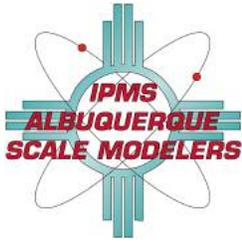


ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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December 2009

ELECTION INFO

The big vote was held at the November meeting. Our E-board for 2010 consists of:

President:	Tom Perea
Vice-President:	Tim Wood
Secretary-Treasurer:	Frank Randall
Contest Director:	John Tate
Members Pro Tem:	Patrick Dick Tony Humphries Danny Williamson

Mike Blohm (web site) and Joe Walters (publications) will continue to serve in their appointed positions, but they're just staff.

MODELZONA TRIP REPORT

JAMES GULD

It was nice to get away for the weekend. The weather was pleasant and the venue was great for a one-day show being held at the Commemorative Air Force Museum in Mesa, Arizona. The Craig Hewitt chapter put on the show from Phoenix.

More information is available from the show's

November highlights, left to right: members look over the model entries before the meeting starts; Tom Perea accepts an award and becomes part of the best photo ever taken of Ken Liotta; and the business meeting in progress.





Best of Show winners from November, left to right: Chelsea Perea's *Impala*, Tom Perea's *USS Boxer*, Dave Straub's *Zeppelin L48*, and Gregg Hayes's *Sturmtiger*.

official web site (<http://tinyurl.com/mzona09>).

Rick Carver, my wife Stacy, and I went to the show. The turnout was around 80 modelers with over 350 models. There was a fair turnout for armor and planes, but the number of car models, which probably had more on the tables than the armor category, surprised me. The Figure and Sci-Fi categories had about what I would expect for a one-day show with around 15 – 20 entries on the table. There were a number of really well-built planes including a really nice Mirage in tiger-stripe markings. The show also had a Make-N-Take for kids to participate in which seemed to go over well.

Outside the hangar, there were four vehicles on display: two WWII Jeeps, an M151 Mutt, and an M29 Weasel. There were also a couple of re-enactors walking around the show and outside with the one-to-one stuff.

The vendors' room was great for a one-day show and to me equal to what was at the Region 10 contest. The one surprise for me came when we started to judge, and it was announced that there *could* be sweeps for categories. It made judging a little bit faster since you didn't have to see if the same modeler had more than one entry in a category. I for one benefited from this ruling, getting a first and a second place award in one armor category. I didn't hear anyone complain about the rules, at least

not at the judges' meeting.

I did well with three Firsts, one Second, two Thirds and Best Diorama. What was a surprise for me was that one of the Firsts was for a figure, and one of the others was for the diorama that I took. Originally I wasn't going to take it and then decided to. It just goes to show: you never know what will win. One thing is for sure—it won't win if it stays at home in the display case!

It was a nice ending for the 2009 model season. I'm glad I went and, for you plane guys, you would have liked it, since they had some nice warbirds there.

ASM ASSISTS CAVALCADE OF WINGS DISPLAY MIKE BLOHM

Members of the Albuquerque Scale Modelers club assisted the Cavalcade of Wings (CoW) on Saturday, 26 September, in the pickup of approximately 175 models at the Albuquerque Sunport international airport. The airport is going to do some expansion construction in an area that will

demolish a wall that currently contains five CoW display cases. The airport plans to build another free-standing “triangle” of cases—like the one there now—in the next few months.

The group worked from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. to empty the cases. The models were all packed in separate zip-lock bags and packed into boxes marked for each originating case and shelf. The boxes were stored at the airport.

Thanks to Fred Franceschi for organizing and leading the effort, and to the following individuals that came out to help. *ASM*: Glenn Bingham, Mike Blohm, Fred Franceschi, Josh Pals, and John Tribou. *Albuquerque Rocket Model Society*: Jerry Cross. *Santa Fe Scale Modelers*: Frank Hopack.



Lots of people transiting the airport stopped by to inquire what we were doing, and they all mentioned how much they enjoyed viewing the model displays. The construction should be completed after the holidays, and we will need to put together another group to set things back up at that time.



Additional pictures of the model display and the big packing project are available on the ASM Web

Site “Articles” (<http://tinyurl.com/asmarticles>) page and the more specific “Cavalcade of Wings” (<http://tinyurl.com/asmCoW>) page.

CHALLENGE BUILDS BRIAN PECK

Greetings fellow ASMerS! Over the past year there have been several challenge builds issued to club members. Several of you have taken the challenge to build a model in about two months. Sounds impossible? Not really! Adrian Montano, Tony Humpreys, Frank Randall, Jack Garriss, John Tate, Keith Liotta, Danny Williamson and even I myself have taken on a build. Some of the models completed include two Tamiya 1/48 Zeros, a KV-2 Trumpeter tank, and a 1/32 Ju-87 from Hasegawa, among many others. Here are some of the models and members who have taken on a build and also pictures of their completed models. Enjoy!



Year 2009 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

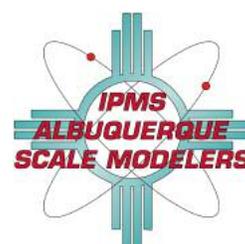
- 9 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
- 6 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 6 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 3 Apr** **3 or More Engines**—any
kit/subject/scale/era.
*Sponsored Contest: Tank Destroyers
of WWII (James Guld & John Tate)*
- 1 May** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2**
THIRD WORLD—Army, Navy, Air
Force, etc. No Warsaw Pact, no NATO.
*Sponsored Contest: Battle of the
Bulge (Fred Franceschi)*
- 12 Jun** **Italiano**—Any kit/scale/subject/era
built or operated in or from Italy.
*Sponsored Contest: Show Your
Stripes!—Best invasion-striped WWII
D-Day aircraft (Don Smith)*
- 10 Jul** **Armored Cars**—Any scale, era, manu-
facturer.
*Sponsored Contest: "Best Panzer IV &
Variants" (ASM E-Board)*
- 7 Aug** **1/48 Single-engine Props**—Any
kit/scale/subject/era
- 11 Sep** **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!

Proposed Year 2010 Contest Chart

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Preliminary Chart—Everything is subject to change!

- 08 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
*Sponsored Contest: Best Mirage III, IV,
V, 2000 or Variant (Rick Carver)*
- 05 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 05 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 02 Apr** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2**
GOLDEN AGE MONOGRAM—Any
Monogram kit from 1945 thru 1980.
- 07 May** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 04 Jun** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3**
PANZER IV SPECIAL CONTEST
*Sponsored Contest: D-Day
(Don Smith)*
- 09 Jul** *Sponsored Contest (TBD) and/or
Clinic Night (TBD)*
- 13 Aug** *Nationals Debrief Night—Bring
Models & Trophies!*
- 10 Sep** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 01 Oct** **SPECIAL CONTEST #4**
**WWII NORWEGIAN CAMPAIGN (APR -
JUN 1940)**
- 05 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 03 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #4**
XYZ PROTOTYPES
Sponsored Contest (TBD)
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