



IPMS/USA Alamo Squadron

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Next Club Events

Next meeting: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at VFW Post 8541 on Austin Highway.

Next Club Build Night: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at HobbyTown USA, 2501 NW Loop 410.

Upcoming Area Events

**Baton Rouge Scale Modelers
Cajun Modelfest 28 "Lucky 13"
Saturday, April 13, 2013**

**Louisiana State University 4H Mini Farm Bldg.
1146 Pleasant Hall
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Info at: www.brscscalemodelers.com

IPMS Houston

Modelmania 2013

Saturday, April 27, 2013

**Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Road,
Stafford, Texas**

Info at: www.ipms-houston.org

IPMS North Central Texas

Scalefest 2013

Saturday, May 11, 2013

**Hampton Suites & Convention Center
1700 Rodeo Drive,
Mesquite, Texas**

Info at: www.ipmsnct.net

2013 IPMS/USA National Convention

The Thin-Air Nationals

Wednesday, August 14

through

Saturday, August 17, 2013

**J Q Hammons Conference Center
4705 Clydesdale Parkway,
Loveland, Colorado**

Info at: www.ipmsusa.org

Prez Notes

By Kent Knebel

PACs. Don't need them! Pollsters. Why bother? Updating voter ID rules? What am I trying to say???

Call for Nominations

It's our annual club election time. We are still accepting nominations for all three positions. So far, no (volunteer) nominees for the position of president. Jerry Escobedo was nominated for Vice President and Lee Forbes has thrown his hat in for Secretary/Treasurer. We will look for any more nominees/volunteers at the April meeting.

The current brain trust. If you want your likeness associated with the word "brain" in a future newsletter photo, volunteer to be an officer!!!



Meeting Location

Our monthly meeting will be held at the VFW post as it was last month. Please note that our meeting will begin at 8:00 instead of the normal 7:30 due to the VFW post conducting its monthly meetings. Recall that we have a committee of members

scouting possible meeting locations. If you have any ideas, we will discuss possible alternatives as time dictates.

Build Night Update

Lee Forbes has made arrangements for us to have our monthly build nights at HobbyTown USA on the third Thursday of the month. More to come at the meeting on this topic.

April Contest

This month's contest will be a Quarterly Contest, the theme is "1940's". Please plan accordingly and make sure entries meet the theme.

- Kent

Editor's Notes

We sent our intrepid correspondents far and wide last month. Their reports follow, but first:

Model of the Year Contest

Lyn Julian's beautiful Russian radio finder truck continues to earn honors, this time as Alamo Squadron's 2012 Model of the Year.

Lyn's mostly scratchbuilt knockout. Wonder what he has up his sleeve next:



USS Lexington Update

Randy Barnes has this report all the way from downtown Rockport, Texas:

"The USS Lexington scale model exhibit was the fortunate recipient at ModelFiesta of 11 aircraft models from the collection of the late Phil "Bondo" Brandt. Acting as liaison with Phil's wife, Cindy, Austin Scale Modeler's Society member Eric Choy was instrumental in making the extraordinary gift possible.

"Since ModelFiesta, Cindy has generously donated an additional five models to the Museum, most of which veteran Alamo Squadron members will recognize from past area contests or Phil's build articles published on Hyperscale.

Cindy Brandt's generous donation of some of Phil "Bondo" Brandt's superb models, including this "Firebar", to the USS Lexington assures that his legacy will live on for generations to come...



"All will be on public display when the Lex' model exhibit opens later this Spring. For a preview, check out Bondo's weird-but-wonderful scratchbuilt Yak-28P "Firebar"!

- Randy Barnes

Lewis Aviation Legends Tour

Next, Lee Forbes reports on the Alamo Squadron tour of Rod Lewis' warbird collection:

"On Saturday morning, March 16, nearly a dozen Alamo Squadron members and a number of guests showed up at the Lewis Energy Hangar at the San

Antonio Airport for a special tour of Rod Lewis' warbird collection. He has the majority of his extensive collection located at his South Texas ranch. These are not available for viewing by the general public because the ranch is also a private residence for the Lewis family.

"Periodically some of these airplanes are rotated from the ranch to his San Antonio Airport hangar. Our tour was arranged through the Lewis Energy Public Affairs Office and our host that morning was Bob Cardin, LAL Aviation Director.

"I'd also invited Colonel Darrell Welch, USAF (Retired), his wife Madeline, son "Buck" and grandson Charlie, who brought his girlfriend, Emily. Col. Welch is the sole surviving P-38 pilot who participated in Operation Bolero in the summer of 1942 to ferry U.S. fighters from the USA to England via Canada, Greenland, and Iceland. As you can imagine, he was happy to share his experiences flying the P-38 and told us some interesting facts about the airplane.

"The Welch family was especially interested in the seeing the P-38F, "Glacier Girl," which was resurrected from the Greenland ice cap. His sister squadron in the same operation was "The Lost Squadron" (eight P-38s including "Glacier Girl", and two B-17s) that crash landed on the Greenland ice cap.

Glacier Girl in all her glory...



"Fifty years later, Bob Cardin led the team that recovered "Glacier Girl" from under 268 feet of ice pack and the restoration team that returned her to flying status. Mr. Cardin showed us the "heating element" that was used to melt the ice (it was about four feet in diameter and looked like kid's top with copper coils that wrapped all around it). This was how the team melted the ice with hot water that circulated around the coils. It took two weeks to

create the space needed to dismantle the airplane and lift it to the surface.

"Most of the tour was spent looking at and listening to the stories about the P-38 and its recovery. The airplanes were brand new with only 75 hours of flying time on the engines when they left Selfridge Army Airfield, Mich., for England. Mr. Cardin told us that nearly 80% of the parts in "Glacier Girl" were original, and that's hard to believe because of its impeccable condition...only one blade of the props had to be replaced!

"After the time spent around the P-38, we walked around the hangar and looked at the other airplanes in the main hangar, including a P-47D-30 Thunderbolt, a TF-51 two-place Mustang, an F8F Bearcat, an FG-1 Corsair, an L-39 Albatross and a P-40C Tomahawk. Then we walked to a second hangar to see the remaining airplanes. Here we saw a B-25J Mitchell, another Bearcat, two F7F Tigercats, and an AH-1 Cobra helicopter.

How about having one of these in your garage. A pristine F7F Tigercat seen on the Rod Lewis Warbirds tour...



"The Alamo Squadron members who participated in the tour with me were: Rob Booth, Dave Herron, Kent Knebel, John Kress, Matt Neerman, Anthony Neira, Dale Reed, Tom Sprawls, Frank Style and his son-in law, and Lee Washburn and a guest. Jerry Escobedo couldn't make the tour but he sent two of his friends to see the airplanes.

"I think that everybody enjoyed the tour and after it was concluded several guys asked Mr. Cardin

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about his new “modified” 6.2 liter Camaro. It had a special cam and a supercharger. It was exciting to listen to the “thump, thump, thump” of that powerful engine. He said that he’d driven it 140 mph and it was rated for 200 mph. That’s only a little slower than some of the airplanes that he takes care of for Mr. Lewis’ Warbirds collection.”

- Lee Forbes

Build Night

As usual, Matt Neerman was on hand to report the activities at build night on March 21:

“We had a good turnout this month at Hobbytown USA for March build night.

When is the last time you this group of guys this quiet? Build night at Hobbytown...



“Lee Forbes spent much of his time masking in preparation for airbrushing a 1/72 plane. Phil Sanders worked on a 1/72 Heinkel 112 and Frank Dus was working on a Ford GT automobile. Tom Sprawls and Ken Doman showed up to hang out and chat. And I was hard at work masking away on a 1/48 T-6 Texan II trainer.”

- Matt Neerman

Lone Star Figure Show

Here’s Mike Picard’s writeup of the big figure show in Big D:

“The second annual Lone Star Figure Show was held in Dallas on March 15 and 16 with about 300 entries in competition. Several well-known master modelers and painters were in attendance, many conducting hands-on seminars on figure painting, diorama construction and more.

Our own armor pro Marty Martinez took home the “Best Ordnance” prize at the Lone Star Figure Show with this Sherman:



Master of the weird and wonderful, Mike Picard, let his “Ivan the Terrible” do the talking at the Lone Star Figure Show. Ivan brought home a Silver:



“Alamo Squadron was well represented. Henry Nunez received a Silver and Bronze for his figures. Marty Martinez earned a Silver for his “Patton’s Panzer”, which also won the “Best Ordnance” trophy. My “Ivan the Terrible” also won a Silver in the Ordnance category”.

- Mike Picard

Thanks to Randy, Matt, Lee and Mike!

See you at the meeting.

- Gary Emery

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, the Live Oak Civic Center and the new location for 2013, the San Antonio Event Center.

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Club Meetings

The Club normally meets the first Thursday of each month, currently at VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway in San Antonio.

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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