



January 2012

### Next Club Events

**Next meeting: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 5, 2012, at the HEB Central Market, 4821 Broadway.**

**Next Club Build Night: Thursday, January 19, 2012, at the VFW post on Austin Highway.**

**Next contest and show: ModelFiesta 31, on Saturday, February 18, 2012, Live Oak Civic Center.**

**For more information on the Alamo Squadron, please look to the end of the newsletter.**

### Upcoming Area Events

**IPMS/SWAMP presents  
CALMEX XXVI  
On Saturday, January 28, 2012  
At the Managan Center  
1000 McKinley,  
Westlake, Louisiana**

### Prez Notes

**By Dick Compton**

Happy New Year to everyone!

The Club Challenge "Tank Busters" first place winner was Mike Ward with a nice Hasegawa 1/48 JU-87. Mike also took second with his Special Hobby 1/48 BA-65. And Mike Picard and Rob Booth tied for third with a Accurate Miniatures 1/48 Stormovik IL-2 and Revell 1/48 ME-410 respectively. Congrats to all. (Most of the winning models disappeared for home before we could get photos. We'll try to get photos for the next newsletter-Gary)

We had a great Christmas meeting with good snacks and a fun gift exchange. And I'd like to add my thanks along with Dick Montgomery to all

those who donated their winnings to the Wounded Warrior program. It's greatly appreciated.

*Anthony Neira tries hard to not gloat after scoring his prize at the December gift exchange. Dee Jacobs is obviously happy for him:*



*Club Prez Dick Compton reacts after picking the same kit he brought to the gift exchange for the third straight year:*



Lee Forbes will have samples of shirt colors at the January meeting for us to choose from. Hopefully we can get some ordered and delivered in time for MF31.

Speaking of ModelFiesta, I'd like everyone to start thinking about how you'd like to assist with the show. Here's a list of duties that will need to be filled. Feel free to let us know at the meeting how you'd like to participate.

FRIDAY, FEB 17, 6 PM – 9/10 PM

Setup – Vendor / Contest Area / Registration Area / General Admission

SATURDAY, FEB 18, 6 AM – 9 AM

Setup – Vendor / Contest Area / Registration Area / General Admission

SATURDAY, FEB 18, 8 AM – 10 AM

Registration

SATURDAY, FEB 18, 10 AM – 12 PM

Registration

SATURDAY, FEB 18, 9 AM – 11 AM

General Admission

SATURDAY, FEB 18, 11 AM – 1 PM

General Admission

SATURDAY, FEB 18, 1 PM – 3 PM

General Admission

SATURDAY, FEB 18, 9 AM – 12 PM

Door Prizes/Raffle Table

SATURDAY, FEB 18, 12 PM – 4 PM

Door Prizes/Raffle Table

SATURDAY, FEB 18

Aces Support

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Seminar/Presentation Support

BOTH DAYS: Photography support

Once more, here are the eligibles for the January Model of the Year contest:

Feb – Dragon Captured T-34 by Mike Picard

Mar (Quarterly)

1<sup>st</sup> – Westland Lysander by Anthony Neira

2<sup>nd</sup> – Ersatz Panther by Mike Picard

3<sup>rd</sup> – M-16 A1 by Pete Ortensie

Apr – Curtiss SOC 3 by Randy Barnes

May – T-34 Trio by Mike Picard

Jun (Quarterly)

1<sup>st</sup> – 54 Chevy Clunker

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lindberg Ford Wrecker

3<sup>rd</sup> – Academy 46 Tiger, all by Mike Picard

Jul – BF-110 instrument panel by Pete Ortensie

Aug – BF-110G-4 by Scott Atchison

Sep (Quarterly)

1<sup>st</sup> – Dassault Falcon by Rob Booth

2<sup>nd</sup> – Syrian Hummel by Mike Picard

3<sup>rd</sup> – tie

Captured T-34 by Mike Picard

Indian Navy Sea King by Rick Warring

Oct – IJN Kaga by Rick Warring

Nov – Douglas F3D by Randy Barnes

Dec (Club Challenge)

1<sup>st</sup> - JU-87 by Mike Ward.

2<sup>nd</sup> - BA-65 by Mike Ward

3<sup>rd</sup> - Stormovik IL-2 by Mike Picard and ME-410 by Rob Booth

Last, here are the upcoming monthly and quarterly themes:

Jan – Model of the Year

Feb – Open

Mar – Moldy Oldie. Any kit originally issued prior to 1985 or reissued in its original form.

Apr & May – Open

Jun – Down in the Dump. Anything in less than pristine condition.

See you all at the meeting!

- Dick

### Centennial of Naval Aviation Presentation

On December 8, Lt. Cdr. Gabriel “Gabe” Pincelli, USN, (Call Sign “RAGE”) gave Alamo Squadron members a special presentation about the project to repaint Navy aircraft in historically significant schemes commemorating the Centennial of Naval Aviation (1911 – 2011), hereafter referred to as CoNA.

Gabe, who is an avid and skilled modeller, said that the idea to celebrate the CoNA (which included Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard aviation) was conceived by several Admirals at the Pentagon. The task was given to Capt. Richard Dann to organize the celebration with the stipulation that no additional funding was allocated for the project! Capt. Dann, who is also an aircraft plastic model builder, developed a plan to repaint Navy aircraft scheduled for repainting in historic

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camouflage and markings. Capt. Dann designed the various color schemes for each aircraft from historical documents, photographs, or technical orders. You just never know when our plastic modeling hobby will come in handy!

Gabe was brought on as the co-project officer for the CoNA effort after Capt. Dann visited NAS Kingsville to brief the project. Gabe and Capt. Dann had been members of the same model club while stationed together in San Diego and as they say, "The rest is history."

Gabe showed us color images of the CoNA aircraft and superimposed on each image was a photograph of a period aircraft in the camo and markings in effect at the time. The most vivid images were of the colorful pre-WWII era and the WWII period. Can you imagine an F-18 in the colors and markings of the first F6F Hellcat Ace, Hamilton McWhertor? Or the colorful T-45C's in markings depicting the six carriers that existed in the USN before Pearl Harbor? All in all some 33 aircraft were repainted to show the evolution of Naval Aviation.

I think the highlight of Gabe's talk was the color slides of the T-45C Goshawk that was repainted at NAS Kingsville. He showed us how the old paint was removed down to bare metal by softening it with heat lamps and blasting it off the airframe with CO2. Sure beats soaking a model overnight in brake fluid. The T-45 was repainted with a silver fuselage, yellow wings and black stripes to depict a pre-war section leader's aircraft from the USS Wasp.

Gabe said that the painters had trouble spraying the gloss paint (*sound familiar? – ed.*) and that the amount of masking that was required to duplicate all of the colors was a nightmare. When the bird was finished the painters had a ball of masking tape and painters' paper that was 6 or 7 feet in diameter. Since he was the project officer for the repainting, Gabe got to fly the Goshawk for the first time after the repaint. As the T-45C had so much gloss paint on the airplane, its handling characteristics were changed. He said that it now recovers from a stall so much easier that all of the other pilots want to fly it rather than the other Kingsville birds.

For those who missed Gabe's presentation, he has agreed to provide a disk of his presentation so we can show it at a future Club meeting. Gabe also accepted an invitation to give his talk again at ModelFiesta 31.

- Lee Forbes

### **Marketplace: Buy, Sell, or Trade**

Wanted: Italeri or Revell 1/35 Katusha rocket launcher. See Mike Picard at the meeting.

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### **New Kit News**

#### **1/72 Aircraft**

*Airfix:* P-51D Mustang, Folland Gnat, Bf109E, Spitfire F.22, F-51D Mustang, Bf109E/Trop, A4D Skyhawk, Fairey Swordfish Floatplane.

#### **1/48 Aircraft**

*Airfix:* Westland Army Lynx, Westland Navy Lynx, Westland Augusta Merlin.

#### **1/32 Aircraft**

*Revell Germany:* HE-219 Uhu, Bf109G-6, Eurocopter EC135, Westland Lynx Mk.88/HAS Mk.3.

*Trumpeter/Hobby Boss:* F-117, P-61 Black Widow, various A-6 Intruders (announced a couple of years ago)

#### **1/144 Aircraft**

*Revell Germany:* F-16C, Boeing 747-800, Space Ship Two and White Knight Two Carrier

#### **1/18 Aircraft**

*Hobbyboss:* SBD-3 Dauntless

#### **1/350 Ships**

*Airfix:* RN Type 45 Destroyer

#### **1/35 Military Vehicles**

*Revell Germany:* SPz Puma

Hobby Boss: French (Panhard?) EBR-10 8-wheeled armored car.

*Trumpeter:* SU-152 early, Russian T-24 tank, T-64A/B

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## 1/16 Military Vehicles

*Trumpeter:* SU-100

## 1/48 Military Vehicles

*Airfix:* British Forces Land Rover Twin Pack, Land Rover Photoetch parts, SUPACAT MWMIK Jackal, SUPACAT Coyote, Jackal and Coyote Photoetch parts, British Patrol Troops (Afghanistan), British Vehicle Crew (Afghanistan), Single Story Dwelling (Afghanistan), Single Story House (Afghanistan)

## 1/72-76 Military Vehicles

*Airfix:* King Tiger, Narrow Road Bridge Full Span, Narrow Road Bridge Broken Span.

*Revell Germany:* SdKfz.7

## 1/32 Cars

*Airfix:* Mini Cooper 'S,' Ford Fiesta WRC.

## 1/24-25 Cars

Revell Germany: Ferrari 599 GTO, Ferrari SA Aperta, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mini Cooper

## 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.

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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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