

# ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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## PRESIDENT'S SPIEL JAMES GULD

Let me be the first to congratulate next year's E-board. I know you will do an outstanding job and an extra thank you goes out to Tony Humphries for volunteering to run as president. We will also be having two first-timers as Pro-Tems, but I know Adrian and Gil will do a bang-up job. It's not a hard or time-consuming job and I hope to see more people step up to the plate next year and try out a position.

The state of the club is outstanding. I don't have the official numbers from Frank, but we must be up to about 70 members this year and average around 50% attendance at our meetings. That's pretty good in my book, but it could be better. People seem to be building and the Works in Progress table usually always has half a dozen models on it. Juniors and Basic categories have been a little light the past couple of months so this is a "call to action," you Junior and Basic modelers. We want to see your stuff. Summer's over, so get back to the

bench. Repeat after me, Build Models, Build Models, Build Models... See, that wasn't so hard!

I look back at this year and reflect on what my personal modeling goals were and see how I'm doing; well, I'm glad to report: not bad. I had wanted to improve my figure painting skills and have done so, at least in my eyes. I set my goal to do one figure a month and I didn't always get there, but came pretty close. I'm going to try and continue this practice throughout next year and hope to see a difference. That's my goal, what's yours? I know I have seen improvements by many members in the club and at the end of each year we usually encourage people who are consistently doing good work to move up a level. Somehow this eludes Frank. Come on, Frank, come up to Masters!

At the end of each year the current E-board has a meeting with the incoming E-board and works on the schedule for next year. This is your chance to make suggestions for themes for

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October meeting highlights, below L – R: Members gather for the meeting; special guest speaker Doug Dildy gives his Century Series presentation; and the business meeting in progress.





October's Best-of-Show winners, left to right: Larry Glenn's Fw-190 D-9, and Tony Humphries's 101st Airborne Viet Nam 1965 - 66. There were no Basic or Junior entries.



contests and seminars or for any other sort idea that maybe we haven't tried out yet to make the meetings more enjoyable for everyone. So if you have ideas let us know.

We held our second Make-&-Take of the year on the 17th, with a Cub Scout Pack in Albuquerque. The scouts enjoyed themselves, as did the members of the E-board who volunteered their time to make it happen. I didn't get a head count but believe it was around 15 scouts. [Details are in Mike Blohm's article below. -ed.]. The kids were completely into it. We also tried to encourage the adults to check out our club and bring their kids to one of our meetings. Hopefully we planted the modelmaking bug in them.

I have another product update for you guys and gals: I picked up another one of the DVDs from MXpression, this time the one dealing with painting 1/35-scale figures in acrylics. It is well done like the first one and the artist, Oliver Kovacs, does all the painting in real time. The DVD is broken down into the following segments; Introduction, Preparation, Theory, Color Mixing, Face, Cap, Shirt, Binoculars, Trousers, Leather, Finishing, Presentation. He basically walks you through painting and displaying a single figure. I have a couple of books on the subject but it is nice to actually see how someone else works his brush, so to speak. Plus they also give you the colors used for the figure using Vallejo paints. I ordered it direct and with shipping it was \$22.50.

## CONTEST DIRECTOR UPDATE VICTOR MAESTAS

This month's contest theme was "Century Series." There were 19 entries, with none in Juniors or Basic. In Intermediate, Tony Humphries took Best of Show with his 101st Airborne diorama. There was a three-way tie for the People's Choice award. Adrian Montano's K100 Aerodyne truck, Adrian's Batboat (Glastron V174) and Robert Meeker III's A-10 all had an equal number of votes. In Masters, Larry Glenn's Fw-190 D-9 earned both Best of Show and People's Choice awards. The point totals are firming up for the Modeler of the Year. Intermediate still has a tight race between Tony Humphries and Adrian Montano that is still to be decided. For the Pushing the Boundaries bonus, Josh Pals wins the \$10 gift card to Hobby Proz with his "105mm Rounds" entry.

On the schedule, November's contests include the final points contest of the year with the Big Guns theme. Also in November will be Mike Blohm's "Stealth" sponsored contest. There will be awards for "Actual" and "Hypothetical" stealth

### Year 2012 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

- 06 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**  
**SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY**  
Sponsored Contest: *Lasers*  
(Patrick Dick)
- 03 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 02 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.  
Sponsored Contest: *SF Spaceship*  
(Don Smith)
- 06 Apr** **Large Scale**—Aircraft 1/35 and up,  
Armor 1/25 and up, Auto 1/18 and up,  
Ships 1/44 and up  
Sponsored Contest: *Best Tamiya 1/32 P-51D Mustang* (Hobby Proz)
- 04 May** *Super Clinic Night*—no contest.
- 01 Jun** **British Steel**—Any kit/subject/scale,  
operated or built in England.
- 13 Jul** **2012: 70-, 50-year anniversaries**—  
Any subject from 1942, 1962 (100 year  
anniv of NM statehood)
- 03 Aug** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 07 Sep** **New Mexico Centennial of Statehood**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 05 Oct** **Century Series**—Any subject with 1xx  
in name or designation  
Sponsored Contest: *From a Movie or TV show per IMDB* (Josh Pals)
- 02 Nov** **More Than a Handful**—Any subject  
with large weapons  
Sponsored Contest: *Stealth*  
(Mike Blohm)
- 07 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2**  
**PEARL HARBOR**  
Sponsored Contest: *Rolls Royce*  
(Patrick Dick)  
Plus *Model of the Year* competition!



subjects. In December, there will be the “Pearl Harbor” Special Contest as well as Josh Pals’s “From a Movie/TV show” sponsored contest. December will also have the end-of-year “Model of the Year” contest between all of the Best of Show winners from this year’s Theme and Special Contests. Check the web site for a listing of all the eligible models under the “Model of the Year” page.

Next year’s schedule is going to be worked on soon, so if you have any suggestions or ideas you would like to see for next year including contest themes, number of points vs. special contests, number of clinics, swap meets etc., contact someone on the current or next years’ E-board.

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## MODEL HIGHLIGHT

### VICTOR MAESTAS

This month’s model spotlight is on the Great Wall Hobbies Fw-189 “Uhu” in 1/48-scale built by Larry Glenn. Larry chose this model because he likes unusual subjects. Following that theme, he also chose to not use the kit markings but use Hungarian markings included in a set made by Authentic Decals.



The kit included photoetch for the seat belts as well as some other details. Also included in the kit were masks for the extensive windows. After reading in a review that the masks didn’t work very well on curved surfaces, Larry used Eduard masks. Since the Eduard set does not include masks for the turrets, the kit ones were used. As these were on flat surfaces, they worked well.

Construction was generally good with the only complaints being that the complex wing structures needed planning, patience, and some trust that all will be aligned in the end. Extra work was needed for the many knock-out pin marks from the molds that were placed in inconvenient areas including visible parts inside the cockpit and landing gear doors. Larry also modified the mounting holes for the landing gear struts so he could install them after painting was complete and avoid additional masking and the risk of damage during handling.

The Authentic Decals markings were interesting, but had some issues. Some of them fell apart when wetted and on one instance, reacted with the acrylic paint requiring sanding and repainting in that area.

Overall, Larry was happy with this kit and, considering that this is Great Wall Hobbies’ early effort into aircraft kits, was impressed with the detail and fit.

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## ASM MAKE & TAKE

### MIKE BLOHM

#### with Cub Scout Pack 336

ASM conducted a Make & Take with Cub Scout Pack 336 on October 17, 2012, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Rio Rancho. There were 13 Cub Scouts present and five ASM members (Jim Guld, Victor Maestas, Larry Glenn, Patrick Dick, and Mike Blohm). The purpose of the Make & Take was to give the Cubs an introduction to modeling, let them have fun building a model, and then take it home with them afterwards.

Mike Blohm started the program by discussing “What is Scale Modeling” using a large group of models in different scales, including aircraft, armor, automotive, ships and science fiction models. The discussion explained what “scale modeling” means, what the different scales are and the pros and cons of each, and gave a quick overview of going from what was in a typical model kit box—sprues, instructions and decals—to getting a finished model. Lots of finished kits were on display to show what could be built and there were a lot of good questions. It was obvious that the Cubs really liked the Star Wars models and the “UFO Fly-In at Roswell” diorama. Jim Guld also talked about the hobby and demonstrated how a sprue cutter works.

The next step was the fun of model building. The kits, supplied by IPMS-USA, included the F-117 Nighthawk, F-14 Tomcat, SR-71 Blackbird, ’68 Camaro, Hummer, ’34 Hot Rod, and Space Shuttle.



The Pack setup was very well organized with five tables each with one ASM member, three to four Cubs, and a couple of parents. ASM members provided coaching, tips, and recommendations as they worked their way through their kits. The F-117, F-14, and Space Shuttle kits each had their own little challenges to work through, but the Cubs persevered and had a lot of fun.

Feedback from the Pack leadership was that the Cubs enjoyed the Make & Take and had a lot of fun. Hopefully we’ll see some of these Cubs get the spark and decide to take up the hobby and have some great fun while doing so. Please

check out the pics in the Bonus Section and the *ASM Web Site*. Thanks to all who helped out.

## SLC XII DICK ENGAR "DIS BRUDDER"

### Memo from Dem Brudders

We appreciate the financial support and sponsorship graciously provided by Albuquerque Scale Modelers as part of our big biannual event called SLC-XII this year, which was presented this past September 22 by IPMS/Salt Lake City. This contest is but a remnant of the old Gathering that many of your members enthusiastically supported and attended back in the good old days many moons ago!

Dave Straub and Dave Darrell were New Mexico members



in attendance and both did well in competition. Dave Straub's amazing scratchbuilt Langley carrier diorama hit the jackpot with three awards, including the Judges' Grand and the People's Choice Awards. So congratulations are in order, and Dis Brudder hopes to reciprocate and drive down for a Chile Con next time you decide to present another major contest event. Dat Brudder Bill now resides in the Dallas, Texas, area so Albuquerque would be a great place for a Brudder reunion!

[Editor's Note: Many additional photos of models displayed at this con are available at <http://tinyurl.com/slc12a> and <http://tinyurl.com/slc12b>.]



#### Master

John Tate . . . . .	2212
Paul Kirchner . . . . .	1558
Larry Glenn . . . . .	1033
Mike Blohm . . . . .	596
Brian Peck . . . . .	547
Glenn Bingham . . . . .	398
Dave Straub . . . . .	335
Ken Liotta . . . . .	268
Ray Ayles . . . . .	189
Josh Pals . . . . .	178
Mike McNichols . . . . .	125
Dave Miller . . . . .	112
Fred Franceschi . . . . .	75
Maestas, Victor . . . . .	65
Patrick Dick . . . . .	30

#### Intermediate

Tony Humphries . . . . .	2395
Adrian Montaño . . . . .	2090
Robert Meeker . . . . .	1420
Frank Randall . . . . .	1279
Don Smith . . . . .	572
Pete Beck . . . . .	325
Steve Brodeur . . . . .	260
Gorham Smoker . . . . .	210
Robert Meeker III . . . . .	135
Kyle Garber . . . . .	129
Rick Carver . . . . .	125
Gil DeLaPlain . . . . .	125
Ken Piniak . . . . .	120
Blaine Couch . . . . .	110
Gil Johnson . . . . .	30

#### Basic

Matt Blohm . . . . .	2146
John Drackert . . . . .	4
Chuck Girvin . . . . .	4
John Drackert . . . . .	2

#### Junior

Aleya Montaño . . . . .	930
Phillip Trujillo . . . . .	325
Matthew Ortiz . . . . .	125
Travis McDowell . . . . .	35

### MODELER OF THE YEAR POINTS STANDINGS

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# BONUS PAGES!

MIKE BLOHM

Here are all the photos from the October Make & Take.













