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# Moonlighting For The Museum A Out-of-the box 1/48<sup>th</sup> J1N1-S *Gekko*

#### By Pat Rourke

espite being conceived as a long-range bomber escort, Nakajima J1N1 (Allied codename "Irving") was found too heavy and sluggish in handling as a fighter. It was then redesigned and entered service in the Imperial Japanese Navy (IJN) as a reconnaissance plane. When a local commander in 1943 successfully shot down two B-17s with 20mm cannons mounted obliquely (two upward and two downward) in the field, the IJN brass revisited the idea of using it as a combat aircraft again. This resulted in the creation of Model 11 *Gekko* (Moonlight) J1N1-S nightfighter to counter the threat of Allied bombers.

Early *Gekkos* had searchlights installed in the nose, but they were later replaced with AI radars. The downward firing cannons proved ineffective in action, and they were removed to allow three upward firing cannons instead.

The appearance of the *Gekko* took the Allies by surprise, and it enjoyed some early successes against B-17s and B-24s. It was less effective against the faster B-29s, but a skillful pilot could still create havoc flying it. There were a few *Gekko* aces like IJN Lieutenant Sachio Endo who was credited with eight destroyed and eight damaged (all B-29s) before being shot down on an attack of a Superfortress.

Most *Gekkos* were relegated to *kamikaze* attacks towards the end of the war.

#### The Kit

Everyone in the club knows me as an armor modeler, but occasionally I like to tackle an aircraft kit so I can try something out of my comfort zone. Last year after I finished a 1/72<sup>nd</sup> P2V Neptune for the Lexington Museum, I was eager to do another project for their historic collection. I wanted to build something bigger this time, but the only kit larger than 1/72<sup>nd</sup> in the donation pile was this quarter scale J1N1-S nightfighter. I'm not particularly fond of the aircraft, but I have no problem with building a Tamiya kit. They are

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#### Model Shows

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IPMS/Houston, Modelmania 2011, Stafford, TX	April 30
IPMS/Baton Rouge, Cajun Modelfest XXVI, Baton Rouge, LA	May 14
IPMS/NCT, ScaleFest 2011, Mesquite, TX	May 21

#### Local Club Meetings

Lone Star Military Miniatures Society, San Marcos Public Library	March 12
Centex Modelers, Trinity Lutheran Church, Copperas Cove, TX	March 17
Austin Armor Builders Society, APL Old Quarry Branch	April 6

#### Other Events

Pacific Combat Reenactment, NMPW (Nimitz Museum), Fredericksburg, TX	March 12-13
Brent Mullins Open House 2011, College Station, TX	March 18-19
Bluebonnet Air Show, Burnet Airport, Burnet, TX	April 11
Muster Day, Camp Mabry, Austin, TX	April 16-17



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## Message from the Prez...

Tim Robb President

SMS made a good showing at this year's Alamo Squadron Modelfiesta on February 19. Thanks to all who went and enjoyed the show. Also special thanks to Rick Herrington, Pat Rourke, Bob Bethea, and Eric Choy for sending photos of your latest models to Mike Gilsbach, our webmaster, for the gallery on our website. The website needs new stuff every few days to keep it fresh so folks will keep coming back. With that in mind, Eric and Milton are bringing their photo rigs to the March meeting to shoot all that we bring for the quarterly contest.

See you at the meeting. Bring a model and bring a friend.



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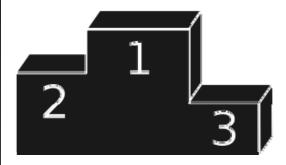


here she is, Miss Ellen Stone, your ideal cowgirl from Reaper Miniatures' Urban Legends series. This 54mm is painted by master painter **Doug Cohen**.

#### **Glamour Shots For Your Model**

If you like your model photograph for our website gallery or your own viewing pleasure, we'll have "serious" photographers at the next meeting to take photos of your masterpiece. While you at it, don't forget to bring a USB Flash Drive so you can keep digital copies of what they shot.

Editor



#### Quarterly Contest Schedule by Ron McCracken, Vice-President

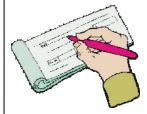
ust a reminder our club's quarterly contests will be held on the last months of each calendar quarter. Here are the dates for 2011:

March 10 June 9 September 8 December ? (TBA)

The December contest will be held at the holiday party and will be the **White Elephant Contest**.

This year the June contest will be a special **Car Model** contest to promote members' interest in that area of modeling.

Ron



# Still Not Too Late To Pay Your Dues!

This is the last month to bring your membership status up to date. You can pay in person (\$20 for individual or \$25 for your entire family) at our next meeting or send a check (make payable to **ASMS**) to our treasurer:

Angie Forster 1503 Black Cherry Drive Cedar Park, TX 78613

Your dues are much needed and appreciated.

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fairly easy to put together, so it didn't take me long to build this kit out of the box.

#### Construction

As expected, construction was pretty straight forward. The only hiccup I encountered was the fitting of the humpback to the fuselage. Some sanding and reshaping were needed to ensure a tight fit. While sanding the horizontal stabilizers, I lost some of the panel lines, and they needed to be rescribed.

The searchlight and lens are provided in the kit, but the instruction does not indicate where they should go. It wasn't hard to figure it out, but I was surprised by the omission atypical of name brand maker like Tamiya.

#### **Masking**

My local hobby shop did not have the canopy mask in stock, so I decided to make my own. Covering the entire canopy with Tamiya Masking Tape, I used a mechanical pencil to burnish along the window frames and cut away excess with a brand new #11 blade. The nose frame line was done with liquid mask because of the contour curve. Beware liquid mask sticks to Future like glue! Use it on bare plastic only.



#### **Painting**

Painting the interior was a bit tricky. The sidewalls and the floor frames of the *Gekko* were coated in *Aotake*, a translucent bluish-green lacquer protective. I followed a fellow modeler's method I found on the Internet by first painting the surfaces with Primer Gray. Then I laid down a heavy coat of Testors enamel Chrome Silver almost like a scrub before spraying a mixture of Tamiya X-23 Clear Blue and X-25 Clear Green (two-third blue to one-third green) on top.

The rest of the cockpit that called for "Interior Green" was finished in Tamiya XF-5 Flat Green. The cannons were

painted Flat Black and drybrushed with silver. I painted the recoil springs Flat Black also but drybrushed with yellow for a bit of contrast.

For the exterior I pre-shaded the model with an overall Flat Black. Then I sprayed Tamiya XF-70 IJN Dark Green 2 as the base color. Once dried, I mixed Dark Tan with the base color for panel fading. The underside of the aircraft does not receive as much sunlight exposure, so I added a bit of gray to the mix.

Instead of using decals, I painted the *Hinomaru* markings with Flat Red and a bit of gray to create the crimson color. Dark Tan was added into the mix for panel fading.

The cowling of both engines were finished in Gloss Black and washed with thinned Humbrol Mud to show dust accumulation in the panel lines. I added various amount of tan into my base color of rust for each of the exhaust pipes so they all look different. Oxidation in real life rarely results in the same color.

The landing gear were painted with a 50-50 mix of Testors Steel and Aluminum Metalizer and buffed to shine with a cotton swab. The wheels hubs were done the same way except more Aluminum than Steel in the mix. I painted the tires Flat Black and then came back with a heavy wash of Testors Rubber to give it a Raw Umber-like look.



#### Decaling

Tamiya's kit decals were used, except for the *Hinomaru* I painted earlier. To lay down the yellow IFF bands on the wing edges, I hand-brushed Solvaset onto the decals and waited 15 minutes before pressing them down into the panel lines with a make-up swab.

#### Weathering

To give some depth to my *Gekko*, I gave it a heavily thinned Midnight Black artist oil wash. The exhaust smoke stains were done with Dark Gray paint sprayed in streaks along the direction of the airflow. Paint chip is common to all Japanese wartime aircraft, and I did my



share of chippings around the canopy, gun bay, and the crew walkway with a Prismacolor Silver pencil.

#### Conclusion

This is the first multi-engined 1/48th kit I have done since I

was a kid. If it weren't built as a museum display, I would open up some of the fuselage panels to show off all the hard work I have done on the interior. I am glad it placed at this year's Modelfiesta in San Antonio.

All this venturing outside of my comfort zone makes me hungry for a tank model again. I must now return to my regularly scheduled armor program...



(Model photos taken by Eric Choy. Please do not reproduce without permission.)



ave you built a car model lately? Need an incentive to build one? Our prez Tim Robb spotted a good one, and he wants to share it with everyone: **Stacey David** of Speed Channel's GearZ fame wants your model on his TV show, and he is teaming up with Revell for a Model Car Championships contest.

Coinciding with many of the vehicles built on GearZ, the theme of the contest is "Hot Rod." Any contestant can submit up to five photos of one built Revell or Monogram Hot Rod model (see list of eligible models on **www.revell.com**) before May 15, 2011 to enter the contest. Not unlike any IPMS competition, there are two categories: box stock and unlimited. Judging is based on creativity, adherence to the theme, fit/finish, and the use of color.

The winning prizes include your model featured on GearZ, \$100 gift certificate, an Iwata airbrush and compressor, assortment of Testors products, a year subscription to Scale Auto and Model Cars magazine, GearZ apparel, and one year's worth of new releases from Revell (maximum 12 kits).

For more details, please visit www.revell.com/contest/revellgearz.html.

Editor

## ModelFiesta 30 Recap

fter a long cold Texas winter, we modelers all came out of hibernation and attended Modelfiesta 30 at Live Oak Civic Center on February 19. This year's event happened to be the regional meet, so all the more reason for everyone to congregate at the first Texas model show of 2011. Dick Montgomery, President of IPMS/USA, was first to arrive and last to leave. He didn't have to travel far for the event; he lives right here in San Antonio!

From what I saw and heard, the Alamo Squadron crew managed to pull off yet another successful show. More than 160 vendor tables were sold, surely one for the Texas record book. The number of model contestants was down a bit from last year, but the overall number of entries was still over 450. Many modelers came from Mexico to shop. They also brought along their masterpieces to compete, and the quality of their work is outstanding. Quite a few of them ended up with multiple wins in the contest.

Many thanks to Alamo Squadron for hosting such a wonderful event for us modelers.



1/35<sup>th</sup> Bronco Type XXVIIB Midget Sub "Seehund."

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1/9<sup>th</sup> Ariel W/NG British motorcycle by Alex de Leon.



1/32<sup>nd</sup> Fisher RB-51 Red Baron by Tim Keily.



1/35<sup>th</sup> DML Jagdpanzer IV by Darren Tice.



1/48<sup>th</sup> Accurate Miniatures IL-2 Sturmovik.



1/35<sup>th</sup> DML Panzer III Ausf.N.



1/72<sup>nd</sup> Amodel Buran on VM-T Atlant by Bondo Phil.



1/72<sup>nd</sup> Airfix A-26C Invader Firebomber.



1/24<sup>th</sup> Revell VW 1962 Hippy Van by Mike Picard.



1/43<sup>rd</sup> Aston Martin DBR9.



Two figures by Amado Trevino of Mexico.



Gilbert Moreno won Best Figure with this 25mm Gandoff.



The Best of Show went to this 1/32<sup>nd</sup> Shrimp Boat by Hugo Garcia of Edinburg.

# RESIN ROUNDUP... Reviewing Anigrand's 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Lockheed "Have Blue" Kit # AA-2097, \$54 + shipping

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## 1/144<sup>th</sup> Raytheon Sentinel R.Mk.1

Kit # AA-4057, \$90 + shipping (Three bonus kits included)

# Reviewed by "Bondo" Phil Brandt, IPMS #14091

oth kits are available from Rare-Plane detective, (Las Vegas, NV), official U.S. distributor for Anigrand.



#### HAVE BLUE

Various plastic kit iterations of the distinctive (and now retired) F-117 "black jet" have existed for decades (most in 1/48<sup>th</sup>), including at least one fanciful release before the public ever got to actually view the real deal. Now, courtesy of Anigrand's eclectic lineup of subjects, modelers have the opportunity to build the black jet's equally secretive progenitor, "Have Blue", a 60%-of-full-scale, flyable, proof-of-concept article, two of which were built.

#### **Overall Kit**

In 1/72<sup>nd</sup> the small airframe (in an already small scale) is, as one would expect, very simple; no more than fifteen parts comprise the whole shootin' match.

#### Resin Molding

Very clean and smooth; essentially no flash, even on tiny, intricate pieces such as gear struts/wheels (which are integrated), and just a few small pour gates that will need to be Dremelled off.



#### Fit

The two main components, top and bottom airframe pieces, fit very well, with a minimal seam. All other components are plug in or edge-glued (gear bay doors, exhaust "grill").

#### **Options**

Anigrand recognizes very minor equipment differences in the Number One and Two airframes and includes applicable parts and notes in the instructions.

#### Cockpit

Only a seat is included, but it has belts molded in.

#### Clear parts

A tiny one-piece clear resin windscreen/canopy is all she wrote. I believe in this scale I'd configure the cockpit closed.

#### **Decals**

Two ejection seat warning symbols and an emergency canopy opening stencil are it; the real deal had no markings.

#### **Instructions**

As I've already intimated, assembling this kit is not exactly rocket science. The modeler gets a single, B&W, "traditional" Anigrand instruction sheet, including the pattern for the unusual Black, Grey, Deep Gray and Tan cammo scheme (FS numbers included).

#### Conclusion

If you're a dyed-in-the-wool 1/72<sup>nd</sup> believer, you'll want this highly unusual airframe to supplement your Black Jet; you do have a Black jet, don't you? Bondo approves!

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#### **RAYTHEON SENTINEL R.Mk.1**

And now, boys and girls, we go even smaller, to the seemingly sub-atomic-but-ever-growing world of the 1/144<sup>th</sup> aircraft model.

To Anigrand's extensive, wonderfully varied list of releases comes an airframe of which Bondo admits little prior knowledge. Essentially, Bombardier (of snowmobile fame, I'm guessing) has modified five of its large Global Express biz jets in accordance with the U.K.'s ASTOR (Airborne Stand-Off Radar) Program, a ground surveillance (read "enemy ground forces") scheme.

#### **Overall Kit**

Even for a large jet (in real life), when 1/144<sup>th</sup> enters the picture, parts get fewer and fewer: fuselage halves, engine halves, three-piece tail and one-piece wing halves. No more than twenty remaining small, some VERY small, parts and two electronics fairings (one is large). I appreciate that Anigrand cast the large flap hinge fairings integral with the wings; no delicate placement and glueing required.



#### Molding

Very clean and smooth overall with the exception of some resin "crud" around windscreen cutout/instrument panel coaming that will need careful cleanup. I do wish Anigrand would do the front of engine pods as one-piece, vice the troublesome "halves" concept (which often requires extra sanding and filling).

#### Fit

I plugged in the wings and tail components, and all fit with essentially no visible seam.

#### Cockpit

Rudimentary in this scale (and with such a small, thick windscreen, components are not really needed); the instruction sheet neglects to show it, but there are two seats which plug into the cockpit floor.

#### Clear parts

As I've already mentioned, the windscreen cutout will need some cleanup, as will the aft ends of the clear resin windscreen itself.

#### **Landing Gear**

Very small struts and wheels are separate pieces, so put on your Opti-Visor, 'cause cleaning up the tiny pour gates, etc. is going to require *mucho* visual acuity.

#### Decals

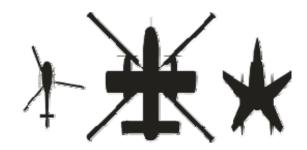
Twelve tiny items to affix, the largest being the horizontal tail stripe w/logo.

#### Instructions

Again, typical Anigrand B&W, one page, with color and decal callouts.

#### Conclusion

For the relatively small segment of modelers not irretrievably lost in events of the early-to-mid 1940s, the Sentinel will prove an interesting and current subject; recommended.



#### **BONUS ROUND!**

To this curmudgeon's knowledge, Anigrand is the only model manufacturer that includes additional, often-highly-

eclectic aircraft subjects along with a kit's featured 1/144<sup>th</sup> airframe; a nice touch IMO.

There are three 1/144<sup>th</sup> mini-kits packed with the Sentinel:

#### Hawker P.1415 X-wing jet fighter Westland Rotodyne (RAF test version) Westland Gazelle AH.1

All three mini-kits are as complete and well-molded as the featured subject, and, again, you're going to need the ol' Opti-Visor for most of the assembly, especially the Hawker and Gazelle, which, in an aerochine kind of way, remind this grandfather of playing tiny "Hot Wheels" with his three young sons back in the early 70s.

I tried the fit of various main components of these tiny subjects, and it's a good as





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that of the larger subjects; ditto for the molding quality. Speaking of larger subjects, the Rotodyne actually approaches the Sentinel in size.

Appropriate decals for all are included, and the instruction sheet shows color references and decal callouts.





*Mucho gracias* to Jeff Garrity at Rare-Plane Detective (www.rare-planedetective.com) who provided sample kits for this review.



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# Ultracast 1/35<sup>th</sup> SS Tiger Tank Commander

Stock # 35052, MSRP CDN \$12.95 (Plus shipping and handling) Reviewed by Floyd S. Werner, Jr. IPMS# 26266

1944-45

ith the new Dragon Tiger tanks on the market, more people than ever are building tanks. I'm one of them. Armor, more so than aircraft, lends itself to figures. Enter Ultracast with their line of resin figures.

Molded in light cream bubble free resin, this

figure features two heads, one with a headset and one without. All the pour blocks are remarkably small. Removing the pieces from them is very easy, and cleanup will be a breeze.

The headset head has a nice action pose of the commander yelling. The neck is nicely rounded so you can articulate

the head as you want, up, down, and left or right, excellent flexibility.

You also get two left and three right arms so you can pick and choose how you want your figure to look. The arms are keyed with square pegs so you can alter the look of the parts easily. Amazingly, the thumbs are not grouped with the others. They are articulated and perfectly molded. The body has a natural lean to the side for posing it inside the turret. Unlike some figures, this one has a complete body. The P-38 holster is particularly well done.

These are some remarkably well done resin pieces. That combined with easy cleanup makes this an ideal first figure. The complicated uniform camouflage will prove challenging but quite rewarding. Perfect casting with small pour blocks, multiple pose arms, a single piece body, plus two perfectly cast heads makes this figure a winner. Highly recommended

Thanks to Ultracast for the review copy. You can obtain yours by contacting them at www.ultracast.ca. While you

are there, check out the rest of their wheels, accessories and figures. Your pocket book won't like it, but you'll love them.

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Let them know I sent you.

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## Old Rumors & New Kits

Milton Bell IPMS #16702

pring is definitely in the air! As well as plenty of pollen and dust from the plants and left over ice prevention grit laid down by the highway departments. Still, it's a better time to paint a model than last month when it was just too cold to paint in the garage or outside.

I have three or four models badly in need of paint and decals. I have a couple of the new Airfix models itching to be finished whenever I find the time to add that final coat of color. Both are primed in white so it shouldn't be too long. Well, maybe not TOO long.

There are lots of distractions, partly the nice weather and partly some new kits that I've just got to try. One is the  $new 1/32^{nd}$ 



Bf.109E-4 from Cyber-Hobby (DML) "Wing Tech" series. I have to say, this appears to be about the last word on the subject. The kit contains just about every thing an average or above average modeler needs. There's ample detail molded into the styrene parts as well as some resin inserts for the wheel wells and some very usable PE for added cockpit enhancement.

The kit will make into one of a choice of five aircraft and there are extra parts for various sub-types. This is one kit that I plan to build with exposed engine. And it will be one of my very few in the big scale.



Speaking of exposed innards, the Zvesda Bf.109F2 in 1/48<sup>th</sup> gives you the option of a well detailed engine as well as more than usual details for the cockpit and wheel wells. Not sure how the fit will be

but this one sure looks good on the runner. It appears that there are 150 to 200 parts in the kit and Eduard already has a PE Zoom set for the cockpit. Actually, all you "need" are the instrument panel and pre-painted seat belts. From what I can tell, this is a really good replica of the F2. Markings for four aircraft are included.

Sticking with the Luftwaffe subjects, Great Wall/Lion Roar has released a nice looking (in the box) 1/48<sup>th</sup> kit of the Fw.189-2. This is the twinboom, twin-engine recon plane



used throughout WWII, especially on the Eastern front. It's available now and if you have it and would like some

detail photos I have a few that I've downloaded and can share, via email.



For something more modern, I see that Roden has released yet another version of the Pilatus PC-6/B-1 in the colorful markings of a "bird" in the Austrian Air Force. This is a

white aircraft with a huge "Freddy Bird" Decal that covers most of the fuselage wings and tail. It could be a show stopper or your ticket to the funny farm!

I see that there is a "new" model of the Beech 18, UC-45 available in 1/48<sup>th</sup> from Mach2. I don't know but I suspect it might be the old Battle Axe kit from several years ago in the



box of a new company. This is a neat aircraft that deserves to be produced by a really good kit maker.

In other news, I hear that the 1/32<sup>nd</sup> He-111 from Revell AG has been delayed until late in the second quarter. I suppose we will have to be content with the new 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale B-25 from that Dutch company. And don't forget, a 1/32<sup>nd</sup> Skyraider from ZM is in the works.

Don't forget that we voted on having the in-club Car Contest in June! I suppose the new 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale Revell Kurtis Midget Racer kit will qualify. If you haven't seen it, you should take a look. It's priced right and the kit looks like it will build up quickly into a nice replica of the famous midget racer from years gone by. The kit comes



with a trailer so if you want to hitch it up to an appropriate tow source, say a 1948 Ford Woody or a '50 Ford Pickup you can. Guess that would count as two entries though. Hmmm.

Revell/Monogram has released several other vintage car subjects which include the 1968 Corvette L-88 "Rebel," an 1985 Ford SVO Mustang, a 1967 Corvette 427 Convertible, and a 1969 Corvette Coupe.

If you want something more exotic, check out the Mercedes GP Petronas MBP WO1, a very sleek and powerful looking Formula One car from Revell AG.



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I see that Hobby Boss has a odd looking 1/35<sup>th</sup> ShkH Dana vz.77. This is a Slovak built 152mm self propelled gun, mounted on an 8-wheeled chassis. Looks like a big model.



Hobby Boss has also released a 1/48<sup>th</sup> F-14A Tomcat that's a bit pricey but comes with a boatload of options and details not usually found with Tomcat kits. Check it out.

I've saved a bunch of the old Monogram F-80 kits in hopes that someone would come up with the correct wing tip tanks that were commonly used in Korea. At the beginning of the war, the F-80s flew from Japan to the war zone and went dry pretty quick. The solution was to furnish the aircraft with much larger tanks, so the Misawa tank was developed and used. Finally, True Details has released a set of resin tanks that appear to include the

actual tip of the wing. This should bring the model up to speed.

Bronco has released a 17pdr SP Gun Archer. This strange looking vehicle is shown with a star on the side but it's

pure British! And yes, the gun is mounted in and points to the "rear" while the driver has a seat up front just ahead of (or behind) the breech. OK, it's a confusing piece.

Typer Sen-Properties dan Archer

Bronco has also released a postwar Russian vehicle; a Soviet GAZ 69(M) 4x4 utility truck. No idea of what you get but if you collect or build Russian stuff, this is for you.



Bf.109G14

RB-51 Red Baron Racer

AFV Club is offering a set of 17pdr brass ammo and casings. How timely! They also have a later version of the Churchill tank, a Mk.IV.

That's about all the room I have this month. Hope to see you all Thursday (if I don't forget again) and don't forget to bring a model. In the meantime, go build something.

 $1^{st}$  [Aircraft  $\geq 1/32$ ]

2<sup>nd</sup> [Aircraft Civil]

Ron McCracken 3<sup>rd</sup> [Aircraft Jet 1/72 SE] F-100C

#### **ASMS Winners at Modelfiesta**

he biggest ASMS winner was **Russ Holm**. Seven out of the nine models he brought to the show placed. Here's a list of who won what:

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Name Bob Bethea	Place [Category] 1 <sup>st</sup> [Figure Diorama] 2 <sup>nd</sup> [≥55mm Historic]	Subject Pirate Duelist	Ben Morton	1 <sup>st</sup> [Armor 1/72] 2 <sup>nd</sup> [Aircraft ≤1/144] 3 <sup>rd</sup> [Aircraft 1/48 SE Jet]	PzH 2000 FM2 U-2R
Eric Choy	2 <sup>nd</sup> [Vignette]	Geisha Girls	Tim Robb	3 <sup>rd</sup> [Aircraft Origin-'37]	R3C-2
	2 <sup>nd</sup> [Armor 1/72] 3 <sup>rd</sup> [Armor 1/48]	KV-8S USMC M4 Sherman	Pat Rourke	3 <sup>rd</sup> [Aircraft 1/48 ME]	J1N1-S Gekko
Russ Holm	1 <sup>st</sup> [Armor Boxstock]	Panzer 4 BL		Special Awards	
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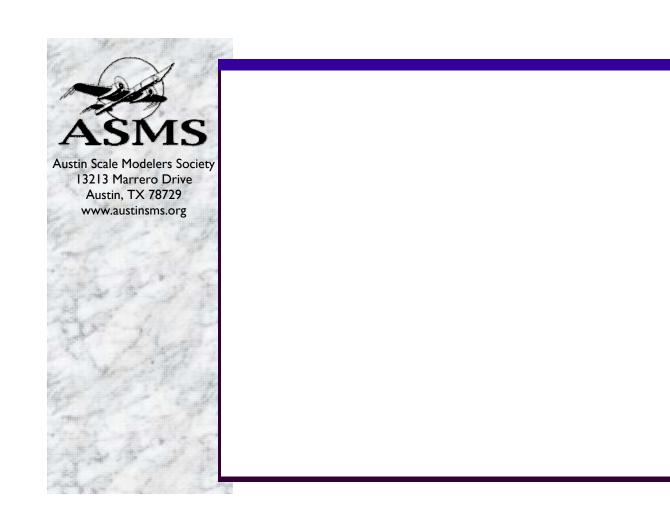
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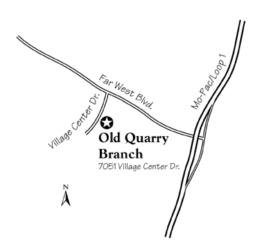


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