



September 2012

Next Club Events

Next meeting: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 6, at HEB Central Market, 4821 Broadway.

Next Club Build Night: Thursday, September 20, 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

**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

**Central Arkansas Scale Modelers Sproo-Doo
Show/Contest**

Saturday, October 6, 2012

Arkansas Health Center

Benton, Arkansas

Info at: www.casmodels.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

Extracurricular Activities

We had a better turnout for the build night in August with Matt Neerman, Aaron Villarreal, Jerry Escobedo and me in attendance.

A longtime attendee, who will remain nameless, opted to pass on hobby night to spend the evening with his wife on her birthday. Imagine that!

Has anyone seen this man? Witnesses state that this was the longtime build night attendee who blew off the meeting just so he could take his wife out for her birthday. So much for dedication to the hobby...



It was good to see a mix of projects being worked; armor, ship, aircraft (albeit paper) and auto all being carefully attended to despite the warm conditions in the room (will sure be glad once summer is over). Despite the warm conditions, we got a bit accomplished.

The upcoming club challenge was discussed as well as admiring each other's work. While I've seen the end results of Jerry's work at show and tell, it was surprising to see that he handled the paper parts as much as any modeler working in plastic, with careful cutting and sanding to ensure a proper fit.

Paper or plastic? Aaron Villareal, left, works on his styrene car kit while Jerry Escobedo turns a flat sheet of paper into another of his 3-D wonders.



Matt was working on detailing his armor tracks with oil paints and Aaron was pondering the car kit he hadn't touched in a while.

Matt Neerman attacks a Leopard...



As for me, I pulled out my WWI Subchaser and made it my goal to complete it before Model Fiesta. Since I put it down several months ago, I decided to break it up into smaller projects to get a sense of completion, especially now that my primary source of research has included better and more complete period photos of these little-known ships.

Kent Knebel's Glencoe 1/74 WWI Subchaser was originally produced in the 1950's by ITC, so you know it's pretty basic. Kent has modified, replaced or scratchbuilt just about every piece of this rough classic...



Please keep in mind that Hobbytown USA 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. If you would like to hold the build night there, let me know at the next meeting so I can schedule it with them.

September Meeting Details

The September meeting will see us finalize the "Previous Winners" category rules and definition for the upcoming Model Fiesta. September is also out quarterly meeting with the theme "In Foreign Hands" being judged. Also recall that this year's Model Fiesta theme will be "The 60's".

- Kent

Editor's Notes

Alamo Squadron at ARME Mexico

Jerry Escobedo carried the Alamo Squadron colors across the border to the IPMS ARME Mexico show last month. Here's his report (the letter from the ARME Club president is at the end of the newsletter):

"As I mentioned on last club meeting, the Make 'N' Take table for the kids on the IPMS ARME Mexico modeling event last month was an outstanding success.

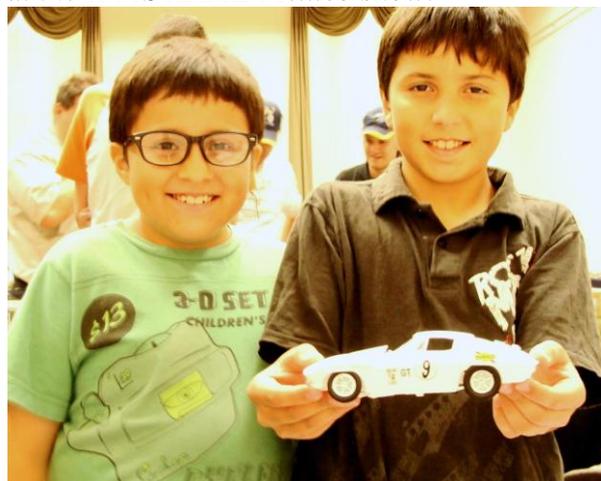
"Children were able to build a plastic model thanks to the kind donation from the Alamo Squadron Club and IPMS USA in the person of Mr. Dick Montgomery. Kits included Revell's Battlestar Galactica Cylon Starbase, Colonial Viper and Penske Racing Corvette.

"At the start, some children - and their parents - were not confident that these kits were free, and some even kept distance from the table... but as they saw other kids as they approached to inquire

about the models - and the sign that my wife and kids prepared with the legend "Kid's Table - Build Your Model" - more kids and youngsters gathered around the table, and we encouraged them to pick up a kit, open the boxes and start their own model.

"For many it was their very first time they laid hands on a plastic kit. Some of us adults helped children on their models... but I may add that my own kids, Brandon and Brisa were an active part of this venture, as they showed the very basics of modeling (part identification, read and follow instructions, sprue-cutter use and the careful use of CA glue)... always under the guidance of us adults, members of the ARME club and parents.

Proud new modelers show off their Corvette, built at the IPMS ARME Mexico show.



"Not all kids finished their work on site, but all were excited to take them home and continue the building, as we explained to their parents where to find CA glue and other basic tools in Monterrey.

"As you can read on Alfonso's letter - president of the ARME club - the Make 'N' Take table it was a big hit on the event.

"Thank you for this effort."

- Gerardo

IPMS Nats Report

Lee Forbes brings us this report from Orlando:

"This year's IPMS/USA Convention was held at Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom in Buena Vista,

Florida, in the Contemporary Hotel and Convention Center. The Center opened in 1971 and has been modernized over the years to its present "like new" status.

"Alamo Squadron was well represented this year. This year's club raffle winner, Rick Warring, along with Rob Booth, Gary Emery, Jeff Faucett, Dick Montgomery, and yours truly were there for most or all of the days of the Convention.

"I arrived on the 8th along with Dick Montgomery, and Rob Booth and Rick Warring arrived on the 9th. Gary Emery and Jeff Faucett were staying with family members who live in Florida and dropped by on a "day-pass" basis.

"Rob, Rick and I all entered models in the contest. On the first day my entries could have resulted in a possible second place, by the second day they had slipped to a third place, and on the final day of registration I was clearly in the "also ran category."

"Rob went gunning for the "Best Use of an IPMS National Convention Decal" and he won it with his collection of "Yankee Station MiG Killers" that many of you saw at our July meeting. Rick received a 3rd place for one of his 1/700 scale submarines. Congrats to both of these guys! They made Alamo Squadron proud.

Rob Booth brought home the IPMS Award for best use of an IPMS Convention decal sheet with this six-pack of MiG killers.



"Rob, Rick and I all helped with the judging on Friday night. Rob and I judged Aircraft and Rick judged Ships as an OJT (First Time Nationals)

Judge. There was a photographer from a Japanese Model Magazine taking pictures of the judging process. He somehow was attracted to me and my team and followed us around most of the evening taking lots of pictures...maybe I'll become a modeling celebrity in Japan!

"There was also a large delegation from Venezuela who were observing how to organize a "Nationals" and to take back ideas on putting on a similar show in their country. They must have learned a lot about completion too, because they carried off so many awards, including "Best of Show." Each time someone won an award they shouted and danced around like banshees! It was the first time that a competitor from another country had ever won Best of Show at an IPMS Nationals.

"As usual the vendor room was a big hit with all the modelers in attendance. However, after the awards banquet was over I overheard a number of vendors at the bar complaining that they had not really done that well. No doubt that was due in part to the relatively high prices for food and drink at the hotel complex. We saw lots of modelers who had brought their families with them so that probably reduced their vendor room purchases.

"While there, I spent time with my friend, Chris Bucholtz, the managing editor of our IPMS/USA Journal. Chris will be interviewing Brigadier General Frank Gailer, the WWII 357th Fighter Group Ace who lives here in San Antonio, for an upcoming feature article on General Gailer's wartime exploits. This feature article will include decals of both of General Gailer's P-51 Mustangs so be on the lookout for that feature in 2013.

"There were a number of new releases showcased by the manufacturing representatives. Most notably was Zoukei- Mura. They will be bringing out in 1/32 scale a new He-219 and a Ta-152H. In addition, they will be adding 1/48 scale models of their existing 1/32 product line. I got to meet the owner of Zoukei-Mura. He's very wealthy and his hobby is producing these wonderful models!

"The highlight of my trip going to Kermit Weeks' Fantasy of Flight located about 30 miles from Orlando with two of my friends that I had met during the numerous trips that I made to Europe

and the IPMS UK Nationals between 2000-2006. The Museum was absolutely fantastic! You've got to put that on your "bucket list."

"All of Weeks' aircraft are flight worthy. And Kermit can fly them all! Each day around 1:00 P.M. he or one of his pilots takes off in a different airplane to demonstrate its flying characteristics. That day Kermit flew his P-51D Mustang, "Cripes-A-Mighty 3rd" and fly it he did! He really put the airplane through its paces including several high speed passes over the field...when that Packard-Merlin is wound up you could feel the vibration in your gut as he passed by a nearly 300 mph and 50 feet off the runway.

"The 2013 IPMS/USA National Convention will be in Loveland, Colorado, in mid-August and the 50th Anniversary of IPMS/USA Convention will be held in Hampton Roads, VA in 2014. In addition to continuing our raffle to send a deserving Alamo Squadron member to an IPMS/USA National Convention, maybe the Club can lease a van or set up "car pools" to travel to Colorado next year. It's within driving distance from San Antonio and hopefully more Alamo Squadron members will be able to experience a "National."

"I, for one, plan to be there."

- Lee

Monthly Contest Results

The August contest was another open competition and the variety of modeling styles and subjects reflected the wide range of talents our members have.

First Place went to Jerry Escobedo for his remarkable paper 1/33 BF-109T-2.

Probably the first paper model to win a First Place award in our club's history, Jerry Escobedo's 1/33 Messerschmitt looked like it could fly:



Mike Picard took Second with a neat 1/35 Sturmtiger.

Mike Picard's tough-looking Sturmtiger in ambush camo rumbled to Second Place in August:



The club's resident figure painting artist, Henry Nunez, brought home Third Place with his 54mm "The Violinist." He's been sharing his techniques with us at recent meetings, so how come no one else can make a figure look so real?

Henry Nunez' Violinist scored a Third last month. Check out the wood tones on that violin...



New Kit News

Seen at the IPMS Nats in Orlando were several test shots of upcoming models. All I saw were aircraft.

Military Model Distributors (Squadron's wholesale arm) displayed sprues of the Hobbyboss 1/32 P-61 Black Widow and A-1 Skyraider. Both are due before the end of the year. They also showed sample sprues from Trumpeter's 1/48 A-3 Skywarrior, also due out soon. All three looked to be great kits.

Zoukie-Mura had samples of their 1/32 HE-219 Uhu (Owl) nightfighter and their first 1/48 kit, the Shinden experimental fighter. Both looked amazing, exhibiting all the internal details that Z-M kits have become known for. Next in 1/48 will be the TA-152.

Revell showed off their own version of the HE-219 in 1/32 scale. It looked very nice and represents a late-model Owl, while the Zoukie-Mura kit is of an early-build example. Looks like you Luftwaffe guys will need them both!

HK Models next B-25 in 1/32, the gun-nose B-25J, wasn't at the Nats, but I did see sprue shots of the new nose. Hopefully, that means the rest of the kit is coming soon...

Upcoming Contest Themes

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.

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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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To all members of:

THE ALAMO SQUADRON CLUB

On the past July 7th, 2012, we celebrated the 2nd Annual Contest of the IPMS/ARME club, here in Monterrey, Mexico. We had many modelers, friends and visitors from all over Mexico and US. But our Goal from the start was to introduce the hobby to young blood, meaning new modelers that can learn from us; that way we will keep this hobby alive. So the very best way to do that is by having more and more children in our contests and events. In our case this year we had many children building some kits, kindly donated by the Alamo Squadron Club in San Antonio, Texas and the IPMS USA. Our modeler friend Gerardo Escobedo-Sainz was the connection between our clubs.

For almost six hours ours children have fun building a model from zero to finish. They learned how to cut

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pieces from the sprue and to use the CA glue, under the guidance of adults.

So this letter is to say a warm thanks to THE ALAMO SQUADRON CLUB; your collaboration was crucial to achieve our goal to have a table full of children, having fun and learning this beautiful hobby.

We hope that next year we can count on the visit of some members of The Alamo Squadron Club to our contest. It will be an honor to have you here!!

Greeting from Monterrey, Mexico!

Alfonso Barajas-Treviño

President IPMS/ARME