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# Thunder Run 2010

1/16 SCALE TANK BATTALION ROLLS INTO WEST ASHLEY

By Warren Cobb  
Community Editor

You don't have to be a kid to appreciate toys these days, just a kid at heart. Two of these big kids rolled an army of model tanks into West Ashley last week at what they called the Thunder Run 2010. Don Meadows and Bill Campbell brought their mini military to Hobbytown USA on Sam Rittenberg Blvd. on Saturday to show off the craftsmanship and maneuverability of the 1/16 scale, historically accurate battalion.

These models are true to scale and are definitely something to behold. Campbell and Meadows have spent hours researching and building the tanks, which feature working cannons, engine noise, exhaust smoke, machine guns, and a 1/16 scale tank commander. Both men got into modeling later in life. Both of them also served in the military as tank men—Campbell in Korea, and Meadows in the Army Reserves. Meadows is also a retired submariner who served during Desert Storm.

Each model is unique, hand painted to resemble war-weary, distressed armor. "I like working with the larger scale because you can get more detail on them," says Meadows. Detail is aplenty. Meadows says the wire cutters attached to the tank body can actually cut wire.

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Holding formation, a few of the many 1/16 scale models of historic tanks, keep watch as modelers and military veterans Bill Campbell and Don Meadows maneuver a couple of their creations around a 1/16 scale Russian village

# Hundreds Turn Out for Preview

'PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS' FOR WEST ASHLEY SENIOR CENTER

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Well over 200 interested citizens flooded into the Jewish Community Center last week for the West Ashley Senior Center preview of programs. Excitement was high as the throngs of seniors viewed a variety of demonstrations of what a local senior center could offer. In addition, organizers announced the creation of a "virtual senior center," a website listing all of the opportunities for seniors currently available in the West Ashley community.

The large turnout was no surprise to District

7 County Councilwoman Colleen Condon, who helped to create the West Ashley Senior Services Coordinating Committee two years ago. "People are dying for it. People are anxious," Condon said. "Look at this turnout. This shows just how much interest there is in bringing something to West Ashley."

The Nov. 10 preview was an afternoon-long event, culminating in a presentation of the results of a recent survey measuring the interest of local seniors on certain programs. The afternoon began with a performance by the Lowcountry Senior Center Chorus. This was followed by remarks by Condon and City Councilman Aubry Alexander,

then demonstrations of line dancing, tap dancing, belly dancing, and exercise programs. Door prizes were given out throughout the day.

While the final location of the future center has yet to be announced, two key players in West Ashley are already jockeying for position. Both the Jewish Community Center and St. Francis Hospital have offered free land to a future center, which could be completed early as 2012.

"We don't want to spring on the very first offer," Condon says. "We're putting together a package for Requests for Proposals to go out to anyone interested in helping."

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Condon says the ultimate location and building design will hopefully be released in the spring of 2011.

"We have a dream," says Aubry Alexander. "We're working with people from the City and the County of Charleston's procurement, legal, and senior advisors. The goal is to build a facility that is ideal not only now but 20 years from now."

Terry Brown has served as the de facto secretary for the WASSCC since its inception. He has been a champion of senior services for years and was delighted to see the roomful of people in support of this project. "Look at the support. This is the absolute," he said. "The support we've gotten makes it easy and more fun. The community partnerships that have been created are overwhelming."

Those behind the future senior center are optimistic, realistic, and anxious to keep the momentum going. Condon says even with land donated, the facility would cost "a couple of million dollars to get the doors open." But while funds are being raised from public and private sources for the building, the WASSCC is



City Councilman Aubry Alexander and County Councilwoman Colleen Condon addressed the large crowd of interested seniors at the West Ashley Senior Center preview last week at the JCC

trying to raise awareness of currently available opportunities for seniors. "Between now and two years from now, we want to create a virtual senior center that lists all of the programs for seniors in West Ashley, including at the JCC, St. Francis Hospital, the City, and St. Andrews Parks & Playgrounds," she says.

The website where these opportunities will be listed is [seniorcenter.charlestoncounty.org](http://seniorcenter.charlestoncounty.org). In addition to existing events and activities, the website will serve as an informational resource for news about the events leading up to the opening of a brick-and-mortar facility. 