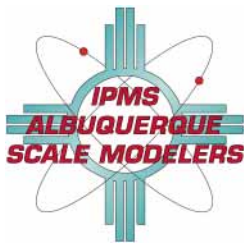


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January 2019

JANUARY UPDATES MIKE BLOHM

Here are a couple of updates on the ASM December meeting contests and what is going on in January and February.

The December 14 meeting had three contests, including the annual "ASM Model of the Year Showdown" in a head-to-head contest of the best of show and best entry winners from all the 2018 Theme and Special contests, in all four divisions. The model of the year winner in Basic was Steve Miller's "Custer's First Stand" diorama. The winner in Intermediate was Scott Jaworski's Merkava 2 tank. The Master's winner was Casey Rupley's F-14A Tomcat.

The Special (non-points) Contest was "Pearl Harbor Plus 7," to commemorate the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and any Pacific War events within the following seven days. The winner in Basic was Aaron Schmiedicke's P-40B. The Intermediate winner was Bob Henderson's P-40B. The winner in Masters was James Strickland's $\frac{1}{44}$ -scale A6M2 Zero.

The final contest of the night was the "Adversaries II (Part Deux)" sponsored contest hosted by Mike and Matt Blohm. This contest was open to any two model subjects that were involved in an adversarial situation. There were nine entries

December Meeting highlights, left to right: Members checking out contest entries, our annual cake, and the business meeting in progress.



which were split into three awards. The “Best Sci-Fi” award went to James Medina’s Y-Wing versus TIE Fighter entries. The “Best Aircraft” award went to Larry Glenn’s “F4F Wildcat versus A6M2 Zero” entries. The “Best Others” award (Automotive/ Armor/Naval Vessels) award went to Dave Miller’s “US Navy Gato versus Imperial Japanese Navy I-16 submarines.” Thanks to all who brought in entries.

The January 4 meeting is the annual Moe Blalters “Sci-Fi, Realspace, Science, and Fantasy” Special (non-points) contest open to any subject, any scale that fits within theme. Besides the normal awards, there are also “Just Staff” best entry awards, which are always collector’s items. The January sponsored contest is “Frickin’ Laser Beams” hosted by Patrick Dick, open to any subject with frickin’ laser beams. The entire 2019 ASM Contest Schedule is posted elsewhere in this newsletter.

I found out from the Folds of Honor foundation that the two 1/48-scale F-16 “Taco” models went for very high prices during the auctions at the Folds of Honor Patriot Gala event and the golf tournament on October 20 – 21, 2018. Chris Kurtze’s model was sold for \$250 at the Gala, and Patrick Dick’s model was sold for \$225 at the golf tournament. ASM received a certificate of appreciation plaque thanking us for our support to the Folds of Honor Patriot Gala. I will bring that to the January 4 meeting.

The last item to bring up is the ASM model display at the South Broadway Cultural Center Library during the month of February. The theme of ASM’s display is “What is Scale Modeling” and will include models of various scales and genres. Set up is at 9:15 A.M. on Friday February 1. Tear-down will be before 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 28. ASM will be conducting a Make & Take

Year 2019 Contest Quick Reference Chart

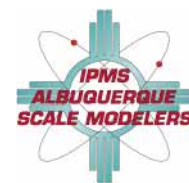
Titles in **blue** indicate contests for points

- 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>

from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 9.

Please contact Josh Pals (jpals871@gmail.com) if you can volunteer to help with the Make & Take or for additional info on the display. The display will be discussed at the January 4 ASM meeting.



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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!

DECEMBER CONTEST WINNERS

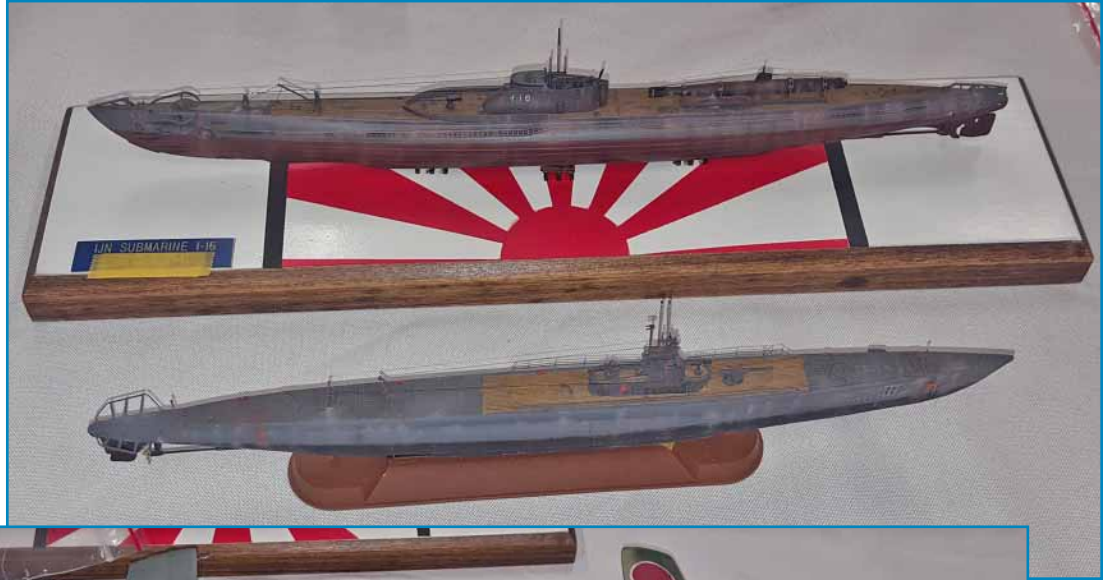
2018 Model of the Year winners, top to bottom: (a partial photograph of) Casey Rupley's *F-14A Tomcat* (Masters); Steve Miller's *Custer's First Stand* Diorama (Basic); and Scott Jaworski's *Merkava 2* tank (Intermediate).



“Pearl Harbor Plus Seven” Special Contest winners, top to bottom: Bob Henderson’s *P-40B* (Intermediate); Aaron Schmiedicke’s *P-40B* (Basic); and James Strickland’s *A6M2 Zero* (Masters).



“Adversaries II” Sponsored Contest Winners, top to bottom: Dave Miller’s *US Navy Gato vs. Imperial Japanese I-16* submarines (Automotive/Armor/Naval); Larry Glenn’s *F4F Wildcat vs. A6M2 Zero* (Aircraft); and James Medina’s *Y-Wing vs. TIE Fighters* (Sci-Fi).



A few other items of interest from the meeting (supplied by Mike Blohm), top to bottom: Our plaque from the Folds of Honor organization, as mentioned in Mike's article; incoming president Josh Pals gives a briefing; and the usual after-meeting get-together at the local Village Inn.



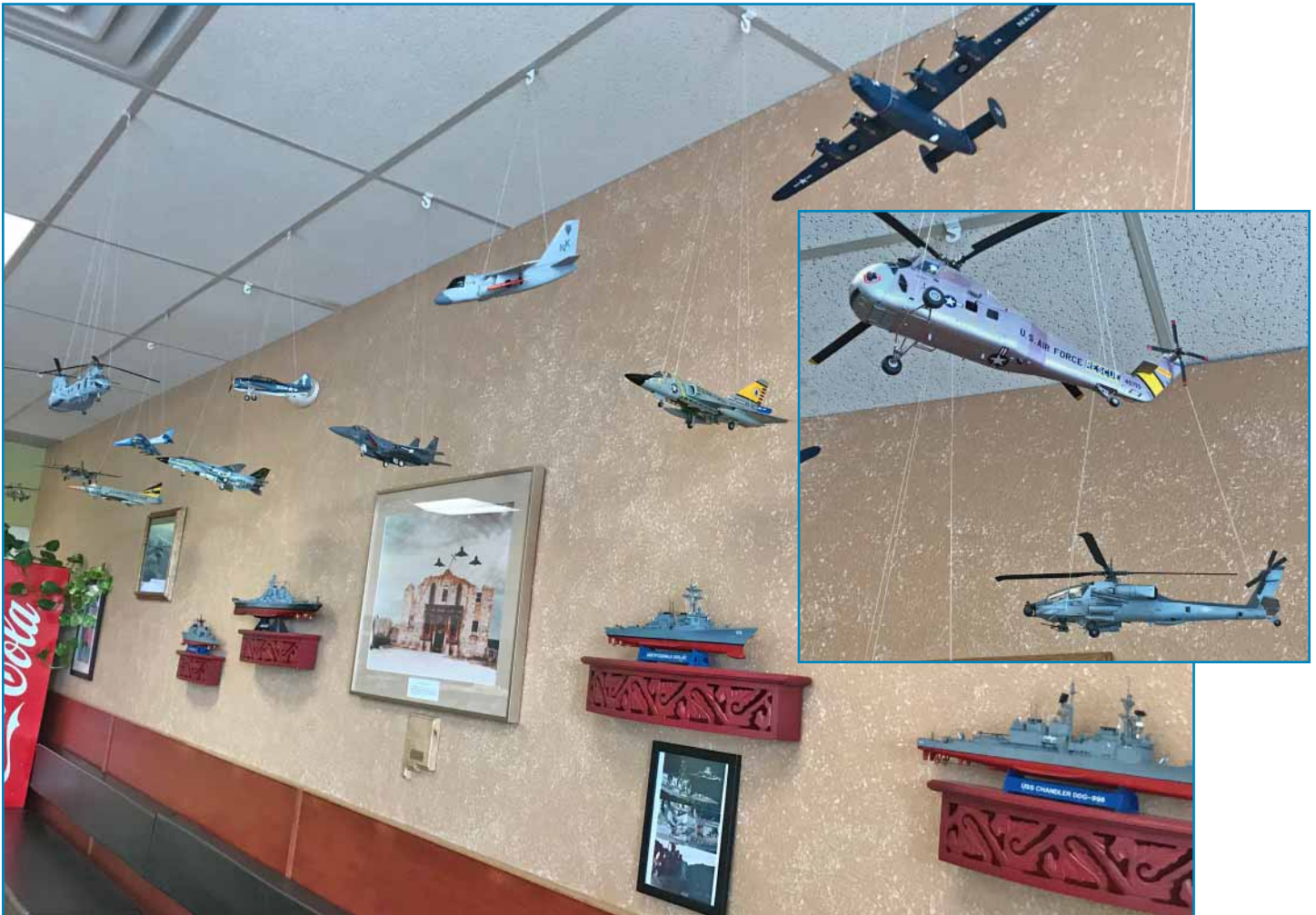
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LOCAL RESTAURANT DISPLAYS MODELS

JOE WALTERS

I promise this isn't an ad, there is no consideration or compensation given, and they don't even know I'm doing this!

There's a restaurant on Candelaria just west of Carlisle, on the north side of the road, called *Mick's Chile Fix*. They recently relocated there from a smaller place a bit further west. I recently happened in there, and was pleasantly surprised to find the east wall completely dedicated to a display of scale models!



Build quality seems to range from Masters-level to OOTB glued and decaled. I asked the nice lady there who built them, and she was of the impression that they were purchased from a local business that sells this sort of thing to restaurants and such.

I thought it worth pointing out to ASM! Whoever ultimately built this stuff ought to be in our club, at any rate.

Oh, and lunch was pretty good, too!



BONUS PAGES! MISCELLANEOUS

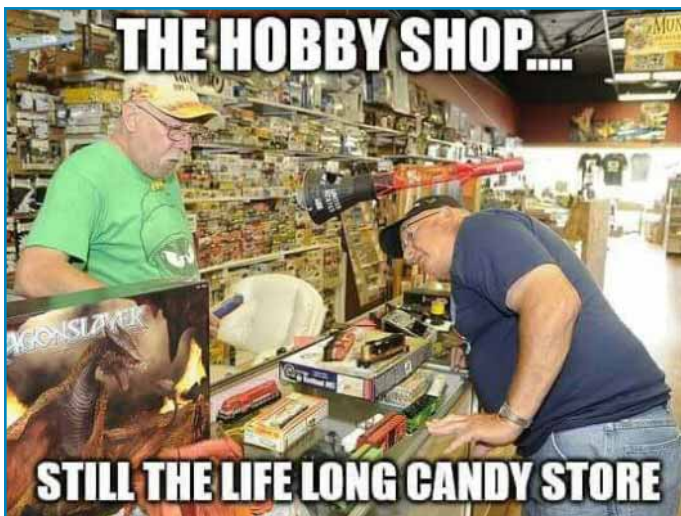
ASM member Dave Straub forwarded these links of interest. Click on them to see wonders!

WWII Ball Turret with twin .50 cal's at the Big Sandy Shoot:

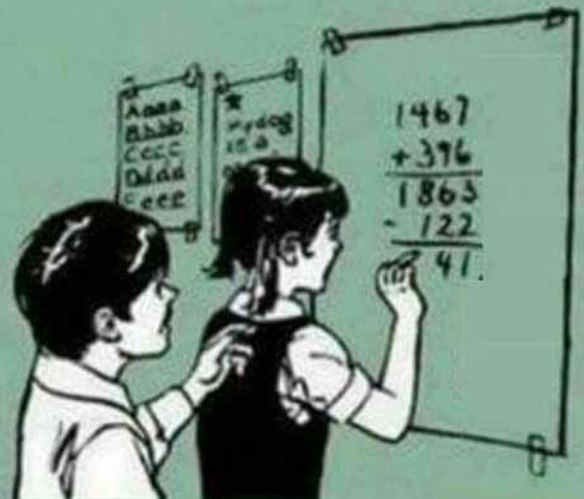
https://youtu.be/7_TaK0WZj2k

Watch All Five of the US Military's Fighter Jets Fly in Formation:

<https://tinyurl.com/asm1901a>



**Billy has 17 plastic model kits.
He just bought 3 more.
What does he have now ?**



**Happiness.
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...but I slept with a gorgeous model last night!



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