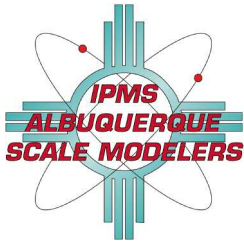


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VICE-PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS JAMES GULD

With the new E-board in place, I want to continue my goal to get more new members for ASM. I haven't received any hits off of the free ad yet, but I did meet up with a modeler at Hobby Lobby the other day and he seemed interested in possibly coming to our next meeting. So I also encourage all of you to keep passing out those cards whenever you see someone who might be a plastic junkie.

I also would like to hear any comments or suggestions about what you would like to see from ASM in the coming year. Remember it's "our" club and we as E-board members are here to try and make modeling more fun for all of us. So put those thinking caps on.

DESERT CON 2006 JAMES GULD

The show seems to have had a lower turnout than in previous years, but the number of ASM members was up this year. ASM Contestants were Frank Randall, Glenn Bingham, Rick Carver, Chuck Dewitt, David

Downs, and myself.

The turnout, as far as models goes, was less than in previous years. Armor and planes had decent turnout, but other categories were very light. There were a number of different activities going on in El Paso that weekend and that might well have had something to do with it.

All in all, still had a good time, and as a club we came home with our share of awards.

JIM'S SPRUES & REVIEWS JAMES GULD

I thought I would talk about some of the new books and a DVD I recently picked up.

In a wood shop you can never have enough clamps; well, the same goes for armor modeling. "Okay, my name's Jim and I'm a reference junkie. It's been two weeks since my last purchase." You get the idea.

I've recently been interested in the Sherman tank with all the new and upcoming releases from Dragon, Tasca and Academy.

The funny thing about the Sherman is that there isn't one great reference book out there. Okay, the Hunnicutt book is probably the best, but it has been out



October's Best-of-Show winners, L to R: Logan Carbin's Ka-52, Wayne Sprong's *In the Field* diorama, Rick Carver's T-55, and John Tate's GAZ-67B Jeep.

of print for a while and is way overpriced on eBay. Luckily they are supposed to do a reprint soon, so that one will be on my list for the upcoming year.

But back to what's out there now: you have the Squadron *in Action* book and the *Walkaround* on the Sherman, along with some other Eastern European books on Polish Shermans and the M4A2.

Since I have a diorama in mind of a Brit Sherman, I wanted to find out any particulars about what models the Brits got and used in their armored divisions or brigades.

The two books I picked up are "Images of War: Sherman Tank" by Gavin Birch and "British Tanks in Normandy" by Ludovic Fortin.

I have a couple other books from Histoire & Collections on British military vehicles and uniforms from Northwest Europe 1944 - 45 and like them.

The first book tells of the different divisions and what vehicles they used along with the unit markings. It is concise and a good reference to have. The other book I never heard of before, but went off of an online review from Missing Lynx and, sure enough, the book is a winner. It covers mostly British use of the Sherman but also has a small section on US Shermans. It covers the different versions and "funnies," along with coverage from the different theaters of use. This book was a nice surprise.

The DVD that I picked up is called "Embedded 45:

Shooting War in Germany." It covers the American advance from the Ruhr River crossings at the end of February to the end of the war. There are some great scenes but I should warn you, there are also some graphic scenes in this DVD. So it's not really one for youngsters. It's great for dio ideas. Now put the newsletter down and get back to building something!

Year 2006 Contest Quick Reference Chart

Titles in **blue** indicate contests for "Modeler of the Year" Points

6 Jan	SPECIAL CONTEST #1 SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
3 Feb	ASM Swap Meet —no contest.
3 Mar	Open Contest —Any kit/scale.
7 Apr	Best Kitai (WWII Japan air forces)
28 Apr	Flying Boats, Amphibians, & Hulls
2 Jun	SPECIAL CONTEST #2 THE BEST TWO-FER
7 Jul	Italian Wonders (any era/scale/subj.)
4 Aug	ASM Swap Meet —no contest
8 Sep	Armies of the 1900s
6 Oct	Eastern Europe 1950 - 1990
3 Nov	Open Contest —Any kit/scale. <i>Sponsored Contest: "F-teen"</i> <i>(Ken Liotta, Keith Liotta, Brian Peck, Frank Randall)</i>
1 Dec	SPECIAL CONTEST #3 BEST ZERO Plus <i>Model of the Year</i> competition!

Master

John Tate	2265
James Guld	1043
Mike Franklin	450
Dave Straub	410
Mike McNichols	347
Don MacBryde	295
Juan Benitez	262
Patrick Dick	183
Brian Peck	129
Mike Blohm	128
Ralph Harris	125
Dave Boehning	100

Dave Miller	100
Ken Liotta	10
Keith Liotta	2

Intermediate

Rick Carver	2045
John Kendrick	1470
Hank Petitgirard	630
Kyle Garber	410
Frank Randall	385
Don Smith	275
Jeff Frickstad	247
Jack Garriss	235
Mark Soppet	6

Basic

Wayne Sprong	2100
Tim Estes	1295
Jeannie Garriss	920
Gil Johnson	285
Don Blea	125
Alberto Bernal	4

Junior

Logan Carbin	660
Taylor Liotta	325
Ryan Sharp	325

ASM MODELER-OF-THE-YEAR POINTS

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