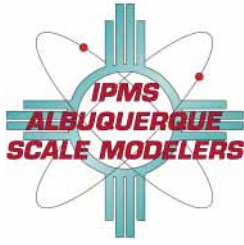


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July 2020

No JULY MEETING!

The July ASM meeting is cancelled. You can probably guess why. Stay tuned for updates on August...

EVERYTHING CANCELLED JOE WALTERS

I was going to list cancelled upcoming events, but I realized that, basically, *everything* scheduled for the near future (including ModelZona now) has been cancelled. By now, you've heard about the State Fair and Balloon Fiesta. IPMS Nationals is gone for this year, as are open contest events throughout the Region.

Churches and other meeting venues everywhere are reluctant to re-open, leaving many organizations with no meeting location even if they want to get together! We have no way of knowing when this might change. Some local churches have already announced they will not open for any rental-space use for the rest of the year.

The only model-related event I know of that is still expecting to happen at all is the annual StarFest sci-fi convention in Denver, which usually runs in April and always features a well-attended model competition. StarFest 2020 has been *postponed*, not cancelled, with a new date to be announced. Keep up with <https://starfestdenver.com> site for updates.

Though not really model-related, the big Star Trek convention in Las Vegas is still on, but has been rescheduled from August to new dates in December (9 – 13) and in a new venue (Caesar's). If interested, monitor <https://tinyurl.com/asm2007a> for updates.



THE FEZ AT HOME TONY HUMPHRIES

The Monastic Fez

And so here we are approaching July, still in lockdown and without any end in sight. Marooned in our own homes, like Robinson Crusoe in sweatpants. Hopefully you've all long-since adjusted to this rather strange new normal, though. We still don't know what plans UNM has for opening up its classrooms and meeting spaces, but it seems safe to assume that the current situation isn't going to change anytime soon

anyway, and although we can't actually meet in person, at least as a club we're saving money! Next year's meeting space fees should be pretty low since we are going to be credited for the months that we have already paid for but were unable to use. Who knows, maybe we'll even save enough to be able to host or plan another Chile-Con? Assuming such contests are safe and allowed to take place again...

Talking of contests, however, our latest club virtual contest is now open to entrants and will remain so until 11:59 P.M. on July 4. So if you have a Korean War subject ready or are trying to get one finished in time to enter, please do. There's not long left. Entries of course in photographic form to the usual address (ABQScaleModelers@outlook.com). The rules are similar to last time and I won't go over them again. I have been wrestling with a few myself over the last couple of weeks and have been buying a ton of related items on eBay recently and from Kitlinx, Sprue Brothers, and even Squadron (I like the service but don't like the prices, so I don't buy from them often). Whether any of them ever get finished or just end up

on the table at the next club swap meet remains to be seen of course. She-Who-Must-Be-Obeded has decreed that we are now in DIY season, so, in common with many of you I suspect, much of my free time is taken up with fixing, building, dismantling, and rebuilding using all the pieces this time, plumbing, decluttering, hitting my thumb repeatedly, yardwork, removing splinters, and a hundred other things I'd rather not be doing. But such is life. Like taxes and Jimmy bloody Fallon, there seems no way to avoid it.

One item of good news that I can at least share with you, if you haven't already heard, is that we have been awarded **Chapter of the Year** for Region 10 this year. We've won it a number of times before of course, but not recently and it's always an honor to receive it. There is stiff competition particularly these days, from a number of other clubs in the Region, and so it is a tricky one to win. My thanks and that of the rest of the E-Board go out to all of you who have taken part in club events in the last year and made this possible. As I have often said, it is all about you the membership—without your participation, we can't win anything. It just goes to show that you get from these things what you are prepared to put into them, and

you've all put in a lot in the past eighteen months or so. Particular thanks go to Mike Blohm, who put our club's entry together and submitted it to the judges for consideration. In fact, talking of Mike, we should also congratulate him for winning the Region 10 **Webmaster of the Year** also. Mike has won this one a few times before too but I am sure he is also appreciative of the honor and has won in the face of some tough opposition from the other webmasters in Region 10.

Well, I am going to keep it short again this month and will continue on my single-handed quest to keep the USPS and UPS in business, by ordering as many model parts as their trucks can carry. I hope that this quarantine period has left you with at least some time to build and continue the hobby, DIY lists notwithstanding... If not, may you find the time soon to do so. Take it easy and stay safe out there folks.



Master

Brian Peck	425
David Epstein	379
Chuck Hermann	350
Scott Jaworski	125
Frank Randall	100
Casey Ruplet	100
Larry Glenn	75
Glenn Bingham	50
Steve Brodeur	27
James Strickland	6
Mike Blohm	2
Victor Maestas	2
Josh Pals	2

Intermediate

Bob Henderson	350
Danny Williamson	329
Logan Carbin	304
Michael O'Brien	225
Jim Medina	208
Adrian Montañó	200
Don Smith	185
David DeYoung	125
Charles Petrilli	79
Ken Piniak	77
Jeff Frickstad	25
Steve Miller	25
John Wyer	25
Dave Tingley	2

Basic

Mark Vaughn	525
Brandan Brown	350
Jacob Stoner	350
Stephen Stearns	250
David Paul	225

Junior

Aleya Montañó	425
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BONUS PAGES!

WINGNUT TO MENGNUT

JOHN TATE

On April 17, 2020, the scale modeling world received shock news that Sir Peter Jackson's top-flight Wingnut Wings model kit company was closing down, with its staff laid off and assets to be sold. The Wingnut Wings website remained online but no new orders were being taken and, as the weeks dragged on without additional news, it appeared the worst was confirmed—they were gone forever.

Predictably, eBay prices for Wingnut kits began to creep into the stratosphere as hobby outlets sold off existing stock and the realization set in that those Wingnut kits hidden away in modelers' kit stashes were likely to be the last ever seen of these legendary kitsets. Today, it's not unusual for some of the more desirable model kits to sell for \$500 or more.

There was speculation that another model company would buy out the Wingnut Wings operation and release its kit line at some future date but given the state of the world economy that was starting to look unlikely, at least in the short term. Therefore, it was a surprise to see Hannants' announcement on June 20 that Meng would release a 1/32 Fokker Triplane model from a Wingnut Wings future-release kit mold, as Meng was to have done the plastic parts for the kit.



That raises some interesting questions—what about the other blockbuster future kit releases announced by Wingnuts, such as the 1/32 Handley Page O/100 and O/400 WWI bombers, and the two Avro Lancaster



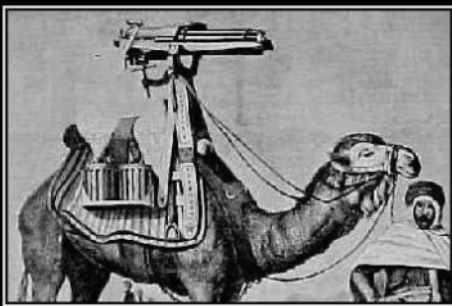
kits? These would be major undertakings for any model company and even Meng might have difficulty marketing them; in contrast, the popular Fokker Triplane is a small kit in 1/32 and much less of a risk. So the future remains unknown not only for Wingnut Wings future releases, but their large existing kit range as well. Stay tuned—this is the most interesting story in the hobby world right now and promises to get even more interesting in the months and years ahead.

BONUS PAGES!

MISCELLANEOUS



When you landed on the
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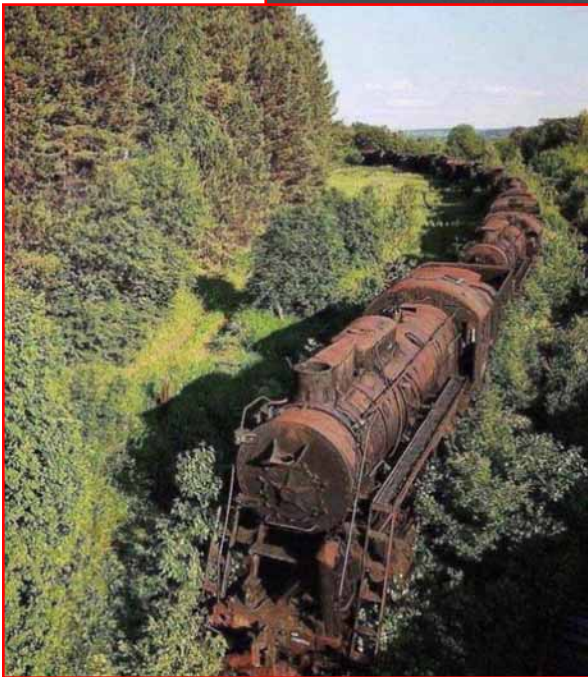


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