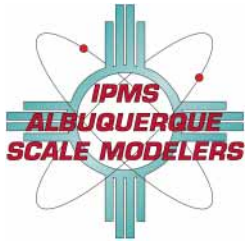


# ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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January 2022

## THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS JOHN TATE

As we pass from one grim pandemic year to the next, it is fitting to remember those stalwart club members we lost during 2021:

**Jack Morris**

**Jeff Frickstad**

**Glenn Bingham**

These gentlemen were members of ASM for decades and active participants who contributed greatly to our club. They will be missed.

I've been reflecting on our mortality, and our hobby, during the past year as modelers in and out of our club have passed away and left for us their scale modeling collections. At our December meeting for example, kits kindly donated to us from the estate of modeler Ed Longhi were sold to members to generate funds for the club. It was an exceptional

donation and greatly appreciated, but there is something sad about receiving treasures left behind by a fellow modeler. As none of us are getting any younger, the coming of a New Year should focus our attention on what's important in the hobby, and our lives. Perhaps it's wise to prepare a bucket list of the ten models you would like to build before passing on and start working on them now; don't

December Meeting highlights, top to bottom: Tony Humphries manages the huge Ed Longhi estate model collection; and the business meeting in progress.



spend an eternity in the Hereafter wishing you had built that Wingnuts kit you had stashed away. This is also the time to dispose of those kits you will never build, those paints you will never use and those references you will never read, to keep your collection from being a burden on your loved ones. By planning ahead you can, in a small way, beat the Grim Reaper to the punch.

If there is a silver lining to this darkening cloud, it's that the club has returned to a solid financial footing and is poised to maintain full operations at our current venue through the end of the current calendar year. Thanks for this go to ASM Pro Tem member Victor Maestas, who arranged to receive the donation of the Ed Longhi kit collection. There is even enough revenue in our accounts to contemplate a future Chile Con regional model show sometime in the next few years. But is this something members would like to see? Let the E-Board know your views and if it is something you advocate, think seriously about your ability to volunteer and participate- it's hard work and takes commitment to put on a show of that size. Everyone will have to lend a hand.

Remember our January meeting hosts the annual Moe Blalters Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Real Space/Real Science special contest. No points, and entries are restricted to the theme, but the rest of the contest schedule for 2022 will have open points contests so you can enter whatever you like. And of course, at any of our club meetings you can bring any model you like for display, including Works-in-Progress.

Happy scale modeling and looking forward to our January 7 meeting.



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### Year 2022 Contest Quick Reference Chart

Titles in **blue** indicate contests for points

- 07 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1:**  
**SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY**  
*Sponsored Contest: "Gold Member"  
Frickin' Laser Beams (Patrick Dick)*
- 04 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest
- 04 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
- 01 Apr** **NO CONTEST**
- 06 May** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
- 03 Jun** **NO CONTEST; CLINIC NIGHT**
- 08 JUL** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
- 05 Aug** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest
- 09 Sep** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale  
*Sponsored Contest: "75th Anniversary  
of the USAF (Mike & Matt Blohm)*
- 07 Oct** **NO CONTEST**
- 04 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
- 02 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>

## IN THE BONUS PAGES!

In this month's **Bonus Pages:**

- The 2021 Model of the Year winners
- An article by VP Dave Epstein
- A report on a tour of the Unser Racing Museum by Ken Piniak
- Mike Blohm reports on the Folds of Honor ceremony
- Mike Blohm reports on our Korean War-themed display in the New Mexico State Fair model contest
- And more!

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 now ten days prior to the next meeting (that's a Tuesday). Items I receive by Tuesday night will be in the newsletter, and items received after that will be in the following issue.**

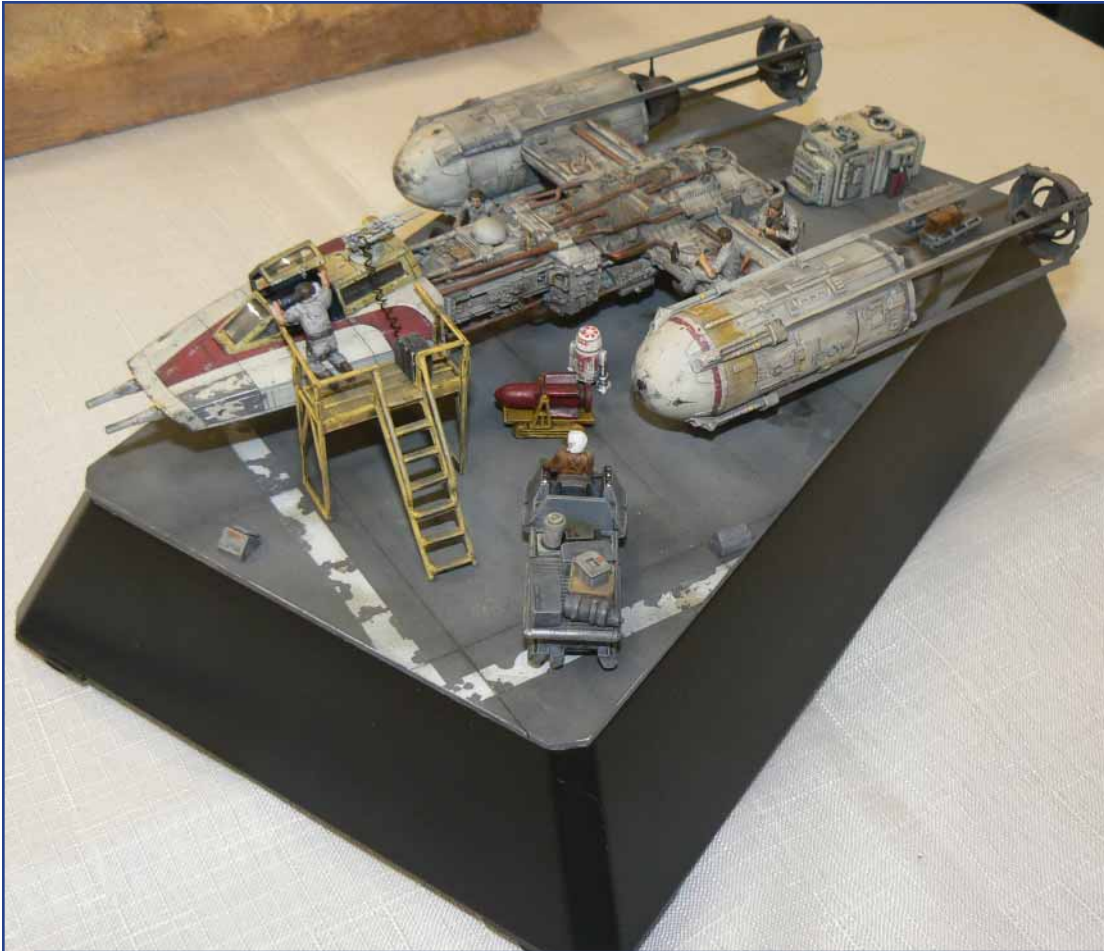
# BONUS PAGES!

## 2021 MODEL OF THE YEAR WINNERS

This page: Mark Vaughn's Civil War Cannon (Basic).



This page, top to bottom: James Medina's "Red Jammer" Y-Wing diorama (Intermediate), and Dave Straub's USS Currituck Seaplane Tender (Master).



# BONUS PAGES! FROM THE VEEP

DAVE EPSTEIN

Out with the old, in with the new.

Hello All,

As 2021 comes to a close, I look forward to the new year in hopes of it offering fewer challenges such as lockdowns, vaccinations, mask mandates, protests, civil unrest, and on and on. It has taken its toll on many of us, and offered our club many challenges as well. As we all coped with our own situations, we, as your E-Board, have strived to keep the club as active and engaging as possible. At times it seemed as though we were about to lose control and have it all go belly-up. We have our membership to thank that it did not.

Though interest and participation waned, we all persevered, and as we opened back up to “live” meetings again, you, our members, have come thru. Our attendance is gradually returning to its usual levels, and I personally look forward to seeing more of your magnificent modeling work displayed in our revamped and simplified contest schedule, designed to open all our contests to more participants and more entries instead of seemingly confining parameters that seemed, in my opinion, to limit interest and participation.

I hope these changes inspire you all to enter more models in more contests in the coming year.

I look forward to serving the club this year as VP and encourage you all to bring any suggestions to myself, or any member of the E-Board, as we welcome them all and will take them all under consideration.

On a personal bragging note, I completed 35 models in 2021, not all contest quality, but it kept me busy!

I hope and pray that God bless you and your families with health, happiness, prosperity, and of course, sufficient model building time in the new year!

Happy new year and see you at the next meeting!

# BONUS PAGES!

## KEN'S AUTO FILES

### KEN PINIAK

#### Unser Racing Museum

This has absolutely no relationship to armored vehicles, so I couldn't call it Armor Files, could I? For this issue, I took a quick trip to the Unser Racing Museum, located here in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Year 2021 was not a good year by any standard, but it was especially difficult for the Unser family. First, Bobby Unser passed away on May 2, at the age of 87. Then, his son Bobby jr. died on June 13 at 65. Finally, on December 9, Al Unser died at 82 after a long battle with cancer. My condolences to their families, they will be missed. These events convinced me that I should make a return visit to the Unser Racing Museum.



I went on December 31, the very last day of the year. I did call ahead, just to make sure they were open. The Museum opened in 2005 and was owned and operated by Al and Susan Unser and their family. It consists of two main buildings: the main museum and an annex. The main building interior is shaped like a wheel, with spokes dividing it into five sections. These sections consist of exhibits devoted to the careers of the Unser family in different areas of racing, along with some moving/temporary displays. Most of the emphasis is on the trio of Bobby, little brother Al, and his son Al jr. Between them, the Unsers have nine





Indy 500 wins: Al jr. with two, Bobby with three, and Al, tied with three others, at four, the most individual wins in the race. Additionally, Al is the only driver with a sibling and son who have also won. Al also holds



the record for being the oldest Indy 500 winner, the previous record holder—Bobby. On top of all that, Al has the record for most laps led at Indy. All three also won the International Race of Champions (IROC) series. The Indy car section has several championship cars, along with the in-

famous STP “Novi” race car, which only Bobby Unser was able to handle safely. Besides Indy Cars, there is a section devoted to the Unser family and the Pike’s Peak Hill Climb. The Unser family dominated the race series for so many years that it became unofficially known as “Unser’s Mountain.” Another section is devoted to other race classes, including sprint cars and the IROC. One section has an exhibit of early, wood track motorcycle





racing, a sport that saw many riders as well as spectators killed.

At the center hub of main building is a raised, rotating platform. On it is a yellow Penske Indy car representing the car Al drove in the 1987 Indy 500. This race ended with the most unlikely and improbable race win ever. I won't go into the details here, that could fill up the entire newsletter, but you can look up the details yourself, there are plenty of articles on the web. A little teaser: it involves a washed up/over-the-hill driver and a car that was literally taken from a museum exhibit display in Pennsylvania.

Behind the main building is the annex. This space houses more race cars, Indy Pace Cars, and other cars from Al's collection. It also has artworks, race uniforms, helmets, trophies, and lots of other memorabilia. As in the main building, some of the cars and other displays in this building have changed over the







years. An interesting note: many of the cars on display have a teddy bear or other stuffed animal sitting in them. This was Susan's idea as a way to help keep kids, and others, from sitting in the cars.

Website: Welcome to the Unser Racing Museum—Honoring the Past... Preparing for the Future  
<https://unserracingmuseum.com>







# BONUS PAGES!

## FOLDS OF HONOR POSTPONED

### MIKE BLOHM

#### **Postponed: ASM Model Display at the Folds of Honor Patriots Gala**

The New Mexico Folds of Honor Gala charity event and ASM's Model Display scheduled for February 12 has been postponed until September 2022 due to covid concerns.

Further details will be provided as we learn more about the new event date, and whether it will still be held at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque.

The theme of the ASM Display is models from all the US Services from the Korean War to the Present. This includes aircraft, helicopters, armor, vehicles, figures, ships, subs, dioramas—any scale. We have been lacking in modern armor, ships/subs, and dioramas in our previous displays, so please think about building something in those areas that could be used in our display.

The Folds of Honor Foundation provides scholarships for the children and spouses of America's fallen and disabled Service members. The Gala is one of their primary fund-raising events, where donated articles are auctioned off in a silent online auction and old-fashioned verbal auction during the dinner. ASM has provided built models for their auctions.

Links to all past ASM displays including the 2017 and 2018 Folds of Honor events can be found at: <https://abqscalemodelers.com/asmnamd.htm>



FOLDS *of* HONOR  
FOUNDATION

## BONUS PAGES! MISCELLANEOUS

We start off with a few contfibusions from Ken Piniak.

**Me: “babe I parked my new gun in the barn”**

**Wife: “...parked???”**



# HOW THE AIR FORCE EATS DINNER



# HOW THE ARMY EATS DINNER



When you have to pick up the kids at 5 and defend Stalingrad at 6

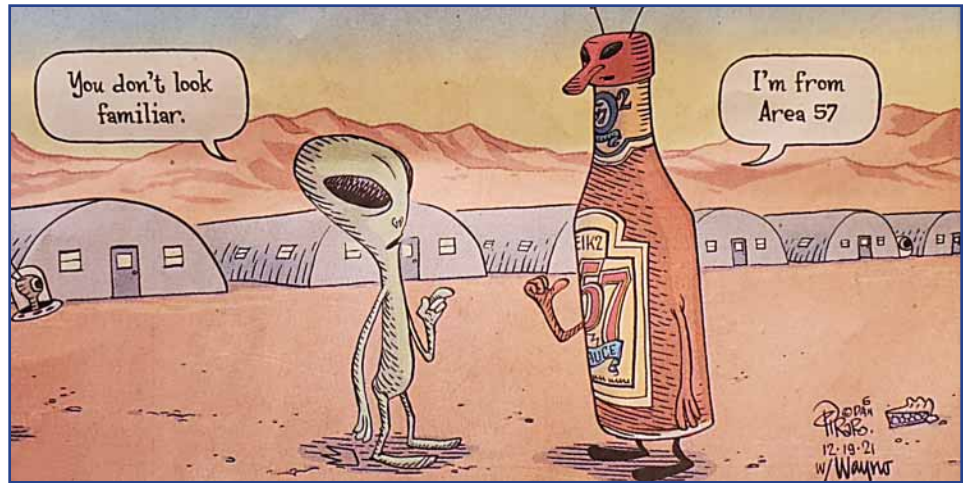
Silly Putty implies the existence of serious putty.



I believe that's C4.



The one to the right came from Mike Blohm; The *Soylent Green* warning may have come from Piniak. The quote is a screencap from a *Futurama* episode.

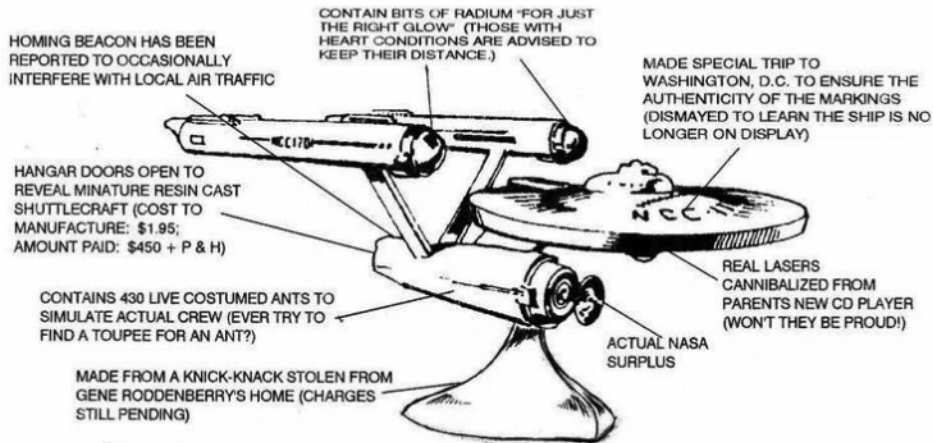


**'Soylent Green'**  
took place in 2022  
Just a heads-up.



This page and the next come from Frank Randall. The rest mysteriously appeared in various places around the internet.

## ***Evidence of an obsessive Star Trek modeler:***



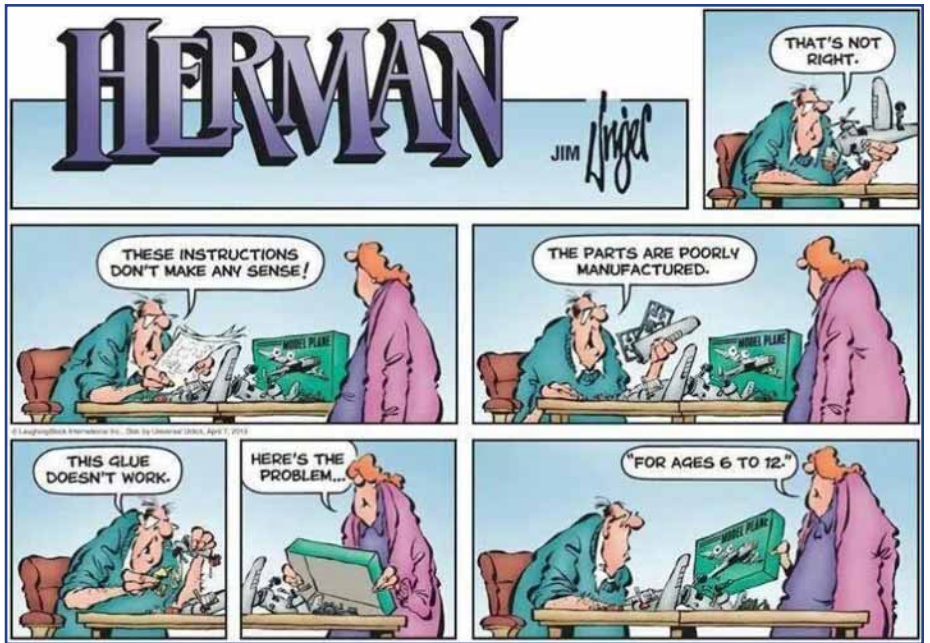
TOTAL COST: \$648,250 IN MATERIALS, \$8,200 IN MEDICAL BILLS, \$5,000 IN FINES, 6 MONTHS PROBATION, AND A RESTRAINING ORDER FROM MATT JEFFIRES

PRIZES AWARDED: A \$10 GIFT CERTIFICATE AT THE LOCAL HOBBY SHOP AND A FREE PAINTBRUSH

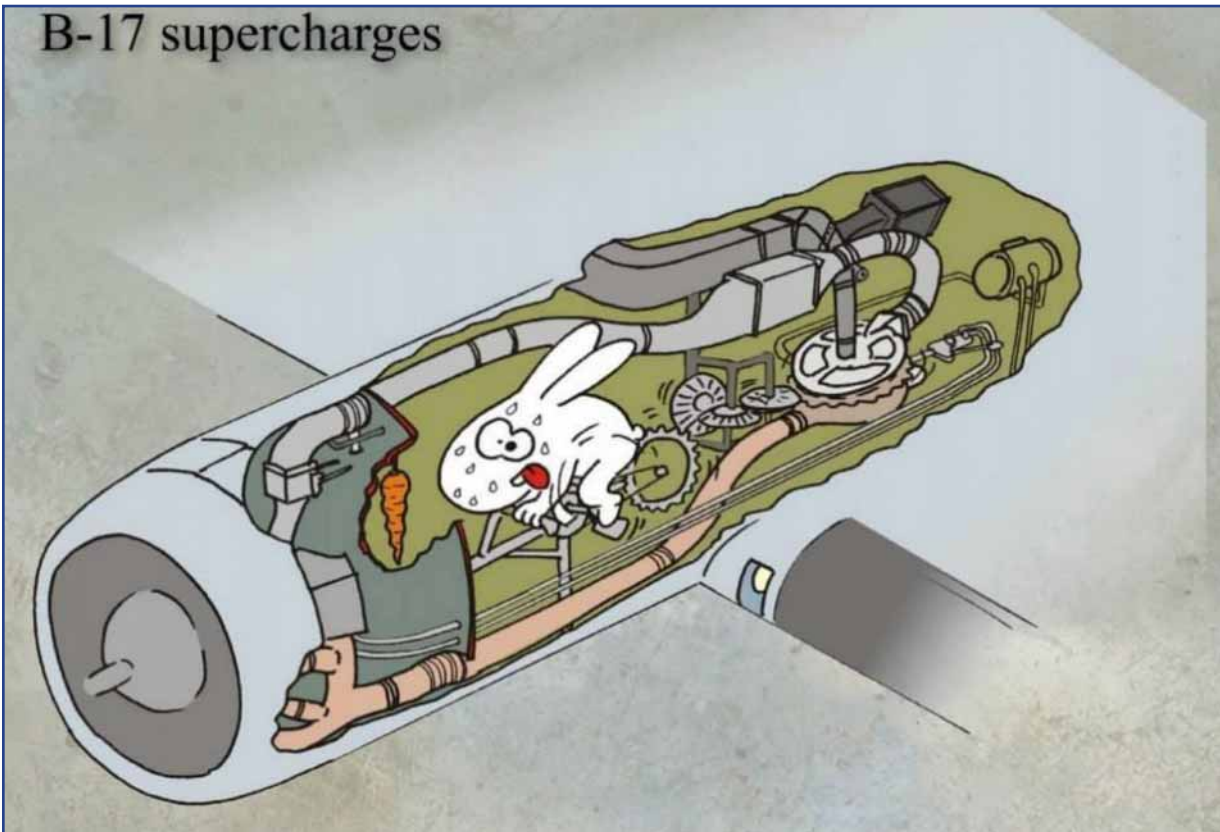
**FILL THE GAPS.  
SAND THE SEAMS, YOU MUST.**

**THEN, AND ONLY THEN  
A MODELER WILL YOU BE.**





B-17 supercharges

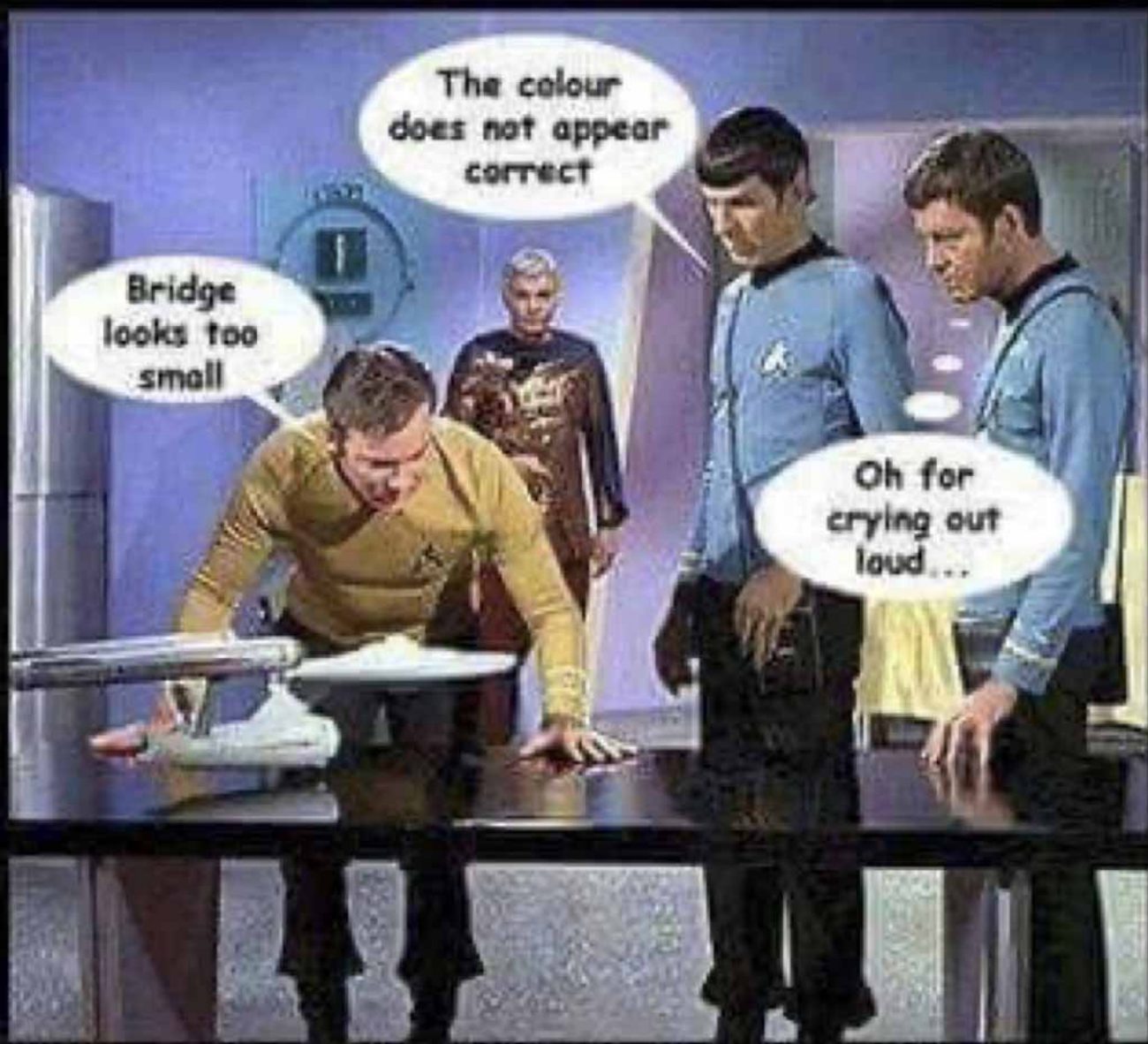




A friend who has worked  
in Chicago his entire life  
tells me it's not that violent.  
He's a tail gunner on a school bus.







**McCoy was starting to regret entering the inaugural Star Fleet model competition.**





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