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Welcome to the latest edition to the AMPS Central SC "Wildcat" newsletter! This month's newsletter is a short one, but hopefully we'll get a little breathing room after our up-coming contest and we can get back to model-building "meat and potatoes" soon.

First, I'd like to welcome our newest member, Kyle Drennon! Kyle learned about us from our display and recruiting table at the IPMS R-12 Convention. So, we also need to say "good job" to Dave Varettonni and the others who were manning our table and were the public face for our club at the show! These club displays are important to us, and the public exposure and new members that they bring are essential to keeping our club alive and making us a part of our larger community.

Well, our July contest is coming up fast! After our success last year and the continued exposure and promotion, I'm pretty confident that we'll have a very good turn-out this year. However, that success is a double-edged sword: Success brings with it greater participation and that brings with it a greater need for the maximum effort on the part of everyone in the club. So, remember that we'll need everyone to help set-up, run the show and judge, and help tear down. Please keep that in mind and try to arrange your calendars and schedules accordingly. With everyone's help, this year's show promises to be even better than last years!

Finally, note in the "Up-Coming Events" section below that the dates for the 2013 AMPS International Convention and Show have been set. Next year's international show will be held right next door in Atlanta, GA, and you don't want to miss this one! For three days, it will literally be the world's largest armor-modeling show and hobby shop all in one place. I know I can hardly wait!

### **Last Meeting Minutes:**

At our last regular meeting held on 09 May, we had 11 members in attendance. We had six builds and WIPs brought in for Show & Tell. We had one new member, Kyle Drennon, join our merry little band. Welcome aboard, Kyle!

Business conducted: Treasurer's report from Scott Amey– Thus far, our fund-raising efforts have exceeded our goals!; We had our first official look at our new contest medals; We received reports on our displays at both the IPMS R-12 Convention and at Shawfest; Tim Darrah gave us a report on the status of our raffle donations for our up-coming show; We discussed setting up a display and recruiting table at the SE Toy Soldier Show at the State Museum – A decision was tabled until get closer to the event in August; We discussed and approved the purchase of the plaques and special awards for our up-coming show. Mike Roof presented part two (of three parts) demonstration on figure painting.

### **Next Meeting Agenda:**

Our next meeting will be at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 13 June, 2012.

6:00 pm (1800): Meeting starts / Admin Business – This month's business: (1) Report from Treasurer, Scott Amey, to include new sponsors. (2) Status report on plaques and special awards for our July show. (3) Status report from Vendor / Raffle Coordinator for our July Show (Tim Darrah may be absent due to work). (5) Discuss and vote on renting a U-Haul type truck to pick-up tables for this year's show. (6) Discuss and vote on contributing to the Military Modeling Care Package with Sumter IPMS (Need a member from Sumter to take the lead on this).

6:20 pm (1810): Demo: Figure Painting (Part 3)

6:50 pm (1850): Break / Shopping / Mixer

7:10 pm (1910): Reconvene: Show & Tell - Builds and WIP's

8:00 pm (2000): Meeting ends (officially – but we'll carry-on as long as the store will stay open)

*Regular meetings are held on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 of Interest:**

**May 09, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Jun 13, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Jul 11, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Jul 14, 2012:** AMPS Central SC Regional Contest, Gym, Ball Park Rec. Facility, Ball Park Road, Lexington, SC.

**Aug 8-11, 2012:** IPMS / USA National Convention, Disney Land, Lake Buena Vista (Orlando), FL.

**Aug 11, 2012:** South Eastern Model Soldier Show, SC Military Miniatures Club, SC State Museum.

**Note:** Tentatively, we will put on a model display and recruiting table.

**Aug 15, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Note:** Regular date conflicts with IPMS / USA Nat'l Convention and has been moved.

**Sep 12, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Sep 15, 2012, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm:** Piedmont Scale Modelers 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Fall Modelfest," Byrnes High School, 150 East Main St., Duncan, SC.

**Oct 10, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Nov 10, 2012:** IPMS Lafayette Scale Modelers / AMPS All-American scale model contest, Honeycutt-Kiwanis Rec. Center, 352 Devers St., Fayetteville, NC **Note:** Armor judging tentatively planned IAW AMPS rule and system.

**Nov 14, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road.

**Dec 12, 2012, 6:00 pm (1800):** Our next meeting at the HobbyTown USA store on Two Notch Road. Christmas Party !

**Feb, 2013 (exact dates still TBA):** Atlanta AMPS Regional Show, Atlanta Marriott Century Center Hotel, Atlanta, GA.

**Apr 18-20, 2013:** AMPS International Show and Convention, Atlanta GA. Venue is the Atlanta Marriott Century Center Hotel (same venue as the Atlanta AMPS Regional Show).

### **“The Day Room”**

One of the late items added to this month's meeting agenda is the opportunity for us to help and contribute to a "modeler's care package" to be sent in support of our troops overseas. This opportunity has come to us by way of Tim Darrah, who's also enlisting the Sumter IPMS chapter, and it's all in response to one of their members who's asked for the help while he, himself, is forward deployed.

Having personally walked a mile or two in their shoes, I can say that such efforts go a long ways to helping those men and women who are forward deployed take their minds off the stresses and boredom associated with those long separations from home. These efforts not only provide the means and resources for our troops to get involved in an engaging and constructive activity, but they're also a show of support that demonstrates to our troops that their sacrifice is not only acknowledged, but that others are actually willing to do something besides just talk to show their appreciation.

Everyone says that they support our troops overseas, but how many actually do anything to show that support, and of those, how fewer still put any real effort into it? This is an opportunity for us to do more than just talk about how much we support the troops.

We'll hash out the details on how we can best contribute to this excellent cause at our next meeting, but until then, give it all some thought.

See ya at the next meeting!

*Mike Roof*

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