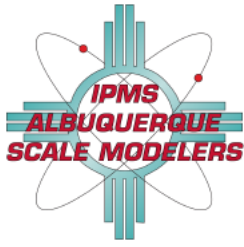


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July 2004

PRESIDENT'S CROSSHAIRS BRIAN PECK

Greetings all!

First off, I would like to remind everyone that the July meeting has been rescheduled for the 9th due the holidays.

A big "thanks" goes out to Larry Horyna (*dude!*), John Tate and Ken Liotta for their workshop last month on "IPMS Judging." They filled us in on how IPMS judges judge the categories at Nationals and what they look for in a model. They also provided ASMErs who want to compete on a national level with insight and "tactics" on how to be one step ahead of the competition.

With the IPMS Nationals coming up soon, I hope everyone's projects are in the final phase of completion. When I asked everyone at the last meeting who was going, there were at least a dozen people going; that is fantastic! ASM will have an excellent "force" present this year at the Nationals. Plus, don't forget that several members are putting together group/chapter entries. Rick Carver and Don Smith are organizing a 1/72-scale US Navy entry and John Tate is putting together a 1/32-scale Viet Nam Aircraft entry. It would be great for everyone to help out the cause and contribute to a strong showing in the Group/Chapter entry category.

Speaking of the Nat's, have you gotten your rooms reserved? If not, you better get moving—they are going fast! There are several members looking for car pools, roomies and for people to take models for those who can not attend in person. If you are one of these people then this month's meeting is the last time to get everything organized.



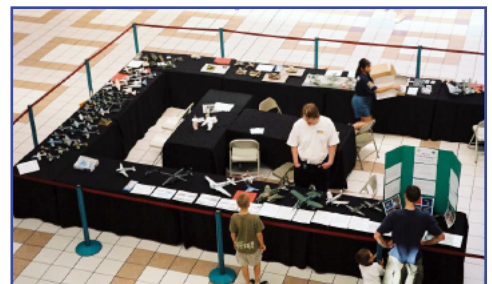
Remember, if you want to host a workshop or would like to see how certain techniques are done, let the e-board know. I'm sure everyone has ideas or techniques that one can share with the rest of us, so don't be shy! In July, we will have the rescheduled "Making Water" class for ship dioramas by Tom Perea, so don't miss it!

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting!

VICE-PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS FRANK RANDALL

Well, another month has come and gone and we are getting closer to the big show in Phoenix. I hope you who are going are making headway on your entries for the Nationals. I, of course, am behind the power curve and am going to have to do a few nights of power building.

The mall show was a success, with about 133 models



June meeting highlights, clockwise from left: John Tate, Ken Liotta, and Larry Horyna conduct a class on judging; members mill about before the meeting starts; a look at the Mall Show display

there. There was not a B-17 available, but the most requested plane was a tie between the B-26 and the F-105. A lot of people spent a good deal of time reading the D-Day stuff that Mike Blohm made out for the display. It was also fun to talk to the old-timers that came by. There was one old fellow who had a hat with Korea and Vietnam Vet on it who pointed to my Korean war Skyraider and proclaimed "those planes saved our butts." He and his squad had gotten pinned down and a Navy Skyraider provided fire support and they got out of a sticky situation. This is one of the things that makes doing the Mall shows so much fun. Which reminds me: take time to listen to any Veterans that you know—they are living history. You may even, if you can, record their stories for the future.

Please give some thought to donating some models to the "Baghdad Model Club." Let's support our troops 'til they come home.

CONTEST CORNER

MIKE BLOHM

June Contest Results

"Battles of 1944" Special Contest

The June 2004 meeting had a fairly good turnout of models, with 29 total entries between the "Battles of 1944" Special Contest and Ken Liotta's "Best FW 190" sponsored contest. There were eight *Works in Progress* submitted. Remember that your special contest entries can also be submitted in a regular theme or open points contest, if they have not already been entered in one. Awards for the special contest were sponsored by Hobbies 'N Stuff (Thanks, Stan!) and will be presented at the July 9 meeting.

The **Junior** division had just one entry—Jeannie Garriss's nicely done RX-75 Guntank, which won the Best Junior Entry.

The **Basic** division had three total entries. Sam Blackwell won the Best Basic Entry with his very nicely finished Sdkfz 250/9 Stummel Halftrack depicted defending the Normandy invasion. Don Smith had two nicely built models entered—a 1/700 scale Landing Ship, Medium (LSM) displayed in a water base scene depicted at the battle of the Philippine Sea; and a USMC Navajo Code Talker figure depicted at Saipan.

The **Intermediate** division had seven total entries. This division was a tough judge and resulted in a tie for Best Intermediate Entry. Co-winners were Jim Guld's excellent "Bloody Omaha—Dog Beach" depicting soldiers of the 29th Infantry Division pinned down behind a beach obstruction; and David Boehning's superbly-finished natural metal P-47D with a 78th Fighter Group checkered cowl. Jim's "Bloody Omaha" also won the Best Overall Entry award for the contest. Jim also entered a nice diorama of a Panther Ausf A and crew

after a strafing attack entitled "Bloody Jabos!" Jeremy Connell also entered a nicely built and weathered Panther tank from the 3rd SS Panzer Division in Warsaw, Poland. Hank Petitgirard entered a fine spread of 1/72 scale FW 190 variants including a FW 190A-7, FW 190D-9, and TA 152H-1.

The **Masters** division had 9 models entered. The Best Master's Entry was a very, very tough judge, but finally went to Ed Mummey for his very nicely finished M4 Sherman tank. John Tate had a host of nicely built models and received kudos from the chief judge for his outstanding documentation displays. Hopefully everyone was able to read up on a little history for all of John's subjects, which included a V-1 "buzz bomb," a Spitfire Mk IXc, the USS Melvin ("The Blue Devil"), an HO scale C-47, and a Utah Beach G.I. figure. Other armor entries included Larry Horyna's excellent M3A3 tank, and Dave Miller's diminutive but superbly-painted Sturmtyger in 1/72 scale.

Results of Ken Liotta's "Best FW 190" Sponsored Contest are as follows: Brian Peck won both the Best Overall Entry and Best 1/32 scale entry with his superb FW 190 A-8. Larry Horyna won best 1/48 scale entry with his FW 190D in JV44 markings (lots of red striping!). Frank Randall won best 1/72 scale entry with his FW 190 A-7. A total of 13 models were entered in the contest. Ken's Best Entry award was presented to Brian at the meeting. The plaque included a actual piece of a FW 190D-9 that had been shot down in April 1945 and recovered in 1997 (see picture on website). The other category (scale) awards will be presented at the July meeting.

Pictures of the "Battles of 1944" and "Best FW 190" winners are included in the Newsletter. Pictures of all the entries, as well as the Display Only and Works In Progress models, can be found in the Model Pictures section of the ASM Website.

Upcoming Contests / Events of Interest

July 9—Theme Contest: "Modern Marvels" (Points Contest) 1980 to the present. Aircraft, ships, armor, and vehicles; any scale.

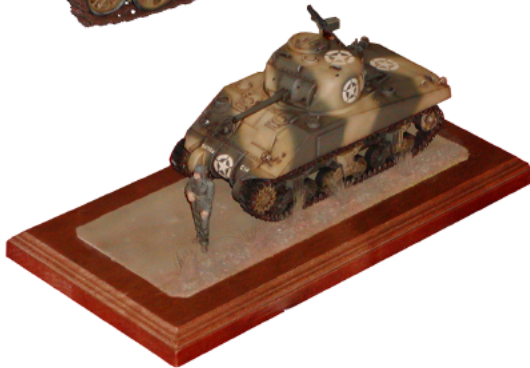
Workshop: Making Water Bases—Tom Perea

Sponsored Contest: "Big"—Brian Peck. Brian's ROE: One winner per division (junior, basic, intermediate, masters). Judging based on good basic construction and whatever tickles my fancy. Planes—1/32 scale and larger; Armor—1/25 and larger; Figures—120mm and larger; Ships—1/350 scale and larger; Special exceptions—anything we have to get another table (or tables) just to put your entry on. (*i.e.*, 1/48 scale C-5 Galaxy, a massive 1/72 scale diorama of Midway Island, etc.).

Sponsored Contest: "Fast Movers"—John Tate. John's ROE: Best 1/32 Vietnam-era jet. Contest is open to any 1/32 scale jet (F-105, F-4, MiG-17, etc.) that saw action in the Vietnam War. Theme is open to USAF, USN, USMC, VPAF or VNAF jets. Entries will



June Best of Show Winners, clockwise from top left: Jim Guld's "Bloody Omaha," Brian Peck's FW 190, Jeanne Garriss's Gundam, David Boehning's P-47, Ed Mummey's Sherman tank, and Sam Blackwell's halftrack.



be basis for ASM Group/Chapter Entry at the 2004 IPMS Nationals in Phoenix.

August 4 - 7—IPMS Nationals in Phoenix, Arizona. Good luck to all ASM members!

August 13—ASM Swap Meet (no contest).

September 3—Theme Contest: "Aces and Heroes" (Points Contest) Any figure, aircraft or vehicle involved with a famous pilot, ace, or racecar driver. Any era & scale, all nations.

Workshop Meeting (rotational subjects—subjects still TBD)

Check 6 - Mike

puter to print out styrene sprues so we could distribute free *plastic* models via the internet...

Anyway, following the historic events of this past June 21, when for the first time a privately-built craft (SpaceShipOne, built by Burt Rutan's *Scaled Composites*) transported a human pilot—Mike Melvill—into space and back, one might reasonably expect a major manufacturer to release a kit of this vehicle in the near future (and considering that the name of the company is "Scaled Composites," a scale model would seem a natural follow-on product!).



YET ANOTHER FREE PAPER MODEL!

Here we go again! Though it would be nice if someone would come up with a way for your home com-

But in the meantime, we have access to a free model of this groundbreaking vehicle. On the web, located at <http://www.currell.net/models/ss1.htm>, are instructions for downloading, printing and constructing a model of this one-of-a-kind vehicle. This model is in



A photo from the listed website, showing a completed model on a stand. Photos of other builds of this model are also on the website for comparison.

1/48 scale (and clever computer types can easily scale the printed output for other sizes), and measures about 7 inches long when completed.

The long-term effects of this first-ever private flight into space will not be apparent for some time; many have already compared the historical significance of this achievement to that of Lindberg's crossing of the Atlantic. And thanks to some enterprising designers on the internet, we can model the future—the *real* future—today.

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)*
- 9 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	995
Dave Miller	402
Glenn Bingham	335
Mike Blohm	236
Brian Peck	227
Larry Horyna	125
Patrick Dick	4
Ken Liotta	4
Chuck DeWitt	2
Keith Liotta	2
Ed Mummey	2
Ken Piniak	2

Intermediate

Mike Mummey	870
Philip Spaeth	695
James Guld	591
Rick Carver	445
Walter Schanwald	365
David Boehning	235
Hank Petitgirard	230
Mark Underhill	220
Scott Podeyn	157
Stan Johnson	135
Frank Randall	135
Tom Redling	135
Tom Perea	85

Cecil Severs	37
Jerry Pitts	35
David Downs	4
Jeff Frickstad	4

Basic

John Kendrick	1207
Tim Estes	1085
Don Smith	278
Steve Bieniels	175
Tom Tagert	125

Junior

Jeannie Garriss	825
Casey Dick	600
Taylor Liotta	125

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