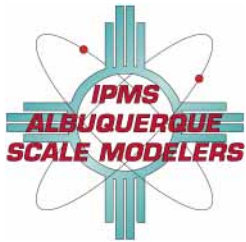


ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



<https://abqscalemodelers.com>

September 2020

No More 2020 ASM MEETINGS!

As announced in an email sent out to the membership in August, there will be no further ASM meetings this year; at least, not at UNM Continuing Education.

As Tony Humphries put it in the above-mentioned email:

We have received notification from the people at UNM Continuing Ed. about our meetings—as you know, we haven't met in person since March (I think...) and they have advised us that we are not now going to be able to meet at UNM for the remainder of this calendar year. They have canceled all of our meetings and will apply our balance to next year instead.

So we can't meet there before Christmas (as I unfortunately speculated in the forthcoming newsletter) but at least next year will be cheap! I should point out that they have not singled us out for cancellation. It applies to virtually every club and society—only the very smallest have escaped the cut and even they will have to observe rigorous restrictions.

So, in the meantime, please give some thought to entering one of our virtual contests as a way to stay engaged with the club. The "2 or 3" contest is just wrapping up, but the Battle of Britain and others will still go ahead and it would be great to get some more entries for these to give our judges something to keep them busy.

If there are any further developments regarding 2021 then we will, of course, let you know.

For the next few weeks or months, I guess we just need to keep our fingers crossed and hope for an effective vaccine in the near future, so that the world can get back to some kind of normal. If you have any questions or concerns

then please let me know (as long as they are not about vaccines—I'm hardly qualified there). Just hang in there, stick with us and at some point we'll be able to meet again. Don't know where, don't know when... 🎵



THE FEZ AT HOME TONY HUMPHRIES

Aces Fezzes High

So here we are, days after the 75th anniversary of VJ day and a few days before the 80th Battle of Britain day (Sept. 15 for those who weren't aware—if I remember correctly, anyway) and it's a sad reflection of the times we find ourselves (or even our sleeves) in, that what would normally be solemn, well-observed and significant events have just disappeared into the shirt-storm (*cough*) that 2020 has become. Presumably, autocorrect has stepped in already to make sure that I don't offend anyone there. It usually does, and frequently changes the meaning of whatever I'm trying to type. Annoyingly. I mean, how many times do you think I say "duck" in a normal day? Those who know me personally will know that the answer to that, is very, very few indeed. The word that it rhymes with, on the other hand...

Anyway, getting back to matters at hand, I'm sure we are all looking forward to the end of this pandemic. Unfortunately with winter on the way (yes I know it's

still 100 degrees out there today but it'll be here before you know it) and the inevitable flu season around the corner too, I don't see us meeting up in person or even getting back to any vestige of normality here for some time. I've heard some people talking about a two- year time-frame for this thing. Let's hope not, but at this stage it wouldn't surprise me. To put things into some sort of perspective, I have family who were planning to come and visit from the UK again this fall. They've been told that they won't be allowed to travel to the US (unless they sell a kidney to buy incredibly expensive insurance) until April 21 next year, at the earliest. So if you're one of those 1914-style optimists who thinks it'll all be over by Christmas, well I hope you're right, but I think you might be disappointed.

Hopefully most of you out there are still gainfully employed for the most part and able to work from home in many cases. How many of you have a kit on the home office table next to your laptop and are sneaking in a bit of sanding and assembly during those interminable Zoom meetings, I wonder? Don't worry, your boss isn't reading this (well probably not, anyway) so you can be honest. Just remember to check that your camera is off and don't spill Solvaset on your

keyboard and you should be fine. You know it makes sense.

Well, I don't know about you, but it seems to be getting pretty hard to come up with anything new to write about these days. You've probably already noticed, in fact... Because nothing much is happening I suppose. At least not to many of us personally. Those of us who are working from home, stay in our cozy little bubble and watch the same old stuff on the news. The same stupid celebrities doing the same stupid stuff. Only with masks on (usually) these days. Such is modern life though, I suppose.

It's amazing isn't it? We have a world of information at our fingertips, levels of knowledge and a speed of communication that our ancestors couldn't even have dreamt of and what do we do with it? Send each other cat memes and political ads. Bring back the 14th Century, I say. They really knew how to have a pandemic back then. The Black Death killed about half the population of Europe, I believe. A real "go big or go home" event. Plus, you could wave a sword at as many Frenchmen as you liked without getting into any trouble. In fact, it was encouraged. And they could do the same to you, of course. Happy Days indeed.

Master

Brian Peck	425
David Epstein	379
Chuck Hermann	350
Scott Jaworski	125
Frank Randall	100
Casey Ruplet	100
Larry Glenn	75
Glenn Bingham	50
Steve Brodeur	27
James Strickland	6
Mike Blohm	2
Victor Maestas	2
Josh Pals	2

Intermediate

Bob Henderson	350
Danny Williamson	329
Logan Carbin	304
Michael O'Brien	225
Jim Medina	208
Adrian Montañó	200
Don Smith	185
David DeYoung	125
Charles Petrilli	79
Ken Piniak	77
Jeff Frickstad	25
Steve Miller	25
John Wyer	25
Dave Tingley	2

Basic

Mark Vaughn	525
Brandan Brown	350
Jacob Stoner	350
Stephen Stearns	250
David Paul	225

Junior

Aleya Montañó	425
-------------------------	-----

2020 MODELER OF THE YEAR POINTS

As of 23 Apr 20

**CONTACT
INFO**

President:
Vice President:
Secretary/Treasurer:
Contest Director:
Members Pro-Tem:

Webmaster:
Newsletter Editor:

Tony Humphries
John Tate
Frank Randall
Ken Liotta
David Epstein
Bob Henderson
Scott Jaworski
Mike Blohm
Joe Walters

abkhumphries@gmail.com
fcr40.fr@gmail.com
theplasticmaster@comcast.net
sf49erinm@gmail.com
nmroberto1@outlook.com
wsjaworski@gmail.com
BlohmM@aol.com
jwalters22@comcast.net

ASM members are encouraged to submit articles, reviews and other items as appropriate. Contact editor Joe Walters for details and specs. **Submission deadline for each issue is now ten days prior to the next meeting (that's a Tuesday). Items I receive by Tuesday night will be in the newsletter, and items received after that will be in the following issue.**

BONUS PAGES! MISCELLANEOUS



Right: Is that what is meant by the term "rat rod"?

When you tell your colleagues you're spending the weekend with a model...



Their expectations

Your expectations



Honey tie me up and do whatever you want



Honey??

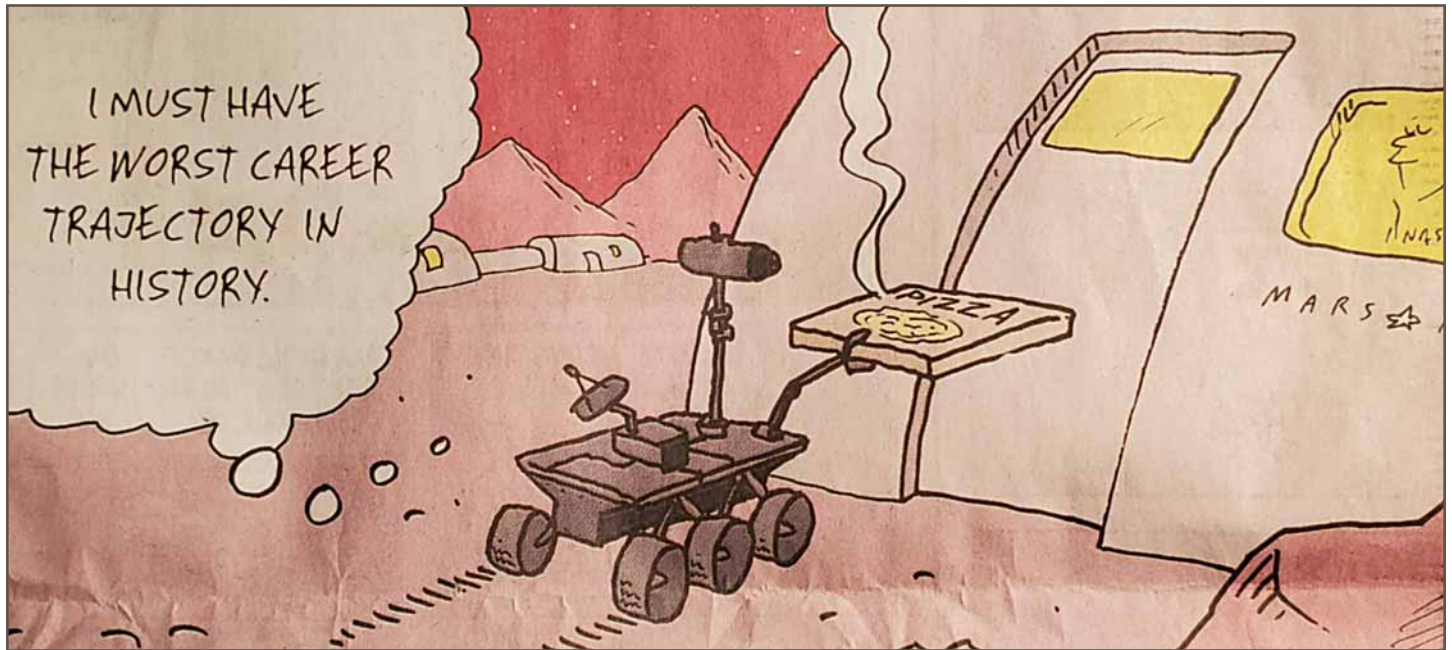


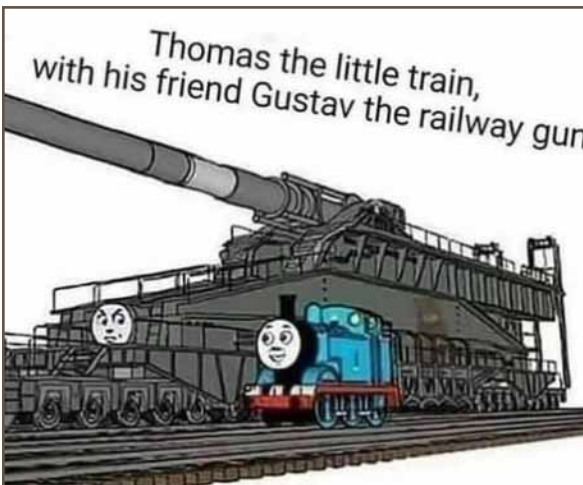
MECHANICS
KEEPING PILOTS ALIVE SINCE 1903!

Note: Some images on the preceding page may be considered by some to be inappropriate for younger readers. If you are under the age of 18, please do not look at that page. Thank you.

Some images in this section were provided by Frank Randall.

The images below were supplied by Mike Blohm:







New german radar trap.
Only gets you once...



German Ghost tank, designed to produce a loud "ooooh" sound to make allied forces suspect the forests were haunted by spooky ghosts (Berlin, 1943)





WIFE: Did you buy *another* model kit?
ME:

▶A: It was an accident. ▶B: I've had that.
▶C: I got a deal on it. ▶D: You look very pretty today.



Left: Yes, that's a diorama.

Below: Luftwaffle (sorry)



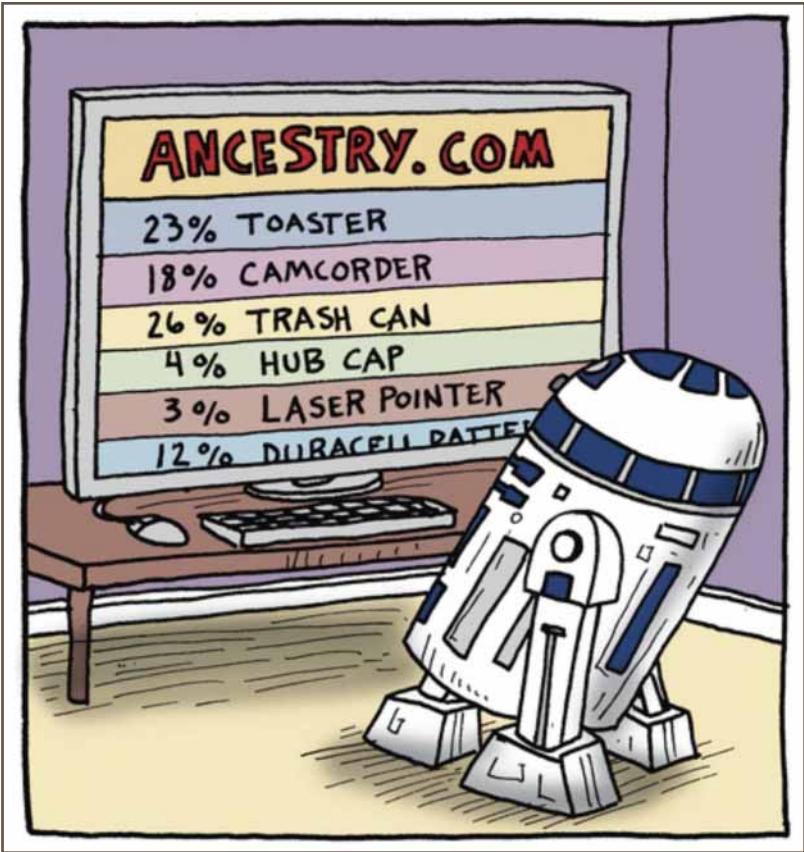


Above: In my years flying tankers, I never saw this happen!



Right: Flying a bit low, were we?





Left: That's a LEGO construct.





THINGS I DO IN MY SPARE TIME



**BUILD
AIRCRAFT MODELS**



**LOOK AT
AIRCRAFT MODELS**



**RESEARCH
AIRCRAFT MODELS**



**TALK ABOUT
AIRCRAFT MODELS**



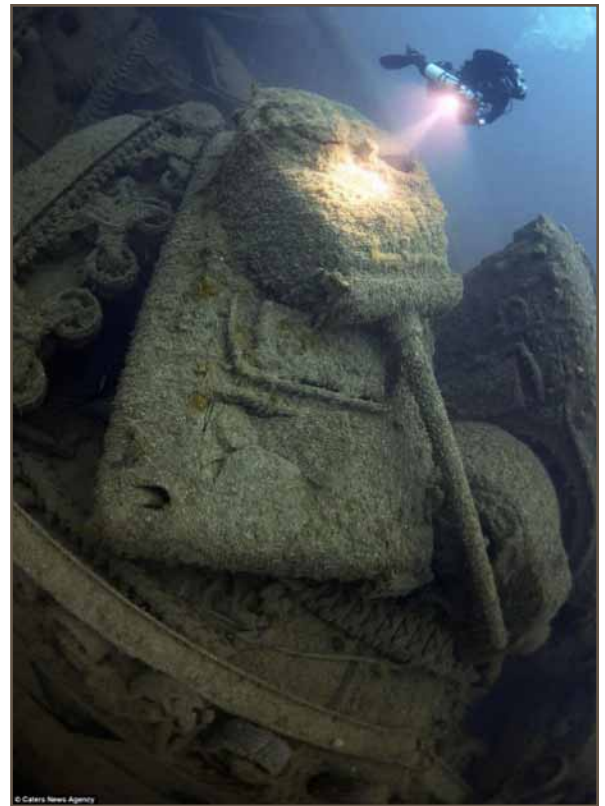
**THINK ABOUT
AIRCRAFT MODELS**



**DREAM ABOUT
AIRCRAFT MODELS**





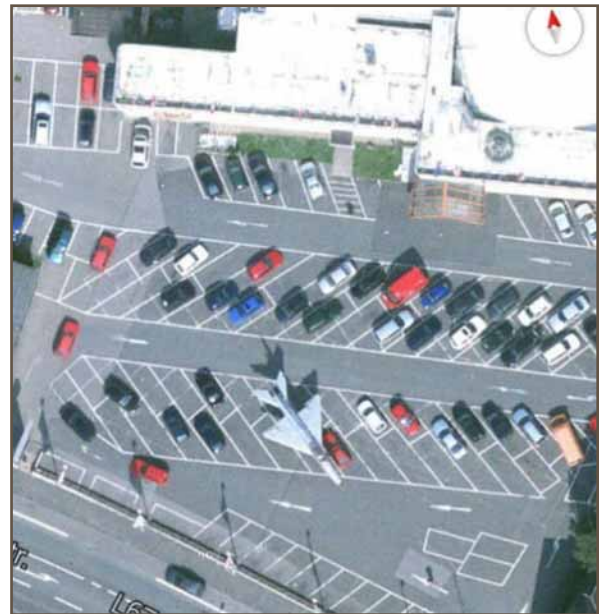


Elecopters?









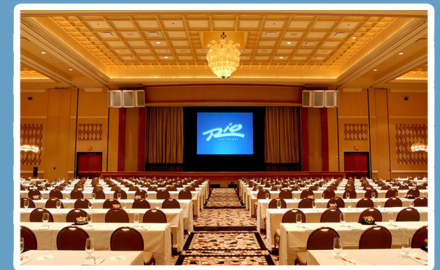
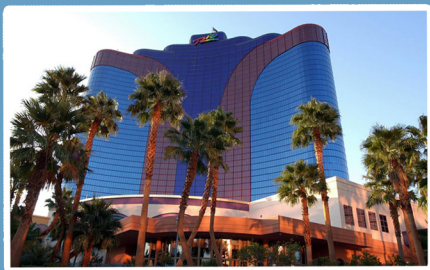


The Very
BEST OF THE WEST
 2021 IPMS/USA NATIONAL
 CONVENTION
 LAS VEGAS, NV



AUGUST 18 - 21, 2021

A Convention Experience of a Lifetime awaits you in The Fabulous City of Las Vegas



The Rio Resort is located just minutes from the airport and the famous Las Vegas Strip.

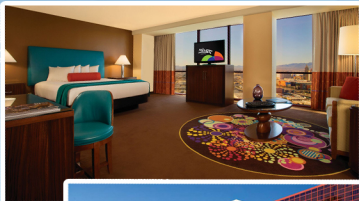
2,000 All-Suite Rooms for \$114 per night for up to ten days stay time.

4 luxurious swimming pools, day spa & gym.

13 Nightclubs, bars & lounges.

14 Restaurants, buffets and snack bars.

Free Parking



Enjoy our beautiful outdoor wonders or the unlimited shows, nightlife and gaming. When the model and vendor rooms close, the action begins.

Valley of Fire – Grand Canyon
 Fremont Street Experience
 The Strip - World Class Shopping
 Major Shows & Performers
 Fine Dining - Hoover Dam
 Lake Mead Boating Tours
 Museums -Gun Ranges - Speed Racing

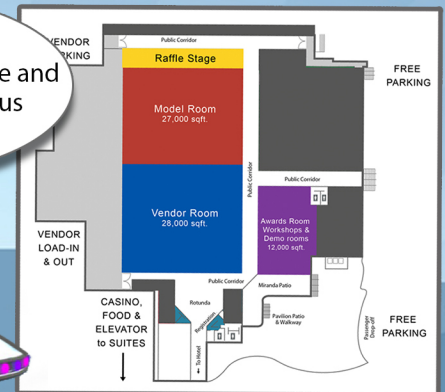
67,000 square feet of luxuriously appointed convention space, all but an elevator ride away from your room and refreshments.

Ground-level load-in and out for vendors

Excellent lighting with thick easy-on-your-feet carpeting

Eight demo rooms

"We love Las Vegas, only light years from home and lots to see. Come join us for the 21' Nats"



Visit our website for information on
 Hotel Reservations - Resort Amenities
 Attractions - Sights & Sounds of Las Vegas - Organized Event Tours
 Contest Rules & Categories
 Contest & Vendor Forms

General Information
director.nats2021@aol.com

Vendors
vendors.2021nats@gmail.com

Website
www.natslv2021.com

Join IPMS/USA!

The International Plastic Modelers' Society is an organization dedicated to the fun of Scale Modeling. There are IPMS branches all over the world.

As part of your IPMS/USA membership, you will receive the IPMS Journal six times a year. In it you will find stories of interest on subjects such as aircraft, armor, automotive, ships, and figures. You will also find listings of IPMS contests and swap meets, hints and tips, and reviews. Membership also qualifies you to participate in IPMS/USA-sanctioned Regional Contests, as well as our world-famous National Convention, held each summer.

As a member, you'll also be able to access our online Members' Forum, where a wide variety of society and modeling topics are discussed. In addition, many hobby shops around the country offer discounts to IPMS/USA members. To join, simply use the form below or join online (<http://www.ipmsusa.org>).

For any questions or problems regarding your membership application or renewal, please contact the IPMS/USA Office Manager (manager@ipmsusa.org).



IPMS/USA MEMBERSHIP FORM

IPMS No.: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ If Renewing _____ First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature (required by P.O.) _____

Type of Membership Adult, 1 Year: \$30 Adult, 2 Years: \$58 Adult, 3 Years: \$86

Junior (Under 18 Years) \$17 Family, 1 Year: \$35 (Adult + \$5, One Set Journals) How Many Cards? _____

Canada & Mexico: \$35 Other / Foreign: \$38 (Surface) Checks must be drawn on a US bank or international money order

Payment Method: Check Money Order

Chapter Affiliation, (if any): _____

If Recommended by an IPMS Member, Please List His / Her Name and Member Number:

Name: _____ IPMS No.: _____

IPMS/USA

Join or Renew Online at: www.ipmsusa.org

PO Box 1411

Riverview FL 33568-1411