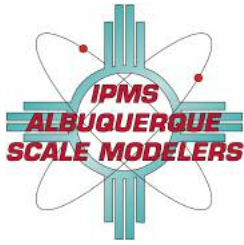


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OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER VICTOR MAESTAS

In conjunction with the "Century Series" theme contest being held at the October meeting, Ted Spitzmiller will be giving an approximately 45-minute talk on the subject. He is the author of a recently published book: "The Century Series: The USAF Quest for Air Supremacy 1950 – 1960: F-100, F-101, F-102, F-104, F-105, F-106."

PRESIDENT'S SPIEL JAMES GULD

It's October and that means it's time for nominations for next year's E-Board. I hope to see some new faces step up or

move up from a Pro-Tem position to one of the main positions. It's not hard, folks, and it really doesn't take up much of your time. So get out there and man the helm.

Is it just me or has this year flown by pretty fast? Before you know it we'll be into the new year and building and finishing models to take to next year's Nationals in Colorado. Last month we had a number of Matildas on the table and hopefully this will inspire the others to finish up their kits. My goal is to have all the kits finished by July 1. That way we can get them all together and see how the display looks before we head up to Loveland.

We are still planning to do another Make-&Take with a Cub Scout pack later this year so if you want to help out, send me an Email or let me know at the next meeting. Thanks.

I recently picked up a new airbrush. I switched brands from Iwata and got a Grev. I've seen them at various model shows and went online and checked them out. I picked up the Tritium TG which is a gravity top feed that has some nice features such as interchangeable fluid reservoirs; it comes with

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





September's Best-of-Show winners, left to right: John Tate's *Corporal*, Tony Humphries's *Kirtland B-24 Pilot & Crew Chief*, and Matt Blohm's *F4F-3 Wildcat*.

three sizes and you can purchase an even larger 50cc cup. It can take various needle sizes from 2 to 5 mm. I picked up a 2mm and 5mm needle set. The thing that is different about this gun is that it is trigger-operated like a larger paint gun. It does take a little getting used to, but I've used it a few times now and it seems more natural than the usual top trigger that other brushes use. Quality seems to be on par with Iwata and it is also easy to clean up. Another nice feature is that it has a magnetic front cap for the nose piece instead of the usual screw-on type. They also give you a nose piece with two side prongs so that you can get up right to the surface and still have the gun to be able to spray. The rear of the gun also is magnetized to hold this cap if you like. So far, so good.

My other latest purchase is a DVD by Adam Wilder called "Authentic Metal." It is in PAL format, but will work on your computer. It shows you a number of different techniques for simulating rusty steel finishes. I saw one of his models at the past year's AMPS Nationals done in this method and it was outstanding. It is carried by MXpression and I ordered it direct from them. They are in Maine and I had my copy in just a couple of days. They also have a few other DVDs available.

That's about all I have this month, so keep on building.

HIGH PLAINS CON MIKE BLOHM

Reminder! High Plains Con XXII, hosted by High Plains Modelers, Region 10, takes place on October 13 at the 4-H Building, Larimer County Fairgrounds, Loveland, Colorado. Further info is online (<http://ipmshpm.blogspot.com>).

CONTEST DIRECTOR UPDATE VICTOR MAESTAS

For September's contest, the theme was "New Mexico Centennial of Statehood." All entries with a connection to the state of New Mexico were eligible for theme points. There

were 23 entries with 13 in theme. There were no Junior level entries this month. In Basic, Matt Blohm had Gold awards for both of his entries. His F4F-3 Wildcat also earned People's Choice and Best of Show. In Intermediate, Tony Humphries won Best of Show for his B-24 Pilot and Crew Chief at Kirtland Field. The People's Choice award in Intermediate went

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!

to Adrian Montano's Galmer Indy Car in Little Al markings. In Masters, the People's Choice award went to Brian Peck's Rumpler C.IV. There was no Best of Show announced for Masters at the meeting since there were no first place entries in theme, but having reviewed the contest guidelines, the Best of Show can be selected from any in-theme entry. After conferring with the judges in the Master's division, the Best of Show goes to John Tate's Corporal Missile that was developed at White Sands Missile Range.

For the Pushing the Bounds bonus, there were several entries that pushed the bounds of the theme. The winner of the \$10 gift card this month is Matt Blohm. His Wildcat entry was done in the markings of Butch O'Hare who served for two years aboard the USS New Mexico battleship prior to being a pilot.

The next contest is the "Century Series" theme contest in October. All entries with 1xx in the designation are eligible for the theme. Josh Pal's sponsored contest has been moved to December 7. In November, the theme contest will be "More than a Handful, Big Guns." Mike Blohm's "Stealth" sponsored contest is also going to be held in November.

The October meeting is also the nomination meeting for next year's E-board. I would like to enter more models in contests, so I would like someone else to take over the Contest Director position for next year. Think about it and if anyone has any questions on the Contest Director position, please get with me.

MODEL HIGHLIGHT VICTOR MAESTAS

This month's Model Spotlight is on Brian Peck's Rumpler C.IV (late) biplane from Wingnut Wings.

Brian built this plane because he wanted to do something different and wanted to do a German biplane with full lozenge coverings. This plane has lozenge (decals included in the kit) on the fuselage sides and bottom, as well as the top and bottom



FRED'S FOTO FILE FRED FRANCESCHI

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[Editor's note: All of Fred's Ft. Knox photos, including multiple shots of the above examples, detailed close-ups, and many others, may be found in the Bonus Pages! -JW]

of both wings. The kit is built up using one of the marking options included in the kit. The only aftermarket items used were the Detail Associates eyelets for the rigging points. The rigging itself is done with 2-lb fishing line.

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Master

John Tate	1867
Paul Kirchner	1558
Larry Glenn	613
Mike Blohm	596
Brian Peck	547
Glenn Bingham	373
Dave Straub	335
Ken Liotta	268
Ray Ayles	189
Mike McNichols	125
Dave Miller	112
Fred Franceschi	75
Maestas, Victor	65

Intermediate

Patrick Dick	30
Josh Pals	8
Tony Humphries	1865
Adrian Montano	1635
Robert Meeker	1190
Frank Randall	1144
Don Smith	572
Pete Beck	325
Steve Brodeur	260
Gorham Smoker	210
Kyle Garber	129
Rick Carver	125
Gil DeLaPlain	125

Basic

Ken Piniak	120
Blaine Couch	110
Gil Johnson	30
Matt Blohm	2146
Chuck Girvin	4
John Drackert	2

Junior

Aleya Montano	930
Phillip Trujillo	325
Matthew Ortiz	125
Travis McDowell	35

MODELER OF THE YEAR POINTS STANDINGS

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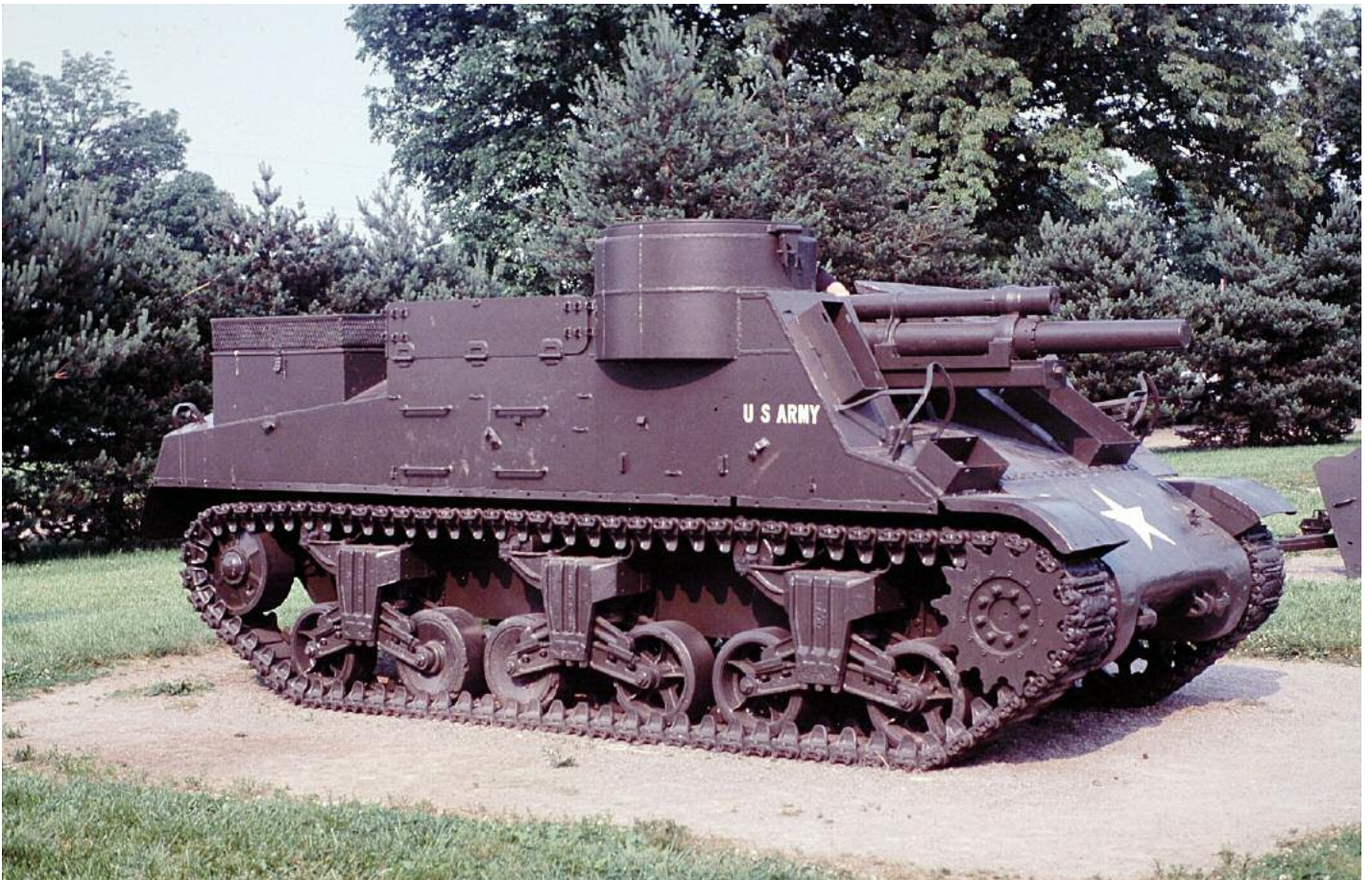
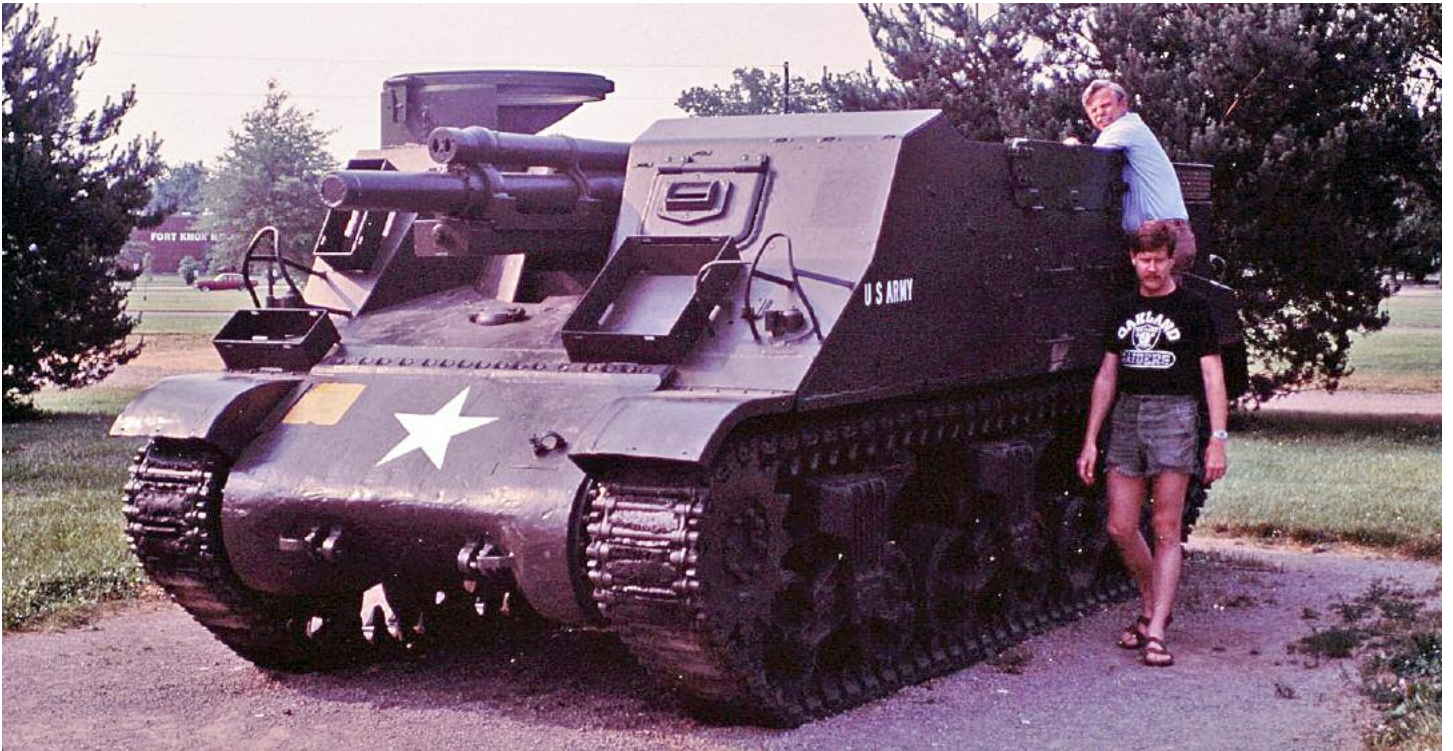
German Tank and Howitzer



Large self-propelled artillery gun



M7 Priest with two guys from the class. Early version with low pulpit.



WWI Mark IV tank. I have no idea if the camouflage has any semblance to reality.



WW I French Renault tank. Having a rotating turret made this tank the predecessor to the WW II tanks and the ones we use now. On that basis, this is a historic weapon system.



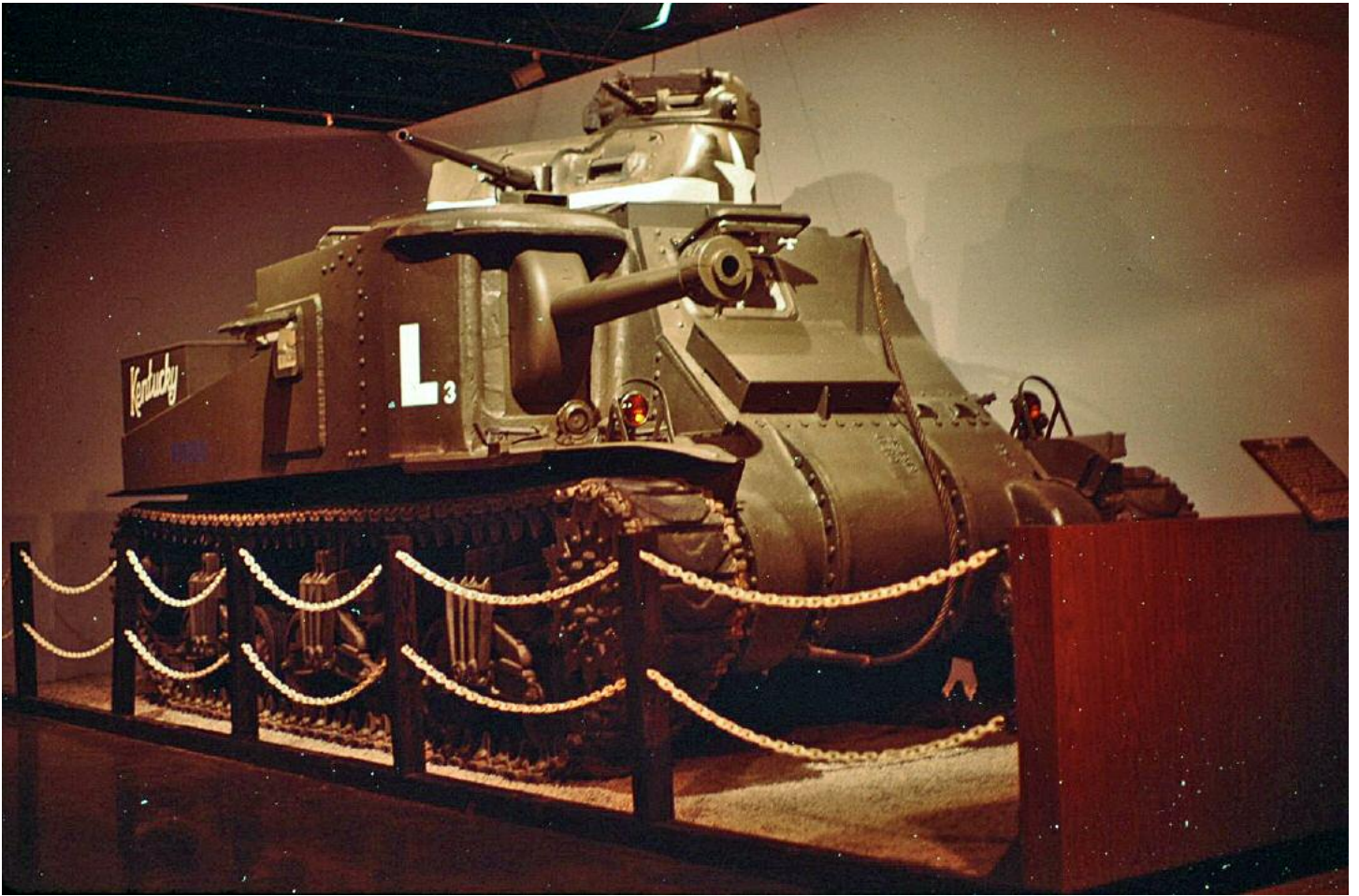
Big American tank., M-??. If I remember correctly, this was the predecessor to the M-60, and the hull could be lowered to reduce the silhouette. Too expensive to manufacture, some of its features were used on the M-60.



M-3 Grant



M-3 Grant inside museum



Another M-3 Medium tank, but without the cupola



Row of tanks



Half track and armored car inside the Patton Museum.



German self propelled gun



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There were 5 Youth entrants with 6 total models across 4 classes (out of 18). Flying Rockets was the most popular class, and the Best of Show—Youth award was won by Alena Royball for her "Purple Rocket." There were two Senior Youth entrants with two models across two classes. The Best of Show—Senior Youth award was a very well done 1/72-scale P-51D Mustang by Patrick Brimley. All of the Youth and Senior Youth entrants were non-ASM members.

The Adult section had the most participation, with 24 entrants and 30 models across 16 of the 18 classes. There were

just two ASM members (8%) entered in the Adult section with 5 total models (17%). Non-ASM members took 81% of the first place ribbons. Byron Gore took the Best of Show—Adult award with a superb 1/16-scale non-skinned (no fabric) Curtiss JN-4D Jenny trainer aircraft. The Professional section had 5 entrants (all ASM members) with 18 total models across 9 of the 18 classes. Competition was pretty fierce with most of the classes having multiple entries. Patrick Dick won the Best of Show—Professional award with his excellent 1/48-scale F4U-1A Corsair.

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