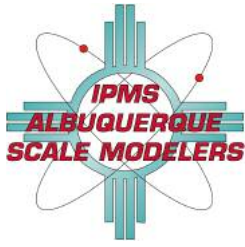


# ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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## ADDED SPONSORED CONTEST DON SMITH

I would like to sponsor a contest for the October meeting. The theme is "Best Wildcat." The trophy will be a framed artist print of an F4F Wildcat during WWII with an engraved plate that says, "Best Wildcat Model, Albuquerque Scale Modelers 2007."

Rules of Engagement: Any F4F Wildcat model, any scale, any nationality, any model or variant. This includes Grumman F4Fs, General Motors Eastern Aircraft FMs, British Martlets, etc. Remember, any scale qualifies but Don is fond of small, micro models and the special theme for the meeting is "Micro."

Please EMail me ([don.smith@ihs.gov](mailto:don.smith@ihs.gov)) if you have any questions, comments, approvals, rejections, etc.

## SWAP MEET LITHOGRAPHY WAYNE SPRONG

In our August Meeting/Swap Meet, I am selling my entire collection of the Air Force Lithography series of posters in my collection.

They are 17" x 24" and are in mint condition. The airframes include A-10s, F-4s, F-15s, F-16s, BUFs & Tankers, OV-10s, B-1s, Space Shuttle, etc. There are action pictures, flybys over the Grand Canyon, Washington, etc., and refuelings. It is a good series—official Air Force Lithographs in mint condition. I have more than just a couple of them.



June meeting highlights, clockwise from top left: the meeting in progress and the best-of-whow winners: Gil Johnson's Crash Cage, Kelly Brown's Havoline Race Car, and Victor Maestas's Porsche GT-1.

# JIM'S SPRUES & REVIEWS

## JAMES GULD

Well, with Nationals coming up I figured I would talk about some of the new kits I hope to spot in the vendors' room and see in the back of Rick's Bronco on the ride home.

Armor-wise, there should be some new releases at the time of Nationals. Dragon is talking about an M2 halftrack with the 37mm gun mounted in the back for infantry support. It is supposed to be a Cyber-Hobby release. They also have the M3/M3A1 and M16 announced, but I haven't heard any release dates for these kits.

I hope to see some of Tasca's aftermarket sets in the vendors' room. They have two really nice .50-cal sets and a new set of US water and gas cans. One other item they recently released is an assembly jig for doing Model Kasten Sherman tracks. It looks to make a horrible job a bit easier.

Bronco Models has just released their Humber Scout Car and hopefully their Staghound armored car will be ready too. From the test shots I've seen online, these kits look really nice with full interiors and engine bays. *Wow!*

Trumpeter has also been talking about their own line of US-based halftracks, but I haven't seen any release dates, so I doubt we'll see any at the show other than maybe some test shots at the Stevens booth. They should have some new Axis stuff like the Bridge layer on the Panzer IV hull and the armored train flatbed car with the Panzer IV turret. I saw a review of this kit at the PMMS site, and it didn't get a great review. Trumpeter seems to be hit or miss with its armor kits. Their KV series of tanks are really well done, but some of their newer armor kits aren't at the same level.

So you guessed it I'm getting pretty excited about next month. The contest itself should have some stiff competition. I think if you win anything this year you really deserve it. Well

that's it for me. Back to the bench and working on that M3 Lee and I still have to finish up those bases for the Blue Angels.



### Year 2007 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

- 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.  
*Sponsored Contest: "Best Modern US Aircraft Carrier" (Keith Liotta)*
- 1 Jun** **No Points Contest**
- 13 Jul** **Automotive** (any era/scale/subj.)  
*Sponsored Contest: "Best Mustang" (auto and aircraft) (Mark Soppet)*
- 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.  
*Sponsored Contest: "Best Folded-Wing Aircraft" (Ken Liotta)*
- 7 Dec** **No Points Contest**  
*Plus Model of the Year competition!*

### Master

James Guld . . . . .	967
Dave Miller . . . . .	674
Mike Blohm . . . . .	596
Mike McNichols. . . . .	107
Brian Peck . . . . .	35
Ken Liotta. . . . .	6
Ray Ayles . . . . .	2
Glen Bingham. . . . .	2
Patrick Dick . . . . .	2
James Taylor. . . . .	2

### Intermediate

Don Smith . . . . .	702
Adrian Montano . . . . .	560
Frank Randall . . . . .	495
Victor Maestas . . . . .	437
Kyle Garber . . . . .	285
Rick Carver. . . . .	200
Jeff Frickstad. . . . .	35
Mark Soppet. . . . .	2

### Basic

Gil Johnson . . . . .	957
John Tribou . . . . .	377
Jeannie Garriss . . . . .	355

### Junior

Kelly Brown . . . . .	285
Graham Basha . . . . .	235
Shawn Brown . . . . .	185

## ASM MODELER-OF-THE-YEAR POINTS

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