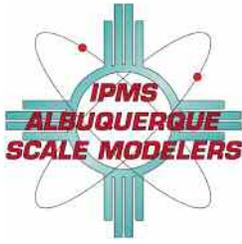


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THE FEZ SEZ TONY HUMPHRIES

Well, barely has the dust settled, the sunburn cleared up, the food poisoning abated, and the smell of cow dung cleared our nostrils (I'm talking about the New Mexico State Fair, although this could be everyday life for some of you, for all I know) than we find ourselves in October. Hurrah for the Fall! That season of mist and mellow fruitfulness, according to Keats anyway. In our case it's more likely to be the season of kits and total ruthlessness, as the points competition for Modeler of the Year hots up. This month is the penultimate points competition of the year, so enter your builds and prepare to be judged! I was going to include a picture of Judge Dredd here but I don't want to scare people away from actually entering. The consequences are not that severe. At least, not necessarily... Although, on that subject, I have been one of those who have argued in the past for the granting of Judge Dredd-style powers to Albuquerque Police Department, at least for traffic violations. Roadside execution might initially seem a bit harsh for failing to signal, I'll grant you that, but I can guarantee it would improve the quality of driving in this town and, to be honest, it's about the only thing that will! God knows we need it. Having been rammed myself last month by a trainee Kamikaze pilot in a Ford Taurus, I know what I'm talking about, believe me... And talking of Kamikaze pilots, as we apparently now are, this month's themed points contest is "Empire of the Sun," which concerns any Japanese subject up to the end of WWII, so dust off your Dinahs, whip out your Ohkas and touch up your Samurai wombat figures (well, you

never know) and get them on the competition table. There should be a good number of entries for this one and I look forward to seeing the results. It's also the second coming of the Revolutionary War/Bicentennial special contest as well, so in case any of you have had a sudden burst of patriotic fervor, you can display your results at the October meeting too.

Actually, going back to the State Fair again for a moment, there was a good turnout in the modeling sections with some excellent models on display. But then, there always are. Thanks to everyone from ASM who entered models, judged or helped register the models, and in particular to Mike Blohm and Josh Pals for their organization. It wasn't a record-breaking year in statistical terms but I think we did pretty well, as revealed by the report from Josh at our last meeting. For those of you that missed it—well, you missed it and so you'll have to go along and see for yourself. At the time of writing, I haven't been to the Fair since the judging was completed, but I'm sure that many of the winners will be from amongst our own membership, as we do make up a substantial portion of the entries anyway and so congratulations to all of you who placed in competition. Some were



September Meeting: As four different contests rages in the model room, Kin Piniak gave this presentation on his time in Desert Shield and Desert Storm.



from other modelers who are not ASM members, however, and we have attempted to reach out to them in the meantime to see if they would be interested in coming along to see us and possibly joining our ranks. We will have to see how successful we are there. We can't be like the Borg and forcibly assimilate them, of course (unfortunately), but we'll do the best we can to get them interested in ourselves and/or in the benefits of IPMS membership if they aren't members already.

Models entered that were of particular note included a very nice large scale USS Missouri and a couple of well-done Axis armor pieces. Unusually we didn't see (or at least, I didn't...) the usual crazy wooden ship, seemingly whittled from a tree stump with a sharpened screwdriver (or Albanian Army-surplus spoon) over the course of 10,000 hours or so. There's usually one of them, and my admiration (and a certain amount of pity also) go out to whoever usually enters those. I guess he misplaced his Albanian spoon this year. Oh, and one other thing about the State Fair while we're on the subject - it apparently included an event called "Mutton Bustin"—does anyone know what this is and/or did anyone attend it? I hope it didn't involve beating up some poor defenseless sheep (or even worse, the kind of entertainment involving sheep that traditionally goes on in rural Wales...). That seems a little unnecessary, after all! And indeed probably illegal as well. Especially in the case of the Welsh hobby. I hope that it is some obscure New Mexico term for something far more innocent and perhaps one of you can enlighten me on that one. But anyway, that's enough from me. Baaaaa-ck to modeling related subjects again...

NEWSLETTER NOTES

JOE WALTERS

- 1) Fred Franceschi is currently handling some out-of-town duties, so no Fred's Foto File this time around. Back next issue!
- 2) Because the September meeting ran a bit long, contest results were not announced and will instead be announced at the October meeting. Thus, no points listing and no photos of September winners yet.
- 3) I have a number of photos from Nationals and the State Fair, but no articles to go along with them, so no Bonus Pages this time (first time in years!). Short issue this time around! I have a feeling the next one will be a monster.

Year 2016 Contest Quick Reference Chart

Titles in **blue** indicate contests for points

- 08 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1:**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
Sponsored Contest: "Frickin' Laser Beams" (Patrick Dick)
- 05 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 04 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 01 Apr** **Rescue Me!**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 13 May** **Anniversaries**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 03 Jun** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2: US PRESIDENTS**
Sponsored Contest: "Northrop Grumman" (Patrick Dick)
- 08 Jul** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
Sponsored Contest: "Revolutionary War / Bicentennial Subjects" (Tony Humphries)
- 05 Aug** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 02 Sep** **Captured!**—Any kit/subject/scale.
Sponsored Contest: "100 Years of British Armor" (John Tate)
Sponsored Contest: "Caricatures" (Gil De La Plain)
Sponsored Contest: "Star Trek: 50th Anniversary" (Mike & Matt Blohm & Joe Walters)
- 07 Oct** **Empire of the Sun—Japan**—Any kit/subject/scale from the World Wars
- 04 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
Sponsored Contest: "Big 'Uns" (Tim Wood)
- 02 Dec** *Model of the Year* competition!

Note: The most complete and up-to-date details on the contests, as well as detailed rules, as always, are on the ASM Website:

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