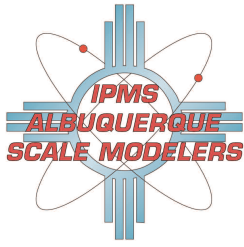


# ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



<http://www.hobbies-n-stuff.com/asmweb.htm>

December 2005

## CONTEST CORNER MIKE BLOHM

### Upcoming Contests / Events of Interest

Dec 2: **Special (Non Points) Contest #3 "Modeling New Mexico."** Any subject from New Mexico's history. All subjects, scales, nationalities and eras. Awards sponsored by Hobbies 'N Stuff (Thanks, Stan!)

**"Model of the Year" Competition** amongst the Best of Show/Best Entry winners at each skill level from all the 2005 Theme and Special Contests

May 5 – 6, 2006: **Chile Con 2006.** Region 10 2006 Regional Convention and Contest in Albuquerque, New Mexico. See web page ([http://www.hobbies-n-stuff.com/Region\\_10\\_Chile-Con\\_2006.htm](http://www.hobbies-n-stuff.com/Region_10_Chile-Con_2006.htm)).

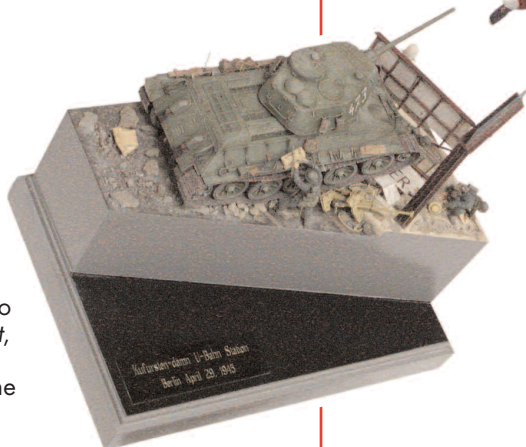
Aug 6 – 9, 2006: 2006 **IPMS/USA National Convention.** Crown Center Exhibition Hall, Kansas City, Missouri (<http://www.ipmsusa2006.org>)

## JIM'S SPRUES & REVIEWS JAMES GULD

This month, I thought I would review the new Dragon Panzer IVE. There are a number of reviews of this kit online at Missing-Lynx, Armorama, Track Link, and Perth Military Modeling Site. At the Missing-Lynx site, a number of Japanese modelers mentioned some of the kit flaws. Most are minor and some of them I can't verify, as the drawings that the modelers are using are different then the drawings that I have of the Panzer IVE.

The biggest problem I've noticed so far is that the front final drive is too low. It's not much, about .040". I doubt I'll be moving mine. I have also heard that Dragon will fix this so if you wait a few months then pick up a kit it should be fixed by then.

Some of the other problems pointed out by the



December Best of Show winners, left to right: John Kendrick's *St. John's Knight*, Jim Guld's *U-Bahn Station*, David Boehning's *P-51B Mustang*, and Jeanne Garriss's *DeLorean Time Machine*

Japanese modelers are as follows: The hull tub is too long, the size of the drivers front view port is too big, the turret machine gun is slightly too low, the key cover triangle for the radio operators hatch is facing the wrong direction (I tried to compare the hull length and from the drawings I have in Panzer Tracts #4, it seems to be okay).

Like I said, they're all minor problems except for maybe the drive sprocket, and even that may not be noticeable once built.

Now, no kit is perfect, but I'll have to say that this kit is pretty darn good in my book. I'll just have out the usual reference books to double-check items. I don't plan on using any aftermarket parts at all.

It comes with nice tracks, which have the hollowed-out guide tooth and only a small amount of ejector pin marks to clean off the inner face.

It also comes with optional photo-etched parts for the tool clamps and two complete sets of on-board tools. One set has the clamps already molded on and the other set is bare.

They also give you two sets of side fenders, one with the tool position holes and one without. These fenders also have underside details.

They also provide an aluminum barrel, but the kit's plastic barrel comes with rifling, which the aluminum one is missing.

The kit comes with interior details for the turret, like a complete turret basket and gun details along with all the interior hatch details.

They also give you more PE parts like the spare bogie holders, and they are pre-bent.

They also give you chains for the smoke discharge rack and front spare track holders.

The moldings all look to be very crisp and I didn't see any flash anywhere.

Dragon seems to be just getting better and better. They are now even starting to offer limited run kits only available online through DragonUSA. Now I just want them to focus on more allied stuff like a new M2 or M3 half-track

series. "Oh, happy days, to get back into model making!" is all I can say, and the shelves are quickly being filled up at my house. Now I'll have to take my own advice and go build something.

### 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)  
**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**

## CONTACT INFO

President:	Brian Peck	822-8577	oryen@msn.com
Vice President:	Frank Randall	299-3760	fcr40@aol.com
Secretary/Treasurer:	Patrick Dick	890-4368	mcclanahandick@worldnet.att.net
Contest Director & Webmaster:	Mike Blohm	823-9404	BlohmM@aol.com
Members Pro-Tem:	Rick Carver	424-4280	RCarver204@aol.com
	Tom Perea	897-4778	indyf1615@aol.com
	Tim Wood	897-1889	planedreamin@hotmail.com
Newsletter Editor:	Joe Walters	821-3751	jwalters22@comcast.net

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 prior month.

# REGION 10 WINNERS!

Several of our members took part in the recent Region 10 Conference and Contest, and some brought home trophies! Here's a partial list, based on those who responded to my request for this info. Congratulations to the winners, and to all who participated!

## **Don Alberts**

Second in 54mm Figures. . . . . Cavalry Trooper

First in 1/48 Biplanes . . . . . Grumman FF-1

Best Aircraft, Best of Show, and

First in 1/48 Prop . . . . . TBD Devastator

First in 1/48 Jets. . . . . F3H Demon

## **Mike Blohm**

Third in Sci-Fi / Space / Historical. . . . . V-2

Third in Single Engine Aircraft Jet 1/72 . . . . . F-86F

## **Patrick Dick**

Second in Sci-Fi . . . . . Star Wars TIE Fighter

## **Jim Guld**

Best Diorama, Best 60th Anniversary

of WWII, and First . . . . . "Things to Come"

First in Armor (German). . . . . Flakpanzer 341

Second in Real Science . . . . . V-2 Rocket

## **Dave Miller**

Best Armor and First . . . . . SDKFC 250/9

First . . . . . 105mm Geschutzwagen

First . . . . . M3A3 Stuart

First . . . . . IG18 y5mm infantry gun

Second . . . . . 38cm Strumtiger

Third . . . . . 8-in howitzer

First . . . . . USS Ward

Third . . . . . U-511

## **Brian Peck**

Second in 1/32 Aircraft . . . . . Ki-84 Frank

## **Frank Randall**

Third in 1/72 Multi-engine . . . . . NF-II Mosquito