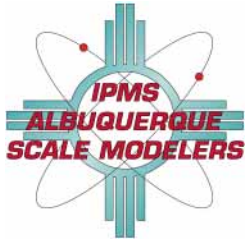


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## THE EAGLE'S VIEW MIKE BLOHM

ASM's model display at the Folds of Honor Patriot Gala on Saturday, October 20 went really well. We had 81 total models on three tables located in the auction room, and we had a lot of people come by to check out the models and talk about the ones that they had flown or maintained. There were six ASM members manning the tables: Josh Pals, Frank Randall, Chris Kurtze, Ken Piniak, and Mike and Matt Blohm. Chris Kurtze and Patrick Dick both provided a 1/48-scale model of an F-16C Fighting Falcon in the markings of the New Mexico Air National Guard's 150th Fighter Wing "Tacos" for

the auction. The Folds of Honor provides scholarships for the children and spouses of America's fallen and disabled service members. Several pic-



tures of the display are included below. A longer article and more pictures are included in the [Bonus Pages](#).

The November 2 meeting is the E-Board election night. We have six people running for three Pro

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October Meeting highlights, top to bottom: Members checking out contest entries, and the business meeting in progress.

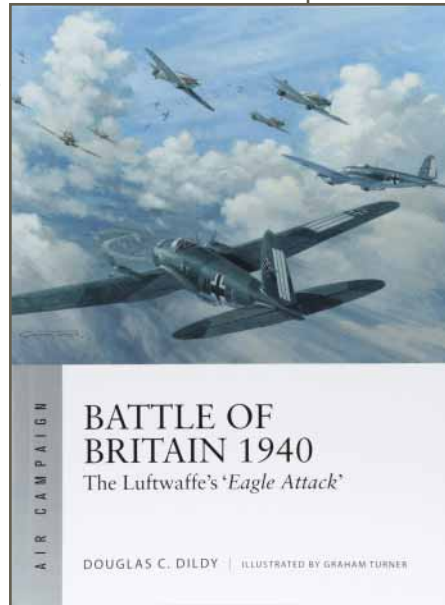




Tem positions. These include (in alphabetical order): John Dodd, Dave Epstein, Dave Haskins, Robert Henderson, and Ken Piniak. There was only one nomination for the positions of President (Josh Pals), Vice President (Tony Humphries), Secretary/Treasurer (Frank Randall), and Contest Director (Chris Kurtze).

The November meeting's other highlight is a "Battle of Britain" presentation being given by noted aviation author Douglas Dildy. His latest book is *Battle of Britain 1940: The Luftwaffe's 'Eagle Attack.'* This is the first book in the new Osprey Books "Air Campaign" series. Request that all ASM members bring in your built Battle of Britain models—Bf-109s, Spitfires, Hurricanes, etc.—for "display only" to compliment Doug's presentation. We will have a table set up in the meeting room for those.

I want to report that ASM will *not* be doing a "1918" model display for Veteran's Day at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial. They did like the "1918" display that we did at the State Fair, but unfortunately they do not have any display area open for



Special Contest. Models from the original "Adversaries" contest in July 2015 are not eligible for "Part Deux."

To close, here is another short US ace story, on Major John B. England, who scored 17.5 victories flying with the 357th Fighter Group "Yoxford Boys" in the European Theater of Operations. England was an original member of the 357th, assigned to the 362 Fighter Squadron. The 357th flew its first combat mission on 11 Feb 1943 and ended the war as the top-scoring P-51 Mustang group in the 8th Air Force and third in scoring amongst all fighter groups in Europe. England scored his first victory on 8 Mar 1944 and made Ace in 44 days. His last victory was scored on 4 Jan 1945. He commanded the 362 FS from 25 Aug 1944 to 8 Apr 1945. England remained in the US Army Air Force after World War II and then the USAF and flew several missions



us to use at this time. They may have space open in a few months, so stand by for more info on that.

We have two sponsored contests in November as well as the main "Open" theme (points) contest. These include Brian Peck's "Challenge Build" and Dave Epstein's "Blackbirds." I also want to pitch December's sponsored contest "Adversaries II (Part Deux)" hosted by Matt Blohm and myself. This is open to any two model subjects (counts as one entry) that were involved in an adversarial situation. An example might be a Zero or Val dueling a P-40B over the skies of Pearl Harbor. These models would also be eligible for December's "Pearl Harbor Plus 7"

during the Korean War. He was killed in a F-86 flying accident on 17 Nov 1954 while commander of the 389th Fighter Bomber Squadron. Further details on John England and pictures of the build of his P-51B Mustang are in the [Bonus Pages](#).

## CONTEST UPDATE

JOHN TATE

The October 5 contest saw a return to the points format with a Middle East conflict theme, commemorating the 45th anniversary of the October 1973 war between Israel and the Arab states of Egypt and Syria. In Intermediate, Best of Show went to Scott Jaworski for his  $\frac{1}{35}$  Merkava 2B and People's Choice went to John Dodd for his  $\frac{1}{35}$  Merkava IV diorama. In Masters, Tony Humphries picked up a People's Choice award for his  $\frac{1}{35}$  IDF M60A1 and a Best of Show for his  $\frac{1}{35}$  Jordanian M48A2.

Gil De La Plain also hosted an Airfix sponsored contest, with Scott Jaworski winning Best Airfix Subject for his new-tooled  $\frac{1}{48}$  Hawker Sea Fury and Ken Piniak winning an award for Coolest Subject for his cutaway jet engine model.

The November 2 meeting is the final points contest of the year, with an open theme—anything goes if it fits ASM contest entry guidelines. There is a close race in Intermediate among the top three modelers—Chuck Herrmann, Robert Henderson, and Dave Epstein—for Modeler of the Year, capping an excellent turnout for all modelers this year in the Intermediate class. Dave is also sponsoring his Blackbirds contest—anything that is painted black and flies. And remember to finish up remaining work on Brian Peck's Challenge Build models—let's see some great work on great kits for his sponsored contest.

Looking ahead, December is Model of the Year night, open to this year's Best of Show models from Points and Special contests, and a Special Contest focused on the first week of WWII in the Pacific, from Pearl Harbor to Wake Island to the Philippines to Singapore. Mike and Matt Blohm are also sponsoring their "Adversaries II" contest open to pairs of model subjects that were in conflict with each other. Lots of great contest themes ahead so hit the workbench to finish those dream builds while there's still time left on the calendar.

### Year 2018 Contest Quick Reference Chart

Titles in **blue** indicate contests for points

- 05 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1:**  
**SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY**  
Sponsored Contest: "Frickin' Laser Beams" (Patrick Dick)
- 02 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 02 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 06 Apr** **ASM Clinic Night**—no contest.
- 04 May** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2: TAMIYA VS. HASEGAWA SHOWDOWN.**  
Sponsored Contest: "1918" (John Tate)
- 01 Jun** **O Canada!**—Any kit/subject/scale representing a Canadian subject.  
Sponsored Contest: "Stormy Weather" (Jack Garriss)
- 06 Jul** **Bare Metal**—Any kit/subject/scale.  
Sponsored Contest: "Adversaries II" (Mike & Matt Blohm)
- 10 Aug** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 07 Sep** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3: POST APOCALYPSE.**  
Sponsored Contest: "Global War on Terror (GWOT)" (ASM E-Board)  
Sponsored Contest: "Goodyear" (Patrick Dick)  
Sponsored Contest: "Best of Corporations Contests" (Patrick Dick)
- 05 Oct** **Middle East Conflict**—Any kit/subject/scale, 1948 – present.  
Sponsored Contest: "Get Your Fix—Airfix, That Is" (Gil De La Plain)
- 02 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.  
Sponsored Contest: "Blackbirds" (Dave Epstein)
- 14 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #4: PEARL HARBOR PLUS SEVEN.**  
Plus 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>

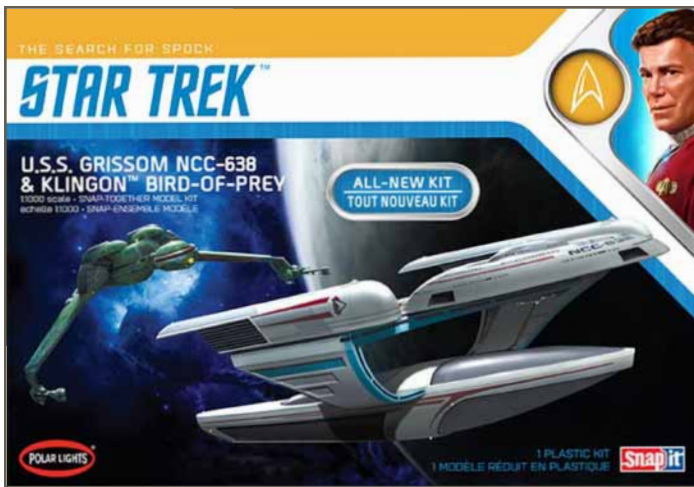
## SF MODEL UPDATE

JOE WALTERS

There are a lot of science fiction-based subjects in new release or on the way.

This being a short space to fill, *Star Trek* subjects will be the focus.

First off, from Polar Lights comes a two-ship set of a Klingon Bird of Prey and the *USS Grissom*

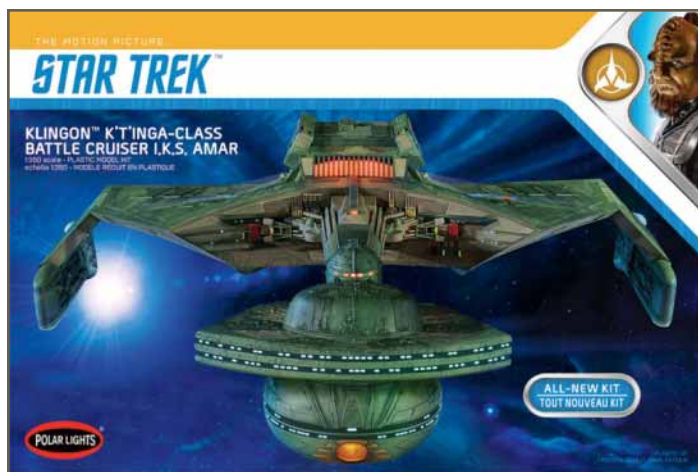


from *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock*. While there have been a few garage kits of the *Grissom* about, I believe this marks the first licensed kit of this subject.

From Moebius comes a kit of the *USS Kelvin* from the movie *Star Trek* (2009), a popular subject that has kept modelers waiting for some time!

And the big one is the K'tinga-class Klingon Battlecruiser *IKS Amar*, first seen in 1979's *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*. There have been kits of this

type of vessel, but this one is in scale with the huge Enterprise kits that have come from Polar Lights over the past few years. There is even a detailed and extensive lighting kit available separately!



**Master**

Tony Humphries . . . . .	772
Brian Peck . . . . .	700
Josh Pals . . . . .	653
Ken Liotta . . . . .	647
Glenn Bingham . . . . .	512
Mike Blohm . . . . .	409
Chris Kurtze . . . . .	374
Frank Randall . . . . .	318
Victor Maestas . . . . .	254
Steve Brodeur . . . . .	252
Fred Franceschi . . . . .	200
Larry Glenn . . . . .	4
James Strickland . . . . .	4
Patrick Dick . . . . .	2
Bret Kinman . . . . .	2

**Intermediate**

Chuck Herrmann . . . . .	1120
Robert Henderson . . . . .	1100
Dave Epstein . . . . .	875
Henry McHarney . . . . .	703
Scott Jaworski . . . . .	397
John Dodd . . . . .	350
Michael O'Brien . . . . .	277
Rob Whitlock . . . . .	225
Charles Petrilli . . . . .	210
Adrian Montaña . . . . .	195
Ken Piniak . . . . .	133
Logan Carbin . . . . .	131
Jack Garriss . . . . .	127
Gil Johnson . . . . .	125
Blaine Couch . . . . .	25

Mark Vaughn . . . . .	25
Don Smith . . . . .	18
Partap Davis . . . . .	4
Jeff Frickstad . . . . .	2

**Basic**

Jeannie Garriss . . . . .	575
Elias Clark . . . . .	450
Steve Miller . . . . .	375
Aaron Schmiedicke . . . . .	225

**Junior**

Aleya Montaña . . . . .	335
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# BONUS PAGES!

## OCTOBER CONTEST WINNERS

Top to bottom: “Middle East Conflict” theme Best of Show winners—Scott Jaworski’s *Merkava 2B* (Intermediate) and Tony Humphries’s *Jordanian M48A2* (Masters)—and Best of Show winner of the Airfix sponsored contest, Scott Jaworski’s *Hawker Sea Fury*.



# BONUS PAGES! THE EAGLE'S VIEW MIKE BLOHM

**Major John B. England—Yoxford Boys Ace**



Major John B. England, US Army Air Force, scored 17.5 victories in the European Theater of Operations and is the 26th-ranking American ace (tie), and the 20th-ranking USAF ace (tie). He was the second-ranked ace of the



357th Fighter Group (FG) “Yoxford Boys” and the 362nd Fighter Squadron (FS). The 357th was the first 8th Air Force group to fly the Mustang in combat—on 11 Feb 1943. Only the 56th FG scored more total aerial victories, and the 357th had the highest rate of victories for the last year of the war. England made Ace on 24 Apr 1944, and scored his victories in bunches. He scored a “quadruple” on 27 Nov 1944 (four Fw-190s) south of Magdeburg, Germany; a “triple” on 24 Apr 1944 (three Me-110s) south of Munich; a “2.5” on 13 Sep 1944 (2.5 Bf-109s) south of Nordhausen; and a “double” (two Bf-109s) west of Berlin. He commanded the 362 FS from August 1944 to Febru-



ary 1945 and was promoted to Major on 4 Dec 1944. After WWII, England transferred to the USAF and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 20 Feb 1951. He served a short tour in Korea, flying six missions in the F-86E “Sabre” with the 16 FIS, 51 FIW, claiming a damaged MiG-15 on 25 Jan 1952. England became commander of the 389 Fighter Bomber Squadron in Oct 1953. He was killed on 17 Nov 1954 in an F-86F flying accident at Toul-Rosiere Air Base,



France. Alexandria AFB in Louisiana, England's home state, was renamed England AFB in his honor.

The model of England's P-51B "U've Had It!" is the venerable Monogram  $\frac{1}{2}$ -scale P-51B Mustang kit, depicted in June 1944 at the 357th's base at Leiston, England, when he held the rank of Captain. The model

was built in November 2001 and is finished in Model Master aluminum plate (buffing) enamel paint for the undersurfaces and sides. The upper surfaces are Model Master Olive Drab (FS34087), which was added to their bare-metal ponies when the 357th expected to soon be operating out of airfields on the continent after D-Day. England's markings are decals from a Super Scale decal sheet. The P-51B wears complete D-Day stripes markings, which are from the Super Scale P-51 D-Day Stripes decal sheet. England also flew a P-51D named "Missouri Armada" that was completely olive drab on the upper surfaces.







# BONUS PAGES!

## OCTOBER EAGLE'S VIEW FOLLOW-UP

### FRED HORKY

[Editor's Note: Fred Horky particularly liked last month's article by Mike Blohm about WWII Ace Fred Christensen. He had some comments! -JW]

Thanks again for the great (October) ASM newsletter!

I was particularly interested in Mike Blohm's article about WWII ace Fred Christensen. I wasn't familiar with that fighter jock's career, but on doing a very brief research found that Mike had only hit the highest of high spots of a very interesting career!

(handsome devil, too!)



For example, he didn't even mention "Sinbad"—a black cat pet/good luck charm. The feline is mentioned in about all references on Christensen, even that Sinbad had *also* survived the war, and was even brought home when Christensen rotated home in 1944.

(One question about Sinbad that immediately came to my mind: either the kitten would have spent a lot of time passed out from hypoxia, or somebody had fashioned a cat-sized oxygen mask, Christensen didn't fly very high, or perhaps felines have a greater tolerance to O<sub>2</sub> deprivation! Or at least, not dying from it.)

Or that among the five different "Jugs" he had flown in combat, two (including one that Mike modeled) had the name "Rozzie Geth," a diminutive derived from the name of Christensen's college girlfriend, Rosamond Gethro.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fred\\_J.\\_Christensen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fred_J._Christensen)

[http://archive.boston.com/news/globe/obituaries/articles/2006/04/10/fred\\_j\\_christensen\\_at\\_84\\_world\\_war\\_ii\\_flying\\_ace](http://archive.boston.com/news/globe/obituaries/articles/2006/04/10/fred_j_christensen_at_84_world_war_ii_flying_ace)

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There are many more interesting little details...

# BONUS PAGES!

## ASM MODEL DISPLAY AT THE 2018 FOLDS OF HONOR PATRIOT GALA

### MIKE BLOHM

ASM put on an excellent model display at the 2018 Folds of Honor Patriot Gala, which was held on Saturday, October 20, at the Santa Ana Star Hotel Casino in Bernalillo. The Folds of Honor 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.



We had 81 total models on three tables located in the auction room, and we had a lot of attendees come by to look at the models and ask questions. Thanks to all the ASM members who loaned models for the display. There were six ASM members manning the tables. Thanks for this help to Josh Pals, Frank Randall, Chris Kurtze, Ken Piniak, and Matt and Mike Blohm.

Because of concern there would not be enough models available for the 2001 – 2018 time period, the display was opened to include subjects from the Korean War and the Viet Nam War. Attendees at the event last year had asked about subjects in use by the services prior to 2001, so expanding it worked, and the “old-timer” attendees were happy to see these models as well. Our display next year will continue with that expanded theme.

Chris Kurtze and Patrick Dick both provided a 1/48-scale model on an F-16C Fighting Falcon in the markings of the New Mexico Air National Guard's 150th Fighter Wing “Tacos” for the auction.

Feedback from the Folds of Honor leadership was that all the models were “works of art” and that the F-16s were a hit and did very well in the auctions. Chris's F-16 was auctioned at the dinner on Saturday and Patrick's was



auctioned at the Golf tournament on Monday, October 22. Special thanks to Patrick and Chris for donating their models.

The breakdown of the 81 models at the display was as follows. Korea: 12; Viet Nam: 17; 2001 – 2018: 36; Other: 16. This is ten more models than we had at last month's Air Force Ball display. We have already received a request for one more Tacos F-16 for a museum in Gallup. ASM should continue to support this very worthwhile effort in 2019.













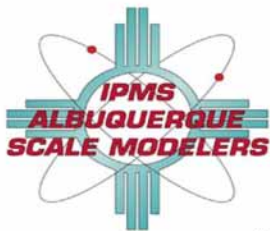












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