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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 Of course, what's published in this newsletter is probably out of date, known by everyone already, or completely off-topic.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.

Additionally, we have returned the "Classified Ad" section to 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.

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Regular Meeting Minutes, 8 March, 2017

Our last meeting was held on Wednesday, March 8, 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 including Noah Brandes and Morgan Cicimurri. The modelers brought 15 models for Show & Tell, plus Dave Neumann sent in pictures of his latest build. For the Raffle, we had a Takom 1/35 scale "Bundeswehr T3 Transit Truck, Double Cab", won by Rebecca Hettmansperger. Will Rebecca continue the latest trend and win the April Club Meeting Raffle??

1. Sd.Kfz. 251/22 Ausf. D (DML), 1/35 – Tom Wingate
2. M5 High Speed Tractor (Commander Models Resin kit), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
3. M8 75mm Howitzer Motor Carriage (Tamiya + LOTS of scratch built parts), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
4. Mk. V w/ Crib (Trench Crossing Device) (Takom + Model Cellar Prod.), 1/35 – John Currie
5. IDF M3 Halftrack (DML + Verlinden Stowage, PE added), 1/35 – Phil Cavender
6. M4A3E8 Sherman “FURY” (Asuka, Tamiya US Tank Crew Set), 1/35 – Michael Child
7. T-34/76 Pressed Turret (DML + Tamiya Turret, Master Club Tracks), 1/35 – Dave Varettoni [T-34 Group Build]
8. British Dingo Mk.II Scout Car (Tamiya + ValueGear Stowage), 1/48 – Bob Kerfonta
9. R-1, Praga AH-IV-R, WWII Tanket (CMK), 1/72 - Bob Kerfonta
10. King Tiger Panzer Kampfwagen PzKw VI TigerII "Königs Tiger" (Sd.Kfz182) (finishing uncle's 1970s build; Tamiya), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
11. US M48A3 Patton Tank (Tamiya), 1/35 – Morgan Cicimurri
12. T-34/85 (Tamiya hull + unknown Resin Turret & Wheels, scratch made Handles), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
13. Schwerer Panzerspawagen 8 Rad Sd.Kfz. 232 (Tamiya), 1/35 – Matthew Goodman
14. OT-34 Flamethrower Tank (DML + resin Cast Hull Front Plate, ICM Tracks), 1/35 –Noah Brandes [**Father/Son T-34 Group Build**]
15. M4A4 Sherman Crab Mk. I (DML + Resicast),1/35 – Ben Brandes
16. Sidecars for Space Wolves Motorcycles (Warhammer 40k scratch-built), 1/48 – Dave Neumann

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

Business items:

1) Treasurer's report: Current bank balance is approximately \$4,072.04. Cash on-hand is approximately \$230. Pending deposits approximately \$490. Pending expense for March \$1,000 venue rental.

Note: We still had two outstanding NACM reimbursements. Please see Ralph 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 the treasurer, Ralph Nardone, if you need to pay your dues.

2) Updates for our June, 2017 show:

Venue – No change in February. Mike will meet with the venue manager this month and pay our rental, \$1K, and request our event insurance certificate from the AMPS Treasurer, Tom Faith.

Vendors – Tim has sold or has reservations for 13 tables. This should bring \$390 if all the vendors show.

Raffle Donations – Phil continues to send / re-send solicitation letters. We have had a number (about 20 at this time) of letters returned as undeliverable. We have received six major donations, but not nearly enough items so far for a good raffle. The club needs to at least begin considering outright purchasing of raffle items. We don't need to pull the trigger on this

immediately, but if the raffle situation has not improved in a major way by the end of April, this may be our only option to putting on a really nice raffle.

Awards Sponsorships – We have received a total of \$250 so far for category / award sponsorships. If you know of someone who might be interested in having his or her business promoted on our website, please hit ask them to sponsor a skill level, a category or a special award.

3) Club members need to step up with individual raffle donations and selling award sponsorships. If you can afford it, please donate at least one kit or modeling related item to the raffle. Kits in “as new” condition are the most desirable.

4) We have still not received either a positive or negative response to our invitation from the Military Timelines Impressions group.

5) New Business:

a. John Curry will present a talk on WWI armor at the 8 April “Museum Day” event at the SC State Museum in Columbia.

b. Tom Wingate and John Curry proposed that our club sponsor an “unaffiliated, all plastic scale model genre” contest expansion to our 2017 show in June. After discussion, a unanimous vote was taken to expand our show in the following manner:

i. We will “co-host” an expansion to our show that will be open to all other plastic scale model subjects. All AMPS qualifying entries must be entered on the AMPS side of the show.

ii. Tom Wingate and John Curry will be the co-chairs of this show expansion. They will solicit sponsorships, run registration, organize the judging, and conduct the awards ceremony. They will also develop the rules for entry, judging and awards.

iii. The AMPS chapter will pay for the awards and all other associated expenses. All of the gross income from the show expansion will come to the AMPS chapter.

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, 12 April, 2017

Our next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 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: Current bank balance is approximately \$3,565.75. Cash on-hand is approximately \$230. Major expense for March was \$1,000 venue rental, paid on 27 March.

Note: We still have one outstanding NACM reimbursement. **Please see Ralph if you’re the last member who has not met your \$25 pledge. Your souvenir paver stone is waiting for you.**

Reminder: Club dues of \$12 per member for 2017 are now due. Please see the treasurer, Ralph Nardone, if you need to pay your dues.

2) Updates for our June, 2017 show:

Venue – Mike met with the venue manager and paid the rent (\$1K). Rental agreement completed. The insurance certificate for the event has been requested from Tom Faith, AMPS Treasurer. We are OK to have a food truck at the show. Tim has volunteered to contact “Taste of Europe” to see if they will attend.

Vendors – Tim has sold or has reservations for 15 tables. This should bring \$450 if all the vendors show.

Raffle Donations – We currently have 87 raffle prizes on-hand (minus any diecast kits to juniors):

- a. 40 kits
- b. 19 books
- c. 28 miscellaneous prizes (gift certs, mag subscriptions, paint sets, etc.)

Awards Sponsorships – To date we have received \$1,015 in award sponsorships (some still pending). The awards have been ordered from TS Productions (29 total acrylic awards, Flight Deck show included).

3) Over the last month, the biggest raffle donor to step up has been Keith Frape with 20 kits and a book. Club members who can manage it are asked to step up and make a donation. Please note that now that the entire show is an “all genres, all subjects” event, other-than armor model raffle prizes are very welcome (planes, cars, ships, sci-fi, etc.)

4) “The Flight Deck Open Plastic Scale Model Show” update (i.e. the AMPS show expansion):

- a. Show flyers and posters have been created and distributed to local hobby shops. Copies are on our website. Expansion show announcements have been set out to all of the local AMPS chapters in the south region. Tim Darrah has selectively informed some IPMS chapters in R-12 and surrounding areas. Tim is also contacting / re-contacting selected vendors.
- b. The Flight Deck Restaurant stepped up to sponsor the expansion show (\$250 pledged), so the expansion show was named after the restaurant.
- c. Awards have been designed and ordered. There will be 15 each, “Top 15” awards and one “Judges’ Best of show” Award. Overall size and material (clear acrylic) will be similar to the AMPS special awards.
- d. Club members are reminded that this show expansion has nothing to do with IPMS or any other modeling organization. The show is being sponsored by the Flight Deck Restaurant, and the show committee is organized as an unaffiliated group of modelers. Our local AMPS chapter is providing the venue and support.

5) Floor will be open for new business.

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

AMPS 2017 International Convention, Crown Plaza Hotel, 18 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, CT 06810, Phone: (203) 794-0600, April 20 to 22, 2017. See the AMPS Homepage for info at: <http://www.amps-armor.org/ampssite/default.aspx>



The graphic features a background image of a tank firing a shell in a field. Overlaid on this is the text "AMPS 2017 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION" in large green letters. Below this, in yellow, is "April 20 to 22, 2017", "Crown Plaza Hotel", and "Danbury, CT". There are two circular logos: one on the left with "AMPS 2017" at the top and "WATCH THE BIRDIE" at the bottom, and one on the right with "ARMOR MODELING & PRESERVATION SOCIETY" around the perimeter and "AMPS" in the center.

The 2017 IPMS Region 12 Regional Model Convention & Contest hosted by the Gaston County Model Builders. Theme: "1967 Vietnam, Summer of Love & Pony Cars". Saturday April 29, 2017 from 9AM to 5PM at the Gaston County Citizen Resource Center, 1303 Dallas Cherryville Hwy, Dallas NC 28034. More information and show flyer can be seen at this web address: <https://www.facebook.com/Gaston-County-Model-Builders-720440641408226/timeline/>

**The 2017 IPMS Region 12 Regional
Model Convention & Contest**



Gaston County Model Builders
present

1967:

Vietnam, Summer of Love & Pony Cars

Bonus Theme:

"A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away..."
(40 years of Star Wars)

**Saturday, April 29, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Gaston County Citizen Resource Center
1303 Dallas Cherryville Hwy
Dallas, NC 28034**

73 Contest Categories - 13 Special Awards - Vendors and Raffle
Vendor setup on Friday, 28 April 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
and Saturday, 29 April 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Contest Registration: \$10 first three models, \$1 for each additional entry
General Admission: \$2 - Juniors 16 and under free

Directions: Interstate I-85 to exit 17 (Gastonia, NC), take Hwy 321 North to Dallas-Cherryville Hwy, Rte 279 (under overpass to off ramp), go west on Dallas-Cherryville for about one half mile, building located on left

For more information visit Gaston County Model Builders on Facebook or contact Roger Woods (sky4raider@gmail.com or 704-824-2654)
On line contest rules, categories and registration forms are at <https://sites.google.com/gastoncountymodelbuilders/>



Sponsored by 4H Clubs of Gaston County

Separate awards for Best Vietnam War subject, Best Summer of Love subject* & Best 1964-1967 Pony Car**, plus Best Star Wars subject. *Summer of Love subject - any peace loving machine, figure or diorama from the era; examples are transport plane, hospital ship, VW microbus, hippie, etc.; **1964-1967 Pony Cars include Ford Mustang, Chevrolet Camaro, Chevrolet Corvair, Pontiac Firebird, Plymouth Barracuda, Rambler Marlin and AMC Javelin

SC Guard Air Ground Expo: May 6-7, 2017, McEntire Joint National Guard Base. Open to the public. SCGuard.com/expo



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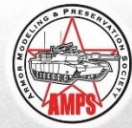
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AMPS Central SC “Wildcats” Model Show and Exhibition: June 10, 2017, South Carolina (SC) NG Armory & SC Military Museum, 1225 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC 29201. The theme for this show is 50 Years Later: 1967 Arab-Israeli “Six-Day War”.
<http://www.ampscentralsouthcarolina.org/>



AMPS CENTRAL SC "WILDCATS"



50 Years Later:

1967 Arab-Israeli "Six-Day War"



MODEL SHOW & EXHIBITION

9am – 6pm Saturday
June 10, 2017

SC NG Armory & SC Military Museum
1225 Bluff Road
Columbia, SC 29201
I-77, Exit #5
www.ampscentralsouthcarolina.org



Theme Award Eligibility: AMPS qualifying model subjects from any of the four main combatants – United Arab Republics (UAR aka Egypt), Syria, Jordan or Israel as employed in the theater of operations bounded by those same four countries including their national land areas during the period of 5-10 June, 1967. Subjects must be depicted in the appropriate markings and / or color schemes and with the appropriate time-period technical features to be eligible. Model subjects from other nationalities that were actually present within the above defined area are only eligible if they appropriately depict vehicles or equipment as they would have actually appeared when supplied to one of the four main combatants during the war. Model subjects from other nationalities that were not actually present within this area are not eligible for the theme award even if they are otherwise historically or technically correct for the time period. Any questions about eligibility will be decided by the Chief Judge whose decision will be final.

AMPS Central SC "Wildcats"

Model Show and Exhibition, June 9-10, 2017
SC National Guard Armory and SC Military Museum
1125 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC 29201

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Adjudication of Eligibility: The Chief Judge will have the final say on the eligibility of any model entered in the show, to include eligibility for the Show Theme Award. It is the modeler's responsibility to provide any proof of eligibility (photos, textual descriptions, etc.) if requested by the Chief Judge or his designated representatives. **However, the Chief Judge's rulings will be final in all cases.**

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<http://www.ampscentralsouthcarolina.org/>

FLIGHT DECK
RESTAURANT

9 am – 5 pm
Saturday
June 10, 2017

OPEN
PLASTIC SCALE
MODEL CONTEST

SC NG Armory & SC Military Museum
1225 Bluff Road (I-77, Exit #5)
Columbia, SC 29201

- Free General Admission
- Open to all model Subjects / Genres EXCEPT Armor, Military Vehicles & Military Figures
- The Contest will have a "Free Category" organization
- "Top 15" Model Awards (all equal)
- A single Judges' Best Of Show Award

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2017 New Releases

- **Universal Carrier Mk.II, Full Interior)**
– Riich Models, 1/35th scale, kit #RV 35027



- **Pz.kpfw.VI Ausf. C/B (VK36.01), 2 in 1 w/ Interior** – Revosys Models, 1/35th scale, kit #RS-3001



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
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 ARRV (Tamiya + Accurate Armour 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

Interesting Articles – BlitzScale Magazine

Check this site out. It has five free downloadable issues of BlitzScale Magazine.

Let me introduce you to the new military modelling magazine; BlitzScale. A project born between modelers who like to explore and look forward new styles in this hobby. While most of the available modelling magazines tend to show great models made by very well-known modelers, this new magazine is a bit different; BlitzScale focuses in helping modelers with all kind of tips, gifts, etc. Every issue will be conceived this way, not only a showroom but a magazine you will read and use at your work space.

The main articles in BlitzScale will show and explain step by step, all kind of building, painting, photographing, etc. techniques and tips so you will see something really useful in every issue.

BlitzScale will also include at least two gifts that you can print and use with your models; decorated bases, historic scaled posters and signs, dioramas accessories, moulds, etc. each one of them priced 3 euros so you get really valuable resources for your models.

BLITZSCALES
MODELLING

March 2017

Spielwarenmesse 2017
The news for this year

BMPT-72
Terminator 2

Ford T ambulance
Secure rescue in the great War

M40 GMC
AFV or Tamiya?

Two new gifts inside

RAM 2
The Canadian "Sherman"

T90MS
From the shows to the workbench

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Tips, Tricks & Techniques

All paints are washable

Thinners are as important as paints, they can not only dilute them but also be used as faders for the paint layer, this way you can use any standard paint to represent a washed away or spoiled camouflage.



This Italian 1/35 wargaming panzer III has been painted with a white camouflage that has been washed away with thinner.



Then I protected the paint with a layer of enamel varnish. This step is very important if you don't want to spoil the work in the next one.



First I painted the kit using a special paints set for German panzer grey military vehicles.



And after some hours I airbrushed a white acrylic paint for the camo that I later spoiled and faded using alcohol mixed with water, obviously the same brand thinner will do the same effect.



Having used the dark panzer grey primer as a base I airbrushed a medium grey filter then to create some highlights.



The finished model with some weathering. This is a very fast and simple painting suitable for wargaming.

T-90MS



The T-90MS Tagil is the latest version of the T-90 that includes the newest armament and protection and power updates. The T-90MS was first presented in 2011 proposed for the Russian army as well as for exportation, the Russian army finally decided for the T-14 but the T-90MS has caught the attention of other possible customers like India who has ordered 484 tanks.

The T-90MS has been upgraded with a new composite armor, Relikt explosive armor, Shtora 1 countermeasures system, a remote controlled station armed with a 7.62mm gun, another coaxial 7.62 gun and a new 125mm gun capable of firing APFSDS, HE and 9k119 Refleks anti-tank guided missiles, all deployed in the carousel auto loader maintaining the crew of 3. The new 4x4 fire control system allows the commander engaging new targets while the gun is aimed to the previous one automatically.

Although the weight of the T-90MS has been increased by more than 1500kg it is still underweighted if compared with the Leopard 2A6 or the M1A2 Abrams.

The new Tiger-model kit has been released at the same time with the BMP7 Terminator 2 and shares with that model many parts as both vehicles share, in fact, the same chassis and hull.

The kit box contains a lot of sand colour, a plastic parts as well as turned aluminium ones, photoetched, and transparent for the glasses and periscopes. Building the kit is very easy as the parts involved are very well engineered and problem free. The instructions are easy to follow but lack of painting indications of the details during construction so a lot of investigation is required to fulfil the painting.

Tiger-model provides a little decal sheet with just a couple of stars and flags for 2 exhibition examples which I didn't consider interesting so I altered the markings a little to depict an imaginary vehicle in the Russian army service.

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BlitzScale is currently released as a digital magazine and it will have a printed version in the future.

The magazine is available at <https://www.blitzscales.com/other-publications> and at <https://www.blitzscales.com/previous-blitzscales>

The newest BlitzScale #5 Issue, March 2017 direct download:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/98846821/Blitzscales/Blitzscales%20%20March%202017.pdf>



RAM II

1/35 Scale

The RAM was the first Canadian built tank based on the US M3 medium tank it shared many components with the Sherman. In 1940 it seemed that the United Kingdom would not be capable of producing tanks enough for the war and the US capacities were focused in providing their ally so Canada had to develop its own tanks if they were to help in the war.

The M3 was too tall, under armoured and its 75mm gun had little traverse movement so the Canadian Interdepartmental Tank Committee decided to improve the design maintaining the M3 chassis but providing a cast hull and a turret capable of mounting a 8-pounder or 75mm gun. Due to the shortage of 8-pounder guns, the first batch was armed with a 2-pounder gun, the second model received the 8-pounder. The RAM I and early RAM II had the characteristic side doors on the hull and front machine gun cupola, these elements were deleted in the second batch of the RAM II. When the production ceased in favour of the M3A1 Sherman in July 1943, nearly 2000 RAM had been produced. The RAM tanks were not used in combat but to train crews in the UK until mid 1944. Some specialized vehicles based in its chassis and hull did participate like the Kangaroos and Sexton.

The kit????

I bought this kit, half made and painted in a buy-sell modelling forum and the former owner didn't remember the brand. All I can say is that's a resin kit, few pieces and built over the ancient Tamika's M3 Lee parts. As the kit had a thick paint layer on when I got it I had to clean it all. The first thing to do was preparing a caustic soda bath and leaving the model submerged for a whole day. After removing any paint left with a soft brush I dismantled the model throwing away the ancient Tamika parts, instead I used a more decent base, the Tasca Sherman II (M4A1) (picture 1). Unfortunately the resin parts were not designed to fit the Tasca kit so I had to adjust a bit the fitting of the hull, but after some putty and sanding here and there I had the model built again, this time with the best Sherman parts available. (2)





Flight Deck Open Plastic Scale Model Contest

After we announced our AMPS show, some of our local modeling friends asked if they could play, too. Well, hey, it's all about the modeling, right? So, of course, we said, "Sure!" We've got lots of room and the venue is already paid for, so why not? The more the merrier!

We've now expanded the format for our June AMPS show to include room for ALL modeling genres - aircraft, civil automotive, nautical, sci-fi, non-military figures, EVERYTHING! We've also put the word out to our vendors, and non-armor donations are starting to come in for the raffle, so this will be a show for EVERYONE!

The Flight Deck Plastic Scale Model Contest will feature a "free category" organization (i.e. no structured categories) and awards will be made for the "top 15" entries, regardless of subject or scale. The Awards will also include the selection of a Judges' Best of Show

winner from the top 15 winners. To encourage participation, registration fees are quite modest and have been rectified with the AMPS registration fees. This means that modelers who enter exhibits on both sides of the show will not be penalized when it comes to entry fees.

However, please note that all AMPS qualifying entries must be entered on the AMPS side of the show.

By the way, if you're curious about the King Kong thing...

Our "unaffiliated" modeling friends and co-hosts asked one of the local restaurants, the Flight Deck, located in Lexington, SC, if they wanted to sponsor the "all genres" part of the show. The Flight Deck folks graciously agreed to do this, and they were so generous with their support, our modeling friends decided to name their part of the show after the restaurant.

Oh yea, the King Kong thing... The Flight Deck restaurant has an enormous fiberglass King Kong statue inside, complete with a crushed airplane in one big hairy hand, along with manacles and chains. So, Kong plays a large part in the restaurant's vintage aviation and automotive motif.



(Go KONG! Crushed airplanes are my favorite kind, too!!)

Anyways, check out their website, and if you're ever in the area, the food and service are also great!

The Flight Deck (<http://www.flightdeckrestaurant.net/>)

Hope to see you in June. There will be room at the show for every kind of plastic scale model, so you closet aircraft, ship, and car modelers... bring it on!

Happy modeling!

Mike Roof
AMPS #1632
Chapter Contact

Interesting Articles – Modeling Assistance Request

"I was wondering if anyone might be interested in helping me build up a permanent (as in once finished, the models are donated) display for the 55th Fighter Squadron's 100-Year Anniversary / Reunion to be held at Shaw 23-25 August 2017? They would be 1/72nd scale and cleanly built.

The list includes the following aircraft:

- P-12B
- DH-4
- P-26A Peashooter *
- P-36A Hawk *
- P-40B Warhawk *
- P-39 Airacobra
- P-38J Lightning
- P-51B or D Mustang
- F-84F Thunderjet
- F-100D Super Sabre
- F-111E Aardvark
- A-10A Warthog
- F-16C Viper

** I'm going to start with the P-26, P-36 & P-40.*

Please let me know if you'd be willing to help. I do have some reference material on hand and have asked my contact in the 55th to supply me with more.

Also, please note that we are not getting reimbursed for the cost of the kit, supplies or labor.

Thanks."

Tim Darrah
AMPS #2545
IPMS/USA #8821

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
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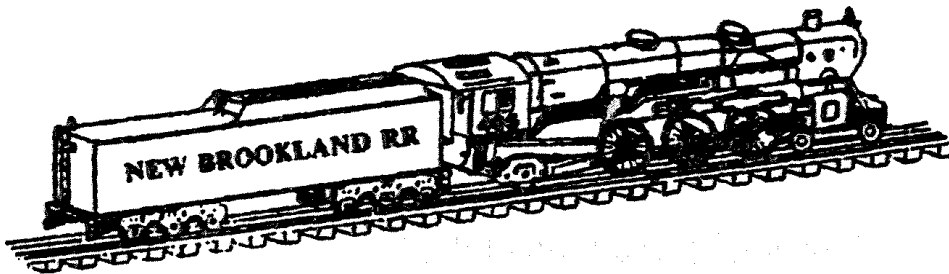
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Classified Ads

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.
- 2) 1:35 Tamiya German 4x2 3 ton cargo truck (Opel Blitz). Extra German fuel/oil drums and Jerry cans included. ~ \$25
- 3) 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 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!**

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Happy modeling,

Phil Cavender

Editor, “The Wildcat”, AMPS Central SC “Wildcats”



NACM "Memorial Paver Program" Chapter Donation Challenge

Who is up to the CHALLENGE?