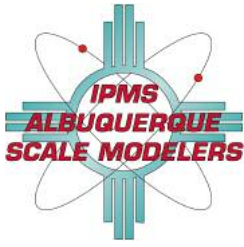


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FROM THE JUDGE'S CHAMBERS

DAVID BOEHNING

Contest results for May's meeting are in, and here we go. Once again there were no **junior** entries, so starting with **basic**, Jeannie Garriss won silver with her USS Constellation and bronze for her USS Iowa, Gil Johnson won gold, Best of show, and People's Choice with his PBR 31 Mk II. In **intermediate**, Adrian Montano won 2nd with his Al Unser Jr. Indy race car and 3rd with an Al Unser Sr. Indy car. In Armor, Rick Carver took 2nd with his "Pink" panther. In vignette, Don Smith won 1st with his Cold War Encounter. In ship, Don Smith took 3rd for his SSBN-599 Patrick Henry sub, 2nd went to Frank Randall for his USS Nimitz, and Adrian Montano won 1st, Best of Show, and People's Choice with his German U-Boat. For **masters**, Mike Blohm won 2nd for his F6F-5 Hellcat for aircraft; in Diorama, Jim Guld took 1st with his "First of May," and Jim also won 1st in figure with his German infantry. In Armor, Mike Blohm took 2nd with his M-4 Sherman, and Jim Guld won 1st with his German halftrack flamethrower. In ship, Mike Blohm won 2nd with his Higgins Boat, and Dave Miller took 1st and Best of Show with his U-826 U-Boat. This month, we had a tie for People's Choice between Dave Miller and Jim Guld for Masters. Congratulations to all, and we will see you next month. Remember to bring your most current model for display only, no points.



May's Best-of-Show winners, clockwise from left: Dave Miller's U-826 U-Boat; Gil Johnson's PBR 31 Mk II; and Adrian Montano's U-Boat. There were no Junior entries in this contest.

PIKE'S PEAK MODEL SHOW

JAMES GULD

It's show time... Well, the model contest season started out this past weekend up in Pueblo, Colorado, with the one-day show put on by the Centennial club. It was held at the Pueblo/Weisbrod Aircraft Museum. The turnout was pretty good. I don't have an official number but I would say there were around 35 - 40 contestants and about 150 models. There were three vendors, and the cost of admission allowed you to have access to the museum. The contest was held on the floor of the museum so you had to watch your head and not whack into the wingy things.

I think this was the first contest I can remember when there were more armor models than aircraft. There were also a number of dioramas, probably about ten total—that surprised me. As far as ASM members attending, I saw Dave Miller, Chuck DeWitt, and Don Alberts at the show. I know Dave won five awards, two first and three seconds, along with Best Mountain Subject. I picked up two each of first, second, and third. I know Don Alberts won Best of Show, but I'm not sure for which model.

They had a slight twist on the usual IPMS judging style: They assigned a point system to the entry sheets and broke it down into five categories worth ten points each, so when we were judging we would go through each model and give it points; and then, when we were done with a category, we would pick out the first, second, and third place winners. They didn't allow sweeps. This style is somewhat like what AMPS has in place for its contests.

The room was also left open and people were mingling around while we judged, but it didn't



cause any problems. The only real problem was that we were short-handed for the armor judging—we only had five judges total to judge about 70 models, so we were very busy.

They had a Make-&Take put on by Tom Grossman, and also had a raffle.

So there you have it. Next month, it is the ModelZona regional in Mesa, Arizona.

JIM'S SPRUES & REVIEWS

JAMES GULD

This month, for your modeling pleasure, I bring you my progress report on the 1/35 Skybow kit of the WC-51/52. It is a 3/4-ton Dodge weapons carrier. The 51 series is without the winch, while the 52 had the winch. The Skybow kit is now available from AFV Club. They bought the molds a few years ago.

I have to say this is the best fitting kit I have ever built. Yes, even better than some of the Tamiya kits I've built. The level of detail O.O.B. is pretty amazing since this kit is now seven years old.

I decided I was going to go "hog wild" on this one and picked up the Eduard photoetch set. It is okay, but has some flaws in it—for example, they provide the wrong style for the rear tool holder. They give the earlier 42-43 style, and the kit depicts a WC 51/52 from a 44-45-body style. There are subtle changes like the tool holder, the seats, and the rear cargo area seats. I also picked up the Wings & Wheels Production book on the Beep (that was the nickname given to WC 51/52).

I decided to add all the major wiring in the engine compartment and to the chassis. When I picked up the Eduard set I was hoping it would contain new parts for the hood, but it didn't. I had to scribe lines on the inside of the panels for

where the louvers were located, and then took my micro chisel and used it to push the plastic to give it the look of the louvers from the backside. It came out okay but not as slick as it would with new photoetch pieces.

Right now, I'm at the point where I have to get some paint on the chassis and paint the engine bay parts. I can then add the front hood and cab pieces and the rear cargo bed. I will be painting it with an OD/earth red camo pattern seen in the Italian campaign.

So if you're looking for an Allied softskin that goes together without much fuss, then this kit might fit your ticket.

Year 2007 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

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

Master

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| James Guld | 788 |
| Dave Miller | 674 |
| Mike Blohm | 365 |
| Mike McNichols | 107 |
| Brian Peck | 35 |
| Ken Liotta | 6 |
| Ray Ayles | 2 |
| Glen Bingham | 2 |
| Patrick Dick | 2 |
| James Taylor | 2 |

Intermediate

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|--------------------------|-----|
| Don Smith | 574 |
| Adrian Montano | 560 |
| Kyle Garber | 285 |
| Frank Randall | 270 |
| Rick Carver | 100 |
| Mark Soppet | 2 |

Basic

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Gil Johnson | 672 |
| Jeannie Garriss | 280 |
| John Tribou | 2 |

Junior

(No entries to date)

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