



**Next Club Events**

**Next meeting: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at VFW  
Post 8541 on Austin Highway.**

**Next Club Build Night: 6:30 p.m. Thursday,  
May 16, at HobbyTown USA, 2501 NW Loop  
410.**

**Upcoming Area Events**

**IPMS North Central Texas  
Scalefest 2013**

**Saturday, May 11**

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

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

**2013 IPMS/USA National Convention  
The Thin-Air Nationals**

**Wednesday, August 14 - Saturday, August 17**

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

**Info at: [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org)**

**Austin Armor Builders Society and  
Armor Modeling & Preservation Society  
AMPS CENTEX**

**Lone Star Armor & Figure Expo 2013  
Saturday, September 21**

**Georgetown Community Center  
445 E. Morrow St.  
Georgetown, Texas**

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

**Austin Scale Modeler's Society  
IPMS/USA 2013 Region 6 Convention  
Saturday, October 5**

**Norris Conference Centers  
2525 West Anderson Lane  
Austin, Texas**

**Info at: [www.austinsms.org](http://www.austinsms.org)**

**Prez Notes**

**By Dee Jacobs**

I hope you will come out and meet your new president at May's meeting.

My name is Dee Jacobs and I am going to shake this group up. We will be having more demos and not quite as much business. We will be placing the minutes from the last meeting in the newsletter from now on.

If you have any questions about me and the new regime, come to the meeting and express them.

-Dee

*The new regime is sworn in. Outgoing President Kent Kneble gives the oath to (L to R) president Dee Jacobs, Vice President Jerry Escobedo and Secretary/Treasurer Lee Forbes. Hey wait – why does Jerry have his fingers crossed?*



**April Meeting Minutes**

**By Lee Forbes**

1. President, Kent Knebel, opened the meeting and asked Lee Forbes, Acting Secretary/Treasurer, to talk about the tour of Mr. Rod Lewis' warbirds collection on March 16. Lee summarized the event and referred to his article in the April Newsletter.

2. Kent then mentioned that the E-Board election was to be held at the April meeting, and thus far we only had nominations for Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. He asked if anyone was interested in running for President. Dee Jacobs stated that she'd run for President. Since no other candidates expressed an interest in running for an E-Board position, that we could elect the unopposed candidates by acclamation. A motion to elect Dee Jacobs, as President, Jerry Escobedo, as Vice-President, and Lee Forbes, as Secretary/Treasurer, was made and passed.

3. Lee gave a report to the Club that all MF 32 expenses had been paid and as of the March 2013, bank statement we had \$9,616.64 in the checking account and \$29.82 in Petty Cash. We had also collected a returned check plus fees, of \$102.00 that had yet to be deposited in the bank account.

4. Lee went on to say that we needed to reinstate dues collections due to insufficient reserves available to cover "Club paid dues" as we had in the past four years. He indicated that 48 members had memberships expiring in 2013. This would yield \$576.00, but he only expected to collect 75%, or \$432.00, due to some members not attending regular meetings or other Club activities. He indicated that dues collection would allow us to continue most of our programs with the exception of sending a member to the IPMS/USA National Convention and paying a travel allowance for Club car pools traveling to local contests.

5. This led to a discussion of whether or not a motion needed to be made to authorize the dues collection again. Lee opined that he didn't think so. Another member stated we probably did need a motion because he had made the original motion several years ago to have the Club "pay member dues" when we started the practice. This ended the discussion and a motion was made and passed to reinstate dues collection.

6. After a short break, outgoing President, Kent Knebel, administered the oath of office to the newly elected E-Board and turned the meeting over to Dee Jacobs.

7. Dee made some opening remarks about the Club having fun and enjoying the hobby and that we needed to continue to search for a suitable meeting place.

8. Since this meeting was treated as a Quarterly Contest with the theme of the "1940s" and IPMS/USA membership raffle drawing, the following winners were chosen: First place went to Mike Picard for his island assault Sherman Tank and second place went to Mark Jacobs for his rusting 1940 Ford. There were only two entries. Peter Ortensie won the raffle and selected the \$25.00 Hill Country Hobby gift certificate.

9. Dee conducted the "Show and Tell."

10. Mike Picard, Club Contest Coordinator, mentioned the May and June contests would both be opens. The July contest would be a Quarterly, with the theme of "Real/Fictional Spacecraft."

11. The meeting adjourned.

- Lee

## **TREASURERS NOTES**

**By Lee Forbes**

As most of you know, Alamo Squadron exhausted its substantial reserves when we moved the location of ModelFiesta 32 from the Live Oak Civic Center to the San Antonio Event Center this past fall. While ModelFiesta 32 was profitable, after reserving \$8,000 to host ModelFiesta 33 on February 15 of next year, our operating budget for the next 12 months has been substantially reduced.

Among several cost cutting measures that have been put in place to deal with this reduction in our

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operating budget is the reinstatement of collecting dues again after a four year suspension of dues collection for all active Club members. Collection of dues was approved at the April 4 meeting and will be reinstated commencing with the May 2 meeting.

There are 48 Club members whose dues have already expired, or will expire, during 2013. Since membership cards have not be issued for the past four year the only record of expiration dates is reflected on our current Club Membership Roster which was updated throughout the period of suspended dues. This will serve as the basis of establishing dues expiration dates.

I intend to announce in each month's Newsletter, those Club members whose dues will expire over the next three months. In the interests of privacy, I will announce by month those Club members whose dues need to be collected during each three month period. In the interests of privacy, Club members will be identified as follows: Last name and first name expressed as initials, month of dues expiration, and Zip Code. For example, using myself as an example, e.g.: FL, Jun 2013, 78232. Remember that Club dues are still \$12.00 a year.

To institute this practice coincident with the May 2 meeting there are 11 Club members whose dues have expired, or will expire, between Feb and May. They are: **DF, Feb 2013, 78240; AJ, Feb 2013, 78233; AS, Feb 2013, 78070; FS, Mar 2013, 78133; TB, Mar 2013, 78228; CR, Mar 2013, 78028; MA, Apr 2013, 78250; NM, Apr 2013, 78230; SR, Apr 2013, 78233; WR, Apr 2013, 78250; & ND, May 2013, 78261.**

Checks made payable to IPMS Alamo Squadron or cash are acceptable. Sorry, no credit or debit cards can be processed. Please come to the May 2 meeting prepared to pay your dues. If you aren't able to make this meeting, you may mail your check to me at: IPMS Alamo Squadron, 13539

Carlton Oaks, San Antonio, TX, 78232. Your cooperation is appreciated.

- Lee

## Editor's Notes

By Gary Emery

## April Contest

As Lee mentioned in the minutes, there were only two entries for the April "1940s" contest, but both were trophy-worthy. Mike Picard took first with a suitably gritty Pacific theater Sherman diorama and Mark Jacobs was a close second with his realistic abandoned car vignette.

*Mike Picard scored a Gold in April with this intense Pacific island Sherman scene. How did those guys do it?*



*Mark Jacobs' second-place abandoned jalopy looked like it was rusting away before your eyes. Kinda looks like my yard before I moved to a subdivision with a strict neighborhood association...*



## USS Lexington Update

Randy Barnes has some great news concerning the model exhibit at the Lex, including a new name for the display:

*“Dear Donors and Supporters,*

*“After 4 1/2 long years of effort the Scale Model Exhibit is finished! In addition, I have received word from the Museum's marketing director that the exhibit has officially been titled the "Warbirds and Warships Scale Model Gallery".*

*“The official grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Monday, May 27, (Memorial Day) at 10 a.m. aboard USS Lexington in Corpus Christi.”*

- Randy Barnes

Thanks to Randy for the update and Matt Neerman for all the photos in this edition. 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.

### 2012-2013 Club Officers

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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.

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