

ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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June 2010

CONTEST UPDATE JOHN TATE

ASM's Spring Points Contest was held on May 7, 2010, and featured heavy competition in Intermediate and Masters categories. Best of Show in Intermediate went to Josh Pals for his wild "Bad Frog Executioner" fantasy figure, and the People's Choice award in Intermediate went to Kyle Garber for his nicely-done Colonial Viper space fighter. In Masters, Best of Show went to armor guru Jim Guld for his M4 HST artillery tractor; People's Choice in Masters was a tie, between Jim Guld's M4 HST and Victor Maestas's A-4F Skyhawk. Despite calls for a "Thunderdome"-style

May meeting highlights, left to right: Members checking out the contest entries; Ken Liotta extolling the virtues of Future in his clinic; the business meeting in progress.

showdown between Jim and Victor, two People's Choice certificates were awarded to these modelers, thanks to Joe Walters's foresight in printing out multiple award certificates.

Special mention should be made of Kent Weeks's excellent armor modeling work in Basic; his well-done T-34/85 won Gold, Best of Show, and People's Choice.

Jim Guld also awarded his "Best Oddball" sponsored award to Victor Maestas, for the "Top Gun" adversary scheme on his A-4F.

Just a reminder, but three (3) is the maximum allowable number of model entries for each participant in an ASM points contest, and five (5) is the maximum allowable number for each participant in an ASM special





Best of Show winners from May, left to right:
 Kent Weeks's T-34/85;
 Josh Pals's Bad Frog Executioner;
 and Jim Guld's M4 HST artillery tractor.

contest. In addition to the above, modelers can bring up to three (3) Works-in-Progress entries each meeting night.

The ASM Special Contest theme on June 4, 2010, is Tanks: any tracked, armored fighting vehicle is eligible, from any era, and in any scale and markings. Don Smith is also sponsoring his Ninth Air Force contest, so bring any T-Bolt, Mustang, B-26 or A-20G (to name but a few 9th AF aircraft types) that served under Ninth Air Force command in the ETO during WWII. Interestingly, the Ninth Air Force was also the USAAF outfit that carried out the famous Ploesti bombing raid in 1943, so bring any pink B-24Ds if you've got 'em.

Thanks again to the membership for turning out so many great contest models—keep them coming!

DAMBUSTERS! HARRY DAVIDSON

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Douglas Dildy's presentation on the Dambusters for the Albuquerque Historical Aviation Society has been delayed until September.

At the August meeting, however, the topic will be Spitfires. ASM members are all invited to attend, and are requested to bring along any models of Spitfires or Hurricanes for display; a table will be set up for this purpose. We hope for a good turnout!

The meeting takes place Thursday, August 5, at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, starting at 7:00 P.M.

The Society meets on the first Thursday of each month; due to conflict with the July 4 holiday, there is no July meeting. The Center is located at 4645 Pitt NE, just northeast of the intersection of Montgomery and Eubank.

PHOTOS ONLINE JOE WALTERS

As our web site is currently a bit under the weather, all the photos I took at the May meeting, including one each of all the model entries, may be viewed online here:

<http://tinyurl.com/asm1005pics>

If you wish to download any of those images for your own use, feel free! Dragging the image from the screen to your computer will result in a low-resolution copy. Using the download button that appears on the screen will result in a higher-quality image; if you don't see the download button, move your mouse around and it will magically reappear. These images will remain available at least through the end of June. After that...

SCI-FI UPDATE JOE WALTERS

Yes, here we are again, with a newsletter with insufficient submissions to fill the thing up, so I get to tap-dance and fill the space with the latest sci-fi news! Fortunately, there is quite a bit.

Much of what follows relates to the annual Wonderfest convention, which takes place each year in Louisville, Kentucky. It claims to be the largest model contest in the US for sci-fi, horror & comics-related subjects, and features model and toy dealers, seminars, and guests including special effects artists, actors, and other celebrities related to the subject.

This year's Wonderfest was held May 15 – 16, and by all reports was a great success. Guests included *Babylon 5's* Claudia Christian, *Iron Man 2* illustrator John Eaves, original Aurora model sculptor Ray Meyers, and several more.

Though official numbers aren't out yet, there were over 500 models entered in last year's contests, and likely a comparable amount this time around.

Picture sets are beginning to show up around the internet, and several arrays of photos are available for easy view on the CultTVMan web site:

<http://culttvman.com/main>

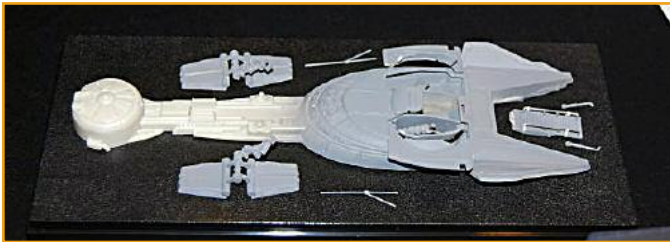
Wonderfest's own web site, where you can watch for info on next year's show, is here:

<http://www.wonderfest.com>

Several new models and products were shown at the 'fest, and we'll look at a few of those.

On the *Star Trek* front, we see some upcoming re-releases by Round 2 of some popular old kits, but with a difference or two. Release dates are pending (of course!).

First off, the Klingon Bird of Prey kit returns, but this time with something new: optional landing pads. You can finally build this thing "grounded."



Captain Picard's Enterprise-D model is being reissued, but this time in clear plastic! This should make lighting the kit much easier than before—no more drilling out hundreds of windows!



The USS Reliant returns, with some unspecified corrections to the hull and bridge areas.



From Red Planet Models comes the Lady in Red, available now from the CultTVMan web site (click on Hobby Shop) and other sources. The figure stands 15 inches tall, and even comes with the rabbit figure shown. Apologies for the censorship box; this was the only full-figure photo I could find, and it seemed a bit revealing for a family newsletter!



From VoodooFX comes a number of new lighting kits, including one for the martian war machine from *War of the Worlds* (the 1953 George Pal version).



There's also a lighting kit for the X-Wing fighter from *Star Wars*. This lighting set will work with the AMT/ERTL kit, as well as the Finemolds X-wing.

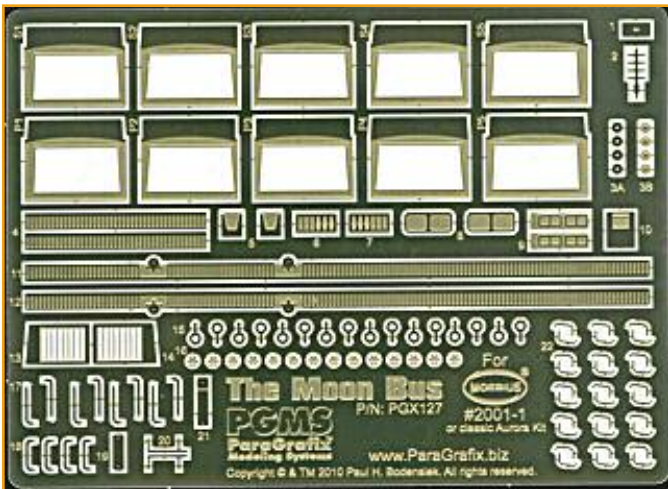


VoodooFX has lighting and motion control kits for a vast array of sci-fi subjects; you can look them over at their web site (<http://www.voodooFX.com>).

Moebius Models (<http://www.moebiusmodels.com>) has reissued Aurora's old Moonbus from *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

And if that's not enough, Paragrafix has issued a photoetch detail set (<http://www.paragrafix.biz>) so you can really go to town on this one.

(Photos on next page)



Year 2010 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

- 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: TANKS**
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!

Master

James Guld	856
John Pattison	650
Mike Blohm	425
Victor Maestas	404
Glenn Bingham	202
Mike McNichols	104
Ray Ayles	100
Paul Bradley (guest)	100
Don MacBryde	50
Frank Hoback	25
Ken Liotta	24
Patrick Dick	2

Intermediate

Josh Pals	916
Tony Humphries	827
Adrian Montaño	250
Paul Kirchner	250
Frank Randall	225
Kyle Garber	150
Don Smith	12
Ken Piniak	2
Tim Wood	2

Basic

Kent Weeks	825
Jeannie Garriss	125

Junior

(No entries yet)

ASM 2010 MODELER-OF-THE-YEAR POINTS

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