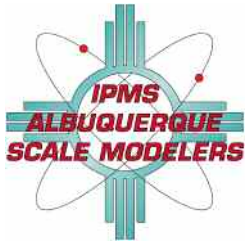


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THE EAGLE'S VIEW MIKE BLOHM

Folds of Honor Model Display

The ASM model display at the September 23 Folds of Honor (FoH) Gala fund-raising event at the Sandia Resort and Casino went very well, and I would like to thank everyone who loaned models and helped man the show. We had forty models in the display spread out over six tables, with good representation of all the US Services in armor, ships and aircraft/helicopters in a lot of different scales. We had two nicely done figures/vignettes, but no dioramas. We also had the "What is scale modeling?" signage out. We had a lot of people come look at the display, es-



pecially military personnel, and they all enjoyed the models. The People's Choice (PC) model contest did not get a lot of participation, likely due to lack of advertisement and the way the ballroom was set up. The PC winners will be announced at the October 6 ASM meeting.

I have asked for some feedback from the FoH leadership on how they enjoyed the display and whether they would like ASM to do it again, but I have not heard anything back yet. At the ASM meeting we will talk about some lessons

September Meeting highlights, left to right: Members checking out the model entries; our own Special Olympian Jeannie Garriss shows off her medals; and the business meeting in progress.





learned to make it better if we do it again in 2018. Thanks to Bret Kinman, Josh Pals, and Matt Blohm for helping to set up and man the display. Some pictures are included here; others are available in the [Bonus Pages](#). The FoH Foundation provides scholarships and other assistance to the spouses and children of soldiers killed or disabled in service to our country.

The October 6 meeting will include Doug Dildy's "Desert Storm" presentation that will include his latest Osprey book "F-15C Eagle versus MiG-23/25, Iraq 1991." These presentations have been truly outstanding in the past, so you do not want to miss this one. I encourage everyone to bring in any "display only" models you have that fit the theme of the Desert Storm air war, in particular F-15s, MiG-23 Floggers and MiG-25 Foxbats. Maybe there will be some "Red Star" theme contests models that apply to the presentation as well.

The next local contest is ModelZona 2017 at the Commemorative Air Force Museum in Mesa (Phoenix), Arizona on November 4. That is a very nice museum

that you will be able to visit at the same time that you are winning awards and buying model kits. What more could you ask?

Thanks again for the great participation at the 2017 New Mexico State Fair's "Star Wars—40th Anniversary" model display. Posting of pictures to the [ASM Website's](#) Model Contest Results webpage is ongoing and will take a while to finish.

To close out, here is another short story on an American ace: Major Samuel J. Brown, who is the 33rd-ranking US ace (tie) and 28th-ranking USAF ace. Sam Brown was the third ranking ace of the 15th Air Force (AF) and second ranking ace of the 31st Fighter Group (FG). He was claimed by some to be the "best all-around fighter pilot" in the 15th AF. Brown initially served in the Aleutian Islands flying P-39s and P-40s. He joined the 309 Fighter Squadron (FS) of the 31 FG in early 1944 when they converting from Spitfires to the P-51. Brown scored a "quadruple" on 26 Jun 1944 (three Me 210s and one Bf 109) over Vienna, Austria, earning



the Distinguished Service Cross. He scored a “triple” on 29 May 1944 (two Me 110s and one Bf 109) during a B-24 escort mission to the Wiener-Neustadt and Wollersdorf Aerodromes in Austria. Brown also had a “double” on 21 Apr 1944 (two IAR-80s) during a B-17/B-24 bomber escort to Ploesti, Romania. He commanded the 307 FS from May – Sep 1944. He left the service in May 1945, becoming a prominent oil industry executive. He died in August 1990. The model depicted is the Heller ½ P-51D kit, which has no fin fillet. Brown’s P-51D did not carry the usual yellow stripe Mediterranean Theater recognition markings on the wings and horizontal tail surfaces.

CONTEST DIRECTOR

VICTOR MAESTAS

The September meeting had a Points Contest Theme of “First or Last” with a very large turnout. Across all levels, there were 43 entries! In **Basic**, Logan Carbin took Best of Show and People’s Choice with his very well done Ho 229 flying wing. In **Intermediate**, David Epstein’s F-110A Spectre (Air Force name before changing to F-4 Phantom II) took Best of Show and Scott Williams’s Voyager I spacecraft took People’s Choice. This model had very impressive (and fragile looking) photoetch structures. In **Masters**, Dave Straub’s scratchbuilt *USS Patoka* Tender and *USS Los Angeles* airship took Best of Show and John Tate’s Ju-52 diorama “Rommel’s Lifeline” took People’s Choice.

The E-Board sponsored a contest with a theme of Knife Fight/Night Light that combined two themes. Entries could be entered for either or both themes. The award winner for **Basic** is Logan Carbin’s F-117 Nighthawk. In **Intermediate**, Robert Henderson’s P-61 Black Widow took the award for Night Light and Len Faulconer’s F-102 Delta Dagger took the award for Knife Fight. In **Masters**, Chris Kurtz’s F-102 Delta Dagger took the Knife Fight award and Frank Randall’s Mosquito NF Mk. II took the Night Light award. Awards will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

The October meeting will have another points contest with a theme of “Red Star.” All subjects representing Communist influenced nations are eligible for in-theme points as well as a shot at Best of Show for the contest. As usual, all other entries are eligible to compete for points in this contest, but won’t get the additional 10 in-theme points.

Year 2017 Contest Quick Reference Chart

Titles in **blue** indicate contests for points

- 06 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1:**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
Sponsored Contest: “Frickin’ Laser Beams” (Patrick Dick)
- 03 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 03 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 07 Apr** **100 Years of US Involvement in The Great War**—Any kit/subject/scale involved in WWI.
- 05 May** **Star Wars, 40th Anniversary**—Any kit/subject/scale from any of the Star Wars universe.
- 02 Jun** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2: KILL MARKINGS**
Sponsored Contest: “General Motors” (Patrick Dick)
- 07 Jul** **1967**—Any kit/subject/scale that represents the year 1967.
- 04 Aug** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 01 Sep** **First or Last**—Any kit/subject/scale that represents the first or last of anything.
Sponsored Contest: “Knife Fight / Night Light” (ASM E-Board)
- 06 Oct** **Red Star**—Any kit/subject/scale that represents Communist-influenced nations
Sponsored Contest: “Orange” (Gil De La Plain)
- 10 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
Sponsored Contest: “Heavies” (Brian Peck)
- 01 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3: SUPERSONIC**
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>

GUADALCANAL INFO

FRED FRANCESCHI

History at Guadalcanal—Mentioned in Mike Blohm’s “The Eagle’s View” column in the September newsletter, as he discusses “The Modeling of History.”

Attached is a photo of a page out of my father’s Department Of The Navy Continuous Service Certificate, showing his assignment to Place: CACTUS. Ship or Station: ACORN (RED) ONE. CACTUS was the code name for Guadalcanal. And he was attached to the US Marines to repair their aircraft.

I had a Foto File in the April 2014 *ASM Newsletter*



ter with a picture of my father and a friend with the remains of a severely destroyed Wildcat. It may have been flown by Joe Foss or one of the other Marine aces before its demise.

It's also interesting to see that he was assigned to VF 42 on the USS Yorktown on June 20, 1942.

Interesting because the Yorktown left Pearl Harbor on May 30, 1942, and sank on June 7, following damage at the Battle of Midway and torpedoes from a Japanese submarine. The sinking may have been so classified that the personnel assigning sailors to ships were not yet aware of the sinking. As Mike is discussing, researching history can get interesting.

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| REPAIR UNIT | HARBOR, T.H. | T | 9-30-41 | AM-1B | 37 | 38 | 37 | 40 | | | | | |
| REPAIR UNIT | HARBOR, T.H. | T | 10-1-41 | AM-1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Base Force, Av. Repair Unit. | Pearl Harbor, TH | T | 1-21-42 | AM-1C | 38 | 38 | 38 | 40 | | | | | |
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Master

- John Tate 1700
- Chris Kurtze 1159
- Ken Liotta 666
- Larry Glenn 616
- Frank Randall 371
- Bret Kinman 354
- Ray Ayles 300
- Dave Straub 285
- Patrick Dick 199
- Mike Blohm 193
- Victor Maestas 152
- John Patterson 150
- Tony Humphries 137
- Glen Bingham 125
- Jerry Little 112
- James Strickland 106
- Danny Williams 100
- Steve Brodeur 52
- Josh Pals 2

Intermediate

- David Epstein 2408
- Chuck Hermann 1151
- Robert Henderson 945
- Robert Meeker, Jr. 875
- Len Faulconer 696
- Michael O'Brien 465
- Ken Piniak 423
- Scott Williams 380
- Adrian Montaño 355
- David Haskins 225
- Don Goodrich 150
- Tom Scholer 150
- Mark Yoder 125
- Gil Johnson 100
- Jeff Frickstad 50
- Partap Davis 27
- Don Smith 12
- Jim Mesco 4
- Theron Brawley 2
- Chris Kurtze, Jr. 2

Basic

- Logan Carbin 1544
- Aaron Schmiedicke 410
- Charles Petrilli 328
- Richard Shryock 325
- Jeannie Garriss 310
- Anthony Weaver 210
- John Dodd 150
- Elias Clark 110
- Steve Miller 100
- Matt Blohm 75
- Rolf Nitsche 6

Junior

- Aleya Montaño 435
- Marie Smith 150
- Josh Kinman 2

MODELER OF THE YEAR POINTS STANDINGS

As of 24 Sep 17

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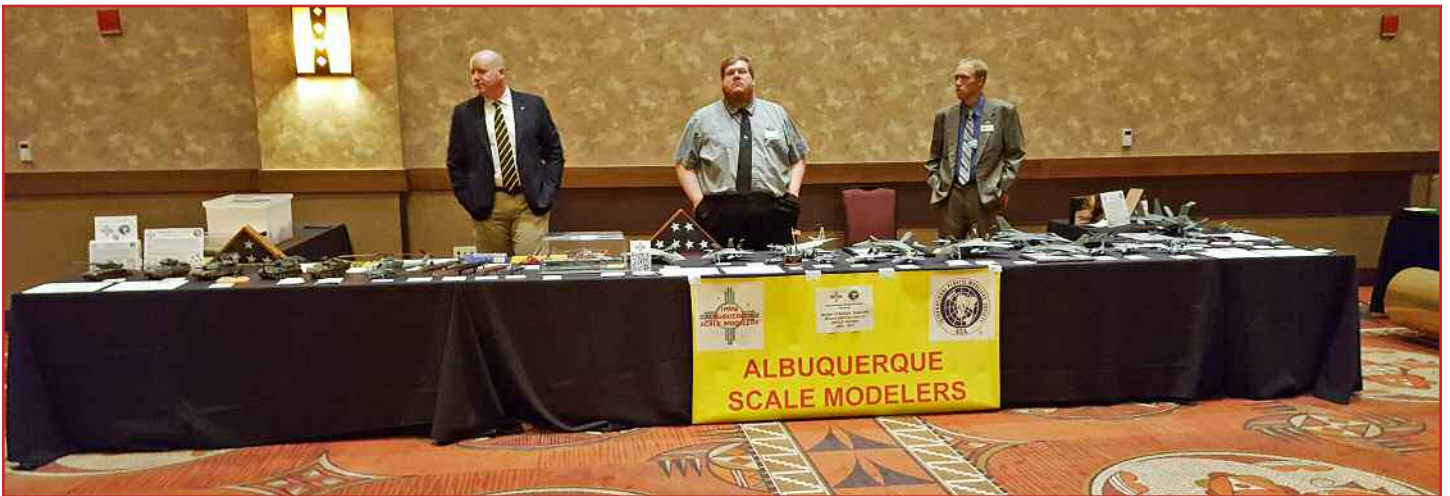
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Folds of Honor Model Display Photos









BONUS PAGES!

SEPTEMBER CONTEST WINNERS

Top to bottom: Dave Epstein's F-110 (Intermediate); Dave Straub's *USS Patoka* (Masters) (duh); and Logan Carbin's Horten 229 (Basic; photo by Frank Randall). There were no Junior entries.



BONUS PAGES! MISCELLANEOUS

How can you spot an armor enthusiast?



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Award Presentation 3pm - 4pm

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