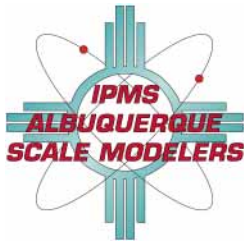


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August 2019

WEBSITE OF THE YEAR!

On July 24, Region 10 Coordinator Mike Mackowski announced the 2018 award winners, and once again Mike Blohm was named Webmaster of the Year! From Mackowski's announcement:

Mike Blohm (from Albuquerque Scale Modelers) is the R10 Webmaster of the Year for 2018. Albuquerque's site is very comprehensive, easy to navigate, promotes IPMS/USA on the main page, and has a specific page for people new to the hobby. Their self-nomination essay is attached and is very detailed.

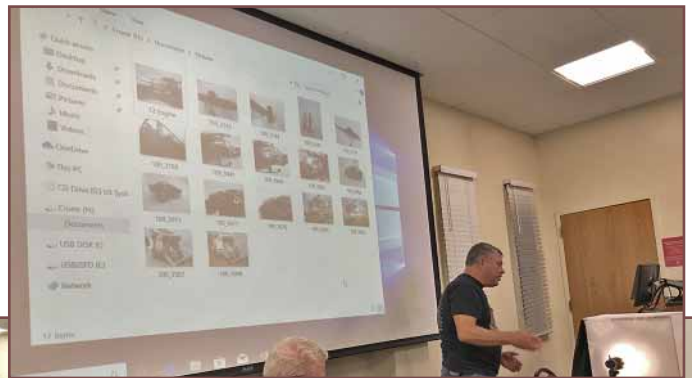
Citation: For producing a sharp, easy to use, well organized website with useful and timely

content including ready links to IPMS/USA.

Chapter of the Year was awarded to IPMS Craig Hewitt Chapter, which, considering they hosted the Nationals last year, was certainly well deserved!

Newsletter of the Year went to *The Corsair*, newsletter of the same chapter, an excellent and deserving publication. Interestingly, Mackowski's text for this award included "*The Corsair* consistently has quality content, including kit reviews and modeling tips without padding it with content that is better suited to a website." Wonder what he's talking about there.

July Meeting highlights, left to right: members milling about before the meeting, Ken Piniak gives a presentation on model photography, and the business meeting in progress.



[NB: This newsletter is not eligible for that award, as this Regional Coordinator made it a rule that only newsletters edited by IPMS members are eligible, and I'm not a member. -JW]

Congratulations, Mike! Best. Website. Ever.



HELLO ASM DAVID EPSTEIN

Hello ASM, my name is David Epstein, and (as a Pro-Tem Board member) I have apparently been volunteered by the E-board to assume the mantle of interim or temporary contest coordinator for the remainder of the year in the absence of Chris Kurtze. We have not been able to reach him and send him our best wishes and prayers that he is okay.

As this is going to be new to me, I can assure that I will not be changing anything regarding the current contest schedule for the remainder of the year. I will be more of an overseer and points-tallier, or a tie breaker in judging if need be.

I look forward to the opportunity to gain more experience within the club, and hope I don't mess things up too badly. I look forward to seeing all of your quality entries each month and invite suggestions of any type. If you have any questions, I will do my best to give, or get you the correct answer.

Personally, I have been a modeler since my dad bought me a Lindberg Curtiss Jenny when I was about eight, and I painted a portion of the back patio yellow as well as the model. Over the years I took two long hiatuses from modeling during two marriages, got back into it between marriages. I moved to Albuquerque in 1999 and joined the club then only to fall away after a year for my second marriage. In 2015 I got my second divorce, moved back to Albuquerque, and rejoined the club and have been an active member and modeler since.



Let's all have some good fun and fellowship and get lots of entries on the table for the remainder of the year. Build, Build, Build!

GARRISSES DEPART JOE WALTERS

The July meeting was the last for Jack and Jeanie Garriss, as they are moving to Texas and will no longer be around. We will feel their absence!

At the July meeting, ASM President Josh Pals announced that the two of them have been named ASM Life Members, and we wish them well in their new endeavors. And surviving life in *Houston*... I mean, of *all* the places in Texas where one could go, that's about the last one this Texan would pick!

Way back in 1996, when I learned this club existed, Jack was the first ASM member I actually met, as he was Treasurer at the time, and I signed up right away.



Jack emailed me this photo of Jeannie, celebrating her 33rd birthday at Papa Felipe's restaurant.

2019 PRESENTATIONS AND CLINICS

MIKE BLOHM

From our excellent website:

- Aug 2 World War I Aircraft Rigging by Bob Henderson
- Oct 4 Casting Resin Parts by Dave Straub
- TBD Air Force Armament Museum Presentation by Mike Blohm

Year 2019 Contest Quick Reference Chart

Titles in **blue** indicate contests for points

- 04 Jan SPECIAL CONTEST #1:**
SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY
Sponsored Contest: "Frickin' Laser Beams" (Patrick Dick)
- 01 Feb ASM Swap Meet**—no contest
- 01 Mar Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
- 05 Apr SPECIAL CONTEST #2: PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: FABULOUS FIFTIES**
- 03 May Automotive**—Any kit/subject/scale
- 07 Jun SPECIAL CONTEST #3: D-DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY**
- 12 Jul Man in Space**—Any proposed/realspace crewed subject
Sponsored Contest: "Best Supersonic" (Patrick Dick)
- 02 Aug SPECIAL CONTEST #4: BEGINNING OF WWII 80TH ANNIVERSARY**
- 06 Sep ASM Swap Meet**—no contest
- 04 Oct Enter the Dragon**—Any DML/Dragon/Cyberhobby kit
- 01 Nov Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale
- 06 Dec SPECIAL CONTEST #5: BATTLE OF THE BULGE 75TH ANNIVERSARY**
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>

TBD Tentative: "Big Week" Presentation by Douglas Dildy

UPCOMING EVENTS

MIKE BLOHM

Also from our excellent website:

- August 7 – 10: IPMS/USA National Convention, Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Hosted by IPMS Chattanooga Scale Modelers.
- July 31 – August 4: Star Trek Convention Las Vegas 2019, Rio Suites Hotel, Las Vegas Nevada.
- August 23 – 24 (TBD): New Mexico State Fair ASM-Sponsored Model Contest; Model registration dates are likely on Friday 23 & Saturday 24 August from 9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. each day. Judging probably on Monday, 26 August.

ASM Display-Only Theme: "1939—Start of WWII." The fair runs September 5 – 15.
Model pickup is on the 16th.

August 23 – 25: Bubonicon 51. Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention, Albuquerque Marriott Uptown, 2101 Louisiana Blvd NE (Louisiana & I-40), Albuquerque, New Mexico.

September TBD: ASM Model Display at the 2019 Air Force Ball at Kirtland AFB.

October 5: Trinity Site Open to the Public.
8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. at White Sands Missile Range.

October TBD: ASM Model Display at the 2019 Folds of Honor Patriot Gala in Albuquerque.

November TBD: ModelZona 2019, Commemorative Air Force Museum, 2017 North Greenfield Rd, Mesa, Arizona from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. IPMS Craig Hewitt Chapter, Region 10.

IN THE BONUS PAGES!

In this month's **Bonus Pages**:

- Photos of last month's contest winners
- An article on jet ace George Davis by Mike Blohm
- A report by Mike Blohm on the recent ASM model display at the Museum of Nuclear Science and History
- A response by Fred Horky to one of our Miscellaneous images from last month
- And more!
- And next month, expect a report from Your Editor on the big Star Trek convention in Las Vegas taking place July 31 – August 4, This report will no doubt have me padding it with content that is better suited to a website.



Master

Scott Jaworski 1955
John Tate 1130
Chuck Hermann 878
Glenn Bingham 500
Josh Pals 450
Mike Blohm 347
David Epstein 300
Casey Rupley 325
Ken Liotta 324
Steve Brodeur 285
Frank Randall 214
Tony Humphries 50
Larry Glenn 14

Patrick Dick 2
Steve Miller 2
James Strickland 2

Intermediate

Bob Henderson 1580
Jim Medina 1447
Ken Piniak 1264
Don Smith 670
Rob Whitlock 225
David DeYoung 225
Mark Vaughn 110
Jack Garriss 100
Charles Petrilli 75
David Haskins 8

Logan Carbin 4
Steve Miller 4

Basic

Jeannie Garriss 998
John Wyer 670
Aaron Schmiedke 600
Stephen Steans 456

Junior

Alexander Tate 1130

2019 MODELER OF THE YEAR POINTS

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BONUS PAGES!

JULY CONTEST WINNERS

Photos by Frank Randall. Winners of July's "Man in Space" Contest. This page, top to bottom: Alexander Tate's *VW Bus* (Juniors) and Steven Stephens's *Havoline T-Bird* (Basic).



This page, left to right: Bob Henderson's *Mercury-Redstone 3* (Intermediate) and Scott Jaworski's *Mercury-Atlas 6* (Masters). At bottom, Casey Rupley's *T-38C Talon* won Patrick Dick's Best Supersonic Entry sponsored contest.



BONUS PAGES!

MODELING THE F-86A SABRE OF GEORGE DAVIS

MIKE BLOHM

4th Ranking Sabre Ace of the Korean War

Lt Colonel George A. “Curly” Davis, Jr., is the 17th ranking American ace (tie), 13th ranking USAF ace (tie), and 4th ranking US ace of the Korean War, with 21 total victories. Davis joined the 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing (FIW) in August 1951 and became 334th Fighter Interceptor Squadron commander in October 1951. In Korea, he scored fourteen kills between November 1951 and February 1952, with victories over eleven MiG-15s and five Tu-2 bombers. Davis scored his kills in groups, with a “quadruple” on 30 Nov 1951 (three Tu-2s and one MiG-15 destroyed, and one Tu-2 damaged), making him the 5th US jet ace. He also scored five “doubles:” on 27 Nov and 5 Dec 1951, and 10 Feb 1952; and then four kills in two back-to-back sorties on 13 Dec 1951 (two on each sortie). Davis was killed in action during aerial



Above: George Davis with a P-47D, late 1944.



Left: Davis in a P-51K in the Philippines, 1945.

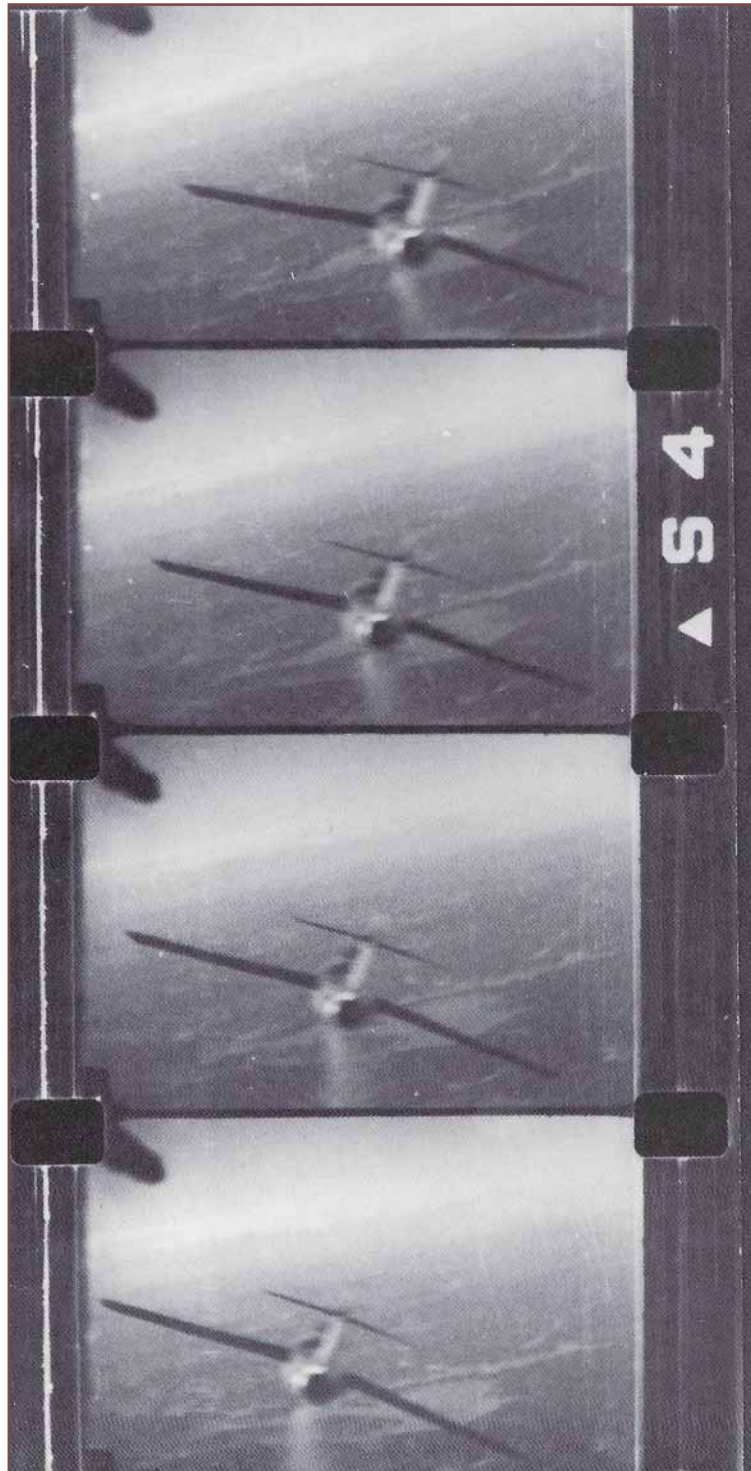
combat on 10 Feb 1952 just south of the Yalu River at Sinuiju, North Korea, when he was outnumbered 10-to-2 but still engaged the MiGs in order to protect friendly fighter-bomber operations. He downed two MiG-15s but was himself shot down. He was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for this action, the only “Sabre” pilot so honored in the Korean War. Davis was the leading USAF scorer at the time of his death. He was promoted to Lt

Colonel on 15 Apr 1953 while still missing in action. There is controversy surrounding his last engagement on whether Davis had “MiG Madness” and disregarded a deteriorating situation where he got slow in an outnumbered fight in order to try to score a victory. There is also controversy on the North Korean side of the engagement, over which pilot really shot down Davis and if there were several MiG-15s mistakenly



Above: George Davis with a 344FFS patch on his helmet

Below: Post-mission, indicating two MiG kills



Above: Gun camera film as Davis shoots down a MiG-15.



Davis in front of an F-86A, 30 Nov 1951. Post-mission, he became the fifth Korean War jet ace with four victories.



4th FIW Pilots Post-30 Nov 51 Massacre Mission (L – R): Davis- (4); Colonel Ben Preston (2); Major Bones Marshall (2).



F-86As flown by Davis, at Kimpo



downed by their own pilots and claimed as F 86s, including Davis. See *Aviation History* magazine, March 2017.

Davis is also a member of the “inner seven”—an ace in two wars. He flew the P-47D Thunderbolt and P-51K Mustang as a 1st Lieutenant and Captain with the 342nd Fighter Squadron, 348th Fighter Group “Kearby’s Thunderbolts” in the Southwest Pacific Theater from August 1943 to April 1945, where he scored seven victories. He had two “doubles:” on 10 December (two Tonys) over Negros Island; and on 24 Dec 1944 (two Zekes) northwest of Clark Field, in the Philippine Islands. His World War II score included three Zekes, three Tonys and one Val, all accomplished in the P-47D.

The model of George Davis’s F-86A/5 Sabre is the Matchbox kit in $\frac{1}{72}$ scale, and depicts his F-86 at Kimpo Air Base, South Korea, in 1951. This was the only F-86A kit available at the time of this build for the USAF Academy (November 2001) and it may still be. The model is accurate enough, but it is not near the Fujimi F-86F kit, also boxed by Testor’s. The big seller is this kit had the early F-86A canopy with a V-shaped windscreen. Later F-86E and F models had a flat windscreen. The Matchbox canopy interior and wheel wells are very sparse. Instrument panel and seat belt decals were therefore found and added. Most of the kit decals could be used to make Davis’s scheme. The kit’s call number (FU-251) was modified to Davis’s scheme (FU-255) with some Aeromaster $\frac{1}{72}$ -scale numbers decal sheets. The model



wears the 4 FIW's black and white recognition stripes (kit decals)—modeled after D-Day invasion stripes—that were used before the 51st FIW's yellow stripes later became the US standard in Korea. The light gray nose cone is the actual color of those parts without paint. The model was painted overall with Model Master Aluminum Plate (Buffing) paint with a light gray interior and wheel wells.





BONUS PAGES!

ASM MODEL DISPLAY AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND HISTORY

MIKE BLOHM

The Albuquerque Scale Modelers (ASM) club provided a model display to support a 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing event at the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History. The museum was running the film “The Day We Walked on the Moon” three times on Saturday, July 20, simultaneously with other Smithsonian-related museums across America. The museum also had Apollo Program artifacts from their collection on display for the duration of the event. The ASM model display was set up at the museum on July 15 and 16, and has a total of sixteen models. Eleven are Real Space models, and five are Theoretical Space models from the designs of the late 1950s and early 1960s. See pictures. We have two models from Apollo 11 (the Command Service Module Columbia and docked Lunar Module approaching the Moon in $\frac{1}{2}$ scale, and the Lunar Module Eagle in $\frac{1}{48}$ scale); and one model from Apollo 17 (the Lunar Roving Vehicle in $\frac{1}{35}$ scale). There are also models representing the X-15 program, Project Mercury (Mercury-Redstone 3—Alan Shepard), Project Gemini (Gemini 3—Gus Grissom and John Young), and the Space Shuttle program (*Challenger*), along with an Astronaut with Manned Maneuvering Unit, a V-2 rocket, the Vanguard TV-4 satellite launch vehicle, and a Soyuz space capsule.

We had five vertically-standing rockets that would have been nice to display, including three from the July 12 “Man In Space” contest, but unfortunately the display case provided to ASM would not accommodate those models. The Space Shuttle *Challenger* with boosters and central tank was displayed laying on its “belly” instead of standing up on the crawler-transporter, to provide a complete set of all the NASA manned space programs. We had a short time to pull this all together, but it turned out very nice. Jim Walther, the museum director, mentioned to me that “it was good to have models from the model club back in the museum again.” Hopefully ASM will be able to support future museum programs as well. Because the display lacked an Apollo command module, the “Apollo 11 Lunar Approach” model was started





on Saturday, July 13, and the build “raced” Apollo 11 to the moon. The model was completed and delivered to the museum on Friday, July 19, as the real Apollo 11 went into orbit around the Moon, fifty years ago. More on that build in a future article. Thanks to Steve Brodeur, Ken Piniak, Frank Randall, and Mike Blohm for loaning models for the display. The model display will run at the museum until approximately August 1. A more detailed article and additional pictures will be posted on the *ASM Website*.



Above Left: Banner for the event “The Day We Walked on the Moon” celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing.

Above: Apollo 11 50th Anniversary patch.

Left: Apollo 11 crew Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, and Buzz Aldrin.



This page and next: Views of the ASM display, which consisted of sixteen models.







Above: Ken Piniak and Mike Blohm set up the display on 15 – 16 July.

Below: View of the ASM display case on left and the Museum's display case on right, with artifacts from the Apollo Program.



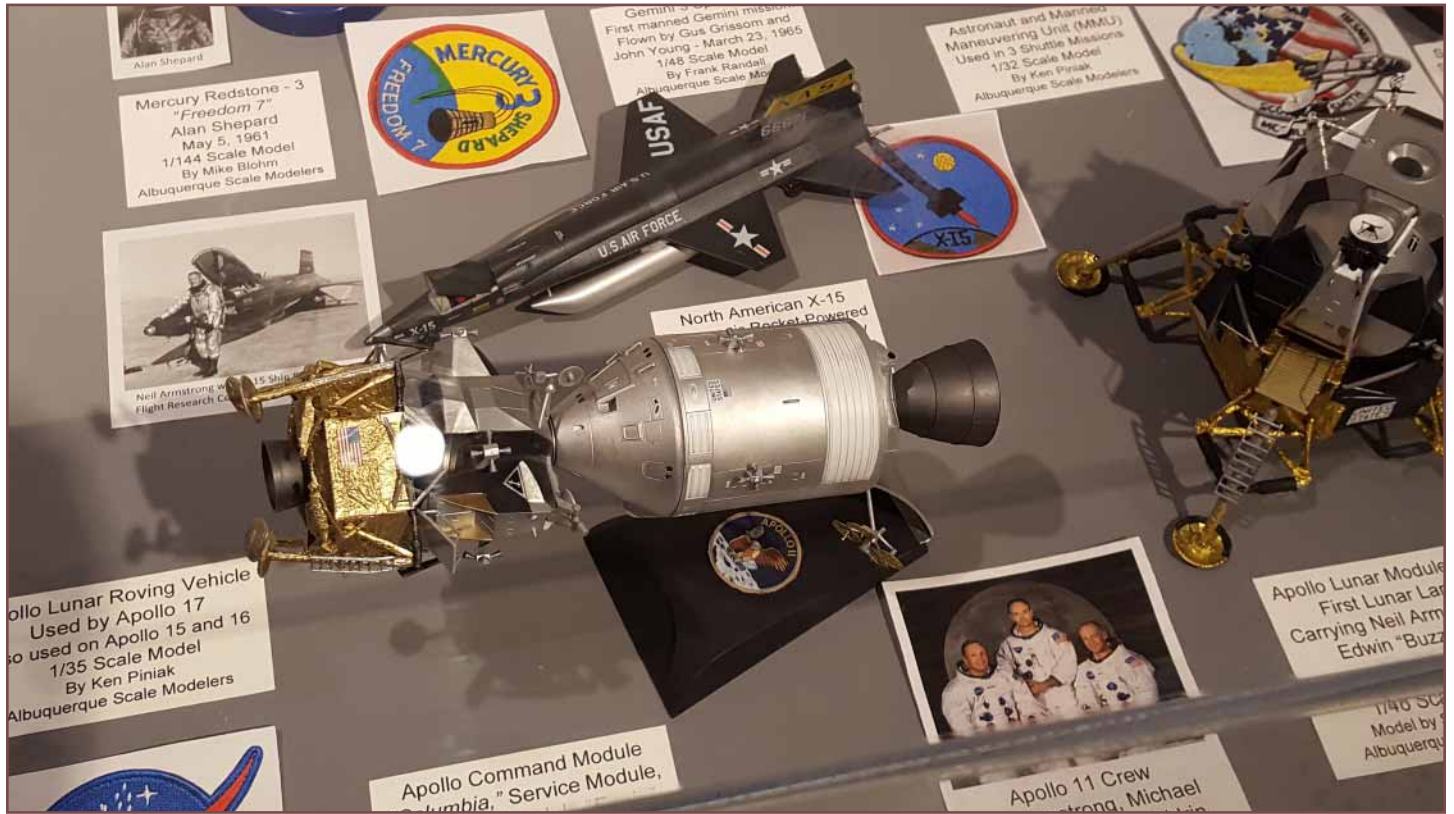


Above: Panoramic view of case with the Apollo-related models in the front row.

Below: Lunar Roving Vehicle (1/35) used by Apollo 17. Model by Ken Piniak.



This page: Apollo 11 Command Service Module *Columbia* and Lunar Module *Eagle* (1/72) approaching the Moon.
Model by Mike Blohm.





Above: Apollo 11 Lunar Module *Eagle* (1/48) by Steve Brodeur.

Below: Manned space programs leading up to Apollo, including the X-15, Project Mercury, and Project Gemini.





Left: Mercury-Redstone 3—First American into space with Alan Shepard (1/200) by Mike Blohm.

Below: Gemini 3 capsule—First manned Gemini mission, with Gus Grissom and John Young (1/48) by Frank Randall.





Above: Astronaut with Manned Maneuvering Unit (1/32) by Ken Piniak, *Challenger* Space Shuttle (1/144) by Mike Blohm

Below: Theoretical Space models by Mike Blohm: Lunar Lander, 3-Stage Ferry Rocket, Mars Liner, Rocker Retriever, and Nuclear Exploratory Vehicle.



BONUS PAGES!

MYSTERY SOLVED

FRED HORKY

[Editor's Note: The "Miscellaneous" section at the end of each newsletter consists of weird and/or amusing images I come across in my daily sojourns across the web. When I see one that looks like it might be of interest to modelers, I copy said image into a folder to await placement in the next issue. Last issue I opened that section with a photo of a weird airplane, I think the ugliest airplane I've ever seen. I captioned it, "What is this thing??" Fred Horky wasted no time responding. Here's the photo I ran last month, along with Fred's response. -JW]



Joe:

If your "What is this thing?" was a quiz instead of just an idle thought, it's the *East German Baade 152*, a misguided Eastern Bloc attempt at a jet airliner.

See

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baade_152

and

<https://www.airlinereporter.com/2013/10/the-baade-152>

for the full story of this B-47 lookalike-but-an-airliner(?).



In sum: three were built, two flew, one crashed.

It was a most interesting, if failed, project. Designer Dipl. Eng. Brunolf Baade had an equally interesting career, including working in the US for a number of years during the 1930s; however, unlike many other expatriate European engineers, he chose to go back to Germany. Check out his remarkable career here:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brunolf_Baade



Fred

BONUS PAGES!

MISCELLANEOUS









When you just can't bear your new crew chief...





Early photobomb
(sorry.)





