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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

JAN 27	Friday pm MEETING: VFW Post 10657 DEMO: WW2 US Camouflage by Mickey Bates
JAN 28	Saturday 9am-6pm Model Building Day VFW Post 10657
FEB 17	Friday pm MEETING: VFW Post 10657 DEMO: Track Painting by Frank Blanton
MAR 24	Friday pm MEETING: VFW Post 10657 DEMO: TBD by TBD
MAR 7-12	All days Modeler's Retreat Fort A.P. Hill
MAR 18	Saturday am/pm Fort Lee Ordnance School Tour Petersburg, VA Details are TBD

MEETING AGENDA


(segments can vary in length)

- 6:30 BUSINESS
- 7:00 DEMONSTRATION
- 8:00 PASS IN REVIEW
- 9:00 ADJOURNMENT

LOCATION

VFW Post 10657
11568 Cedar Lane
Ashland, VA 23005

PRE-MEETING DINNER

 Q Barbeque at 5:15
1070 Virginia Center Pkwy.
Glen Allen, VA 23059

AMPS-CV Meeting Date Changes

Next month, the February meeting is backed up one week, to the 17th to free up our schedule to help the setup of the IPMS Richmond Old Dominion Open, which opens the next day, the 25th. Also in December, we are moving the meeting one week later than normal to the 29th, to avoid pre-Christmas activities that obligate most of us.

Model Building Day, Saturday, January 28

We have the VFW Post building all day to dedicate to building and sharing techniques. Bring a comfy chair, task lighting and an electric extension cord if you need power. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

AMPS-CV Demo

The December meeting's presentation on "Weathering, how to take your model from the factory to the field" [can be downloaded here](#).

AMPS South

The AMPS South Region's newsletter was recently published and [can be downloaded here](#).

Insider Access to Fort Lee's Ordnance School

On Saturday, March 18 we have a private invitation to see the armored vehicle collection at Fort Lee in Petersburg, VA. This is the collection that was formerly on display at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds Ordnance Museum. It includes WW2 vehicles from both Allied and Axis countries. We will also have access to the research library, where documents and photos dating back to WW2 are stored. If you don't have a military ID you will have to submit to a security check before you arrive. It will be open all day, but exact plans are still being ironed out. More will be published here as soon as they are available.

AMPS-CV Modeler's Retreat Update

From Mike Petty: "I'll return from AZ on 31 Jan. I've provided AP Hill installation security with the clearance form for the group. They will process the information a little closer to our arrival. I'll provide the first update to the attendees the first week of Feb. In that update I'll ask the attendees for the dates of their stays so I can establish the individual costs."

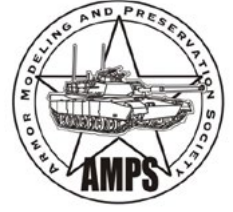
AMPS 2023 Int'l Convention Update

From Mike Petty: "We've maxed out the available rooms at the Penn Harris Hotel. As a result, we've gone to a Choice Suites at the same per night rate. We are changing our seminar formats this year with four "how tos", two round tables (status of the hobby and Masters discussion) and one general modeling. I think Frank Blanton is leading one of the How tos."





AMPS Atlanta 2023



Military Amphibious Vehicles

February 17-18, 2023

Eligibility for the show theme is defined by:

"Any Military Amphibious Vehicle used by any Country. Vehicles with amphibious capabilities, but not specifically designed for amphibious use are acceptable if shown in an amphibious scenario ."

Join us for our 15th annual AMPS Atlanta model contest and show! Our show provides a great opportunity to tune up your models in time for the AMPS Nationals. There are loads of vendor tables, not to mention great Southern hospitality and weather. All models are judged using the AMPS open system.

Not just a model show, there will be great figures on display as well as educational seminars.



Hilton Atlanta Northeast
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Blvd
Peachtree Corners,
GA 30092
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More Information:

www.ampsatlanta.org
[www.facebook.com/
groups/ampsatlanta/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ampsatlanta/)



Northern Virginia Modelers Model Classic 2023

Between the Wars

1920 to 1940

Saturday, April 15, 2023

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Fairfax High School

3501 Lion Run, Fairfax, VA 22030



Walk-in Admission

\$8.00 Single Adult

(18 and older)

\$10.00 Family

Contestants

\$10.00

Unlimited number of models

Juniors

(17 & under)

and

Active Duty Military

(with ID)

FREE !

Super Raffle

Award Sponsorships

\$30.00

Vendor Tables

\$30.00 per table

Make & Take FREE for the Kids!

(17 & under)

On Site Food Concession

Model Contest

Over 90 Categories

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Woodbridge, VA 22193
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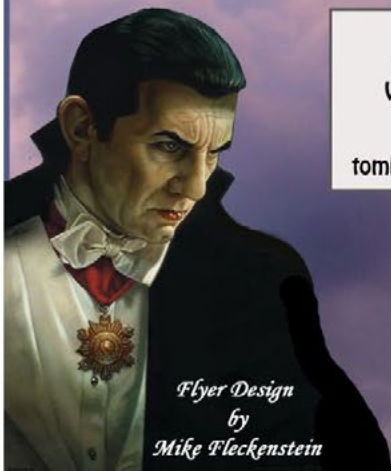
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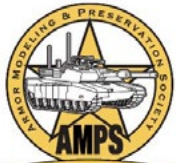
Fairfax High School

PTSA All Night Grad Committee



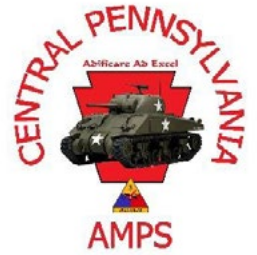
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by
Mike Fleckenstein*





30th Anniversary 1993-2023

AMPS 2023 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



The Pacific

Armor From 1940 – 2023

May 4th – 6th Penn Harris Hotel

1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA

Join Us To Celebrate Our 30th Anniversary!



2023

AMPS-CV monthly meetings occur on the 4th Friday

	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
JANUARY	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
AMPS-CV Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	AMPS-CV Build Day, VFW Post
FEBRUARY	29	30	31	01	02	03	04	
	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	
AMPS-CV Meeting	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Old Dominion Open, Richmond, VA
MARCH	26	27	28	01	02	03	04	
	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	AMPS-CV Modeler's Retreat, Fort A.P. Hill, VA
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Fort Lee Ordnance School Tour, Petersburg, VA
AMPS-CV Meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
APRIL	26	27	28	29	30	31	01	AMPS-CV Build Day, VFW Post
	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	
	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
AMPS-CV Meeting	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
MAY	30	01	02	03	04	05	06	AMPS International Convention, Camp Hill, PA
	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
AMPS-CV Meeting	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
JUNE	28	29	30	31	01	02	03	AMPS-CV Build Day, VFW Post
	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	VFW Post Maintenance Day
AMPS-CV Meeting	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
JULY	25	26	27	28	29	30	01	
	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	
	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
AMPS-CV Meeting	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	AMPS-CV Build Day, VFW Post
AUGUST	30	31	01	02	03	04	05	
	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
AMPS-CV Meeting	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
SEPTEMBER	27	28	29	30	31	01	02	
	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
AMPS-CV Meeting	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	AMPS-CV Build Day, VFW Post
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
OCTOBER	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
AMPS-CV Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
NOVEMBER	29	30	31	01	02	03	04	
	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
AMPS-CV Meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	AMPS-CV Meeting & Build Day (Friday), VFW Post
DECEMBER	26	27	28	29	30	01	02	
	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
AMPS-CV Meeting	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
JANUARY	31	01	02	03	04	05	06	



Member display models from the December meeting



Dragon Soviet T-72B
in 1:35 scale
by Craig Ashby

This kit is from Dragon's early days and it shows its age. Lots of cleanup was required on the parts and the smoke grenade launchers had to be realigned properly. The

tow cable was replaced with twisted wire but using the kit's ends. It was painted with Mission Models acrylics and a basic filter and wash were applied.



Member display models from the December meeting



Academy German Beute-Panzer
T-34 747(r)

in 1:35 scale

by Scott Holtz

The kit comes with many extra parts, including four sets of wheels and two turrets. There were a few fit issues but nothing major. Scott painted it in appropriate German colors and applied the

kit's decals after gloss clear was applied. The decals were thick, but were settled by using Tamiya's Mark Fit Strong solution.



Member display models from the December meeting



Saint-Chamond
in 1:35 scale
by Spencer Van Gils

The kit's suspension is tricky and the track's pitch doesn't quite fit the drive sprocket as it should. Painting was a challenge too, because of the many colors and shapes. Masking did not work, so Spencer resorted to roughing in the shapes with an airbrush and then hand-painting the individual camouflage colors with oil paints thinned

with enamel thinner. The period vehicles had splotchy paint that didn't hold up well anyway. The drawback to using oils is the long time it takes to dry. Spencer plans to use Posca brand acrylic paint pens for the final two colors, dark brown and black.



Member display models from the December meeting



AFV Club US M728 CEV
in 1:35 scale
by Scott Bregi

The MERDC camouflage was first painted with AK-Interactive's Real Color paints, but to get better detail it was touched up with Mission Models paint. This had an added benefit of shifting some of the color shades,

which was common on the real vehicles. Testors Acryl Olive Drab was used on the mantlet and cupola gun covers.



Member display models from the December meeting



Trumpeter Ukrainian T-72B
in 1:35 scale
by Tabb Tharrington

This depicts a Russian vehicle captured by Ukraine, so it has Ukrainian ERA blocks and areas painted over with green to hide the Russian markings. The paint simulates the chalky appearance from photos. It was done with two layers of green with chipping fluid in between to aid the removal of the lighter top color. The rubber skirts were

done similarly by using black grey and dark sea grey. Some edges were worn down the mahogany brown primer using the same technique. The wheel rubber was painted black grey, then the wheel rims painted green. Two different shades of dry pigment applications were applied and sealed with enamel thinner.



Member display models from the December meeting



YUFan Ukrainian Soldiers
in 1:35 scale
by Tabb Tharrington

These guys will be part of an upcoming diorama based around the capture of a Russian T-80. Tabb prefers to cut off the hands and reattach them with wire so that they can be bent and placed around objects with more precision. Tabb also purchased

a Modern British Army weapons set from Gecko Models to arm this posse since Ukrainian soldiers have received weapons and training from Great Britain. It also includes photo-etched brass gun slings and some personal equipment.

Modern British Army Weapon & Personal Equipment Set

L119A2 with UGL x3



L119A2 x3



L85A2 (Mid-ACOG) x3



L129A1 x3



Laser Light Modules



L119A1 x3



L85A2 with UGL(Mid-ACOG) x3



L22A2 x6



L131A1 (Glock17) x3



L105A1 (SIG226) x3



L119A1 x3



L85A2 (Late-LDS) x3



(Extended Stock)



L119A1 with UGL x3



L85A2 (Early-SUSAT) x3



L110A2 x3



(Folded Stock)

35GM0026



CAUTION * This is not a toy; it is suitable for adults and modellers aged over 14 only.
* Cement and paint is not included.
* The actual model may vary from the image on the box.
* This is a precision model kit which requires assembly.

1/35 SCALE



Member display models from the December meeting



**Takom German Jagdtiger
128mm Pak L66**
in 1:35 scale
by Glen Martin

Glen added leaves that were glued down with a mixture of white glue, water and a tiny bit of dish detergent. The plan is to display the model on a base alongside a tree that is shedding its leaves. Glen said he

has enjoyed experimenting with streaking, splatters and paint chipping.





AMPS-CV Quartermaster

This page is dedicated to member-recommended products and places to purchase hobby products.

If you have a company you want to add to this list, contact your editor [via the chapter website](#).

Product Manufacturers

[Abteilung 502](#)
[AK-Interactive](#)
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[AMMO of Mig Jimenez](#)
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Miscellaneous

[paintRack](#) (mobile app for Android)
[Scale Mates](#)

Hobby Vendors

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All Other	\$40	\$75	\$110

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