

# ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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## PRESIDENT'S SPIEL JAMES GULD

I would have to say that I was pleasantly surprised to see so many models on the tables last month. I hope this is a foreshadowing of what's to come. Way to go, guys! As most of you know, this month we are having our annual swap meet, so bring out those extra kits that you will never build or that have been superseded by newer kits. Buy, sell, trade !

We are still planning to do a Make-&Take with a cub scout den in Rio Rancho. I've been in contact with the den leader and we are working out when it will happen. I might even have it finalized by our meeting. Anyone who would like to help out please contact me.

The club Group Chapter build for the 2013 Nationals is still on. It is the Matilda tank. We are building the new

Tamiya release. We could still use a few more built from the Western Desert campaign. Again if you're interested, let me know.

What's on the bench? Well we want to see it. Bring in those Works in Progress! I've set aside the pontoon diorama for the time being and have started in on the Meng Models Toyota Technical. Not a bad little kit. The fit is pretty good and it is forcing me to do a gloss paint job. Well, it will start out that way but it won't be a shiny show rod when done. Some of the modern armor kits are starting to grow on me. I started looking around the web and the nice thing is you don't have to guess what color it is. At least if you can see the base color(s) underneath all that dirt and dust.

Well that about covers it. Keep building and let's keep those tables crowded.

January meeting highlights, L – R: We had a huge and eclectic turnout for the Display-only tables; John Pattison describes how he managed the glow-through effect for his Dimterodon lizard figure; and the business meeting in progress.





January Best-of-Show winners, left to right: Gil De La Plain's Buick Grand National Assault Vehicle, Matt Blohm's USS Enterprise NCC-1701E, and Ray Ayles's The Mummy.

## CONTEST DIRECTOR UPDATE VICTOR MAESTAS

Well, this year we certainly started off with a bang! The inaugural Honorary Moe Blalters Sci-Fi Special Contest had a very nice selection of Sci-Fi, realspace, and fantasy entries, all in honor of Joe and Mike's tireless work; thanks, guys! This contest had 18 entries, although there were no entries in the Juniors category. Congratulations to Matt Blohm with a Best of Show in Basic with a very nice USS Enterprise. In Intermediate, Gil De La Plain took a Best of Show for his Buick Assault Vehicle. That entry was imaginative and very well executed; I look forward to seeing more of his work. In Masters, Ray Ayles's Mummy won the Best of Show with a very clean build.

Patrick Dick's "Frickin' Lasers" sponsored contest had a good turnout with six entries. Kyle Garber's Colonial Viper from the original series of Battlestar Galactica took the top prize in that contest.

While we're still on the subject of Sci-Fi, don't forget to bring spaceships for Don Smith's "Best Sci-Fi Spaceship" sponsored contest in March. The prize will be a print similar to the ones given out for his aircraft contests.

Some more reminders for upcoming contests:

First of all, February will be a swap meet, so no contest this month. This will give everyone time to get ready for our first points contest in March which is an Open contest. All subjects, all scales, all eras. In April, bring your 1/32 Tamiya Mustangs for the Hobby Proz-sponsored contest. If you have any questions about this contest, see Bobby (the owner) or Brian (our very own plastics pusher dude) at Hobby Proz.

In addition, this year there are a few new items to go with the contests:

- **State Fair 2012:** points will be awarded for participation in this year's Fair. For more information, contact Josh Pals or Mike Blohm.
- **Pushing the Boundary:** Build a kit that is in some way connected to the theme for that night, but not in an obvious way. To be considered, have written justification/explanation on the contest entry sheets. The Contest Director will select the winner from the entries. This is like extra credit and this is entirely separate from regular judging. One win-

### Year 2012 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

- 06 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**  
**SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY**  
Sponsored Contest: *Lasers*  
(Patrick Dick)
- 03 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 02 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.  
Sponsored Contest: *SF Spaceship*  
(Don Smith)
- 06 Apr** **Large Scale**—Aircraft 1/35 and up,  
Armor 1/25 and up, Auto 1/18 and up,  
Ships 1/44 and up  
Sponsored Contest: *Best Tamiya 1/32 P-51D Mustang* (Hobby Proz)
- 04 May** *Super Clinic Night*—no contest.
- 01 Jun** **British Steel**—Any kit/subject/scale,  
operated or built in England.
- 13 Jul** **2012: 100-, 70-, 50-year anniversaries**—Any subject from 1912, 1942, 1962 (100 year anniv of NM statehood)
- 03 Aug** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 07 Sep** **Radial Engines**—Any  
kit/subject/scale.
- 05 Oct** **Century Series**—Any subject with 1xx  
in name or designation  
Sponsored Contest: *From a Movie or TV show per IMDB* (Josh Pals)
- 02 Nov** **More Than a Handful**—Any subject  
with large weapons  
Sponsored Contest: *Stealth*  
(Mike Blohm)
- 07 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2**  
**PEARL HARBOR**  
Sponsored Contest: *Rolls Royce*  
(Patrick Dick)  
Plus *Model of the Year* competition!



ner will be awarded per points contest with a gift card to Hobby Proz. For questions or clarifications, contact me.

- **Best In-Theme Display-Only entries:** Bring kits for the display only section that are In-Theme for that night's contest. Webmaster chooses and recognizes on web site, contact Mike Blohm with any questions. Let's see some full tables!
- **Kit Show and Tell:** Share with the group the reasoning behind the subject built, any peculiar aspects of the kit, any new techniques used for the build, any aftermarket /scratch-building /conversions /corrections? Contact me with any questions.
- **Model Spotlight:** I will select an interesting subject to write up a spotlight on the model and/or modeler for the newsletter and web site.

## MATCHSTICK FLEET GORDON PEGUE

[From an Email to Jim Guld] Thought you might like this and yes, I know you're a tank guy, but still and all, your Email address is the one ASM address in my address book so if you want, you can forward on to other ASM guys as you see fit. I thought it was pretty dang impressive what this gent has done.

Gordon

Numerous amazing photos are on the web site (<http://tinyurl.com/ASM1202>).

[From a separate report] 79-year-old Phil Warren from the UK spent 62 years to build this incredible fleet of 432 ships. All vessels are built entirely of matchsticks and boxes of wooden matches. The collection includes nearly 370 American and 60 British ships.



He began creating his first boat in 1948, when he was only 17. This uses a razor blade, tweezers and sandpaper to carve the pieces and boxes, then stick with balsa wood glue. In total more than 650,000 used matchsticks to create an amazing collection of 1/300-scale models. Even 1200 aircraft made even more realistic appearance to dress the decks of aircraft carriers.

## FRED'S FOTO FILE FRED FRANCESCHI

### F-86 Sabers

I've always thought that the F-86 Saber was a beautiful aircraft (with the exception of the ugly-nosed F-86D). And during the years I've taken photos of USAF, US Army, US Navy and Canadian Air Force Sabers. That's right, I have photos in US Army markings! Jack Morris, take notice. And I do know that the Navy one was called the Fury, but it still looks like a Saber. Maybe that's because the Saber was a descendent of the Fury, if I remember correctly.

The Canadian acrobatic team, the Golden Knights, flew Sabers at airshows and I took those shots in 1959 at an airshow in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The all-gold Sabers looked really sharp. And at the same airshow there was also a flyby of USAF F-86Ds.



And in 1960 I took pictures of an F-86 "hack" or chase plane at Edwards AFB, with its high-viz paint all faded.



Then in 1962 there were FJ-2 Furys at Miramar NAS, by San Diego.

And I took photos of several Sabers with civilian ownership—one of them in military markings (FU-513), the other in civilian markings. If I remember correctly, the civilian Sabers were at Chino airshows.



And the US Army Sabers were at the Mojave airport, probably in 1979. Mojave is close to both Edwards AFB and Fort Irwin. I spent time at Fort Irwin in both anti-aircraft and Armor units, and wonder if the Army Sabers were used for cal-

ibration of anti-aircraft equipment. If one of you wants to research that further, the aircraft serial numbers may help.

[All of Fred's F-86 photos, larger and uncropped, may be found in the Bonus Pages! -JW]



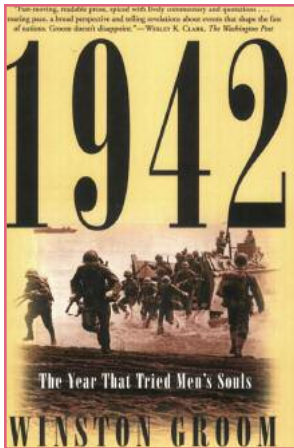
# BOOK REVIEW

## DON SMITH

### 1942: The Year that Tried Men's Souls by Winston Groom

Atlantic Monthly Press • New York 2005, 440 pages

This book is a general history of World War II during the year 1942. As you can deduce from the title, 1942 started as



a dark year for the Allies. A quarter of the book, at least, deals with Pearl Harbor and 1941. More than half of the book deals with events in the Pacific and Asia. The author admits that events on the Eastern front would require another volume so he does not attempt to cover them. Groom covers the typical 1942 events such as the Doolittle raid, Coral Sea, Midway, Guadalcanal and Operation Torch. Most events are from the United States point of view. There is a little about the Brits and their campaigns.

The interesting parts of the book are the numerous small stories inside these events. The atrocities, code breaking, espionage, and politics are some of the interesting details that make the book very interesting. The book is great for anyone wanting a quick general history of 1942. Most World War II historians might find the book to be too broad. The book could've used a good proofreader, but other than that I will give it 4 out of 5 stars. ★★★★★

Now get busy building models for the 1942 anniversary contest!

orado. The theme is "The Power of the Atom." Links to the CoMMiES contest can be found on the ASM Web Site, or directly (<http://www.commiesfest.com>).

**ASM Schedule Note:** The Dambusters presentation by aviation historian/author Doug Dildy has been moved to the April meeting.

## FIELD TRIP!

LARRY GLENN

Posted below are photos that I took at the Strategic Air and Space Museum that is just outside of Omaha. The tour was an excursion available at the Nationals. The museum was opened in the evening just for the IPMS participants. Two-plus buses were full, plus others drove in their own cars. Probably over 100 folks total attended. All the exhibits are inside. The museum also provides the history of the Strategic Air Command from its founding and all commanders.

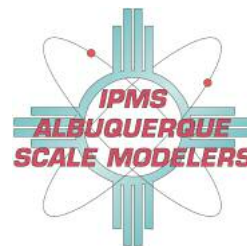
Many many photos are posted on the Bonus Pages; all of Larry's photos can be found on the ASM Web Site, on the Field Trips page. More information is also available from the museum's web site (<http://www.sasmuseum.com>).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MIKE BLOHM

**Upcoming Region 10 Contest:** The Colorado Modeling Militia Enjoying Sci-Fi (CoMMiES) are hosting CoMMiES Fest 3—the People's Glorious Model Contest—on Saturday, February 18, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden, Col-



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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!

## FRED'S FOTO FILE

Here are all of Fred's amazing F-86 photos, in decent resolution. First off, the Canadian "Golden Knights" aerobatic team.











F-86s doing a flyby with F-102s.  
Note the radar noses on these  
F-86s!











# BONUS PAGES!

## STRATEGIC AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Larry Glenn supplied a *lot* of photos, all of them amazing, of this incredible display. Where else can you take a photo of a B-36, B-17, B-52, B-25, U-2 and a B-47 in one single room?

Here are a few of Larry's photos. The entire set is on the ASM Web Site, on the Field Trips page. Check them out!





















