



### Next Club Events

Next meeting: 8 p.m. Thursday, February 7, at VFW post 8541 on Austin Highway.

Next Club Build Night: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 21, at HobbyTown USA, 2501 NW Loop 410.

### Upcoming Area Events

**IPMS Alamo Squadron  
ModelFiesta 32**

**The International Contest of Texas  
Saturday, February 16, 2013  
San Antonio Event Center  
8111 Meadow Leaf Drive,  
San Antonio, Texas**

Info at: [www.alamosquadron.com](http://www.alamosquadron.com)

**Metroplex Car Modelers Association**

**MCMA 2013 Showdown #23**

**Saturday, March 9, 2013**

**Dr. Pepper Center  
12700 N Stemmons Frwy,  
Farmers Branch, Texas**

Info at: [www.themcma.net](http://www.themcma.net)

**IPMS Houston  
Modelmania 2013**

**Saturday, April 27, 2013  
Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Road,  
Stafford, Texas**

Info at: [www.ipms-houston.org](http://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: [ipmsnct.net](http://ipmsnct.net)**

### Prez Notes

By Kent Knebel

### Modelfiesta 2013

Well, we once again come to that time of the year when the Spurs go on their annual rodeo road trip, the rodeo comes to town and Model Fiesta is but a coupe of weeks away.

I call for all club members to assist in the set-up and hosting of our 32<sup>nd</sup> annual contest. My thanks to those of you who have already volunteered for various duties and those of you who will be volunteering at the next meeting.

We will need people to man the registration tables, general admission, door prize and vendor assistance. We will also need to have alternates shadowing the head judge, vendor coordinator, and registration to make sure we keep an experienced pool of people available for future contests.

My heartfelt thanks to Rob Booth, Dee Jacobs, Lee Forbes and Matt Oldham, whose experience and confidence have made this year's preparations nearly effortless despite a change in venue.

### Club Meeting Site and New Start Time!

As stated elsewhere in this newsletter, 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 at our last meeting a call was made for members to scout possible meeting locations. We will discuss possible alternatives as time dictates.

### Build night

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 for this topic.

## Call For Improvements

Once we have placed Model Fiesta 32 behind us, I would like the club to focus on updating those aspects of the club which are in need of attention. Some of those things are administrative in nature and some are a little more difficult to get one's hands around.

My thanks again to Bob Carr, who has been our webmaster for these many years. I would like to hear from club members experienced in web design who can meet with Bob and me to discuss ideas on how we can modernize the web site and bring it more in line with what other clubs are showing online. Simple enough, right??

- Kent

## Editor's Notes

### Monthly Contest Results

Gundams and robots aplenty showed up at the January meeting for the annual Club Challenge.

Gundam pro Bobby Corrasco took first in the 2013 Robot Wars with this guy:



Mike Picard and Paul Lemmon tied for Second with these entries (Mike's is on the left):



Mike Picard also scored a third with this imposing (but somehow cute) figure:



### New Kit News

Lots of new kits have been announced at the Nuremburg show and elsewhere. Here's a bunch (new-tool items unless noted):

#### 1/32 Aircraft

Revell Germany: EC135 Flying Bulls (modified reissue?); JU-88A-4 w/bombs (modified reissue); Spitfire Mk.II; Bf-109G-6

#### 1/48 Aircraft

Revell Germany: Tornado IDS

Eduard: Bf-109E-7 Trop; Bf-109G-6; MiG-21PFM Fishbed F; MiG-21R Fishbed H; Spitfire IXc

AZ: Fairey Firefly FR1/TT1

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Hobby Boss: FW-190D-9; A-6E; F-80C; F-84F; Sukhoi SU-27; Polikarpov I-153, I-16 and PO-2

1/72 Aircraft

Revell Germany: JAS-39C Gripen; MD520 NOTAR; P-47M

A Model: Beech 2000 Starship; BO-105; Convair P3Y-1 and P3Y-2 Tradewind; Do-26

AZ: Bell AH-1 Hueycobra family; Boeing P-26 family; D.H.82 Tiger Moth family; DHC-1 Chipmunk family

Hobby Boss: A-4E/F/M Skyhawk family; Gloster Gladiator; Ju-87D Stuka; Macchi MC200; IL-2M3 Sturmovik; Bf-110; Mitsubishi A5M2; Pe-2; Tu-2

Italeri: Short Stirling Mk.I

1/144 Aircraft

A Model: DH Comet; Tu-104A

1/16 Armor

Panda: Panzer 38(t) Ausf E/F

1/35 Armor

AFV Club: AEC ACV; AEC Matador; M60A1 Patton

Revell Germany: Dingo 2A2

Tamiya: IDF Tiran 5

IBG: Bedford QLT GS; Bedford QLT Troop Carrier; Marmon-Herrington Mk.I/II/III; Otter Lt. Recon Car

ICM: L500S LF6 and LLG German WWII Light Fire Trucks

Italeri: FT17 Tank; VTLM Lince

Miniart: AEC Mk.1 Armored Car; BZ-38 Refueller; GAZ 03-30 and 05-193 busses

1/72 Armor

Revell Germany: T-90 MBT

1/35 Ships

Italeri: British X Craft Midget Sub

1/72 Ships

Revell Germany: Type IXc U-505 Sub

1/350 Ships

Trumpeter: HMS Dreadnought 1915

Academy: USS Indianapolis

1/1200 Ships

Revell Germany: MS Midnadsol; MS Trollfjord

1/24 Cars

Revell Germany: BMW M3 DTM 2012 (two different liveries); Red Bull RB8 F1 Vetter and Webber; VW Kaefer 1500 coupe and cabriolet, VW T1 Transporter

Sci Fi

Revell Germany 1/500 USS Enterprise (New Movie)

**Build Night**

Intrepid reporter Matt Neerman has this report from January's gathering at Hobby Town USA:

"Ken Doman was learning the ropes of paper modelling with Jerry Escobedo helping, Brad Coffey was working on a Sopwith Camel biplane. Matt Neerman was busily applying decals to his Aggressor F-14A Tomcat. Tom Sprawls dropped by for a while to visit and chat too.

*Ken Doman searches in vain for something made of plastic as Jerry Escobedo supervises...*



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“One of the store cats, George, dropped in to inspect our work and lounge around as well.”

*Yeah, but can he mask a canopy? George, again...*



- Matt Neerman

### CALMEX Show

Matt came through again with this report from exotic Lake Charles, Louisiana:

“A few Alamo Squadron members made the trek to Lake Charles, Louisiana, for IPMS SWAMP's annual CALMEX show on Saturday, January 26.

Dick Montgomery, Henry Nunez, Matt Neerman and Tom Sprawls were in attendance. Bob Bethea from the Austin IPMS club went to the show as well. Gary and Grace Emery from Hill Country Hobby were there as vendors.

*Vendors from as far away as Pensacola, Florida brought plenty of goodies for the CALMEX crowd...*



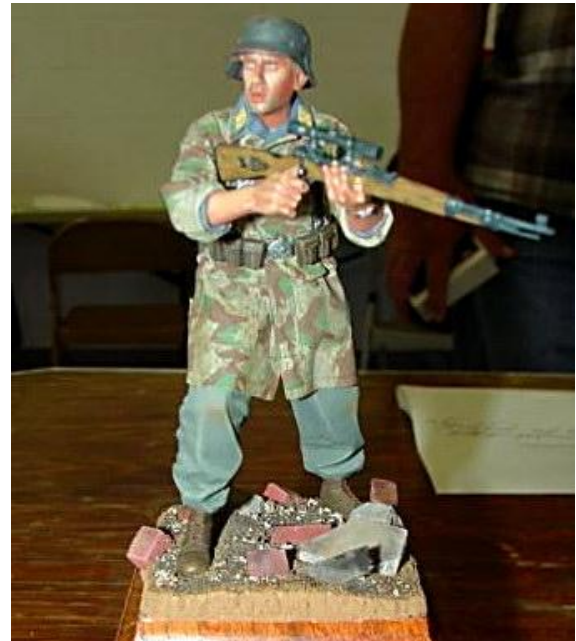
This year, the club set a new record for model entries - 322 models in total! The club put on a very good show, and it was a fun time. The local cuisine and gabfests with the SWAMP membership (plus a side trip to Holly Beach, about

20 miles away from the contest site) alone were worth the trip!

Alamo Squadron also did quite well in the awards, with our members taking nearly 20 awards, including Henry earning Best Of Show (4 years out of the last 6!) with one of his 120mm German sniper figures.

CALMEX is a growing IPMS event and IPMS SWAMP did a fine job putting on the contest. My thanks to the SWAMP membership.

*Henry Nunez' Fallschirmjager Sniper took best of show in Lake Charles...*



Can't wait for the next time!

- Matt Neerman

I couldn't agree more with Matt. While CALMEX isn't near the size of Modelfiesta (hey, what is?), the SWAMP folks are a super bunch and put on a great show. In addition, I guarantee that you will never get a better bowl of gumbo than that served up by SWAMP member Matt LeBlanc's wife and mother at the show. It's worth the trip just for lunch!

Thanks to Matt for again providing so much good copy (and all the photos) for the newsletter. The rest of you are welcome to provide input, too (hint, hint).

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, 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 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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