

This is an after action report on the RCACN Eastern Regional Battleday at Danville September 2005

The Battleday was scheduled for September 9th, 10th, & 11th (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday).

We had about 8 people show up on Thursday for the early bird runs. By the end of event we had 34 registered participants (R/C tankers).

(A number of people including the MACV club canceled their trip because of the rising gas prices and some people had to cancel as they were responding to the hurricane disaster area.)

The event officially kicked off on Friday. Friday was scheduled as a loose day that tankers could organize battles on their own and conduct experimental battles.

Saturday had many structured Battles along Axis verses Allied lines including (Kill the commander battles) and the historical competition battles.

The “Kill the Commander Battles” are were members on each side if killed can take their tank back to their marshaling point and restart as long as their commander has not been killed. (The designated commander’s tank is denoted by a flag.)

Sunday had some non-structured & structured battles.

It seems that a good time was had by most all.

The following clubs had members in attendance;

ACE

AGE

BAD

East PAC

ETO Armor Group

HEAT

SEAD

Historical Platoon/Team Competition Battles as per RCACN rules:

(Team match-ups were randomly drawn from a hat along Axis versus Allied lines. Due to the number of Allied teams (5) the Axis teams (2), the Axis had to fight several times in round 1.)

Round 1.

Allied: Axis Breaker versus Axis: Das Reich victor: Das Reich

Allied: First Coast Armor versus Axis: ETO Armor Group victor: ETO Armor Group

Allied: Playd Lice versus Axis: Das Reich victor: Das Reich

Allied: Los Bandidos versus Axis: ETO Armor Group victor: ETO Armor Group

Allied: Red Devils versus Axis: Das Reich victor: Red Devils

Round 2.

Allied: Red Devils versus Axis: ETO Armor Group victor: Red Devils

Red Devils & Allied forces were the winner of the Historical Platoon/Team Competition Battles.

Note: this is the first time an Allied team has won the Historical Platoon/Team Competition Battles.

The following is a list of 1/16 scale R/C battle unit capable tanks/AFVs present;

Axis-

German:	Qty ~ (28 total)
Jagdtiger	2
Pz VI-B “King Tiger”	5
Pz VI-E “Tiger I” (Early)	17
Pz VI-E “Tiger I” (Mid)	1
Pz VI-E “Tiger I” (Late)	1
Pz V-A “Panther”	1
(Captured) T-34/85	1 (operated under German colors)
(Captured) M4 HVSS	1 (operated under German colors)

Allied-

American:	Qty ~ (21 total)
M26 “Pershing”	9
M45 “Pershing” (105)	1
M36B1	2
Sherman’s	
M4A3E2 “Jumbo”	4
M4A3E8 (76)	3
M4 (105) HVSS	1
M4	1

Russian:

	Qty~ (4 total)
T-34/76	1
T-34/85	2
T-44	1

Additional AFVs present but not yet fully battle capable;

T-34/85s	2
SU-85	1
Leopard I A4	1

Grand total of AFVs = 57

Note: Most all of the tanks are from Tamiya or based on Tamiya tanks. Some are based on Trumpeter static T-34, WSN R/C T-34, or scratch built AFVs. But all except those noted are combat capable with the Tamiya Battle Units so all have the Tamiya electronics inside- DMD & MF units and use the Tamiya Battle Unit. It should also be noted that this is the first time we only had 1 standard M4 (105) Sherman as from Tamiya. All other Shermans were converted to other versions of some sort. Also of note is the growing contingent Russian of tanks in numbers and verity.

After the event the Battleday event organizers held a debrief to go over the event. We discussed a number of suggestions put forward by the participants and also discussed issues that came up during the event.

This is the result from that meeting:

To reduce the amount of inspections and time involved the Danville RCACN Battledays will issue inspection certifications that will last 4 quarts (about 1 year). That is, if your tank is inspected in September and passes, you will receive a certification that can last 4 quarters till September the next year as long as you do not alter any internal items in the mean time. We will hold a random sample re-inspection of tanks with certification at each event. More details will be posted about the Danville Inspection Certification System in future posts.

The Historical Platoon/Team Competition Battles will not be held as per RCACN rules but will be held as per Danville rules.

Note: Danville awards points and awards/decorations based on those points. RCACN does not have an awards component to its Historical Platoon/Team Competition Battles.

As seen in this event, if sides Allied / Axis are very uneven, teams may have to fight a number of times in each round. This was not seen as fair as each battle is worth points.

The Danville Historical Platoon/Team Competition Battles will be exactly as the RCACN ones with the exception (if the sides are uneven) teams of the same side (Axis or Allied) may have to fight each other in round 1. As long as it is possible we will still pit Allied versus Axis teams but we will move to a strictly single elimination tournament system.

Due to concerns for R/C flyers in the area, we will no longer allow the use of 72 Megahertz (Air frequency) in ground vehicles at are events.

I wish to thank all of those that volunteered to be Referees, Judges, Assistant Inspection Judges, Event Organizers and Monitors.

The next Danville Battleday will be November 18th 19th, & 20th 2005.

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