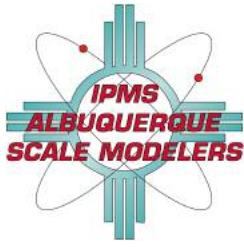


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IT LIVES!

JOE WALTERS

A day or so after the September meeting, the ASM Web Site **rose from the dead** and returned to walk the earth again!

Mike Blohm has since been working to update all the old info on the long-dormant site to bring it up to date, and progress continues almost daily. Already, some of the pages that were on the temporary web site have

September meeting highlights, L – R: Members examining contest entries, the busy Works in Progress table, and the business meeting in progress.



been removed and replaced with links to the relevant information on the “real” web site. The temporary site remains in operation (<http://web.me.com/jwalters>), and will continue to do so until all the information has been updated on the ASM Web Site.

But once again, we rejoice that the link shown in the masthead above links to the actual working ASM Web Site. Congratulations, Mike!

CONTEST CORNER KEN LIOTTA

by Temporary Contest Coordinator Ken Liotta

Due to personal commitment issues, Johnny was not able to cover September’s meet contest, and I was





Best of Show winners from September, left to right: Aleya Montaño's *Flintmobile*; Jim Guld's *H + 60* diorama; Kent Weeks's *Tiger Ausf E*; and Josh Pals's *Beelphegor*

happy to cover for him. We had a total of 27 models entered in the contest with eight Works in Progress on the tables.

In the **Juniors** Division, Aleya Montaño entered a fabulously decorated *Flintmobile* that earned a Gold ribbon, the “People’s Choice” recognition, and the “Best of Show” award.

In the **Basics** Division, Kent Weeks earned a Silver ribbon for his excellent Tam $\frac{1}{48}$ M26 and his superb Tam $\frac{1}{48}$ Tiger I earned a Gold ribbon, the “People’s Choice” recognition, and the “Best of Show” award.

In the **Intermediate** Division, things are getting a little tight with some top notch competition. In the Vignette & Diorama category, Tony Humphries’s “Prague 1968—Start of Russian Reprisals” diorama earned a second place award. In the Science/Fantasy category, Adrian Montaño placed second with his Tam Triceratops and then first place with his Polar Lights $\frac{1}{1000}$ -scale *Enterprise*. In the Automotive category, Adrian also placed second with his $\frac{1}{25}$ -scale Revell W900A truck to Josh Pals’s first place Moebius “Eye Gone Wild” coupe. In Armor, Tony Humphries placed second with his Italeri Firefly Ic to Paul Kirshner’s first placing StuG III G. In the Aircraft category, Adrian placed third with his $\frac{1}{32}$ -scale Czech Models P-80C, Josh Pals placed second with his $\frac{1}{72}$ -scale Tam P-47D, and Frank Randall placed first with his $\frac{1}{32}$ -scale Tam Spitwad Mk. IX. To round out the Intermediate Division, Josh Pals’s excellent rendering in 54mm of “*Beelphegor*” placed first in the Figures category, received the “People’s Choice” recognition, and the

“Best of Show” award.

In **Master** Division, the competition was just as tight. In the Science/Fantasy category, Ray Ayles earned a second place finish with his Polar Lights “Land of the Giants Snake” scene. In the Armor category, Dave Miller placed third with his cute little $\frac{1}{144}$ Dragon Jadgpanzer. James Guld placed second with his Tam M4A3/75W Sherman and then also placed first with his AFV Club Pak 43/41 artillery piece. The aircraft category was so competitive, it was split. In the “Large Scale” split (32 and larger), Victor Maestas placed third with his Tam Greek Spitwad Mk. IX, Glenn Bingham placed second with his Has Ki-44, and Brian Peck placed first with his Tam F-15C. In the “Small Scale” split (Smaller than 32), Victor Maestas placed third with his Tam $\frac{1}{48}$ -scale P-51B and then he also placed second with his $\frac{1}{72}$ -scale Great Planes Mirage III EA. Our resident scratchbuilding nut-job Dave Straub finished off the category with a first place for his $\frac{1}{200}$ Graf Zeppelin. The top of the Masters Division went to James Guld’s “H + 60” diorama, which earned a first place award in the Vignette & Diorama category, received the “People’s Choice” recognition, and the “Best of Show” award.

October’s meeting does not have a points contest but there is the “Special Contest #4—Blitzkrieg.” Any model, any scale, depicting a subject from the early days of WWII, from the German invasion of Poland in September 1939 through the Fall of France in June 1940. November’s meeting will be the last points contest: “Fall Open.” For the current “Points” standings see the list posted elsewhere in this publication. Model on, Brothers of the Sprue.

TRIP REPORT

MIKE BLOHM

Smithsonian Air & Space Museum

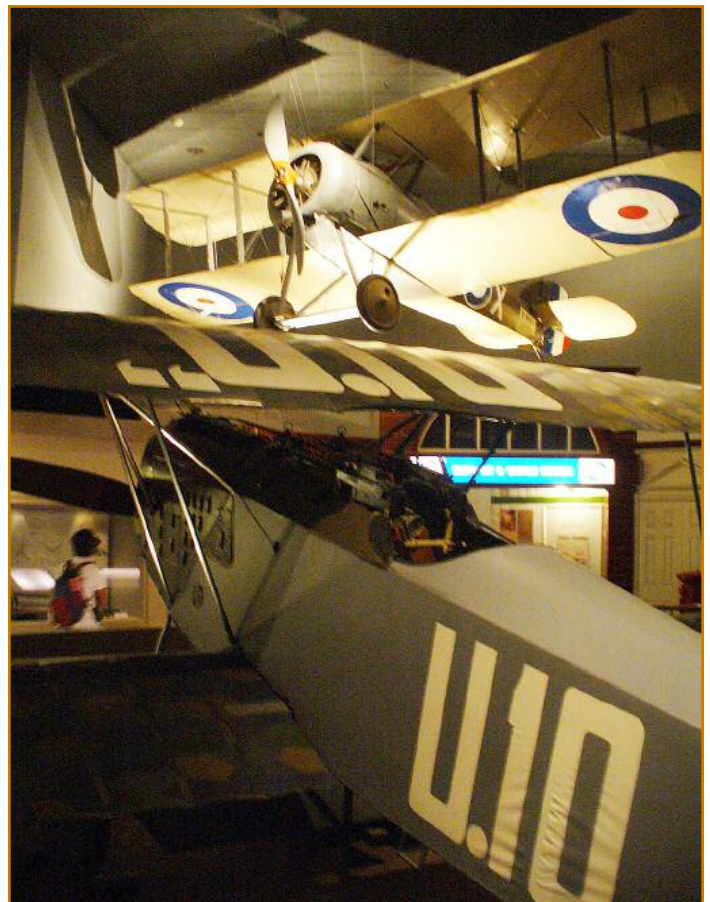
I recently visited the Air & Space Smithsonian Museum located on the National Mall in Washington, DC. I had visited in the past and this trip I wanted to get a good look at what had been recently added, or what was new to me. Pictures of the displays mentioned are included here or located on the ASM web site.



The “Looking at Earth” exhibit featured a DH4 and a U-2. “Beyond: Visions of Our Solar System” has a lot of cool pictures of the solar system from recent space



probe missions. “The Wright Brothers & The Invention of the Aerial Age” features the original Wright Flyer. “Apollo to the Moon” has a lot of artifacts and some cool models of rockets and spacecraft. The “Barron Hilton Pioneers of Flight” is a new exhibit under construction, but you have a fairly unobstructed view of those aircraft, which include the Douglas World Cruiser “Chicago,” the Lockheed 5B Vega flown by Amelia Earhart, Lockheed 8 Sirius “Tingmissartog” flown by Charles and Anne Lindbergh, and the Fokker T-2 that was the first aircraft to fly nonstop coast to coast in May 1923. The “Military Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)” display has six different UAVs suspended from the ceiling—pretty cool. One newer exhibit I missed on this trip is “Jet Aviation,” which includes an Me 262A, XP-80 Shooting Star, and FH-1 Phantom I.



Old exhibits that always deserve a look-see included the “Legend, Memory and the Great War in the Air” with a SPAD XIII, Fokker D.VII, Sopwith Snipe, and Albatros D.Va; “Sea-Air Operations” with an F4B-4, FM1 Wildcat, SBD-6 Dauntless, A-4C Skyhawk and a totally awesome $\frac{1}{100}$ -scale model of the USS Enterprise (CVN-65); and “World War II Aviation” with a P-51D Mustang, Spitfire Mk VII, Bf 109G-6, MC.202 Folgore, A6M5 Zero, and a pretty cool “Identification Models” display. The “Space Race” exhibit has several missiles, including a Jupiter-C, Vanguard, V-1, V-2 and

Minuteman III, an Apollo-Soyuz rendezvous mission mockup, and several space capsules. The “Lunar Exhibition” exhibit has multiple space probes (Ranger, Surveyor, and Lunar Orbiter) and a full-size Lunar Excursion Module (I’m old school).



A must-see museum if you visit Washington, DC. Plan on at least a full day if you want to see all the exhibits. Lots of good stuff for modelers. The gift store does have a book section, so save 15 minutes to check that out.

More info on the museum is available online here: <http://www.nasm.si.edu/museum/flagship.cfm?hp=v>

Year 2010 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

- 08 Jan SPECIAL CONTEST #1**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
Sponsored Contest: Best Mirage III, IV, V, 2000 or Variant (Rick Carver)
- 05 Feb ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 05 Mar Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 02 Apr SPECIAL CONTEST #2**
GOLDEN AGE MONOGRAM—Any Monogram kit from 1945 thru 1980.
- 07 May Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
Sponsored Contest: Oddball Subjects (Jim Guld)
- 04 Jun SPECIAL CONTEST #3: TANKS**
Sponsored Contest: 9th US Air Force (Don Smith)
- 09 Jul Sponsored Contest: FemCon**
(Josh Pals)
Sponsored Contest: Tamiya Spitfire (Hobby Proz & Brian Peck)
- 13 Aug Nationals Debrief Night—Bring Models & Trophies!**
- 10 Sep Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 01 Oct SPECIAL CONTEST #4**
BLITZKRIEG! (APR – JUN 1940)
- 05 Nov Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 03 Dec Sponsored Contest: Mercedes-Daimler-Benz** (Patrick Dick)
Plus Model of the Year competition!

Master

James Guld	1362
John Pattison	650
Victor Maestas	608
Mike Blohm	427
Glenn Bingham	302
Ray Ayles	200
Brian Peck	150
Dave Straub	125
Mike McNichols	104
Paul Bradley (guest)	100
Don MacBryde	50
Frank Hoback	25
Ken Liotta	24

Dave Miller	102
Patrick Dick	4
Intermediate	
Josh Pals	1472
Tony Humphries	1131
Adrian Montañó	725
Paul Kirchner	375
Frank Randall	350
Kyle Garber	100
Don Smith	18
Ken Piniak	4
Matt Christensen	2
Tim Wood	2

Basic

Kent Weeks	1250
Jeannie Garriss	125

Junior

Alyea Montañó	325
Caroline Smith	125
Marie Smith	125

ASM 2010 MODELER-OF-THE-YEAR POINTS

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