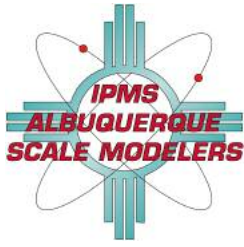


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## CONTEST UPDATE JOHN TATE

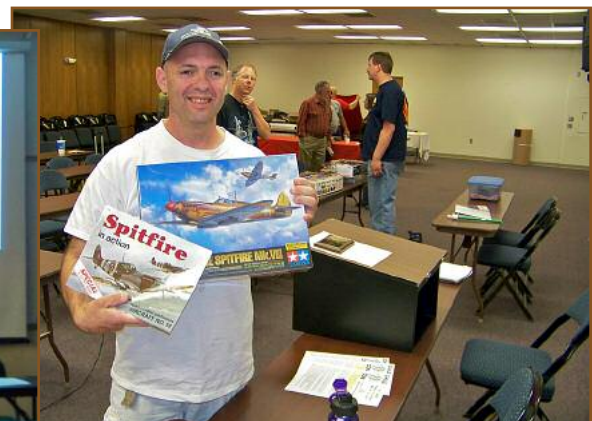
The October 1 ASM meeting was one of the most interesting and enjoyable so far this year. The Special Contest theme was Blitzkrieg, with three models entered: Don MacBryde's Monogram  $\frac{1}{48}$  He-111, Victor Maestas's Tamiya  $\frac{1}{35}$  Char B tank, and Paul Kirchner's  $\frac{1}{35}$  Panzer IV diorama. Thanks to Ken Liotta's foresight in preparing appropriate trophy awards, all three modelers had their work recognized, with Victor Maestas winning Best Allied Subject, Paul Kirchner winning Best Axis Subject, and Don MacBryde winning a Best Aircraft award.

The highlight of the evening was local author Doug Dildy's slideshow talk on Spitfires over Dunkirk, inter-

persed with humorous ads for an English brew, Spitfire Ale. Doug, who has published Osprey titles on the F-16 in OIF and the 1940 Norwegian Campaign as well as a recent Osprey book on Dunkirk, gave an interesting talk on the experience of the RAF against the Luftwaffe over Dunkirk in June 1940. Although I'm a dyed-in-the-wool Spitfire buff, I learned many new facts from Doug's talk about RAF fighters and tactics, as well as the steep learning curve faced by the RAF in combating the qualitative and quantitatively superior Luftwaffe. As a token of appreciation for his excellent presentation, ASM presented Doug with a  $\frac{1}{48}$ -scale model of a Spitfire I from 610 Squadron RAF.

Longtime local modeler Mark Underhill made a surprise appearance at our meeting, with a table stocked with kits for sale; Mark rejoined ASM and generously donated several kits to the club's eBay effort, as did

October meeting highlights, L - R: Doug Dildy lectures on *Spitfires over Dunkirk*, Kent Weeks wins the Super Raffle, and the business meeting in progress.





Best of Show winners from September, left to right: Paul Kirchner's *Panzer IV*; Don MacBryde's *He-111*; and Victor Maestas's *Char B*

ASMer Ed Johnson. To date, the club has earned about \$1000 from eBay sales of kits donated by ASM members, and I want to personally thank Mark, Ed, and the many other club members who have generously supported this effort, which has put ASM solidly in the black and provided a substantial cushion for our treasury as we plan for the 2011 Region X contest.

The next club meeting, on November 5, will have the Fall Points Contest as its theme, the final opportunity this year for ASMer's to compete for 2010 Modeler of the Year in their respective skill levels. The contest theme is open to any and all modeling subjects, so bring your latest projects.

As the contest year winds down, I want to thank the membership for their excellent participation and support of the club's contest schedule throughout the year, and I look forward to another great contest night on November 5.

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## FIELD TRIP REPORT MIKE BLOHM

### Air Force Flight Test Center Museum

This trip report covers the Air Force Flight Test Center Museum located at Edwards Air Force Base in



California. The museum includes one building housing indoor displays and an outdoor display with 15 aircraft, helicopters, and missiles. Unfortunately I was not able to visit the museum building so this report covers only the outside display. Several pictures are included with this article; more can be viewed on the ASM Web Site ([http://abqscalemodelers.com/asm\\_field\\_trips.htm](http://abqscalemodelers.com/asm_field_trips.htm)).



Aircraft displayed include the YA-10B prototype (two-seat night/adverse weather A-10), an NF-4C Phantom II (the first production F-4C built), an SR-71A Blackbird, the first F-111A Aardvark built, a YA-7D Corsair II (second prototype built), PGM-17A Thor intermediate range ballistic missile (IRBM) on transport trailer, B-52 Stratofortress, F-84F Thunderstreak, NF-11 Meteor, T-28 Trojan, T-33A Shooting Star, CT-39A Sabreliner, UC-45J Expeditor, SH-34G Seabat helicopter, and a CH-3 Jolly Green Giant helicopter. Most of the aircraft are in good shape, other than the B-52 and Thor IRBM which need repainting.

A worthwhile visit if you would like to see some prototype and one-of-a-kind aircraft, especially if you are an F-4 or A-10 fan. Visitors without access to the base (military or retired military) will need to contact Edwards

AFB Public Affairs to get on a tour. How to get on a base tour, plus other museum information, is available on their web site (<http://www.aftcmuseum.org>). There are several other aircraft displays at Edwards AFB, which will be covered in a follow-on trip report.



Note! Electronic Subscribers will find these and additional photos (larger and in better resolution, too!) from this trip on the Bonus Pages!

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## 2010 NM STATE FAIR MODEL CONTEST

MIKE BLOHM

Each year ASM sponsors the “Models—Military, Science Fiction & Others” contest in the State Fair’s Creative Arts Division 13 competitions in an effort to expose the public to the hobby of scale modeling and to gain new members. The model contest has four sections (458 through 461), which cover entrants in Youth (11 years and under), Senior Youth (12 through 17 years), Adult (18 years and over), and Professional (anyone teaching or selling for profit). ASM club policy is that members in the Intermediate and Masters divisions are required to enter the Professional section. First through Third and Best of Show ribbons are given for each Section, and an overall Best of Show is awarded across all the Sections. 2010 saw the introduction of a new set of categories, increasing the number of categories from 12 to 18 to include separation of small scale from large scale entries and better differentiation of Figures categories.

This year there were 24 total entrants with 41 models in the 18 available categories. There were 5 Youth entrants with 5 models; 1 Senior Youth entrant with 1 model; 13 Adult entrants with 18 models; and 5 Professional entrants with 17 models. This is an average number of entries, but we would certainly like to see more in 2011, especially from ASM members. Over the past five years we have seen entry totals in the mid-thirties to the mid-fifties.

ASM’s Victor Maestas won the Best of Show in the

Professional section with his excellent 1/35-scale Panzer Mk IVG. Byron Gore won the Adult section with a superb “Bridge Diorama.” Best of Show in Senior Youth was won by Cheyenne Dishong with her Wooden Fish. Best of Show in Youth went to Alena Roybal for her Freedom Rocket.

Complete State Fair results and pictures of all the models are available for view on the ASM Web Site ([http://abqscalemodelers.com/ASM\\_NM\\_State\\_Fair\\_2010.htm](http://abqscalemodelers.com/ASM_NM_State_Fair_2010.htm)).

Building upon a practice started in 2009 to advertise the club by filling up remaining space in the cases with non-competition models, ASM presented a “display-only” theme with 27 science-fiction models (mostly from Star Wars), anime/wargaming figures, and a few armor dioramas. Reports from State Fair officials told us that this display was a very popular place with the kids visiting the Creative Arts building.

Thanks to the following ASM members who helped with the model registration and the judging: Josh Pals (there the whole time!), Victor Maestas, Frank Randall, Fred Franceschi, Patrick Dick, Tom Perea, Tim Wood, Tony Humphries, Charles Castillo, and Mike Blohm. See you at the 2011 Fair.

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## MATILDA GROUP BUILD JIM GULD

*For those of you who have some idea what this is about (your editor is not one of them):*

If you are interested in the ASM Group Build of the new Tamiya Matilda tank, then by all means you need to get to Jim’s on Sunday, November 7, at 1:00 P.M.

From Albuquerque: Take the Cerrillos exit off I-25, #278. Stay to your left off the exit. Go about 1½ miles to the second traffic light. This is Jaguar Drive. Make a left. This is the traffic light just before you get to the AutoPlex with the big American flag. Go up Jaguar about 1½ miles. You’ll pass through a traffic light and when you see the new Southside Library on your right, you are close. You’ll make your next left after the Library onto Vista Del Sol. You will also see the name of the subdivision here, EverGreen. Go down two blocks and make a right onto Camino Carlita. Take this down to the end. Just before the cul-de-sac, you’ll see a short access drive to your right. Our house, brown with red roof, is down the end of this drive. 6783 is the number. Our phone number is 982-3089 and my cell is 670-4287. For parking you will have to park out on the main part of Camino Carlita.

From Santa Fe: Take Cerrillos and make a right onto Airport. Take this until you come to Country Club road. There is a light and left hand turn lane there along with the large net for the golf course driving range. Follow it

around until you come to the stop sign. This is Jaguar Drive. The new Southside Library is on your left. Make a right onto Jaguar Drive and make your first left onto Vista Del Sol. Go two short blocks and make a right onto Camino Carlita. Take this down to the end by the cul-de-sac. The short access drive is right before the cul-de-sac starts. Our house is the middle one down at the end of the short access drive. 6783. For Parking you will have to park out on the main part of Camino Carlita. Phone 982-3089.



**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: TANKS**  
*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!

**Master**

James Guld . . . . .	1362
John Pattison . . . . .	650
Victor Maestas . . . . .	608
Mike Blohm . . . . .	427
Glenn Bingham . . . . .	302
Ray Ayles . . . . .	200
Brian Peck . . . . .	150
Dave Straub . . . . .	125
Mike McNichols . . . . .	104
Paul Bradley (guest) . . . . .	100
Don MacBryde . . . . .	50
Frank Hoback . . . . .	25
Ken Liotta . . . . .	24

**Basic**

Dave Miller . . . . .	102
Patrick Dick . . . . .	4
<b>Intermediate</b>	
Josh Pals . . . . .	1472
Tony Humphries . . . . .	1131
Adrian Montañó . . . . .	725
Paul Kirchner . . . . .	375
Frank Randall . . . . .	350
Kyle Garber . . . . .	100
Don Smith . . . . .	18
Ken Piniak . . . . .	4
Matt Christensen . . . . .	2
Tim Wood . . . . .	2

**Basic**

Kent Weeks . . . . .	1250
Jeannie Garriss . . . . .	125

**Junior**

Alyea Montañó . . . . .	325
Caroline Smith . . . . .	125
Marie Smith . . . . .	125

**ASM 2010 MODELER-OF-THE-YEAR POINTS**

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