

This is an after action report on the RCACN Eastern Regional Battleday at Danville April 2006

The Battleday was scheduled for April 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday).

The event officially kicked off on Thursday with 10 registered tankers at the event.

Of note: Thursday was the first time we had an all-Russian tank force.

We had 4 running T-34s and held a number of Russian tank force vrs German tanks force.

4- T-34s vrs 4- Tiger Is.

As the number of running T-34s grow, we expect to see more Russian tank forces in battle. We have not yet had an all-Russian team in the team/platoon competition battles but with more T-34s coming and word of people scratch building KV1s it is only a matter of time.

The battles continued Friday with the arrival of some more tankers.

Saturday had additional structured Battles along Axis verses Allied lines plus the competition and night battles. Of special note: with the new blue lighting, fog machine and fire in the bombed out buildings the battlefield for the night battles looked like a Hollywood FX set. You had to be there to appreciate it. I can only describe it as AWSOME!

Sunday had additional battles along Axis verses Allied lines.

We had a total of 18 active tankers registered at the event.

The following clubs had members in attendance;

ACE

AGE

BAD

East PAC

HEAT

SEAD

Historical Platoon/Team Competition Battles;

Allied Platoons/teams: Red Devils & Ace Holes

Axis Platoons/teams: Das Reich & Laufrad

Round 1.

Allied: Ace Holes versus Axis: Das Reich victor: Das Reich

Allied: Red Devils versus Axis: Laufrad victor: Red Devils

Round 2.

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

Das Reich and the Axis forces were the winners of the Historical Platoon/Team Competition Battles.

2 Grand Competition Battles were held (all field able Allied & Axis forces).

The Allied forces exacted their revenge and won both Grand Battle Royal Competition Battles.

1st Grand Battle:

Allied: (7)

1- M4 (75)

1- M4 (105)
3- M26
2- T-34/85

vrs

Axis: (6)
5- Tiger I
1- T-34/85

2nd Grand Battle:

Allied: (7)
2- M4 (75)
1- M4 (105)
1- M4A3E2
2- M26
1- T-34/85

vrs

Axis: (6)
6- Tiger I

As the number of experienced tankers grow, the competition battles are becoming much more competitive and can generally go either way.

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

Axis-

German: Qty ~ (17 total)

Jagdtiger	1
Pz VI-B "King Tiger"	4
Pz VI-E "Tiger I" (Early)	10
"Hummel"	1
(Captured) T-34/85	1 (operated under German colors)

Hungarian: Qty ~ (1 total)

44M Zriny I	1
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Allied-

American: Qty ~ (14 total)

M26 "Pershing"	6
M45 "Pershing" (105)	1
Sherman's	

M4A3E2 "Jumbo"	1
M4A3E8 (76)	1
M4 (105) HVSS	4
M4	1

Russian: Qty~ (3 total)

T-34/85 3

Others (Non-WWII):

Leopard IIA6 1

Grand total of AFVs = 36

Note: This was the first event we had a Tamiya Leopard IIA6.

I was very impressed with the more accurate sound effects.

The Leo II clocked in at 44 mph scale.

The Leo II is listed as having a road speed of 45 mph.

I hope the next tank from Tamiya also incorporates this improved historical realism into it; sounds, movement and speed.

Notable events (Awards ceremony);

Allied Awards:

The Red Devils team (Tony Hawkins, Dana Lowell, "Kit" Byron Goode, & Bob Gusek) were each presented with plaques for the "Best Tank Platoon for 2005"

After accumulating sufficient victories and kills, Tony Hawkins was presented with a Military Cross for his victories.

Numerous Assault Badges were awarded to the Allied and Axis members.

Other features of the Military Extravaganza were;

- Large scale R/C Paintball tankers
- 1/24 scale VS tankers (during meal breaks the battlefield was made available to these tankers)
- IPMS model contest
- Live weapons firing (Various German small arms; P38 (Pistol), MP40 (Submachine gun), M98 Mauser (Rifle), MG42 (Machine gun)
- An M60 tank crushing automobiles
- W.W. II tankers giving talks
- WW II re-enactors (a hole squad of German Infantry)
- Tactical board gamers
- Militaria dealers

All of these made for an impressive and memorable event.

I wish to give special thanks to all the participants of the Battleday for their patience and cooperation with the cameraman video taping the event and in talking with the patrons of the event.

I would also like to thank all of those that volunteered to be Referees, Judges, Event Organizers, Monitors and the Battlefield Committee for all their hard work.

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