



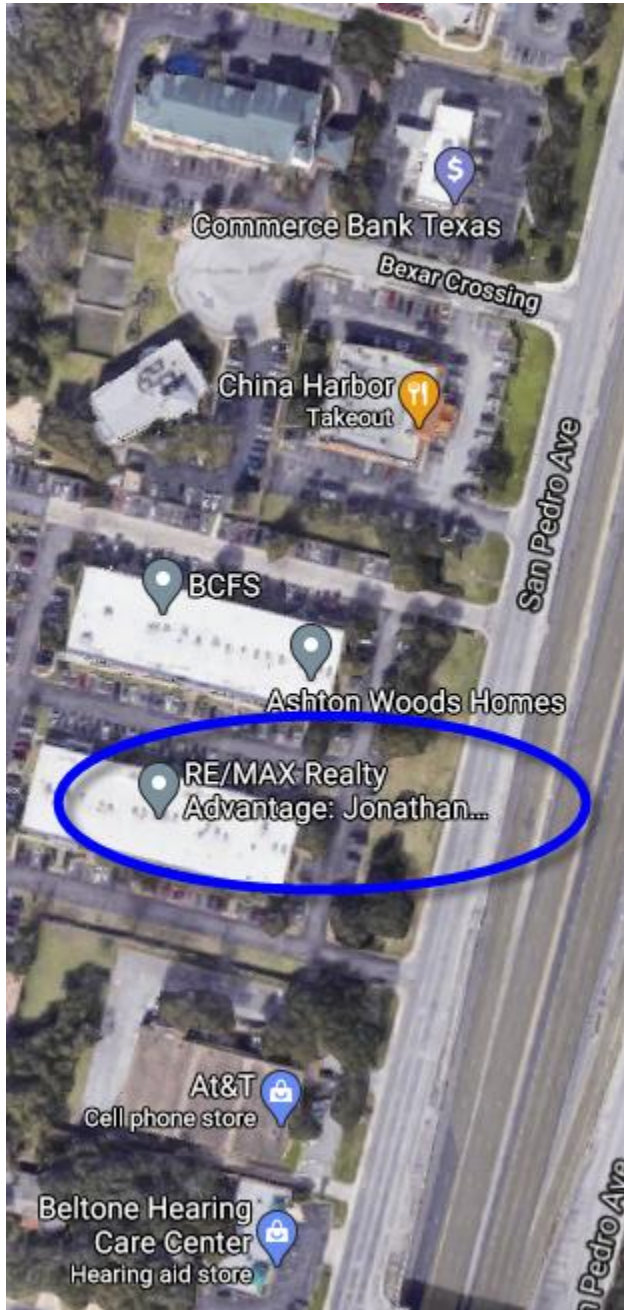
The Navigator



January 2021

For Modelers, By Modelers, About Modeling

New monthly meeting spot



Hosted by: RE/MAX Realty
17319 US Highway 281 North
Suite 206
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**Next Meeting:
Thur Jan 7 at 7PM**

At press time, a video conference call setup is also being considered as an alternative venue for remote/online participants this Thursday evening.

Watch for an email announcement.



IPMS Alamo Squadron regrets to announce the rescheduling of its 40th annual ModelFiesta event

February 20, 2021 would have marked the 40th edition of IPMS-Alamo Squadron's ModelFiesta scale modeling event, held continuously since 1981. The MF 40 planning committee had begun putting together great things for this celebration, just about the time the COVID-19 pandemic set in. We had hopes that the virus would subside before our planned go or no-go decision date this month.

Our group discussed a multitude of contingencies through the ebb and flow of cases, preventative measures, governmental restrictions, etc. that affect what kind of event we could eventually host. We had come to the decision that we'd rather offer something for the modeling community to attend safely, even at the sacrifice of our contest, than nothing at all. We were confidently on track to do so.

However, the current resurgence of COVID-19 cases, and the unpredictability of when we can plan to safely gather for such events, we feel compelled to cancel the event planned for February 20, 2021. It is just not worth the chance that anyone in our modeling community might be exposed and contract this awful virus, just to attend a hobby show.

For those vendors that have already paid for tables our vendor coordinator will be working with our club treasurer to get your refunds sent ASAP. Expect to be contacted soon after the holidays with your refunded money.

So, please mark your calendars to be at the San Antonio Event Center on **February 19, 2022**. We now have another year to plan what will be a stellar event, ModelFiesta 40 – The International Contest of Texas! We will keep you updated on our plans as things progress.

Please stay safe, have a blessed Merry Christmas, and keep on modeling!

... The members of IPMS Alamo Squadron, San Antonio, Texas.

In Memoriam

(Authored by Dick Montgomery)



As some of you who have been in Alamo Squadron for a number of years know, **Lyn Julian** passed away in Sept, 2020. Lyn was an outstanding modeler and tended to favor the armor genre. He and his good friend, Mike Picard, were fixtures at model contests and collected quite a large number of awards. Lyn was a member of Alamo Squadron for many years and, I believe, a founding member of the Armor club here in San Antonio. Lyn won the club's annual Model-of-the-Year award four (4) times.

Lyn ran a Tree Service, and in fact, I remember Lyn working in my back yard. Over two days, I found it disconcerting to watch him move from branch to branch with the confidence of Tarzan. I found Lyn to have a very sly sense of humor, a gentle spirit, and a considerate approach to those around him.

His passing has left an exceptionally large hole in the modeling community, but those who knew him have an opportunity to say their goodbyes.

You are invited to visit an online Memory Wall to share a memory, a photograph, or a comment about Lyn. This service is provided by Meadow Lawn Mortuary. Please follow these simple instructions and you'll find the Memory Wall for Lyn quickly, where you can leave a remembrance.

1. Go to www.meadowlawn.net
2. Click on "Obituaries".
3. Enter "Lyn H. Julian" in the search window.

Please visit the Memory Wall and leave a few words in honor of our friend and colleague.



Modeler's Feature

Article and photos by Keith Rule

Paint 'Em All – Part 4



It is now Tuesday, December 15 and I will try to catch up and finalize my Paint "Em All series.



The 32 Ford Sedan is complete. This build is contest ready with polished red metal flake paint and detailed engine and interior. Seats are scratch-built and trimmed with seat belts and shoulder harnesses made with strips of double layer masking tape colored with a red Sharpie. Buckles and clips are photo-etch. Carpet is red flocking and I learned something about flocking. Flocking is applied by painting the area with a matching color (preferably flat) and immediately using a small sieve to sprinkle

liberal amounts of flocking over the painted area. After shaking off the excess, you have simulated

carpet, but it will usually be somewhat “blotchy”. I discovered that you can apply another coat of paint and flocking and the appearance will be greatly improved! The final assembly of the body, interior, fender, and chassis units was very difficult. After an initial overnight failure of with clamps and epoxy, I was successful using two fabricated pieces, superglue, toothpick wedges, and clamps.



The Harley Davidson FLHC is complete. This build is also contest ready with polished custom pearl yellow/gunmetal/black paint. I did all I could to bring out detail with paint, but there wasn't much additional detail needed considering what the kit provided. The assembly was quite tedious, initially requiring careful assembly of the seven-part frame, ensuring all was square and true. Then it was piece by piece assembly, waiting for adhesive to cure (often overnight) before proceeding. The fit of the pieces was excellent and I am quite pleased with this one.

The 2017 Camaro SS is complete. This is a box stock build. I may enter it in contests, but I don't have expectations. The paint is nice, and the kit has good detail, but you can't see the interior. I explained in Part 3 how I detailed the wheels. Assembly went well except for the rear suspension. It was assembled per instructions but, try as I might, the rear wheels will not sit straight up vertical. Oh well. Final assembly (often an issue with model cars) was a breeze.



I've changed my mind about the White-Freightliner Tractor. It's just the right Tractor for the Dumper Trailer and the Scrap Metal Build. The MAN Tractor mentioned last month has gone into my stash, giving me THREE stash kits, a record for me. I dunked the White-Freightliner in Castrol Super Clean (purple stuff): Nothing. Then a few hours in brake fluid and, after some light scrubbing with a toothbrush, all the clear coat and color was gone leaving the Tamiya Primer! Maybe stripping with brake fluid is not as bad as I remembered. After some minor touch-up of the panel lines with Mr. Surfacer 500, I sprayed another coat of white primer over the original gray. Then I decided to try something I had heard about but never tried. Since I am going to finish the body with clear coat, could I use flat paint for the color coat? After studying the tractor body for a while, I decided on a paint scheme and taped off the body. Then I sprayed the top and lower area flat red. After more taping, I sprayed a flat black trim stripe. The center area was left primer white. Before decals (which I printed on my computer per previous article) I sprayed a coat of gloss clear coat. Decals were applied and it all looked good. I then sprayed 4 more coats of gloss clear coat and left it to gas out. Unfortunately, the clear coat caused a slight crazing in some areas of the flat red paint. This cannot be, so **I STRIPPED THE PAINT AGAIN.** This time I used Tamiya red and white with black trim followed with 4-5 coats of Tamiya gloss clear coat.. no screw ups here!

Assembly of the AMT White-Freightliner was fraught with problems. The support for the fifth wheel was missing and had to be scratch-built. The exhaust pipe connecting the two exhaust stacks wasn't close to fitting. I scratch-built one using soldering rod. Adjustments were made to the radiator location so the body would fit. The cab tilt forward kit components could not be assembled per instructions so I scratch-built my own. Then the chassis components and the gear shift interfered with the tilt forward operation and the cab was clearly off center. I finally had to mount the cab permanently in the operating position. There were no locating holes for any of the cab lights, mirrors, horns, etc., so all were pinned to the body with small sections of staples. A piece of plastic rod was added to each mirror so it would fit to the cab. And I'm sure I have forgotten a few things. The cab was finished with my self-printed Scrap Metal Processor.com decals and a selection of others from my decal box.

In contrast, the Revell Dumper Trailer was a wonderful kit to build. The frame is Tamiya flat red, the bed Tamiya sky gray, and fenders and trim Tamiya semi-gloss black, all finished with Tamiya semi-gloss clear coat. The kit has options for open or covered bed. I chose the covered bed and simulated the canvas cover with NATO black brown pre-hit the cover with thin flat white to appearance. The thing about the only 3 cover kit, yet there were areas where they



would be. I abandoned the kit parts and scratch-built 7 of my own. Assembly was then without incident. The model was trimmed with my self-printed Scrap Metal Processor.com decals, kit decals, and aftermarket reflector decals.

I hope you have enjoyed my series and maybe picked up a tip or two.










Next up – The Monogram 1/72 Space Shuttle Project

Keith Rule



Model of the Year – 2020 Recap

Here are mini visual reminders of the monthly contest winners from which the “Model of the Year” will be selected for 2020:

(Theme)	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Jan	No contest due to 2019 Model of the Year Vote		
Feb (Fabulous 50's)			
	1/48 TBM-35 by Kent Knebel	1/144 272-200 by Julio Caro	1/48 RCN Sea Fury by Rob Booth
Mar (Open)			
	1/25 Granddad's Truck by Dana Mathes	1/48 P-38 by Rowdy Bricco	1/25 '32 Ford Coupe by Keith Rule
Nov			
	1/35 M9 ACE by Dana Mathes	1/25 1959 Cadillac Eldorado by Keith Rule	1/25 1978 Pontiac Trans AM by Keith Rule
Dec	No Monthly Contest due to the Holiday Party		

PRESENTER VOLUNTEERS ALERT

As you know Alamo Squadron is resuming in-person meetings with the proper safety protocol. As you have seen from Keith's email, our meeting will take place at a new venue near Loop 1604 and US 281. That means that we have the opportunity to have demos again as part of our club meetings.

This note is an invitation for you to give a demonstration or lead a discussion of a modeling technique, a tool, research methods, painting techniques, or any other modeling-related topic you'd like to share with the club. Being hunkered down this year, there are bound to be many things the group has learned that can help the club advance its modeling skills.

If you'd be willing to present a 15-20 minute demonstration at a club meeting at one of the upcoming monthly meetings (Feb, Mar, Apr), please send a note back to me with a brief description of your topic.

Thanks for your consideration, Dana. huskercat@gmail.com

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Upcoming IPMS Region 6 Area Club Events

Provided by Dick Montgomery IPMS #14003

Please coordinate with Contacts to verify the schedule and location is accurate before finalizing plans.

Date	Title	Contact	Location	Address
January 31, 2021 CANCELLED	CALMEX 35	Robert Leishman swampclub@yahoo.com	Lake Charles Civic Center	900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, LA, 70601
February 20, 2021 CANCELLED	ModelFiesta 40	Mark Verdi alamosquadron@gmail.com	San Antonio Event Center	8111 Meadowleaf Drive San Antonio, TX 78227
March 6, 2021	Showdown 21	Len Woodruff sbcsystems@grandecom.net		Farmers Branch, TX
March 20, 2021	RiverCon X IPMS Region 6 Regional	Andrew Bloom 1952@gmail.com	LSUS University Center	One University Place Shreveport, LA 71111
May 8, 2021	ModelMania 2021	Kenneth Jackson KW.Jackson.1@hotmail.com		Stafford, TX
July 24, 2021	Houston Automotive Modelers Society Model Car show and Contest	Robert McQuown Robert.mcquown@sbcglobal.net		Spring, TX
August 18 -21, 2021	The Very Best of the West IPMS National Convention 	Bob Lomassaro Director.nats2021@aol.com		Las Vegas, NV

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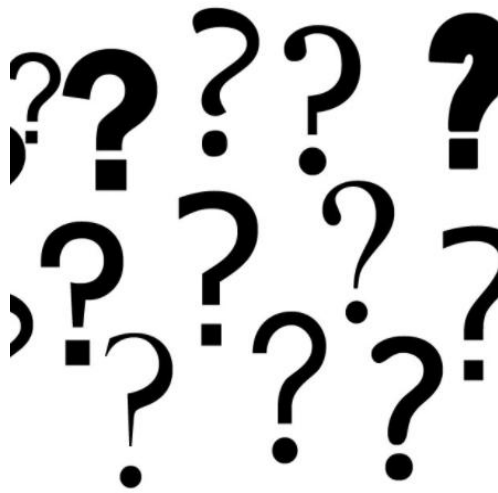
IPMS–Alamo Squadron San Antonio Texas meets on the 1st Thursday evening of each month. Meetings start at 7:00 PM Central Time for general social catch-up with the business portion starting at approximately 7:15 PM. Monthly agendas usually consist of event (local and regional) updates, members promoting their “works-in-progress, a member vote for the month’s model of choice, a kit of the month feature and presentation or demonstration of a modeler’s technique.

Every attempt is made to communicate with chapter members any last minute changes in the meeting locale. For information on meetings, future agenda items, coming events or general IPMS Alamo Squadron please contact Keith or Dana.

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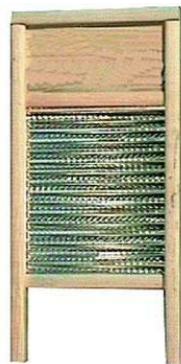


One Last Thing

Scatter shooting while wondering whatever happened to Saturday morning cartoons....

- Remember when the AFL versus the NFL was THE Super Bowl?

- You're getting on up there in years if you know what these are:



- "Smitten" is a word you don't hear very often any more.
- Who still has either a CompuServe, Delphi, Prodigy or AOL internet account?
- Y2K? Has it been that long ago?
- *"Get off the internet! I need to make a phone call."*
- You're a visiting guest and your host asks "Would you like a coke to drink?" You reply "Yes" and then your host asks "What kind?"
- Ever driven a Polaris, Fury, Cutlass, BelAir or Pinto?
- Armed Services servicemen used to be only ones with tattoos on their arms.