



## **IPMS/USA Alamo Squadron**

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# **Squadron News**

July 2012



### Next Club Events

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

**Next Club Build Night: Thursday, July 19,  
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/>**

**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](http://www.austinsms.org)**

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

**Info at: [www.fortworthscalemodelers.org](http://www.fortworthscalemodelers.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](http://www.ipms.org)**

### Prez Notes

**By Kent Knebel**

#### Extra Credit/Extracurricular Activities

Summer has arrived and we look forward to spending time with family and friends to enjoy those activities that make us forget work.

As such, there are certain members within the club who go out of their way to promote the hobby in ways that we can enjoy each other's company and learn things that sharpen our hobby skills.

I want to express my thanks to Lee Forbes and Frank Dus for their unselfish efforts at helping other club members sharpen their skills in airbrushing (see report below –ed.) and Lee Forbes and Brad Coffey during the monthly build night in June.

While the turnout for both classes was low, we did have interest expressed in further classes, perhaps at a more convenient date and time, in which they can participate. Part of the recipe for a better turnout will be more reminders sent out to members, something that I am trying to be better at.

Also, thanks to Lee Washburn for his efforts to introduce modeling to a local Cub Scout Pack. His report on this super project is below.

#### IPMS Nats Trip Drawing

The July meeting will see us select a member who will be randomly chosen to attend the IPMS National convention in Orlando, Florida, August 8 through 11.

You must be present at the meeting to be eligible to win - no proxies will be permitted. A primary winner and first and second alternates will be drawn at the meeting. The winner of the previous year's drawing is not eligible.

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The Club has allocated \$435 for the winner's lodging and \$414 for round trip airfare from San Antonio to Orlando. Reservations have been made for three nights, Thurs, Aug 9, Fri, Aug 10 & Sat, Aug 11, at the overflow hotel, The Disney Polynesian Resort. It is connected to the Convention site, the Disney Contemporary Resort, via monorail. The room is non-smoking with two queen size beds and room for an additional twin bed. Total sleeping capacity is five people.

In addition, the Club will pay for the winner's Convention registration, including the Awards Banquet meal, as well as application for IPMS/USA membership if the winner is not already an IPMS member. No action will be required by the winner at this point, the Club will accomplish the necessary paperwork.

The winner will be responsible for paying for his/her lodging and travel accommodations. Upon return to San Antonio, the winner will provide receipts for the lodging and travel expenses at the next regular Club meeting. If the winner can find cheaper lodging, he/she will only be reimbursed for the actual cost of lodging if less than the allocated \$435 mentioned above.

The same applies if the winner can find cheaper round trip airfare. If the winner chooses to drive his/her vehicle to Orlando in lieu of flying, the travel allowance to be reimbursed will not exceed the \$414 mentioned above, regardless of actual travel expenses. No other reimbursements will be allowed.

Lastly, all Club members who plan to participate in the raffle at the July 5 meeting should make prior arrangements with their employers/families to get the time off for the event. If the winner cannot attend, the next chosen alternate will succeed the winner.

### Model Fiesta Issues

We need to discuss a theme for the upcoming Model Fiesta as well ideas for a club challenge.

Speaking for myself, I need as much time as possible to select a kit, do research, purchase any

aftermarket necessities and finally build and paint the kit.

Remember, these models will be judged during the December quarterly meeting.

### Come Airbrush Your Blues Away...

Lee Forbes and Frank Dus conducted an airbrush clinic at the VFW Post 8541 on June 16th. Despite a small turnout, much education and even a bit of fun was had by all in attendance.

If you're new to airbrushing like Dave Herron and I are, airbrushing and masking techniques, tips on cleaning and maintaining airbrushes and compressors are a must if we are to improve or modeling skills.

Everyone brought their own airbrush, compressor, paints, thinners, and a favorite subject that they wanted to paint. Lee helped coach single-action, external-mix airbrush techniques and Frank help those of us using double-action, internal-mix airbrushes. I'm sure we drove Lee and Frank crazy with all of our questions concerning paint/thinner ratios.

As everything in life, proper cleaning of equipment is vital if we intend to continue using these frustrating but rewarding pieces of modeling equipment. Frank gave Dave an extensive airbrushing cleaning review and demonstrated the proper ways to clean his airbrush so as not to cause damage to its vital innards.

*"I think that's a bird's nest in there." Frank Dus shows Dave Herron how to clean an airbrush:*



Dave spent time during the clinic practicing his fine line and feathering technique and became more comfortable with his equipment as time went on. As with everything, practice, practice, practice was the mantra.

*“Hey, there’s paint coming out!” Dave practices his lines with his now-pristine airbrush.*



Airbrushing isn’t something that can be learned immediately and I am still amazed at Lee’s skill at free handing a 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Spitfire’s “A” camouflage scheme. He makes it look so easy. It can be a bit frustrating for those of us still trying to learn how to use our airbrushes.

*“Is that a pre-October 1941 A-pattern RAF Temperate Land camouflage scheme you’re wearing or are you just happy to see me?” Lee Forbes performs his usual magic on - what else - a 1/72 Spitfire:*



I look forward to future clinics like this. Despite being in the hobby for decades, I’m still learning new tricks and that is what makes this a fun and rewarding hobby.

- Kent

## Editor’s Notes

### Squadron Member Introduces Cubs to Modeling

Lee Washburn recently took on a project to introduce modeling to young Scouts. Here’s his report:

“I would like to thank the Alamo Squadron and Dick Montgomery for supporting my recent efforts to introduce modeling to a local Cub Scout pack. Through the help of IPMS and Dick, we donated 100 model kits to Cub Scout Pack 58 of the Alamo Area Council of Scouts. After my presentation to the Pack meeting in March, I returned in April to judge the Scouts’ modeling efforts.

*The future of our hobby... Proud members of Cub Scout Pack 58 show off their models and trophies, thanks to the efforts of Lee Washburn and support from IPMS and Alamo Squadron:*



“Thanks to Alamo Squadron’s generosity, I handed out 21 trophies to some very excited and appreciative Scouts. For those who did not complete their model for the April meeting, I encouraged them to keep working and enter them in the Squadron’s Model Fiesta 32.

“Thanks to everyone for your support.”

- Lee Washburn

### Monthly Contest Results

The June “Down in the Dumps” contest was anything but. Mike Picard took first place with his Backyard Mechanic diorama, featuring a 1934 Ford wrecker and an owner willing to take on a big challenge .

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Mike Picard's Backyard Mechanic diorama motored to First Place in June:



Scott Atchison came in second with a well-weathered Dragon 1/35 Panther D.

Scott Atchison beat up this Dragon Premium Edition Panther to take Second in June:



Figure-meister Henry Nunez garnered Third with his "Surrender With Dignity" grouping.

Henry Nunez's commentary on 1940's German-Soviet relations took Third Place at the June contest. Hope this doesn't give Brian any ideas on how to treat those of us "behind" on club dues:



## New Kit News

### 1/35 Armor

Bronco – Zrinyi Hungarian SP Gun

Dragon- Flak Panzer IV Ostwind (August)

ICM – V3000S Maultier

AFV Club – Bofors 40mm AA Gun

Panda - Russian 2S6M Tanguska AA tank

### 1/32 Armor

Renwal - M41 Walker Bulldog

### 1/32 Aircraft

Renwal – Hawk Missile Battery (August)

### 1/48 Aircraft

Revell – Mosquito IV RCAF; UH-34D (October)

Kitty Hawk – F-35B Joint Strike Fighter

Xuntong – Tupolev TU-2T Torpedo Bomber (new company, injection molded kit)

### 1/72 Aircraft

Italeri – Short Sunderland Mk.1 (September)

Eduard – Bf-110E (July)

### 1/144 Aircraft

Dragon – Grumman X-29

### 1/35 Ships

Micro-Mir - German Midget Sub Dolphin (includes interior, clear hull half, July)

### 1/350 Ships

Trumpeter – HMS Dreadnought, 1907 fit

Zvezda – Russian Battleship Sevastopol, 1909

### 1/700 Ships

Cyberhobby – USS Fort Worth LCS-3

### 1/25 Automotive

Revell – Mickey Thompson Challenger 1 w/Figure;

Foose '68 Firebird; Foose '67 Dodge Coronet

Finally, the owners of Wings XL have announced that they are ceasing development of their announced kits and are closing up shop. The company had announced a number of 1/32 aircraft kits, including the B-25 B/C Mitchell, B-26 Marauder, A-26 Invader, A-20 Havoc, P-61 Black Widow, Bristol Beaufighter and de Havilland Mosquito.



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There has been no word on the possibility of another company developing these projects.

### Upcoming Contest Themes

July & August – Open

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

October & November – Open

December – Club Challenge

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.

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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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