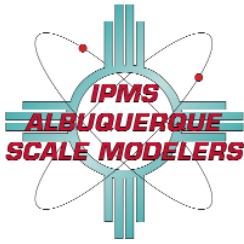


# ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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## PRESIDENT'S CROSSHAIRS BRIAN PECK

Greetings!

We start off the New Year with fresh ideas and new model projects. What are your modeling goals for the 2005? Is it building that awe-inspiring fully detailed battleship, that scratchbuilt 1/15 scale M1A1, or to finish 5 kits per month? Whatever your goal is, I hope you reach it. My goal for the year is to make a big dent in my growing collection by power building. Most of us buy more than we can make, which isn't a bad thing. Power building (AKA shelf fodder) can be a fun experience if you get a good kit to start with, and it has rewarding results. Most of the newer prop 1/48 scale Tamiya kits and Hasegawa kits are excellent kits to do

this. With an average price between \$20 – \$40 these kits are good "Straight out of the Box" candidates. Good fit and detail are trademarks of the Tamiya/Hasegawa kits and generally can be built in a week or two, out of the box, with some persistence. One good thing: the more you build the better you will get, and when you do start that super-detailed project you'll have the skills to complete it. Try it—you'll like it!

In club news, we decided to put on a Regional Contest for 2006. We've got the "skeleton" for a Regional and experienced ASM members so it won't be much of a problem to put one on. A couple of ASMs have already expressed interest in chairing the contest along with several other members willing to be on the committee. One side effect was that we

had to raise the club dues to get additional capital to pay for the contest. The increases are \$10 (total of \$30) for adult members and \$10 (total of

\$35) for family, but juniors will remain at \$10. The increase was to offset the initial startup cost of a Regional; i.e., facility costs, advertisements, etc. Although a \$10/year increase may seem dramatic, the projected \$700+/- from the dues increase should flow back into the treasury for



December meeting highlights, clockwise from above: Good December turnout with over 50 members present; Casey Dick and Kellen Bethke present the award for their *Post-1990 Sports & Custom Cars Sponsored Contest* to John Pattison; and the 2004 Modelers of the Year (left to right Jeanne Garriss, John Kendrick, Mike Mummy, and Stan Harris

# CONTEST CORNER

## MIKE BLOHM

### December "Between the Wars" Special Contest #3 Results

The December meeting was a busy night with three contests. The primary event was the "Between the Wars" special contest, which had 23 total entries. The secondary event was the annual showdown for "ASM Model of the Year" in each of the four divisions. The third event was the Group Build contest, where teams of two or three members contributed to completing a specific model.

Stan Johnson was presented a plaque as a token of ASM's appreciation for the great support that we have received from Hobbies 'N Stuff. Thanks again, Stan!

The "**Between the Wars**" winners were as follows: The Best Overall Entry award went to Dave Straub's scratchbuilt Sikorsky S-38A. Best Basic Entry went to Jeremy Connell's F-8E "Crusader." In the Intermediate division, Best Entry 1919 - 1938 went to Jim Guld's "Learning to Crawl," which featured a Panzer IA. The Best Entry 1946 - 1959 went to Walt Schanwald's Douglas D-558.1 "Skystreak." In the Master's division, the Best Entry 1919 - 1938 went to Dave Straub's Sikorsky S-38A. Dave Miller's Pak-75 Howitzer won the Best Entry 1946 - 1959 award. Unfortunately, there were no Junior entries.

### ASM 2004 Model of the Year Results

The Model of the Year showdown had 21 total entries on hand representing the Best of Show winners from the seven 2004 theme contests, and the

future use if our Regional contest is successful. Most well-run contests generally at least pay for themselves or even will make a profit so there is little to worry about. All of our major contests in the past have been successful and I have confidence that this one will be a success too. The increase is only officially in effect for two years and will be reviewed by the '07 ASM e-board to decide whether or not the rate needs to be kept or not.

We are working on some new ideas for 2005 so visit the ASM website and keep reading the newsletters for the latest ASM news. Happy modeling and we hope to see everyone in January!

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

### FRANK RANDALL

Have a great New Year and start building some of those great models you all got for Christmas. And if you didn't get what you wanted, then you have to buy yourself a present. I plan to buy myself something in a large scale, and it looks like a Mercury Capsule.



December *Between the Wars* Winners, left to right: Jeremy Connell's *Crusader*, Dave Straub's *Sikorsky S-38A*, and Jim Guld's *Learning to Crawl*





Best Overall winners from the three 2004 special contests. It was a very tough judge, as all were excellent models. The **2004 ASM Model of the Year winners** were as follows: Hamish Connell won the Juniors Model of the Year with his nicely finished Panzer "Elephant." Jeremy Connell won the Basic Model of the Year with his excellent M113 APC depicting USMC sniper Carlos Hathcock. James Guld won the Intermediate Model of the Year with his superb "Surrender of Iserlohn" featuring a Jagdtiger tank. The Masters division was a particularly hard judge, with three models being in close contention down to the wire. The Masters Model of the Year was won by Dave Miller's truly outstanding 15 cm Panzerwerfer 42 auf LKW Opel "Maultier."

The **ASM 2004 Modelers of the Year** received their awards at the December meeting. Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up, who were as follows:

- Juniors: First Place: Jeannie Garriss; Second Place: Casey Dick; Third Place: Hamish Connell
- Basic: First Place: John Kendrick; Second Place: Jeremy Connell; Third Place: Tim Estes
- Intermediate: First Place: Mike Mummey; Second Place: James Guld; Third Place: Philip Spaeth
- Masters: First Place: Stan Harris; Second Place: Mike Blohm; Third Place: Dave Miller

Final points standings are posted on the last page.

The **Group Build Contest** had three total entries, with the winner by popular vote being Patrick Dick and Brian Peck's awesome 1/32 scale F-15J "Eagle." The other outstanding entries were a 1/35 scale Sturmpanzer IV "Brummbär" by James Guld and Dave Miller, and a 1/24 scale Ju-87B "Stuka" by Dave Miller, Glenn Bingham and John Tate.

Pictures of the Special Contest winning entries and Modelers of the Year are included in the Newsletter. Pictures of all the entries for each contest are posted on the website. Speaking of the ASM website, Hobbies 'N Stuff migrated from an old to a new computer in December, which resulted in file address problems that prevent the thumbnail pictures opening to full-size when selected. Changing all the file addresses will be accomplished as soon as possible, so please bear with us. Pictures

## Year 2005 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

<b>7 Jan</b>	<b>SPECIAL CONTEST #1</b> <b>SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY</b>
<b>4 Feb</b>	<b>ASM Swap Meet</b> —no contest.
<b>4 Mar</b>	<b>Open Contest</b> —Any kit/scale. <i>*Sponsored Contest: Gundams (John Kendrick)</i>
<b>1 Apr</b>	<b>Bent-wing Birds/Cats/Animals</b> —Any kit, any scale, any era.
<b>6 May</b>	<b>WWI</b> —Any kit, any scale. <i>*Sponsored Contest: Best 1/48-scale Prop; model type TBD (Ken Liotta)</i>
<b>3 Jun</b>	<b>SPECIAL CONTEST #2: SOUTHEAST ASIA 1941 - PRESENT</b> <i>*Sponsored Contest: Micro-Modeling (ASM E-Board)</i>
<b>8 Jul</b>	<b>ASM Swap Meet</b> —no contest.
<b>5 Aug</b>	<b>Jets &amp; Prototype Aircraft/Vehicles/Ships</b> —Any kit, any scale. <i>*Sponsored Contest: Night Fighters (Patrick Dick &amp; Jason Clevenger)</i>
<b>9 Sep</b>	<b>Africa/Middle East, 1914 - Present</b> Any kit, any scale, any nation. <i>*Sponsored Contest: Best P-38 (Stan Johnson)</i>
<b>7 Oct</b>	<b>Battles of 1945</b> —Any subject/scale. <i>*Sponsored Contest: 1/35-scale German Armor (Rick Carver &amp; Don Smith)</i> <i>*Sponsored Contest: BabeFest (Larry Horyna)</i>
<b>5 Nov</b>	<b>Open Contest</b> —Any kit, any scale. Plus: <b>One-Hour Modeling Contest</b> <i>*Sponsored Contest: F/A-22 Raptors (Mike Blohm)</i>
<b>2 Dec</b>	<b>SPECIAL CONTEST #3</b> <b>MODELING NEW MEXICO</b> Plus: <b>Model of the Year</b>

on the website from the 2003 contests will be deleted.

### January Meeting Highlights

The January meeting will feature a **figure painting workshop by Stan Harris**. I'm sure that you've seen Stan's superb figures, so you don't want to miss this one! The January and/or February meetings will include judging training for those that signed up at the December meeting for the ASM Judging Corps. It's not too late to participate, so if you are interested in being an ASM judge, please let me know.

### Upcoming Contests / Events of Interest

**January 7, 2005:** Science-Fiction / Science / Real Space / Fantasy Special Contest (Non-Points

Contest). Any subject/scale in the realms of science fiction (Star Wars/Trek, Aliens, etc.); science (dinosaurs, human physiology, etc.); real space exploration (Mercury-Apollo, Vostok-Mir, Space Shuttle, etc.); and fantasy (comic book heroes/villains & anime—Spider-Man, Batman, Gundams, Robotech, etc.)

Workshop: *Figure Painting*—Stan Harris  
ASM Judges training

**February 4, 2005:** Historical Presentation by Mr. Jim Morley, D-Day Veteran. Request maximum Display Only participation for model subjects with a D-Day theme. No contest at this meeting.  
ASM Judges training

**February 19, 2005:** Modelfiesta XXIV, Live Oak, Texas, IPMS-USA Alamo Squadron, San Antonio, TX. The Alamo Squadron website is at <http://users.stic.net/alamosq>

**March 4, 2005:** Open Contest #1 (Points Contest) All scales, subjects and eras.

Workshop: *Tracks*—James Guld and Patrick Dick

## TRAVEL

### RICK CARVER

Rick Carver announces that the first ASM Road Trip of 2005 will take place the 16th and 17th of April, to Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado, planning on possible visits to the Air Force Academy, museums of interest, and other local attractions.

Members interested in attending the Nationals in Atlanta and seeking transportation alternatives should speak to Rick, who is arranging an expedition; if he can get at least 30 people to sign up, the round trip can be managed for around \$250.

Rick also is looking into a possible Fall trip to New Orleans, to visit the D-Day Museum, National Uniform Museum, and Higgins Boats, along with the usual attractions and activities indigenous to the locale. Details to come!

#### Master

Stan Harris . . . . .	2080
Mike Blohm . . . . .	924
Dave Miller . . . . .	689
Glenn Bingham . . . . .	595
Don MacBryde . . . . .	270
Brian Peck . . . . .	227
Ken Piniak . . . . .	227
John Tate . . . . .	220
Larry Horyna . . . . .	125
Chuck DeWitt . . . . .	102
Patrick Dick . . . . .	8
Ken Liotta . . . . .	4
Ed Mummey . . . . .	4
Keith Liotta . . . . .	2

#### Intermediate

Mike Mummey . . . . .	2162
James Guld . . . . .	2001
Philip Spaeth . . . . .	1190
Hank Petitgirard . . . . .	900
Rick Carver . . . . .	830
Walter Schanwald . . . . .	825
John Pattison . . . . .	755
Tom Redling . . . . .	455
Frank Randall . . . . .	345
Tim Wood . . . . .	335
Cecil Severs . . . . .	274
David Boehning . . . . .	235
Mark Underhill . . . . .	220
Scott Podeyn . . . . .	157
Stan Johnson . . . . .	135
David Downs . . . . .	129

Tom Perea . . . . .	87
Jack Garriss . . . . .	85
Jerry Pitts . . . . .	35
Jeff Frickstad . . . . .	4

#### Basic

John Kendrick . . . . .	2124
Jeremy Connell . . . . .	1535
Tim Estes . . . . .	1407
Don Smith . . . . .	594
Tom Tagert . . . . .	250
Steve Bienels . . . . .	175

#### Junior

Jeannie Garriss . . . . .	2025
Casey Dick . . . . .	1182
Hamisch Connell . . . . .	325
Taylor Liotta . . . . .	250

## 2004 Final Point Standings

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