

# The Plastic Whittler



## Our Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, July 19th at 7:00 pm**, at HobbyTown USA near Hamilton Place Mall.



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## Last Month's Meeting

Well a lot happened! We may not have been able to see *The Red Baron* as originally planned but we watched several scenes from the United Artists Classic *Battle of Britain* and got a lot of club "business" completed. A part of that club business is hinted at by the logo in the upper left side of the mast head of this issue of The Whittler. For more see Mike's article on page 2. And yet there is even more to report. **We now have a website!** Mr. Moore researched and found a host and sat us up. Be sure to visit us at

<http://www.chattanoogascalemodelers.com>

The website has many useful links to places of



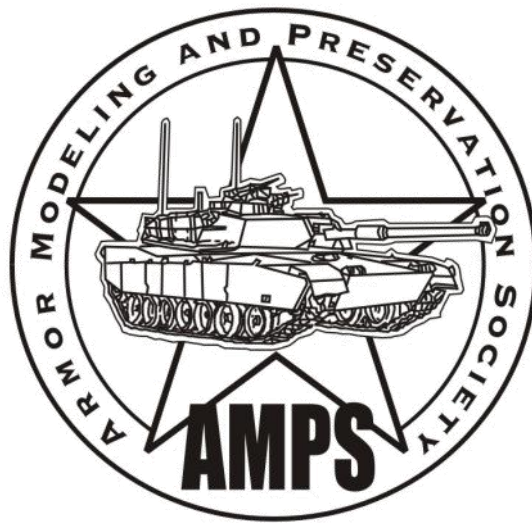
interest, room for our own members "galleries" and will serve us well for a lot of the things needed for our show in January.

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE
IPMS National Convention Phoenix, AZ	8/4-7/2010
IPMS/Huntsville	Oct 2, 2010
IPMS Murfreesboro Show	Nov 6, 2010
IPMS/AMPS Chattanooga Show	Jan 22, 2011
AMPS Atlanta & Model Soldier Show	Feb 18-20, 2011



David Beckmann's Aurora Triplane as seen at last month's meeting





It's official...we are now also affiliated with AMPS as a chapter.

So what does that mean to you? Well, perhaps not much. At the very least it gets us a little more notoriety as we are now listed on the AMPS website as a chapter, so if someone who is an armor modeler moves into the area and check the AMPS website for chapters, they will find us. It also gets us affiliated with another group of very cool folks who build models and generally support the hobby, especially as it pertains to armor.

If you build armor, I'd suggest you at least look into joining AMPS. The dues are pretty reasonable, and if you move quickly, you can still join for \$25 a year. As of August first, the dues are going up to \$30 a year. I'm sure that we'd be welcome at the Atlanta Chapter's meetings, and I bet they'd welcome a little help with their show, and they might even be willing to pitch in a little and help us in January. In addition, they publish a very nice magazine called Boresight that you'll get delivered to your mail box 6 times a year. And if you act now, they'll throw in a slew of discounts from many on-line vendors!

You can check them out on the web at [www.amps-armor.org](http://www.amps-armor.org), and if you want to sign up on line (so easy even a caveman, I mean I, can do it) at <http://www.amps-armor.org/ampssite/membership.aspx>

OR you can mail a check for your dues, along with your Name, Mailing address and Email address to:

AMPS  
Membership Department  
PO Box 373  
Elma NY 14059-0373

But if you go the mail route, you might want to do it quick, before the dues go up. Who else wants to join me as a dual modeling citizen....

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# Model Expo 2010

This show continues to amaze me! I used to love the Northmen's show each February in Atlanta while that was in vogue a few years ago. The show was always good and the vending superb. The same can certainly be said of this show as it has completely replaced the void left when the prior annual Atlanta event left the scene. This year they actually eclipsed their own standards and stepped things up a notch by trying something new: The Gold, Silver, Bronze (GSB) approach to judging. This show was also the 2010 region III regional convention.

The show is now a staple of our June modeling diet. Once again the locatin was the Cobb County Convention Center. This building is unique and well managed for the show. The mezzanine level above a double basketball court sized arena serves as the model display area with the large area below for vendors. It's fun to view the whole vending from the upper vantage point where the models are. [Fortunately the revenueurs stayed away - If you vended there in the past you know what I mean.]

The GSB approach was all the talk leading up to the show and certainly the talk of the day. My hat is off to the guys in Atlanta for giving it a go. Was it perfect? Of course not! Was it fun and different? Certainly! This experiment served as a great practice to warm up for our turn at this method next January. The possibilities of this method were shown to be there as well as a need to do a little more preparation for this style of model competition.

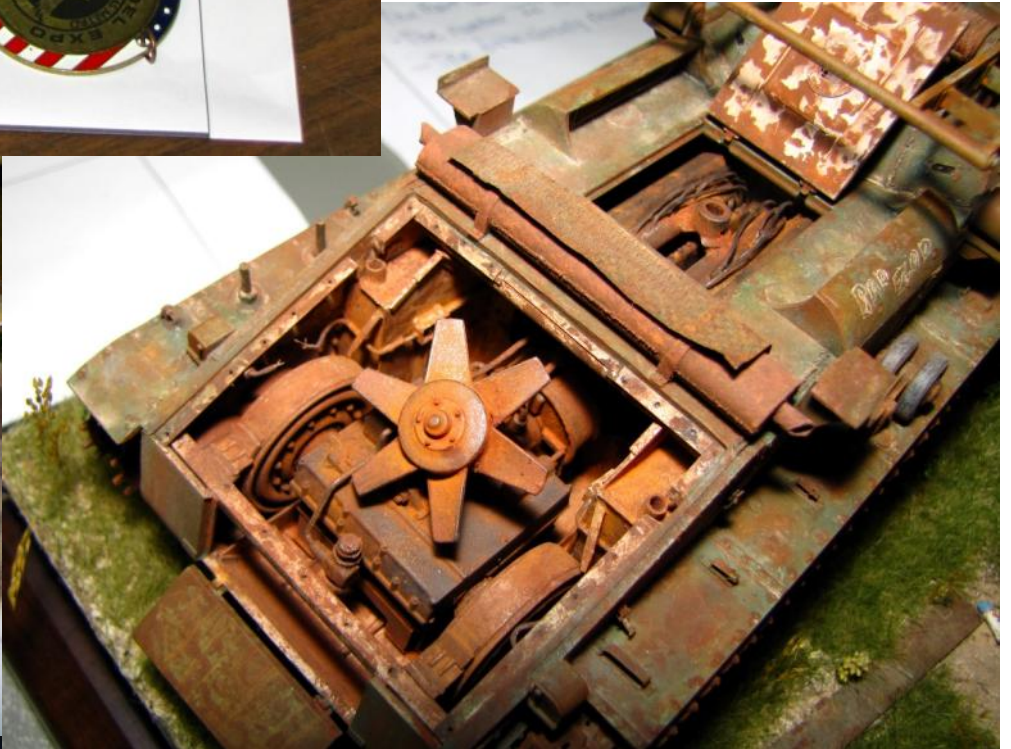
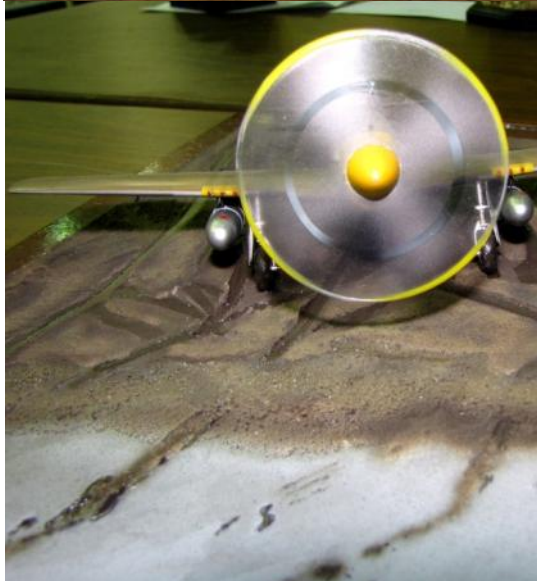
Our own Chattanooga crowd did well at the show. Mike Moore's big DH-2, 1/72 Canberra, and Tamyia 1/72 Corsair all netted him a Gold and his Harrier got him a Silver. Tom's trophies were quite a haul and they follow as Gold: Eduard 1/48 I-16, Dragon's 1/35 German 250/1 halftrack, Tamyia 1/72 Mosquito, - Silver: Tamiya 1/35 German 222 armored car, Tamiya 1/35 223 German Radio car, Tamiya 1/35 Kublewagan, Alains 1/35 Marder II D, Monogram 1/48 Arado Ar 234. My two FW-190 in the black and white combo took a Gold.

As a group we also vended. As before this gave us a place to sit and meet thru the day, plus helped pay the way for at least some us to buy some of the things at neighboring tables. The Hawkeye bottle of a paint additive called "Raptor Sheen" was one of the most intriguing things I bought that day. As last year several of the models I "bought" were models that others from our group brought to sell!

As always this is a great show every June. Bank it for next year.

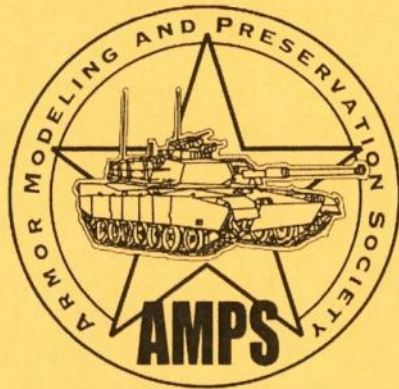






# AMPS Atlanta 2011

Atlanta Armor, Figure, and Modeling Contest and Exhibition



**AMPS Atlanta**

***Our New Location!***

**Atlanta Marriott  
Century Center**

2000 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345  
404-325-0000

**Friday, Feb. 18 thru Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011**

The Atlanta Marriott Century Center is an established hotel with extensive experience hosting events like ours. The complex was remodeled within the past year and the staff is eager to welcome us to our new site.

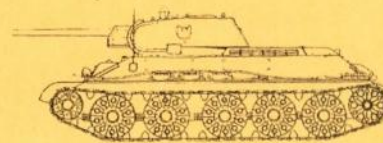
2011 Show Theme:

**“Clash of the Titans – Operation Barbarossa 1941”**



Panzer III

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Eligible models will be of vehicles that were fielded by either the Wehrmacht or Red Army during the period of June 22 through December 31 1941. Documentation should be provided to verify the particular vehicle, model, and markings were involved during this time period.

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**Atlanta Military  
Figure Society**

This show is being held in cooperation with the Atlanta Military Figure Society. Their support is greatly appreciated.

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, February 18

7:00 – 9:00 pm – Exhibitor registration and set up.  
Exhibit and vendor halls open

### Saturday, February 19

9:00 am – Exhibitor registration and set up opens vendor hall opens  
10:00 am – Exhibit hall opens  
12:00 noon – Exhibitor registration closes  
7:00 pm – Vendor hall closes for the day  
9:00 – Exhibit hall closes for the day

### Sunday, February 20

9:00 am – Exhibit and vendor halls open  
11:00 am – Awards presentation

### Modeling Contest

Possibly the most important aspect of any AMPS event is the Modeling Contest. As anyone who has been to the show knows, the AMPS judging system has led the way in terms of fairness and credibility. Judging is done by a group of four judges, who evaluate each entry - not by what is wrong with it, but by what is right with it! To ensure fairness, the lowest score of the four is removed, and the other three are added. There is no actual competition, the entrants are competing only against themselves using a defined schedule of values for comparison. Experience levels are established to eliminate the intimidation factor so often associated with most shows.

### The AMPS Difference

Every year, people come from all over the world to experience what most consider to be the most fair and honest judging system available. As described above, AMPS judging is based on an open system, designed to reward the modeler for good work. To enable the modeler to present his most positive points to the judges, the system establishes five different classifications with which the modeler identifies himself, based on his own skill level. When the entry comes to be judged, it is reviewed to establish the skill level of the competitor and then judged accordingly. The classifications are described as follows:

**Junior** - Specifically set up for the younger modeler, this class gives the modeler the best chance to grow in the hobby and experience the AMPS philosophy.

**Basic** - This group is set up for the beginner modeler, and those of us who are just getting back into modeling after a long layoff (i.e. school or family).

**Intermediate** - By far the largest group, it includes modelers of varying skill levels who do not regularly enter competition or do not regularly win or place.

**Advanced** - For the more skilled modeler, these modelers regularly win or place in local and regional competitions.

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