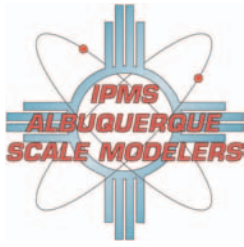


ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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April 2005

PRESIDENT'S CROSSHAIRS BRIAN PECK

Please note: this month will be the only other time we are out of our usual space and will be in the two rooms on the south side of the UNM Continuing Education Center due to UNM evening classes. The rest of the year we will be back in our newly expanded room.

Greetings, fellow modelers!

I hope everyone enjoyed last month's swap meet. Did you find your next great project? I know some of you did. Now it's time to start building those kits you acquired for a later contest! Also, don't miss April's meeting; we will have a special presentation from ASM's own Dave Straub on airships along with our usual monthly contest. Dave's presentations are always a wealth of information so do not miss it!

By the time you read this, ASM's next special raffle will have been put together and ready to be announced at the next meeting. The next Super Raffle is tentatively scheduled for the May meeting so stay tuned! I'll see everyone April 1!



March meeting highlights, clockwise from left: Stan Harris gives a clinic on figure painting; John Kendrick announces the winners of his sponsored *Gundams* contest; the swap meet in full swing.

CONTEST CORNER MIKE BLOHM

March Contest Results

The March meeting was packed with events and provided something for everyone. It featured the first "Open Contest" of 2005, which had 36 total entries; and John Kendrick's "Gundams" sponsored contest, which had 9 total entries. Stan Harris conducted a great figure-painting workshop and there was also a Swap Meet. Pictures of the winners are in the Newsletter; all pictures and detailed contest results are posted on the website.

The Juniors had a great showing with nine models entered between the Open and Gundam contests. Logan Carbin built a very nicely done P-51D in invasion markings, which won the Juniors' Best of Show and People's Choice awards and a First in Aircraft. Great job, Logan! In the Automotive category, Jeannie Garriss won a Gold with her Herbie the Love Bug, and Nathan Shatto won a Silver with his Pontiac Z-28 Firebird. The rest of the Junior entries were Gundams in the Science Fiction & Fantasy category, with results as follows: Taylor Liotta won Gold for his MS-14E and Silver for his Super Deformed RZ-79; Jeannie Garriss won two Golds for her Dragon Gundam and



March Best-of-Show winners, clockwise from right: David Boehning's BF-11-G-4, John Tate's "V-Weapon" collection, Logan Carbin's P-51, and John Kendrick's *Gundam Battle*.



Log Gundam; and Jimmy Letterhos won Silver for his Gundam Wing Zero.

The Basic division had five entries. John Kendrick's nicely constructed "Gundam Battle" diorama won the Basic Best of Show and People's Choice awards, and a Gold in dioramas. John also won a Gold with his knight figure "Elector Otto Heinrich," which just narrowly lost the People's Choice award. The other entries were all Gundams in the Science Fiction & Fantasy category, with results as follows: Don Smith won a Gold for his Gundam NT-1 (RX-78NT1). Matt Blohm won two Silvers with his RX-78 Gundam and scratch-built Anubis Gundam.

There were nine entries in the Intermediate division. David Boehning's excellent Bf 11-G-4 night fighter won the Intermediate Best of Show and People's Choice awards, as well as a First in Aircraft. Hank Petitgirard took Second in Aircraft with his F-4E, and Walt Schanwald took Third with his LaGG-3. Rick Carver took a First in Figures with his nicely done 12th Century Knight. Frank Randall took a First in Science Fiction & Fantasy with his MSM-07 Z'Gok Gundam.

The Masters division had a great turnout with 13 model entries. Joe Tate's excellent "V-Weapon" collection took the Master's Best of Show and a First in Collections. Jim Guld's excellent "Things to Come" diorama took the People's Choice award, and a First in Dioramas. Second in Collections went to Stan Harris' collection of "Zulu" figures. In the Aircraft category, First went to Larry Horyna's Nakajima B6N Tenzan "Jill;" Second went to Ken Liotta's F3F-2; and Third went to John Tate's I-16 "Mosca." In the Figures category, First went to John Tate's "Apache Warrior;" and Second went to Jim Guld's "Bloodbath at Belgorod." First in Science Fiction & Fantasy went to Mike Blohm's



Burning Gundam. First in Automotive went to Ken Liotta's MacDonalds Oldsmobile Funny Car. Jim Guld's "Learning to Crawl" with a Panzer I won First in Armor and Military.

Contest Guidelines Change

At the March meeting the membership voted to change the number of Works In Progress that can be brought to any meeting whether there is a contest or not. The limit is now set at three models per meeting, with two points per model.

People's Choice Award Voting

The new procedures for voting for the People's Choice awards were used at the March meeting and worked successfully. The same procedures will therefore be used for the rest of the year.

Upcoming Contests / Events of Interest

April 1: "Bent Wing Birds, Cats, or From the Animal Kingdom." Points contest. Any "Bent Wing" Bird (*change in ROE—see further explanation below*); Grumman "Cat" aircraft (Wildcat, Hellcat, Tomcat, etc.), or a subject that fits an "animal name." All scales and eras. Note that "animals" includes insects and aquatic life. Qualifying animal name examples are: DeHaviland "Mosquito," submarine "Nautilus," aircraft carrier "Hornet," F-15 "Eagle," Corvette "Stingrays," and both P-51 and Ford "Mustangs." "Official nicknames" only—note that "Cockroach" (F-117) would not be applicable, but the F-117 does qualify under "Nighthawk." Foreign language animal names are also included; *i.e.*, Russian Su-47 (S-37) "Berkut" (Gol-

Year 2005 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

- 7 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
- 4 Feb** **D-Day Presentation**—no contest.
- 4 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/scale.
*Sponsored Contest: *Gundams*
(John Kendrick)
and
ASM Swap Meet
- 1 Apr** **Bent-wing Birds/Cats/Animals**—
Any kit, any scale, any era.
- 6 May** **WWI**—Any kit, any scale.
*Sponsored Contest: *Micro-Modeling*
(ASM E-Board)
- 3 Jun** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2: SOUTHEAST ASIA**
1941 - PRESENT
*Sponsored Contest: *Best P-40*
Subject (Ken Liotta)
- 8 Jul** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 5 Aug** **Jets & Prototype Aircraft/Vehicles/**
Ships—Any kit, any scale.
*Sponsored Contest: *Night Fighters*
(Patrick Dick & Jason Clevenger)
- 9 Sep** **Africa/Middle East, 1914 - Present**
Any kit, any scale, any nation.
*Sponsored Contest: *Best P-38*
(Stan Johnson)
- 7 Oct** **Battles of 1945**—Any subject/scale.
*Sponsored Contest: *1/35-scale German*
Armor (Rick Carver & Don Smith)
*Sponsored Contest: *BabeFest*
(Larry Horyna)
- 5 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit, any scale.
Plus: **One-Hour Modeling Contest**
*Sponsored Contest: *F/A-22 Raptors*
(Mike Blohm)
- 2 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3**
MODELING NEW MEXICO
Plus: **Model of the Year**

den Eagle) and German He 219 “Uhu” (Owl).

*The “Bent Wing Bird” part of this contest has been expanded to include any aircraft that has a wing with a significant change in the vertical. Note that changes in the horizontal (like double-delta wing of the Su-15 Flagon); and airliners with “winglets” are not players. Examples include the Polikarpov I-15, B-25 Mitchell, and Ju 87 Stuka.
Workshop/Presentation: “Airships” (David Straub)

April 2: Modelmania 2005 and Space City Nationals. Stafford, TX (IPMS Houston).
<http://www.ipms-houston.org>

April 17: ASM Road Trip to Holloman AFB Air Show. Visit the Holloman Community Appreciation Day and Open House website for further info:

<http://www.holloman.af.mil/airshow2005>

May 6: “World War I” Points Contest. Any subject or scale, friend or foe, that participated in WWI (all fronts).
Sponsored Contest: “Micro-Modeling” (ASM E-Board).
See website schedule for further details.
Workshop: Wet Sanding Finishes (Brian Peck)

May 21: Scalefest 2005. Mesquite TX (IPMS/USA—North Central Texas). <http://www.ipmsnet.org/scalefest.html>

June 3: Special Contest #2 “Southeast Asia 1941 – Present” Non-Points. Any subject from the SE Asia nations, or involved in conflicts in those nations, from 1941 to the present. All scales. SE Asia is defined as the current nations of: Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam; or what had once been these nations from 1941.
Sponsored Contest: “Best P-40 Subject” sponsored by Ken Liotta. *See website for further details*

June 4: ASM Mall Show at the Cottonwood Mall.

June 18 - 19: Region 6 2005 Convention. Moore, Oklahoma. <http://htwebservices.net/r6conv>

July 20 - 23: IPMS/USA Nationals. Atlanta, Georgia.
<http://www.ipmsusa2005.org>

Sep 23 - 24: The Gathering Annual Contest. Davis Conference Center, Logan, Utah. <http://www.utscale.org>

Sep 30 - Oct 1: Region 10 2005 Regional Contest. Fort Collins, Colorado.
<http://www.ipmshpm.org/2005Region>

JIM'S SPRUES & REVIEWS

JAMES GULD

To let you all know, this will be my new column where I will do in-box and post-build reviews of mostly armor kits. I will also let you know about any new websites or books that I come across.

This month I'll be looking at Dragon's 251/16 ausf. C Flammpanzerwagen and 251/22 ausf. D, both in 1/35 scale.

The 251/16 kit is very nice right out of the box. The interior is jam-packed with the tanks and associated equipment to make the Zippo work. Are all the bits and bobs in the right place? I can't say right now, as I'm still waiting on a reference book on the 251 variants to come in, but it sure looks good. The shields for the flamethrowers are PE and there is also some PE supplied for the drivers/co-driver's seat backs and for the brackets that would attach the side rear fenders. Other PE are supplied for the brackets that

hold the portable flamethrower on the rear doors and the buckets that hold the spare visor blocks. The visors themselves are clear pieces and can be positioned either open or closed. Other nice touches are both decals and stickers for the dashboard instrument panel. They also provide stickers for the side mirrors. Moving to the outside we have a choice of how the front wheels are positioned and the rear running gear is nice, not perfect, but very nice for the details. They provide the early style tracks as individual links but they are free of any pin marks. The only aftermarket goodies to add would be for the tool holders. I guess they still can't make one-piece tools with decent looking holders. This sure would be nice, but with the way things are going in molding technology, I bet it's only a matter of time. Dragon provides two upper hulls; one is the welded version, and the other is the lesser-seen riveted hull. The figures are made of vinyl but are glueable. They give you a driver and two crewmen for the flamethrowers. These figures have two sets of heads, one with a flame suit hood and goggles and one with the field service cap. They also give you a couple of spare uniforms, one hanging and one lying down. The decal sheets—yes, that's right, sheets, *three* of them—come with one sheet for the license plates with individual numbers. A sheet for divisional signs and a sheet that has the dashboard decals along with the national crosses and vehicle numbers. This looks like another winner from Dragon.

The 251/22 kit comes on the heels of the earlier 251/1 D kit and their new 7.5cm Pak 40 kit. After hearing that the Pak 40 kit had some errors for the carriage and the gun assembly, I was leery of getting this kit. But I did see Terry Ashley's review at PMMS and saw that they fixed the problem, at least for the gun assembly. The gun shield is two parts, all in plastic, but is very nicely done and is very thin and looks good. The only problem I've heard is that

they didn't get the cutout height for the shield right—it's too large a cutout. The interior details look good but until my reference book comes in I can't say for sure what if anything needs to be added or fixed. They provide an aluminum barrel for the Pak 40 and a choice of three different muzzle brakes. They also give you four brass rounds for the gun. Other interior choices are for the style of front seats and for the one remaining rear bench seat. The others are removed to make room for the Pak 40 mount. Dragon provides the same driver figure in vinyl as in the 251/16 kit, but also gives you four other figures from their German Heavy MG team. I'm not sure if they'll fit the gun or not, but hey—there's always room in the spare parts box. Again, Dragon gives you a choice of two different top hulls. This time they are both of the welded style but they are earlier and later styles with the difference being the engine compartment doors. Other nice touches are the rear doors with the latch mechanism molded separately, and the side compartment storage lockers have two compartments that can be either open or closed. The running gear is very nice and the road wheels have very nice details including raised lettering for the tire manufacturer. Dragon provides two different styles of tracks, the earlier style as provided in the 251/16 kit and the new EZ-Track for the latter style. The EZ tracks are off the sprues but do have slight mold marks on the inside faces. The decals are nice again with a lot of internal stencils and decals for the dashboard. There are a number of different styles and colors for the vehicle numbers along with a number of different divisional choices. Yes, it looks like Dragon is just getting better and better for their armor kits. Now if they would just focus on doing some allied halftracks, life would be just perfect.

Now if I can just decide what to build next...

Happy Modeling!

Master

John Tate	475
James Guld	404
Ken Liotta	235
Mike Blohm	177
Larry Horyna	125
Stan Harris	100

Intermediate

David Boehning	325
Hank Petitgirard	175
Rick Carver	125
Frank Randall	125
Walter Schanwald	125
Cecil Severs	2

Basic

John Kendrick	452
Matt Blohm	200
Don Smith	127

Junior

Jeannie Garriss	375
Logan Carbin	325
Taylor Liotta	225
Jimmy Ltterhos	100
Nathan Shatto	100

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