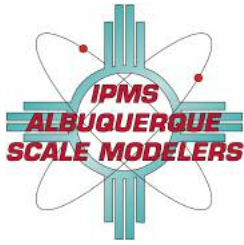


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## PRESIDENT'S SPIEL JAMES GULD

I just thought I would remind everyone that in March we usually send off kits to the troops overseas. So whatever you don't sell next month, think about donating something for our servicepeople abroad. Just bring it to any e-board member and we'll get it packed up and shipped out. Thanks for your support.

Keep building stuff, even if it's planes, cars, sci-fi. Lets see that table full for March.

## JIM'S SPRUES & REVIEWS JAMES GULD

Well, the economy might be in turmoil but you would never know it by the new releases still coming out. I'll give you this month's highlights plus an interesting marketing plan by Dragon. They are coming out with an "Orange Box" program where they take older kits and add in some newer parts from more recent releases along with some figures and come up with a new kit. So far I've seen three items listed but hopefully more will follow. They plan to keep the price down, around the \$30.00 range. This looks to be a good idea if you know what the updated parts for the kits.

So lets jump into what's new since last month.

We now have a choice of dead cows for those "Falaise Pocket" dioramas. MK/35 added one to their line to go along with the one from Doug's Originals.

Hauler has a small photoetch set for Soviet onboard tools in 1/35 and a few release for 1/48 that include Hummer and Marder III updates.

Zvezda has the WWII Mercedes-Benz L4500a car-

go truck out and some Soviet WWII Mountain troops listed as an early 2009 release.

Fruil Model has a set of Sherman T56 tracks listed but they look like T62 style to me from the picture.

Mig Productions has some new releases of their filter oils now sold individually along with some remastered kits that now come with photoetch. I noticed some new figures too.

Tasca announced a M4A4 Sherman V kit with a March release date.

Hobby Boss has a few new modern armor items listed: A Delta Force FAV, LVTP-7, AAVR-7A1 Assault Amphibian Vehicle Recovery, AAVP-7A1 Assault Amphibious Vehicle (w/mounting bosses), AAVP-7A1 RAM/RS, AAVP-7A1 RAM/RS w/EAAK, V-150S Commando APC 90mm Cockerill Gun, and a Spanish Leopard 2E.

Aber have a new photoetch set out for the Tamiya Opel Blitz and some new barrels out also for the 75mm barrel for KwK40L/43 with single baffle muzzle brake for Pz.Kpfw.VI, Ausf.F2, 75mm Pak39 L/48 barrel for Hetzer or E10, 88 mm KwK 36 L/56 Barrel with late muzzle brake for Tiger I middle & late, and the 75mm Pak 40L/70 gun barrel for Jagdpanzer IV or E25.

A new company out of China called Orange Hobby has a photoetch set available for the new AFV Club Churchill along with German stick grenades, star antennae, and tapered antennas.

Tiger Model Designs is getting closer to releasing their conversion set for a German BergPanther. They also re-tooled their Bilstein Crane conversion set for the Famo and have some more resin bits for Shermans.

Trumpeter also continues to announce some modern releases. Australian ASLAV-25 (Reconnaissance), and the M198 155mm Medium Towed Howitzer (Early Version) set for a January release.

January meeting highlights, left to right: the business meeting in progress; Ken Liotta explains what we're all about





Best of Show winners from January's Sci-Fi/Fantasy/etc. contest, top to bottom: Jeannie Garriss's *Jedi Starfighter*, Rick Carver's *Devilfish*, and John Tate's *Triceratops*.

AFV Club continues on with another Churchill. This time it's the Churchill Mk.III AVRE set for a February release.

Dragon/Cyber Hobby also has a German BeutePanzer Sherman M4A2, Jagdpanther Late Production, U.S. Marines Guadalcanal 1942, and M4 Sherman 75mm Normandy.

Archer Transfers has some markings for the Churchill MKIII and some new double row rivets in their surface detail line.

MiniArt has the DINGO Mk.1b British Armored Car w/Crew listed as a February release and announced a DINGO Mk.III British Scout Car w/crew.

Italeri announced the following: 508C 1100 "Coloniale," Carro Armato P 40, Semovente L 40 da 47/32, Staghound MK IV, LCVP with ¼-ton Utility truck, SWS with FLAK 43, Leopard I A2A2, Autoblinda AB 40, M4A2 76mm "Wet" Sherman, and a Crusader III AA with Bofors 40mm gun.

Academy has the following listed: Merkava Mk.IV, Swedish Army CV9040, and a M50 ONTOS.

Well, that about does it this month. As always keep checking the PMMS web site for your armor updates.

## THE OBI JOE PROJECT RICK CARVER

We still have no idea what this is, but Rick tells us it has now been delayed until a later date. Watch this space for details!

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Note: the Contest Quick Reference Chart below has undergone a number of changes since its first printing last month!

### 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, manufacturer.  
*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**  
*Sponsored Contest: Best Mirage III, IV, V, 2000 or Variant (Rick Carver)*  
Plus *Model of the Year* competition!

ASM members are encouraged to submit articles, reviews and other items as appropriate. Contact editor Joe Walters for details and specs. Submission deadline for each issue is the 20th of the preceding month.