



## ***IPMS/USA Alamo Squadron***

IPMS/USA 1998-9 & 2004-5 Chapter of the Year

# ***Squadron News***



May 2012

### **Next Club Events**

**Next meeting: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3,  
at HEB Central Market, 4821 Broadway.**

**Next Club Build Night: Thursday, May 17,  
at VFW post 8541 on Austin Highway.**

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

### **Upcoming Area Events**

**The Art of the Car  
Classic Car Show  
and Model Car Show/Contest  
Saturday, May 19, 2012  
Blanco, Texas Fine Arts Center  
Blanco, Texas. Info at:  
(830) 833-1579 or contact:  
Jennifer@uptownblanco.com**

**Texas 2012 Toy Soldier Show  
The Menger Hotel  
San Antonio, Texas  
Saturday and Sunday, May 26-27, 2012  
Info at:  
(210) 266-7000 or contact:  
[martin@kingsx.com](mailto:martin@kingsx.com)**

**Austin Scale Model Show  
Saturday, October 6, 2012  
Norris Conference Centers  
2525 West Anderson Lane,  
Austin, Texas. Info at:  
[www.austinsms.org](http://www.austinsms.org)**

### **Prez Notes**

**By Kent Knebel**

Another year has rolled around and I find myself the new President of the Alamo Squadron.

Since joining the club in 2004, I've seen the club grow and become more visible within IPMS Region 6. This was in large part due to the energy and spirit of our membership.

As your new president, I do not have any plans for widespread changes in how we operate, but I do have thoughts as how we can continue the effort to improve our club and will present these thoughts to the membership.

I encourage open communications between our members and the newly elected officers. Without it, we cannot move our chapter forward. We have a great club history to be proud of and a strong membership who consistently shows what it takes to be successful in all that our chapter does in Region 6 and IPMS.

I look forward to a very productive year for our Chapter with your support. And now, here are a few words from the Squadron's new VP:

### **VP Notes**

**By Tom Sprawls**

Greetings Fellow Modelers, my name is Tom Sprawls.

I attended my first Model Fiesta in the late 1990's. The legend of Alamo Squadron has continued to grow with me ever since! I became a proud member of Alamo Squadron around January of 2010 when I moved to the San Antonio area. I know some of the membership on a personal level although many of you may not know me, yet.

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As a child I built many of the kits available from manufacturers such as Revell, Hawk, Monogram, and of course Aurora. My favorites were the Aurora monster models. As an adult I entered the hobby again around 1995 - been a love/hate relationship ever since! I still enjoy building large scale (1/8 or 1/16 scale) figures today although my modeling subjects vary. Building aircraft, ships and Science Fiction genre are of interest. I find attending demonstrations, seminars, and model shows to be enjoyable.

Although I have won some awards I consider myself to be a novice modeler. I am very open-minded to learning from anyone, especially from the Alamo Squadron membership! To that end last year I attended the ABC course. I found this to be very engrossing as well as inspirational.

In my opinion the Alamo Squadron is one of the Premier Scale Model clubs in our region and the nation. I look forward to serving you this year in the capacity of Vice President.

## Editor's Notes

### Monthly Contest Results

The April Open contest saw the usual display of high-quality work. Scott Atchison was the big winner, taking first with a great build of the classic Monogram 1/48 P-47.

*The classic Monogram 1/48 P-47 has undoubtedly been built thousands of times since the kit debuted in 1967. Few look as good as this one from Scott Atchison:*



Matt Neerman earned Second in April with a sharp Academy 1/48 MiG-21.

*Matt Neerman's sleek and deadly 1/48 Academy MiG-21 Fishbed took second in April:*



Scott Atchison was also awarded the Bronze in April. The subject was another classic, Revell's 1/48 Bf-109G.

*Scott A's 1/48 Revell was more evidence of his mastery of the classics:*



### New Kit News

Here's the latest on new kits, many are pre-announcements from the upcoming Shizouka Hobby Show:

#### 1/35 Armor

Bronco - SU-152 (KV-14)

Tamiya - Japanese Type 1 SP Gun (Rerelease);  
Japanese Type 97 Tank Late (Rerelease);

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US Modern Elite Infantry w/Accessories (Rerelease, ICM/Tamiya combination); Russian Commander Staff Car w/Figures; German Heavy Tank Destroyer Ferdinand; UK SAS Command Car 1944 w/Figures

Miniart – German Afrika Korps Tank Crew

Dragon- Ferdinand Kursk 1943

ICM - Soviet Military Service Women

*Comrade Colonel is evidently offended by female underthings. Details of ICM's upcoming 1/35 Soviet Military Service Women set:*



Fine Molds – JASDF Type 73 Light Truck (Jeep in postwar Japanese service, two versions); Japanese Type 4 Chi-To Tank (both prototype and service versions)

#### 1/48 Armor

Tamiya – Matilda Mk.III/IV

#### 1/72 Armor

Dragon – Long Range Desert Group Truck w/Lewis Gun; SdKfz 263 Funkwagen Armored Car

#### 1/32 Aircraft

Hasegawa – J2M2 Type 14 Raiden Prototype

#### 1/48 Aircraft

Hasegawa – Unmanned Space Probe Voyager

Tamiya – IL-2 Sturmovik (new mold, not the Accurate Miniatures kit)

#### 1/72 Aircraft

Hasegawa – Ju-88A-6 w/Balloon Cable Cutter

Platz – Mitsubishi F-1

#### 1/144 Aircraft

Platz – C-46 Commando

#### 1/350 Ships

Hasegawa – IJN Heavy Cruiser Chikuma

Bronco – USS Coronado LCS-4

#### 1/700 Ships

Tamiya – Yorktown CV-5

#### 1/24 Automotive

Tamiya – Subaru BRZ and Toyota 86 (same basic car shared by both manufacturers); Lexus LFA Clear Version

Aoshima – Toyota 86; Lamborghini Aventador, Knight 2000 K.I.T.T (Knight Rider Season 1 w/Front Scanner)

#### 1/12 Motorcycles

Aoshima – 1989 Honda NSR250R; Honda CB750F; Kawasaki Zephyr Kai; Road King, Bad Boy and Pink Spider Customs

#### 1/6 Motorcycles

Tamiya – Yamaha Motocrosser YZ250

#### Sci Fi (All Scales)

Aoshima – 1/72 Thunderbirds Jet Mole; 1/144 Thunderbird 1; 1/350 Thunderbirds 2 & 4; 1/350 Thunderbirds Dock; Small Scale Thunderbirds Base (Includes buildings and Thunderbirds ships)

#### April Meeting Activities

Master armor modeler Lyn Julian gave a great presentation that took much of the mystery out of assembling aftermarket metal tracks.

*The master at work. Lyn Julian makes assembling Fruil tracks look easy (well, at least possible...):*



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Randy Barnes, USS Lexington Museum Model Display Curator and all-around good guy, presented me with an unexpected Distinguished Contributor award from the Museum. The award was for the contribution of a group of "Yellow Wings" pre-war Navy aircraft built by a late customer of mine, Chief Petty Officer Jim Schaffert. It will be great to see Jim's work on display at the Lex.

*Randy Barnes, the youngster on the right, gives some old guy a plaque:*



### Upcoming Contest Themes

May – Open

June – Down in the Dumps. Anything in less than pristine condition.

July & August – Open

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

October & November – Open

December – Club Challenge

### **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.

### **2011-2012 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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