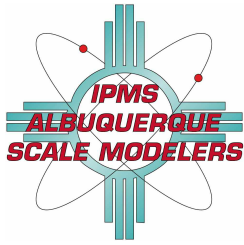


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PRESIDENT'S CROSSHAIRS PATRICK DICK

As many of you have already heard, Chile Con was a huge success. I kept hearing from many of the people there that this was one of the smoothest-running regional contests they had attended! We had 95 modelers registered and 449 models entered! As predicted there were quite a few entries in 1/48-scale single engine prop, 1/35-scale armor, Sci-Fi, and even large-scale airplanes. Unfortunately, there were a few categories that didn't have any entries. With all these high-quality entries, the view was spectacular, but judging was a nightmare! If you want to see photos of the event, there are 14 pages of photos on the IPMS website taken by Jack Kennedy, and Joe Walters has a CD-ROM with pictures of each model entered; he's offering club members copies of this disk for \$2.00 each. I've already ordered mine!

The vendor room was full of kits and books. We came way too close to overselling the room, because there was one vendor that did not show and we

would have had to shoehorn him in there. I purchased an armor kit and was eyeballing a set of Luftwaffe books that I intended to buy but did not make it back. I'm going to have to EMail Avalon Books and Hobbies and see if they still have those books.

As I mentioned, the judging was a nightmare. The quality of the models was outstanding and in many categories decisions were made based on what models had the fewest minor errors that could only be seen with an electron microscope. I was teamed up with Mike Blohm and Jack Kennedy and by the time we were done, my feet hurt, my vision was blurry, and I needed food!

Good thing it was getting close to 6:00 P.M. and the food was set up for the banquet. There were 64 banquet tickets sold, which filled the "Pre-function" area to the limit. The food was actually pretty good and included both Mexican and Barbeque styles. I had some of both and wanted to go back for seconds, but I had to restrain myself. The service provided by the Elegante was outstanding; they kept the buffet full,



Chile Con highlights, clockwise from far left: Co-host James Guld unknowingly models the official T-shirt, displayed here with matching hairstyle; The dealer room was busy; some of the 449 models on display in the model room.



made sure the tables were taken care of, and improvised when we needed last-minute changes.

Once the banquet was done and everyone was full, it was time to give away some new toys and award the winners! Jack Kennedy volunteered to pull the winning tickets for the door prize (the Iwata Eclipse airbrush that was generously donated by Tom Grossman) and Super Raffle. John Pattison won the Iwata Hi-Line HP-CH airbrush, which I understand is one of 753 airbrushes that he owns. It was finally time to announce the winners of the show. Ken Liotta and John and Kip Kendrick did an outstanding job with the overall presentation. Ken announced the winners as John & Kip ran the PowerPoint presentation. Aside from Ken butchering a few names, the presentation was rather impressive. Ken, John, and Kip, thank you for putting this together in such a short time and eating your food on the run!

I want to give a special thank you to the folks of the New Mexico Military Vehicle Preservation Association who brought all the vehicles to display out in front of the hotel. This made the show that much better and brought people in to see the models on display. Also, for the entire club we want to thank Stan Johnson and "Hobbies 'n Stuff" for all they did for Chile Con!

Finally here's a list of a few of the show's highlights:

- Jim Guld's "Do"
- 95 Entrants
- 449 Models
- 64 Banquets sold
- 17 Vendor tables sold
- Jim Guld's "Do"
- Dave Straub's Airship (Best of Show)
- John Pattison's Chef (Lopez Demente winner)
- The military vehicles
- Jack Kennedy's quote
- Most of all, everyone who helped put the show together
- Jim Guld's "Do"

Nationals Anyone?

TREASURY REPORT

FRANK RANDALL

Well, The Region 10 contest has come and gone and the dust has settled and we were a grand success. It was, as someone once said, "a slam dunk." Everyone I talked to had a good time and there were 449 models entered and 96 participants. Now to the bean counting.

On Jan 6, 2005, we had \$644.14 in our account. This is the date I am using as a starting point since this is when we really started setting aside money for the Regional. As of May 9, 2006, we have \$3748.43 in the account.

The club's income from all sources: was:	\$9437.50
The expenses all totaled were:	- \$6105.28
Therefore the club's net was:	\$3332.22

At the next meeting I will have a complete spreadsheet spelling out the origins of the above numbers.

Now as to why we did so well. There are several reasons.

One, we kept the expenses under tight control. Tom and Jim really did a bang-up job wheeling and dealing to get the best deal we could get. Two, all of the room block at the hotel was sold and all the banquet tickets and all the T-shirts. And three; we put it on, and they came. If you think about it, ASM has put on two successful Regionals and a successful National. People remember this, and thus (in my opinion) came in spite of outside circumstances. So my hat's off to our club and all the volunteers and the hard work put in. Did some things go wrong? Of course—nothing is perfect and Murphy's Law is always in operation. But still it was a great job so Congrats ASM!

PASSING OF THREE AMERICAN HEROES

MIKE BLOHM

Three American Heroes in the aviation field have passed away over the last several months: Robert L. Scott, Frederick J. Christensen, and A. Scott Crossfield. A brief biography of each these heroes is presented below.

Robert L. Scott, a 10-victory ace who commanded the 23rd Fighter Group "Flying Tigers" in the CBI during World War II and author of "God is My Co-Pilot," passed away on February 27, 2006, at age 97. Modelers may have built his P-40E Warhawk named *Old Exterminator* and most have probably read his book or seen the movie. He flew 388 combat missions in China from July 1942 to October 1943. He returned to China in 1944 to fly fighter aircraft equipped with experimental rockets directed against Japanese supply locomotives in eastern China. He then went to Okinawa to direct the same type of strikes against enemy shipping as the war ended. Scott received two Silver Stars, three Distinguished Flying Crosses and three Air Medals, and the British Distinguished Flying Cross. He retired as a Brigadier General in 1959. He later lent his support to the Museum of Aviation (<http://www.museumofaviation.org/home.htm>) in Warner Robins, Georgia, which I highly recommend you put on your visit list.



Frederick J. Christensen, A 21.5-victory ace with the 56th Fighter Group "Zemke's Wolfpack" in the ETO during World War II, passed away on April 4, 2006, at age 84. Modelers may be familiar with his P-47D Thunderbolt named *Miss Fire / Rozzie Geth*. Christensen is the 16th-ranking American Ace. His most notable day was July 7, 1944, when he downed six Luftwaffe Ju 52 transport aircraft on a single mission, a record for victo-



ries at that time. He flew 107 missions and was the 5th ranking ace of the 56 FG. After the war, Christensen served with the Massachusetts Air National Guard and the US Air Force Reserve. He retired as a Colonel in 1970. His honors include the Silver Star, seven Distinguished Flying Crosses, and the three Air Medals (two good websites on the 56 FG are available at <http://www.web-birds.com/8th/56/56th.htm> and <http://www.littlefriends.co.uk/gallery.php?Group=56>).

And lastly, A. Scott Crossfield, a pioneer and a legend in the world of test flight and space flight, died in April 19, 2006, at age 84. On November 20, 1953, while flying the Douglas D-558-II Skyrocket, Crossfield was the first man to exceed Mach 2. (Check out pics of the D-558-II program at <http://www.dfrc.nasa.gov/Gallery/Photo/D-558-2/index.html>). He flew many of the early X-series research aircraft including the X-1, X-4, X-5, XF-92A, and both the D-558-I and D-558-II. He had 87 total rocket-powered flights.



He then participated in the X-15 rocket plane program in the late 1950s and early 1960s, and flew the first free flights with it in 1959. Crossfield was later involved in testing of the Apollo Command and Service

Modules and the second stage of the Saturn V rocket. In 1993, NASA awarded him the Distinguished Public Service Medal for his contributions to aeronautics and aviation over a period spanning half a century. Most recently, Crossfield served as technical adviser for the “Countdown to Kitty Hawk” project, which built and flew an exact reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer for the national centennial of flight celebration at Kitty Hawk in December 2003.

BOOK REVIEW

DON SMITH

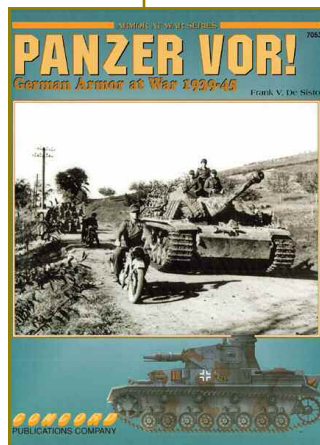
Panzer Vor!

German Armor at War 1939 – 1945

By Frank V. De Sisto, Concord Publications Co, 2006

This quarter’s book review is more of a modeler’s book than a military history book. Remember, I’m not a history expert, so my reviews are based on what I like, not what I think is accurate. Thanks. -Don Smith

This book’s text is two pages long! But the ideas Mr. De Sisto conveys could be considered very controversial. At least, that’s the impression I get from brief discussions with some of the club’s treadheads. The old school of thinking about German armor vehicle colors and camouflage was that there was “Panzer Gray” in the beginning and later “Dunkelgelb” with various camouflage patterns of red-brown and dark green. This book makes an argument and presentation of seven distinct camouflage systems for the Ger-



Year 2006 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

- 6 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
- 3 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 3 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/scale.
- 7 Apr** **Best Kitai** (WWII Japan air forces)
- 28 Apr** **Flying Boats, Amphibians, and Hulls**
Workshop: *Brush painting (John Tate)*
- 2 Jun** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2**
THE BEST TWO-FER
Workshop: *Photo-etch (TBA)*
Resin Casting (TBA)
- 7 Jul** **Italian Wonders** (any era/scale/subject)
Workshop: *Weathering (TBA)*
Workshop: Zimmerit (TBA)
- 4 Aug** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest
- 8 Sep** **Armies of the 1900s**
Workshop: *Figure painting (TBA)*
- 6 Oct** **Eastern Europe 1950 – 1990**
Sponsored Contest: *Babefest (Ken Liotta)*
Workshop: *Homemade tools (show & tell)*
Workshop: *Attaching “itty-bitty” pieces (TBA)*
- 3 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/scale.
Sponsored Contest: *“F-teen” (Ken Liotta, Keith Liotta, Brian Peck, Frank Randall)*
- 1 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3**
BEST ZERO
Plus *Model of the Year* competition!

man Army, aside from winter camouflage. There are 16 color plates showing the camouflage patterns discussed in the text.

Interestingly enough, there is not a color plate of a scheme I’ve never heard of. Again, that doesn’t mean anything because I’m not an expert. According to the author, the primary base color as of September 1944 was the primer coat of rot RAL 8012 (suggested color is “red lead”). Then *dunkelgelb*, *olivgruen* and *rotbraun* were applied at the factory, leaving almost half the item covered in base primer coat. In December of 1944 this was again changed such that all equipment received a base coat of *olivgruen*.

Aside from the color schemes the rest of the text is very basic: unit organization, tactical numbering, and dedication and acknowledgements. The real richness of this book is what follows—68 pages of rich B&W photos and color plates. Equipment covered includes Panzer

Mk I's thru King Tiger and includes assault guns and armored cars. There are plenty of ideas and references for the modeler. The photos show the vehicle, equipment, men and fighting environment. The book does not cover halftrack or softskin vehicles. Nevertheless, I am inspired to do a Sd. Kfz. 251/1 in one of the desert schemes.

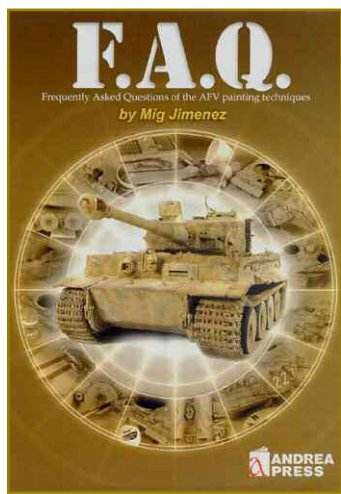
This book is softcover, measuring 8½ by 11 inches. I picked up a copy from an online vendor; the cost was about 12 dollars because of the internet special being run. Due to the very basic and short text I would not recommend this book if it weren't for all the photos. Since the photos are the saving grace for this book, my rating is three out of five stars. ★★★

the grammatical structure is off a bit. I'm usually leery of how-to books, but as I like Mig's modeling style I thought I would pick it up. It's nice to have a handy reference for a ton of different modeling techniques all in one place. Well worth the price, in my opinion.

Now for my take on Chile Con. If you missed it, you missed out on my Chile Con Chile Mohawk haircut and Stacy's chipotle brownies as part of the goodie bag. Well, it exceeded my expectations as far as the number of modelers and models present. I was hoping for numbers about the same as the 2001 regional, which were about 80 modelers and 380 models. We had 96 modelers and 449 models! The venue worked well overall. The only thing I would do differently for the next one would be to make the vendors' room slightly bigger. It worked, but was a little tight. I would just like to thank everyone for his or her help in making this show a success. This is what it's all about.

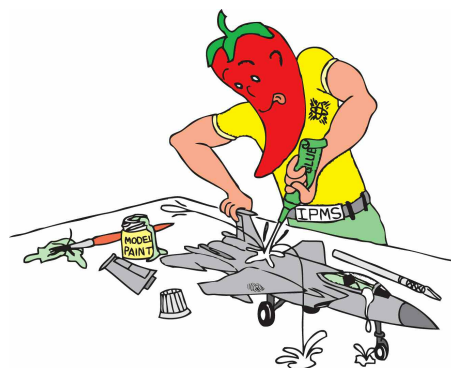
JIM'S SPRUES & REVIEWS

JAMES GULD



This month I thought I would hit on two topics, a book review and my take on Chile Con.

I recently picked up Mig Jimenez's FAQ book. It is a little pricey but I believe worth it. The best price I found was at amazon.com; it takes a little bit of reading between the lines, so to speak, because the author is Spanish, and English is obviously his second language, so



CHILE CON 2006

Master

John Tate	675
Mike Franklin	450
Juan Benitez	262
James Guld	260
Dave Miller	100
Mike Blohm	87
Don MacBryde	35
Dave Boehning	25
Patrick Dick	6
Brian Peck	2
Ken Liotta	2

Intermediate

John Kendrick	1010
Rick Carver	225
Kyle Garber	125
Hank Petitgirard	100
Jack Garriss	75
Don Smith	12
Mark Soppet	6

Basic

Tim Estes	1085
Wayne Sprong	175
Don Blea	125
Alberto Bernal	2

Junior

Ryan Sharp	325
Jeannie Garriss	200

ASM MODELER-OF-THE-YEAR POINTS

(Points are current through the April 7 meeting; May results have not yet been provided.)

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