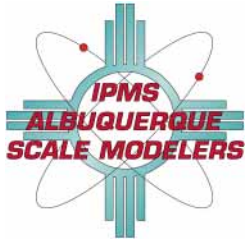


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THE FEZ SEZ TONY HUMPHRIES

The Fez Returneth
Fez 2: The Fezzening
Back to the Fez
Fez 2: Electric Bugaloo
Episode 7: The Fez Awakens

Well, here we are again. Somehow, I suddenly and mysteriously find myself back here once more like a fat(-ter) and (more) balding Douglas MacArthur wading up the beach and shaking the kelp and small marine molluscs from my shoes. Being back in the high chair and donning the fuzzy hat is déjà vu on steroids, as you can probably imagine. It's good to be back though. I



think... Anyway, what has happened since we last spoke, dear reader?



Well, the club continues to grow and thrive. Our membership has increased, and our club competitions continue to draw numerous top-quality entries. Our community involvement is also at an all-time high, with representation at many events in the area, including airshows and military balls (cough) and galas throughout the year, plus exhibits at museums and local libraries as

December Meeting highlights, top to bottom: members checking out model entries, and the business meeting in progress.



well as our involvement in the State Fair. I think we've done as much as any club could reasonably do in promoting the hobby in a state where the tumbleweeds outnumber the people and in fact, have gone above and beyond in a number of key areas. Let's make sure that continues throughout the coming year and let's hope that the IPMS powers-that-be are paying attention too.

You'll have to excuse the scraping sound here, though, as I once more drag my heavy soapbox slowly front and center across the newly waxed and shiny floor as it needs to be said once again, that if we don't get some new faces on the board in the near future, then that growth is likely to turn into a rapid decline. So please consider standing for election to a board position at the end of 2020 and don't rely on the same old people time and time again to run this club. Most, if not all of us on the board this year have been here many times before and we're getting tired and grumpy, so you young whipper-snappers know what you need to do. I would love to see a situation in 2021 perhaps, where the entire board is made up of new blood and none of the positions are filled by anyone who has done this stuff before. The old hands are still going to be around for a while (terminal backache or choking to death on a Werther's Original, aside) and will be happy to advise you, wherever necessary. As long as you give us a nice soft cushion to sit on, a chance to take a nap now and again and speak to us loudly and slowly.

Anyway, back to what's been going on since I last pulled one of these articles out of the place that shall remain unspoken. As you are probably all aware, we came 1st and 2nd in the group chapter entry category at the 2018 Nationals and although we didn't enter in 2019 due to Tennessee being 2000 light-years away from here, 2020 and 2021 look very do-able and if you want to get involved in any of the proposed group builds (and we have several options) then please see myself or one of the board, and if we're not actively involved ourselves, we can certainly point you in the direction of someone who is. You'll be able to tell them apart anyway, of course, as they will be the ones giggling to themselves and arguing with the coffee-maker in the corner. We have a great record in this area (chapter entries, that is, not talking to kitchen appliances) so why not be a part of the action? Apart from that time in Colorado when they forgot to judge our entry altogether (not that we're still bitter about that, of course), we've won every time we've entered, so let's see if we can keep that going.

We are going to have some challenges in the forthcoming year, however, and it's as well to be aware of them from the get-go. The biggest problem is likely to be money. Financially, things are likely to be tight and since UNM seem to be under the impression that we're trying to buy the meeting room rather than rent it, some sav-

ings may need to be made this year. Trophies for example, may need to be simplified or reduced. They've been costing us a lot recently. One thing I definitely don't want to do is to raise membership rates, but if anyone has any fund-raising suggestions or large bags of cash hanging around that they don't need, then do please let us know. Please don't take this as a hint that we want you to go and rob Bank of America, however. I don't look good in orange (it clashes with my eyes, for a start) and you probably don't either. So let's not go there.

Anyway, despite some challenges this really could be a great year for us as a club, if we apply ourselves. So let's go out there and make it happen. Let's make it productive, informative and above all, let's make it fun! Now, where did I leave that red nose...?

VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

JOHN TATE

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?*

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and auld lang syne?*

As 2019 drew to a close, my thoughts turned to departed modelers who once filled the ranks of ASM and how they could be best remembered. As modelers, each of these members had a unique interest and modeling style, and left behind for the rest of us some of their built and unbuilt models. Over the years I've built or rebuilt some of these models to commemorate their modeling interests and contributions to our club.

Harry Davidson, a well-known historian of Albuquerque aviation, passed away in June 2018; at the last ASM meeting he attended, he gave away some of the old built models he had in his collection. I received from him an Aurora 1/48 DH.10 Amiens, which I rebuilt and finished in a way to capture the spirit of Golden Age modeling.



Don MacBryde, a prolific modeler who built for the sheer enjoyment of the hobby, passed away in 2013; Brian Peck organized a commemorative model build to

honor him, using kits from his collection. Many ASM modelers contributed to the effort; my build was this Hasegawa 1/32 P-51D.



Don Alberts, a former ASM member, was an IPMS legend and for many years, IPMS Head Judge; he helped organize the successful 1995 Nationals here in Albuquerque. Don died in November 2010 but a few years ago, Dave Straub passed along some of his built models to me. Although Don was primarily a naval aviation modeler, he built other subjects, including this M3 Grant tank from the old Airfix 1/32 kit; I rebuilt and refinished it in a desert scheme from the El Alamein period.



I never met Alan Goodman but he was one of the founding members of our club. Alan passed away in 2004 and four years later, his daughter organized an open house sale of his kit collection, which consisted of hundreds of models from the Golden Age through the 1990s. One of the model kits I picked up was this Revell 1/28 Fokker D.VII, which I built out-of-the-box.

If you have a model kit that originated from one of our departed members, give a thought to building it in the coming year, to commemorate their contributions and continue the legacy of craftsmanship and scale modeling enjoyment they worked so hard to instill. For scale modelers, there can be no finer salute than a finished model.



ASM MODEL DISPLAYS IN 2019

MIKE BLOHM

This article is a summary of the five model displays conducted by ASM during 2019, and a thank you to everyone that participated in the displays and/or contributed models. Our goals with the displays were to promote the hobby of scale modeling, to let the public know that Albuquerque has an active model club, and to perhaps gain some new members. All the displays turned out to be highly successful. Descriptions of the display and pictures are included below. More detailed stories and additional pictures are available on the ASM 2019 Meeting Pictures webpage:

<https://tinyurl.com/asm2001a>

Our first 2019 display was at the Albuquerque South Broadway Cultural Center and Library and it ran the entire month of February. The theme was "What is Scale Modeling" and we had 79 models in three display cases. We also put on a Make & Take on February 9 in conjunction with the display.

Our second display was at the Kirtland Air Force Base "Air and Space Fiesta" airshow on May 18. We had five tables with 77 models at the event. The theme was the "History of the USAF" with some Real Space and Theoretical Space thrown in due to the theme of the air show. We were located in the center of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and Space Pavilion hangar, and the estimated crowd that flowed through the hangar that day was 30,000 people. Airshows are where we get max exposure of the hobby, and the people really loved the models.

Our next model display supported the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing event at the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History. The museum was running the film “The Day We Walked on the Moon” three times on Saturday, July 20, simultaneously with other Smithsonian-related museums across America. The museum also had Apollo Program artifacts from their collection on display for the duration of the event. The ASM model display had a total of sixteen models and ran from mid July through mid September. It included eleven Real Space models from the American space program and five Theoretical Space models from the 1950s.

Our annual model display at the 2019 New Mexico State Fair on September 5 – 15 had the theme “1939—80th Anniversary of the Beginning Of World War II.” We filled one case with 36 models. The conflicts of 1939 covered by the display included the Invasion of Poland, the Winter War (Russia versus Finland), the Khalkhin Gol/Nomonhan Incident (Russia versus Japan), and the second Sino-Japanese War (China versus Japan). A more detailed article on the “1939” display will be published in a future ASM Newsletter. As of this January newsletter, the 2020 ASM display theme will be “70th Anniversary of the Korean War” with models from any-time during the war (June 1950 – July 1953).

The final 2019 model display was at the 2019 Air Force Ball held at Kirtland Air Force Base on September 21. The event celebrated the 72nd birthday of the USAF as well as the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944. ASM had two large tables totaling 76 models with one containing 45 “History of the USAF” models from the Korean War through the present, and the second containing 31 “D-Day” models.

ASM did not conduct a model display this year at the Folds of Honor New Mexico’s “Red, White, and Blue Celebration Dinner” fund-raising event on September 23. The 2019 event was held at a small venue and they did not have space for our normal display. ASM did contribute a 1/48-scale A-10 Thunderbolt model for the auction, which sold for \$150, and they appreciated that very much. They do want ASM to put on a display at

Year 2020 Contest Quick Reference Chart

Titles in **blue** indicate contests for points

- 03 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1:**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
Sponsored Contest: “Frickin’ Laser Beams” (Patrick Dick)
- 07 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest
- 06 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
Sponsored Contest: “Civil Air” (David Epstein)
- 03 Apr** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2: HURRICANES**
- 01 May** **The Desert**—Any kit/subject/scale
- 05 Jun** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3: KOREAN WAR**
- 10 Jul** **Two or Three**—Any scale, era, subject known for having two or three...
Sponsored Contest: “Subject TBD” (Mike & Matt Blohm)
- 07 Aug** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
Sponsored Contest: “Rotary Wing/VTOL” (Scott Jaworski)
- 04 Sep** **SPECIAL CONTEST #4: BATTLE OF BRITAIN**
Sponsored Contest: “Subject TBD” (Brian Peck)
- 02 Oct** **Competition Vehicles**—Any kit/subject/scale
Sponsored Contest: “Best Paint Scheme” (Ken Liotta)
- 06 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
Sponsored Contest: “Disney” (Patrick Dick)
- 04 Dec** *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>

their 2020 event. So please work on some models that could be used in that display. We currently need modern armor and naval subjects (ships and subjects).

[Photos from these events can be found in the [Bonus Pages](#). -JTW]

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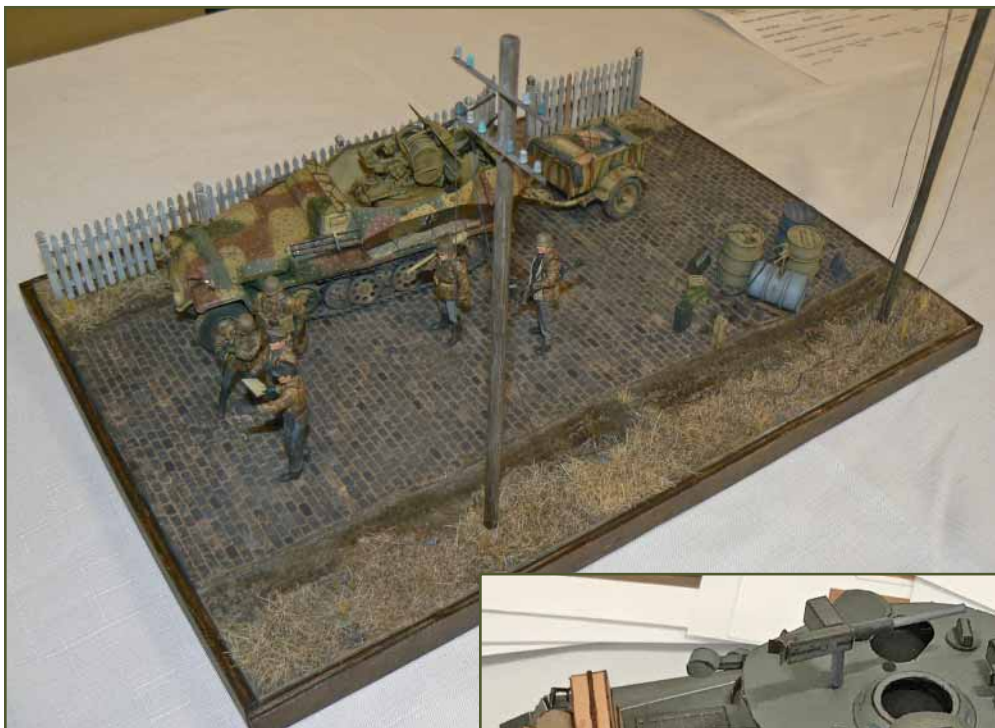
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BONUS PAGES!

DECEMBER SPECIAL CONTEST WINNERS

“Battle of the Bulge” Special Contest winners, top to bottom: Scott Jaworski’s *SdKfz. 251/17 2cm Schutzen Panzer Diorama* (Masters); Brandon Brown’s *M4A3E8 Sherman* (Basic); and Dave Tingley’s *Panther G* (Intermediate). There were no Junior entries. (Photos by Frank Randall and Joe Walters)



2019 Model of the Year winners, top to bottom: Scott Jaworski's *Churchill Mk III* (Masters); Dave Tingley's *Panther G* (Intermediate); and Mark Vaughn's *Jagdpanzer 38t* (Basic). There were no Junior entries. (Photos by Frank Randall and Joe Walters)



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Photos from the page 3 article. This page: The Air Force Ball.



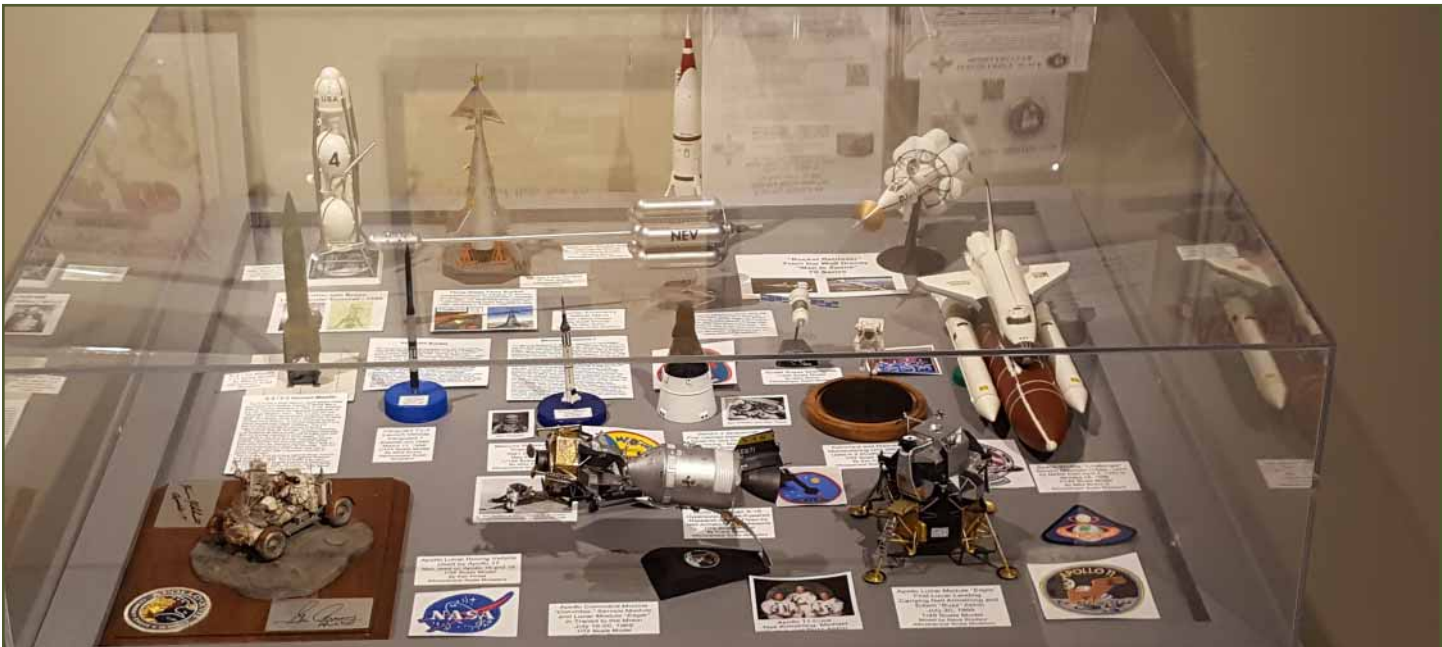


Above: Folds of Honor donated model; Below and next page: State Fair Display





Apollo 11 Display



Kirtland AFB airshow display

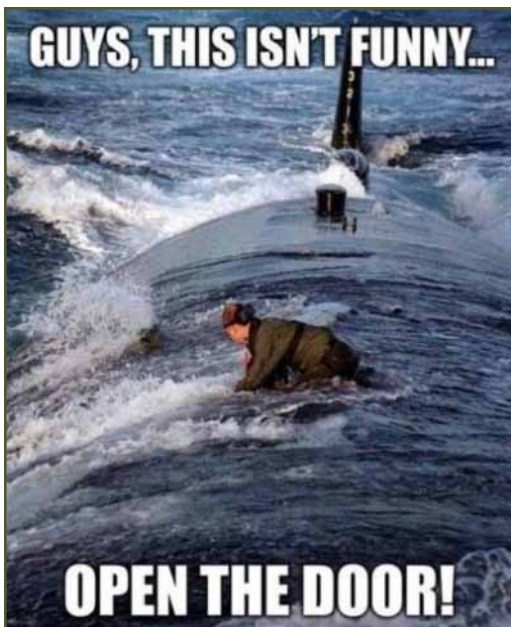


This page and next: South Broadway Cultural Center display and Make & Take



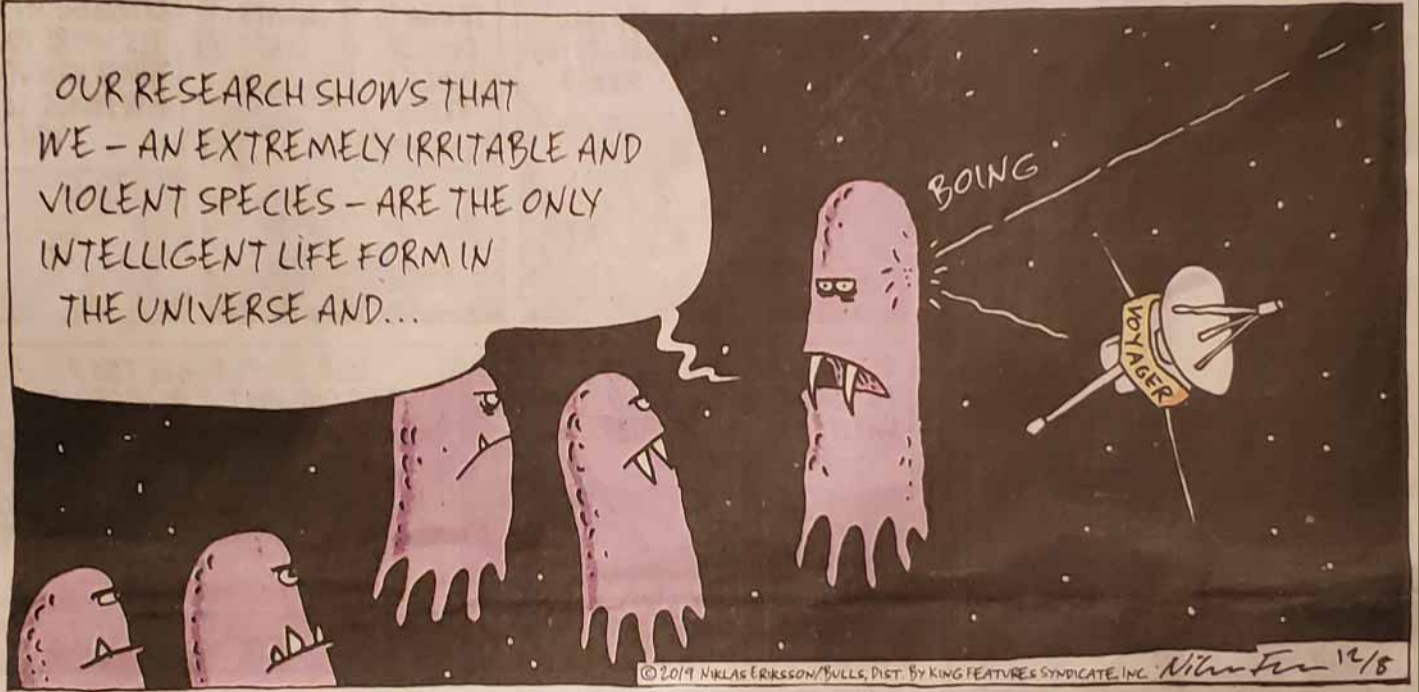


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CARPE DIEM

BY NIKLAS ERIKSSON



Above submitted by Mike Blohm



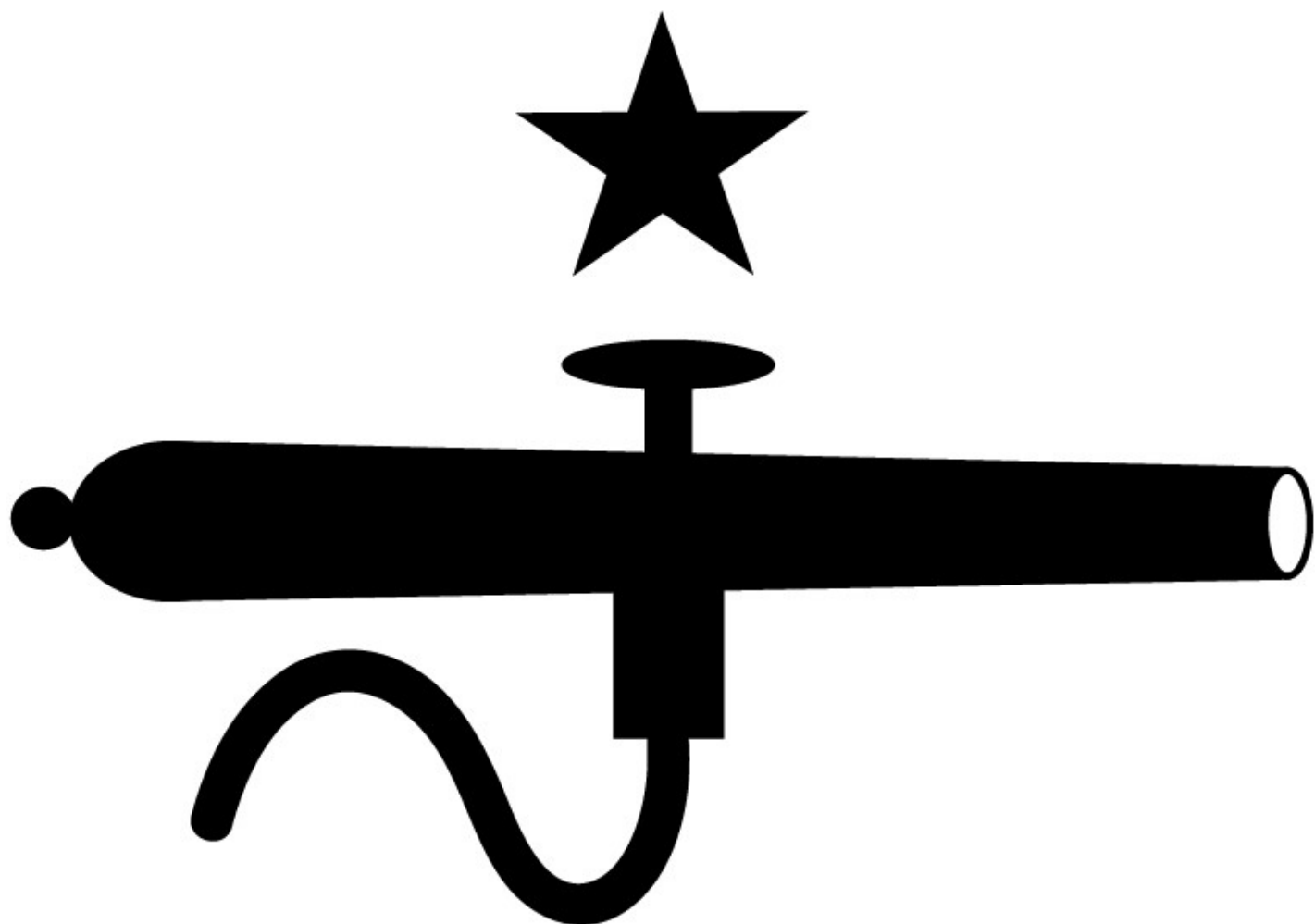


Everybody makin jokes, but we lucky the Swiss never entered the World Wars:









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