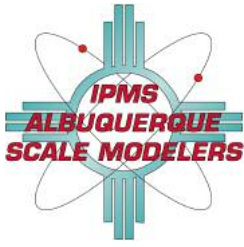


# ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



<http://abqscalemodelers.com>

October 2007

## SPECIAL NOTE!

The October meeting will feature the *Distressed Kit Auction*; the *One-Hour Model Contest* is **POSTPONED** until further notice.

## 2007 New Mexico STATE FAIR CONTEST MIKE BLOHM

There was a good turnout of models at this year's fair, with 44 total entries across the four divisions. This is up from the 2006 fair. Of significance, there were 7 Junior entries this year, while there were none in 2006. The spread of the model entries was:

Junior (11 years and below), 7; Senior Youth (12 to 17), 3; Adult (18 and above), 31, and Professional, 3. ASM members submitted 17 of the 44 entries, and there was more than one fine-looking 1/32-scale F/A-18 Blue Angels Hornet on display.

The model contest cases had center stage as you entered the Fine Arts building. This year's crop had a few unusual entries of note: We had to hang a

huge radio-controlled P-51D Mustang from the ceiling above the display cases, which certainly called attention to our area. There was also a hand-made Civil War six-pounder cannon that was almost three feet long that had to sit on boxes between the display cases, along with a three-foot-tall radio-controlled pirate ship.

Two scratch-built models were also of note: Glenn Bingham built an awesome 1/48-scale diorama depicting an OS2U-3 Kingfisher atop a catapult on a main gun turret of the battleship *USS New Mexico* BB-40. His entry won the Adult Best of Show ribbon. Gary Sinning entered an "Eagle Transporter" from the Space 1999 television show that was entirely scratchbuilt and was almost two feet long.

See the ASM web site ([http://abqscalemodelers.com/ASM\\_NM\\_State\\_Fair\\_2007.htm](http://abqscalemodelers.com/ASM_NM_State_Fair_2007.htm)) for a listing of all the winners and pictures of all the models.

Thanks to the following individuals who helped out this year with the registration and judging: Tim Wood, Glenn Bingham, Frank Randall, Brian Peck, and Mike Blohm.



All in all, it was a good show, and perhaps we'll get some new members, which after all is our prime goal in sponsoring this contest each year.

## WEBMASTER'S TALES

### MIKE BLOHM

Here's a summary of the latest updates on the ASM web site. The "Marquee Banner" that scrolls across the top of the Home Page will always have the latest info on club activities—contests, events and speakers for the upcoming month, and whether an event has been postponed—so always check that out.

A "New and Potential ASM Members" web page has been added that pulls all the info that new and prospective members need to review to understand how ASM is set up and the policies that govern club operations—the By Laws, Contest Guidelines, etc. The link to the New Member page is on the Home Page. Both new members and "old heads" should review these documents every so often ([http://abqscalemodelers.com/ASM\\_New-Member\\_Info.htm](http://abqscalemodelers.com/ASM_New-Member_Info.htm)).

One other recent addition is a "Historical Tidbits" page that provides a monthly update with information and pictures of major historical events that are commemorated each month. The Tidbits have been around for several months and were posted towards the bottom of the Home Page. They are now on their own separate page ([http://abqscalemodelers.com/ASM\\_Historical\\_Tidbits.htm](http://abqscalemodelers.com/ASM_Historical_Tidbits.htm)) with a link from the

Home Page. A lot of our modeling is based on historical events so this seemed like a good thing to add for our "History Buffs."

As always, let me know if you have any ideas for changes or additions to the web site, and please send me any articles, reviews, or trip reports with pictures that you'd like to post on the web site (and also to Joe Walters for the Newsletter).

#### Year 2007 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

<b>5 Jan</b>	<b>SPECIAL CONTEST #1</b> <b>SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY</b>
<b>2 Feb</b>	<b>ASM Swap Meet</b> —no contest.
<b>2 Mar</b>	<b>Armor</b> —Any kit/subject/scale.
<b>6 Apr</b>	<b>No Points Contest</b>
<b>4 May</b>	<b>Ships</b> —Any kit/subject/scale. Sponsored Contest: "Best Modern US Aircraft Carrier" (Keith Liotta)
<b>1 Jun</b>	<b>No Points Contest</b>
<b>13 Jul</b>	<b>Automotive</b> (any era/scale/subj.) Sponsored Contest: "Best Mustang" (auto and aircraft) (Mark Soppet)
<b>3 Aug</b>	<b>ASM Swap Meet</b> —no contest
<b>7 Sep</b>	<b>Figures</b> —Any kit/subject/scale.
<b>5 Oct</b>	<b>SPECIAL CONTEST #2</b> <b>BEST SMALL-SCALE MODEL</b>
<b>2 Nov</b>	<b>Aircraft</b> —Any kit/subject/scale. Sponsored Contest: "Best Folded-Wing Aircraft" (Ken Liotta)
<b>7 Dec</b>	<b>No Points Contest</b> Plus Model of the Year competition!

#### Master

James Guld . . . . .	1429
Mike Blohm . . . . .	712
Dave Miller . . . . .	674
Mike McNichols . . . . .	217
Ray Ayles . . . . .	137
Brian Peck . . . . .	37
Ken Liotta . . . . .	6
Glen Bingham . . . . .	2
Patrick Dick . . . . .	2
James Taylor . . . . .	2

#### Intermediate

Don Smith . . . . .	863
Adrian Montano . . . . .	560
Rick Carver . . . . .	535
Victor Maestas . . . . .	532
Frank Randall . . . . .	495
Kyle Garber . . . . .	285
Jeff Frickstad . . . . .	35
Mark Soppet . . . . .	2

#### Basic

Gil Johnson . . . . .	1487
John Tribou . . . . .	377
Jeannie Garriss . . . . .	355

#### Junior

Kelly Brown . . . . .	285
Graham Basha . . . . .	235
Shawn Brown . . . . .	185

## ASM MODELER-OF-THE-YEAR POINTS

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