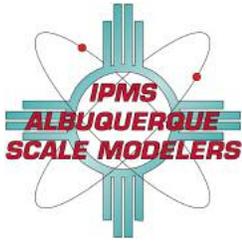


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November 2009

ELECTION INFO

Voting for the 2010 E-Board will be held at the November meeting.

Positions remaining to be decided, based upon 2 October nominations:

President:	Ken Liotta or Tom Perea
Vice-President:	Victor Maestas or Tim Wood
Contest Director:	Josh Pals or John Tate

The following positions were unopposed in nomination and voted in by acclamation during the October meeting:

Secretary-Treasurer: Frank Randall

Members Pro Tem: Tony Humphries, Patrick Dick, and Danny Williamson

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW JAMES GULD

I would like to say it has been my pleasure to be your club president for the past two years. I look forward to a positive future for ASM with some new faces sitting on the e-board. I personally think it is a good idea that we have new blood on the board; it offers the possibility of new ideas to come forward so that the club doesn't become stale. Remember, this is your club. You only get as much out of it as you put into it. I encourage everyone to think about writ-

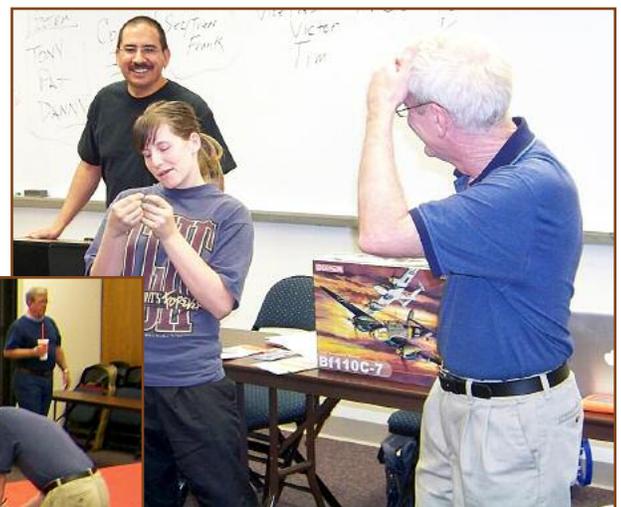
ing an article for the newsletter or doing a clinic at one of our meetings. This is the time of year to step up to the plate for next year's schedule.

I will still be an active member of the club, just not on the e-board for next year. I just wanted to take a year off. Now get back to modeling!

TUCUMCARI AIR SHOW JOE WALTERS

On Wednesday, October 7, I met with Keith Liotta and family and the four of us carpoled over to Tucumcari to see the annual air show presented by the local Rotary Club.

This is a great show—attended by fewer than 1000 people, you don't have to fight through huge crowds or jammed parking lots. Easy to get in, around, and out! And they manage to bring in some real quality entertainment. Static displays—which you can approach quite closely—include several Warbirds, including an Avenger (pictured), a Navy SNJ, and a trio of cats (Wildcat, Hellcat and even a



October highlights, left to right: fun and fellowship before the meeting; A carefully-rigged Super Raffle results in Ken Liotta winning the big prize.

Bearcat)—all of which flew! An F-15 flew in from Cannon AFB to do some bone-rattling flybys in afterburner, a few stunt planes put on crowd-pleasing demonstrations, the Army Golden Knights did their thing—twice—and the capstone of the show was Canada’s Snowbirds aerial demonstration team, which put on an utterly astounding demonstration of precision flying. The Snowbirds attend this show every year.



Low clouds prevented them from doing their full show, but their “low show” was incredible on its own. With nine planes in the air at once, they can do a lot of misdirection and come at you from unexpected places. A beautiful and elegant performance, this show, featuring amazing precisionist flying, is not to be missed.



One is wise to bring one’s own lawn chairs and sunscreen and such, and vendors abound selling everything from standard show foods to t-shirts to souvenirs to enlistments in military branches...

We’ll be keeping an eye out for info on next year’s show, and make announcements at club meetings as the time approaches. It’s an easy day trip and well worth the effort and time!

Year 2009 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

- 9 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
- 6 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 6 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 3 Apr** **3 or More Engines**—any kit/subject/scale/era.
Sponsored Contest: Tank Destroyers of WWII (James Guld & John Tate)
- 1 May** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2**
THIRD WORLD—Army, Navy, Air Force, etc. No Warsaw Pact, no NATO.
Sponsored Contest: Battle of the Bulge (Fred Franceschi)
- 12 Jun** **Italiano**—Any kit/scale/subject/era built or operated in or from Italy.
Sponsored Contest: Show Your Stripes!—Best invasion-striped WWII D-Day aircraft (Don Smith)
- 10 Jul** **Armored Cars**—Any scale, era, manufacturer.
Sponsored Contest: “Best Panzer IV & Variants” (ASM E-Board)
- 7 Aug** **1/48 Single-engine Props**—Any kit/scale/subject/era
- 11 Sep** **Sharkmouths**—Plane, Tank, Car, Truck, etc. Any kit/subject/scale.
Sponsored Contest: “Best Hellcat F6F” (Frank Randall)
- 2 Oct** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3**
BEST COMPETITION RACER OR ATHLETE FIGURE)
Sponsored Contest: “Best Porsche” (Patrick Dick)
- 6 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
Sponsored Contest: “Best Vietnam Subject ’64 – ’75” (Tim Wood)
- 4 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #4**
XYZ PROTOTYPES
Sponsored Contest: Best Mirage III, IV, V, 2000 or Variant (Rick Carver)
Plus *Model of the Year* competition!

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ASM members are encouraged to submit articles, reviews and other items as appropriate. Contact editor Joe Walters for details and specs. Submission deadline for each issue is the 20th of the preceding month.

BONUS PAGES!

In conjunction with our Vietnam contest this month, we present a reprint of an article by our own Glenn Bingham! This article originally appeared in the February 6, 1976, issue of *The Sprue Stretcher*, newsletter of the San Diego Chapter of IPMS. Thanks, Glenn!

OPERATION FREQUENT WIND GLENN BINGHAM

When the Republic of Viet Nam was finally overrun by VC and NVA troops in the Spring of '75, panic and chaos were everywhere. The people, civilian and military alike, abandoned everything except what they could carry and fled the communist advance by any means available. Hundreds of aircraft were flown out of the country—to Thailand, and US Navy and RVN Navy ships, saving thousands of lives.

Of all the aircraft flown out (all were given to South Viet Nam by America as military aid), the US recovered 121:

25	Northrop F-5E
48	Bell UH-1
8	Lockheed C-130
27	Cessna A-37
1	Cessna O-1
12	Miscellaneous

The numbers and types of aircraft abandoned, though, was staggering! The new communist government suddenly possessed one of the largest air forces of the third world nations—at least, in numbers, if not in fully operational aircraft. Approximately 1000 were left behind:

60	Northrop F-5A
27	Northrop F-5E
95	Cessna A-37
26	McDonnell-Douglas A-1
37	Fairchild AC-119
23	Lockheed C-130
38	Douglas C-47
8	Fairchild C-119
33	DeHavilland C-7
114	Cessna O-1
434	Bell UH-1
32	Boeing/Vertol CH-47
72	Miscellaneous

During the frantic flight from the fallen Republic of Viet Nam, many helos were flown out to and landed, sometimes without clearance, on ships at sea. Some H-1s carried as many as 25 men, women, and children.

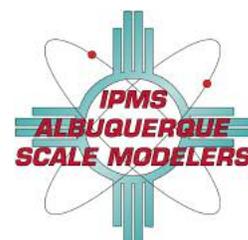
Many were ditched at sea, while others bravely returned for more refugees.

At least one H-1 pilot did not want to ditch his bird after offloading his passengers aboard ship, so he jumped out of it while in a 100-foot hover. The Huey, of course, went out of control and crashed, causing minor damage to a nearby US Navy ship!

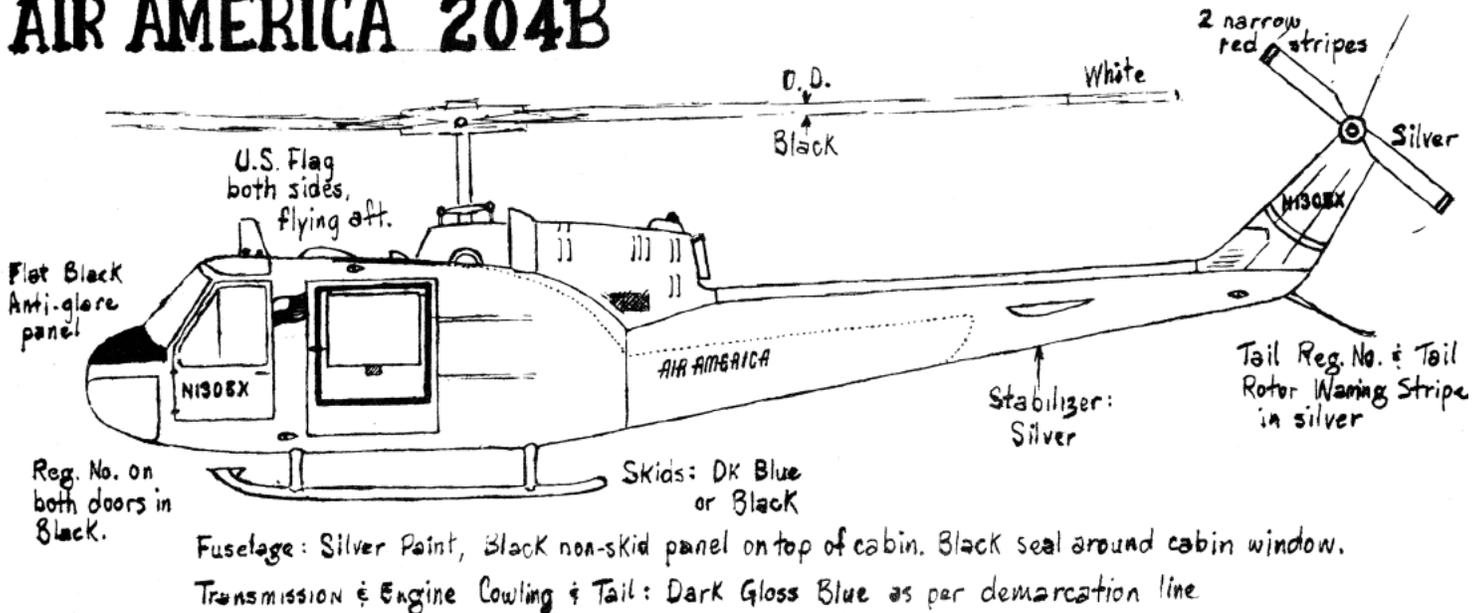
One US Destroyer Escort with a 72' x 42' flight deck landed 16 UH-1s in a 24-hour period. Twelve of these were jettisoned over the side to make room for the next one, and an Air America bird was flown off to a carrier the next day (you don't throw away the CIA's aircraft). The remaining three helicopters were kept on board and returned to port a week later. These three were in addition to the ship's LAMPS H-2, which was in the helo hangar.

A very clean UH-1D belonging to a high-ranking ARVN General was the first to land on this particular DE, but had its tail rotor knocked off by a nervous ARVN pilot making a subsequent landing. An entire tail pylon was salvaged from another bird and installed on the VIP chopper. The next day, with new markings, the Huey was flown several times, including a medivac of a wounded ARVN soldier.

(A scan of an included diagram by Glenn is on the following page.)



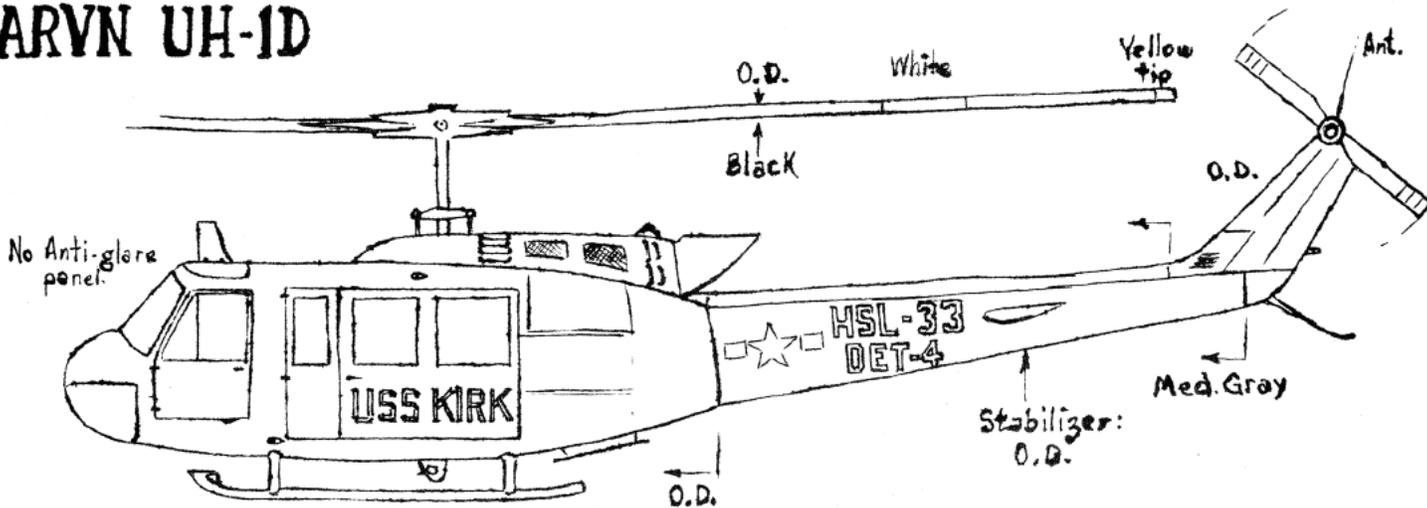
AIR AMERICA 204B



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Approx. 8"
 Dark Gloss Blue Both sides, Both R/H slant

ARVN UH-1D



USS KIRK

12"

HSL-33

DET-4

O.D.: Fuselage & Tail Pylon as ind.
 Med. Gray: Tail Pylon as ind.
 White: Markings; Insignia port side only - light overspray (ran out of paint!)

Glenn Bingham 1/72