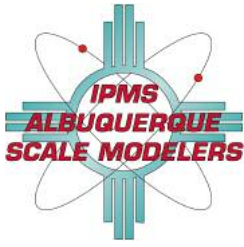


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December 2008

PRESIDENT'S SPIEL JAMES GULD

I figured it was time to write something for the upcoming modeling year. The E-board has been working on the modeling schedule and should have it out to you by the December meeting (note: a tentative Quick Reference schedule appears in this issue *-ed.*).

Anyone who wants to do a sponsored contest should get ahold of Ken and he'll try to work it into

November meeting highlights, counterclockwise from upper left: The crowd milling about early; the business meeting in progress; and Jim Guld runs a clinic.

the schedule.

I was really pleased with the model turnout last year. Hopefully we'll see even more on the tables this year. I know personally I have set a few goals to work on my figure painting skills to make them better. I'm looking forward to next year's Regional in June in Colorado Springs, since I doubt I'll make the Nationals in Ohio.

If anyone has any ideas for clinics this year, or wants to do one, please let us know. We are also looking for speakers for the upcoming year. If you know of any Vets willing to give a talk, let us know.

Well that's about all for now. Just remember to go out and build something, even if it has wings.





November Contest winners, left to right: Kelly Brown's *Planet of the Apes* vignette, Kent Weeks's *Fokker D.VII*, Victor Maestas's *Fokker Dr. I photoetch*, and Jim Guld's *Sherman Diorama*.

THINGS & STUFF MIKE BLOHM

Contests at the December ASM Meeting: “Tag-Team Model” Special Contest and 2008 *Model of the Year* Showdown—you need not be present at the meeting but your model does. Contenders are listed here: <http://www.abqscalemodelers.com/asmcontenders.htm>

Sponsored Contests at the December ASM Meeting: “Captured” (hosted by the ASM E-Board) and “Build Something Different” (hosted by Tom Grossman).

Special Raffle of Revell 1/2-Scale Gato Class Submarine to support the 2009 Region X Convention—\$5.00 tickets on sale at the December ASM meeting.

Iwata Airbrush Demonstration by Tom Grossman at Hobbies 'N Stuff on Saturday, December 6, 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Model Contest at Hobbies 'N Stuff on Saturday, January 3.

give the Cubs an introduction to modeling and for them to have fun building a model and then take it home with them afterwards.



Jim Guld talked briefly about the hobby, followed by Mike Blohm discussing “What is Scale Modeling” using ASM’s Scale Modeling display as a visual aid, featuring P-47 Thunderbolts in three different scales, plus some Star Wars snap-tite kits for

ASM MAKE & TAKE MIKE BLOHM

ASM conducted a *Make & Take* with Den 7 of Cub Scout Pack 17 on Monday, October 27, 2008, at Stapleton Elementary School in Rio Rancho. There were seven Cub Scouts present and six ASM members: Jim Guld, Tom Perea, Patrick Dick, Mike McNichol, Josh Pals, and Mike Blohm. The purpose of the *Make & Take* was to



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.
Sponsored Contest: “Best Corsair” (Don Smith)
- 2 May** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2**
PHABULOUS PHANTOM’S PHIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
Sponsored Contest: “American MiG Killers” (Brian Peck)
- 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.
Sponsored Contest: “Best P-40” (Patrick Dick)
- 3 Oct** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3**
ASM’S BEST P-47, 10TH ANNIVERSARY
Sponsored Contest: “Allan Goodman Memorial—Best of Any Subject” (ASM E-Board)
- 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!
Sponsored Contest: “Captured” (ASM E-Board)
Sponsored Contest: “Something Completely Different” (Tom Grossman)

good measure. After that, it was delving into the model building!

IPMS-USA supplied ASM with Revell 1/32-scale Snap-Tite kits of the 1968 Pontiac GTO “Black Ice,” which the kids had fun putting together. The Cubs worked at their own pace, and ASM members provided coaching, tips and recommendations as they worked their way through the kits. It looked like a good time was had by all. The Cubs also received parting gifts that included an Accurate Miniatures 1/100-scale “Fighter Legends” glue-together kit plus a tube of glue and a sanding stick. Hopefully we’ll see some of these Cubs get the

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- 9 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
- 6 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 6 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 3 Apr** **3 or More Engines**—any kit/subject/scale/era.
- 1 May** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2**
THIRD WORLD—Army, Navy, Air Force, etc. No Warsaw Pact, no NATO.
- 12 Jun** **Italiano**—Any kit/scale/subject/era built or operated in or from Italy.
Sponsored Contest: “Show Your Stripes” 65th Anniversary of Operation Overlord (Don Smith)
- 10 Jul** **Armored Cars**—Any scale, era, manufacturer.
Sponsored Contest: “Best Panzer IV & Variants” (ASM E-Board)
- 7 Aug** **1/48 Single-engine Props**—Any kit/scale/subject/era
- 11 Sep** **Best Sharkmouths**—Plane, Tank, Car, Truck, etc. Any kit/subject/scale.
Sponsored Contest: “Best Hellcat F6F” (Frank Randall)
- 2 Oct** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3**
BEST COMPETITION RACER OR ATHLETE FIGURE)
Sponsored Contest: “Best Porsche” (Patrick Dick)
- 6 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
Sponsored Contest: “Best Vietnam Subject ’64 - ’75” (Tim Wood)
- 4 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #4**
XYZ PROTOTYPES
Plus *Model of the Year* competition!

spark and decide to take up the hobby and have some great fun while doing so. Please check out the pics here and on the web site. Thanks to all who helped out. ASM may be doing another *Make & Take* in the near future.



JIM'S SPRUES & REVIEWS

JAMES GULD

Okay, you treadheads, save up those pennies because there are some new releases on the way, just in time for Christmas.

I'll start out with resin. Hussar has some new wheel sets for the Opel Blitz, AB-41 Sahariana, Schwimmwagen, and some for T-34s.

Tasca plans to release their early M3 style suspension as a separate kit along with kits for an early .50-cal, and limited edition releases of .30 cal mg's and a US marked M4A1 DV Sherman.

Resicast has a 1914 Rolls-Royce armored car coming out this month.

Ultracast has a couple of new British/Commonwealth tank figures coming out.

Plus Model has some new diorama accessories like a European style WWII intact house, field-washing station, US weapon set from the Vietnam era, and an M422 Command Car.

LionMarc has retooled their .50-cal barrel and also have a 2cm barrel for German armored vehicles.

Zvezda announced a 4.5-ton Mercedes supply truck for early 2009.

Schatton Modellbau has a new Mercedes 4500 truck with AA rocket mount.

Bronco Models has a new German 221 armored car set for a December release and individual tracks for the A13 Cruiser tank.

Dragon/CyberHobby has their own version of the M4A1 DV out now along with the M3 style suspension set with DS Vinyl tracks for the early Sherman. They also plan to release German on-board tools and some of their "magic tracks" and Sherman tracks.

Tristar has a German 222 armored car set for a December release.

Hobby Fan has some more goodies for the upcoming Churchill III tank: one is a crew set for NW Europe, and the other is a stowage set.

MiniArt has some new figure sets coming out of German armored car crew and a British/Commonwealth armored car crew set. They also announced a new Dingo MkIb scout car set for January 2009.

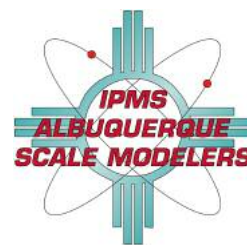
I also see that Dragon have the new M3 GMC and T-34 Hex turret kits out now. I haven't seen them up close but did see sprues over on the Armorama web site.

As always keep up on your armor at PMMS web-site.

THE OBI JOE PROJECT

RICK CARVER

The Obi Joe Project is an experimental multi-image program. Basically, several hundred images are put to music. Three members of Albuquerque Scale Modelers plus assorted "extras" participated in the project. The program will premier Friday evening, February 2, 2009, at the UNM Continuing Education Center at 8:00 P.M. The length of the program is about 30 minutes. Bring your family, friends and neighbors... you're all invited, even Democrats.



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