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Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter. After six months absence, this issue is a little shorter that it had been. The last Editor had to bow out from his duties since he had moved to Myrtle Beach and then had surgery for a new hip. Seems reasonable, doesn't it? A **BIG** “Thank You!” to Phil Cavender for all of his hard work during his stint as the Editor. Anyway, we'll try to get back to publishing this thing on a more regular basis.

The meeting start time will is now firmly back to starting at 6 pm with an official end time of 8 pm. If you show up early, and there's no one in the meeting room, feel free to “occupy by force” (a dismantled patrolling term for one of the techniques used to occupy and secure a patrol base).

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



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Regular Meeting Minutes, 14 February, 2019

Our second to last meeting was held 6:00-8:00 pm, Thursday, 14 February, 2019 at the Richland Library Sandhills (Village of Sandhills Shopping Center), 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia, SC 29223.

We had 13 members in attendance, who all brought 13 models for Show & Tell, plus Daniel Buchmeier, Daniel Carnes, and Dave Cicimurri all e-mailed pictures in before the meeting of their latest builds. For the Raffle, we had Hobby Boss's 1/35 scale “Soviet T-26 Light Infantry Tank

Mod. 1936/1937, kit #83810, won by George Reasor. Please see the link below for photos of the models that were brought in for Show & Tell, the meeting, and raffle prize.

- 1) Pz.Kpfw. III Ausf. M (Tamiya + scratch-made skurtzen brackets), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
- 2) Panther Ausf. A, w/ Zimmerit & Full Interior (Takom + Fruil metal tracks), 1/35 – Tom Wingate
- 3) Type 69 Iranian (Tasca + RB Model metal Barrel), 1/35 – Dave Varettoni
- 4) BEF Matilda Mk. II (Tamiya + Tiger Models conversion, Archer Transfers, DML Figures), 1/35 – Tim Darrah
- 5) Up-Armored M4A3E8 Sherman (Tamiya + Paper Panzer Productions conversion, Firestorm Models & Tamiya Figures, added Side Armor w/ plastic card), 1/35 – Tim Darrah
- 6) Jeep Willys MB, ¼ ton 4X4 Truck (Tamiya), 1/35 – Trevor Edwards
- 7) AMX-13/90 (Takom), 1/35 – Ben Brandes
- 8) StuG IV Sd.Kfz.167 (Early Version) (Academy new), 1/35 – Ben Brandes
- 9) Mark IV Tadpole WWI Heavy Tank (Takom), 1/35 – Ben Brandes
- 10) German Self-Propelled 10.5cm Howitzer Sd.Kfz. 124 Wespe, Italian Front (Tamiya), 1/35 – George Reasor
- 11) Vietnam War Era Field Fueling Station (3D Printed), 1/35 & 1/72 – Mike Roof
- 12) US Army Vietnam War Era Mermite Hot & Cold Food Containers, 12' SIGINT Connex, Field Fueling Station (3D Printed), 1/72 – Mike Roof
- 13) M156 Tracks (for M1 IP Abrams MBT) (Panda-Hobby & Trumpeter), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
- 14) 761st Tank Battalion M4A3 (76) W Sherman - "Black Panthers crossing the Sigfried Line" (Asuka + Tamiya tracks, Hornet African American heads on Mini Art tank crew figure set, Mini Art MP figure, Verlinden sandbags, Aber metal barrel, some PE scattered about, DioDump Dragon's Teeth), 1/35 - Daniel Buchmeier (e-mailed before the meeting)
- 15) M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tank, with Full Interior (Rye Field Model #RM-5007 2-in-1), 1/35 – Daniel Karnes (e-mailed before the meeting)
- 16) Italian M14/41 (Italeri mid-1970s M13/40 kit, original rubber-band tracks added as up-armor to turret and hull, A-M Tracks), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri (e-mailed before the meeting)

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

Business items:

1) Treasurer's Report:

- a. Bank balance = No change from last month (\$5,732.51?).
- b. Cash on Hand (CoH) reported by the treasurer.
- c. Total Treasury with CoH reported by the treasurer.
- d. No Deposites.
- e. Pending Expenses:
 - \$1000 for NG Armory
 - \$400 for Event Security (est.)
 - \$ TBD RIPCORN Expenses

Reminder: Club Annual Dues of \$12 per member for 2019 are due starting in January. Still \$12 for adults with no dues for juniors under 18 years old. New adult member dues are pro-rated at \$1 per month for the remainder of the calendar year, first month's meeting attendance excluded. Please see the treasurer, Ralph Nardone, if you need to pay your dues.

2) Project RIPCORN:

- Project is still progressing. Currently working on terrain contours.
- We continue to hold Saturday build days starting at 11:30am almost every week. (Not this week because of the Atlanta AMPS show)
- The museum curator, Dr. Fritz Hamer, came and reviewed progress last week. He seemed pleased. He has proposed a video of the build as a promotional tool. He and a videographer may visit again next week.
- Museum Director, Allen Robison, will present a seminar in Atlanta on the collaboration of model clubs and museums. RIPCORN may feature in his pitch.

3) 2019 *Scale Model Mega-Show* items reported/discussed:

- a. Floor was turned over to Timmy for the Vendor Update.
- b. The Event Website is now up and running. Please refer anyone interested in the show to the website.
- c. Event flyers will be taken to the Atlanta AMPS Show this weekend.
- d. Floor was turned over to Ralph for the IPMS Update.
- e. Observations, Comments, and any Questions.

4) The floor was opened to Ben Brandes for his Seminary Group Interview Request.

5) The floor was opened for any new business:

- a. The members in attendance that went to Ft. Benning, GA 4-6 January 2019 discussed their tour of the NACM facilities. See the short article later in the newsletter.

6) Demonstration – Discussion: “*Scratch Building – Introduction*”, by Mike Roof. This month he covered:

- Research
- Interpreting Plans and Drawings
- Scale Math

7) After the business portion of the meeting, we held our usual **Show & Tell of new builds and works-in-progress. We drew for the monthly raffle prize winner at the end of the meeting. Ralph, our treasurer, sold raffle tickets during the meeting. See the Meeting Photos page on our website for all of the completed and works in progress brought to this month's meeting!**

8) After the meeting, a number of members went to a nearby restaurant for the “after the meeting meeting”.

Regular Meeting Minutes, 14 March, 2019

Our last meeting was held 6:00-8:00 pm, Thursday, 14 March, 2019 at the Richland Library Sandhills (Village of Sandhills Shopping Center), 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia, SC 29223.

We had 12 members in attendance, who brought 10 models for Show & Tell. For the Raffle, we had DML's 1/35 scale "*Jagdpanzer IV L/70(V)*", kit #6397, won by Bryan Moeller Please see the link below for photos of the models that were brought in for Show & Tell, the meeting, and raffle prize.

- 1) Pz.Kpfw. III Ausf. M (Tamiya + scratch-made skurtzen brackets), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
- 2) JGSDF Type 61 (Tamiya + Mr. Surfacer 1000 Cast Texture, scratch Welds, Grab Handles, etc.), 1/35 – Dave Varettoni
- 3) Iraqi Tank Crew, for Type 69 (Trumpeter), 1/35 - Dave Varettoni
- 4) Italian M14/41 (Italeri mid-1970s M13/40 kit, original rubber-band tracks added as up-armor to turret and hull, A-M Tracks), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
- 5) T-34/76 M1941/42 (Tamiya 1970s, scratch-built Tie-Downs, changed Fuel Tanks), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
- 6) Soviet JS -7 Tank (Trumpeter), 1/72 – Tony Abbott [AMPS Atlanta , Advance GOLD]
- 7) BTR-70 Romanian (Trumpeter), 1/72 – Tony Abbott [AMPS Atlanta , Advance BRONZE]
- 8) Vietnam War Era Fire Support Base Bunkers (resin casting of 3D printed parts, scratch built), 1/72 – Mike Roof
- 9) Vietnam War Era Fire Support Base Howitzer Firing Pit (resin casting of 3D printed parts, scratch built), 1/72 – Mike Roof
- 10) C-47 A9 ND TCS 49th TCG "Kilroy" (Trumpeter), 1/48 – Michael Child (Stan Wadinski is a Battle of the Bulge Veteran & Michael's Father-in-Law)

RAFFLE: DML's 1/35 scale "*Jagdpanzer IV L/70(V)*", kit #6397, won by Bryan Moeller.

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Business items:

1) Treasurer's Report:

- a. Bank balance = \$6,049.12.
- b. Cash on Hand (CoH) reported by the treasurer.
- c. Total Treasury with CoH reported by the treasurer.
- d. One Deposit this month – Dues and Vendor Table Sales = \$262.
- e. Pending Expenses:
 - \$1000 for NG Armory
 - \$400 for Event Security (est.)
 - \$ TBD RIPCORD Expenses

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\$1 per month for the remainder of the calendar year, first month's meeting attendance excluded. Please see the treasurer, Ralph Nardone, if you need to pay your dues.

2) Project RIPCORDER:

- Project is still progressing. Currently working on terrain contours.
- We continue to hold Saturday build days starting at 11:30am almost every week.
- The museum curator, Dr. Fritz Hamer, visited on Tuesday March 5th, with Ton Hagell, a videographer who will make a video about the diorama to be shown at the museum as part of the exhibit.
- Museum Director, Allen Robison, presented a seminar in Atlanta on the collaboration of model clubs and museums. Mike Roof was given a few minutes to discuss the RIPCORDER project.

3) 2019 **Scale Model Mega-Show** items reported/discussed:

- a. Vendor Update: Timmy has sold / reserved 30 of 61 tables. We will comp 2-3 tables to other clubs for displays. This means that we less than 30 tables still available.
- b. It looks like we have two confirmed food vendors. Timmy's working on others.
- c. Event flyers and mini-posters to or in:
 - Atlanta AMPS Show
 - HobbyTown, Kennesaw, GA (via Atlanta AMPS. They will also distro at the Anniston IPMS show)
 - HobbyTown, Charleston, SC (via Coastal Carolina Modeler's Association)
 - HobbyTown and Ed's Hobby Shop, Myrtle Beach, SC (via IPMS Grand Strand Modelers)
 - HobbyTown, Hobbit Hobbies and Hayes Hobby Shop, Fayetteville, NC (via AMPS All-American)
 - HobbyTown, Ashville, NC (via French Broad Modelers)
 - IPMS Marietta Show
- d. Contacted the venue manager, Mr. Dillard. He was adamant that he did not want us to pay for the venue until just before the show.
- e. Floor was turned over to Ralph for the IPMS Update.
- f. Observations, Comments, and any Questions.

4) AMPS Atlanta Show Report:

- a. Show was better patronized this year than last year. ~ 140 entries from ~48 entrants.
- b. Vendor participation was marginal to poor. Lots of "closet cleaners" with the larger vendors mostly being toy soldier related.
- c. Change in schedule with the AMPS awards conducted on Saturday evening encouraged a lot of folks to attend as a one-day show.
- d. Venue hotel is disappointing: Elevator still broke, very expensive, still no good menu in the restaurant, etc. However, the breakfast included with the event room rate was excellent.

5) Thoughts on Changing the Meeting Day and/or Time?

- a. The craft room downstairs is proving difficult to schedule. Getting it may require changing our regular meeting day and / or time.
- b. What are your thoughts and ideas about this?
- c. We don't need to make a decision right now, but this is something we need to discuss and eventually arrive at some sort of group consensus on.

d. Consider this just a first, “exploratory” discussion.

- 6) The floor was opened for any new business:
- 7) Demonstration – Discussion: “*Scratch Building – Basic Hand Tools*”, by Mike Roof. This month we can consider our scratch-building tool needs as falling into four general categories:
 - Cutting Tools.
 - Cold Forming and Shaping tools (We will discuss heat forming and shaping in a later session.)
 - Measuring, Marking and Layout tools.
 - Home-made Specialty tools, Fixtures and Jigs.

Most basic scratch-building tools are also the exact same tools you use for regular modeling. Very few are actually specialized. You’re likely to already have most on your work bench.

- 8) After the business portion of the meeting, we held our usual **Show & Tell** of new builds and works-in-progress. We drew for the monthly raffle prize winner at the end of the meeting. Ralph, our treasurer, sold raffle tickets during the meeting. See the Meeting Photos page on our website for all of the completed and works in progress brought to this month’s meeting!
- 9) After the meeting, a number of members went to a nearby restaurant for the “after the meeting meeting”.

Tentative Agenda, Regular Meeting, 9 April, 2019

Our next regular meeting will take place 6-8 pm, TUESDAY, April 9, 2018, at Richland Library Sandhills (Village of Sandhills Shopping Center), 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia, SC 29223. **This month our meeting will be in the crafts room so we can have actual media demonstration!**

Tentative Agenda Business items:

- 1) Treasurer’s Report:

Reminder: Club annual dues are due this month. Still \$12 for adults with no dues for juniors under 18 years old. New adult member dues are pro-rated at \$1 per month for the remainder of the calendar year, first month’s meeting attendance excluded.

- 2) 2019 June **Scale Model Mega-Show** Report.
- 3) Demonstration – Discussion: “*Scratch Building*”, by Mike Roof:
 - Materials
 - Basic Methods / Techniques

To be held in the craft room downstairs.

- 4) Floor will be open for New Business.

- 5) After the business portion of the meeting, we'll **Show & Tell** off new builds and works-in-progress. We'll also draw for the monthly raffle prize winner at the end of the meeting. See Ralph, our treasurer, for raffle tickets at any time during the meeting.
- 6) After the meeting, everyone is invited to join us for the “meeting after the meeting”!

Mike Roof
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 AMPS #1632
 Chapter Contact
 AMPS Central SC “Wildcats”

Up-coming Events

2019 South Carolina Scale Model MEGA-Show, co-hosted by AMPS Central South Carolina Wildcats and IPMS/Mid-Carolina Swamp Fox Modelers, will be held on June 21-22, 2019. Location: SC National Guard Armory, 1225 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC, 29201, 803-299-4200. **2019 Show Theme: “Hit the Beach”**
 See the following web links for more information: <https://scmegashow.com>.



2019 New Releases

(None reported this month)

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 change with Photo Bucket in 2017, 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 Towing 6-pdr Anti-Tank Gun 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

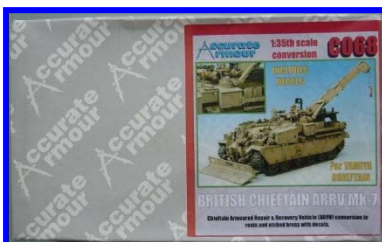
Jeff Nelson has 1 on Armorama.com:



Fine Molds Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Type 60 APC, FM40
http://www.armorama.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=Squad&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=Squad&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 Article – 2019 NACM Restoration Motor Pool Visit

On January 5, 2019 some of the "Wildcats" along with a few friends met at Ft. Benning, GA to again spend the day perusing the few hundred vehicles at the NACM Restoration Motor Pool. We were very fortunate enough to be guided by Robert Cogan. This trip was well worth making, but we were told that they would be moving to the new restoration facility soon, so this might be the last one for a while!



Pictured are: (standing) Dave & Nick Varettoni, Ben & Noah Brandes, Cory Lord (Josh's friend), Robert Cogan [NACM Curator], Dana Morris (Jeff's guest), Mike Roof, Trevor Edwards, Jeff Nelson (sitting or kneeling) Wes Caudle (Josh's friend), Josh Orenstein, and Jeff's wife Kim.

Yes, you read that right. Jeff Nelson SOMEHOW talked his wife into making the trip. WOW!

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".


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

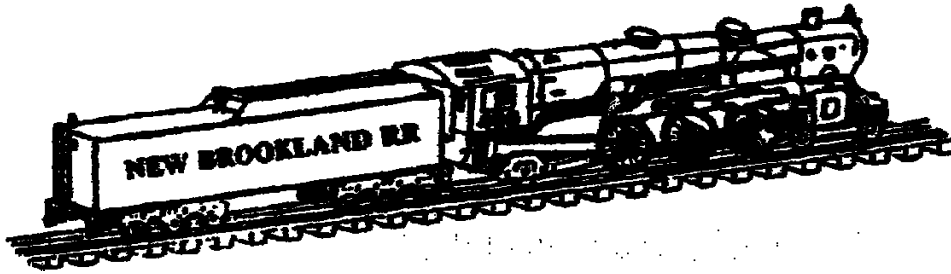


Picture by Paul Hannah

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

Support Our Local Vendors



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Classified Ads

All submissions for entry into the Classified Ads section should be submitted to Jeff Nelson **two (2) weeks prior to the monthly AMPS meeting**. Also, please let the Jeff know if your ad is no longer needed so we can remove it from the newsletter.

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...”

So, Wildcats... the SC Confederate Relic Room Fire Support Base RIPCORN diorama commission is progressing along, and it is already quite LARGE!

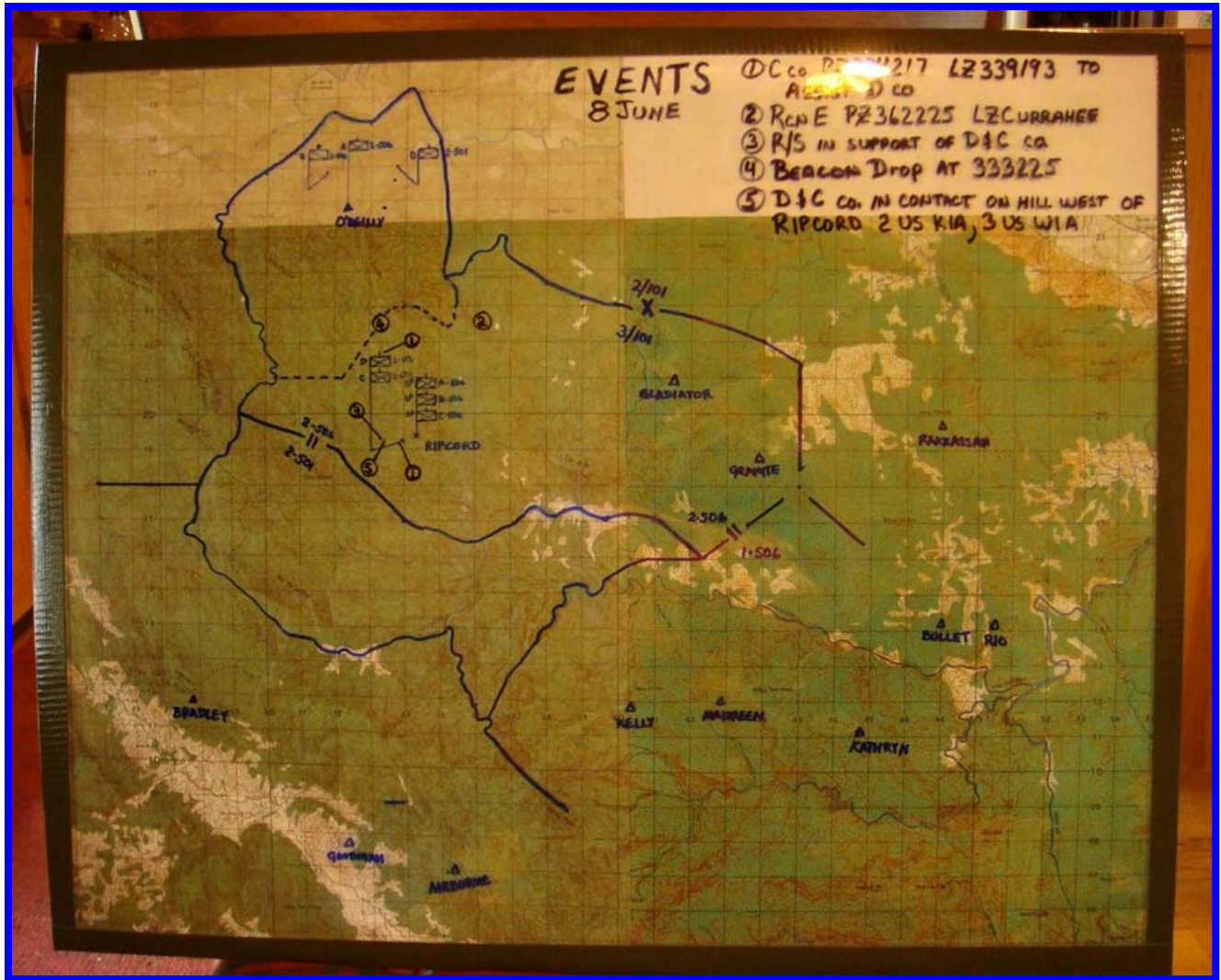


A little side project that Mike Roof and Jeff Nelson have been working on - a repro copy of LTC Lucas' (Black Spade) Operational Situation Map seen in several photos.



Black Spade (i.e. LTC Lucas) outside the entrance to the TOC on RIPCORD with his operations map. (Photo taken by Chris Jensen, an Army PAO photographer / team leader)

We've found copies of the DMA 1:50,000 topo maps which Jeff printed for us. He also scrounged up some map overlay acetate (which was quite a feat since no one uses it anymore).



This was a great exercise since it confirms all of the key terrain locations and removes any doubt about where things were located.

We'll give the reproduction map with overlay to the museum when we deliver the diorama.

Join AMPS Now! <http://amps-armor.org/>

Happy modeling,

JEFF NELSON

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