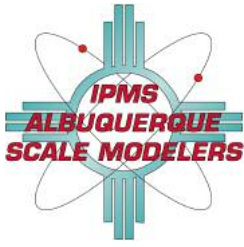


# ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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September 2008

## SUPER RAFFLE!

The next ASM "Super Raffle" takes place at the October meeting! The winner takes home:

- Hobby Boss 1/35-scale M4 High Speed Tractor kit
- AFV Club 1/35-scale Long Tom 155mm Cannon kit
- Tankograd reference book on U.S. WW II M4, M5 & M6 High Speed Tractors
- Photoetch and Resin Detail Sets

See Frank Randall for raffle tickets at the October meeting; \$3.00 per ticket or two for \$5.00!



Win the October Super Raffle, and take all this home!

## NEW STUFF

There is a new Model Entry Form that will be used starting in September; this form may be viewed on the ASM Web Site.

The 2008 Contest Schedule has also been updated somewhat; this is also available in detail on the web site, and the Quick Reference Chart on page 3 of this newsletter reflects the changes.

August meeting highlights, counterclockwise from left: Brian Peck running a clinic; modeling workshop in progress; the business meeting.





August Best of Show winners, Clockwise from left: John Tate's *Parasaurolophus*, Gil Johnson's *M8 Greyhound*, Josh Pals's *Dungeons & Dragons Fighter*, and Tom Perea's *Impala Police Car*.



## UPCOMING SHOWS

There are a number of modeling events scheduled in the near future that may be of interest to ASM members! Details are on the web site home page (scroll down!). The events include:

- SHOCON 08: Region X Contest, 13 Sep in Ogden, Utah.
- Model Contest at Hobbies 'N Stuff on 20 Sep.
- Modelzona 2008 in Phoenix on 15 Nov.

## JIM'S SPRUES & REVIEWS JAMES GULD

The dog days of summer are drawing to an end, and hopefully autumn will bring more releases. I know I have my fingers crossed! Unfortunately, a few armor subjects that were supposed to be released this spring got pushed back to the fall. Here is what is new or on the horizon;

Mig Productions has some figures and diorama bits for modern settings like Jersey barriers.

Tank Workshop has a German railway boxcar.

Blast has some cool items for the Stryker, including a mine-clearing plow and lane markers for the rear.

A new book on Shermans from Steve Zaloga is due out in October from Stackpole.

Trumpeter says they are to release the 1/16-scale M16 halftrack in September.

Dragon has some new figures coming out of

Commonwealth troops for the Italian campaign, and are supposed to have the 1/35-scale M16 half-track out in September.

Hobby Boss has their version of the Land-Wasser-Schlepper coming out in late August.

Tiger Model Designs has some updates for the new M5A1 from AFV Club and some exhausts for T-34s.

AFV Club is supposed to have the Churchill MKIII out in October, along with crew figures from Hobby Fan.

That's about it for the major armor items. As always, keep up to date by checking the PMMS web site.

## TRIP REPORT MIKE BLOHM

### Air Power Park and Museum

I recently had the opportunity to visit the Air Power Park and Museum located in Hampton, Virginia. The museum is enclosed in a geodesic dome, and unfortunately the building was closed for renovations.

The outside park was open, and offers a wealth of





aircraft, missiles and rockets. There is a road circling the perimeter of the displays if you want to stay in your car, or you can walk amongst them—definitely the choice for modelers. Displays of note include Project Mercury capsule with Little Joe rocket booster, Mercury Test Capsule, KV-6A Kestrel (experimental NASA vertical takeoff and landing aircraft), Argo D-4 Javelin rocket, F-86L Sabre, F-89J Scorpion, F-100D Super Sabre in Thunderbirds markings, F-101F Voodoo, F-105D Thunderchief, RF-4C Phantom II, MIM-3 Nike Ajax surface-to-air missile (SAM), MIM-14 Nike Hercules SAM, M-2 Corporal rocket, SM-78 Jupiter Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile, A-2 Polaris Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile, T-33A T-Bird, and A-7E Corsair II. It was very nice to be able to get up close to all these aircraft and missiles. Some of the items are in pristine condition, but a lot are in very sad shape, particularly the SAMs and missiles. Hopefully the outside displays will also be renovated when they finish the museum building.



A few pictures are included with this article; additional photos are posted on the ASM web site ([http://abqscalemodelers.com/asm\\_field\\_trips.htm](http://abqscalemodelers.com/asm_field_trips.htm))

The museum is open seven days a week from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. year-round except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Definitely recommended, especially if you want to model some Nike SAMs, as displays of those seem to be few and far between.

The museum does not have a web site, but infor-

## Year 2008 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

Items in **green** were added since last printing

- 4 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**  
**SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY**
- 1 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 7 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 4 Apr** **Heroes & The Good Guys**—men, women, or machines, any kit/subject/scale/era.  
*Sponsored Contest: "Best Corsair" (Don Smith)*
- 2 May** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2**  
**PHABULOUS PHANTOM'S PHIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY**  
*Sponsored Contest: "American MiG Killers" (Brian Peck)*
- 6 Jun** **Eastern Front**—Aircraft, Armor, Figures (any kit/scale/subject).  
*Sponsored Contest: "Best D-Day Subject" (ASM E-Board)*
- 11 Jul** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 1 Aug** **The Zoo**—Mustangs, Panthers, Cougars, etc.; any kit/subject/scale.
- 5 Sep** **The Pacific**—Any kit/subject/scale.  
*Sponsored Contest: "Best P-40" (Patrick Dick)*
- 3 Oct** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3**  
**ASM'S BEST P-47, 10TH ANNIVERSARY**  
*Sponsored Contest: "Allan Goodman Memorial—Best of Any Subject" (ASM E-Board)*
- 7 Nov** **World War I, 90 Years**—Any WWI kit/subject/scale.  
*Sponsored Contest: "WWI Aces" (Mike Blohm)*
- 5 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #4**  
**TAG-TEAM MODEL**  
Plus *Model of the Year* competition!  
*Sponsored Contest: "Captured" (ASM E-Board)*  
*Sponsored Contest: "Something Completely Different" (Tom Grossman)*

mation can be found at:

<http://aeroweb.brooklyn.cuny.edu/museums/va/appm.htm>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air\\_Power\\_Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air_Power_Park)

## HUGE MODELS DOOMED

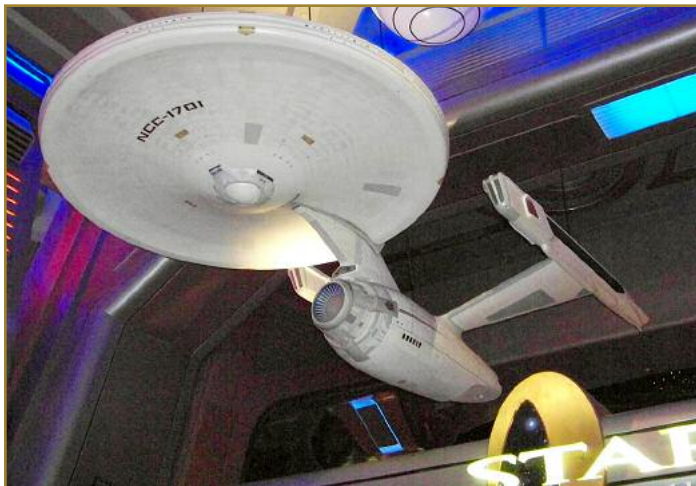
### JOE WALTERS

**Star Trek: The Experience to close after ten years; models to be destroyed**

For ten years, the Las Vegas Hilton has played host to a large attraction called Star Trek: The Ex-

perience. The attraction includes two “virtual reality” rides (*Klingon Encounter* and *Borg Invasion 4-D*), along with a themed restaurant/bar (Quark’s) and a large shopping area based on the Promenade from the *Deep Space Nine* series. While in this area, you appear to actually *be* on the DS9 station, and to enhance the illusion, hanging above everything are four very large, highly-detailed starship models, some complete with lights. Additionally, there is a large “museum” display of hundreds of props, costumes, models, and other items from the various *Star Trek* series and movies.

September 1 is the last day of the attraction; after



Headed for the chopping block: this huge 20-ft long starship model, hanging over the entrance to the attraction, is scheduled for destruction along with three other ship models.

that, the place will be demolished to make room for a new unrelated attraction.

All items that belong to Paramount (mainly the museum props) will be returned to Paramount; everything else, by contract, is to be utterly destroyed to prevent employees from selling pieces on eBay.

The cost of moving and preserving the huge models would be prohibitive; it is expected they’ll be destroyed along with the rest.

During the recent *Star Trek* Convention (early August), I was one of many who found themselves taking literally hundreds of photos of the museum exhibit and the rest of the attraction, soon to be the only way to experience it.



Where else will you ever be able to see a group of Klingons sitting down for a meal?

**Master**

- John Tate . . . . . 2357
- James Guld . . . . . 2152
- Mike Blohm . . . . . 539
- Mike Franklin . . . . . 420
- Patrick Dick . . . . . 216
- Ken Liotta . . . . . 183
- Mike McNichols . . . . . 170
- Brian Peck . . . . . 154
- Keith Liotta . . . . . 31
- Dave Miller . . . . . 25

**Intermediate**

- Victor Maestas . . . . . 1119
- Josh Pals . . . . . 999
- Rick Carver . . . . . 695
- Frank Randall . . . . . 565
- Tom Perea . . . . . 391
- Tim Wood . . . . . 327
- Wayne Sprong . . . . . 305
- Adrian Montañó . . . . . 220
- Don Blea . . . . . 125
- Don Smith . . . . . 103
- Danny Williamson . . . . . 102
- Jeff Frickstad . . . . . 75

- Jack Garriss . . . . . 25
- Kyle Garber . . . . . 4

**Basic**

- Gil Johnson . . . . . 1655
- Matt Blohm . . . . . 125
- Jeannie Garriss . . . . . 125
- John Tribou . . . . . 125

**Junior**

- Chelsea Perea . . . . . 460
- Alyssa Perea . . . . . 125

**ASM 2008 MODELER-OF-THE-YEAR POINTS**

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