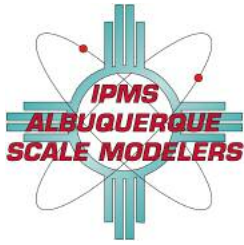


# ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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October 2011

## ELECTION SEASON

### ASM 2012 E-Board Candidate Nominations

Business topics at the October ASM meeting will include nominations for the 2012 ASM E-Board. Please think about whether you'd like to serve on the E-Board or who you would like to nominate for an office. See the ASM Web Site for information in the ASM By-laws on the ASM election process and E-Board member qualifications and responsibilities. The By-laws are posted on the ASM Web Site. November is the election meeting involving mail-in ballots as well as a ballot box at the meeting.

## POSTPONEMENT BRIAN PECK

The Desert Storm contest is postponed until the November meeting.

## PRESIDENTIAL INKLINGS VICTOR MAESTAS

### Fictional Fighters

Recently, while perusing the shelves at Hobby Proz, I picked up a new helicopter model from Dragon, even though it was in the completely wrong scale of  $\frac{1}{44}$ . This is the model of the stealth helicopter that was partially revealed during Operation Neptune's Spear (to capture or kill "Geronimo") in May, 2011. The only reason this new helicopter was



revealed at all was due to one of the two helicopters used in the raid crashing and not being completely destroyed. The day following the raid, pictures of the tail section of the aircraft showed up in news outlets and on the internet.



This kit is impressive in that it has been designed, molded, packaged and produced by a foreign company and is on the shelves in the US only four months after its first photos

September meeting highlights, left to right: the business meeting in progress, and Patrick Dick runs a clinic.





September's Best of Show winners, left to right: Larry Glenn's Arado AR 196A-5 Floatplane, and Jim Guld's Comet Tank.

appeared! With a small photoetch fret included!

There have been several other models produced that are based on rumors and best guesses. The most successful was the Testors F-19. This one was based on the rumors of the F-117 that had not yet been shown to the public. When the actual aircraft was finally shown, the model didn't resemble the real aircraft much, but it captured the imagination of those who wanted to know what was really going on in those "black holes" at aircraft



companies. This was soon followed by a Russian equivalent, the MiG-37 Ferret (completely hypothetical), the B-2 bomber, again based on rumors, and despite being a flying wing, not resembling the real thing very well, and more recently, the SR-75 (based on a bigger, faster SR-71).

There are models sold that are based entirely on someone's imagination, or after-the-fact paper designs that were never built, but these ones that have a possibility of appearing one day really capture the imagination. It makes you wonder how many other secret aircraft



are out being used that the general public (and even aviation enthusiasts) don't know about and also how close the model companies can get to reality. I'm looking forward to one day going to an airshow and looking over the real "Stealth Helicopter" and see how close Dragon got.



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You can view a list of the newly elected officers and a list of the write-in recipients online (<http://www.ipmsusa.org>). Once on the home page, just click the link that says Executive Board and Amendment Ballot Results 2011.

The membership overwhelmingly approved of Amendment 2011-01 (Ron Bell) and the newly revised Constitution and Bylaws can be viewed online (<http://ipmsusa.org/MemberServices/CBL.htm>). This amendment was very important and a big *thanks* goes out to all who voted on this issue.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers. A special note of appreciation goes to Jorge Mustafa, who was running for the office of Director of Local Chapters. Jorge stepped up and accepted the responsibility of running a public, friendly, and fair campaign. Jorge is currently the Regional Coordinator for Region 13 and that region remains in his very capable hands. The newly elected officers will assume their responsibilities on November 1. They are:

- President: . . . . . Dick Christ
- 1st Vice President: . . . . . Steve Collins
- 2nd Vice President: . . . . . Mike Ronnau
- Director of Local Chapters: . . . . . Larry Randel
- Secretary: . . . . . Dick Montgomery
- Historian/Publication Director: . . . Jim Pearsall

## TRIP REPORT MIKE BLOHM

### Albuquerque Comic Expo (ACE) 2011

This trip report covers a visit to the Albuquerque Comic Expo (ACE) 2011 convention that took place on 24 – 26 June 2011 at the Albuquerque Convention Center. The convention featured both comic book authors and celebrities from comic-book-related movies and television shows. Guests of note included Marvel comic author legend Stan Lee, Richard Hatch and Herb Jefferson from the original *Battlestar Galactica*, LeVar Burton (Geordi) and Marina Sirtis (Counselor Troi) from *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, Ernie Hudson from *Ghostbusters* and *The Crow*, and Jeremy Bulloch (Boba Fett) from *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*, and Doug Jones from *Hellboy*. Additional artists and authors included Jim Kelly, Arthur Suydam, Aaron Campbell, Ale Garza, Gene Ha, Andy Kuhn, James

## NOTE FROM IPMS DICK MONTGOMERY, PRESIDENT

Date: September 8, 2011  
Please consider adding this information to your chapter newsletter. Thanks!  
The results of the 2011 IPMS Election are now official.



O'Barr, Joe Jusko, Mitch Brietweiser, Whilce Portacio, Tony Harris, Jill Thompson, and Tim Seeley.

The biggie event was a question and answer period with Stan Lee on Saturday morning, which was very entertaining. Saturday afternoon featured a costume contest, which meant that a lot of attendees were roaming about in some pretty cool costumes for most of the day. Pictures below capture a lot of those. Richard Hatch gave an interesting presentation called "So Say We All" that discussed the history of *Battlestar Galactica* from its original inception through the efforts to get it back on the air, the most recent series and movies, and some more things in the works.



an almost life-size replica of the power loader from the *Aliens* movie that Ripley used to fight the Alien Queen in the



There was also a Star Trek Q&A with LeVar Burton and Marina Sirtis, and a presentation on the Robotech series which was pretty interesting.

Talking with the celebrities was pretty cool, and we were able to get some good pictures with a lot of them. Jeremy Bulloch (Boba Fett) was very interesting to talk to, but the Stormtrooper dudes were always trying to take everybody in for the most minor infractions. The upcoming Green Lantern movie had a large promotional display where you could see scenes from the movie and talk with some of the producers. There was also a larger area where attendees could try out the latest video games.

There were lots of vendors selling comic books,



posters and art, action figures and statuettes/busts, T-shirts, etc., where you could spend a lot of your money. There were some model kits too, including figures and science-fiction spacecraft. Out in the main lobby coming into ACE there was

## FRED'S FOTO FILE FRED FRANCESCHI

### Gama Goat

This was taken on a M-60 firing line at Fort Knox while I was going through the Armor Officer Advanced Course. I hadn't seen a Gama Goat before, and thought this ambulance configuration was really neat!

*Additional images of this unique vehicle—useful for modelers—can be found on the Bonus Pages!*



From Wikipedia: The vehicle's nickname came from two sources: "Gama" from the name of the inventor of its powered articulated joint, Roger Gamount, and "Goat" for its mountain goat-like off-road ability. Its military designation was **M561**, 6x6 tactical 1¼-ton truck. There was also an ambulance version known as the **M792** that could carry four litters.



This Gama Goat was part of the military vehicle display at Chile Con 2006!

final scene of the movie. This power loader would attempt to make an entry later on at the ASM-sponsored 2011 New Mexico State Fair Model Contest, but unfortunately was too large for the Fair officials to accept.

Overall it was a very fun experience, and you should plan to make the next ACE convention that is currently scheduled for 22 – 24 June 2012. Make sure you attend the costume contest, as some of the costumes were pretty amazing. Get working on yours.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MIKE BLOHM

#### Region 10 Contests & Events

Region 10 contests in the upcoming months are listed below. Also, Kirtland AFB will have an Open House with some pretty good aerial demonstrations and static displays. Links and additional info are posted on the ASM Web Site's Articles page ([http://www.abqscalemodelers.com/asm\\_articles.htm](http://www.abqscalemodelers.com/asm_articles.htm)).

**October 1:** SHOCON 11, Ogden, Utah; hosted by the IPMS Northern Utah Scale Modelers Association, IPMS Salt Lake City & Utah Miniature Automotive Guild (<http://www.nusma.org>).

**October 8:** High Plains Con XII, The Ranch, Larimer County Fairgrounds, Loveland, Colorado; hosted by the IPMS High Plains Modelers (<http://highplainscon.blogspot.com>).

**October 9:** Kirtland AFB Open House, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The USAF Thunderbirds will perform at the airshow. ASM will have a model display at the open house

(<http://www.kirtland.af.mil/openhouse.asp>).

**November 5:** ModelZona 2011, Commemorative Air Force Museum, Mesa, Arizona; hosted by IPMS Craig Hewitt—Phoenix (<http://www.ipms-phoenix.org/contest/2011/ModelZona2011.htm>).

#### Year 2011 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

- 07 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**  
*SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY*
- 04 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 04 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 01 Apr** **Super Clinic Night**—no contest.
- 06 May** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2:**  
**SHINY SHOW RODS**
- 03 Jun** **1941**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 08 Jul** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3**  
**MORE OR LESS (THAN FOUR WHEELS)**  
*Sponsored Contest: Post-Apocalyptic (Josh Pals)*
- 12 Aug** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.  
*Nationals Debrief Night—Bring Models & Trophies!*
- 09 Sep** **Mediterranean**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 07 Oct** **SPECIAL CONTEST #4**  
**COMMON KITS (SEE WEB SITE)**
- 04 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.  
*Sponsored Contest: P-39 (Don Smith)*
- 02 Dec** **Sponsored Contest: BMW**  
*(Patrick Dick)*  
Plus *Model of the Year* competition!

#### Master

James Guld . . . . .	1100
Victor Maestas . . . . .	1024
Paul Kirchner . . . . .	775
John Tate . . . . .	490
Mike Blohm . . . . .	470
Glenn Bingham . . . . .	256
Ray Ayles . . . . .	79
Don McBride . . . . .	35
Ken Liotta . . . . .	16
Dave Miller . . . . .	6

#### Intermediate

Larry Glenn . . . . .	1117
Tony Humphries . . . . .	1014
Frank Randall . . . . .	399
Don Smith . . . . .	341
Adrian Montaño . . . . .	145
Steve Brodeur . . . . .	104
Don Blea . . . . .	100
Jack Garriss . . . . .	75
Blaine Couch . . . . .	25
Ken Barry . . . . .	4
Kyle Garber . . . . .	2

Ken Piniak . . . . .	2
Tim Wood . . . . .	2

#### Basic

Gorham Smoker . . . . .	720
Logan Carbin . . . . .	379
Jeannie Garriss . . . . .	275
Gil DeLaPlain . . . . .	175

#### Junior

(No entries yet)

### ASM 2011 MODELER-OF-THE-YEAR POINTS

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# BONUS PAGES!

## Gama Goat

A bit of trivia about the Gama Goat: due to its unusual appearance, the vehicle has made many appearances in movies where something out-of-the-ordinary is called for. Here is a list of some of its more auspicious appearances:

In *Stripes*, several Gama Goats are used as stand-ins for Soviet vehicles due to their "foreign" look. Bill Murray drives one up to a Soviet base in Czechoslovakia dressed as a Soviet soldier to rescue his friends from captivity.

In *McHale's Navy* (not the 1960s TV series, but the recent film no one saw), several Gama Goats are seen driving back and forth in the terrorists' compound.

Other movies showing brief views or scenes featuring Gama Goats include:

*Patriot Games*

*The Rock*

*Independence Day*

*Dreamcatcher*

*D-Tox*

*Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines*

*X2: X-Men United*









This Gama Goat, in a more traditional configuration than the special ambulance version Fred photographed at Ft. Knos, appeared as part of the military vehicle display at the 2006 Chile Con.

