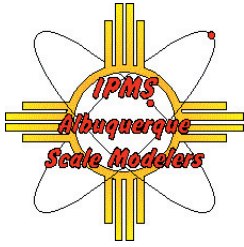


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April 2004

PRESIDENT'S CROSSHAIRS BRIAN PECK

Greetings from the paint-fume-filled room!

If you missed our last meeting then you missed an outstanding presentation from Mr. Frank Moyer. He had so much stuff he wanted to talk about we have to split his presentation over two meetings! How's that for content!

Mr. Moyer's presentation lasted about an hour as he discussed the first part of his long flying career. Starting from his early flight training through the Korean conflict, he talked about some of his more harrowing missions through flak-filled skies over Europe, and witnessing the destruction of numerous B-17s and several of his fellow airmen.

He also discussed his time flying in B-26s in Korea and helped support the US ground forces at the Chosin Reservoir battle and his other 50-plus missions during Korea. Offering the feeling of first-hand account experience rarely conveyed in books, everyone was listening with great interest on what he had to say.

After his presentation he answered several questions from ASM Members. Mr. Moyer will return within the next month or two to talk about his F-105 Wild Weasel days during Viet Nam so stay tuned and do not miss Part Two of his presentation!

In other ASM news, some of you guys are scaring me about the upcoming "Big" contest. I've heard people with project ideas for the contest that sound unreal. A 1/48 scale C-5 Galaxy? Or a display that takes up an entire table? Wow, I am almost scared to judge the contest! All I can say is, Cool! I'd love to see it!

Ed Mummey brought in the new 1/35

scale trumpeter Hind into the last meeting for all to see. I was surprised that Ed made it out of there with it at the end of the night considering how nice the Hind looked. I think there was more than one person wondering how to "persuade" Ed out of his Mil 24 that night.

We are still trying to encourage everyone to bring in any and all models for the display table along with the contest models—the more models at the meetings, the better.

Keep in mind that Nationals are coming up fast, so if you have that dream project you want to do, you better start it soon if you haven't already. There are several people trying to put group entries together so if you got one going bring it up the meeting and let everyone know.

I hope to see everyone at the April meeting!



March meeting highlights, clockwise from top left: Officers and our guest speaker look over the period models brought to the meeting; Frank Moyer keeps everyone riveted; and a shot of the crowd during announcements.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

FRANK RANDALL

This month I would like to congratulate Joe Walters for the fine job he does putting together the club newsletter. It's a challenge melding together the info and the pictures and the writing and making it fit and making us sound good.

Joe has been sending the last couple of newsletters to the e-board as a test and to preview before publishing as PDF Adobe Acrobat files. These files are great, the pictures are good and clear and if there are web links the reader can access the web site with a click on the link. You can save the files forever on your computer and access them anytime. The reason I bring this up is a lot of organizations are sending their newsletter and update online. The Hiking group I belong to sends its newsletter to 4/5 of its members every month online. The big advantage is, of course, savings in postage. So I would like to hear some feedback on this.

Oh, yes, check out Brian's review article on the Bf-109K on the IPMSUSA website. It's great! Go to http://www.ipmsusa.org/Reviews/Kits/Aircraft/Kits_Air.htm and click on the Hasegawa 1/32 Bf 109 K-4 button (at press time, it was fourth from the top).

Keep modeling!

CONTEST CORNER

MIKE BLOHM

March Contest Results

The March 2004 meeting had an outstanding turnout of models and great competition in two different contests underway that night. There were 36 models entered in the "Russia / Soviet Union" theme contest, and about 40 that were under consideration for Tim Estes' sponsored contest "Best Russian/Soviet Aviation and Armor Subjects." There were six Works in Progress and six models on the Display Only table, so there were over 50 models to be viewed. When you then throw in the models brought in to support Mr. Frank Moyer's historical talk, we probably had over 75 total models in the room. Kind of reminds you of a mini-regional!

The winners of Tim's contest will be covered in a separate article in the Newsletter and/or website. The results of the theme contest will be detailed below.

The Junior division had three total entries—all by Casey Dick. Casey's Nissan 350Z won Best of Show and a Gold award, while his Mazda RX-7 was the People's Choice and garnered a Bronze award. Casey's Shelby Cobra won a Silver award. I know there are more Junior modelers out there hiding in the woodwork—so please bring in and show off your models!

The Basic division had five total entries, and a good

mix across the board. John Kendrick took a Best of Show, People's Choice and a Gold award in Aircraft with his awesome 1/48 scale Sukhoi Su 27 UB Flanker. John maxed out the points available with this sweep, earning 335 points. Well done, John! Don Smith took a Gold in Ships with his diminutive Air Cushion Landing Craft and PT-76 Tank in 1/700 scale. Tim Estes won Gold awards with the following nicely-done entries: T-55 in Armor, Red Army Sniper in Figures, and "Ambush" in Dioramas.

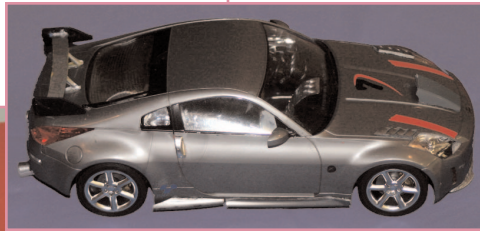
The Intermediate division had the largest showing, with 15 entries totaling 20 models. Mike Mummey's awesome BT-5 tank won Best of Show, People's Choice and First place in Armor. Again we had a max point award of 335 points. Second place in Armor went to Mark Underhill for his BA-6 Armor Car. Third place went to Tom Perea for his Russian T-55. In the Aircraft category, First place went to a nicely-done La 7 by Stan Johnson. Second place went to Mark Underhill for a Yak-9K and Third went to Scott Podeyn for a nicely-weathered MiG-3. Walt Schanwald took a First in Collections with his grouping of six Yak Fighters. In the Diorama category, first place went to Jim Guld for his intriguing "Untergrundbahn" (subway); Second went to Rick Carver for his T-34/76. Lastly, Jim Guld won a First in Miscellaneous with his nicely-done ADM-HB 876 (Area Denial Munition bomblet).

The Masters division had 8 models entered. Stan Harris won the Best of Show, People's Choice and First in Dioramas with his truly outstanding "T-35, Russia 1941" diorama. Again, a max points sweep of 335 points. Placements in the Armor category included a First by Stan Harris for an Iraqi T-55, and Second to Brian Peck for a Polish T-55. In the Aircraft category, placement included a First to Brian Peck for his 1/48 scale Fw 190, and a Second and Third to Mike Blohm for his 1/144 scale Su-27 Flanker and MiG-29 Fulcrum. Lastly, Stan Harris won a First in Figures with his Templar Knight.

Pictures of the Best of Show winners are on the next page. Pictures of all the entries—in higher resolution and better quality—can be found in the Model Pictures section of the ASM Website, including the winners from Tim's sponsored contest.

There was some confusion at the meeting about the use of a new version of the contest entry form. There was a block where you could annotate whether your model was an entry in just the theme contest, the sponsored contest, or both. Unfortunately, this information was located below the "Judging" line, so folks overlooked filling it out. The on-line website version of the entry form has been corrected to bring this info up at the top of the sheet. The hard-copy version will be replaced ASAP. Speaking of the on-line version—there was a significant number of these used, so I'm very glad to see members taking advantage of this resource!

The contest year is still young, but the current Mod-



March's Best of Show Winners, clockwise from top: Casey Dick's Nissan 350Z, Mike Mummey's BT-5, Stan Harris's T-35, and John Kendrick's Su-27.

eler of the Year leaders include Stan Harris in Masters, Mike Mummey in Intermediate, Tim Estes in Basic, and Casey Dick in Juniors. Point totals are fairly close—please visit the website to see a complete listing of the standings.

Upcoming Contests / Events of Interest

April 2—Theme: Open Contest #1 (Points Contest) All scales, subjects and eras.

Workshop: Making Bases—Glenn Bingham

Sponsored Contest: Best 1950s U.S. Naval Aviation Subject (1/72)—Rick Carver and Don Smith. Rick and Don's ROE: U.S. Naval Aviation from the 1950s, including the U.S. Marine Corps. 1/72 scale only. All airplanes and helicopters from 1950 – 1959; can be front-line, training, or reserve units. Plaques for winners in each division, plus a People's Choice. Entries will be basis for ASM Group/Chapter Entry at the 2004 IPMS Nationals in Phoenix.

May 7—Theme: "World War II—Pacific." (Points Contest) Any subject involved in the Pacific/Southwest Pacific theaters of operation in WWII. All scales and subject matter, friend or foe.

Workshop: Making Tracks—Patrick Dick

June 4—Special Contest #2 "Battles of 1944" (Non-Points) Any subject or scale, friend or foe, that participated in one of the major battles of WWII that occurred in 1944. Examples include: Anzio, Cassino, Normandy, Saipan, Philippine Sea, Kwajelien, Guam, Leyte Gulf, Battle of Bulge, etc. Make sure that you document the timeframe and battle that your entry participated in. For example, a model with D-Day stripes could be annotated as a D-Day participant; a model without the stripes could not be entered as a D-Day participant (yes,

I know, there were some exceptions...).

Workshop: Making Water Bases—Tom Perea

Sponsored Contest: Best Fw 190—Ken Liotta. Ken's ROE: Any manufacturer, any scale, any era, any markings and any Fw 190 variant is eligible. A "Best of" award will be presented. Scale and/or Divisional Level secondary awards *may* be presented based on the turn out. See website for judging criteria.

Note: Stay tuned to the Contest Schedule and Sponsored Contest Information section of the website for the latest updates on contests. Know before you build!

Check 6—Mike

SPECIAL APRIL RAFFLE!

This little item will be raffled off at the April meeting in a special \$2.00/ticket raffle (paid members only!). Bring lots of two-dollar bills!



MODEL MANUFACTURERS ON THE WEB

JOE WALTERS

There are quite a few companies currently involved in the manufacture of plastic model kits, and, this being the 21st century and all, most of them have their own web sites where you can conveniently seek information on existing or even upcoming products, browse catalogs, or even contact the company via convenient EMail links. Here, to fill this last empty page, are a few examples.

Testors, as you might well expect, is located at <http://www.testors.com>, where their own products and the Italeri line are supported.

Revell-Monogram (often referred to as *Revellogram*) is at <http://www.revell-monogram.com>, where you will find a multitude of kits and products.

The chinese manufacturer *Trumpeter* has a web page at <http://www.trumpeter-china.com>, and unless you read Mandarin, you'll probably want to make sure to select the *English* button.

In that same part of the world, *Hasegawa*, like *Trumpeter*, has a basic home page that allows you to select Japanese or English language pages before proceeding (<http://www.hasegawa-model.co.jp>).

Polar Lights, makers of many popular Sci-Fi kits, is located within their parent company's own web site, <http://www.playingmantis.com/pl>

These are just a few of the many such resources available; you may have noticed that the internet is *large*. If

you'd like to find a web site for a manufacturer not listed here, it's pretty easy to do: simply bring up your favorite search engine (I used [google](#) to find most of these), and type in the name of the company and the word MODEL, and the page you seek will likely show up in the top part of the list.

Year 2004 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

- 9 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**
SCI-FI, REAL SPACE & FANTASY
- 6 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 5 Mar** **Russia/Soviet Union**—Any kit/scale.
*Sponsored Contest: *Best Russian Aviation or Armor (Tim Estes)*
- 2 Apr** **Open Contest**—Any kit, any scale.
*Sponsored Contest: *Best 1950s US Naval Aviation (Rick Carver & Don Smith)*
- 7 May** **WWII—Pacific**—Any kit, any scale.
- 4 Jun** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2: BATTLES OF 1944**
*Sponsored Contest: *Best Fw 190 (Ken Liotta)*
- 2 Jul** **Modern Marvels**—Any kit, any scale.
*Sponsored Contest: *Big (Brian Peck)*
*Sponsored Contest: *Fast Movers (John Tate)*
- 13 Aug** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 3 Sep** **Aces and Heroes**—Any kit, any scale.
- 1 Oct** **WWII—Western Front**—Any kit/scale.
*Sponsored Contest: *Babe Fest (Ken Liotta)*
- 5 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit, any scale.
*Sponsored Contest: *Best 1/700 or 1/720 Ship (no subs) (Tom Perea)*
- 3 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3**
BETWEEN THE WARS
Plus: **Model of the Year**

ASM CONTEST POINTS

Master

Stan Harris	585
Mike Blohm	234
Brian Peck	225
Ken Liotta	4
Keith Liotta	2
Ken Piniak	2

Intermediate

Mike Mummey	335
James Guld	237
Mark Underhill	220
Scott Podeyn	157
Rick Carver	145
Stan Johnson	135
Walter Schanwald	135
Tom Perea	85
Cecil Severs	37

Jerry Pitts	35
David Downs	2
Jeff Frickstad	2

Basic

Tim Estes	405
John Kendrick	335
Don Smith	137

Junior

Casey Dick	500
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