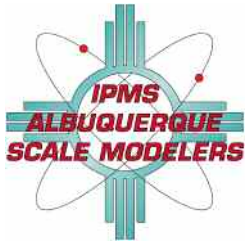


# ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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August 2017

## THE EAGLE'S VIEW MIKE BLOHM

Hope everyone has recovered from the Chile Con 4 effort. Thanks again to all who supported the behind-the-scenes planning and preparations and putting it on; and to all who participated. Please see the July ASM Newsletter for more detailed reporting on the convention. Pictures of the model entries and the convention—three galleries—are posted on the [ASM Website](#), as well as the most excellent CC4 Contest Awards slide show built by Joe Walters. Additional results information will be posted ASAP.

The next event coming up is the ASM-sponsored model contest at the 2017 New Mexico State Fair. This

is one of our opportunities to promote the club to the community and attempt to gain some new members. We have been fairly successful in doing so at the fair. Please go to the [NM State Fair webpage](#) on the [ASM Website](#) for information on entering models at the contest. There are 18 categories set up very much like an IPMS/USA contest. However, you can only enter one model per category and you can only enter them once, even if you did not place. We have done fairly well lately in the number of entries. Last year we set a new record with 61. We have been doing an “ASM display-only theme presentation” at the fair for the last eight years, since 2009. You can see all those displays if you go to the [Model Displays](#) webpage.



July Meeting highlights, left to right: Lots of Chile Con T-shirts were in evidence at this meeting; Members checking out the model entries; and the business meeting in progress.



We did a “Science Fiction and Anime/Gaming Models” theme in 2010 that included twelve *Star Wars* models. Pictures of that display are included in the [Bonus Pages](#). We got feedback from the fair people that our case was the most popular thing in the Creative Arts building that year. Back in the early days we normally had about half a display case available for the display, but lately we have been able to use a full case. With the recent “Star Wars—40th Anniversary” theme at CC4, we should be able to fill up a whole case. If you did not get your entry done in time for CC4, now you have a reason to complete it and display it. There is another article on the NM State Fair the [Bonus Pages](#) about how to bring your models to the fair, either as entries or for our display, or both, so please check that out.

To close, here is another short American ace story on James H. Howard. Howard was born in Canton, China, and lived there the first fourteen years of his life. He initially served as a US Navy pilot for three years including a tour with VF-6 aboard the *USS Saratoga* before resigning his commission in June 1941 to join the American Volunteer Group (AVG). He scored 2.333 air and 4.0 ground kills during 50 missions as a Flight Leader with the “Flying Tigers.” When the AVG disbanded in July 1942, he joined the US Army Air Force as a Captain. In September 1943 he was assigned to the 354th Fighter Group “Pioneer Mustang Group,” the first unit to receive the P-51 in the European Theater of Operations (ETO). Howard received the Medal of Honor for his actions on 11 Jan 1944 where he single-handedly defended the B-17s of the 401st Bomb Group for thirty minutes against thirty Me-110 fighters during an escort mission to Oschersleben, Germany. Howard continued his attacks even after he had run out of ammunition. In that combat he claimed 3 kills, 2 probables, and 2 damaged, although the B-17 crews were willing to confirm 6 kills. He was called “a one man air force” by the 401st’s group leader, and the wartime reporter Andy Rooney called his exploit “the greatest fighter pilot story of WWII.” Howard was the only fighter pilot in the ETO to earn the Medal of Honor. He named his P-51B “Ding Hao” which means “good luck” or “very good” in Chinese. The model pictures (Monogram 1/2 P-51B) depict his aircraft in Jan 1944 and in my opinion it is amongst the best personal markings on a Mustang during WWII.

## FRED’S FOTO FILE

### FRED FRANCESCHI

#### Confederate Air Force, US Fighters

Still more photos of Confederate Air Force airplanes taken by my brother Jim. I selected the United States fighters this time.



A P-47 Razorback Thunderbolt. I think that there was a decal sheet for the “Little Demon.” I wonder if this is the same Razorback that I took photos of at the Blythe airport in 1960 and 1961, and had in the Foto File in the September 2012 Newsletter.



F-82 Twin Mustang (one of two photographed in this set). Not a lot of these were made, so these two are probably rare. This bare metal one would have been a long-range fighter.

*[Editor’s note: The full text of Fred’s article, and many more photos of this CAF display (larger and in higher resolution) can be found in the [Bonus Pages](#). -JW]*

Howard reluctantly painted the Japanese victory markings on his P-51 for the publicity pictures following his Medal of Honor mission. Howard became 356th “Red Ass” Fighter Squadron commander in February 1943 and 354th FG commander in February 1944. He rose to become a brigadier general in the USAF Reserves, and retired in 1966. He passed away in 1995. I apologize for the length of this “short story,” but Howard’s story is well worth telling.

NM State Fair: <http://tinyurl.com/asm1708a>

Model Displays: <http://tinyurl.com/asm1708b>

## Year 2017 Contest Quick Reference Chart

Titles in **blue** indicate contests for points

- 06 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1:**  
**SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY**  
Sponsored Contest: "Frickin' Laser Beams" (Patrick Dick)
- 03 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 03 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 07 Apr** **100 Years of US Involvement in The Great War**—Any kit/subject/scale involved in WWI.
- 05 May** **Star Wars, 40th Anniversary**—Any kit/subject/scale from any of the Star Wars universe.
- 02 Jun** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2: KILL MARKINGS**  
Sponsored Contest: "General Motors" (Patrick Dick)
- 07 Jul** **1967**—Any kit/subject/scale that represents the year 1967.
- 04 Aug** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 01 Sep** **First or Last**—Any kit/subject/scale that represents the first or last of anything.  
Sponsored Contest: "Knife Fight / Night Light" (ASM E-Board)
- 06 Oct** **Red Star**—Any kit/subject/scale that represents Communist-influenced nations  
Sponsored Contest: "Orange" (Gil De La Plain)
- 10 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.  
Sponsored Contest: "Heavies" (Brian Peck)
- 01 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3: SUPERSONIC Model of the Year** competition!

**Note: The most complete and up-to-date details on the contests, as well as detailed rules, as always, are on the ASM Website: <http://tinyurl.com/asmsched>**

## VP REPORT

JERRY LITTLE

### I Found It on Google

One of the tools we don't always talk about in modeling is the internet. It is fair to say that the internet has become a large part of the way we model today. Whether it's ordering kits online from a number of retailers or even "chatting" with other modelers from around the world on our favorite message sites, it has likely become the biggest tool in our modeling tool bag.

It all probably starts with research! What used to take a trip down to the local library or the purchase of a magazine is now all available through a few mouse clicks. If you use "the Google," you can find information on any

modeling subject conceivable. Pictures, historical information, and personal accounts from people involved are all available. The nice thing about the internet is you can find multiple inputs from a variety of sources that may not be available to you in a more conventional form. I found two accounts of a dogfight over Western Europe that was told by the pilots of the opposing aircraft! While it didn't help with details of the model, it did provide some very strong motivation to get the model completed. It is almost too easy!

Another area to find great information is on many of the modeling "message boards" on the web. This information ranges anywhere from the latest kits to be released (<http://tinyurl.com/asm1708c>) to builds of subjects that you may be interested in building yourself (<http://tinyurl.com/asm1708d>) but wanted a quick look at the kit before starting. This wealth of information is endless when it comes to picking up new techniques to even finding flaws in the kit before you start that epic build. Another important point is that you will find multiple examples of builds and one will likely fit your style of building.

What also makes this a great resource is you are not limited to the local area! The internet is world-wide, so you are often looking at modelers from around the globe. If you need information on a particular model subject, you are likely to find someone from the local area where that subject is noted for. An example of this may be looking for information of a particular aircraft like the de Havilland Hornet and end up exchanging information with the curator of the only Hornet museum in the world (he happens to be a modeler too!). Albuquerque Scale Modelers are connected on the internet with our own website (<http://abqscalemodelers.com>) and Facebook page (<http://tinyurl.com/asm1708e>) with connections around Region 10, the US, and the rest of the world! As a matter of fact, Facebook played an important role in the execution of the latest Chile Con! We are connected with all the Region 10 clubs and they were able to "see" the electronic flyer!

With any good thing, there can always be a bad side. While often you find invaluable information out there on the web, you can find bad information as well. It's easy to claim one is an expert on a particular subject when you are trapped in your parent's basement spending too much time on the internet! So you have to confirm all your sources when things sound a little sketchy (see the [Bonus Pages](#)). The good news is there is always someone out there with the right information! The other downside can be that we lose local interest in our brick and mortar hobby shops. If you buy everything on line, the next time you need that one bottle of paint or glue... you're going to have to wait a week and pay shipping. As always, buyers beware!

The internet is a great thing and social media can play a valuable part in our hobby! It is as simple as a click of the mouse. A few links for excellent hobby resources:

- Google: [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)
- Hobby Proz: [www.hobby-proz.com](http://www.hobby-proz.com)
- Squadron: [www.squadron.com](http://www.squadron.com)
- Sprue Brothers: [www.spruebrothers.com](http://www.spruebrothers.com)
- Hobby Link Japan: [www.hlj.com](http://www.hlj.com)
- Brit Modeller: [www.britmodeller.com](http://www.britmodeller.com)
- Large Scale Planes: [www.largescaleplanes.com](http://www.largescaleplanes.com)
- Hyperscale: [www.hyperscale.com](http://www.hyperscale.com)
- Aircraft Resource Center: [www.aircraftresourcecenter.com](http://www.aircraftresourcecenter.com)

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## CONTEST DIRECTOR VICTOR MAESTAS

July saw the return of a points contest with a theme of "1967." In Basic, Rick Shryock earned a Best of Show and People's Choice for his Toyota FJ40 Land Cruiser RC truck. It was a very clean build with scratch-built parts including machined wheels! In Intermediate, David Epstein's X-15 set world records in '67 and his entry earned Best of Show. Chuck Hermann's 1967

Alpha Romeo 2000 GT race car earned the Intermediate level People's Choice award. In Masters, Chris Kurtze earned both Best of Show and People's Choice for his nicely weathered A-37B Dragonfly with scratch-built details added. The aircraft was ordered and the first prototype was flown in 1967.

August's meeting will have a swap meet with no contests, so bring stuff to sell, barter, or trade! The next contests will be in September:

- Theme contest: "First or Last." This includes any subject or any scale that represents the first or last of anything such as prototypes, aircraft with retirement schemes, first flight, last flight, etc.
- E-Board sponsored contest: Knife Fight/Night Light. This contest is for any subject, scale, or kit that includes a cutting device in the name (cutlass, rapier, sabre) or in the subject (figure with a knife) or any subject, scale, or kit that operates primarily at night (night fighters, armored vehicles with IR spotlights, special ops, owls, etc.). There will be a special award for subjects that combine both categories.
- New Mexico State Fair (September 7 – 17): Display theme will be Star Wars. Look for entry and judging dates.

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### Master

John Tate. . . . .	1180
Chris Kurtze. . . . .	899
Larry Glenn. . . . .	539
Ken Liotta. . . . .	516
Ray Ayles. . . . .	300
Patrick Dick. . . . .	199
Frank Randall. . . . .	186
Bret Kinman. . . . .	129
Glen Bingham. . . . .	125
Jerry Little. . . . .	112
James Strickland. . . . .	106
Steve Brodeur. . . . .	52
Mike Blohm. . . . .	39
Tony Humphries. . . . .	2
Victor Maestas. . . . .	2
Josh Pals. . . . .	2

### Intermediate

David Epstein. . . . .	1713
Robert Henderson. . . . .	875
Robert Meeker, Jr.. . . . .	520
Len Faulconer. . . . .	501
Chuck Hermann. . . . .	484
Ken Piniak. . . . .	423
Adrian Montaña. . . . .	355
Michael O'Brien. . . . .	295
David Haskins. . . . .	225
Mark Yoder. . . . .	125
Don Smith. . . . .	12
Jim Mesco. . . . .	4
Theron Brawley. . . . .	2
Partap Davis. . . . .	2
Chris Kurtze, Jr.. . . . .	2

### Basic

Logan Carbin. . . . .	1022
Aaron Schmiedicke. . . . .	410
Jeannie Garriss. . . . .	310
Anthony Weaver. . . . .	210
Charles Petrilli. . . . .	116
Rolf Nitsche. . . . .	6

### Junior

Aleya Montaña. . . . .	335
Josh Kinman. . . . .	2

## MODELER OF THE YEAR POINTS STANDINGS

As of 22 July 17

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ASM members are encouraged to submit articles, reviews and other items as appropriate. Contact editor Joe Walters for details and specs. Submission deadline for each issue is the 20th of the preceding month.

# BONUS PAGES!

## JULY CONTEST WINNERS

Top to bottom: Rick Shryock's *Toyota Land Cruiser* (Basic); Chuck Hermann's *Alfa Romeo 200 GT* (Intermediate); and Chris Kurtze's *A-37B Dragonfly* (Master). There were no Junior entries. Photos by Frank Randall.



# BONUS PAGES!

## FRED'S FOTO FILE

### FRED FRANCESCHI

#### Confederate Air Force, US Fighters

Still more photos of Confederate Air Force airplanes taken by my brother Jim. I selected the United States fighters this time.



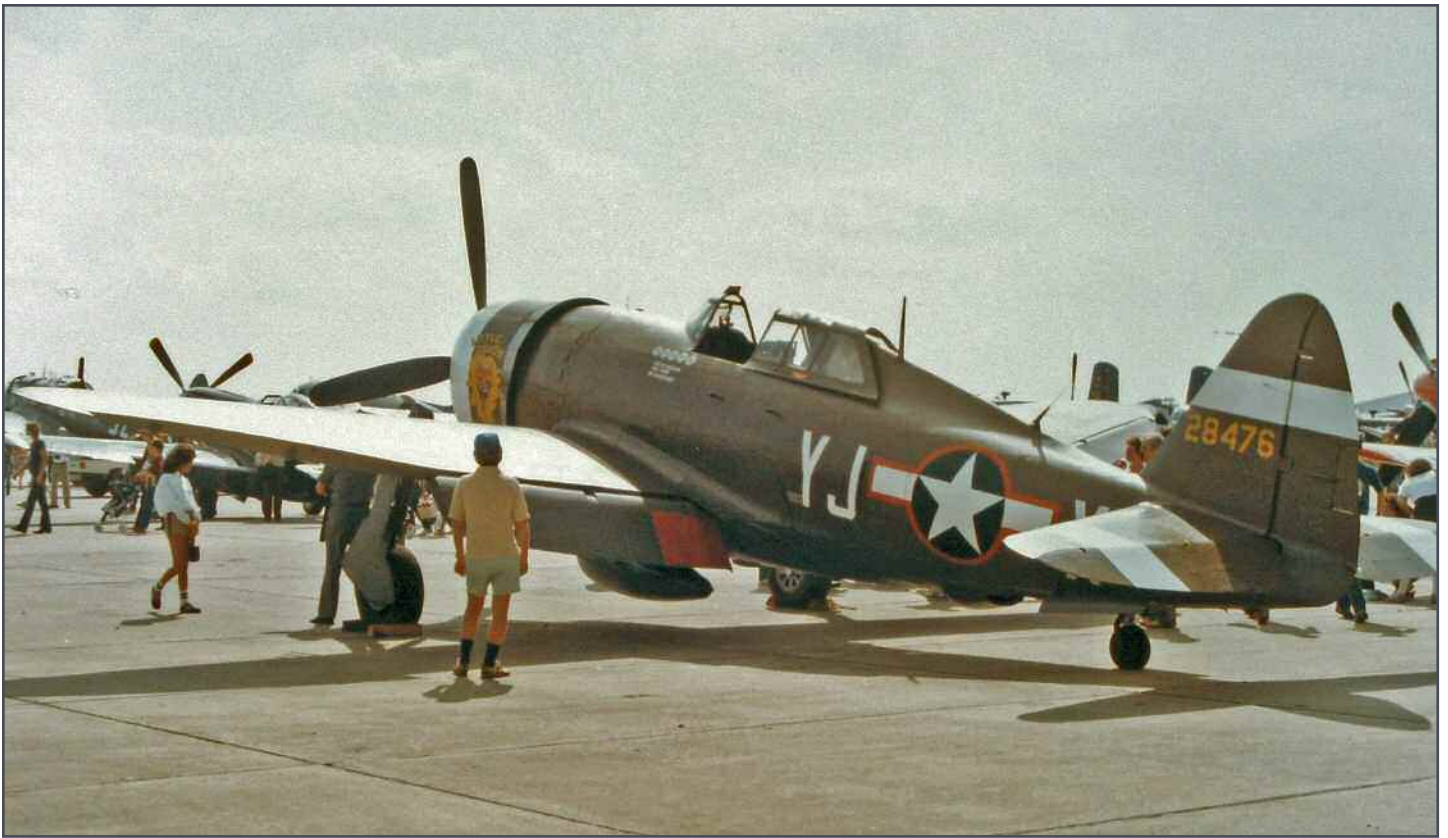
Right to left: A P-39, P-40, and P-51. I think that the P-39 was in Soviet markings.



A P-38. No stars; this plane may be “just for fun” without an attempt at historical painting.



Good shots of a late model P-40 in beautiful condition.



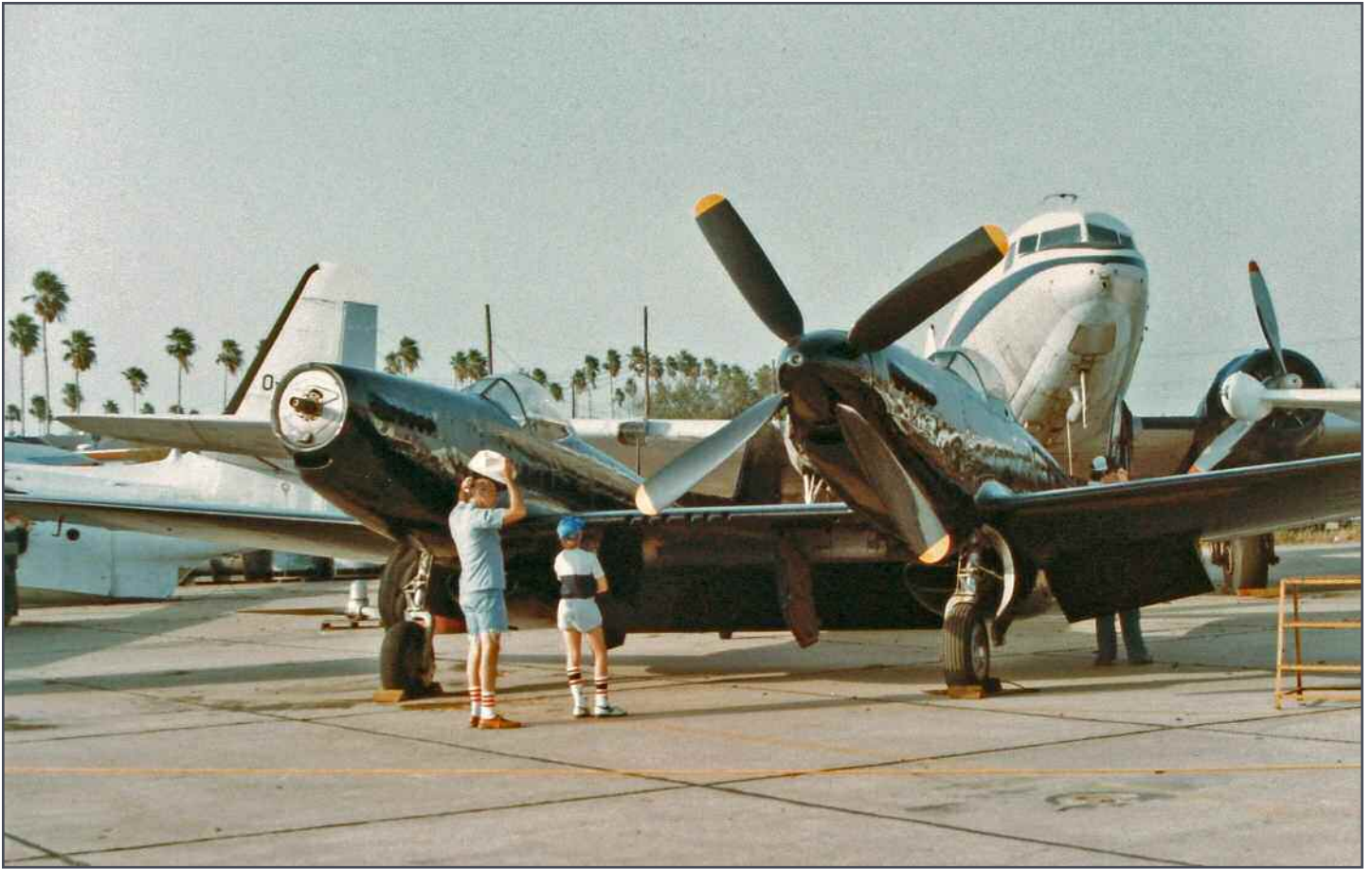
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This page and next: Various P-51 Mustangs. Such a beautiful aircraft.







F-82 Twin Mustangs. Not a lot of these were made, so these two are probably rare. The gloss black one would have been a night fighter version with a radar and radar operator, the bare metal one a long-range fighter.

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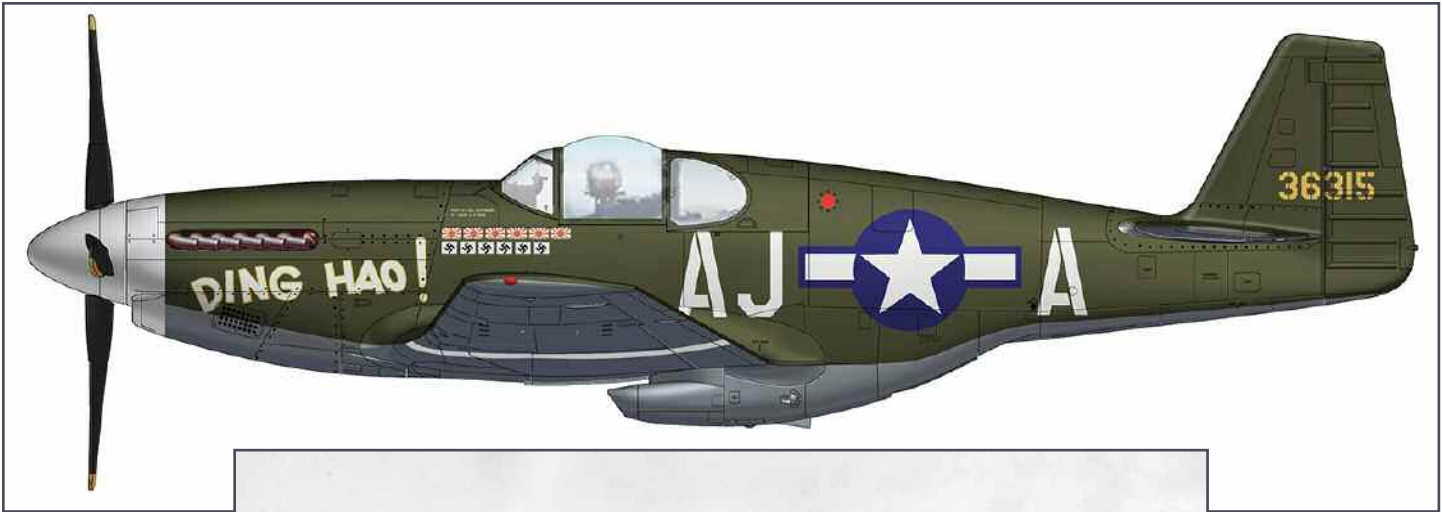
### MIKE BLOHM

[Editor's note: These are the photos of the 2010 State Fair display and model photos relating to James Howard as referenced in Mike's article on the first page. -JW]





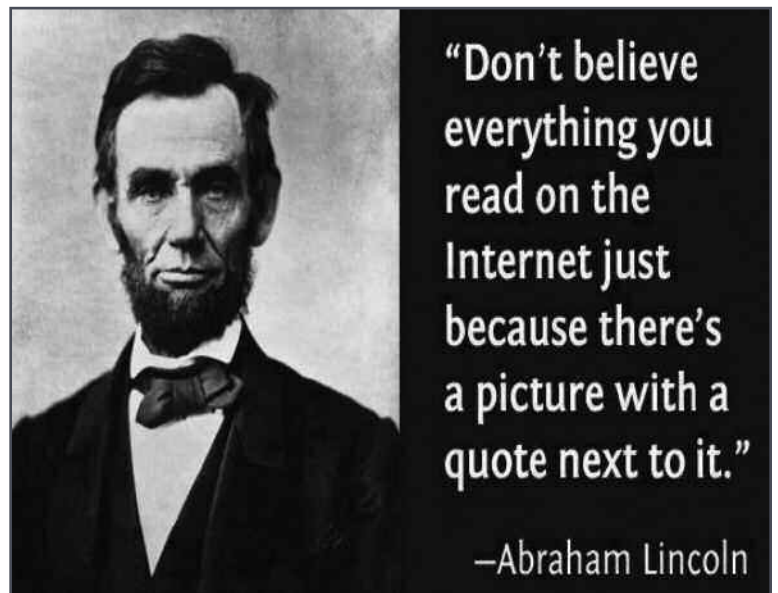




# BONUS PAGES! I FOUND IT ON GOOGLE

**JERRY LITTLE**

[Editor's note: These photos are examples of what can and cannot be found on the internet, including some B-2 wing molds Jerry found thereon. -JW]





# BONUS PAGES!

## 2017 NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR MODEL CONTEST

### MIKE BLOHM

#### Enter Your Models or Contribute to the Star Wars Display



All ASM members are encouraged to enter their models in the contest at the 2017 New Mexico State Fair. There are 18 different classes (categories) to enter, and you can enter one model in each. Model entries at the Fair will count in the ASM Modeler of the Year competition—at 50 points per contest model entry or 25 points per display-only model entry, with a max of three models counting for points. This means you can enter more than three (please do), but only three will count for points. As in previous years, ASM members in the Masters and Intermediate divisions are requested to enter their models in the “Professional” Section. Juniors and Basics can enter in either the Youth (11 years and under), Senior Youth (12 – 17), or Adult (18 and over) as they fit. Please see the [New Mexico State Fair webpage](#) for additional info and rules for the contest:

Model entries are from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Friday, August 26 and Saturday, August 27. Judging will be on Tuesday, September 1. Please contact Josh Pals if you can help with the registration and judging. We are looking at having two shifts each day for the registration from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. and from 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.

This year’s “ASM Display-Only” theme is “Star Wars 40th Anniversary”—we are looking for anything that fits that theme, in any scale: spacecraft, terrestrial vehicles, figures, and dioramas—all are welcome to be put on display. Note that contest entries that are in the “Star Wars” theme are okay too—they will be placed in the display-only case after the judging, and all the State Fair paperwork (entry/name tags) will be kept with them. Hopefully we can totally fill the case and have an impressive display again this year.

“Star Wars” Display-Only models can be:

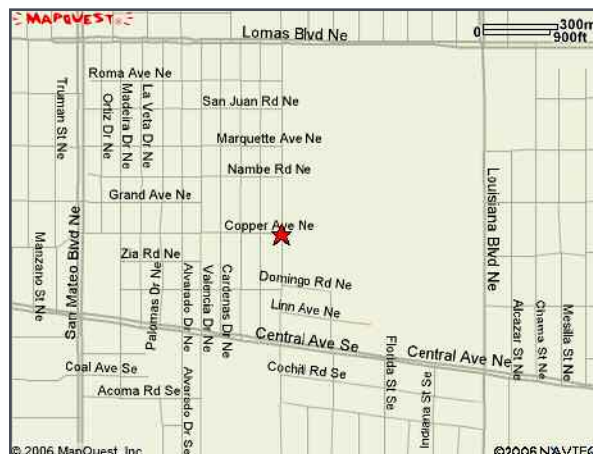
1. Brought directly to the State Fair on the model entry days—Friday August 25 and Saturday August 26 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (when you are hopefully bringing in some of your own contest entries);
2. Brought in on the judging day—Monday August 28 or Tuesday, August 29 (TBD) at 5:00 P.M.;
3. Dropped off at Hobby Proz by close of business on Friday August 25 (give to Brian Peck). Please have some paperwork with your name and model types so that we can track all the models.

Please let us know if you will be picking them up yourself after the State Fair, or you’d like us to hold on to them until the next ASM meeting, or you can get back with us.

Please send me an email ([blohmm@aol.com](mailto:blohmm@aol.com)) describing what type of models you are bringing so that placards can be made. Please include info such as the spacecraft or vehicle type, or the figure’s name, and what movie it was from (if known).

Pictures from previous year’s model contests and ASM display-only themes are on the website—please check them out, and come out and participate.

Some maps are included with this article (see next page) if you have never been to the Creative Arts building at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds. You can enter the fairgrounds through the gate at San Pedro and Copper. You can park in front of the Creative Arts building (located pretty much in the center of the colored map below, just West of Tingley Coliseum) or in the lot just northeast of the building when you are dropping off models or helping with the entry registrations.





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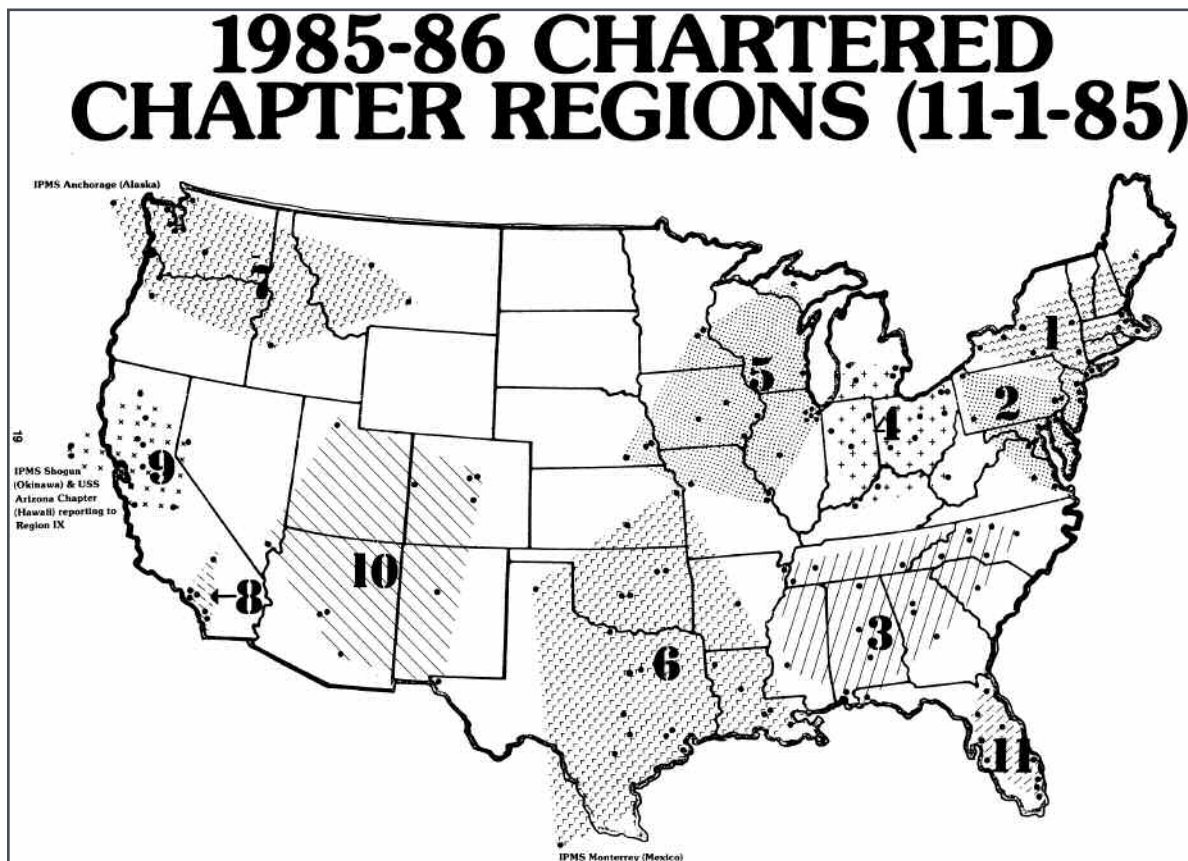
## ASM HISTORY GLEANED FROM IPMS

### JOHN TATE

Recently, I had a chance to browse through old IPMS publications saved over the years by the late Don Alberts and paid close attention to mention of ASM. Here's what I discovered:

The first time our club made it into print was in a "Chapter Happenings" column by Steve Kumamoto, then IPMS Director of Local Chapters (DLC), in a November/December 1983 issue of the *IPMS Update*: "Albuquerque Scale Modelers Club (Albuquerque, NM)—This is one of the latest clubs to receive their IPMS charter. Congratulations! I would like to welcome you to the growing list of IPMS-chartered clubs in Region VI (which then included Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Louisiana and Arkansas). At the June meeting, a guest speaker gave a talk on the various rockets and satellites launched from Vandenberg AFB in the late '60s and early '70s. In July, they hope to feature a sci-fi contest and IPMS audio/visual presentation on the basics of scratchbuilding."

Our club was listed sporadically after that, with Jack Garriss designated the IPMS point-of-contact for "ASMC" in the July/August 1984 issue of the *Update*. About 1985, Region X was expanded to include all of the Mountain West, and in the November/December 1985 issue of the *Update*, DLC Bob Dye listed "IPMS Albuquerque" as the tail-end chapter in the region, No. 14 of 14; here's a then-current map pin-pointing IPMS chapters and regions across the country.



In August 1988, an *IPMS Journal* column, "Regional Ramblin's," by DLC Bill Devins, reported the following: "IPMS Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM—the chapter has successfully concluded a membership drive. Some 60 new members were added to the rolls. Perhaps they'd like to share the secret with the rest of us through the pages of the *Journal*." Looks like even then, ASM (or "IPMS Albuquerque") was a

big club! Larry Cobb had been the listed IPMS point-of-contact for the club since 1985; longtime ASM member Larry Horyna informed me that Larry Cobb was also a former ASM president, prior to ASM president Pat Trittle's term, in the 1980s.

A "Regional Ramblin's" column from September 1989 mentioned that a Region X contest was being planned for the following June in Albuquerque, with further details to be provided. Sure enough, in the April 1990 *IPMS Journal*, mention was made of a Region X Regional contest to be held on June 15 – 16, 1990, hosted by IPMS Albuquerque, at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel; point-of-contact was Don Alberts. In the July 1990 *IPMS Journal*, Jack Garriss was mentioned again as the IPMS point-of-contact for our club. IPMS Albuquerque continued on as a chartered chapter, with a mention in the November 1993 *IPMS Journal* that the club was meeting the last Friday of the month at Cutter Flying Service in Albuquerque.

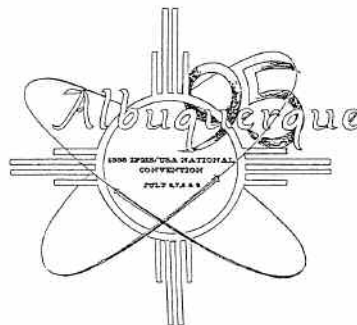
ASM's involvement with IPMS eventually led to what can be regarded as the high point in the club's history—hosting the 1995 IPMS Nationals in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Below are some IPMS Journal ads for that event:

**1995 IPMS/USA NATIONAL  
CONVENTION  
IN  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO  
JULY 6,7,8 & 9,1995**

The Albuquerque Scale Modelers/IPMS is proud to offer you the opportunity to visit the beautiful Southwest and attend what promises to be an outstanding IPMS/USA National Convention. The theme is the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the atomic age. This is appropriate because the first atomic bomb was detonated near Alamogordo, New Mexico in the summer of 1945. That makes us one of the few states to have been "Nuked" by our own government.

**The Hotel:**

The Convention Hotel is the Albuquerque Doubletree Hotel. The Doubletree is offering a special rate of \$69.00 per night for a single or double room. So that you may make the Albuquerque convention a family vacation, this rate is in available to Convention attendees Monday July 3, through Monday July 10, 1995. To reserve a room call 1-800-528-0444 or 1-505-247-3344. Be sure to mention the IPMS Convention to get this special rate.



**Poor New Mexico, so far  
from Heaven, so close to  
Texas.**

**The Model Room:**

We have a 12,350 square foot room devoted to the model contest and display area.

**The Vendors' Room:**

There are over 210 tables in the vendors area to buy, sell or trade. Tables are selling fast.

**The Banquet:**

We are planning to make this a very memorable event but more about that later.

**Tours:**

We have an agreement with Greyline of New Mexico to provide tours for our convention attendees. They are your source for tours to Santa Fe, Acoma Pueblo, and other near by attractions. More about what to see and do in the area in later issues of the "Journal". Contact Greyline at 1-800-256-8991 or 1-505-242-3880.

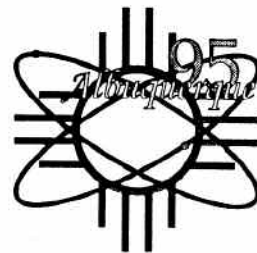
**Convention Shuttle:**

We are offering shuttle busses to local attractions, shopping malls and hobby shops. A three day unlimited shuttle pass costs less than one day's car rental.



## ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS

P.O. Drawer 130, Sandia Park, NM 87047



### The 1995 IPMS/USA National Convention in Albuquerque July 6, 7, 8 and 9

The Albuquerque Scale Modelers invite you and your family to enjoy what promises to be one of the biggest and best National Convention ever - in the heart of the American Southwest. Our organization is experienced and capable, our facilities are outstanding and reasonably priced, our weather is great, our scenery is spectacular, and our location is the most accessible of any in the West.

There is plenty for modelers, and their families, to see and do. Albuquerque is the tourism and vacation center of Indian Country and the Southwest. Last year the region, including nearby Santa Fe, was the number one tourist destination in the nation. Within a few hours driving time from Albuquerque are some of the finest family vacation opportunities in the nation, from Indian Pueblos to Civil War and Indian Wars battlefields. The San Juan River, in northern New Mexico is one of the nation's premier trout rivers, and there are many other spectacular outdoor recreation and camping sites as well. Vast state and national parks, as well as fascinating natural history and art museums, the Rio Grande Zoo, and the National Atomic Museum offer a unique glimpse into New Mexico's past, present, and future.

During the convention, we will offer a shuttle to take you to the zoo, major shopping centers, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, and Albuquerque's historic Old Town, as well as the local hobby shops. Price for a three-day, unlimited use pass will be \$15.00 per person and will save a lot of personal driving.

To kick off the convention Thursday evening, we hope you will join us for a dinner at the nearby Indian Pueblo Cultural Center for a meal of blue corn enchiladas, native music and dancers, and Indian crafts shops offering a 50% discount on purchases made that evening. The evening's entertainment will cost only \$20.00, including transportation - that's a real bargain during the heart of the tourist season.

The convention banquet and awards presentation is the event that traditionally brings the convention to a close. We plan to streamline the event as much as possible with state-of-the-art presentations, etc. The banquet, however, should be one of the highlights of the week, with a traditional New Mexican dinner being offered, along with optional fare for those preferring turkey. The trophies themselves will be in the form of Southwestern native sand paintings and are quite spectacular. (Incidentally, encourage your IPMS chapter to sponsor one or more trophy packages: this convention belongs to all of us!) It should be a great finale.

Tours include visits to the National Atomic Museum, which features extensive displays of Atomic and Thermonuclear bombs and special weapons, as well as missiles and a complete Atomic Cannon. The Friday tour to the Trinity Site south of Albuquerque is the first such special visit ever allowed to the location that saw the nuclear age ushered in fifty years ago. We will leave early in the morning, have lunch enroute, and be back at the convention site by mid-afternoon.

The Hotel: The Doubletree Hotel adjoins the Albuquerque Convention Center, site of contest/vendor/banquet activities, and is connected to it by underground concourse. Both are first-class facilities, close to a wide variety of restaurants and shopping opportunities, all in a pleasant and crime free environment. And, \$69 per night, single or double, at the peak of New Mexico's tourist season is the bargain of the Year! That rate is good three days Prior to, and three days after, the convention. To register, call them directly at the commercial number listed on the registration form.

The Convention: All the usual activities, plus a huge contest room with an extensive, adjacent vendors room (210 tables and selling out fast!). There are excellent ground level and underground parking facilities. We have arranged for Grayline to provide tours for convention attendees, including such exotic destinations as Santa Fe, Acoma Pueblo, and other nearby points of interest. In addition, we will offer shuttle service to local attractions (zoo, shopping malls, museums, Old Town, etc.) as well as tours to the National Atomic Museum on Kirtland AFB. Be sure and join us.

Airline Transportation: Albuquerque is served by many airlines, so getting here by air should be no problem. However, Southwest Airlines, in cooperation with IPMS, is offering attendees to the 1995 IPMS National Convention, a discount on both Southwest's low everyday unrestricted fares and Southwest's even lower restricted fares for travel on Southwest Airlines to the 1995 IPMS National convention.

To take advantage of these discounts, reservations must be made by phoning Southwest Airlines Group Desk at 1-800-433-5368, Monday - Friday, 8am-5pm. Call by no later than June 27, 1995, and refer to identifier code N5095. This arrangement should make travel to, Albuquerque much more affordable for many IPMS members and is highly recommended.

We're going to do everything possible to make this the best time you and the family ever had at a National Convention. Don't miss it!

Reviewing the history of ASM in IPMS publications, I noted a few interesting points; first, ASM is a “late joiner” to IPMS, since club old-timers date ASM’s founding to the late 1960s but the club didn’t become an IPMS chapter until 1983. Second, it is remarkable the club was able to bid and run an IPMS Nationals, with only one IPMS Regional contest under its belt. This is really a testament to the talent and ability of ASM members at the time who organized and staffed the Nationals. Although IPMS national conventions certainly have grown in size and scope since 1995, it’s worth remembering the experience we have as a club now, putting on four consecutive, successful Chile Con regional contests, compared to the experience level the club had back in the early 1990s. Just something to consider in the event we ever decide to host another IPMS national event—we might be better qualified for it than we think.

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**JULY 6 - 9, 1995**

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# BONUS PAGES!

## TEXANS AT CHILE CON

### ROB BOOTH AND DICK MONTGOMERY

The following pages are reproduced from *The Navigator*, the newsletter of the Alamo Squadron, the IPMS chapter in San Antonio, Texas. A small contingent from there traveled to our fair city to attend our Regional, and two of them wrote up reports of their experiences in their newsletter. Rob Booth wrote of his experiences at the convention itself, and Dick Montgomery (yes, *that* Dick Montgomery) wrote an excellent travelogue of his journey, including descriptions of places he visited that many of us know well.

Special thanks to Rob Booth and Dick Montgomery for their permission to reprint their reports, and to newsletter editor Craig Gregory for his permission to reproduce the original pages here. Enjoy!



## The Navigator

The Newsletter of Alamo Squadron

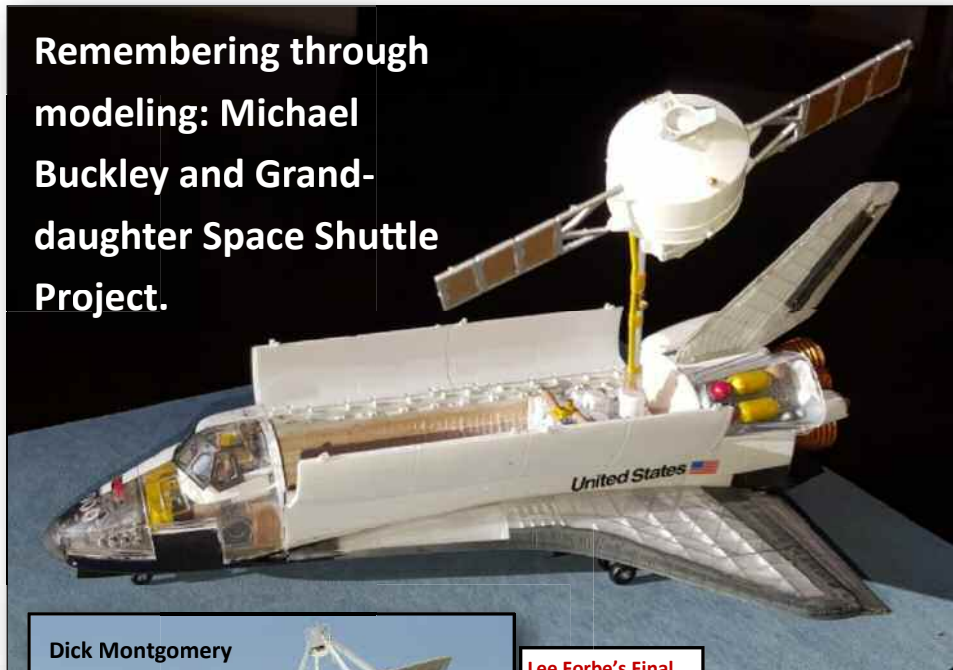
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**Dick Montgomery Takes on a Trip Across the Southwest to the Region 10 Convention**



**Lee Forbe's Final Installment on Paint Stripping with Brake Fluid**

  
**231 Days to ModelFiesta 37!**

**Rob Booth Packs for the Nats!**



# Feature Story



## Chile Con IV Show Report

Story and photos by Rob Booth, IPMS# 37548



**Chile Con IV/IPMS Region 10 Convention  
Hosted by the Albuquerque Scale Modelers  
June 16-17, 2017  
Marriott Pyramid North, Albuquerque, NM**

Sometime ago ... I think it was either going or coming back from the Westlake, Louisiana show (SWAMP's CALMEX contest) in January, Dana Mathes made the suggestion that some of us team up to make the trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico to attend the "Chile Con IV" contest, as it was billed as a "regional" contest and convention. The distance involved (around 700 miles or so from SA), could be accomplished in a long day's drive. There are some interesting stops along the way out and back that could be incorporated, if you wanted to stretch it to a two-day drive. One thing led to another, and plans were made for myself, Dana Mathes and Dick Montgomery to make the trip. Somewhere in the planning, we all decided to have our wives accompany us, morphing the trip into mini-vacations for each of us.



You "serious" modeling competitors are probably recoiling at the thought of your wife or significant other attending a contest with you, let alone making a trip to an out of state modeling event. In all candor, they probably would feel the same, if you asked them to tag along. Besides, how could you possibly make a dent in the vendor room, and haul all of your take back to

the house unnoticed? Well, sometimes it pays to include the wife in your travel plans if there is a "destination" involved that would appeal to them. Dick and Dana's articles elsewhere will explore those options.

Teresa and I arrived at the hotel Friday afternoon about 3:30, having driven straight through to Albuquerque following an early morning breakfast in San Angelo where we meet up with our daughter and her fiancé at their favorite diner. After we checked in and got settled in our room, I took my boxes of entries down to the contest room to register everything. I had pre-registered and pre-paid for the contest, which saved a little time on that process. However, the on-line contest entry forms that I completed ahead of time had to be taped to a second version of the same forms that had been pre-printed with a unique entry number. It seemed a bit redundant, but having been the Contest Czar for our ModelFiesta show for a few years, I understand someone else doing what is comfortable to them, even if it doesn't seem "right" to me. In any case, it works for them, as the awards presentation went off, complete with photos of the winners on the projector screen, with only a couple of minor name glitches.

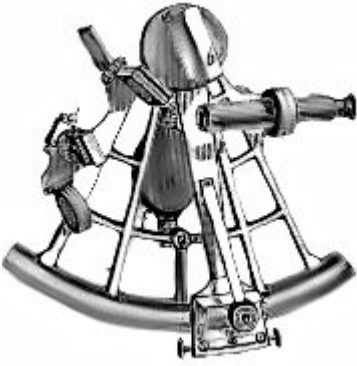
After completing my registration and scattering my entries, we relaxed for a bit, and then met up with Dana and wife Liz to have dinner at "El Pinto", a highly regarded local cuisine eatery. We were rewarded with some excellent New Mexico style food including "America's best" nachos, and tender, delicious ribs. The ribs were coated with a New Mexico style red chili rub, and packed just "slightly more" than enough heat, even for a Tex-Mex aficionado such as myself! I will also admit to the freshly sliced jalapenos on the nachos packing more heat than I am used to. Or, perhaps I am just getting less heat tolerant from such things as I get older. Maybe that's why they say "It's Hell to get old"!

As Saturday morning rolled around, I made a visit to the Vendor Room to look for bargains. Jeff Garrity (Rare Plane Detective) made the trip from SoCal with



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lots of stuff, and there were several area collectors selling off their stuff. Also attending was Tom Grossman of TAG Hobbies in Colorado, who is the US distributor of Iwata airbrushes. Tom knows his airbrushes. Additionally, Tom presented his excellent seminar on the proper cleaning of the instrument. I found several good deals on some aftermarket cockpits, photo-etch sets, etc., and picked up a copy of David McCullough's book about the building of the Panama Canal for \$3.00. No new plastic for me on this trip, though. Following my vendor room trip, I returned to the contest room to look around. I also pulled a couple of my entries from consideration after reviewing the rules flyer, as they had placed at last year's IPMS Convention in Columbia, SC, and were therefore ineligible for this competition. Note to self ... read contest rules BEFORE picking your entries!



Teresa and I went to "Old Town" Albuquerque later in the morning so she could engage in some retail therapy while it was still relatively cool. She found some clothing treasures she was looking for, which made the trip worthwhile for her, and we enjoyed an early lunch. About the time we finished lunch, I got a text message from Dick that my services were requested to assist with the judging, so we headed back to the hotel.

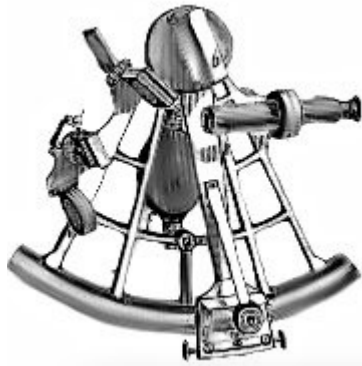
Judging commenced about 2:00PM with a small, but dedicated group of folks. I assisted Dick, who had



been assigned as the "team leader" for the Aircraft categories, along with Lynn Glenn, a local ABQ club member. We spent considerable time on the 32 and tiny scale categories, and judged the 72 and 48 scale categories that we weren't entered in.

A couple of other local guys picked up the categories that Lynn and I weren't competing in, and we finished up about 5:00. I headed back up to the room to clean up and get ready for the awards banquet.

At the banquet, show chairman Ken Liotta announced that there were 70 competitors, and some 400 plus entries in this year's Chile Con; down slightly from their last show. As for the contest results, the three of us from Alamo Squadron brought several entries each, and we were all rewarded with some winning hardware for making the trip. I've summarized our take at the end of the article. A memorable bit from the contest included the "Lopez Demente" award for the "most deplorable, tasteless entry", which went to a great little vignette titled "Storm Trooper Pooper-Scooper". The title should be self-explanatory, but I have included a photo below for your entertainment, along with some entries that caught my attention. Best in Show was awarded to an enclosed box German WWII submarine diorama entitled "Wolf's Lair". Also at the banquet, we ran into Don Cook, who now lives in Albuquerque. Don was a long time member of Alamo Squadron when he lived in San Antonio sev-



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eral years ago. He sends his regards to those of you who would remember him.

All in all, a successful show, and congratulations and thanks to the guys from Albuquerque Scale Modelers for an enjoyable weekend.

### Alamo Squadron Member Results

#### Dick Montgomery

2<sup>nd</sup> – Figure Busts – Alien Bust

2<sup>nd</sup> – Motorcycle

#### Dana Mathes

3<sup>rd</sup> - <1945 allied vehicles - Cromwell

1<sup>st</sup> - 1946+ vehicles - M41A3

2<sup>nd</sup> - Armored Cars and Halftracks - LAV-150

1<sup>st</sup> - Artillery - SIG 33 Infantry Gun

2<sup>nd</sup> - 1/48 tracked vehicles - Panther G

1<sup>st</sup> - Conversions and Scratchbuilts - Hypothetical Self-Propelled Gun

3<sup>rd</sup> - Powered surface ships 1/400+ - USS Montauk

Best Out of the Box Military Vehicle - SIG 33 Infantry Gun

### Rob Booth

1<sup>st</sup> - 1/72 Single Engine Prop – US Markings – P-51D Red Tails

2<sup>nd</sup> - 1/72 Single Engine Prop – “Other” Markings – Hawker Typhoon Mk Ib

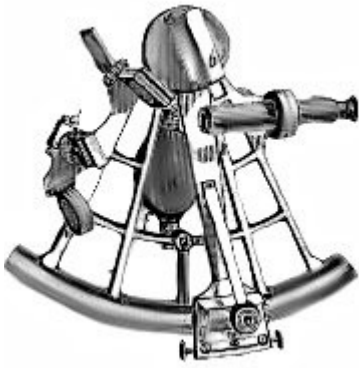
3<sup>rd</sup> - 1/72 Single Engine Jet – F2H-3 Banshee

2<sup>nd</sup> - 1/48 Single Engine Prop – Mig-3 (Early)

2<sup>nd</sup> - 1/48 Multi Engine Prop – Ju-88A-4 Trop.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Conversions & Scratchbuilts (ASAE) – 1/72 Me-210V-1 Prototype

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## Journey To The Region 10 Convention

Story & Photos by Dick Montgomery

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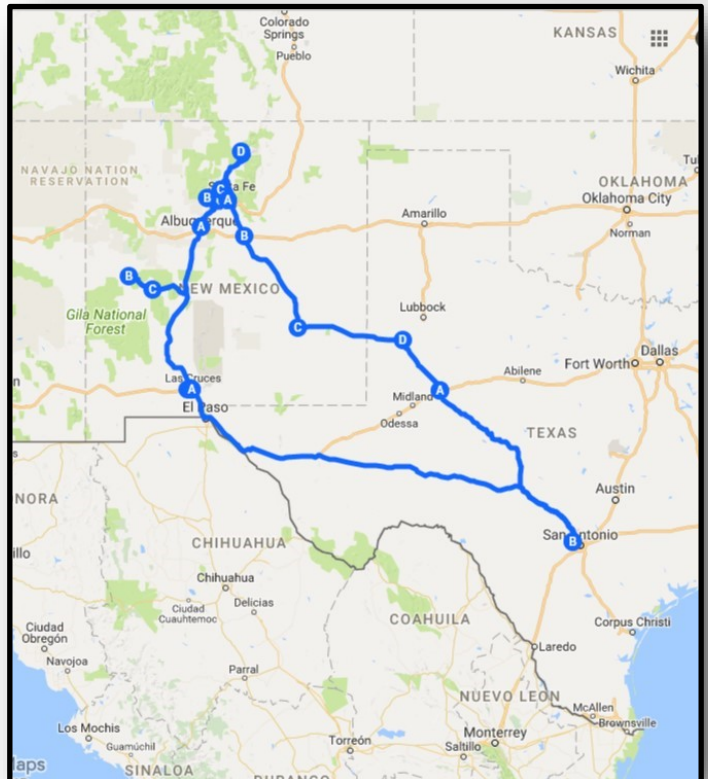
**W**ife and I usually make “model contest road trips” into something far different than just “going to a contest”. Our recent road trip to the Region 10 Convention, held in Albuquerque, was no different. Travelling in a straight-shot the round trip clocks in at 1418 miles, and from San Antonio, it is a 10 ½ hour drive. But a straight-shot trip means that there are some historic and scenic sites that will be missed. So we decided to go the “long way around” and to enjoy the scenery and history, both before and after participating in the Convention. We departed San Antonio on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and returned on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Day 1: (Thursday, June 15)

Having been to and through New Mexico a number of times, we planned to hit sites we had yet to see and our first stop was in Las Cruces. The drive from San Antonio to Las Cruces, via El Paso is an entertaining one. The landscape changes from the humid, coastal plain here in San Antonio and, for the first few hours, one is driving through the scenic Texas Hill Country. The temperature drops as one leaves San Antonio and begins the gentle climb into the hills on I-10. Boerne, Comfort, Kerrville, and Junction seems to fly by fairly quickly, and scenery is always remarkable.

Farther west on I-10 one notices the trees getting fewer and farther between, and finally giving way to low scrub and rather flat ground. Sonora, Ozona, and Ft. Stockton come and go, and then one notices real, honest-to-goodness mountains to the south and west. By the time one arrives in Van Horn the highway has mountains on either side. Now, they aren't the Rockies, but they are very different from what we see in San Antonio and points south.

By the time one gets to Ft. Hancock ( can you name the movie in which Ft. Hancock was mentioned?) one can see Mexico to the west and south of I-10. It's a “big empty” out there and that is part of its charm. You can make “good time” since the speed limit has been a posted “80 MPH” for some time now.

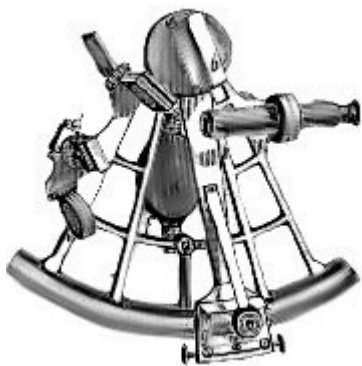


As one gets closer to El Paso, a certain song has been playing in one's head, about a cowboy falling in love with a beautiful Mexican girl in Rosa's Cantina. Can you name that song and the artist who sang it? As you travel through El Paso you'll notice the Franklin Mountains to the east. You'll also notice the temperature has definitely gone up from the temps back near Kerrville, and the land is clearly “arid”.

Crossing the state line and pushing north one arrives in Las Cruces. L.C. was the destination point for our first day. With the time change, we gained an hour and took advantage to go see the “Roadrunner”. The “Roadrunner” is a large sculpture that is located on the west-bound side of I-10 just a few miles outside of Las Cruces. After taking pictures of the “Roadrunner”, one can find the World's Largest Red Chile Pepper. Again, more pics. And then because it is still sunny, and the sun is shining on the Organ Mountains to the east of Las Cruces, we simply pointed the vehicle in

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their direction, drove through the town and found a location from which we had a good view of the mountains. Just on the other side of those mountains is the famous “White Sands” area. We had visited White Sands on a previous trip so we did not revisit that spectacular area.

Our travels on this first day totaled about 625 miles and took about 10 hours, not including our site-seeing in Las Cruces.

### Day 2: (Friday, June 16)

After a pleasant night’s sleep, we were on the road again, northbound on I-25. We kept seeing signs, indicating mileage to a town named “TorC”. Of course, that refers to Truth or Consequences, a name that is too long to fit on the highway signs. I wondered how many travelers, not familiar with New Mexico, were

wondering why their Garmin did not list a city named, “TorC”.

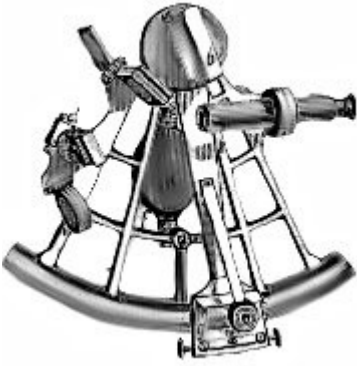
A little farther north, we found ourselves in San Antonio. The New Mexico version of San Antonio is vastly different from the Texas version. Stopping at the Owl Café, while Wifie was ordering a Chile Burger, I engaged one of the locals in a brief conversation. It seems San Antonio has about 500 residents, including the ranchers who come into town for supplies. It also has a connection to Conrad Hilton. If I heard the story right, he established his first hotel in San Antonio. Leaving San Antonio, we continued northward to Socorro, and turned west on Highway 60. We were in an area with lots of trees and very straight roads. After about 25 miles we found the trees had disappeared and we began to cross an unusually flat area. The road went in a straight line across this flat expanse making it a simple task to make note of the hills in front us,

which turned out to be about 23 miles away. As it turns out, the flat area was once a very large lake. The only objects that broke the isolation and emptiness were 23 very large “dishes” that were easy to spot. These dishes make up the Jansky Very Large Array, which is a site made famous in the movie, “Contact”. We continued past the VLA another 40 miles to Pie Town, New Mexico. There are just a few “eateries” in town and one of them serves nothing but pie. And yes, it was worth the drive! Turning around, we headed back to visit the VLA. There is a



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very nice Visitor's Center and one can take a short walk to get up close and personal with one of the dishes. As it happens, we were standing in the shade of the dish (*always* stand in the shade of anything when in this part of the country) when the motors fired up and it began to re-orient itself. Having watched "Contact", I knew that the other dishes were also re-orienting, and it was a very interesting experience to see them spin and adjust their vertical angle in perfect unison.



The whole process took about a minute and then, without fanfare, the movement stopped.

We loaded up and returned to Sorocco and then headed north to Albuquerque and the hotel which served as the convention site. During Day 2 we drove 479 miles in 8 and a half hours. We also crossed the Continental

Divide while heading toward Pie Town. The elevation at that point where we crossed the Continental Divide was 7,796 feet, an elevation about 7,000 above that of San Antonio (that's the San Antonio in Texas).

### Day 3 (Saturday, June 17)

Saturday was spent at the contest site. I volunteered to assist and was given the opportunity to work at the registration table and also serve as the Team Leader for the Aircraft Judges. Rob Booth will cover the Convention and Contest in his part of this article.

### Day 4 (Sunday, June 18)

With the convention over, it was time to head north. This day was shaping up to be a long day due to the number of attractions we wished to visit, although not a lot of mileage would bring us to our final destination for the day.

Heading north on I-25 we left Albuquerque behind us, and after about 30 minutes we exited I-25 to Cochiti, a small town near a very large earthen dam on the Rio Grande River. Taking Indian Service Route 92 west of Cochiti, we travelled a short distance to Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument. This stop turned out to be the high-point of the trip. Erosion has formed some deep canyons separating the hills, and some rock pillars have taken on the shape of trees.

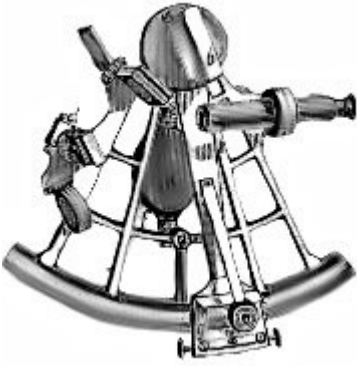
Some are quite short but others stand 50 to 60 feet high. We chose to hike the less vigorous Cave Loop Trail that measured about 1.2 miles with an elevation change of around 100 to 150 feet. There was a steeper trail that one could follow to the top of one of the plateaus with an elevation change of just under 700 feet.

We were quite satisfied with the easier trail. There is a considerable amount of wildlife if one is quiet and still, and takes the time to look for it. Birds and lizards are quite easy spot. The "cave" for which the loop trail is named, is not a real cave, but an eroded opening in the base of one of the hills. Being a former spelunker, I noticed that the cave was inhabited by bats as I could see the guano stains on the walls and ceiling.

After returning to the parking area after our short hike, we drove further into the park area to a site named,

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Veteran's Memorial Overlook. The road to this overlook at the top of a high plateau is gravel and features some very nice views as it switches back and forth, going up the slope.

All in all, it was an extremely enjoyable morning, if not rather warm and dry, so a bottle of water in your backpack is a requirement.

Retracing much of our path back to I-25 from Cochiti, we again turned north, catching Highway 285 that took us through Sante Fe to a dot on the map named Pojoaque. Turning west on Highway 502 we found ourselves driving through the arid hills and landscape, a road which was quite dependent upon the terrain for its direction and elevation. Just shy of Los Alamos (yes, *that Los Alamos*), one searches for the sign to White Rock, NM on Highway 4. Once in White Rock, we looked for the rather nondescript signs leading us to White Rock Overlook. One would never expect such a magnificent, high, and view of the valley and a great deal of the surrounding terrain! Not two hundred yards away, in the city park, were some boys getting ready to play baseball, and here we were, watching two waterfalls cascade down a sheer drop off not too far from the centerfield fence! After time for some pictures, enjoying the sound of the water falls, and the breeze that threatened to carry one's head gear away, it was back to the truck and north toward Espanola.

Our next goal was to reach the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge, the 7<sup>th</sup> "highest" bridge in the U.S. (as determined by the vertical distance between the roadway on the bridge and the river).

This was going to be a very interesting drive. The Visitor's Center is several miles from the bridge, itself, and the attendant provided us with directions to the bridge via a steep, gravel switch-road which took us from "river-level" to the top of the plateau, some 656 feet above the river. The gravel road is "unimproved", with signs or guardrails. They figure that if you are driving that road then you don't need the usual warning signs and safety gear that one finds on Interstate or State Highways. The grade approaches about 6 to 7% and could be quite tricky if one's vehicle does not have decent ground clearance. During our ascent we saw only three other vehicles, two were

pickup trucks and one was a rather scrappy mini-van with high ground clearance. All were going uphill, as going down that path would be rather "situational", what with the need to keep one's brakes cooled off and to maintain the required traction to steer properly. Once on top of the plateau it was a short drive to the paved State Highway that crosses the bridge.

There are parking areas on both the east and west ends of the bridge and it is an easy walk to cross the bridge on foot. The sidewalks are of average width, with guard rails that are about 4 feet high, but there are no other impediments to interfere with the fantastic view from the bridge. Leaving the bridge behind, we drove into Taos, found a place to eat, and, not having the desire to visit any of the local sites, we headed south to Santa Fe.

We racked up 284 miles with a driving time of just over 6 hours. We spent about 4 hours hiking or sight-seeing, so it did prove to be a long day.

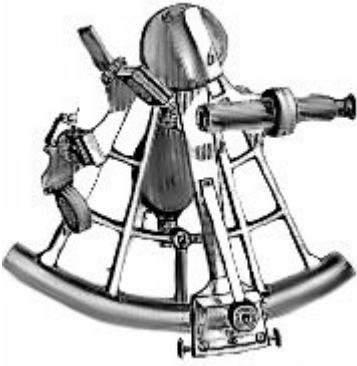
### Day 5 (Monday, June 19)

It was now time to turn south and begin the drive back to San Antonio. (Again...the Texas San Antonio, and not the New Mexico version) Since we have been to New Mexico numerous times, being rather familiar with the Sante Fe to Texas route, it was going to be a driving day with stops limited to food, rest, or the occasional photo-op. Our goal was to get to Big Spring for the night. Our route would take us through Roswell, then east to Brownfield, Tx, and then to Big Spring. Lunchtime found us in Roswell and as we left the city we did take the time to shoot a picture of the "Welcome to Roswell" sign.

Some of the stretches of highway were what one could call "magnificent desolation". The horizon (again, measuring with the odometer) was 20 miles off, the road was a straight line, and there was not a building, house, barn, or any man-made item (except the fencing along the road) within site. That's a "big empty" folks! Once in Texas we passed hundreds of pump-jacks, some operating and some not, hundreds of wind-turbines, and we dodged many a farm vehicle that

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shared the road with the cars and trucks. Pulling into Big Spring we ate dinner at TJ's steakhouse....ya gotta try it if you're in Big Spring!

We added 410 miles and 6 hours, 23 minutes of driving time.

### Day 6 (June 20)

From Big Spring to San Antonio is familiar ground, having driven it a number of times. The speed limits in Texas are conducive to covering long distances rather quickly, and the scenery, although familiar, is still very pleasant.

As the day went along we passed through Sterling City, San Angelo, Eden, Menard, and joined up with I-10 at Junction. Try Cooper's BBQ in Junction....Yum!

As we had planned, we avoided the morning traffic on I-10 as it entered San Antonio, and were well ahead of the rush-hour traffic on I-10 and Loop 1604, arriving home in the early afternoon.

We saw some new attractions which were spectacular. Our two favorites were the VLA and the Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument. The Rio Grande Gorge bridge was interesting and the view into the gorge was spectacular, but the drive up the gravel road was even more fun than the bridge, itself. Our convention time in Albuquerque was enjoyable and participation in their event is well worth the drive. We found Taos to be a bit disappointing but then we didn't really have anything there that caught our eye while planning the trip. The trip registered in at 2,106 miles over a six-day span.



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