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So, our regional AMPS show is on-track for next week, Friday and Saturday, 19-20 June at the Crane Creek Gymnasium on US321 North (Fairfield Road about 2 miles north of I-20, Exit 70). I know that this show hasn't received a lot of promotion, and our lead up to it has been pretty low-keyed. In this respect, this year's show may seem like a pretty casual affair. This is not the case, at all. I'd like to impress on each and every one of you that we will need all-hands on-deck to pull this show off.

As always, with an AMPS show, it will be the judging that will require the most effort and time, and the only way that we will get the judging done on time is for everyone to help out. Remember, there are no prerequisites or mandatory experience levels to judge. Every member of our chapter is a potential judge. I know that most of you already know this, but since our last show, we have gained a number of new members who may not. For many of you, though, this might be your first AMPS show, and AMPS shows are run quite a bit differently than other model shows you may be familiar with.

Jeff Nelson will be presenting the AMPS Field Judges' Certification training on Friday evening, starting around 5:30-6:00 pm. Although this training is NOT required, if you do attend, and then complete the required two mentored judging shifts, you will be acknowledged and recognized as a "Certified AMPS Judge." During our awards ceremony, you will be presented with the certified judge's pin, and your name will be entered into the national-level rolls of certified AMPS judges.

(BTW, most of our chapter's members are "Certified AMPS Judges," and we also have a large number of certified Table Captains and ACJs, so we have a tradition of excellence in this area. I highly encourage all of you who are not yet certified to take advantage of this opportunity! It's not only a great way to help out and give back to the society – and our club – but judging is also one of the best paths you can take as an individual to learn to become a better, more skilled modeler.)

We'll follow this training up with a few judging evolutions until we run out of time at the venue and have to shut down (9:00 pm). We'll start judging again on Saturday morning as soon as we can put together a team, and judging will continue until we're complete. Hopefully, we'll be done judging by 3-4:00 pm and can get the awards ceremony kicked off around 4:30-5:00 pm. If everyone pulls together, then we should be able to clean up and clear out of the venue by about 6:30-7:00 pm. In order for this to happen, though, it will take all of us working together.

There are also a lot of other show support jobs that will need doing, too, so if you get tired of judging, please don't just take off. Come see me or anyone else involved and pony-up to lend a hand with some other job. We'll need runners, Ram Rods, and folks working registration and the raffle. There's set-up, tear-down, and clean-up, too. In short, it really does take everyone in the club to put on a

successful show, and don't forget that everyone in the club voted to do this. We're all responsible for the outcome, and we all share in the results.

We've established a very good reputation nationally and regionally for our shows, and that's because we have a "can-do" membership who work together well. Here's to looking forward to yet another successful local show!

Last Meeting's Minutes:

Our **May** meeting was held 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 13 May, 2015 at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road, Columbia. We had 15 members in attendance who brought 17 models for Show & Tell. The raffle prize was Tamiya's 1/35 scale Centaur C.S. Mk. IV British Cruiser Tank Mk. VIII, A27L, which was won by Dave Varettoni.

1. US M20 Armored Utility Car (Tamiya + Verlinden M20 Interior & Exterior Update Sets), 1/35 – Michael Child
2. M60 Patton (Italeri M60A1 + AEF Designs resin Early M60 Turret), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
3. 5.5 cm Zwillling Flakpanzer (DML), 1/72 – Paul Lovell
4. Maj. Gen. John S. Moseby, CSA 1863 (Michael Roberts), 120mm – Tom McCoy
5. 2010 Commemorative Rough Rider (?), 75mm – Tom McCoy
6. Berdan Sharpshooter (The Fusilier), 75mm – Tom McCoy
7. Napoleon Crossing the Alps (G & M Miniatures), 80mm – Tom McCoy
8. Staghound Mk I Canadian (Tamiya & Italeri + PE, Aber Barrels, Armorscale Wheels & Antenna Bases, Scratch-Built Stowage), 1/35 – Phil Cavender
9. WWII British Rolls Royce Armored Car Pattern 1920 Mk I (Roden), 1/35 – Kevin Cook
10. Tank Pz.Kpfw. III "M" X2 (ESCI), 1/72 – Kevin Cook
11. Sd.Kfz. 234 Armored Car (Airfix), 1/76 – Kevin Cook
12. JGSDF Type 60 APC (Finemolds + Finemolds PE, Academy ROK Armor Crewmen, Scratch-Built), 1/35 – Jeff Nelson
13. M113 ACAV (Trumpeter/S-Model + Eduard PE), 1/72 – Rebecca Hettmansperger
14. Renault FT-17 Light Tank (Cast Turret) (Flyhawk Model), 1/72 – Rebecca Hettmansperger
15. German GTK Boxer (GTFz) (Revell), 1/35 – Dave Varettoni
16. Warhammer 40k Orks (Citadel / Game Workshops), 28mm – Dave Varettoni
17. Loyd Carrier No. 2 Mk. II & British Ordnance QF Mk. IV A-T Gun 6 Pdr (Bronco & Riich), 1/35 – Mike Roof

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

During the meeting: **1)** Treasurer reported. **2)** Club discussed and approved to sponsor the "Best Military Vehicle" at the IPMS Arm/Air Salisbury show (\$40) and a category for the AMPS Great White North show (CDN\$25). **3)** Our special awards for the June show have been paid for (\$260) to TS Productions. **4)** We have a concessions commitment for our June show by the "Taste of Europe" food truck. **5)** Mike Roof presented a short report on the 2015 AMPS International Convention held

in Auburn, IN. **6)** Members were reminded that the 2016 AMPS International Convention HQ hotel, the Quality Inn in Sumter, is now taking reservations. **7)** There was no new business.

Next Meeting's Agenda:

Our next regular meeting will be at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 10 June, 2015 at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road, Columbia.

NOTE: This month was scheduled for our next interclub quarterly contest. Because of the pending contest next week, we will hold the interclub contest at next month's meeting in July. Feel free to bring in your entries for this month's Show & Tell and then again next month for the contest.

6:00 pm (1800): Meeting starts / Admin Business – **1)** Bank balance on June 8, 2015 = \$3757.31. After expenses, we're still in the red about \$533 for our upcoming show, but hopefully we'll make up the difference in registration fees and raffle ticket sales. **2)** Our Facebook page has been organized and is now promoting our local club. **3)** The June show is on-track. We'll discuss the detailed schedule for Friday and Saturday, 19-20 June. **4)** Our 2016 Convention Committee held a meeting on 4 June at Buffalo Wild Wings. A brief report on the minutes of that meeting will be presented. Main highlight was the selection of the tentative theme logo for 2016. **5)** 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 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:

Jun 10, 2015, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

Jun 19-20, 2015: AMPS Central SC Show. Crane Creek Gym, 7405-B Fairfield Road, Columbia, SC. Friday (set up, judges training, and local registration) – 4 to 9 pm. Saturday – 7 am to 8 pm.

Jul 08, 2015, 6:00 pm (1800): AMPS meeting at HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.
Interclub contest: "Germany 1945."

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

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

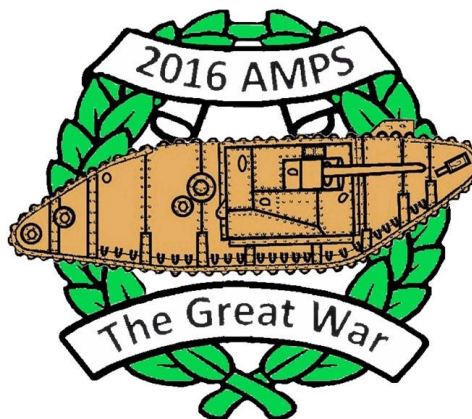
Tentative 2016 AMPS International Convention Theme Logos

As all of you are aware, I'm sure, the theme for the 2016 convention is "World War I." This theme was selected during the Annual General Membership meeting at the 2015 convention just held in Auburn, IN.

Well, your 2016 Convention Committee has been hard at work over the last month putting together tentative logo designs to complement this theme, and last week, after reviewing over 20 logo designs, your committee selected these two:



Logo #1
(most votes)



Logo #2
(next most votes)



Proposed Show T-shirt



Proposed Crew T-shirt

AMPS CENTRAL SC "WILDCATS"

"GO TRACKLESS"

MODEL CONTEST

7am – 8pm Saturday, June 20, 2015

Crane Creek Gymnasium
7405-B Fairfield Road
Columbia, SC 29203
I-20, Exit #70

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Theme Award Eligibility: Any era or nationality. Actual or hypothetical. Scale is immaterial. Entry must be entirely wheeled, intended to run on roads and / or cross-country and must be armored. The armor may be factory designed or field expedient. The vehicle does not have to be fully armored or enclosed. Partial armor and open tops are eligible if all other requirements are also met. The wheeled armored vehicle may or may not be armed with weapons intended to be fired from under armor from within the vehicle or a turret. (I.e. armored but un-armed vehicles that meet all other requirements are eligible.) Vehicles bound only to rails are not eligible. However, armored vehicles that are primarily wheeled to run on roads or cross-country but which have supplementary rail wheels are eligible. Half-tracked vehicles are not eligible. Vehicles that are designed to run on "convertible" tracks or wheels are not eligible. Vehicles designed to run primarily on skies or skids are not eligible. The wheels of eligible armored vehicles do not have to have rubber tires. Composite or all-steel wheels, with or without spuds, pads, or other traction enhancing or ground pressure reducing devices satisfy the eligibility criteria for wheels. Eligible wheeled armored vehicles may be equipped with supplemental, removable tracks or chains intended to temporarily improve the traction of their wheeled drive systems. Any questions about eligibility will be decided by the Chief Judge whose decision will be final.

Once you do, you'll never go back!

Friday, 19 June:

3:00 pm – Venue set-up.

Organize registration and raffle. Set-up judging area. Vendors may set-up as soon as the tables are up. Vendor sales may start at each vendor's discretion.

5:00 pm – Early registration for club members and others attending the FJ Cert Training.

5:30 pm – AMPS Field Judges' Certification Seminar in the bleachers.

Start time may be delayed slightly to accommodate late arrivals. Call if you know you'll be late, and we'll try to wait.

7:00-9:00 pm – Judging Shift A.

9:00 pm – Venue closed.

Saturday, 20 June:

7:00 am – Venue opens.

7:00-8:00 am – Vendor set-up.

Vendor sales may start at each vendor's discretion. Vendor set-up is open as long as the show is open, so late arrival vendors may continue to set-up, as needed.

Vendors may operate as long as the venue is open or until we need to tear-down their tables. Vendors may cease operation at any time according to each vendor's discretion. We request that vendors ceasing operation and moving out of the venue please do so in a manner that will not disrupt any on-going show events.

8:00 am – Raffle opens.

Raffle continues until complete.

8:00 am–12:00 noon – Registration open.

Any entrant still in line at 12:00 noon will be allowed to register in order to accommodate late arrivals.

8:00 am – Until Complete – Judging Shift B and on.

Judging will run in two-hour shifts starting at 8:00 am until it is complete. Special judging teams will be organized to judge dioramas, vignettes, figures, and juniors concurrently with the regular categories. Start times for judging these special categories will depend on the numbers of entries registered. See Mike Roof or Jeff Nelson if you are interested in participating in judging any of these special categories.

11:00 am–1:00 pm – “Taste of Europe” food truck on-site to provide concessions.

Authentic German “schnell Imbiss” type fare... Curry and Brat Wursts, Pommes frites, Schnitzels, etc.

3:00 – 4:00 pm – Best Ofs Judging.

After regular and special category judging is completed, judging for the “Best Of’s” will commence. Judges who would like to participate in judging the Best Ofs see Mike Roof. We will run the Best Of judging the same as for the AMPS International Show, so this is an opportunity to “get a peek behind the curtain.”

4:00 – 4:30 pm – Organize the awards ceremony.

4:30 – Until Complete – The Awards Ceremony.

5:30 – Venue tear-down and clean-up.

We will start tear-down and clean-up ASAP after the end of the Awards Ceremony.

8:00 pm – Venue closes.

TDB – Post Show Social.

Any club members, show patrons or vendors who would like are invited to join us at the Denny's Restaurant at the intersection of US321 North and I-20 after we have cleaned-up and closed the venue.

***All times subject to change.**

"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, gang, we're on the cusp of another local AMPS show, our fourth as a club.

I do hope that I haven't beat you all up too hard in this issue about coming to the show to help out. If I have, I apologize.

If anything, though, my emphasis on helping out next week is a direct reflection of my own anxiety and concern. In the past, I have seen firsthand how model shows can go downhill if the hosting club members don't pull together; what happens if folks aren't willing to put in the time working the show. I've also had a couple of recent experiences at other shows that have brought these concerns (fears?) up to the surface.

To be sure, we've never had that problem, and I do find comfort in that. We've always had good participation of our own club members at our shows (and others!), and for that I am grateful.

You guys have earned and deserve the great reputation that you have. Our shows have always been run to the highest standards, and that has been to your credit.

So... I guess I really should stop worrying and start looking forward to next week! I'm sure that it'll be another great show by the "Wildcats"!

Happy modeling,

Mike Roof

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AMPS Central SC "Wildcats"