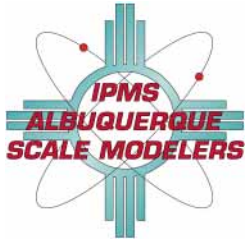


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June 2020

No JUNE MEETING!

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

SLC 2020 CANCELLED

RICHARD ENGAR

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 concerns we have decided as a club to cancel our Fall contest scheduled on October 17, 2020. We will reschedule it to take place in Fall 2022.

THE FEZ AT HOME TONY HUMPHRIES

The Pensive Fez

So, as we move into another month of quarantine, I hope that you are all doing okay out there and are looking forward to a slow and steady resumption of normal life over the coming months. Possibly. It is true I'm afraid—at some point, you're going to have to start shaving and wearing pants again, talking to your work colleagues and neighbors, and even meeting family face-to-face again. Hopefully most of you will be able to return to work too, or to quickly find new employment if you were one of those unfortunate enough to lose your job in the last few weeks. There is still much more to come with this pandemic and given the restrictions that we still face here in New Mexico, June's meeting (June 5) is still definitely canceled and we are trying to reschedule that night's presentation on the



Korean Air War (by Doug Dildy) to a later date. Presumably everybody understood the "meetings are canceled until further notice" message that went out a few weeks ago, but if I need to explain it further or translate it into Serbo-Croat or Swahili or something, then please let me know and I will do so.

We don't know if July's meeting will go ahead yet, or what the implications for the 2020 Nationals and other events around the country will be either. I definitely won't be going even if the National convention does go ahead, but decisions on that are obviously yours to make, if the event proceeds, and I would not wish to influence you either way on that. As long as the only thing you bring back from it are trophies or kits, that's fine. As far as our own meetings go though, I still want to emphasize caution here and firmly believe that we should only commence our own regular meetings schedule when we can be absolutely confident that the risk to any of our members is absolutely minimal. Indeed UNM will be one of the main factors in this (as they own our meeting space) and we will be

governed by their approach to re-opening. Since cases are continuing to increase in New Mexico at the time of writing, I would be surprised if they allow us to use any UNM meeting space much before the Fall semester begins (at the earliest), but we'll have to bide our time and see what happens. At the moment, Albuquerque Public Schools are scheduled to resume on August 12 and we may be able to do the same. Who knows?

In the meantime, however, we have completed the judging for our first ever virtual contest, held in May. The subject was "the Desert" and we received some

excellent entries. The results are available on the website (<http://www.abqscalemodelers.com>) and also later in this newsletter. Thanks to our judging team of Ken Liotta, Steve Brodeur, and Dave Epstein, and also to all of you who entered. Since the May Virtual Contest was a success, we are holding another one. Details follow below.

Other than what you have so far already read, I'm going to keep it short-ish this month and keep the wisecracks, jokes, witticisms, etc. (such as they are) to a minimum also. This pandemic is still an issue, and a serious one, and we must continue to treat it as such. At some point of course we want to move back towards some semblance of normal life, when it is safe to do so, but rushing into that is going to cause more loss of life and I do not want our club to contribute to that, when it happens. And it will. So, the E-Board will continue to liaise with UNM and the State Government and will keep you all advised of how their decisions will affect us as a club, as thoroughly and as quickly as we can. In the meantime, please continue to follow all guidelines with regard to this pandemic and behave responsibly. Please also spare a thought, say a prayer, sacrifice a chicken or whatever your belief system allows, for those who didn't make it and/or have lost family members due to this virus. They will be greatly missed.

Memorial Day is at the end of May, as you all know, and may take on an extra dimension this year due to this pandemic. We rightly celebrate and appreciate the sacrifices made by those who died in the defense of our country. Perhaps we should be adding the Healthcare Professionals who also made the ultimate sacrifice to that list this year too. Please honor their memory too.

FROM THE JUDGE'S CHAMBERS

KEN LIOTTA & TONY HUMPHRIES

I am happy to report that the three of us judges (Myself, Dave Epstein, and Steve Brodeur), have arrived at a unanimous decision on the results of ASM's First "Virtual Model Contest." They are as follows (there were no Junior entries):

Basic:

Gold: Jake Stoner, $\frac{1}{35}$ -scale M2A2

Silver: John Wyer, $\frac{1}{48}$ -scale A-10

Silver: Steve Miller, $\frac{1}{96}$ -scale "Trail of Geronimo"

Silver: Brandan Brown, Paper "Paris-Dakar"

Peugeot

(The noteworthy high quality work of all four entries left us unanimously wanting to give recognition to all entries in Basic).

Intermediate:

1st: James Medina, $\frac{1}{46}$ -scale Star Wars Diorama

2nd: Dave Tingley, $\frac{1}{35}$ -scale SdKfz.223

3rd: Adrian Montaño, $\frac{1}{32}$ -scale "Revolutionary new sofa cushion runway at Dharhan Airbase"
Tornado (Har, har).

Masters:

1st: Scott Jaworski, $\frac{1}{35}$ -scale GAZ66 Tanker

2nd: James Strickland, $\frac{1}{48}$ -scale Bf-109G-2

3rd: Ken Piniak, $\frac{1}{72}$ -scale M3 Lee

[Editor's Note: Photos of the winners may be seen in the Bonus Pages. -JTW]

MODELS FOR STATE FAIR MIKE BLOHM

Models for ASM's Korean War Display at the State Fair

We are starting to plan the ASM display at the 2010 New Mexico State Fair. As far as we know, the fair is still occurring. We request all ASM members please send Josh Pals and me a list of whatever Korean War models you have already built, or are building, that you would be willing to loan for the display. You can include pictures if you'd like to. We would like to survey what members currently have available and determine a good setup.

A second purpose of this list is to determine what types we do *not* have. If you are planning to build a



model for the June – July “Korean War” Virtual Contest and have not yet decided what to build, I will provide a list of choices that are needed for the display. You can pick something from that. We will communicate that “need list” ASAP via email through Joe.

Please remember that we are looking for any subject, kit, or scale that fought on either side during the Korean War from June 1950 to July 1953. There were multiple countries involved in the United Nations forces. Dioramas would be especially nice, as well as figures and artillery pieces.

Josh’s email is: jpals871@gmail.com

Mike’s email is: blohmm@aol.com

Send your emails only to Josh and Mike so as not to compromise your model’s anonymity if it is being entered in the Korean War Virtual Special Contest (entries June 20 to July 4). You can include pictures.

Note: For the display, please let us know if you have a model of a type/subject that participated in the war, in a representative paint scheme, that could work if we have no other model available. It does not need to be in the scheme of a unit that actually participated. An example would be an F9F Panther jet in glossy dark sea blue with the markings of a squadron that was based in California, and not aboard a carrier off the coast of Korea. We can annotate the info card as necessary.

Articles about the previous displays at these events can be found here:

2018 Folds of Honor Display:

<https://tinyurl.com/asm2006a>

2019 Air and Space Fiesta Display:

<https://tinyurl.com/asm2006b>



This chart has been heavily updated to reflect the most current info we have!

Year 2020 Contest Quick Reference Chart

Titles in **blue** indicate contests that are currently open.

- 03 Jan** **Special Contest #1: FANTASY**—Any scale
- 07 Feb** **Special Contest #1: FANTASY**—Any scale
- 06 Mar** **Special Contest #1: FANTASY**—Any scale
- 03 Apr** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2: HURRICANES**
- 08 May** **SPECIAL CONTEST: THE DESERT**
ASM’s first Virtual Contest. Any kit/subject/scale
- 20 Jun** **SPECIAL CONTEST: KOREAN WAR**
Virtual Contest. Runs thru July 4. Any model subject from June 1950 to July 1953.
Sponsored Contest: “Subject Models for Folds of Honor Display” (Mike & Matt Blohm) To be rescheduled.
- 07 Aug** **Two or Three**—Any scale, era, subject known for having two or three...
Sponsored Contest: “Rotary Wing/VTOL” (Scott Jaworsky)
- 04 Sep** **SPECIAL CONTEST: BATTLE OF BRITAIN**
- 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>



Pictures show Korean War models in the ASM displays at the 2018 Folds of Honor Patriot Gala (left) and the 2019 Air and Space Fiesta airshow at Kirtland AFB (above).

VIRTUAL CONTEST 2

YOUR E-BOARD

The rules for the next virtual contest (it will not be a points contest I'm afraid) will be as follows:

- 1) This is a Special—**not** a points—contest
- 2) Please submit a maximum of four pics of your entry to abqscalemodelers@outlook.com, and please try to limit the size so that they are 2 or 3 MB each at most, if possible please. As a suggestion, you could take a front view, rear view, left or right view and a plan view from above, but we'll leave the final decision to you this time.
- 3) The subject is Korea 1950 – 1953.
- 4) Our Contest Director Ken will again lead the judging and will appoint a team of colleagues to help him judge the entries.
- 5) Entries can be any subject from either side covering the 1950 – 1953 period in Korea. Remember that this is not just the US vs North Korea/China. Russian MiGs and pilots were involved and the UN forces included the US, UK, Canadian, Aussie, Greek,

Turkish, Belgians, etc., etc., so there is no shortage of nationalities available.

- 6) Kit manufacturer and scale will be required information so please include those when you submit your entry, along with any additional info that you would like the judges to be aware of; e.g., conversions, scratchbuilt parts, special techniques used, etc.
- 7) Winning entries are valid for model of the year for 2020.
- 8) Entries can be submitted any time between June 20 and July 4.
- 9) Max of **one** entry per modeler again and please confirm your level also (Basic, Intermediate, etc.) when sending us your entry.
- 10) Entries should be new builds, not a MiG-15 that you built twelve years ago.
- 11) The July 4 cutoff is absolute, so make sure they are sent by 11:59 P.M. on the 4th or we won't be able to consider them.
- 12) If it turns out that we are able to hold a meeting in July, we will advise you and ask you to bring your models in, in person. We still consider this unlikely but if it happens, you will know about it.

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 Montaña	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 Montaña	425
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2020 MODELER OF THE YEAR POINTS

As of 23 Apr 20

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BONUS PAGES!

MAY'S VIRTUAL CONTEST WINNERS



Top to bottom: James Medina's *Star Wars* diorama (Intermediate); Scott Jaworski's GAZ66 Tanker (Masters); and Jake Stoner's M2A2 (Basic).

Photos of all the entries can be seen on the *ASM Website*:

<https://tinyurl.com/asm2006c>



BONUS PAGES!

US NAVY WWII CAMOUFLAGE

FRED FRANCESCHI

I have a membership in the D-Day museum in New Orleans, and get emails from them. Recently, because of the coronavirus problems, they started having online curator presentations. This is the first one I clicked on, and it is really good. It's about 45 minutes long, and is very informative.

<https://tinyurl.com/asm2006d>



THE NATIONAL
WWII MUSEUM



BONUS PAGES!

KOREAN JET ACES FOLLOW-UP

FRED HORKY

[Editor's Note: Fred Horky took note of Mike Blohm's article last issue, and sent this. -JW]

Another great newsletter!

Particularly interesting to me was the Korean Jet Ace article.

In late 1958, after just finishing Mace missile tech school at Lowry AFB in Denver, the next stop was Orlando AFB for launch crew training before deploying the new system to Germany the summer of 1959.

My new boss at Orlando was a Captain Richard S. Becker.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_S._Becker

The name didn't mean anything to me, but he was wearing wings so while getting acquainted I asked the usual question about what he'd flown, etc. His answer was polite but non-committal, and he soon steered the conversation to other subjects. We were very busy building a new organization from scratch, training it on a complex *new* system, and moving that entire new weapons system overseas, so I didn't press the "what have you flown" question.

It was some weeks before I learned from others, not him; that Dick had been grounded after losing an eye in an accident, but before that happened he had not only flown F-86s in Korea, but was an ace. In fact, as came to light decades later when Soviet records were opened as to what had *actually* happened, Becker had been the *first* American jet ace. But he never ever mentioned a word to me about his flying experiences, in the whole time I knew him.



Above, at right; one of the few pictures I have of him; as we were converting an abandoned Security Service radio listening post in Germany into new launch site. (The old "USAFE HQ didn't budget that your troops would actually have to *live* out there; you'll have to make do" routine.)



It sort of looked like Stalag 13, but the troops quickly learned that being at a remote site twenty miles from home base (Sembach) meant they were also twenty miles from the big barracks there...



...the first sergeant, and base-area competition for frauleins... It thus became the "...best kept secret in the Air Force."



It wasn't all work, of course: the above picture shows Becker at left, enjoying a gasthaus Christmas party of site personnel.

Check Becker's Korean War experience here: <http://acepilots.com/korea/becker.html>

Becker was a real gentleman; unlike arguments in the famous case of "Who killed Yamamoto" actually was argued in courts years after the event, Dick never made an attempt to have the record corrected to show that an early "probable" was confirmed by Russian records as a kill, so that he had actually been first to ace status, instead of Jabara as is still recorded.

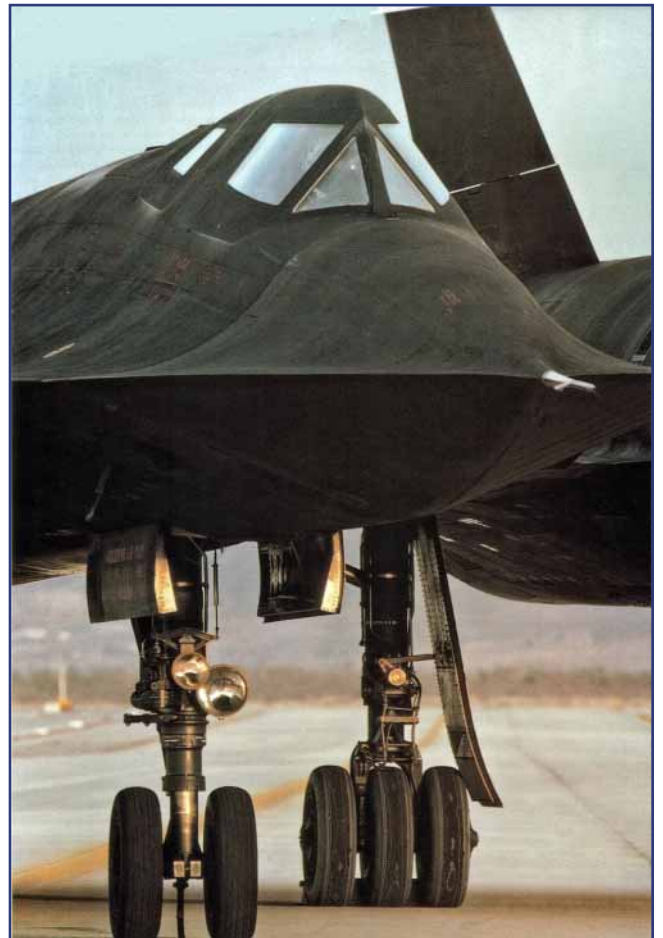
We had a long phone conversation not long before he died in 2015. He had long been retired in the Tampa area—our conversation was all about old times and old friends; but still not a word about his flying experiences.

Fred

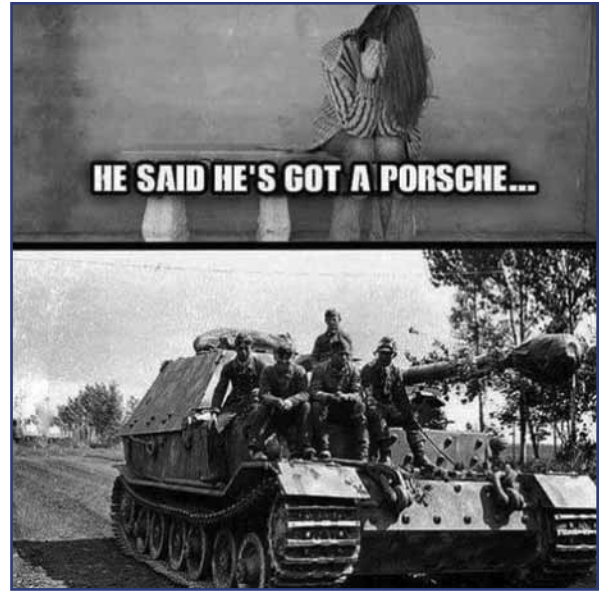
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when the cops pull you over
because you were going mach
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