



March 2013

Next Club Events

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

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

Upcoming Area Events

**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**

**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: ipmsnct.net**

**Prez Notes
By Kent Knebel**

ModelFiesta 32

My thanks to all who made Model Fiesta 32 a huge success. Despite a few setbacks before the show and a couple of minor issues preparing for/during the show, all ended up well. Lee Forbes will give

a financial report concerning the contest at this months meeting. I've asked for inputs so I may put together an after action report for next years contest director to review. I've received a couple of inputs and am waiting for a couple of more so I can finish.

This outstanding scratch-built USS Langley got Best Ship, Best Of Show and the Robert Beebe Award for Modeling Excellence at ModelFiesta 32:



Annual Awards

This month will see us getting caught up with our awards, this month being selection of the 2012 Annual Award. Below is the list of those eligible to enter:

February - Rob Booth, FW-190CV-18.

March - Rob Booth, Navy RSC-1 (C-46 Commando); Mike Picard, Egyptian T-34/85; Randy Barnes, Grumman F11F-1 Tiger.

April - Scott Atchison, P-47.

May - Rob Booth, Texas ANG F-20 Tigershark.

June - Mike Picard, Backyard Mechanic diorama; Scott Atchison, Panther D; Henry Nunez, "Surrender With Dignity" figure grouping.

July - Henry Nunez, "Planning the Attack" figure grouping.

August - Jerry Escobedo - paper BF-109T-2.

September - Kent Knebel, USAAF Spitfire IX; Mike Picard, Afghani BTR-40; Mike Picard, Syrian Hummel.

October - Lyn Julian, Russian GAZ Radio Direction Finding truck.

- Kent

Editor's Notes

Monthly Contest Results

A car, airplane, sub and tank all made the podium in February's Monthly Contest.

Rick Stanley proved that diecasts need love, too, with this First Place offering:



Scott Atchison's opened-up Fw-190D-9 placed Second:



Third place was a tie between Mike Picard's Panzer III:



and Matt Neerman's Soviet Victor III sub:



2013 Contest Schedule/Themes

Mike Picard has proposed the following for this year's monthly contests:

March – 2012 Model of the Year selection

April – The 1940s

May – Open

June – Open

July – Outer Space: anything factual or fictional designed for use outside the atmosphere

August – Open

September – Open

October – What ifs: anything hypothetical or just plain weird OR Frankenstein: Anything resurrected from the dead past for use in the distant future

November – Open

December – Holiday Party

January 2014 – Club Challenge (theme to be decided at October 2013 meeting)

Build Night

Here's Matt Neerman with his monthly report from build night:

“A few Club members showed up at Hobbytown USA for the February Build Night. Paul Lemmon worked on a 1/32 Bf-109 that he had just purchased, Phil Plant airbrushed a 1/48 Hasegawa F-15 Eagle and Matt Neerman was working in a 1/48 IbeX T-6 Texan II trainer. Tom Sprawls showed up to hang out and chat.”

Paul Lemmon and Phillip Plant chafe under the harsh supervision of Club VP Tom Sprawls...



See you in March!
- Matt Neerman

Thanks again to Matt Neerman for providing much of the info and all the photos for the newsletter. Thanks also to Mike Picard for the input on our contest schedule. Any other Club member who has something of interest for the group can drop me a line.

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

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