

# The Navigator

January 2022

FILE WITH  
**GLASS**



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Latest news on our Model Fiesta



## *OUR MONTHLY MEETING SPOT*

Meeting:  
Jordan Ford  
13010 N Interstate 35, San  
Antonio, TX 78233

Date: Thursday,  
January 6, 2022

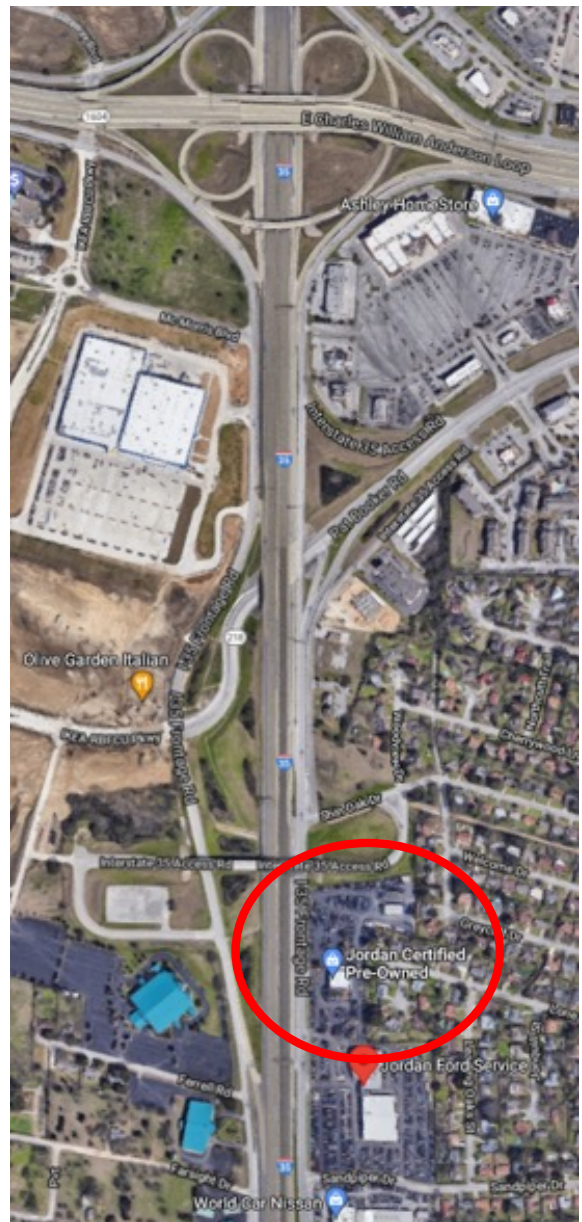
Time: 6:15 PM – 7:50 PM

Demonstration: Working with Resin  
Kits by Eric Syverson

Model Contest Theme: Model of  
the Year Contest

Health Protocol: Masks and  
Distancing Enforced

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







Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas and holiday time. Our new year is starting with a bang. In the first week of January, we will have our regular club meeting, the annual Model of the Year (MoY) contest, and ModelFiesta 40.

Our big event, ModelFiesta 40, is finally at hand. It's been two long, pandemic-filled years since our last contest. I'm sure you can't wait. We expect a record turnout, and the vendor space is sold out. Thank you for your generous donations to the raffle. There are over 50 great prizes, and you will want to buy many tickets. If you have not pre-registered your entries, please do. It's easy. There will be a collection box at the contest for Models 4 Troops. Please consider a donation (kits, books, tools) to this worthy cause.



Friday, Jan. 7 is our set up day for ModelFiesta. There is a lot of work to do: preparing the contest tables and helping our vendors unload. The set-up is always a lot of fun with lots of laughter. Come to the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center at 3:00 p.m. that Friday (bring your gloves). We cannot bring food into the venue, but good restaurants are within walking distance. The contest will take place on Saturday, Jan. 8. Please come by 8 a.m. to take up your workstation. I'd also ask you to stay after the awards presentation to help clean up our excellent venue.

Our next meeting is on January 6 at 6:00 p.m. We are starting a bit earlier in order to make the meeting feel less rushed. In line with Jordan Ford's policy, masks are now optional. Our normal WIP discussions will resume, and the Kit of the Month table will be open for business. Lee Forbes will be available prior to the meeting to review models per the IPMS/USA judging protocol. Eric Syverson will be demonstrating techniques for working with resin kits. It promises to be

another jam-packed night of talking models.

The Model of the Year contest will take the place of the normal monthly contest. You are eligible to enter if you are member who is current on your dues and your model(s) placed (1-2-3) at one of the monthly contests during 2021. Thirty models are eligible. The winner, as determined by club vote, will have his/her name inscribed on our prestigious Texas-shaped Model of the Year trophy and have the honor of displaying the trophy at home for one year.

What a great way to start the year!  
Dana Mathes







# FROM OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



Doug Wall's AMT Imperial TIE Fighters





Devon McCollough's  
Pegasus 1/48 Hurricane



# MODEL FIESTA 40 PRE-REGISTRATION HOW-TO

ModelFiesta 40 is coming up soon and IPMS Alamo Squadron is pleased to inform you, the reader, that you will be able to take advantage of our Pre-Registration Program. You are invited to Pre-Register your entries via email beginning October 15th and terminating January 6 at 6pm, CST.

**ModelFiesta is scheduled for Jan 8, 2022, at the New Braunfels Civic Center in New Braunfels, Texas.**

Pre-registering your entries allows you a quicker “registration experience” when you check-in on the day of the event. There is also a **\$3 discount of your total registration fee** for those who pre-register when you check-in on the day of the event.

When visiting the website (<http://www.modelfiesta.com/registration.html>), you will see the **Model Registration Summary Form** or **MRSF** (see example in next page) and the Individual Model Entry Form (or IMEF). Once downloaded, information can be entered directly into text boxes on the forms and saved.

Your IPMS # is not a requirement but if you are a member, please enter your membership number.

Having your phone number on file allows us to call you in case of a question about your

entries, or on the day of the event if there is a need to contact you about one of your entries.

You may refer to the Category List to help determine in what categories your builds belong in this link:

<http://www.modelfiesta.com/categories.html>

Save the completed forms and then attach the **Model Registration Summary Form**, as it's the ONLY form that needs to be emailed, to this address:  
[alamosquadron@gmail.com](mailto:alamosquadron@gmail.com).

Be sure to bring the printouts of the Individual Model Entry Form (IMEF) with you to display in each of your model entries.

Receipt of your Summary Form will be acknowledged and additional instructions regarding what to do with all your forms will be e-mailed to you a few days after receipt.

Pre-Registration payment will take place at the Pre-Registration Station on the day of the event.

Please feel free to ask questions about the Pre-Registration process, or about the event in general, by emailing to [alamosquadron@gmail.com](mailto:alamosquadron@gmail.com).



Please download the following form in this web-site: <http://www.modelfiesta.com/registration.html>



**IPMS Alamo Squadron**  
**ModelFiesta**

ModelFiesta  
Staff Only -  
Contestant Number:

**Model Registration Summary Form (MRSF)**

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ IPMS #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I.D.	Category	Scale	Model
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B			
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Alamo Squadron MRSF Ver 1.5

Addresses and phone number are required if the need arises to mail/send awards to the contestant after the show. Alamo Squadron DOES NOT share this information with any other organization or business.

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# Infini Glass Modeling Files by Rob Booth IPMS/USA #37548

I am a self-admitted scale modeling “tool hound”. I am constantly surfing the web looking for new tools to make my efforts at the hobby desk better, if not more efficient. I had seen some clear glass files during my viewing forays. They looked interesting, so I and decided to investigate them a bit further.

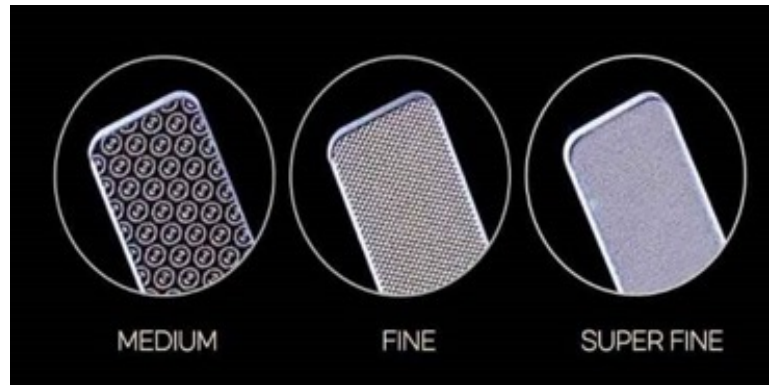
Early last fall, I purchased two sets of these Infini glass modeling files from our friends Rudy and Danielle at Lionheart Hobbies up in Kyle, Texas.

They delivered them to me when they volunteered to make a presentation about their hobby shop at one of our meetings. One set is the “large” size at 13mm X 110mm, and the other is more petite at 8mm X 90mm. Both sets are about 3mm in thickness.





The cutting surfaces of these files are laser etched on tempered glass. When used properly, these tools remove surface plastic in micromillimeter passes that leave a mirror-like finished surface. They are surfaced with three “grits” ranging from medium to fine to superfine and are used progressively just like any other sanding or filing tools.



Having used them now for a couple of months, they haven't convinced me to toss my ample supply of sanding sticks and metal hobby files ... those tools have their specific uses and applications. However, I have discovered in these glass files a new way to provide “finish” grade removal of plastic from seam lines and surface detailing.







When used to “round over” a fuselage seam, the top surface is left with a polished surface similar to the kit finish adjacent to the seam. They are also absolutely rigid, so the cut within the width of the file is perfectly flat. This rigidity also allows a clean, sharp edge to be

achieved up against or adjacent to other details. Here are a couple of pictures of the top fuselage seam of a 1/72 Hasegawa Polikarpov I-16 I’ve been working on. Notice the smooth finish on the areas that have been worked.



Another advantage to the use of these files is that you can “see” the cutting action on the surface of the model as you work. You can file off “just enough” without going too deep.



Clean-up of plastic debris is a simple rise under running water or maybe a couple of swipes with a soft brush and some dish detergent before rinsing for stubborn filler build up. I suppose if they became really clogged, you could even soak them in lacquer thinner without damaging them. With regular cleaning and, barring a drop from more than desk height

onto a hard tile floor, they should last forever.

While not inexpensive at about \$35.00 for each set, I consider them a very worthwhile investment into my modeling tool inventory. Infini makes a companion “finishing sander” that is more like a typical sanding stick that I may have to look into.





# Start 2022 at ModelFiesta!

- Happy New Year! Alamo Squadron of San Antonio invites you to start the new year off right with ModelFiesta 40, this coming Saturday, January 8, 2022, at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center. We want everyone to have a great time at ModelFiesta, so here are some important reminders.

- Safety. Given the spread of the highly contagious COVID virus, we are asking all vendors, competitors, and attendees to wear face masks and distance when you are in the building. Please be considerate of the safety of the other people at the event. We will have sanitizer stations for you to use throughout the day. If you are experiencing any COVID symptoms or have recently been exposed to someone known to have the virus, please postpone

your visit until ModelFiesta 41 in 2023.

- Food. There will be no food or drink sales at the venue. Restaurants and bakeries are within walking distance of the contest.

- Pre-Registration. Please pre-register your entries. This simple procedure will save you time and reduce your registration fee. See <http://www.modelfiesta.com/registration.html>.

- Vendors. Vendors may set up on Friday evening, January 7, from 6-9 p.m. or on Saturday, January 8 beginning at 6 a.m. Club members will be available to help vendors unload their vehicles.

- Raffle. We have over 50 model kits, paint sets, tools, and books in our raffle. Some of these kits are the latest releases

from Tamiya, ICM, Takom, Bandai, and Aoshima. Raffle tickets are \$5 each.

- Donations. Alamo Squadron is collecting kits, modeling supplies, and reference materials for US military veterans. Please consider a generous donation. A Models 4 Troops bin will be available for your donations.

- More details. For more details about ModelFiesta, please see <http://www.modelfiesta.com/>.

- It has been two years since our last event, and we look forward to seeing you this Saturday in New Braunfels.

Dana Mathes  
Alamo Squadron of San Antonio



# Club's E-Board 2021-2022 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.

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 since 2013, the San Antonio Event Center.



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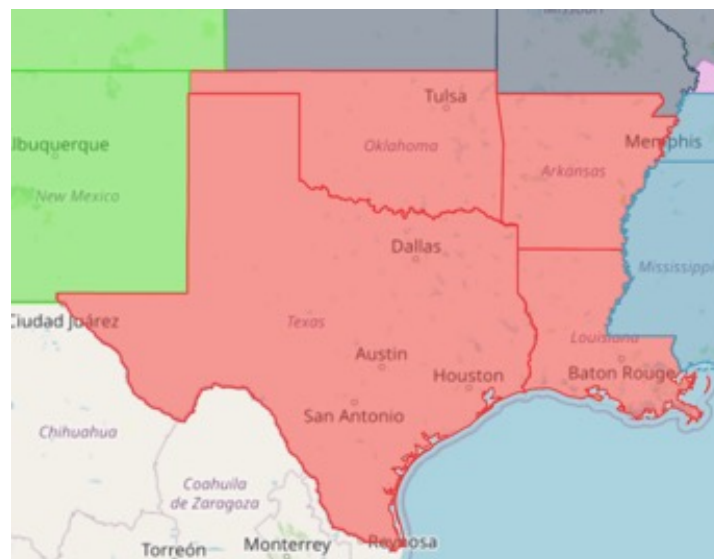




# IPMS Region 6 Events

All-new hyperlinks! Click them all!

Date	Name	Location
January 8, 2022	<a href="#"><u>ModelFiesta 40</u></a>	New Braufels, Texas
March 19, 2022	<a href="#"><u>RiverCon XI 2022</u></a>	Shreveport, Louisiana
April 2, 2022	<a href="#"><u>Great South Tigerfest XXVII Scale Model Contest</u></a>	Kenner, Louisiana
April 30, 2022	<a href="#"><u>Modelmania 2022</u></a>	Stafford, Texas
May 21, 2022	<a href="#"><u>CALMEX 35</u></a>	Sulphur, Louisiana





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## IPMS Membership



### International Plastic Modelers' Society/USA Membership Application / Renewal Form

New ☐ Renewal ☐ IPMS #:

Name:

Address:

City:  State:

Zip Code:

Phone:  E-Mail:

Chapter Affiliation, if any:

**Junior** (17 years or younger) \$17.00  Date of Birth:

**Adult** One year \$30.00

Two years \$58.00

Three years \$86.00

**Canada & Mexico** \$35.00

**Foreign** Surface \$38.00

**Family** (1 set of Journals)  ← Adult fee + \$5.00 # of cards?

Your Signature:

If recommended by an IPMS member, please provide his/her:

Name:  IPMS #:

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Cash ☐ Amount:

Check ☐ Check #:  Amount:

Billing Address, if different than above -

Address:

City:  State:

Zip Code:

Applications should be printed and mailed to: IPMS/USA, PO Box 1411, Riverview, FL 33568-1411

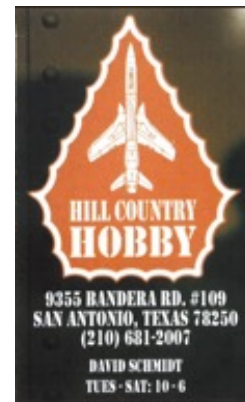


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