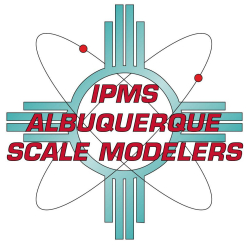


ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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July meeting highlights, clockwise from left: Members had to choose one of two clinics to attend; the crowd mills about the model entries; and the raffle, as always, is in good hands.

JIM'S SPRUES & REVIEWS JAMES GULD

With Nationals coming up, and feeling like taking a break from armor, I decided to tackle the S-boot in my stash for my next build.

So this month, I thought I would review my build of the Revell S-100 Schnellboot in 1/72 scale. Overall the fit of kit was very good. I only had some minor seams to fill on the hull transom, up front on the bow, and, of course, the seam line for the hull halves.

The only spot that needed a little attention was on the front deck where they have two access hatches on the deck. The way they are designed, the front part of the hull deck is a cutout that goes around the hatch, which is on the other part of the deck. It probably would have been better if the opening were on one piece only and the hatch attached to it. I had a small gap that I filled with .010 styrene.

I decided to basically build this OOB, but saw that the front deck had a slight hump around the forward gun mount where it should have been flat. A little bit of sanding fixed that. The only other modifications I made were to the stairs that go from the lower deck to the upper deck. The kit part is the wrong shape from photos, so I made up my own out of .020 brass.

I decided to have custom decals made up, as I saw a boat in the Squadron Signal book on the S-boats that I liked. I had Jack Morris do them for me and they came out great. Thanks again, Jack!

The other modification was to drill out the gun barrels. Painting was done in acrylics and was weathered with some light oil filters after the decals were applied, followed by a very light dry-brushing.

This was a fun project and not a budget buster, since I decided to forgo the aftermarket goodies.

Well, back to armor; next up is the Dragon M4A2 76 late. Good luck to all who plan on attending the nationals!

NATIONAL ATOMIC MUSEUM DISPLAY UPDATE MIKE BLOHM

There have been several recent additions to ASM's 1/48-scale model display at the National Atomic Museum. These include:

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| Dave Boehning: | F6F-3 Hellcat and He-219 Uhu |
| Philip Spaeth: | Fw-190A-8 and Bf 109K |
| Reid Langerman: | Me-163 Komet, Ba-349 Natter, and V-2 |
| Rick Peck: | P-47D Thunderbolt (9 AF) |
| Brian Peck: | P-51D Mustang |

The total model count is at 68, with 37 in the Pacific/China-Burma-India Theaters of Operation display case, and

31 in the European and Mediterranean Theaters of Operation display case. Check out all the models on the web site (<http://www.hobbies-n-stuff.com/ASM-Stuff/asmnamd.htm>).

We still need some 1/48-scale armor in the display. Tamiya has been issuing some kits that are certainly candidates for you armor fans in the club to show off your talents at the museum: U.S. M-4 Sherman in early and M4 A1 versions; U.S. M10 Tank Destroyer; German Panzer Mk IV Ausf J; German Panther Ausf G; and German Tiger I and King Tiger versions.

It would be nice to add some 1/700 ships into the display. Does anyone want to build a USS Hornet with B-25s on the deck, and an accompanying destroyer on a water base? That would look great sitting next to Frank Randall's B-25B in the "Doolittle Raiders" display. I'm working on a Liberty Ship to go with the U-107 U-Boat currently in the display.

Please let me know if you're interesting in contributing to the display. Thanks for your support!



Year 2006 Contest Quick Reference Chart

Titles in **blue** indicate contests for "Modeler of the Year" Points

- 6 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
- 3 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 3 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/scale.
- 7 Apr** **Best Kitai** (WWII Japan air forces)
- 28 Apr** **Flying Boats, Amphibians, & Hulls**
- 2 Jun** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2**
THE BEST TWO-FER
- 7 Jul** **Italian Wonders** (any era/scale/subj.)
- 4 Aug** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest
- 8 Sep** **Armies of the 1900s**
Workshop: Figure painting (TBA)
Sponsored Contest: Best Viet Nam Subject (Tim Estes)
- 6 Oct** **Eastern Europe 1950 - 1990**
Sponsored Contest: Babefest (Ken Liotta)
Workshop: Homemade tools (show & tell)
Workshop: Attaching "itty-bitty" pieces (TBA)
- 3 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/scale.
Sponsored Contest: "F-teen"
(Ken Liotta, Keith Liotta, Brian Peck, Frank Randall)
- 1 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3**
BEST ZERO
Plus Model of the Year competition!

Master

John Tate	1375
James Guld	689
Mike Franklin	450
Dave Straub	410
Don MacBryde	295
Juan Benitez	262
Patrick Dick	181
Mike Blohm	126
Dave Miller	100
Dave Boehning	25
Ken Liotta	8
Brian Peck	2

Intermediate

John Kendrick	1470
Rick Carver	985
Hank Petitgirard	630
Frank Randall	250
Kyle Garber	125
Jack Garriss	75
Don Smith	24
Mark Soppet	6

Basic

Tim Estes	1295
Wayne Sprong	1065
Don Blea	125
Alberto Bernal	4

Junior

Jeannie Garriss	660
Taylor Liotta	325
Ryan Sharp	325

ASM MODELER-OF-THE-YEAR POINTS

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