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Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter. We try REALLY hard to publish this each month, but sometimes stuff happens, or you know, CRS flair ups occur. Of course, what's published in this newsletter is probably out of date, known by everyone already, or completely off-topic. Maybe everyone will like the pretty colors, but then your ink cartridge will probably run out after only printing a couple pages. This paragraph is what's known as "filler text", which we needed since we added the snazzy table of contents and this area was kind of empty.

Check out the "Classified Ad" section near the end of the newsletter. This section will give you a space to advertise items you want to barter, swap, sale or trade. Or even a request for research material. Check it out. Contact the seller directly. Note personal email addresses are not listed on the public site. Contact the seller directly via his/her email addresses.

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



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<https://www.facebook.com/ampscentralsouthcarolina>

Regular Meeting Minutes, 9 August, 2017

Our last meeting was held on Wednesday, August 9, 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 22 members in attendance, including junior members Noah Brandes, Morgan Cicimurri, and Nick Sherrer. The modelers brought 10 models for Show & Tell, including some pictures of Daniel Karnes' P-40 N he is building for his daughter. For the raffle this month, there was a Book "Germany's Panzer in World War II from Panzer I to Tiger II, by Thomas L. Jentz & Hilary L. Doyle, Schiffer", PLUS a Fine Scale Modeler Magazine 1 Year Subscription, won by Rebecca

Hettmansperger. Please see our website for photos of the models that were brought in for Show & Tell, of the meeting, and of the raffle prize (if we had one).

- 1) M1A1 Abrams "Iraq 2003" (Academy + Tamiya Stowage & Tracks), 1/35 – Ben Brandes
- 2) Dorchester Armored Command Vehicle & Commonwealth Tank Troops (ACV) (AFV Club + Italeri), 1/35 – Michael Child
- 3) King Tiger Sd.Kfz. 182, Henschel Turret (Takom+ Archer Decals, Armorscale 7.92mm MG Barrel, RB Model 8.8cm Metal Barrel, Fruilmodel Tracks, Aber Cleaning Rods & Brackets), 1/35 – Phil Cavender
- 4) U.S. Tank Destroyer M10 Mid Production (Tamiya + DML Tracks, scratch-built items), 1/35 – Mike Roof
- 5) SA-2 Guideline SAM, Egypt 1972 (Trumpeter), 1/35 – Ralph Nardone
- 6) Sd.Kfz.182 King Tiger, Henschel Turret (Tamiya 35160, Cavalier Zimmerit, partial Verlinden Interior, Aber PE), 1/35 – John Sherrer
- 7) Krupp Protze 6x4 Kfz.69 Towing Truck w/3.7cm Pak (Tamiya + Eduard PE), 1/35 – Daniel Karnes
- 8) M1A1 Abrams (Trumpeter + Legend Stowage), 1/72 – Daniel Karnes
- 9) P-40 N (Academy + Eduard Masks), 1/72 – Daniel Karnes, for his daughter
- 10) Messerschmitt Me 262 B-1 Schwalbe (Revell Germany + scratch-built details, seatbelts, throttles), 1/32 – Tom Wingate

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

Business items:

- 1) Treasurer's Report: There were no significant changes in previous month's balance of \$5263.45 (combined total of cash-on-hand and bank balance).
- 2) An update on the FSB RIPCORN project for the Confederate Relic Room (CRR) Museum was presented. See last month's newsletter for the written details.
- 3) Discussed and made final plans for club display at the Toy Soldier Show at the SC State Museum this Saturday, 12 August. Club members were polled by email and a sufficient number volunteered to do this. Participation was open to all club members. Note that the IPMS Mid-Carolina Chapter was invited to participate with us, and we had organized enough display tables for both clubs. Members in both clubs were able to put models in both displays, if they wanted. See last month's newsletter for the written details of the event planning.
- 4) An update on our 2018 model show and contest was presented. The major news was the IPMS/USA Mid-Carolina "Swamp Foxes" chapter had officially accepted our invitation to co-host the show.
- 5) At the present, none of the other AMPS chapters in the Southeast Region have expressed any interest in joining together to put on an AMPS SE Region Display at the AAF Museum. Unless we are re-contacted by the museum or one of the other AMPS chapters in the region, there will be no further action taken on this issue.
- 6) The floor was opened for new business:

- a. Club members Rebecca and Tony announced that they have purchased “HQ 72” resin AM parts and accessory business from “Tiger Productions” and Jose Rodriguez. They will be up and running soon.
- b. There will be an in-store “Model Build Day” event hosted on Saturday, 16 September, 12-noon until compete at our local Hobby Town. All club members are invited to attend, bringing along any models that they would like to work on. This event presents us with an opportunity to show-case our club and make contact with potential new members. All scale model building genres are welcome, not just armor.

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, 13 September, 2017

Our next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 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** - \$5,263.45.
- b. **Bank Balance** - \$5,063.45.
- c. **Cash on Hand** - \$200.00 (with treasurer).

Note: We still have one outstanding NACM paver reimbursement. If the pledge isn't paid by the October 2017 meeting, the paver will be made available to the general membership for purchase at \$25.

2) There have been no changes on the status of the FSB RIPCORN project for the Confederate Relic Room (CRR) and Museum. In the absence of any communication or news from the museum, there will be no further action taken on this issue. In the event that that museum re-contacts us about the project we will revisit the possibility of the club taking on the job. Since we cannot predict if or when this might ever happen, it is unreasonable to keep the club “spun up” ready to commence work.

3) Discuss our experience with the club display at the Toy Soldier Show at the SC State Museum this Saturday, 12 August. Our club had 10 members attend and bring models to put on display with three more members who stopped by to show their support. We had 28 linear feet of table space for our club, and the IPMS chapter had about the same available to them. This was possible because we brought four of our own 6’ long tables as well as being able to borrow four 8’ tables from Dave Ciccimurri’s office at the museum. We set up between 7 and 10 am, with the show open to the public starting at 10 am. We tore down and cleaned up starting around 4:30 pm with everyone clear of the venue by 5 pm. The space that was allocated to us was well lit with pretty good foot traffic throughout the day. If we’re fortunate enough to get the same area next year we’ll have considerable room to grow, and we may be able to consider expanding our

participation to include some on-going model building / painting demonstrations, as well as perhaps inviting the local SCMA chapter to also display. With enough lead time next year, we could consider some sort of organized AFV / military vehicle display around a theme or timeline.

4) Discuss and vote on a show theme for our 2018 model show and contest. Members are invited to offer up ideas. Ideally we will be able to select a theme that allows for the widest number of entries across as many AMPS categories as possible along with including as many of the IPMS categories, too.

5) Floor will be open for New Business.

6) Ralph Nardone will present a demo / discussion on mixing artist oil paints for face and flesh painting and shading.

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 2nd 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

South Carolina Modelers Fall Contest, presented by the South Carolina Modelers Association, at the Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 4990 Dorchester Road, 9am to 4pm, October 21, 2017. This year's themes are "50th Anniversary of the Camaro and Firebird" and "Rated X" (as in aircraft with an "X" Designation).

For more details, contact Dave Corvino at (843) 330-2764 or email him at dcorvino@sc.rr.com.

<https://www.facebook.com/South-Carolina-Modelers-Association-154759921252065/>



AMPS Atlanta 2018, Atlanta Armor, Figure, and Modeling Contest and Exhibition, February 16-18, 2018. Atlanta Marriott Century Center, 2000 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345, 404-325-0000. **2018 Show Theme: "REFORGER 1969 - 1989"** (Any Tracked or Wheeled Vehicle used by a NATO country during any REFORGER Exercises).

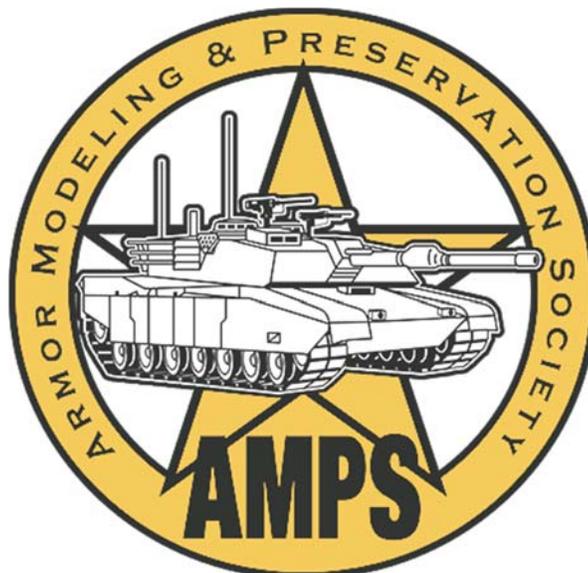
See the AMPS Atlanta Show page for info at:

<http://www.ampsatlanta.org/amps-atlanta-annual-show.html>



AMPS 2018 International Convention, Hope Hotel and Richard C. Holbrooke Conference Center, Dayton, OH, Phone: (203) 794-0600, May 3 to 5, 2018. **2018 Convention Theme: TBA.** See the AMPS Homepage for info at:

<http://www.amps-armor.org/SiteShows/ShowMain.aspx?sid=71#Show-Theme>



AMPS Central South Carolina Wildcats and **IPMS/Mid-Carolina Swamp Fox Modelers** will be co-hosting a local show to be held on June 22-23, 2018. Location: SC National Guard Armory, 1225 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC, 29201, 803-299-4200.

2018 Show Theme: “To Be Announced”

See the following web links for more information:

<http://www.ampscentralsouthcarolina.org/> and <http://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/ipmsmid-carolina-local-contestamps-wildcats-local-contest>



2017 New Releases

- **COMBO PACK: Israeli Main Battle Tank Merkava 1**, Takom, 1/35th scale, kit # TAKO2078, - PLUS - **Israel Defense Forces Special Edition (Paint Set)**, MIG, part # AMIG-7163.

Exclusive limited edition with accuracy colors to paint the full Israeli vehicles range of every time period. You will find, for the first time, a new color formula of Sand Grey 73 and Sinai Grey 82, exactly as they are used in real IDF vehicles, based on authentic real colors samples, or the characteristic IDF Green from the first periods. It includes also the classic special tones cleared up, to apply highlights and represent scale effect, and also the red color used in mobile parts of IDF vehicles. This



is the definitive set, the most complete for both IDF lovers that want the maximum accuracy and those who want to make more free interpretations.

- **T-60, Plant No. 264 (Interior Kit)**, MiniArt, 1/35th scale, kit # 37007.



- **Russian 9K720 Iskander-M Tactical Ballistic Missile MZKT Chassis**, ModelCollect, 1/72nd scale, kit # UA72105.



- **US 105mm Howitzer M2A1 (Early Production Series)**, Ace Models, 1/72nd scale, kit # 72530.



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. Please note that due to a recent change with Photo Bucket, many build logs have been impacted and linked photos may not show. While some modelers have/are relinking their blogs to a different photo hosting site, many older build logs and postings on various forums will likely never show the original linked pictures again and are lost forever. A posting on Missing-Linx provides a (temporary) work-around for Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome browsers:

<http://www.network54.com/Forum/47211/message/1504035816/PB+-+extension+to+make+photos+viewable+again>

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
http://www.track-link.com/forums/site_blogs/22053

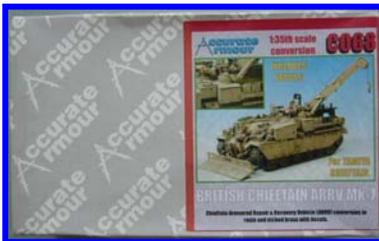
Jeff Nelson has 1 on Armorama.com:



Fine Molds Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Type 60 APC, FM40
http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic_id=213731&page=1#2056793

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

Keith Frape also has 2 on Armorama.com:



Chieftain Mk. 7 ARR V (Tamiya + Accurate Armor Conversion)
http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic_id=241027



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

Bryan Moeller has one on Armorama.com:

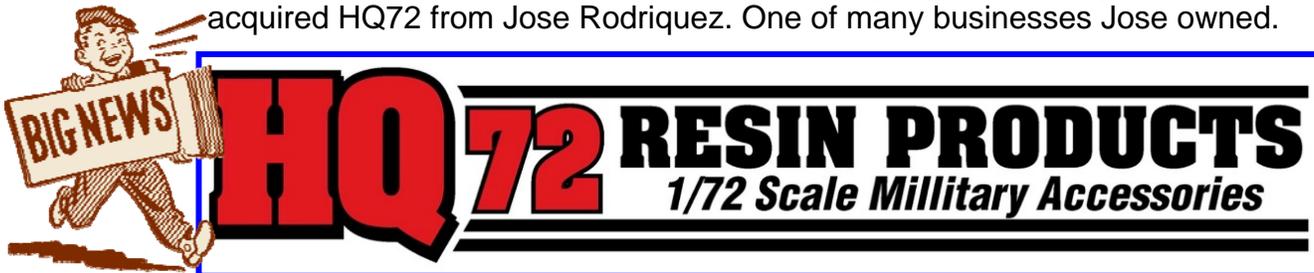


Flakpanzer IV "Kugelblitz" (Cyber-Hobby's 1/35 scale "Orange Box" Series Kit #09 + Dragon's 1/35 Pz.Kpfw. IV Ausf. J Mid Production, Smart Kit #6556)

http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=SquawkBox&file=index&req=viewtopic&topic_id=250681#2120546

Interesting Articles – New Business

Two of our club members (**Rebecca Hettmansperger** and **Tony Abbott**) in August acquired HQ72 from Jose Rodriguez. One of many businesses Jose owned.



<https://www.hq72resinproducts.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/rmhett2001/>

Hey, I know this looks like an advertisement, but these are our club brother and sister.

In an interview with Rebecca, I was told that they were looking for something to do together and obviously to bring in some extra cash. As well as having work flexibility. As I'm sure all of us would like to do. Rebecca says they wanted something small. When they found out Jose was selling the business, they jumped on the deal. Rebecca says they wanted to branch out and do something different. Being modelers of 72nd scale models they knew that by purchasing this company they could fill a void in the scale model industry. Rebecca believes they will be the only company making bases for 72nd scale in the US.

Their products will include 72nd scale bases and buildings such as AFV Bases, Row Houses, Rutted Roads, Two Story Brick Buildings, Siegfried Line Road Block w/ base among others items. Rebecca believes their products will be an added addition to the Wargamers and Historical figure modelers such as those who build Napoleonic figures.

Their intended networking includes vending at:

- IPMS Modelpalooza in Orlando, FL, September 22-24, 2017
- RDUCON 2017 in Raleigh, NC, November 11th
- ModelCon in Chattanooga, TN, January 2018
- AMPS Atlanta 2018 in Atlanta, GA
- 2018 AMPS International Convention in Dayton, OH, February, 2018
- as well as a company website and Facebook pages listed above.

Looks like they are going to be busy. With regard to the buying process they have made this easy by allowing the purchaser to use PayPal. Items are mailed by priority mail.

One can see they will be busy. Let's show our support. If you build in 72nd scale Rebecca and Tony's company will be a good source.

Below are some pictures of their products in addition to works in process.



Damaged Wood-Frame Stucco House w/ Side Walk & Interior



Sunken Road Section w/ Wall and Tree Stump



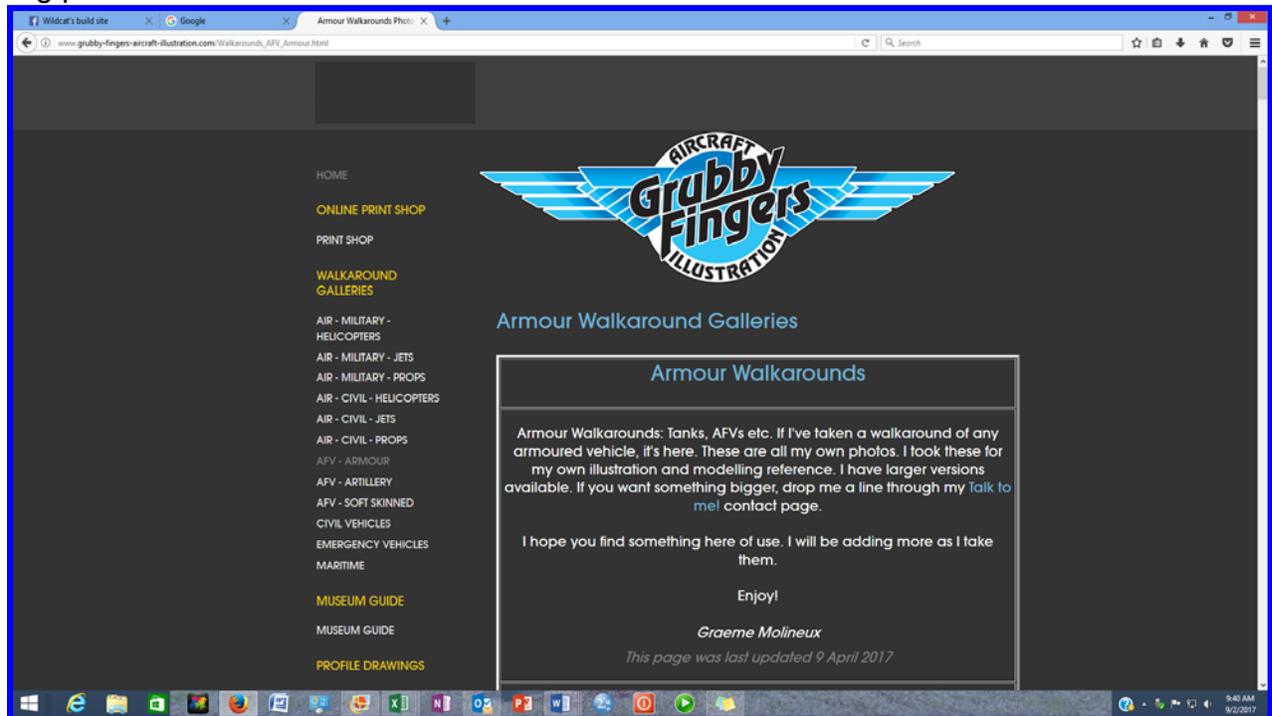
Molds in process - pours



Molds in process of drying

Interesting Articles – Walk Around Website

Courtesy of Tim Darrah. "It has numerous walk-arounds of various aircraft & armor for your viewing pleasure".



www.grubby-fingers-aircraft-illustration.com

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New Technique – Making Springs

What wire to use? Brass "beading" wire that comes from a craft store like Michael's or Hobby Lobby is a good source. Check the section where they sell the beads and other jewelry making supplies. They usually have a bunch of carded spools of wire in different sizes. I like the brass and copper wires, but they will also have steel wire. The brass and copper are softer and can be annealed to make them ever more malleable.

I've found twisted and braided wires that look like good tow cables along with different gauges of single strand wires. I have a whole drawer full of different sizes. A spool will usually last almost forever (long enough to lose the labels!)

In regards to making the springs, I chuck a small drill bit backwards in my pin vise and wrap the wire around the shaft. Straighten the wire by rolling a piece between your table top and a metal ruler. Don't put too much sideways pressure on the drill bit or you can break it. The drill bits give you a good selection of mandrel sizes, though, and they're hard enough to wrap the wire tightly around.

To size the springs, I'll check the kit part next to my drill bits and wire selection. Find a bit and wire combination that you can add the drill dia to 2 x the wire diameter and come up with about the same overall diameter as the kit spring part. That way the finished spring will be about the same overall outer diameter size as the kit part.

BTW, you can use very fine wire (from the inside of a piece of electrical cord) to make very fine and long springs that can be coated with liquid mask and then painted to look like oxygen hoses, etc. for aircraft model cockpits.

Also, I find that for very small, fine wire scale springs that if you pull the coils apart slightly after winding they'll sometimes look better on the model - more like actual springs than if the coils are left tight together. Just have to kind of use judgement with that.

It's an "old school" modeling technique, so I can't claim any credit for originality. I'm guessing that I originally read a description of it in Shep Paine's "Modeling Tanks" book or in an article in the long out-of-print "Military Modeling" magazine.

I've also read variations on the technique that use an electric drill or rotor tool to do the twisting. The idea is to speed up the winding and make it tighter and more uniform. However, I think that's pretty unnecessary. Winding the wire manually is quick enough for a couple of springs and offers good control. I suppose if you needed to make a couple of dozen springs, then maybe. I use these so often I don't hardly even think about the technique.

Another good variation on this technique is to make small rings or eye-bolts. To make rings, you can simply slice through the individual coils on the spring. To make eye-bolts, straighten out the left over wire from the last coil, bend it at a right angle to the coil, then slice off that last coil / ring. These little rings and eye-bolts are useful to make keeper chains and other similar details. (See the tow fixture photo with the keeper chain. One end of the chain is attached with an eye-bolt and the other with a ring, both made as described above.)

The separately attached image shows the tow-rope for my Universal Carrier (Bren Gun Carrier). The "ferrule" for the tow rope is made from a fine-wire spring (covered with a strip a thin paper to represent the burlap "grease wrap), but the short pieces of chain are attached to the U-bolts with wire rings cut from a hand-wound spring.

Anyways, lots of useful variations once you get the basic idea in your head.

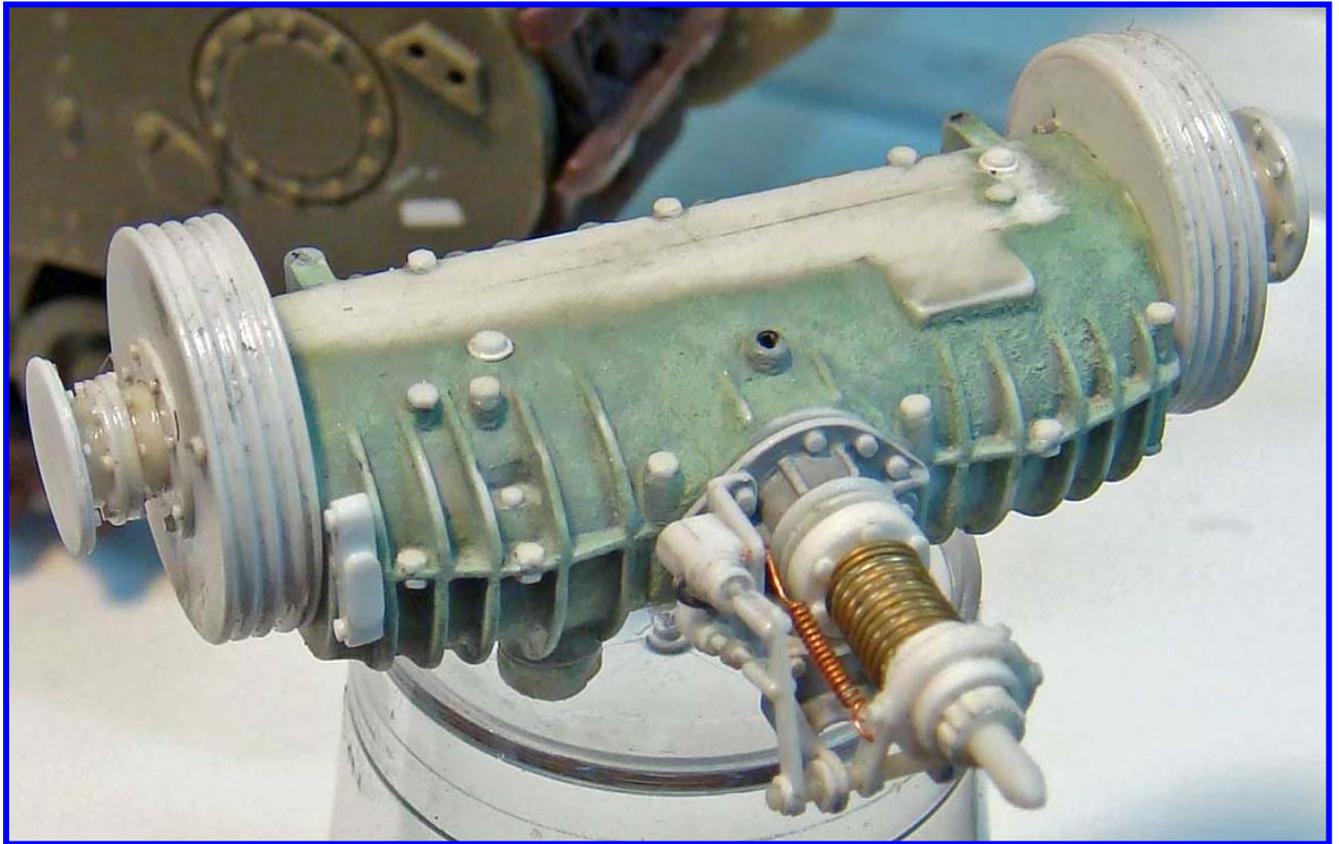
Below are some examples of hand wound springs on various models:



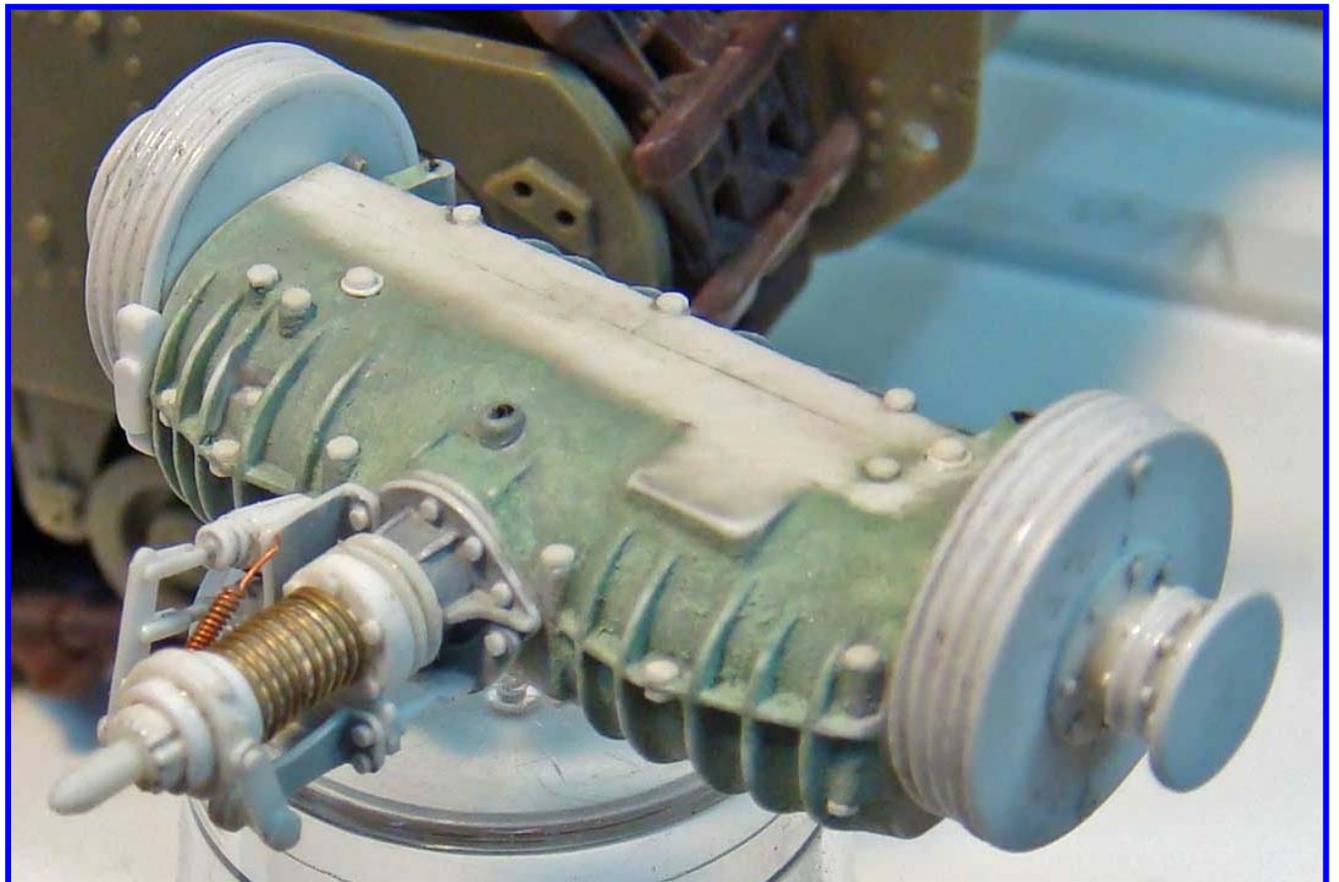
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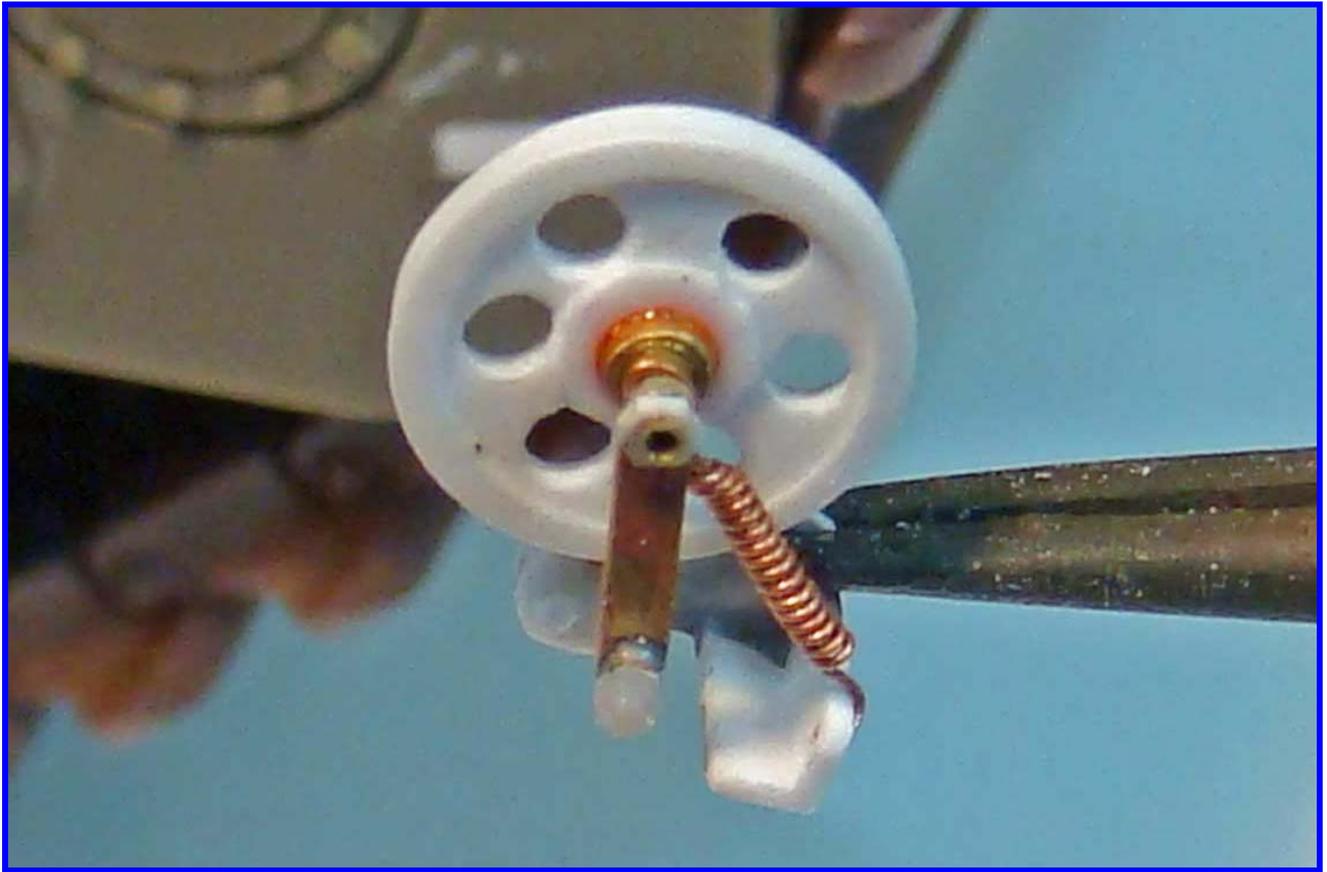
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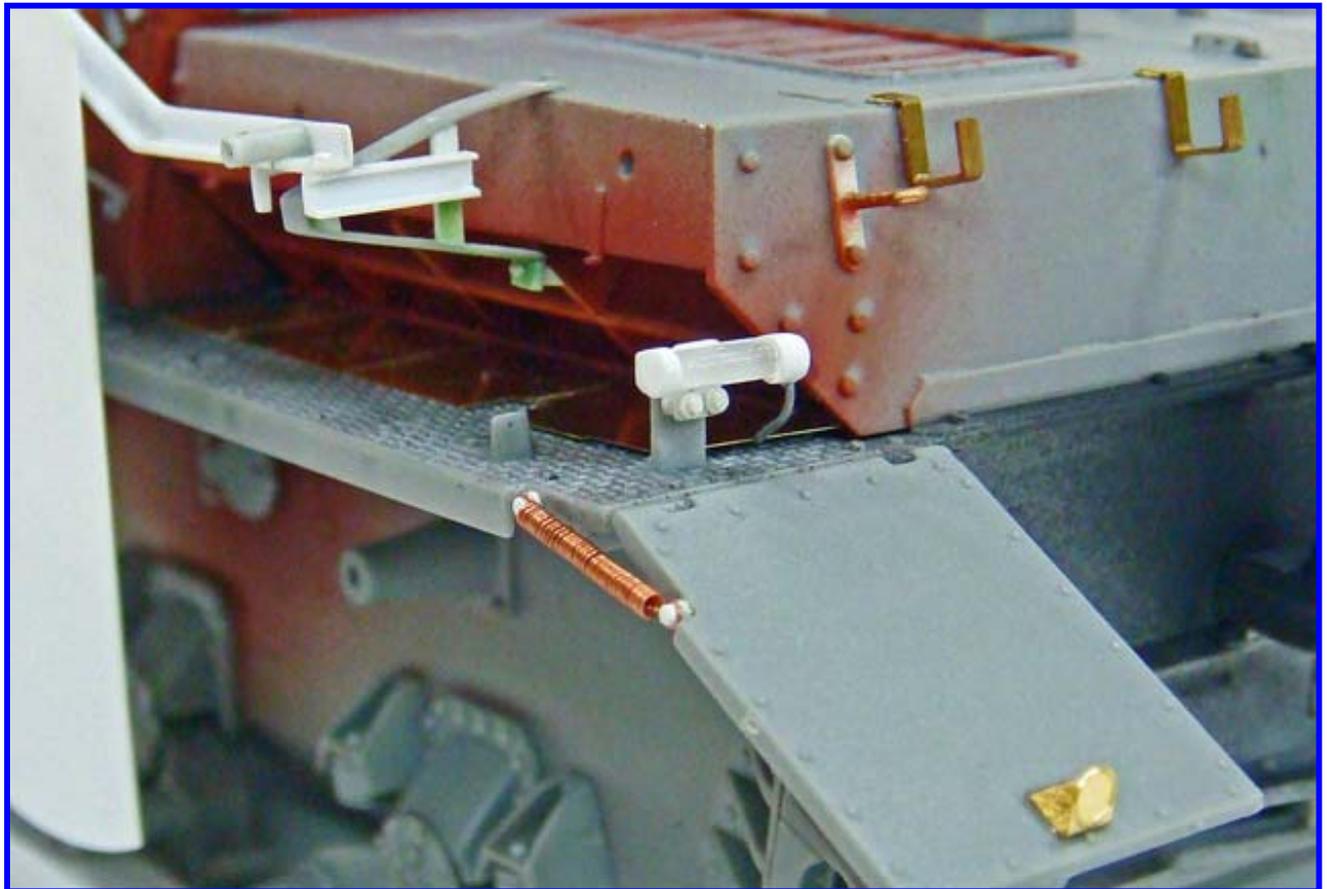
Clutch Springs and Transmission Linkages



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Tensioning Springs



Fender Springs



Gun Tube Crutch Springs



Gun Tube Crutch Springs

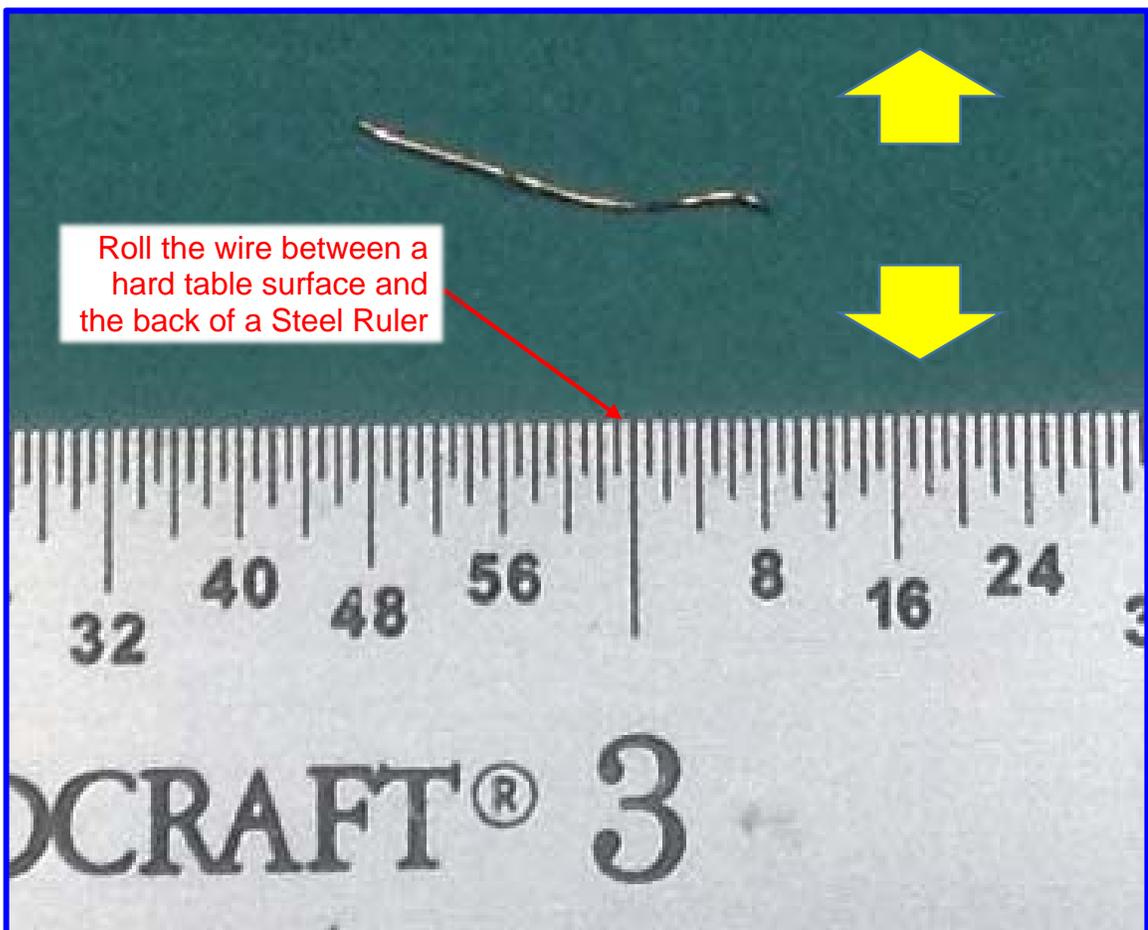
Addendum:

In the above article Mike states, “*Straighten the wire by rolling a piece between your table top and a metal ruler*”. This technique may not be new to all, but I performed this technique and found it works perfectly. See pictures below:

Before:



Wire size 0.15mm



Roll the wire between a hard table surface and the back of a Steel Ruler

After:



Straight Wire

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New technique – Finishing Towing Cables

How do you finish your towing cables?

While looking for articles to finish the towing cables on my King Tiger, I came across an article in Vallejo's "*Airbrushing and Weathering Techniques*" authored by Rob Ferreira (Scratchmod). His technique involves the use of washes, dusts and pigments. Of course he used Vallejo products, but other products would work I'm sure.

1. Rob primed the tow cables first. He then painted over the primer with a dark brown or black-brown paint.
2. He then applied one or two wash coats over the cables and allowed the wash to dry. He thinned the wash in Vallejo Airbrush Thinner. He used Vallejo Model Wash Light Rust 76.505.



Vallejo Model Wash Light Rust, 76.505



Cosmetic Sponges

3. Next he used a small cosmetic sponge dampened with water and lightly removed the excess wash from the cables. Allowing the wash to remain in the recesses.

4. Then comes the application of the rust pigment mixed with thinner using a small brush. Here he used Vallejo Pigment Old Rust 73.120.



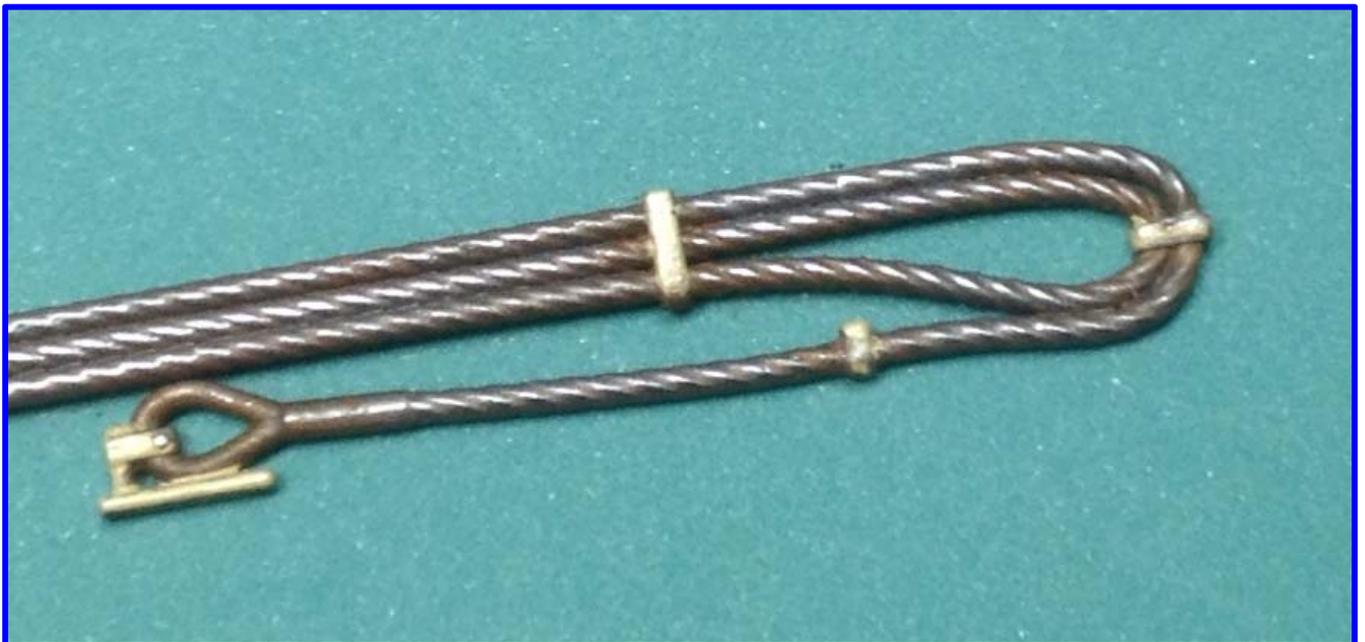
Vallejo Pigment Old Rust, 73.120



Vallejo Pigment Dark Steel, 73.123

5. After this has dried he applied a coat of Dark Steel Pigments using a small brush. Then using a toothpick or the end of a paint brush he burnished the cable. Here he used Vallejo Pigment Dark Steel 73.123.

I used his technique and found the results very pleasing. See picture below:



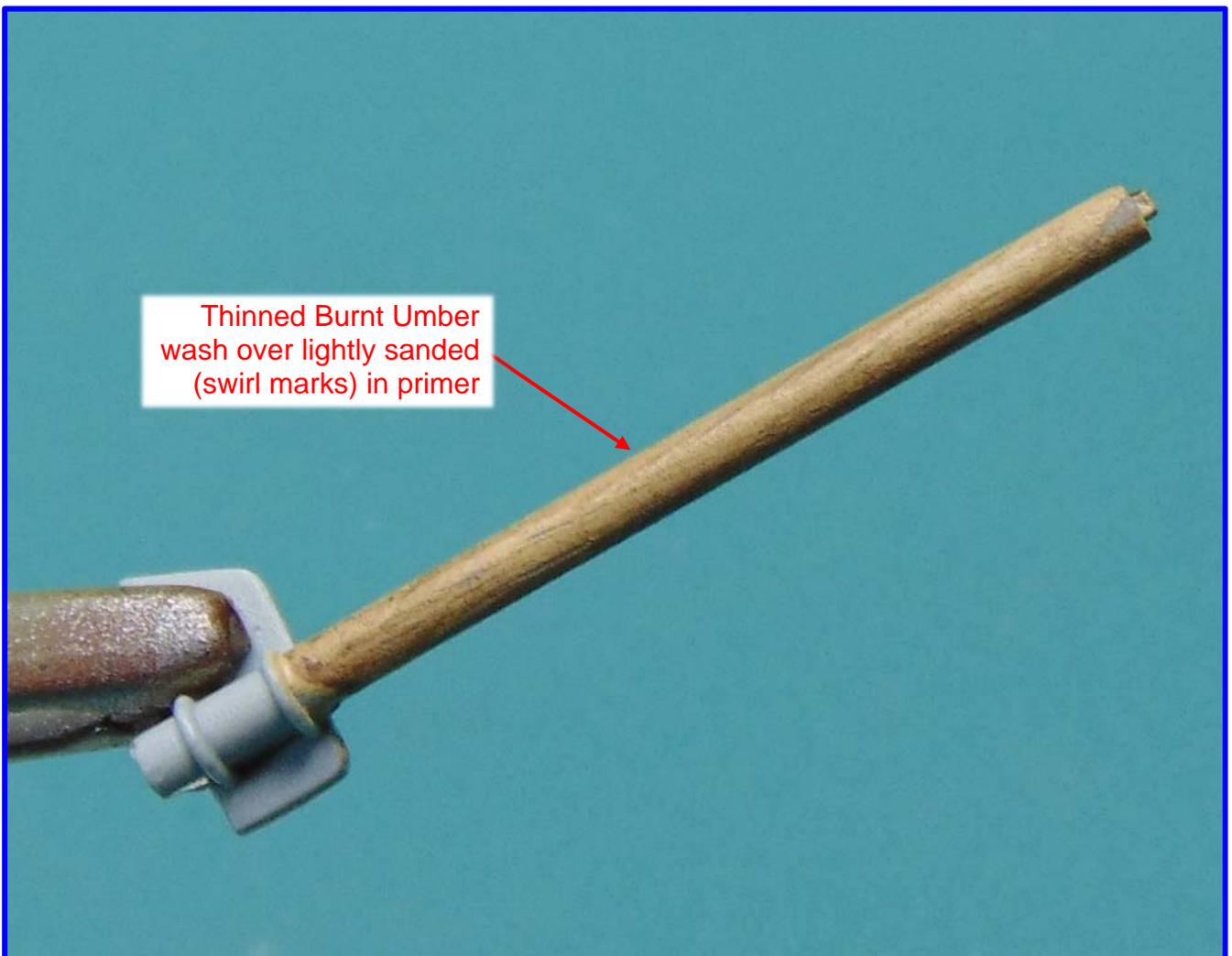
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New Technique – Wood Grains

We would like to welcome Herb Horvath as the newest member to AMPS Central South Carolina. Herb lives in Murrells Inlet, SC and will be co-driving (with yours truly) to Columbia for the monthly meetings. Herb has won several metals at regional and national shows during his modeling career as well as winning metals at the AMPS International Show 2016 in Sumter, SC and the IPMS Nationals in Columbia.

Herb, like the other members of our club, has a wealth of knowledge. While speaking with him the other day he mentioned how he finishes plastic to appear as wood. He first primes and paints the plastic. After he paints and allows it to dry, he takes a 400 grit sandpaper and lightly runs across the area making some swirl marks to replicate wood grain. After this he uses a dark wash to bring out the grain pattern.

I tried this technique on a spare tool and it does work. See picture below.



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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".

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

The USA Historical AFV Register

*Armored Fighting Vehicles Preserved
in the United States of America*

V4.0

March 2016

**Michel van Loon
Neil Baumgardner**

For the AFV Association



Picture by Paul Hannah

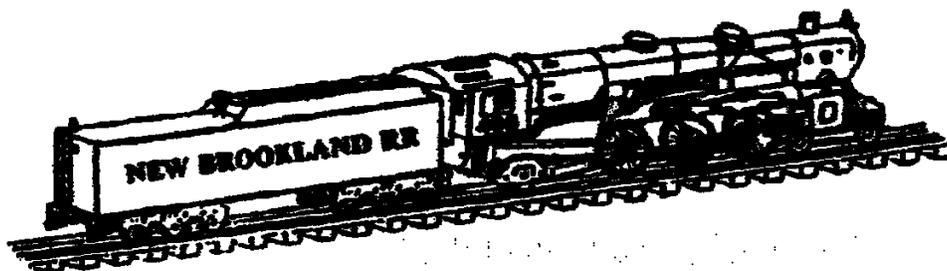
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(* Denotes New Store Hours)

*Sunday	12-5
Monday	11-7
*Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	11-7
*Thursday	11-7
*Friday	11-8
Saturday	10-8



405 State Street
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Mon – Sat, 10am to 6pm



5633 Broad Street
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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 August 30, 2017.

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

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.**

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 Hobby Fan (HF001) 1/35 resin M110A2 SPH update set for the Italeri M110/M1102, and M107 kits. 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?

**NACM Heritage Foundation
"Memorial Paver Program"
Chapter Donation Challenge**

As an acknowledgement of our appreciation for the work being done by the National Armor & Cavalry Museum (NACM), and in an effort to support them, our AMPS chapter voted in November, 2016, to make a donation to the museum's Heritage Foundation's "Memorial Paver Program." This is a fund raising effort intended to help raise the money needed to build a permanent home for the NACM. Our club members decided to donate \$250 out of our treasury. In addition to this donation, ten members decided to make extra individual donations of \$25 each, for a grand total of \$500 from the AMPS Central SC "Wildcats".

The NACM will one day be the place that armor fans and military history buffs have always wanted to see in the United States. However, the museum's staff and volunteers are not waiting for a "pie-in-the-sky-some-day", but are working hard today to preserve, conserve, memorialize and educate. AMPS Central SC "Wildcats" are proud to be able to contribute to that mission.

We challenge all other AMPS Chapters to step up and donate to this excellent cause.

The "Wildcats" who went the extra mile to make individual donations are (l to r): Jeffrey Nelson, Phil Cavender, Mike Roof, David Varettoni, Michael Child, Ralph Nardone, and Tom Wingate. Not pictured are Clint Mcleod, Carl Wethington, and Bryan Mueller.