



November 2012

Next Club Events

**Next meeting: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 1,
at HEB Central Market, 4821 Broadway.**

**Next Club Build Night: 7 p.m. Thursday,
November 15, at HobbyTown USA, 2501 NW
Loop 410.**

Upcoming Area Events

**Cajun Plastic Modelers
GatorCon 2012
Saturday, November 3, 2012
Crowne Plaza Hotel
1801 West Pinhook Road
Lafayette, Louisiana
Info at: Kaliste@aol.com**

**Veteran's Day Celebration
Friday, November 9, 2012
Dolph Briscoe Middle School
4265 Lone Star Parkway, San Antonio
More info in this Newsletter**

**Pioneer Flight Museum
Fall Fly In/Air Fair
Saturday, November 10, 2012
Old Kingsbury Airdrome
190 Pershing Lane, FM 1104
Kingsbury, Texas
Info at: www.pioneerflightmuseum.org**

**South West Area Modelers of Plastic
Calcasieu Model Contest and Exposition
CALMEX
Saturday, January 26, 2013
Managan Center
Westlake, Louisiana
Info at: www.ipmsswamp.com**

Prez Notes

By Kent Knebel

One more step closer.

I signed the contract with San Antonio Event Center to ensure that we have our venue for Model Fiesta 32. My thanks to Art for his review and comments on the contract.

I've only committed us to 2013 so that we can see the interaction between San Antonio Event Center and the club. The center is available for the same weekend in 2014 but it's the only weekend available in February.

As we get closer, we will be putting out a call for support in the various areas needing help so keep that weekend free. Also, I've reserved space in the Nov/Dec IPMS Journal to advertise our contest. Please help get the word out in the various web sites, chat rooms and social media to let people know that we've moved our venue.

Build Night

As for the October Build Night, my thanks to Lee Forbes, Mat Neerman, Brian Smith, Kevin Lamping, David Phillips, Jerry Escobedo and Phillip Plant for their support and attendance. My sincere thanks also to HobbyTown USA San Antonio for their support in providing the room and staying open late to accommodate us.

A great time was had by all, HobbyTown's resident cats even showed up to provide their approval to our efforts. We even tried to coax the cats into playing with Matt's Tomcat while he was scoping out the store, but without success.

We plan to return to HobbyTown again for November's build night as the VFW is being used to provide logistical support for phone book deliveries.

- Kent

Editor's Notes By Gary Emery

Model Builders Wanted

Southwest Research Institute is seeking bids from modelers who can supply high-quality 1/72 models of the F-16, F-22 and C-17 by early January.

The Institute has developed a new robotic aircraft paint stripping system and is using a 3-D modeling system to produce 1/72 display models of the paint stripping machine for display at trade shows.

The aircraft models will be displayed with the equipment models. Please see Gary Emery at the meeting for details.

Lee Makes Ace!

Talk about an honor – Lee Forbes was proclaimed an Honorary Fighter Ace by the Friends of American Fighter Aces at their convention on September 22 in San Diego. How cool is that?

Lee Forbes shows the steely-eyed killer stare that helped him attain Honorary Fighter Ace status with the Friends of American Fighter Aces.



Alamo Squadron Strikes Austin

Matt Neerman has provided this report on the recent Austin Show:

"Several Alamo Squadron members made the trek up to Austin on October 6 to participate in Austin IPMS's annual contest, held at the Norris Center.

"Mike Picard, Lyn Julian, Matthew Neerman, Rick Warring, Art Nicholson, Kent Knebel, Scott Atchison, Marty Martinez, Ken Doman, Keith Klabon, Henry Nunez, Lee Forbes, Frank Dus and Tom Sprawls all showed up to admire the fine workmanship of the models and rummage through the vendor tables. Figure painter Gilbert Moreno was there as well.

"Gary Emery of Hill Country Hobby and Paul Lemmon brought their wares to sell in the vendor room too.

"The Alamo Squadron also did quite well during the awards ceremony. By Mike Picard's count, we scored 32 awards. Lyn Julian took Best Armor, Best Diorama and Best Of Show with his converted radio truck. Gary Fuller got Best 1950s Interceptor with an F-86 Sabre. Matt Neerman got Best Sci Fi/Sci Fact with his Colonial Viper Mk. 7."

- Matt

Thanks, Matt. Here's a list, in no particular order, of Alamo Squadron winners as provided by Mike Picard:

Rick Waring – First in Aircraft 1/100 and smaller; Second in Triathlon; 1-2-3 Sweep in Small Naval Ships.

Gary Fuller – First in Ships; Best Ship; Second in Large Scale Aircraft; Best USAF Interceptor.

Matt Neerman – Second and Third in Aircraft; two Thirds in Armor; Second and Third in Ships; First in Sci Fi; First in Triathlon, Best Sci Fi/Sci Fact.

Mike Picard – Third in Armor; First and Second in Sci Fi; First in Miscellaneous; Silver in Figures.

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Lyn Julian – First in Armor; First in Diorama; Best Armor; Best Diorama; Best in Show.

Lee Forbes – Second in Aircraft.

Rob Booth – Third in Aircraft.

Henry Nunez – Gold and Silver in Figures.

Congratulations to all!

Attendees admire some of the models in competition at the Austin Scale Modelers Society show on October 6:



Alamo Squadron modelers took home 32 awards in the competition:



Veteran's Day Celebration

Matt Neerman has details of this event, which is becoming an Alamo Squadron tradition:

"IPMS Alamo Squadron has been invited to participate in the annual Veteran's Day celebration at Dolph Briscoe Middle School. The celebration is scheduled for Friday, November 9.

"Every year, the school invites past and present members of the U.S. Armed Forces to come to the school and meet the students and faculty, and talk about their experiences and life as members of our nation's military. The school sets aside a large room off of the library for club members to display models of American military subjects of all eras.

"The school graciously provides both breakfast and lunch for all guests on the school grounds that day. It really is a fun way to spend the day, showing off our models and talking with the students, faculty and guests.

"I should have more detailed information to relay to the club membership at the November meeting."

- Matt

Monthly Contest Results

Alamo Squadron's Open contests always feature a wide variety of entrants – for instance, the October winners were a truck, an airplane and a bicycle.

First place in October was taken by Lyn Julian's amazing 1/35 Russian GAZ Radio Direction Finding truck. This model also swept the competition in Austin, taking a bunch of awards including Best of Show.

Lyn Julian's amazing GAZ. There's a Trumpeter kit in there somewhere, buried under a ton of scratchbuilt excellence. Gotta love the dogs, who are making sure the tires don't dry out:



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Matt Neerman took Second in October with a neat 1/48 Royal Navy Sea Harrier.

Matt Neerman built this nice 1/48 Sea Harrier to take Second in October's contest, just in time for the Falklands War anniversary:



Pete Ortensie came up with another of his high-quality and esoteric models – this time a low rider bicycle – to earn a Third in October.

How's this for something different? Pete Ortensie took a Third with this nifty low rider bicycle:



New Kit News

Tamiya:

1/12 Honda NSR500 1984

1/20 Red Bull Racing Renault RB6

1/24 Enzo Ferrari w/Detail Up Parts

1/35 M1A2 Abrams TUSK 1/TUSK 2

1/35 M109A6 Paladin (Italeri mold)

1/35 Russian BT-7 Model 1937

1/35 Self-adhesive zimmerit for the Tamiya King Tiger w/production turret, King Tiger w/Porsche turret and Panzer IV Ausf J kits

(Note: The “new” Tamiya 1/72 F-15E and F-14A featured in the last newsletter are now confirmed to

be Italeri molds.)

ARK:

1/48 Type VII U-Boat (about 55 in. long)

Moebius:

1/6 Robby the Robot

1/25 1971 Ford Ranger Pickup

Zvezda:

1/48 Yak-3

Revell:

1/25 1992 Mustang LX 5.0 2 in 1

1/25 1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda 2 in 1

1/32 Military Wrecker (ex-Renwal)

1/48 F-105D T-Stick II

1/144 US/USSR Missile Set

Polar Lights

1/1000 Star Trek USS Enterprise w/USS Botany Bay (two kits, new tool)

Upcoming Contest Themes

November – Open

December – Club Challenge

Thanks to Matt Neerman, Mike Picard and Jerry Escobedo for their newsletter help this month! 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.

The Squadron News is published monthly by IPMS/USA Alamo Squadron of San Antonio, for the information and enjoyment of the members of the Alamo Squadron and its friends. Articles, reviews, news items, ads to buy, sell or trade, and other contributions are very welcome. Submissions in MS Word are much preferred.

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