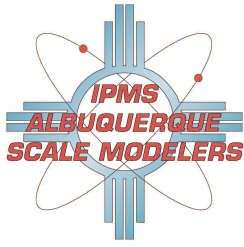


ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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

January 2006

PRESIDENT'S CROSSHAIRS BRIAN PECK

Greetings fellow modelers! As I write my last article, I look back at the last three years of ASM.

We tried a lot of new stuff—some things worked well, other things didn't work quite so well. You never know if ideas or projects work until you try them, right?

All in all, I hope at least everyone had a good time at the meetings these past years. I feel generally one gets out of the club what one puts into it, and I had a great time talking models with everyone and I also enjoyed seeing all the models everyone built! One meeting a few months ago I can recall we had about 75 models show up—I sure hope to see that number again real soon.

I would like to thank everyone for your support during my three years as prez and I especially like to thank Mike Blohm, Patrick Dick, Tom Perea, Tim Wood, Frank Randall, Rick Carver and Joe Walters for putting up with me and my odd sense of humor during the e-board meetings. I doubt they will ever be the same. I

think I even rubbed off some "blond moments" and the 1/32 scale illness on poor ol' Frank!

I look forward to the coming years of going back to being a "semi-normal" member of ASM and as always I hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS JIM GULD

Hello all, let me introduce myself for those of you who don't know me. I'm Jim Guld and have been a member since 2002. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know what I would like to accomplish this year as VP.

First off is trying to get new membership. To do this I think that we can all work together to get the word



December meeting highlights, L – R: Members mill about before the meeting starts; Model of the Year contenders await judgment; and Mike Blohm presents Frank Randall with the plaque for November's F-22 Special Contest.

out. We will get business cards printed up and can hand them out to people when in hobby shops, etc. The card will have the basic club information on it about our meeting time and location, along with contact info. I see this as my major project for the year.

Getting new members, especially young members, is going to be a tough nut to crack. The problem lies in getting their parents to bring them to the meeting. With all the other activities that kids have—and parents too for that matter—it won't be an easy task. But it is one that we should all try to do.

I would also like to let you know that you can contact me either by EMail or on the phone, (505) 982-3089 up to 9:00 P.M. I'm open to suggestions as to how to make the club better for all of us.

CONTEST CORNER

MIKE BLOHM

November and December Contest Results

First off, in this my last edition of the Contest Corner, I'd like to thank everyone in the club for their support during my last three years as the ASM Contest Director. It's been a fun but challenging position to serve in, and I'm glad that members have enjoyed each year's contest schedule. I want to especially thank all the club members who served in the very demanding job of contest judge. And a special thank you to the "new guys" who stepped up this year to fill out the judging ranks—I really appreciated your help! I encourage everyone to get involved in judging—you'll learn a lot about modeling and just how hard it can be to split hairs (after the contest you can use those for antenna wires and aerals). I'll still be wearing my other hat as the ASM webmaster in 2006, so if you have any suggestions please let me know. Please note that as of 5 December there is a new—and hopefully final—address for the ASM Website (<http://www.hobbies-n-stuff.com/ASM-Stuff/asmweb.htm>). Please reset this in your "favorites." All the older thumbnail pics' links to full size pics are now scrambled, so please stand by while I go through and change them all. I plan to delete the 2003 pics on the website.

November Contest Results

November's contest was "Open Contest #2" which had 19 entries on the tables and 11 works in progress. Some of the "in progress" models were very impressive, especially Juan Benitez's 1/72 scale U-Boat. The meeting also featured the 2005 "One Hour Model Contest"—more on that later.

Open Contest #2

In the Juniors Division, Jeannie Garriss made a points sweep with her very nicely done DeLorean from the "Back to the Future" movie, winning the Best of Show and People's Choice awards, and a Gold ribbon in Automotive. Jeannie also won a Silver ribbon for her Gundam model.

The Basic Division had their best turnout of 2005 with eight entries. John Kendrick won the Best of Show—Basic award and a Gold in figures with his outstanding Saint John's Knight. John's exceptional Flak 36 88mm gun won the People's Choice Award and a Gold in Dioramas & Vignettes. John Tribou won two Silver awards in Automotive for his nicely done Harley-Davidson FXE/F-80 motorcycle and BMW Z8. Don Smith won a Bronze in Automotive with his 1956 Corvette, a Silver in Armor with his 1/144 scale Panzer Mk 4 ausf D, and a Bronze in Aircraft with his P-40B. John Kendrick won a Gold award in Ships with his USS Ohio submarine.

In the Intermediate Division, David Boehning's superbly finished natural metal P-51B Mustang made a point's sweep, winning both the Best of Show and People's Choice—Basic awards, and a First in Aircraft. Second place in aircraft went to Frank Randall's nicely done F/A-22 "Raptor 01." Third place in Aircraft went to David Downs's MiG-15. David also won a First place in Armor with his excellent BT-7 Russian tank.

The Master Division also had a point's sweep, with Jim Guld's "Kurfurstendamn U-Bahn Station," featuring a T-34/85, winning the Best of Show and People's Choice—Masters awards, and a First in Dioramas & Vignettes. In the Aircraft category, Glenn Bingham won First place with his Fw 190F-8/R-1. Second place went to Fred Franceschi's SB2C-4 Helldiver. Third place went to Don MacBryde's French Navy F4U-7 Corsair. First place in Armor & Military went to Glenn Bingham's Bradley AFV.

One Hour Model Contest

The One Hour Model Contest was a lively affair, especially the people's choice judging (Incriminating pictures can be bought back for a small fee). The winners were as follows: Best Basic Entry went to John Tribou's T-6 Texan. The Best Masters Entry went to Keith Liotta's DC-9. And finally, the Best/Most Completed Award went to John Kendrick's Harrier.

"F/A-22 Raptor" Sponsored Contest

Frank Randall won Best Entry with an excellent 1/72 scale F/A-22 in the rollout markings of "Spirit of America / Raptor 01," the first F/A-22 produced by Lockheed Martin. The intent of the contest was to commemorate the initial operational capability of the "Rap-

tor” at Langley AFB, Virginia in December 2005. The award, presented at the December meeting, consisted of a collection of F/A-22 patches representing all the units that had participated in testing the “Raptor” and included one patch flown aboard an F/A-22 at Mach 1.8 and 55,000 feet during a test mission.

December Contest Results

The December meeting featured the “Modeling New Mexico” Special Contest, the 2005 Model of the Year Showdown, and presentation of the 2005 Modeler of the Year Awards. Hobbies 'N Stuff graciously provided a cake for the meeting—members not in attendance missed a real treat. Our thanks to Stan and Helen Johnson for both the cake and their support to ASM during 2005!

“Modeling New Mexico” Special Contest

The Best Entry Award was won by Jeff Frickstad’s 4th Texas Dismount Trooper, depicted at the Battle of Glorieta Pass. This model was included as a contender in the Model of the Year Showdown.

Model of the Year Showdown

The Showdown was a head-to-head contest amongst the 2005 Best of Show and Best Entry winners in all four divisions from all the contests this year. Unfortunately, there was a fairly low turnout of contenders, with only 15 of a possible 31 entries at the meeting. The 2005 Model of the Year winners are as follows: Junior Division: Taylor Liotta—Gundam EZ8. Basic Division: John Kendrick—Saint John’s Knight. Intermediate Division: David Boehning—P-51B Mustang. Masters Division: Dave Straub—Zeppelin L-32. This year we decided to also have People’s Choice Awards for the Models of the Year. As fate would have it, “the people” picked the same winners as listed above!

Modeler of the Year Winners

There were several close races that were photo-finishes at the November contest. The ASM 2005 Modelers of the Year and runners-up are as follows, with my congratulations to all:

Junior Modeler of the Year: Jeannie Garriss; Second: Hamish Connell; Third: Shawn Brown.

Basic Modeler of the Year: John Kendrick; Second: Don Smith; Third: Don Blea.

Intermediate Modeler of the Year: David Boehning; Second: David Downs; Third: Hank Petitgirard.

Masters Modeler of the Year: John Tate; James Guld; Third: Glenn Bingham.

National Atomic Museum Update

I’d like to solicit members to build some models still needed for ASM’s 1/48 scale WWII model display at the National Atomic Museum. There are now some

decent 1/48 scale armor kits out, and we could use some armor and figure subjects in the display. The display is mostly aircraft at this time. We could also use some naval subjects, such as a 1/72 scale LST with perhaps a Sherman tank and some figures for scale reference. Please let me know if you are interested. Pictures of the display are on the website.

Upcoming Contests / Events of Interest

Jan 6, 2006: Special Contest # 1 “Sci-Fi / Science / Real Space / Fantasy.” (Non Points)

Any subject/ scale in the realms of science fiction (Star Wars/Trek, etc.); science (human physiology, dinosaurs, etc.); real space exploration (Mercury-Apollo, Space Shuttle, etc.); and fantasy (comic book heroes/villains & anime, Gundams, etc.). Awards sponsored by Hobbies 'N Stuff (Thanks Stan!).

Feb 3: ASM Swap Meet—No Contest.

Mar 3: Open Contest #1. *Points Contest* All scales, subjects and eras.

May 5 - 6: Chile Con 2006. Region 10 2006 Regional Convention and Contest in Albuquerque, NM. Web page on ASM website (http://www.hobbies-n-stuff.com/Region_10_Chile-Con_2006.htm).

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

CHILE CON



2006

2006 IPMS Region 10 Contest

May 5 - 6, 2006

**MCM Elegante Hotel and Event Center
2020 Menaul NE, Albuquerque NM 87107**

JIM'S SPRUES & REVIEWS

JAMES GULD

So what did Santa leave under the tree for you this year? My better half got me a couple of books: The Jentz book on the King Tiger, and a book on sculpting and modifying figures. Both will come in handy in the future.

Other goodies that I picked up are a bunch of figure sets and accessories for my Falaise Gap dio. Seems like I have enough bits and bobs to work with now, so now it's just a matter of building it all and hopefully pulling off the battle presentation. I hope to have it done by March, but we'll see.

On the armor model front, Dragon just doesn't quit with releasing new stuff and Trumpeter isn't too shabby by itself. If you follow the Perth Military Modeling Site you'll see in the new kit section all the new releases.

Trumpeter is putting out a plastic version of the German BR52 locomotive. Its pretty big at 30" long, so

make room on those shelves if you plan on having it pulling the Leopold rail gun.

Dragon is about to release the 251/17, M4A3E8, 234/4, Marder II and a bunch more. They also have the limited releases available only online through DragonUSA.

"Wow" is all I can say. So I'll keep it short this month and follow my own advice and go out and build something.

Happy new year to all.

Year 2006 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

- 6 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
- 3 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 3 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/scale.

REST OF YEAR TO BE ANNOUNCED!

Master

John Tate	2615
James Guld	2159
Glenn Bingham	855
Mike Mummey	838
Stan Harris	620
Mike Blohm	593
Don MacBryde	460
Mike McNichols	415
Dave Straub	335
Ken Liotta	249
Mike Franklin	235
Ken Piniak	174
Fred Franceschi	125
Larry Horyna	125
Patrick Dick	118
Ed Mummey	100
Dave Miller	85
Keith Liotta	6
Chuck DeWitt	2
Brian Peck	2

Intermediate

David Boehning	1405
David Downs	911
Hank Petitgirard	665
Brian Willard	660
Rick Carver	587
Frank Randall	460
Tom Redling	455
Walter Schanwald	450
Jeremy Connell	335
Kyle Garber	335
John Moya	300
Cecil Severs	139
Jeff Frickstad	110
Debbie King	75
Jack Morris	75
Phil Spaeth	75
Mark Soppet	8
Juan Benitez	2

Basic

John Kendrick	2716
Don Smith	2164
Don Blea	245
Matt Blohm	200
John Tribou	200
Alberto Bernal	110

Junior

Jeannie Garriss	1305
Hamish Connell	805
Shawn Brown	660
Taylor Liotta	550
Logan Carbin	327
Kelly Brown	210
Adam Martin	110
Bre Anna Camacho	100
Jimmy Letterhos	100
Nathan Shatto	100

ASM FINAL STANDINGS FOR 2005

CONTACT INFO

President:	Patrick Dick	890-4368	mcclanahandick@worldnet.att.net
Vice President:	James Guld	982-3089	jamesguld@cybermesa.com
Secretary/Treasurer:	Frank Randall	299-3760	fcr40@aol.com
Contest Director:	Ken Liotta	333-7614	ThePlasticMaster@comcast.net
Members Pro-Tem:	Keith Liotta	888-3396	YeeeLiotta@aol.com
	Tom Perea	897-4778	indy1615@aol.com
	Tim Wood	897-1889	planedreamin@hotmail.com
Webmaster:	Mike Blohm	823-9404	BlohmM@aol.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 preceding month.