

ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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PRESIDENT'S SPIEL TOM PEREA

Obituary

I realize by the time everyone has read this article you will have already known that we have lost one of our most cherished establishments, Hobbies 'n Stuff. We have all reflected in our own way and it will be a subject of future conversations as long as there is someone around who was a patron. I was always grateful to Stan and Helen for letting me be a part of their working staff, though it felt nothing like work. It was great to purchase models without it coming out of my checking account, but Stan wasn't too keen on me starting a model then putting it back on the shelf and trying to sell it as a work in progress. Hobbies 'n Stuff is a reason that a lot of us became addicted to the hobby or in some cases remained addicted and for this reason

our significant others have been celebrating, because this is one less hobby store name they have to see in our debit or credit card accounts.

I think that we need to keep the demise of this store in prospective. I think when we first heard that Hobbies 'n Stuff was up for sale we were all disappointed to hear the news. Some of us were upset that Stan and Helen were getting out of the business, or some were just upset that we would not have a good hobby store at which to shop locally anymore. When the store was purchased we were happy again, but the economy was starting to take a dump. I know that there were other people, and even some from our club, that were trying to look at personal financial standings to see if it was feasible to purchase.

So, when we look back, don't forget that it is easy to be an "armchair quarterback," and if you want to look on the positive side of things we got



December highlights, left to right: members look over the model entries before the meeting starts; Modeler of the Year winners (L - R: Gregg Hayes, Basic (not present at meeting); Tony Humphries, Intermediate; Chelsea Perea, Junior; and Victor Maestas, Master).



two more years out of Hobbies 'n Stuff that gave another great hobby store a chance to come to fruition. If we want to continue to have access to a local hobby shop then I guess we need to do our part, otherwise another good hobby shop will be in the obituaries.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[This information is on the ASM web site, on the Articles page; click on "Upcoming Events" for details, links and updated information]

- January 17: IPMS Tucson Show/Swap Meet, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge, 3445 N Dodge Blvd, Tucson AZ (IPMS Tucson, Region 10)
- January 24: NM AMPS Meeting at Jim Guld's house at 1:00 P.M.
- February 20: CoMMiESFest, Wheat Ridge Colorado (IPMS CoMMiES, Region 10)
- February 20: ModelFiesta XXIX, San Antonio, Texas (IPMS Alamo Squadron, Region 6)
- March 13: Showdown #20 2009, Irving, Texas (IPMS Metroplex Car Modelers Assoc., Region 6)
- March 27: Tulsa Modelers Forum Show/Contest, Tulsa, Oklahoma (IPMS Tulsa, Region 6)
- April 16 - 18: StarFest in Denver, Colorado
- April 22 - 24: AMPS National Convention at WWII Victory Museum in Auburn, Indiana
- May 22: Best of the West XIV, Henderson, Nevada (IPMS Las Vegas, Region 8)
- August 4 - 7: 2010 IPMS/USA Nationals in Phoenix, Arizona (IPMS Craig Hewitt, Region 10)
- August 14: IPMS/El Paso Model Display, El Paso, Texas (IPMS El Paso, Region 6)
- September 10 - 26: New Mexico State Fair Model

- Contest, Albuquerque (IPMS Albuquerque Scale Modelers, Region 10)
- September 25: Austin Scale Model Show, Austin, Texas (Austin Scale Modelers Society, Region 6)
- November 6: Texas NNL# 6, Irving, Texas (IPMS Metroplex Car Modelers Assoc., Region 6)
- November 14: Bassett Place Show Number 2 Vets Day Event, El Paso, TX (IPMS El Paso, Region 6)

Year 2010 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

Many changes since last month's preliminary chart; this is now the official schedule for 2010!

See the web site for details and RoE's.

- 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.
Sponsored Contest: Oddball Subjects (Jim Guld)
- 04 Jun SPECIAL CONTEST #3**
PANZER IV SPECIAL CONTEST
Sponsored Contest: 9th US Air Force (Don Smith)
- 09 Jul Sponsored Contest: FemCon**
(Josh Pals)
Sponsored Contest: Tamiya Spitfire (Hobby Proz & Brian Peck)
- 13 Aug Nationals Debrief Night**—Bring Models & Trophies!
- 10 Sep Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 01 Oct SPECIAL CONTEST #4**
BLITZKRIEG! (APR - JUN 1940)
- 05 Nov Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 03 Dec Sponsored Contest: Mercedes-Daimler-Benz** (Patrick Dick)
Plus Model of the Year competition!

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