



Next Club Events

Next meeting: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 2,
at HEB Central Market, 4821 Broadway.

Next Club Build Night: Thursday, August 16,
at VFW post 8541 on Austin Highway.

Adult Building Class 2012B, Monday nights at
VFW Post 8541, 7:00 - 10:00 P.M., beginning
October 1.

Upcoming Area Events

Houston Automotive Modeler's Society
Show/Contest
Saturday, August 18, 2012
Cypress Creek Christian Community Center
Spring, Texas.

Info at: <http://www.ipms-hams.org/>

Fort Worth Scale Modelers
SuperCon 2012
Saturday, September 8
Bob Duncan Community Center
Vandergriff Park
2800 S. Center Street
Fort Worth, Texas

Info at: www.fortworthscalemodelers.org

Austin Scale Modeler's Society
Show/Contest
Saturday, October 6, 2012
Norris Conference Centers
2525 West Anderson Lane,
Austin, Texas.

Info at: www.austinsms.org

National Events

2012 IPMS/USA National Convention
Wednesday, August 8th – Saturday, 11th
Disney's Contemporary Resort
Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Info at: www.ipms.org

Prez Notes

By Kent Knebel

Extracurricular Activities

I hope that you saw the news article in the San Antonio Express News regarding Dibbles. The article gave a good history of Dibbles over the years and our own Henry Nunez was mentioned in the article as well. It's nice to see our hobby getting this kind of attention in the press.

I want to express my thanks to Lee Forbes, Phillip Plant and Brian Smith for attending build night in July. While the turnout was low, we did have a good time and got a bit accomplished.

Phillip worked on his F-15 and Lee was once again demonstrating his technique in airbrushing a Brewster Buffalo in SEA camouflage free hand.

Lee Forbes provides Phil Plant with some expert guidance on using the three essential modeling aids in the foreground: lacquer thinner, toilet paper and beer:



Brian worked on a tiny ship model while expressing his opinion on the microscopic bits that made up many of the parts. I don't have the eyes

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for tiny photo etch anymore, no matter how much it improves the overall appearance of the kit.

Brian Smith listens to another of Lee's stories as a break from searching for another lost photo etch ship railing:



As for me, I worked on decaling my American Ace Spitfire Mk IX.

Kent Knebel's almost-complete model, something some of us (I plead guilty – ed.) haven't seen on our workbenches for quite some time. He says the glasses are just to make him look more distinguished...



HobbyTown has offered their conference room for our build night. It might be an option to consider if folks find that the VFW is too far for them to travel.

The August meeting will see us select a theme for the upcoming Model Fiesta. The suggested themes for consideration are: The 60's; Vietnam; 1943, Allied Turning Point and finally, Advent of Technology.

In addition, I hope you have your kit selected for the club challenge in December. My son blessed my selection and bugs me to get started on it.

- Kent

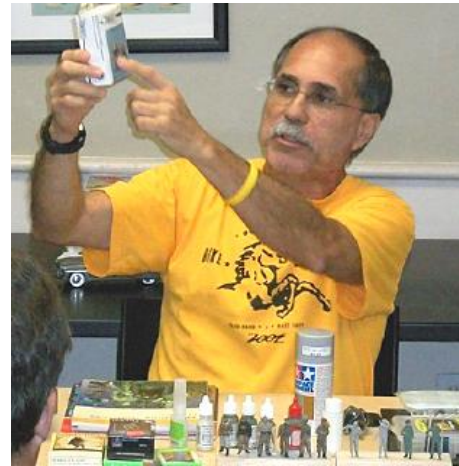
Editor's Notes

By Gary Emery

July Program

Henry Nunez provided the members with some great insights on choosing resin and plastic figures. Part two in August should prove to be just as informative. Now if we could all just paint like him.

"First, you have to take the figure out of the box." Henry Nunez, after surveying his audience, decides that he had better start with the basics...



Monthly Contest Results

The July Open contest saw the usual "Open" event variety. The aforementioned Henry Nunez took first place with his sublime vignette "Planning the Attack."

History in miniature. Henry Nunez brought these figures to life and earned First Place in July's contest :



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Matt Neerman won second place with his Moebius 1/32 Colonial Viper Mk. VII from the Battlestar Galactica TV show.

Matt Neerman went back to the future to earn a Second in the July contest with this Colonial Viper:



Matt also garnered Third with his K-329 Severodvinsk Russian Submarine.

Matt Neerman, master of all things submersible, took Third in July with a Russian K-329 sub:



New Kit News

Not a lot to report this month, the standout being a Tamiya 1/35 Simca German Staff Car. Photos show a built-up model and shots of the kit sprues bagged and in the box, so it should be available soon.

The real car is about the size of a decent model, so the new Tamiya 1/35 scale Simca should fit in just about anyone's display case:



Upcoming Contest Themes

August – Open.

September – In Foreign Service: Anything in use by other than country of origin.

October & November – Open.

December – Club Challenge. The subject is Gundams, Armored Fighting Suits and Robots.

See you at the meeting.

- Gary

Club Information

IPMS/USA Alamo Squadron: The Club was founded in 1977 in San Antonio, Texas, for the enjoyment of building scale models and the camaraderie of the members. Dues are normally \$12.00 a year, due when the Treasurer tells you.

The Alamo Squadron has been putting on ModelFiesta since 1981. Locations have included the Wonderland Mall, a Holiday Inn, the Seven Oaks Motel & Convention Center, and the current one, the Live Oak Civic Center.

2012-2013 Club Officers

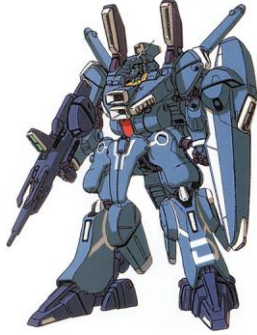
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Club Meetings

The Club normally meets the first Thursday of each month in the Community Room of the HEB Central Market at 4821 Broadway in San Antonio, located near the University of the Incarnate Word, north of Hildebrand Avenue and south of Austin Highway.

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