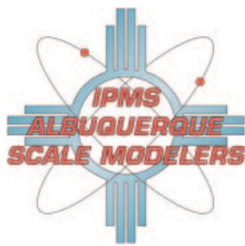


# ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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## PRESIDENT'S CROSSHAIRS BRIAN PECK

Greetings everyone!

At the May 7 meeting, we will have the highly anticipated Part 2 of Frank Moyers' presentation. He plans on discussing his flying career after Korea and into Viet Nam, his actions that earned him the DFC along with the other medals that he won, and many other flying experiences. Please do not miss this meeting and and a chance to hear about history through firsthand accounts.

As for as modeling, I hope everyone is having a good year so far; it has been yet another good year for the hobby. The new Revell 1/72 U-boat, a lot of the new Trumpeter stuff, Hasegawa's new Harrier—the list goes on and on. If you can't find any good kits to build this year to build, you're not looking hard enough! I went off on a tangent and bought the new Revell U-boat and it is *very* nice. I know, I know, a ship model? 1/72 scale no less?? Is Brian losing it?? I also got ahold of the new yet-to-be-released-in-the-USA Hasegawa FW-190A-8 that should be completed by the time you read this and again another excellent kit from Hasegawa.

In other ASM news, I would like to thank James Guld for his workshop at the April meeting. Kicking off the workshops for the year, he had many neat ideas and techniques to share and I believe the trend will continue with our many other workshops that we have scheduled throughout the year. As always, if any ASM members have a workshop they would like to present let us know, *everyone* is welcome to host one.

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting and bring in your models, built, in progress, for the Contest or just for display, the more the better! At any rate, keep on building!

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS FRANK RANDALL

If you get a chance, I do recommend you all check out the IPMS National web site (located at <http://www.ipmsusa.org/>). There are some neat reviews and some current online builds of some new models including the New 1/72 U-boat. Our very own Pres-dude has another review on the site.

Also check out the work on our own web site. Mike has been putting a lot of work into it and it is looking sharp.

I also recommend thinking about getting the newsletter online—it will save us (and you) some dough and it looks great in full color and you can save it for future use. Please contact our wonderful and talented editor; Joe Walters, for further info.

Here is a modeling tip I had not heard before: run some of the thinner that you are using to thin your paint thru your airbrush first *then* paint. The idea is to prevent the paint from drying on the tip. Sounds good to me! More and more people are recommending using the manufacturers' thinner for their paints. I use Model Master acrylics and have had very good success using this paint with their thinner. I have experimented with



April meeting highlights, clockwise from left: Tim Estes shows off Revell's huge new U-Boat model, eliciting much drooling; members mill about before the meeting; and Jim Guld teaches a class.

alcohol and Windex mixes and it just doesn't seem to adhere as well. Some people had had problems with the tip of the airbrush getting clogged. I keep a rag available to wipe its nose.

As of this writing, I don't know the exact date of the Cottonwood Mall show, but keep the 5th of June in mind.

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## CONTEST CORNER

### MIKE BLOHM

#### April Contest Results

The April 2004 meeting had the usual high turnout of models expected at an Open Contest, with 26 total entries on display. The evening also featured Rick Carver and Don Smith's Sponsored Contest, "Best 1950s U.S. Naval Aviation Subject" in 1/72 scale.

The **Junior** division had three total entries, all in the realm of Sci Fi / Fantasy. Jeannie Garriss won Best of Show, People's Choice and a Gold award for her nicely done Gundam Blue and Yellow. Jeannie's Shining Gundam won a Silver Award. Taylor Liotta's Lizardman Saurus won a Gold Award. Nice work, Juniors!

The **Basic** division had seven total entries in a wide variety of model types. John Kendrick took a Best of Show and a Gold award in Aircraft with his superbly built and "in-action" displayed North American X-15A. Steve Beniels, a guest visitor at the meeting, took People's Choice and a Gold in Dioramas with his "Iraqi Freedom" diorama consisting of very nicely done models of the M1 Abrams and M2 Bradley in 1/35 scale. Tim Estes had a good showing by winning a Gold in Ships with a nicely finished "Pibber" patrol boat; and two Silvers in Automotive and Sci Fi / Fantasy with his 1981 Corvette and his Gundam Wing. Tom Tagert took a Gold in Automotive with his high gloss Ford Crown Victoria in Highway Patrol markings.

The **Intermediate** division had a good showing with 13 total entries. Jim Guld's excellent "Damn Jabos" diorama, depicting a Panther and crew just exiting a tunnel, won Best of Show, People's Choice and First place in Armor. Just goes to show how truly creative you can be with "wood chips!" The Aircraft category had a split into single-engine and multi-engine sub-categories. In the single-engine split, Philip Spaeth, a guest visitor at the meeting, showed off his modeling talent by winning a First and Third with his nicely-done Bf 109E-4/7 and F4U-1A Corsair. Mike Mummey took Second with his Bf 109G-6/R-6 Trop. In the multi-engine split, Philip Spaeth won First with his superb Do 335 *Pfiel* (Arrow). David Boehning took Second with his Mosquito Mk VI, and Tom Redling took Third with his C-130H Hercules. The Armor and Military category had a group of very nice models. Mike Mummey won a First and Second with his Ferdinand Skdz 184 in 1/35 scale, and his Egyptian T-34/85 in 1/72 scale. Rick Carver won Third Place for his M18 Hellcat. Rick

Carver also had some nicely done figures, and won a First place with his "Sioux Chief" bust, and a Second with his Morlock from the "Time Machine" movie.

The **Masters** division had 3 models entered. Dave Miller won Best of Show and a First in Armor and Military with his truly outstanding Panzerwerfer 42(SF) Auf LKW Opel. Stan Harris won the People's Choice and a First in Vignette with his superb "The Road to Khartoum" grouping. Stan also won a First in Figures with his "Knight—Holy Land, 12th Century" figure.

The "Best 1950s U.S. Naval Aviation Subject" sponsored contest had a good turnout with 10 models entered. These entries will become part of a proposed ASM group entry at the 2004 Nationals. Results were as follows: The Best Banshee award went to Frank Randall. The Best Skynight award went to John Tate. The Best Collection award went to Hank Petitgirard for his group of six different fighters (Cutlass, Cougar, Demon, Crusader, and two different Tigers). The Best Skyray award went to Frank Randall. The Best Corsair and People's Choice awards went to Mike Blohm for his F4U-5N night fighter. Our thanks to Rick and Don for sponsoring this contest. Further additions are still required to fill-out the group entry—stay tuned for further word from Rick and Don.

Pictures of the Best of Show winners are included in the Newsletter. Pictures of all the entries in both the open contest and sponsored contest, as well as the Display Only and Works In Progress models, can be found in the Model Pictures section of the ASM Website.

Modeler of the Year leaders as of the April contest include Stan Harris out in front in Masters; Mike Mummey, Jim Guld and Rick Carver all in a close race in Intermediate; John Kendrick and Tim Estes in a neck and neck race (5 points difference) in Basic; and Casey Dick and Jeannie Garriss fairly close in Juniors. A complete listing of the standings can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

#### Upcoming Contests / Events of Interest

**May 7:** Theme Contest "World War II—Pacific." (Points Contest) Any subject involved in the Pacific/Southwest Pacific theaters of operation in WW II. All scales and subject matter, friend or foe.

**Guest Speaker:** Mr. Frank Moyer. Part 2—Viet Nam experience in the F-105 Wild Weasel.

*Workshop: Making Tracks—Patrick Dick*

**June 4:** Special Contest #2 "Battles of 1944" (Non-Points) Awards sponsored by Hobbies 'N Stuff. Check out the website to see the proposed plaque. Any subject or scale, friend or foe, that participated in one of the major battles of WW II that occurred in 1944. Examples include: Anzio, Monte Cassino, Normandy, Saipan, Philippine Sea, Kwajelien, Guam, Leyte Gulf, Battle of the Bulge, etc. Make sure that you document the timeframe and battle that your entry participated in





April's Best of Show Winners, left to right John Kendrick's X-15 flies (rapidly) over Dave Miller's Panzerwerfer, Jeannie Garriss's Gundam Blue and Yellow, Jim Guld's "Damn Yabos" diorama

(a picture of your subject "in action" at the battle would be nice). For example, a model with D-Day stripes could be annotated as a D-Day participant; a model without the stripes could not be entered as a D-Day participant (yes, I know, there were some exceptions...).

*Workshop: Making Water Bases—Tom Perea*

**Sponsored Contest:** Best Fw 190 (Ken Liotta). Ken's ROE: Any manufacturer, any scale, any era, any markings and any Fw 190 variant is eligible. A "Best of" award will be presented. Scale and/or Divisional Level secondary awards MAY be presented based on the turn out. Judging will be based on IPMS judging criteria with an emphasis on: 1. Basic modeling craftsmanship. 2. Creativity. 3. Presentation.

**June 5:** ASM Mall Show—Cottonwood Mall. "D-Day 60th Anniversary" theme—all models welcome.

**July 2:** Theme Contest "Modern Marvels." (Points Contest) 1980 to the present. Aircraft, ships, armor, and vehicles; any scale.

*Workshop: TBD*

**Sponsored Contest:** "Big" (Brian Peck). Brian's ROE: One winner per division (junior, basic, intermediate, masters). Judging based on good basic construction and whatever tickles my fancy. Planes 1/32 scale and larger; Armor 1/25 and larger; Figures 120mm and larger; Ships 1/350 scale and larger; Special exceptions anything we have to get another table (or tables) just to put your entry on. (i.e., 1/48 scale C-5 Galaxy, a massive 1/72 scale diorama of Midway Island etc.).

**Sponsored Contest:** "Fast Movers" (John Tate). John's ROE: Best 1/32 Vietnam-era jet. Contest is open to any 1/32 scale jet (F-105, F-4, MiG-17, etc.) that saw action in the Vietnam War. Theme is open to USAF, USN, USMC, VPAF or VNAF jets. Entries will be basis for ASM Group/Chapter Entry at the 2004 IPMS Nationals in Phoenix.

**August 4 - 7:** IPMS Nationals in Phoenix, Arizona.

**August 13:** ASM Swap Meet (no contest).

Note: Stay tuned to the Contest Schedule and

Sponsored Contest Information section of the website for the latest updates on contests. Know before you build!

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## TAMIYA/CON IX REPORT

### JOHN TATE

Albuquerque Scale Modelers was represented in force at the ninth annual Tamiya/Con event, held April 17 – 18, 2004, at the Tamiya America HQ in Aliso Viejo, CA. ASM members Ed and Mike Mummey, Ken and Keith Liotta, Don Alberts, Chuck DeWitt and I made the trip to southern Orange County to enter our best Tamiya models in one of the most prestigious modeling events in the country.

Tamiya/Con IX was a two-day Saturday/Sunday show, with the models divided by subject among three contest rooms. Registration began at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday with the remainder of the day filled with modeling events and demos. Tamiya America's front office model gallery was open to visitors and a WWII re-enactment group was on hand, displaying a vintage U.S. Army halftrack, 37mm anti-tank gun and M5A1 Stuart tank. Tamiya America erected a large sales tent in front of their HQ and there were a number of great deals on selected Tamiya kits and accessories.

Saturday was a slow day, possibly due to a rain front that moved through the area, but Sunday saw a huge turnout, similar to a large IPMS Regional. It was enjoyable to shop the sales tent and see the great models on display, but the highlight of the show was ASM's own Mike Mummey, MSG, USMC. At the invitation of Tamiya America, Mike gave an interesting talk about markings changes on USMC tanks during his 20-year career as a Marine tanker, which included service in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mike is a great speaker and enlivened his presentation with humorous anecdotes about his experiences

in the Corps. Particularly memorable was a story about how he applied desert mud to camouflage the green reactive armor tiles on the M60A1 tanks in his company, something he learned from reading a model reference book on WWII Panzers in Russia!

Award presentations were made by senior Tamiya America representatives and Mr. Tamiya himself was on hand to witness the ceremonies. Although the basic categories at Tamiya/Con were similar to those at IPMS Regional contests, judging was less restrictive, with emphasis on creativity and attractive finishes. Well-built, eye-catching, imaginative models had the edge. ASM winners were as follows:

- Ed Mummey, 3rd Place in Wheeled Military Vehicles, All Scales, for his 1/35 U.S. Army Dragon Wagon, loaded up with a captured Panther.
- Don Alberts, 1st Place in 1/48 Scale Jets for his USN F4D-1 Skyray and 2nd Place in 1/48 Allied Props for his USN F2A Brewster Buffalo.
- I won a 1st Place in Dinosaurs for my 1/35 T-Rex and a 3rd Place in 1/700 Ships for my Kursk submarine.

Unfortunately, none of us won a trip to Japan, although four lucky modelers were selected for the legendary journey, scheduled for May 04.

All in all, Tamiya/Con was a worthwhile experience. Tamiya America obviously values its customers and went to great lengths to see that their contest was fun for all participants. If I can finish more Tamiya models

over the next year, I will certainly be at Tamiya/Con X and recommend it to all ASM members looking for an enjoyable contest experience.

### Year 2004 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

- 9 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**  
**SCI-FI, REAL SPACE & FANTASY**
- 6 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 5 Mar** **Russia/Soviet Union**—Any kit/scale.  
*\*Sponsored Contest: Best Russian Aviation or Armor (Tim Estes)*
- 2 Apr** **Open Contest**—Any kit, any scale.  
*\*Sponsored Contest: Best 1950s US Naval Aviation (Rick Carver & Don Smith)*
- 7 May** **WWII—Pacific**—Any kit, any scale.
- 4 Jun** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2: BATTLES OF 1944**  
*\*Sponsored Contest: Best Fw 190 (Ken Liotta)*
- 2 Jul** **Modern Marvels**—Any kit, any scale.  
*\*Sponsored Contest: Big (Brian Peck)*  
*\*Sponsored Contest: Fast Movers (John Tate)*
- 13 Aug** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 3 Sep** **Aces and Heroes**—Any kit, any scale.
- 1 Oct** **WWII—Western Front**—Any kit/scale.  
*\*Sponsored Contest: Babe Fest (Ken Liotta)*
- 5 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit, any scale.  
*\*Sponsored Contest: Best 1/700 or 1/720 Ship (no subs) (Tom Perea)*
- 3 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3**  
**BETWEEN THE WARS**  
Plus: **Model of the Year**

## ASM CONTEST POINTS

### Master

Stan Harris	885
Dave Miller	275
Mike Blohm	234
Brian Peck	225
Ken Liotta	4
Keith Liotta	2
Ken Piniak	2

### Intermediate

Mike Mummey	660
James Guld	564
Mark Underhill	220
Rick Carver	445
Mark Underhill	220
Scott Podeyn	157
Stan Johnson	135
Walter Schanwald	135
David Boehning	100
Tom Redling	100
Tom Perea	85
Cecil Severs	37

Jerry Pitts	35
David Downs	2
Jeff Frickstad	2

### Basic

John Kendrick	735
Tim Estes	730
Don Smith	139
Tom Tagert	125

### Junior

Casey Dick	500
Jeannie Garriss	425
Taylor Liotta	125

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