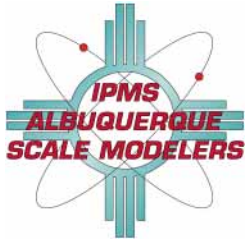


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## THE EAGLE'S VIEW MIKE BLOHM

### Election Results, Year-End Festivities, and a Look-Back at 2018

First off, I want to thank everybody that served on the 2018 E-Board. We have a few changes based upon the elections for the 2019 E-Board. A big thank you goes to Josh Pals as the 2018 Vice President, who is stepping up to be the President in 2019. Another big thank you goes to John Tate as the 2018 Contest Director, with Chris Kurtze coming in to serve in that role in 2019. Frank Randall

remains on as the Secretary-Treasurer. Thanks also go to Jack Garriss (re-elected) and two outgoing Pro Tems—Chris Kurtze and Keith Liotta—with Ken Piniak and David Epstein being elected to serve in 2019. It looks like a very good group to lead and serve ASM in 2019.



There are three contests on the plate for the December ASM meeting, so hopefully you will be able to participate in one or more of those. John Tate discusses those in his Contest Update article below. One note on the "Adversaries II (Part

November Meeting highlights, left to right: Members checking out contest entries, Doug Dildy's presentation on the Batt=le of Britain, and the business meeting in progress.



Deux)” sponsored contest hosted by myself and my son Matt: Awards will be based upon participation in the contest. Based upon the models on the table, there might perhaps be “Best Big Scale Aircraft ( $\frac{1}{48}$  and  $\frac{1}{32}$ )” and “Best Small Scale Aircraft ( $\frac{1}{144}$  and  $\frac{1}{72}$ )” awards, “Best Armor,” etc. We had 36 models entered in “Adversaries I” in July 2015, so maybe we can top that number.

Here is a quick chronological recap of ASM events that occurred in 2018. Things started a little slow but really happened in rapid fire from August through November.



**National Convention.** We had great ASM participation—17 attendees—at the IPMS/USA National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, on August 1 – 4! ASM modelers placed first and second in the Best Chapter/Group Entry category with the “World War II Matilda Tanks Across the World” dis-



play led by Ken Liotta and the “Renault FT—The First Modern Tank” display led by Tony Humphries. The Matilda display also won the Best Miscellaneous award.

**NM State Fair.** Next up was the ASM-sponsored model contest and display at the 2018 New Mexico State Fair, which had model registration and judging on August 24 – 27. We had a record turnout of 83 model entries from 44 entrants, up from 2017’s previous high record of 77 entries. ASM’s “1918—Final Year of World War I” display had 26 models.



**Air Force Ball.** The Air Force Ball model display at Kirtland Air Force Base took place on September 15 to celebrate the anniversary of the establishment of the USAF in September 1947. We had 74 models on the tables manned by four ASM members showing the history of the USAF from 1947 through the present, and it was enjoyed by all attendees.



**Folds of Honor Patriot Gala.** Our final model display for 2018 was at the Folds of Honor (FoH) Patriot Gala, which took place on October 20 at the Santa Anna Star Casino Hotel in Bernalillo. The mission of FoH is to provide educational support to the spouses and children of America’s fallen and disabled service members. The Gala is one of their primary fund-raising events, where donated articles are auctioned off in a silent online auction and an old-fashioned verbal auction during the dinner. We had 81 total models on three tables located in the auction room manned by six ASM members, and we had a lot of attendees come by to look at the models and ask questions. This year we had two  $\frac{1}{48}$ -scale models of an F-16C Fighting Falcon in the markings of the New Mexico Air National Guard’s





150th Fighter Wing “Tacos” for the auction, built and donated by Chris Kurtze and Patrick Dick. Feedback from the FoH leadership was that all the models were “works of art” and that the F-16s were a hit and did very well in the auctions.

To close, here is another short story on an American ace. F4U Corsair aces have not received much coverage in the time that I have been doing these stories, so this month I will be covering Captain Kenneth Walsh, US Marine Corps (USMC). With 21 aerial victories, Ken Walsh is the 18th-ranking US ace (tie); 4th ranking in the USMC, and the first and top “Corsair ace.” He was also the top ace of VMF-124 the “Checkerboards.” Walsh served five years in scout and observation squadrons before he joined VMF-124 in September 1942, the first unit to fly the “Corsair” in combat, and arrived at Guadalcanal in February 1943. He became the first “Corsair Ace” on 3 May 1943 when he downed two Zekes off the Russell Islands. Walsh would score 12 kills in 19 days (12 – 30 Aug 1943). He was awarded the Medal of Honor from President Roosevelt on 8 Feb 1944. Walsh later served in VMF-122 flying the Corsair in the Philippine Islands and Okinawa, scoring one victory on 22 June 1945 (Zeke). More info on Ken Walsh and the build of a model of his F4U-1 Corsair are included in the Bonus Pages.

This is my last article as the current President of ASM. I plan to submit occasional articles on the US aces and builds of their aircraft in future ASM Newsletters.

## CONTEST UPDATE

### JOHN TATE

The November 2 club meeting was one of our busiest yet and generated plenty of entries for the three contests that night. For Brian Peck’s challenge-build sponsored contest, the winners were Larry Glenn for his 1/48 Me-262 and Chris Kurtze for his 1/35 Blackhawk helo. For Dave Epstein’s “Black

### Year 2018 Contest Quick Reference Chart

Titles in **blue** indicate contests for points

- 05 Jan** **SPECIAL CONTEST #1:**  
**SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY**  
Sponsored Contest: “Frickin’ Laser Beams” (Patrick Dick)
- 02 Feb** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 02 Mar** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 06 Apr** **ASM Clinic Night**—no contest.
- 04 May** **SPECIAL CONTEST #2: TAMIYA VS. HASEGAWA SHOWDOWN.**  
Sponsored Contest: “1918” (John Tate)
- 01 Jun** **O Canada!**—Any kit/subject/scale representing a Canadian subject.  
Sponsored Contest: “Stormy Weather” (Jack Garriss)
- 06 Jul** **Bare Metal**—Any kit/subject/scale.
- 10 Aug** **ASM Swap Meet**—no contest.
- 07 Sep** **SPECIAL CONTEST #3: POST APOCALYPSE.**  
Sponsored Contest: “Global War on Terror (GWOT)” (ASM E-Board)  
Sponsored Contest: “Goodyear” (Patrick Dick)  
Sponsored Contest: “Best of Corporations Contests” (Patrick Dick)
- 05 Oct** **Middle East Conflict**—Any kit/subject/scale, 1948 – present.  
Sponsored Contest: “Get Your Fix—Airfix, That Is” (Gil De La Plain)
- 02 Nov** **Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale.  
Sponsored Contest: “Blackbirds” (Dave Epstein)
- 14 Dec** **SPECIAL CONTEST #4: PEARL HARBOR PLUS SEVEN.**  
Sponsored Contest: “Adversaries II” (Mike & Matt Blohm)  
Plus Model of the Year competition!

**Note: The most complete and up-to-date details on the contests, as well as detailed rules, as always, are on the ASM Website:**  
<http://tinyurl.com/asmsched>

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Bird” sponsored contest, the winners were Casey Rupley for his SR-71 and James Medina for his build of Poe’s X-Wing fighter.

The last points contest of the year, an Open contest, saw heavy competition for the coveted Modeler of the Year title. Best of Show in Intermediate went to new member James Medina for his outstanding Panzer IV diorama, “The Hunt.” in Masters, Patrick Dick’s 1/16 Renault FT in Wehrmacht markings, from ASM’s Group/Chapter Nationals entry this year, took Best of Show. In Basic, Steve Miller picked up Best of Show for his 1876 U.S. Cavalry diorama.

As the meeting ran long due to Doug Dildy’s excellent presentation on the Battle of Britain, we skipped the Peoples Choice voting this time around to ensure we were out by venue closing time.

With final points tallied for Modeler of the Year, 2018 winners were Jeannie Garriss in Basic, Chuck Herrmann in Intermediate and Tony Humphries in Masters. Winning this award takes not only a lot of

hard work and mastery of craft, but some planning and foresight in selecting entries- congratulations to this year’s winners. And congratulations to all members who entered models in ASM contests this years, consistently demonstrating that ASM is in the first rank of IPMS model clubs.

At the next ASM meeting, on December 14th, we are holding the annual competition for Model of the Year, with the winner selected from Best of Show entries from this years’ points contests and Best Overall winners from 2018’s special contests-check the website for eligible entries. Mike and Matt Blohm are also sponsoring their Adversaries II contest, open to pairs of models representing conflict adversaries. And a final special contest, *Pearl Harbor + 7*, is open to model entries depicting subjects from the opening week of the Pacific War in December 1941. Hope to see some great entries on the contest tables to honor this theme and remember, the winner from this special contest is also eligible for Model of the Year.

**Master**

Tony Humphries . . . . .	1527
Brian Peck . . . . .	700
Josh Pals . . . . .	655
Ken Liotta . . . . .	647
Glenn Bingham . . . . .	537
Chris Kurtze . . . . .	499
Mike Blohm . . . . .	409
Casey Rupley . . . . .	377
Steve Brodeur . . . . .	352
Frank Randall . . . . .	343
Patrick Dick . . . . .	277
Victor Maestas . . . . .	254
Fred Franceschi . . . . .	200
Dave Straub . . . . .	100
Larry Glenn . . . . .	6
James Strickland . . . . .	4
Bret Kinman . . . . .	2

**Intermediate**

Chuck Herrmann . . . . .	1826
Robert Henderson . . . . .	1482
Scott Jaworski . . . . .	1017
Dave Epstein . . . . .	1000
Henry McHarney . . . . .	703
John Dodd . . . . .	685
James Medina . . . . .	500
Charles Petrilli . . . . .	385
Michael O’Brien . . . . .	277
Jack Garriss . . . . .	252
Rob Whitlock . . . . .	225
Ken Piniak . . . . .	222
Adrian Montañó . . . . .	195
Logan Carbin . . . . .	156
Partap Davis . . . . .	131
Gil Johnson . . . . .	125
Blaine Couch . . . . .	25

Mark Vaughn . . . . .	25
Don Smith . . . . .	18
Jeff Frickstad . . . . .	2

**Basic**

Jeannie Garriss . . . . .	950
Steve Miller . . . . .	650
Elias Clark . . . . .	450
Aaron Schmiedicke . . . . .	225

**Junior**

Aleya Montañó . . . . .	335
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**2018 MODELER OF THE YEAR POINTS**  
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# BONUS PAGES!

## NOVEMBER CONTEST WINNERS

Photos by Mike Blohm, Frank Randall, and Joe Walters. This page, Best of Show winners of November's Open contest, top to bottom: Jim Medina's "The Hunt" Diorama Panzer IV (Intermediate); Steve Miller's Custer's Last Stand Diorama (Basic); and Patrick Dick's Renault FT Tank (Masters).



This page, winners of David Epstein's sponsored "Black Birds" contest, top to bottom: Jim Medina's Poe X-Wing Fighter and Casey Rupley's SR-71A Blackbird.





This page, winners of Brian Peck's sponsored "Challenge Build" contest, top to bottom: Larry Glenn's Me-262 Schwalbe (Best Entry) and Chris Kurtze's UH-60 Blackhawk (Dude Award).



# BONUS PAGES!

## THE EAGLE'S VIEW

### MIKE BLOHM

#### Ken Walsh, USMC—The First “Corsair Ace”



Captain Kenneth “Ken” Walsh, US Marine Corps (USMC), scored 21 aerial victories in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Walsh is the 18th-ranking US ace (tie); fourth ranking in the USMC; the first “Corsair ace,” and also the top “Corsair ace.” Walsh was originally an aircraft mechanic and radioman for two years before being accepted for flight training. He served five years in scout and

observation squadrons on the carriers Yorktown, Wasp, and Ranger before being assigned to fighters with VNF-121. He joined the VMF-124 “Checkerboards” in September 1942, the first unit to fly the “Corsair” in combat. [He joined] VMF-124 and arrived at Guadalcanal Island in February 1943. He

became the first “Corsair Ace” on 3 May 1943 when he downed two Zekes off the Russell Islands, and would become the squadron’s top ace. Walsh would score twelve victories in nineteen days (12 – 30 Aug 1943). These included four victories on 30 Aug (4 Zekes) north of Ranongga Island and three “triples:” 1 Apr (two Zekes & Val); 13 May (three Zekes) off the Russell Islands; and on 15 Aug (two Vals & Zeke) near Vella Lavella. Walsh flew three combat tours with VMF-124. Walsh was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on 15







and 30 Aug 1943 by President Roosevelt on 8 Feb 1944. Walsh then served as an instructor at Jacksonville until he joined VMF-222 for an additional combat tour, flying fighter-bomber missions in the Corsair in the Philippine Islands and Okinawa. He scored one additional victory, his final, on 22 June 1945 (Zeke) off Okinawa. His victories included: seventeen Zekes, three Val dive bombers, and one float biplane. His awards included five Distinguished Flying Crosses. Walsh flew strike missions during the Korean War with VMR-152 from Oct 1950 to July 1951. He retired from the USMC as a Lieutenant Colonel in February 1962, and died in July 1998.

The model of Ken Walsh's F4U-1 "birdcage" Corsair (on the following pages) is the Hasegawa kit in  $\frac{1}{72}$  scale, built in early 2001. It is depicted on Guadalcanal Island in May, 1943, when Walsh was a 2nd Lieutenant and had scored five victories. This is an accurate kit but the interior detail is lacking, having just a floor panel with consoles and an instrument panel that get instrument decals applied, and a basic seat. The model is finished in Testors Model Master enamel paints Intermediate Blue FS35164 on the upper surfaces and Dark Gull Gray FS36231 on the lower surfaces. Walsh's markings came from MicroScale sheet 72-314. All of Walsh's Corsairs were coded "13."

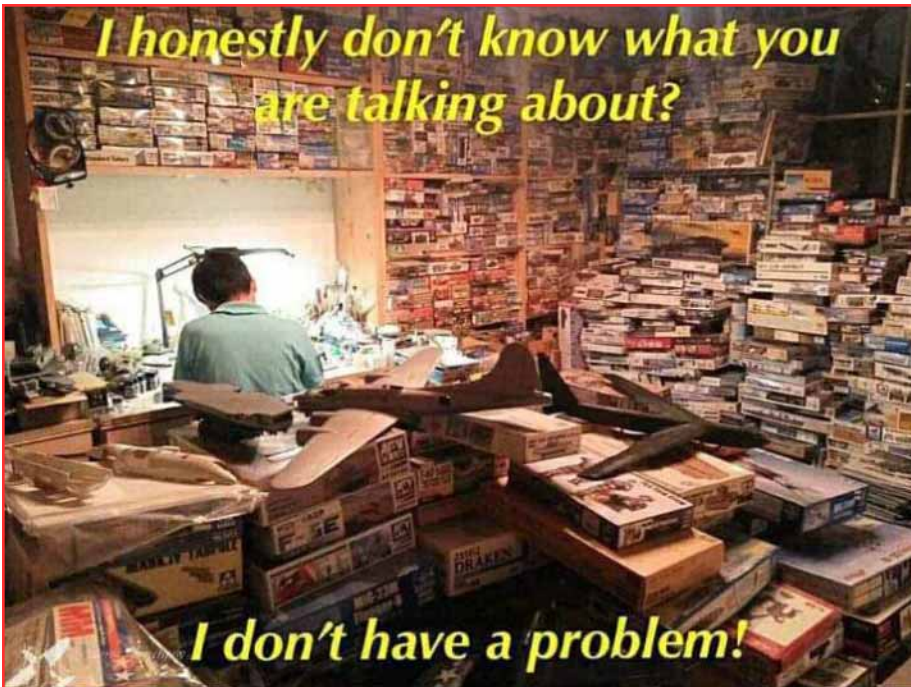






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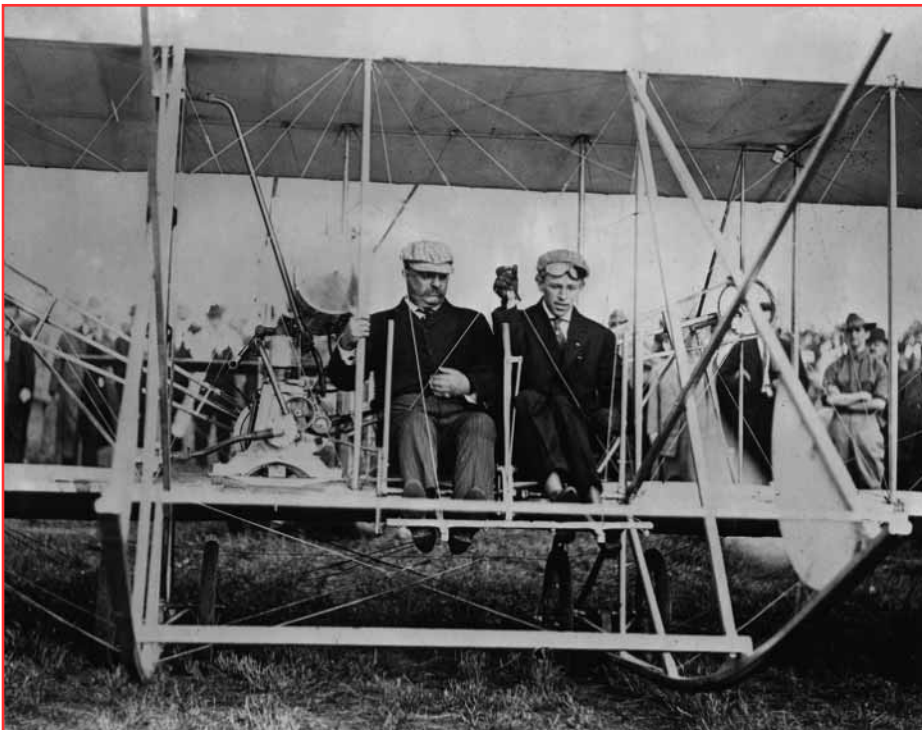
## MISCELLANEOUS



Left: Submitted by Brian Peck

Below: That fellow that looks like Teddy Roosevelt aboard an early Wright Flyer is in fact Teddy Roosevelt, about to become the first President to fly in an airplane. The pilot's name was Arch Hoxsey, and you can watch video of this event by clicking this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=231&v=yllpDwMKzJo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=231&v=yllpDwMKzJo)







Below: Hey, finally, a practical use for those radio-controlled ship models!



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