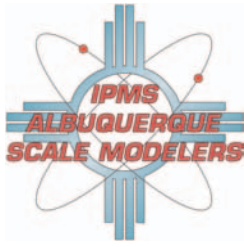


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February 2005

SCHEDULING CLARIFICATION

For those who particularly enjoy the politically tedious, it was established at the January meeting that the official start time of the business meeting is 7:30 P.M., and that the cutoff time for entering models for contest judging is 8:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S CROSSHAIRS BRIAN PECK

Greetings all!

This month we will be having a guest speaker, Mr. Jim Morley, a D-Day veteran who was one of the US soldiers landing on the beaches of Normandy in 1944. Don't miss his presentation!

We postponed the swap meet until March so that the judging staff can listen to Mr. Morley's presentation. Also please note that for the February

4th meeting we will be in the room across the hall from our usual spot due to a UNM evening class.

I would like to pose a challenge to the entire ASM membership again this year. If everyone who attends the meetings brings in at least two models per meeting this year, whether it's for a contest or for display only, we could easily have over 100 models on the table each month. What better way to spend meetings looking and talking about models and/or the history behind each model subject? Think about it.

Just a reminder to all that everyone is encouraged to write and submit an article to the newsletter each month. It can be a review of a model kit, a modeling technique, a history of a particular model subject or just about whatever you want that pertains to the hobby. I know there are many



January meeting highlights, clockwise from above: Ken Liotta leads the Judging clinic; several models made for a densely-populated "Display Only" table; the meeting in full swing.

ASMers that have a wealth of info that would benefit the club and our members. So don't be shy!

I hope to see everyone at the meeting Friday.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

FRANK RANDALL

Well, 2005 has arrived and we are faced with another year of challenges and a new schedule of events. As I look at the contest schedule, I am just impressed with the ideas and the all the members that are sponsoring contests. This promises to be a good fun year of building, so let's have fun and build something (this means me, too). I have been just overly busy at work and I have let it affect my hobby. This is about to change; I am no longer going to sit at my desk and stare at a partly-completed model and suffer from AMS (Advanced Modelers Syndrome, a deadly disease that causes a paralysis of building). This hobby should be fun and stress-reducing, so I will just build something.

If everyone will look at the National IPMS website (<http://www.ipmsusa2005.org>), there is an article about the future of our hobby and licensing fees that companies that make the real thing feel that they have to charge model making companies. I recommend that everyone read it and make up their own minds about the merits contained. I will have a copy of it at the next meeting.

In other news, there are some contests within driving distance coming up:

Modelfiesta XXIV: Feb 19, 2005; sponsored by Alamo Squadron

(<http://users.stic.net/alamosq>)

Scalefest 2005, sponsored by IPMS North Central Texas, is May 21, 2005

(<http://www.ipmsnet.org/scalefest.html>)

That is all.

CONTEST CORNER

MIKE BLOHM

January "Sci-Fi / Science / Real Space / Fantasy" Special Contest #1 Results

The January meeting had a great turnout of models—the best we've seen at the January

Special Contest in several years. There were 22 total entries, a whopping 29 models on display-only, and 5 works-in-progress. Everyone enjoyed checking those out. I encourage everyone to bring in display-only models to each meeting that fit that night's theme. Don't let your models from several years back gather dust at home—bring them in for all the members to enjoy, and for you to point out the pros and cons of the kits and the techniques that you used to build it.

The "Sci-Fi / Science / Real Space / Fantasy" Special Contest winners were as follows: The Best Overall Entry award went to Patrick Dick's X-Wing Fighter. The Best Junior Entry went to Jeannie



Patrick Dick's winning X-Wing fighter.

Garriss' nicely-done Klingon Battle Cruiser. The Best Basic Entry went to Matt Blohm's Enterprise NX-01. The Intermediate division had enough entries (12 total) to warrant a split.

The Best Intermediate Entry—Vehicles went to Brian Willard's excellent Cardassian Galor-Class heavy Cruiser. The Best Intermediate

Entry—Non-Vehicles ("things with legs") went to Brian Willard's nicely painted Goblin on Dire Rat.

Special mention goes to Cecil Sever's outstanding paper models of the "Icarus Splashdown Scene" (Planet



Brian Willard's *Goblin on Dire Rat*. Trust a guy named "Willard" to bring a rat...



Jeannie Garriss's menacing Klingon D-7 battlecruiser



Brian Willard's lighted Cardassian Galor-Class cruiser



Matt Blohm's lighted NX-01 Enterprise

of the Apes movie) and V-2 rocket, and to Don Smith's excellently finished Velociraptors. The Best Masters Entry went to Patrick Dick's superior X-Wing Fighter.

Pictures of the winning entries are shown here; pictures of all the entries are posted on the website.

Hobbies 'N Stuff migrated from an old to a new computer in December, which resulted in website file address problems that prevent the thumbnail pictures opening to full-size when selected. I've been changing the file addresses, but this will take some time to get them totally accomplished. The pics from December forward have all been fixed. Pictures on the website from the 2003 contests will be deleted.

The January meeting included a Judging workshop presented by Ken Liotta. This training will be continued at the February meeting, with a workshop on Armor and Military model judging by

Year 2005 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

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| 7 Jan | SPECIAL CONTEST #1
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY |
| 4 Feb | D-Day Presentation —no contest. |
| 4 Mar | Open Contest —Any kit/scale.
*Sponsored Contest: Gundams (John Kendrick)
and
ASM Swap Meet ← Changes |
| 1 Apr | Bent-wing Birds/Cats/Animals —Any kit, any scale, any era. |
| 6 May | WWI —Any kit, any scale.
*Sponsored Contest: Best 1/48-scale Prop; model type TBD (Ken Liotta) |
| 3 Jun | SPECIAL CONTEST #2: SOUTHEAST ASIA 1941 - PRESENT
*Sponsored Contest: Micro-Modeling (ASM E-Board) |
| 8 Jul | ASM Swap Meet —no contest. |
| 5 Aug | Jets & Prototype Aircraft/Vehicles/Ships —Any kit, any scale.
*Sponsored Contest: Night Fighters (Patrick Dick & Jason Clevenger) |
| 9 Sep | Africa/Middle East, 1914 - Present
Any kit, any scale, any nation.
*Sponsored Contest: Best P-38 (Stan Johnson) |
| 7 Oct | Battles of 1945 —Any subject/scale.
*Sponsored Contest: 1/35-scale German Armor (Rick Carver & Don Smith)
*Sponsored Contest: BabeFest (Larry Horyna) |
| 5 Nov | Open Contest —Any kit, any scale.
Plus: One-Hour Modeling Contest
*Sponsored Contest: F/A-22 Raptors (Mike Blohm) |
| 2 Dec | SPECIAL CONTEST #3
MODELING NEW MEXICO
Plus: Model of the Year |

David Miller, and more subjects from Ken Liotta. If you are interested in participating as an ASM judge, please attend the February workshop. Having more judges available will speed up our meetings, as well as making you a better model builder!

Upcoming Contests / Events of Interest

February 4: D-Day Historical Presentation by Mr. Jim Morley, D-Day veteran. (No Contest) Please bring lots of display-only models with a D-Day theme to support the presentation.

Judging Workshop: Ken Liotta and Dave Miller

February 19: Modelfiesta XXIV, Live Oak, Texas , IPMS-USA Alamo Squadron, San Antonio, TX.

March 4: Open Contest #1. First 2005 Points Contest. All scales, subjects and eras. There will also be a Swap Meet at this meeting.

Sponsored Contest: "Gundams" (John Kendrick)

April 1: "Bent Wing Birds, Cats, or From the Animal Kingdom." Points contest. Any Chance-Vought Corsair-I, Grumman "Cat" aircraft (Wildcat, Hellcat, Tomcat, etc.), or subject that fits an "animal name." All scales and eras. Note that "animal" includes insects and aquatic life. "Official nicknames" only. Foreign language animal names are included. See the website version of this article for further guidance from the ASM Legal Department.

Workshop / Presentation: "Airships" (David Straub)

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The 2005 IPMS USA National Convention

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At the Cobb Galleria Centre

Atlanta, Georgia

<http://www.ipmsusa2005.org>

MAD ABOUT MODELING

JOE WALTERS

The recent death of Frank Kelly Freas, longtime illustrator and cover artist to everything from sci-fi novels to several years' worth of MAD Magazines, caused some attention to be directed to a location where one can view Freas' MAD work, a web site containing scanned images of every cover of MAD ever.

While skimming thru the website (located at <http://www.collectmad.com/madcoversite>), this particular cover from 1964 (art by Norman Mingo, not Freas) caught my eye. It addresses our little hobby most cleverly, taking a slanted look at the old Aurora "monster" kits, and neatly reversing the mental image of a kid assembling a model of Frankenstein's monster...



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