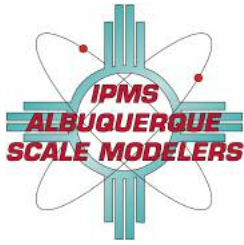


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January 2012

PRESIDENT'S SPIEL

JAMES GULD

New Year's Greetings

First off, I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. Now that that's out of the way, get out there and build, people! I don't care what it is, even airplanes—*build it*. As most of you probably know, I build armor, dioramas and figures. I have done one airplane, one car and one boat. I liked doing the boat build and was into it as much as doing an armor build, but when I did the plane and the car it felt like work. Now, modeling shouldn't feel like work unless you're doing it as a career. I won't say I'll never do another plane again, but I don't see one on my schedule for this year. My modeling goals for this year are more focused on

increasing my figure-painting skills. I want to do at least one figure a month. When I was at IPMS Nationals this past year and compared the figures in my dioramas to what else was on the table, I knew I probably wasn't coming home with any awards. So it became a case of "How do you get to Carnegie Hall?" Make a left off 57th on 7th Avenue, you say. No, smarty pants, you have to *practice*, and that's what I plan to do. I've been searching around the internet on different figure painter sites and blogs to see what they are doing and plan on seeing if my figures can improve this year. That's my goal, what's yours?

When I started looking over the contest schedule of all the various points and theme contests, I started thinking I'll never be able to build for all of those. Well, you don't have to. Build what you like and like what you build, to steal a line from an armor buddy of mine. I don't plan to push myself to just get it done in order to



December meeting highlights, L – R: Looking at models before the meeting; surprise guest Larry Horyna milling about with everyone; and the business meeting in progress.





2011 Model of the Year winners, left to right: Gorham Smoker's A6M2 Zero, Jim Guld's Matilda Crane Tank, and Larry Glenn's Matilda Mk IV.

have something on the table. Now we all want to see models on the table, but we also want to see your best possible work so don't rush it.

I am in the process of setting up a Make-N-Take event with a Cub Scout den in Rio Rancho. The date has not yet been confirmed but if anyone wants to help out, let me know.

Clinic Nights. Thanks to Brian for stepping up and heading this up this year. We've had great success with this in the past and I believe this year will be no different. If you have any ideas for clinics, please Email Brian.

Matilda Group Build. We are still working on the Group Chapter Entry build for the 2013 IPMS Nationals. It's the new Tamiya Matilda tank. If you're interested in joining in let me know and we can find a paint scheme for you. Welcome back, Danny, to the build! Right now we have sixteen tanks that are supposed to be built. I believe that seven are actually done and hopefully we'll see more on the Works in Progress table in the near future; otherwise, I'll have to make some phone calls!

Well that about covers it. Get out there and build.

ASFS VISIT TO ASM

JOE WALTERS

Reminder! Members of the Albuquerque Science Fiction Society have been invited to attend our January meeting, as our Theme is of interest to them.

I have no idea how many ASFS members will show, but I hope there are lots of Sci-Fi subjects in the competition *and* in the display-only section for them to see!

Who knows? Perhaps some of them will be inspired to start modeling and join us! And for any

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!

ASM members who might find ASFS interesting, they meet on second Fridays at 7:30 P.M. at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, just east of San Mateo on Ponderosa.

(<http://tinyurl.com/asfsweb>)

LARGE MODEL FOR SALE

JAMES GULD

This is the guy that I believe Brian repaired the ship model for. Looks like he's putting it up for sale.



From: <lloyd@myauctionaddiction.com>
Subject: Large Model For Sale
Date: December 28, 2011
To: <jamesguld@pngltd.com>

James:

Not sure if anyone in your club would be interested in this piece I have in an upcoming Auction. Pass this on if you think there may be interest. <http://tinyurl.com/8y7awxu>

Thanks, Lloyd Swartz

UPCOMING EVENTS

MIKE BLOHM

January 13 – 15: Albuquerque Comic Con, Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Albuquerque.

<http://albuquerquecomiccon.com>

See ASM Trip Report from the 2011 event:

<http://tinyurl.com/6nrstkj>

January 15: Tucson IPMS Annual Swap Meet Show, Tucson, Arizona; Region 10, IPMS / Tucson.

FRED'S FOTO FILE

FRED FRANCESCHI

X-Planes at Edwards AFB

My neighbor Lester Walton was an aircraft engineer at Convair in San Diego. He took me on several trips to Edwards Air Force Base to attend "open houses" for aircraft manufacturers and contractors.

The first one I went to was, I think, in 1958. I took photos of a number of aircraft, including the Bell X-1E. At that time, the X-1E was almost a Sci-Fi plane, about the hottest thing around.

Several years later, in May of 1960, Lester took me to another open house. The X-15 was on display, and it was the hottest thing around. Talk about real world Sci-Fi.



The Air Force Test Center's B-52 on the ramp, and with an X-15 attached under the wing.

This is old stuff now, and we have gone to the moon since then, but in the late 1950s and early 1960s, this was where science fiction and the real world met, and it was exciting to see.

[Additional photos are in the Bonus Pages. -JW]

Contact: Derek Campbell (520) 425-0209

January 29: Model Car Contest, sponsored by the Albuquerque Model Car Club, at Expo New Mexico, in conjunction with the 20th Annual Super Nationals Custom Auto Show. <http://exponm.com>

February 18: CoMMiESFest3, Golden, Colorado; Region 10, IPMS/CoMMiES. Contact: Brad Guy (303) 467-2009; <http://commiesfest.com>

April 20 – 22: StarFest 2012 science fiction convention (includes a modeling competition), Denver, Colorado; <http://www.starland.com>

April 26 – 28: Armor Modeling and Preservation Society (AMPS 2012) International Convention, WWII Victory Museum, Auburn, Indiana.
<http://www.amps-armor.org>

April 28: IPMS/Grand Junction Scale Modeler's Society Show and Contest, Region 10, Grand Junction, Colorado. Contact: Jim Hockett (970) 270-8474. <http://www.gjsms.org>

May 5: Best of the West 16, IPMS Las Vegas Chapter, Henderson Nevada, Region 8. Contact: Warren Pratt (702) 768-0159
http://ipmslv.org/Best_of_the_West.php

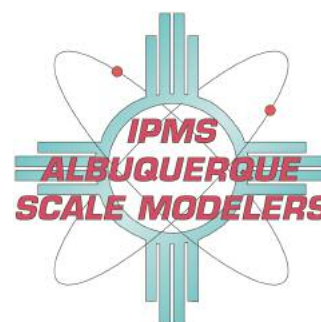
June 8 – 10: Albuquerque Comic Expo (ACE), Albuquerque Convention Center.
<http://abqcomicexpo.com>
 See ASM ACE Trip Report from the 2011 event:
<http://tinyurl.com/775ltd6>

August 8 – 11: IPMS/USA National Convention, Walt Disney World's Contemporary Resort and Convention Center, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. IPMS/Pelikan Model Club, Region 11
<http://www.ipms2012.org>

August 9 – 12: Creation Star Trek Convention, Las Vegas 2012, Rio Suites Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada
<http://www.creationent.com/cal/stlv.htm>
 See Star Trek Trip Report from the 2011 event:
<http://tinyurl.com/84o4dt6>

August 24 – 26: Bubonicon 44 Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention, Albuquerque.
<http://bubonicon.com>

August 30 – September 1: New Mexico State Fair & ASM-Sponsored Model Contest; Model registration dates are probably on Friday August 30 and Saturday September 1, judging probably on either September 4 or 5. <http://exponm.com>



Master

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| James Guld | 1502 |
| Victor Maestas | 1249 |
| Paul Kirchner | 1025 |
| John Tate | 615 |
| Mike Blohm | 495 |
| Glenn Bingham | 281 |
| Dave Straub | 175 |
| Ray Ayles | 79 |
| Don McBride | 35 |
| Ken Liotta | 16 |
| Dave Miller | 6 |

Intermediate

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|--------------------------|------|
| Larry Glenn | 1667 |
| Tony Humphries | 1364 |
| Frank Randall | 499 |
| Don Smith | 345 |
| Gil Johnson | 175 |
| Adrian Montañó | 145 |
| Steve Brodeur | 104 |
| Don Blea | 100 |
| Jack Garriss | 75 |
| Blaine Couch | 25 |
| Ken Barry | 4 |

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| Kyle Garber | 2 |
| Ken Piniak | 2 |
| Tim Wood | 2 |

Basic

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|---------------------------|------|
| Gorham Smoker | 1270 |
| Logan Carbin | 379 |
| Jeannie Garriss | 275 |
| Gil DeLaPlain | 175 |

Junior (no entries in 2011)

ASM 2011 FINAL POINTS STANDINGS

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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 FRANCESCHI

X-Planes at Edwards AFB

Additional photos by Fred of the B-52 and X-15 at Edwards AFB, plus a shot of a couple of other famous X-planes.









These two photos are Air Force photos, not Fred's! However, Fred acquired them while at these Open House events, so they are contemporary with the subject. Both are marked "Air Force Flight Test Center," and the above image is additionally marked "B-52 and X-15 / First Captive Flight."





How many people do you personally know who have seen these planes when they were actually in service?