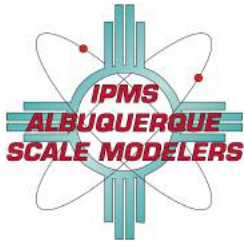


# ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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## JIM'S SPRUES & REVIEWS JAMES GULD

This month I thought I would talk more about a recent book I purchased than just give an armor kit update.

The book is called "Getting Started Painting Diorama Figures in Acrylics" by Brett Avants. The title is a little misleading, as you don't have to do dioramas to learn to paint figures in acrylics. I've been painting my figures entirely in acrylics for about a year and have checked out some of the sites online for different people's methods and had heard good reviews of this book, so I decided to pick it up. It is fairly cheap and may be out of production. I got mine through Amazon.com and it was listed as used but was brand new-looking to me. It looked like it was never opened up.

It starts out with a material listing of what Brett uses to paint figures, like what kind of brushes, paints, Optivisor, reference materials, etc. It then goes into explaining how painting in acrylics differs from painting in oils

and explains how to do shadows and highlights. The one major difference I noticed was that Brett does his shadows first and then the highlights. Most of the other articles I've seen from the Spanish painters have them doing it just in the reverse. The book takes you through painting a few figures and has very good pictures along the way to show you step by step what he is talking about. He also has a step-by-step process for painting faces.

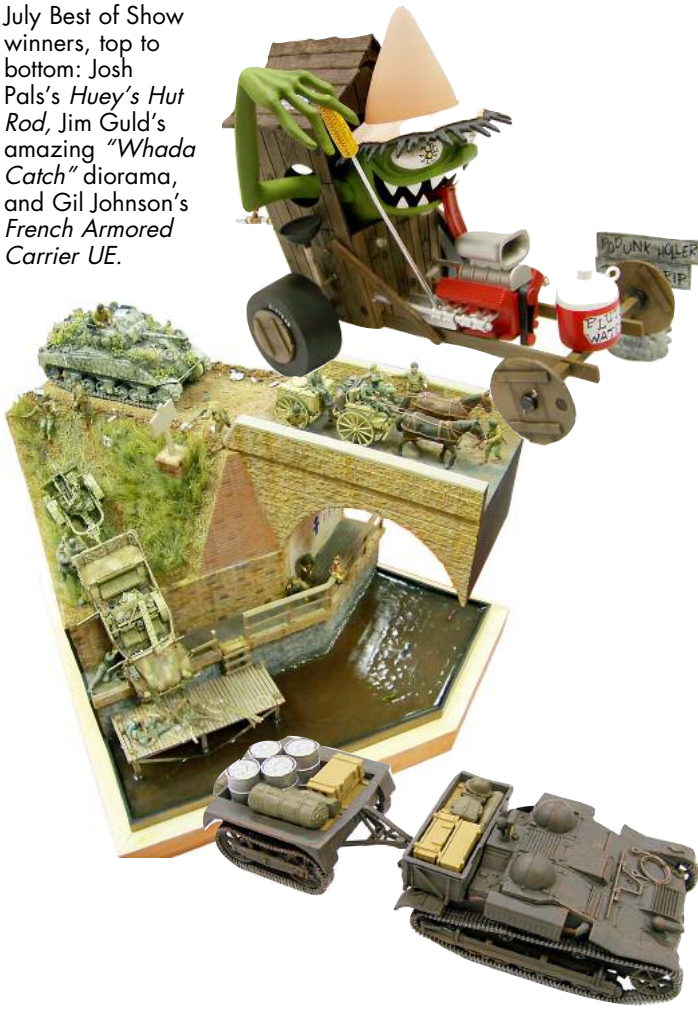
I learned a good deal from this book and between it and what I already knew, I feel I will become a better figure painter. At least, that is my goal. I think the two biggest things in figure painting are not to rush it and practice. You've just got to keep at it. I'm trying to force myself to do at least one figure a month along with whatever else is on the bench.

So there you have it. By the way here is another site I like (<http://www.acrylicosvallejo.com>) that has a great step-by-step article for painting figures using acrylics.



July meeting highlights, left to right: members checking out all the models; the business meeting in progress; and clinics by Brian Peck and Rick Carver demonstrating modeling and photography techniques.

July Best of Show winners, top to bottom: Josh Pals's *Huey's Hut Rod*, Jim Guld's amazing "*Whada Catch*" diorama, and Gil Johnson's *French Armored Carrier UE*.



### Year 2008 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

- 4 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**  
**SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY**
- 1 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 7 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 4 Apr** **Heroes & The Good Guys**—men, women, or machines, any kit/subject/scale/era.
- 2 May** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2**  
**PHABULOUS PHANTOM'S PHIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY**
- 6 Jun** **Eastern Front**—Aircraft, Armor, Figures (any kit/scale/subject).  
*Sponsored Contest: "Best D-Day Subject" (ASM E-Board)*
- 11 Jul** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 1 Aug** **The Zoo**—Mustangs, Panthers, Cougars, etc.; any kit/subject/scale.
- 5 Sep** **The Pacific**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 3 Oct** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3**  
**ASM's BEST P-47, 10TH ANNIVERSARY**
- 7 Nov** **World War I, 90 Years**—Any WWI kit/subject/scale.  
*Sponsored Contest: "WWI Aces" (Mike Blohm)*
- 5 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #4**  
**TAG-TEAM MODEL**  
Plus *Model of the Year* competition!

#### Master

James Guld . . . . .	1801
John Tate . . . . .	1760
Mike Blohm . . . . .	348
Mike Franklin . . . . .	285
Patrick Dick . . . . .	214
Ken Liotta . . . . .	177
Brian Peck . . . . .	154
Keith Liotta . . . . .	31
Mike McNichols . . . . .	25
Dave Miller . . . . .	25

#### Intermediate

Victor Maestas . . . . .	1119
Rick Carver . . . . .	585
Josh Pals . . . . .	535
Frank Randall . . . . .	430
Tom Perea . . . . .	389
Tim Wood . . . . .	327
Don Blea . . . . .	125
Adrian Montaño . . . . .	110
Don Smith . . . . .	103
Danny Williamson . . . . .	102
Jeff Frickstad . . . . .	75
Jack Garriss . . . . .	25
Kyle Garber . . . . .	4

#### Basic

Gil Johnson . . . . .	1320
Wayne Sprong . . . . .	370
Matt Blohm . . . . .	125
Jeannie Garriss . . . . .	125
John Tribou . . . . .	125

#### Junior

Alyssa Perea . . . . .	125
Chelsea Perea . . . . .	125

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