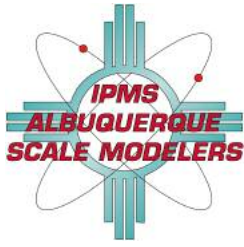


ALBUQUERQUE SCALE MODELERS



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PRESIDENT'S SPIEL TOM PEREA

Vacation: Colorado Springs

Most of our vacations are with our families with the hope that we can find a little time to sneak away to a hobby store or a museum. If our significant others decide to venture out with us, we try to keep them entertained with a descriptive history lesson of every model in the shop. The entertainment aspect of it lasts just long enough for me to grab something off the shelf and reaffirm to my wife that I don't have this model and I can't get it back home, so it's a deal at any price.

On this family vacation, I actually had some time to go to one of the local Hobbytown stores (there are two in Colorado

March meeting highlights, left to right: Members checking out the contest entries; Brian Peck runs a clinic; and the business meeting in progress.

Springs). My daughter Chelsea and I actually had time together to see all the items of interest. They had a fair amount of plastics, a little bit of everything. They had the complete line of Osprey books and for those that have had the opportunity to try the Vallejo paint line they had all the company had to offer, including their airbrush paints and fantasy colors. The staff was really friendly and while talking to one of the employees about local modeling clubs I soon discovered that I was talking to the president of the Centennial Chapter, Dekker Zimmerman. We carried on a little about the politics of model clubs and every other aspect about keeping the clubs alive. For those that might not know, Centennial has approximately forty-eight paying members, and they meet the fourth Wednesday of the month, at the



Best of Show winners from March, left to right: Tony Humphries's *M-48 Viet Nam* diorama; Kent Weeks's *Flak 88*; and Jim Guld's *Golden Shower* diorama.



Falcon Police Station. Talking to Dekker, it's great to know that a hobby such as ours makes it so much easier to make new friends and friendly faces make you feel as though you



have never left home. Enjoy everything the hobby has to offer, especially the bonds you create outside your model room.

CONTEST UPDATE

JOHN TATE

On March 5, 2010, ASM held a *Winter Open Points* Contest, the first of four seasonal contests to determine Modelers of the Year at all skill levels. Turnout was good, with many models on the contest tables and almost as many entries under the *Works in Progress* category. I continue to be impressed by the excellent work in ASM's Intermediate category, and this contest was no exception—all entrants at this skill level placed some fine models on the table. Standout Intermediate models included Tony Humphries's Viet Nam M48 diorama and Adrian Montano's 1/2 Flower-class Corvette (HMCS Snowberry). Good work was also on display in Basic with Kent Weeks's nicely-done Flak 88 and

PaK 40, and in Masters, Jim Guld's creative and humorous "Golden Shower" diorama and John Pattison's nicely-executed Redstone Rocket set were pacesetters.

Best of Show (BoS) awards went to Kent Weeks for his Flak 88 piece, Tony Humphries for his M48 Viet Nam diorama, and Jim Guld for his "Golden Shower" diorama. Kent and Tony also won People's Choice awards with their BoS models, but in Masters, John Pattison earned a People's Choice certificate for his '67 Pro-Street Chevelle (nice paint job!).

Full contest results are available on the web site.

Thanks and congratulations to everyone who participated, and remember next month (April 2) is a club Special Contest, featuring a nostalgia theme open to all Monogram models originally kitted in 1980 or earlier. See you there!

DAM BUSTERS!

MIKE BLOHM

Historical Presentation and Model Request

The Albuquerque Aviation Historical Group is hosting a presentation on the "Dambusters" by aviation author Doug Dildy at the Bear Canyon Senior Center on Thursday, June 3, at 7:00 P.M. All ASM members are invited to attend. Doug is the author of an upcoming Osprey Publishing book on the Dambusters mission and was one of the authors at ASM's Chile Con 2006 (Osprey Combat Aircraft 61 "*F-16 Fighting Falcon Units of Operation Iraqi Freedom*"). Doug is also a former ASM member.

The "Dambusters" was the nickname given to Royal Air Force Number 617 Squadron who carried out "Operation Chastise," the official name for attacks carried out on German dams on 16 – 17 May 1943, using a specially-developed "bouncing bomb." The aircraft flown by 617 Squadron were modified Avro Lancaster Mk IIIs, known as B Mark III Special (Type 464 Provisioning). The Möhne and Eder dams were breached, causing catastrophic flooding of the Ruhr val-



The Möhne Dam (the first dam hit and the most famous of the three targets)
Photo by John Tate

ley, but the Sorpe dam sustained only minor damage.

If you can supply a model of a Dam-buster Lancaster, or any other Lancaster, for use as “show and tell” during the presentation, please contact Harry Davidson at 256-7212.

The Bear Canyon Senior Center is northeast of the intersection of Eubank and Montgomery NE. Additional information on Operation Chastise can be found on the web

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Chastise).

ASM members are also invited to the April and May presentations by the ABQ Aviation Historical Group:

April 1: Mr. Carey O’Brian, B-17 pilot from the 19 Bomb Group in WW II

May 6: Mr. Tom Baca, helicopter pilot in Viet Nam, on “Helicopter Losses During Viet Nam”

MODEL SHOW AT STARFEST STARLAND.COM

The 30th Anniversary of the best Star Wars movie ever made

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the *best installment* of the Star Wars saga, the StarFest Model Show has adopted the theme of “The Model Show Strikes Back.” As always, we will feature some of the finest science fiction, science fact, fantasy, and horror models, but we will be paying special recognition to the best ESB subject piece entered in the competition. The show is open to all Starfest attendees.

Visit the Starland Model Show online Message Board (<http://tinyurl.com/asm1004>) for rules and more information about the StarFest Model Show.

StarFest, Denver’s annual convention for Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Horror, and more, takes place in at the Marriott Denver Tech Center, April 16 – 18 (<http://www.starland.com>).



SUPER RAFFLE JIM GULD

This June we will be raffling off the 1/35 Tamiya Challenger II kit along with a Lion Marc replacement barrel, Tamiya engine deck photoetch screens, and a Tankograd reference book for the Challenger. Tickets are \$3.00 each or two for

\$5.00. See Frank Randall for tickets. The club wishes to thank the following members for their donations which made this possible: Don Smith, Mike Franklin and Jim Guld. If anyone else would like to contribute to this super raffle prize or for the airplane super raffle in October, please see Frank Randall.

SLC-X IN MAY RICHARD ENGAR

Calling all members of ASM!

We certainly appreciated your support back in the heyday of The Gathering earlier this decade. Although The Gathering is no more (RIP), the IPMS/Salt Lake modeling group has put together a great contest that had its renaissance in 2008 and is back again this year. SLC-X will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at the Hellenic Memorial Cultural Center in downtown Salt Lake City from 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. The all-day event will feature 78 competition categories in 11 classes across the board (aircraft, armor, figures, autos, sci-fi, junior, etc.) and will also feature Best of Class awards. There will be a large number of Sponsored Awards



as well (over twenty-five so far), so there are ample opportunities available to take away some hardware. The only models excluded from competition are those that have won previous First Place or Gold awards at previous annual contests of IPMS/SLC. To open the field a bit prior IPMS Regional or Nationals winners are *not* excluded as long as they have not won in prior IPMS/SLC contests as described. This will be a great opportunity to test out your newly-finished creations prior to the IPMS Nationals. For more information you can go to <http://www.ipmssl.org/contest> and check out all of the categories and updates on sponsored awards.

In 2008 the IPMS/SLC contest sported over 700 models on the tables in competition so it was a big-time event and fun was had by all. Of course there will be vendor tables accessible and entry fees are reasonable (unless you plan to enter 20+ models along with me!). Dem Brudders will be there, of course and we look forward to catching up with some of our friends from ASM. Thanks in advance for your support and participation!

Tooele Armor Museum Tour

A bonus associated with SLC-X for armor modelers (and anyone else interested!!)

This is a private museum which can only be toured by invitation. Many local modelers have signed up but they have 20 more slots available. The date is Sunday, May 2, the day after SLC-X, and the cost is \$30.00. This is one of the largest private armor collections in the world and is primarily made up

of World War II US armor pieces including halftracks, tanks, light vehicles and even some of the enemy and allied pieces. There are over a hundred beautifully and accurately restored pieces, the majority of which run. Space is filling up fast so get your reservation and fee in soon. For more information you can e-mail Mike Sanchez (spikeprod@gmail.com) and he can fill you in. We will continue to send updates about SLC-X as they become available.

SMALLEST SCALE MODEL EVER

TEXT FROM DVICE.COM

1/1,000,000,000-scale Starship Enterprise

Why would somebody build a scale model of the Starship Enterprise that's so teeny tiny you can only see it with an electron microscope? Because they can, that's why. We have a feeling scientists Takayuki Hoshino and Shinji Matsui of the Himeji Institute of Technology just earned the title of Billy Bad*** in the science/nerdy-geek community.



It takes some chops to build such a tiny Star Trek space craft, even though it does look a bit deflated from this angle. The two scientists used a focused ion beam to cut out this minuscule model, using a process called Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD) that uses phenanthrene gas to etch the lit-

Year 2010 Contest Quick Reference Chart

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

- 08 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
Sponsored Contest: Best Mirage III, IV, V, 2000 or Variant (Rick Carver)
- 05 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 05 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 02 Apr** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2**
GOLDEN AGE MONOGRAM—Any Monogram kit from 1945 thru 1980.
- 07 May** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
Sponsored Contest: Oddball Subjects (Jim Guld)
- 04 Jun** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3**
PANZER IV SPECIAL CONTEST
Sponsored Contest: 9th US Air Force (Don Smith)
- 09 Jul** Sponsored Contest: FemCon (Josh Pals)
Sponsored Contest: Tamiya Spitfire (Hobby Proz & Brian Peck)
- 13 Aug** Nationals Debrief Night—Bring Models & Trophies!
- 10 Sep** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 01 Oct** **SPECIAL CONTEST #4**
BLITZKRIEG! (APR - JUN 1940)
- 05 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 03 Dec** Sponsored Contest: Mercedes-Daimler-Benz (Patrick Dick)
Plus Model of the Year competition!

tle ship to a length of 8.8 micrometers.

Now, guys, show us the final flourish—we want to see "NCC-1701" embossed onto the top of that saucer.

Master

James Guld	529
John Pattison	300
Mike Blohm	275
Victor Maestas	202
Glenn Bingham	127
Paul Bradley (guest)	100
Ken Liotta	12
Mike McNichols	2

Intermediate

Tony Humphries	550
Josh Pals	389
Adrian Montañó	125
Frank Randall	125
Paul Kirchner	100
Don Smith	6
Ken Piniak	2

Basic

Kent Weeks	500
Jeannie Garriss	125

Junior

(No entries yet)

ASM 2010 MODELER- OF-THE-YEAR POINTS

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