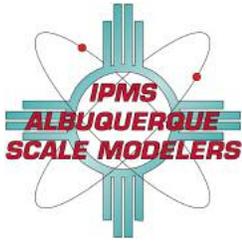


# ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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## THE PREZ'S SPIEL JAMES GULD

Well, the holidays are over and I hope everyone got some cool stuff for modeling, be it kits, books, or supplies. I picked up some stuff off of evil-Bay and some resin goodies from one of my favorite suppliers. So I'm a happy camper.

I would like to keep you informed as to what's happening with ASM for the New Year. The new E-board had its first meeting and we believe we have some interesting modeling subjects for the upcoming year. The contest schedule is set and you can see it at the web site or pick one up at the meeting.

We will be having a couple of special clinics throughout the year. Brian Peck and myself will be doing them. Brian's will focus on airplane techniques, and mine on armor. These will be "hands on" clinics. What we plan to do is focus on one particular technique one evening—say, working with photo-etch—and I will show you what I do and then we will have people actually try working on some. So if you are itching to

try and expand your modeling bag of tricks, but have been afraid of screwing up that expensive new kit, well, here is your chance to make the leap. We will keep you updated as to what each particular clinic will entail.

I am happy to report that along with our clinics at our meetings we will also be having clinics at Hobbies 'N Stuff. We haven't set the schedule as of yet but will update the web site when we know more.

We will be having two Super Raffles this year. Tickets will be available at the meetings for \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. The first will be for the Hasegawa 1/32 P-47 along with some updates for it and a reference book. This will be held in June; the armor kit raffle will be held in October. For the armor kit raffle, it will be the new Hobby Boss M-4 High Speed tractor kit and the AFV Club 155mm Long Tom kit along with a reference book and some resin replacement wheels for the Long Tom.

The E-board will be sponsoring two contests this year. In June we will have the "Best D-Day" subject and for December we will have the "Best Captured" subject. That would be like a Russian tank used by the Germans or vice-versa. The



January meeting highlights, clockwise from upper left: our chapter's *Blue Angels* Nationals entry makes an appearance; checking out some sci-fi models; works in progress; and the general meeting



Sci-Fi/Fantasy special contest winners from January, L – R: John Tate's *Nyctosaurs*, Tom Perea's *Droid Fighters*, and Jeannie Garriss's *Space Shuttle*.



questions from the scouts. I was happy to see so many young kids interested in models (now if we can just get their parents to bring them to a meeting, then we would have something!). We also took part in judging their Pinewood Derby cars and

helped out with their raffle. All in all, it was productive night out—though a cold one!

same goes for planes, ships or even cars.

Another special contest that we want to bring back for this year is the “Tag Team” contest. This is where two members team up for a build. One builds the kit and the other paints and weathers it. This will be for December. So start thinking of whom you want to work with.

A new feature of reviews from E-Board members will be starting in February. Each month a different subject will be reviewed. Also if anyone wants to do a review they can always send one into Joe Walters for the club newsletter. Just get it to him by the 20th of the month.

We are collecting kits and supplies for the troops overseas. We will be sending them out in the beginning of March. We are also accepting kits for our own club raffle. If you have anything to donate please see Frank Randall.

Last up is a series of road trips throughout the year. Brian Peck will be organizing them and when we set the dates we will post them on the web site and let you know. We will have one- and two-day trips.

Well, that about does it for now. Just remember to build those models...

### 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**—men 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).
- 11 Jul** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 1 Aug** **The Zoo**—Mustangs, Panthers, Cougars, etc.; any kit/subject/scale.
- 12 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** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.  
Plus *Model of the Year* competition!

## CUB SCOUTS PRESENTATION JAMES GULD

On Thursday, January 17, ASM made a presentation to the Cub Scouts in Rio Rancho. Tom Perea, Mike Blohm and I brought models and we talked about models and fielded

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