deliberately made the Flight Deck show LOOK like something other than an AMPS event, our club planned it, we organized it, we funded and resourced it, and we operated it. You and our club deserve full credit for the whole event – the AMPS and the Flight Deck shows!

You should all be proud of what you accomplished on Saturday, 10 June, 2017... It's not many model clubs that can say that they have the chops to run two simultaneous shows! But you guys did it, and you did it well!



Please take a few minutes to look over the show stats that have been published with this newsletter. They'll give you some good perspective on what might have been going on behind the curtain. In particular, this year we saw some very promising growth in the numbers of new modelers from around SC and NC who attended the show. Without a doubt, a large amount of that growth was a direct result of the decision to add the Flight Deck all-genres expansion onto our regular AMPS show format. Although the Flight Deck side of the show added a lot of work and required more resources and money, it more than paid for itself in both increased show patronage and net income.

In the end, even though this year we spent the more money on the show than we ever have before, and we hosted the event in the largest venue that we've ever used by ourselves, we still made a good profit. This profit was the result of three things. First, we had an excellent effort in soliciting awards and category sponsors. We had several VERY generous corporate sponsors. Next, you guys all really stepped up to the plate when it came to donations for the raffle, and this year's raffle was outstanding! Finally, the larger, expanded show format brought in the entrants and models. All of these things combined to make this a profitable show, and all of these things need to be sustained in the future if we undertake to repeat this event.

Even with that success, though, we did learn some lessons. The most important is that we need to select and reserve a show date as soon as possible for this venue. The SC National Guard Armory on Bluff Road is in very high demand. The sooner we reserve it, the better off we'll be. An early commitment to another show also sets the conditions for success in several other areas, like getting that food truck we all wanted, soliciting more vendors, and, possibly, inviting another model club to co-host with us.



WWI Era "Wildcat" Brass Shot Glass (!), photo by Tim Darrah

So, the big question now looms before us: Do we want to host another show next year? You, the members of our club, are the ones who need to make that decision.

And no matter how that decision comes out, for this year... GREAT JOB EVERYBODY!

Mike Roof AMPS #1632 Chapter Contact

# AMPS Central SC "Wildcats" June 10, 2017 Contest and Exhibition: P&L Statement June 12, 2017

#### Expenses:

7)	Postage (Raffle Solicitation)	\$168.29
6)	Display Table Cover Paper	\$33.30
5)	Advertising (Go Columbia Ad)	\$156.00
4)	Security (RCSD)	\$320.00
3)	AMPS Medals Awarded	\$120.70
2)	Special Awards (AMPS and FD)	\$507.00
1)	Venue	\$1000.00

Total Show Expenses \$2305.29

1)	Award / Category Sponsors	\$1140.00
2)	Vendor Table Sales	\$480.00
3)	AMPS Registration	\$540.00
4)	Flight Deck Registration	\$109.00
5)	Raffle and Tee Shirt Sales	\$689.00

#### Total Show Income \$2958.00

#### P&L:

#### Net Show Profit \$652.71

#### Detailed expense and income explanations:

Venue – SC National Guard Armory, 1225 Bluff Road. Cost \$1000.00 included tables and chairs.

**Special awards** – TS Productions. 28 total laser engraved acrylic awards (13 AMPS and 16 Flight Deck). Cost included postage and shipping. \$507.00

**AMPS gold, silver and bronze medals** - Purchased in January 2015 from Mission Awards. The prorated per medal cost (including shipping) is \$1.70 per medal. We issued 71 medals at the show.  $71 \times 1.70 = 120.30$ .

**Show Security** – A venue requirement. A special detail Richland County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) deputy was paid for directly with the RCSD. Cost was 8 hours x \$40 per hour = \$320.00.

**Print Media Publicity** – A 1/8 page sized ad was take out in the Thursday, June 8, 2017 "Go Columbia" entertainment supplement to The State newspaper. Cost \$156.00 included artwork and layout.

**Display Table Cover Paper** – Two rolls were purchased at a total cost of \$33.30. We have one full roll remaining.

Postage, Envelopes and Printing - For raffle solicitation letters – Total cost \$168.29.

Award and category sponsorships – A total of \$1140.00 was received from the following:

HobbyTown - \$140.00	Corporate Interiors Group - \$250.00
Cacye Co \$70.00	Flight Deck Restaurant - \$250.00
AMPS All-American Chapter - \$40.00	The Molettiere Family - \$60.00
Wateree Door & Gate - \$200.00	The Amey Family - \$80.00
IPMS Gamecocks Chapter - \$25.00	Michael Petty - \$25.00

**Vendor Tables Sales** - 16 tables were sold at \$30 each = \$480.00. We had two vendors that had reserved a total of 5 more tables cancel.

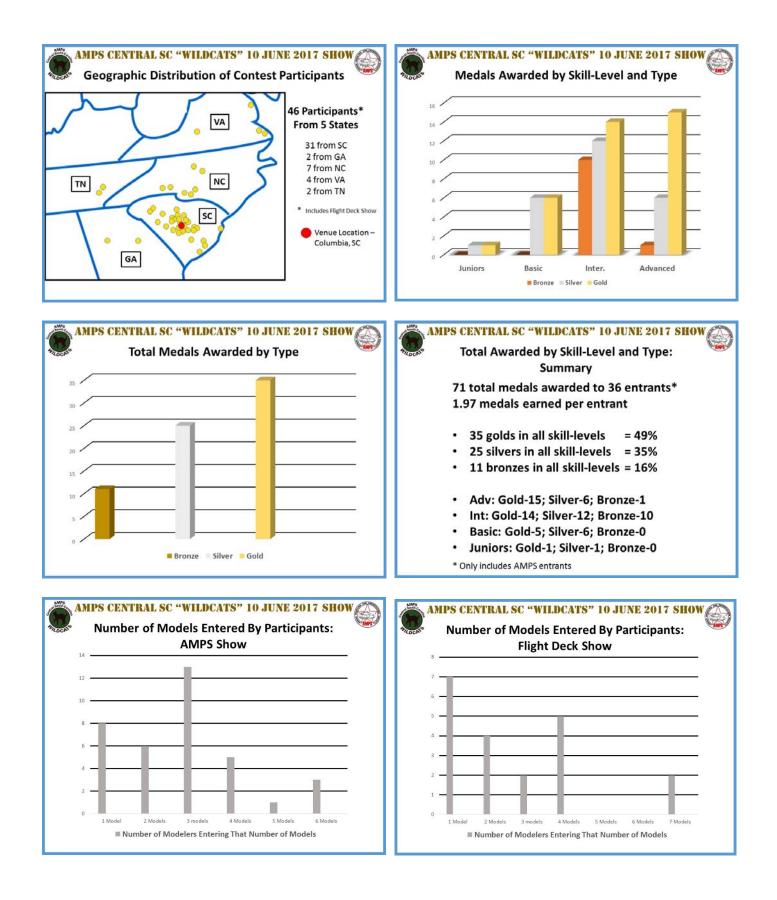
AMPS Registration – We registered 36 entrants with 102 models for a total of \$540.00.

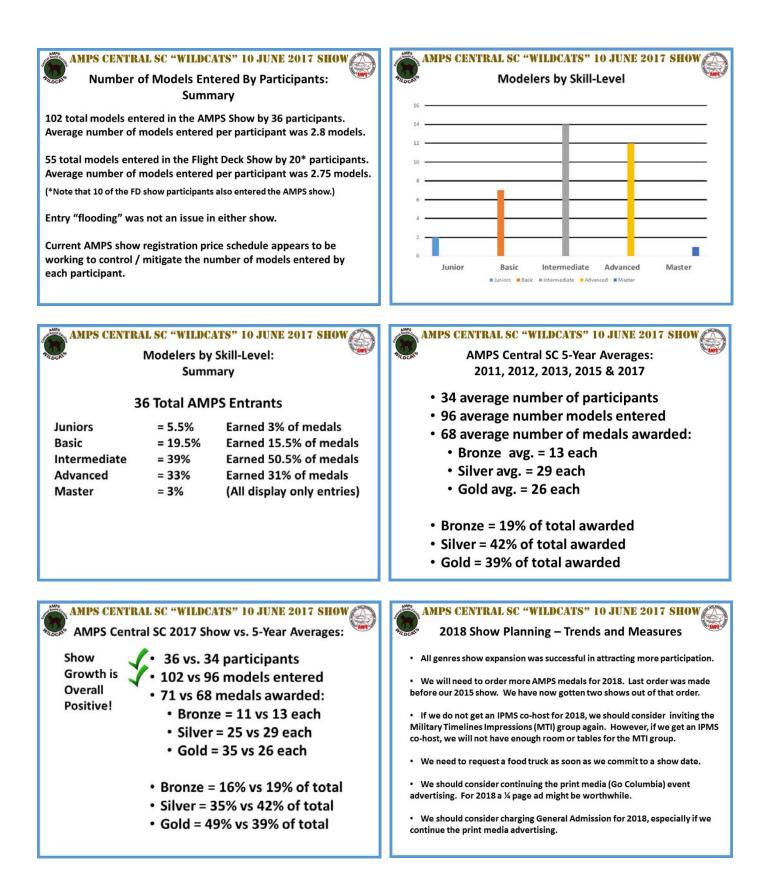
**Flight Deck Show Registration** – We registered 20 entrants with 55 models for a total of \$109.00. Note that 10 of these entrants also registered and entered the AMPS show.

**Raffle Take** – The raffle took in \$689.00. This includes ticket sales, two club tee shirts sold at \$15 each, and a miscellaneous addition of \$10.00 from the 2016 AMPS I-Con (a collection to pay for a junior's registration in that show that was never used).

Mike Roof Chapter Contact AMPS Central SC

Ralph Nardone Treasurer AMPS Central SC





AMPS CENTRAL SC "WILDCATS" 10 JUNE 2017 SHOW

2018 Show Planning – Trends and Measures (cont.)

• We need to decide if we're going to host a 2018 show ASAP. If we are, we must lock in a show date immediately.

• If we invite an IPMS chapter to co-host, they must commit ASAP. The SC National Guard Armory venue is in high-demand. We must act quickly to secure the most desirable show date.

## **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".



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#### Michel van Loon Neil Baumgardner

For the AFV Association



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

## **Support Our Local Vendors**

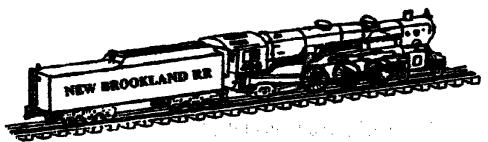


10120 Two Notch Road, Suite 5 Columbia, SC 29223 (803) 736-0959 https://www.hobbytown.com/columbia-e-sc/l57 HobbytownColumbiaSC@gmail.com

#### (\*) Denotes New Store Hours

*Sunday	12-5	
Monday	11-7	

*Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	11-7
*Thursday	11-7
*Friday	11-8
Saturday	10-8



405 State Street West Columbia, SC 29169 (803) 791-3958 Mon – Sat, 10am to 6pm



5633 Broad Street Sumter, SC 29154 803) 983-5084 Mon – Sun, 2pm to 7pm



## **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 April 26, 2017.

## For Sale:

- 1) Cyber Hobby M1 USMC includes Tamiya figures, stowage, and PE set ~ \$25.
- 2) Trumpeter BMP3 ~ \$35.
- 3) Dragon M4A3 HVSS Flamethrower ~ \$30.

Contact Trevor Edwards.

**For Sale**: Tamiya T34/ 76 with New Connections metal gun barrel and Eduard photo-etch for sale ~ \$48. **Contact Tom McCoy.** 

**For Sale**: Eliere Tolan wants to sell a DML1/35 King Tiger, Henschel turret with zimmerit (kit 6208). He also has two photo etch sets (Eduard and Voyager) and two aluminum gun barrels as well. The kit has been opened, but not the bags. This is an early version kit and does not have the molded on zimmerit that later versions of this kit does, but the kit does have Atak zimmerit, which can be applied separately if so desired. \$60.00. Buyer pays postage. See Wildcats Build Site on Facebook for pictures. **Contact Eliere Tolan.** 

**For Sale:** John Sherrer has a large number of DML/Dragon figure kits that he would like to begin divesting himself of in the coming months. They are too numerous to list. Contact John directly for specific kits he has in his stash. **Contact John Sherrer.** 

## For Sale:

- 1) 1:35 Trumpeter German s.F.H. 18 Field Howitzer ~ \$28.
- 1:35 Tamiya German 4x2 3 ton cargo truck (Opel Blitz). Extra German fuel/oil drums and Jerry cans included. ~ \$25
- 1/72 Italeri B-17 Fortress Mk. I (re-box of the Academy B-17 C/D with 7 marking options; 3 U.K., 4 U.S.). I assembled the main landing gear and removed the main wings from the sprues, but other than that the kit is like new. ~ \$25

**Contact Ben Brandes.** 

**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 <u>Hobby Fan (HF001) 1/35 resin M110A2 SPH update set for the</u> <u>Italeri M110/M1102, and M107 kits</u>. 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!

#### http://amps-armor.org/

Happy modeling,

## Phil Cavender

Editor, "The Wildcat", AMPS Central SC "Wildcats"

#### **Special Note:**

The March/April 2017 issue of Boresight included a full-page spread of our chapter's NACM Heritage Foundation "Memorial Paver Program" Chapter Donation Challenge poster.

#### Who is up to the CHALLENGE?

