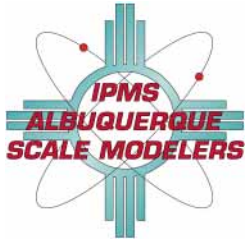


# ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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February 2019

## CONTEST UPDATE

### JOSH PALS

January marked our first contests of the year with the annual special non-points contest, "Moe Blalters" Sci-Fi/Real Space and Patrick Dick's sponsored contest, "Frickin' Laser Beams."

We had seven entries in Basic, ten in Intermediate, and six in Masters. If January's contest is any indication, Intermediate will be the level to watch with a lot of great modelers in that level!

The winners of the special non-points contest are:  
Basic: Aaron Schmiedicke with his  $\frac{1}{72}$  Bandai TIE Fighter.

Intermediate: Jim Medina with his  $\frac{1}{144}$  "North Ridge" diorama using AMT and Bandai kits.

Masters: Josh Pals with his D&D figure from Ral Partha.

These are the winners for Pat's "Frickin' Laser Beams" contest:

Basic: Aaron Schmiedicke's TIE Fighter

Intermediate: James Medina's AT-AT Diorama

Masters: Mike Blohm's "You are Leaving New Mexico" UFO and Cow diorama

There isn't a contest in February as that is our bi-annual "Swap Meet" night. The next points contest is in March with the theme being "Open" so those who entered models in January can enter up to three of their models in March's point contest.

January Meeting highlights, left to right: Members checking out contest entries, a LEGO Saturn V replete with LEM and Command Module with raft, and the business meeting in progress.



# STARFEST IS COMING!

## JOE WALTERS

It's that time of year again! One of the finest—and fan-run—science fiction conventions takes place in our back yard every year, in the south end of Denver, an easy same-day drive from here!

It always takes place across a weekend, with events starting Friday and ending late Sunday afternoon. This year, the show takes place April 26 – 28, at the Marriott Denver Tech Center.



Because parking fills up fast, and because we don't like arriving home at 2:00 A.M., my wife and I have gotten into the habit of driving up on Thursday and returning Monday. This relieves a *lot* of stress and ensures we don't have to miss any events we want to attend because we're on the road.

Three major media guests have already been announced: William Shatner, Scott Grimes (Gordon Malloy, the navigator on *The Orville*), and Ken Foree (a character actor who you have seen many times, including in a role as a memorable “ground-pounder” sergeant in an episode of *Babylon 5*).

There are many *many* varied events at this show, too many to possibly attend them all. Art shows, panels, discussions, demonstrations, and—of interest to modelers—a large Model Show competition. There tend to be between 50 and 100 entries in

### Year 2019 Contest Quick Reference Chart

Titles in **blue** indicate contests for points

- 04 Jan **SPECIAL CONTEST #1:**  
**SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY**  
Sponsored Contest: “Frickin’ Laser Beams” (Patrick Dick)
- 01 Feb **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest
- 01 Mar **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
- 05 Apr **SPECIAL CONTEST #2: PRESIDENT’S CHOICE: FABULOUS FIFTIES**
- 03 May **Automotive**—Any kit/subject/scale
- 07 Jun **SPECIAL CONTEST #3: D-DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY**
- 12 Jul **Man in Space**—Any proposed/realspace crewed subject
- 02 Aug **SPECIAL CONTEST #4: BEGINNING OF WWII 80TH ANNIVERSARY**
- 06 Sep **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest
- 04 Oct **Enter the Dragon**—Any DML/Dragon/Cyberhobby kit
- 01 Nov **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
- 06 Dec **SPECIAL CONTEST #5: BATTLE OF THE BULGE 75TH ANNIVERSARY**  
Plus *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>**

this show each year, and the prizes can be impressive indeed! We should be bringing some of those prizes back here. Come on up! Bring your best Sci-Fi models! And you *will* have a great time.

Details, including links to the hotel, are available on the website (<https://starfestdenver.com>).

#### Master

Ken Liotta . . . . . 6  
Patrick Dick . . . . . 2

#### Intermediate

Charles Petrilli . . . . . 4  
Logan Carbin . . . . . 2

#### Basic

No Entries

#### Junior

No Entries

### 2019 MODELER OF THE YEAR POINTS

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# BONUS PAGES!

## JANUARY CONTEST WINNERS

This page and next: Winners of the January Contests, both the Sci-Fi/Realspace/Fantasy Special Contest and Patrick Dick's Sponsored "Frickin' Laser Beams" Contest. Photos by Frank Randall and Joe Walters.

This page: Aaron Schmiediecke's *TIE Fighter* (Basic, both contests); and Jim Medina's *North Ridge Diorama* (Intermediate, both contests).



This page: Josh Pals's *Ral Partha D&D Figure* (Masters, Sci-Fi/Realspace/Fantasy contest) and Mike Blohm's *Leaving New Mexico Diorama* (Masters, Frickin' Laser Beams Contest).



# BONUS PAGES! MISCELLANEOUS

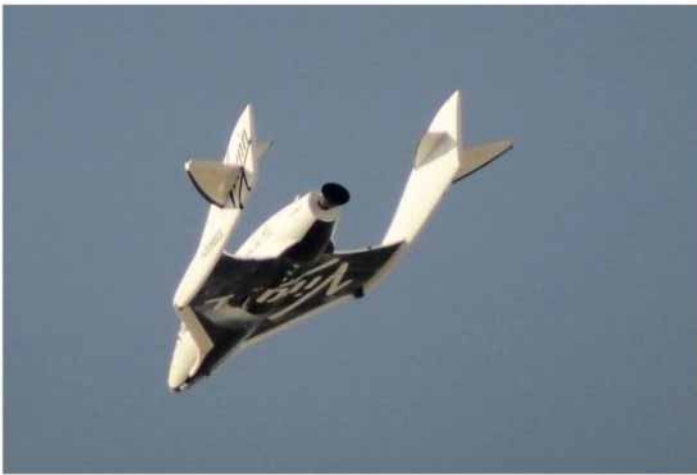
**Newsweek**

## Virgin Galactic Space Plane Travels Twice the Speed of Light, Commercial Flights Next?

The flight's success sparked hope that the company will provide commercial space flights sooner than later.

By Scottie Andrew

July 27, 2018



Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo flies over the Mojave Desert in August 2013 in southeastern California. The company's VSS Unity successfully reached an altitude of 30 miles at more than twice the speed of light in a July test flight. (Photo by Reuters/Gene Blevins)

Left: Who knew it was *that* fast? Great reporting, Newsweek! 30 mph faster than twice the speed of light! Amazing!

Below right: Two views of the same thing.

Below left: Footwear for treadheads!



This page: Actual cockpit image from late 2018; a large model that's probably fun to drive around; and an assemble-it-yourself car!



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