



The Navigator

May 2022

Alamo Squadron – San Antonio, Texas



USS BUCKLEY

DESTROYER ESCORT 57

GLORY TO THE OLD MODEL KIT

**Alamo Squadron
in Region 6**

**Club of the Year
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OUR MONTHLY MEETING SPOT

Meeting:

Jordan Ford
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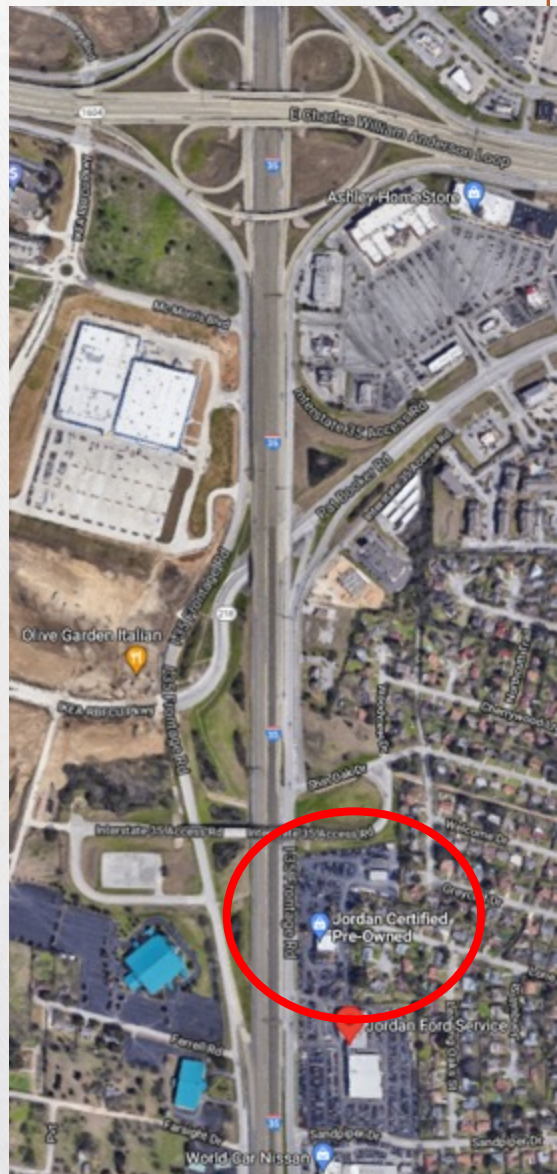
Date: Thursday,
May 5, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:50 PM

Demonstration: "Working with
Resin Parts" by Eric Syverson

Model Contest Theme: Open

Health Protocol: Masks Optional



LEADERSHIP

THOUGHTS



First, some wonderful news! Each year IPMS USA has a competition for the **Club of the Year, Newsletter of the Year, and Website of the Year**. This competition begins at the regional level, with those winners then competing for the national award. We recently learned that **Alamo Squadron won all three of these awards for IPMS Region VI** (TX, LA, OK, AR)! Hats off to **Jerry and Len** for this well-deserved appreciation of their work on the *Navigator* and *AlamoSquadron.com*. And congratulations to every member of our club for this recognition of your perseverance (meeting venue change, new contest venue, ModelFiesta modifications, etc.) in the midst of the Covid situation. My thanks go to **Keith Rule** for his leadership in 2020 that positioned the club for this success. More to come on these awards. The national winners will be announced on July 23 at the IPMS/USA National Convention in Omaha.

The 2022-2023 club officers were elected in the April meeting. **Devon McCullough** and **Don Weaver** are our new Vice President and Treasurer respectively, and I will continue as your President. Thank you for placing your confidence in us. Many thanks go to our outgoing officers, **Eric Syverson** and **Chris Settle**, for their service this past year.

Also in the April meeting, the club voted to recognize **Lyn Julian** with its Memorial Recognition for his contributions to the club over his distinguished scale modeling career. His name has been added to our Memorial Trophy. Thanks go to **Lee Washburn** for nominating Lyn.

Marc Smith has accepted the challenge to be our Contest Director. He is beginning to organize our efforts to put on ModelFiesta 41 in February 2023. If you would be willing to take a leadership role on some aspect of the contest, please see him at the May meeting. Please think about potential themes for the contest too.



One of the services our club provides to the modeling community is aiding them with the divestment of scale modeling-related assets. This is necessary when a person can no longer physically build or passes away. The club will not take possession of any items, but we will help the individual or his heirs to sell/distribute kits, books, tools, supplies, etc. At the May meeting, we will be having a drawing for books from a deceased modeler's library of aircraft references, as requested by his widow. Per her generous instructions, each book will be free.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 5. We will kick off the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Brett Scholten will be distributing the new club shirts. The WIP table will be in business (gong and all). The Kit of the Month table will also be available. Eric Syverson will discuss "Working with Resin Parts" in his demonstration. The monthly contest theme is "It was a Gift".

Come and enjoy an evening of talking about building models.

Dana Mathes

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MEMBERS SHOWCASE

MARCH CLUB CONTEST WINNERS:



Gary Droubay's
P-47D in 1/48



Robert Moore's
Sopwith Camel in 1/16



Michael Buckley's
Sherman in 1/48



USS BUCKLEY

DESTROYER ESCORT 57

Alamo Squadron Club 1st Place Winner, Model of the Month, March 2022

By Michael **BUCKLEY**

It is a really cool thing to have a U.S. Navy warship carrying your family name, even if it was not really named after you, but a distant Irish clan relative who was killed at Pearl Harbor. The USS Buckley was an innovative design for Destroyer Escort, closer to a destroyer configuration, able to endure pounding seas of the North Atlantic in the hunt for German Submarines. USS Buckley DE57 featured twenty-four knot hull speed, displacement of 1700 tons, Beam of 37 ft, Hull Length 306 ft, and turbo-electric engines rated at 13,000 shaft horsepower. Solid armament with a triple torpedo tube, eight death charge projectors and twin rear racks, a 3-inch

gun forward, eight 20mm antiaircraft guns, and one dual 75cal aircraft gun. Commissioned April 1943 and “Struck” or De-Commissioned, June 1968, with 3 years in mothball, DE57 had 20 years’ active naval service.

1950’s Revell Ship Model

This ship was originally molded by Revell Corporation in the mid-fifties at the scale of 1:248 and is considered a “Rare” model hence premium priced-- see photo of the original advertisement for **\$150** that was included in the box. However, I paid \$30 to a vendor at the recent Model Fiesta show.





1/249 H355-169 Revell USS Buckley DE 'S' Kit
Exc Injection Molded old

1955-1959 'S' issue with the famous box art of the period. Never started. 100% inventoried complete with all parts/decals and instructions present.

Battle History of USS Buckley

DE57 Naval Battle History includes an unusual engagement May 1945 in the North Atlantic when she rammed German submarine U-66 with exceedingly rare ship-to-ship, hand-to-hand combat and grenades credited for the eventual sinking of U-66. Later patrol in the North Atlantic in 1945 with the soon to-be-famous Reuben James DE35, immortalized in song, the team sank German submarine U-879 on 19th of April 1945. Afterwards, USS Buckley raced to the Pacific

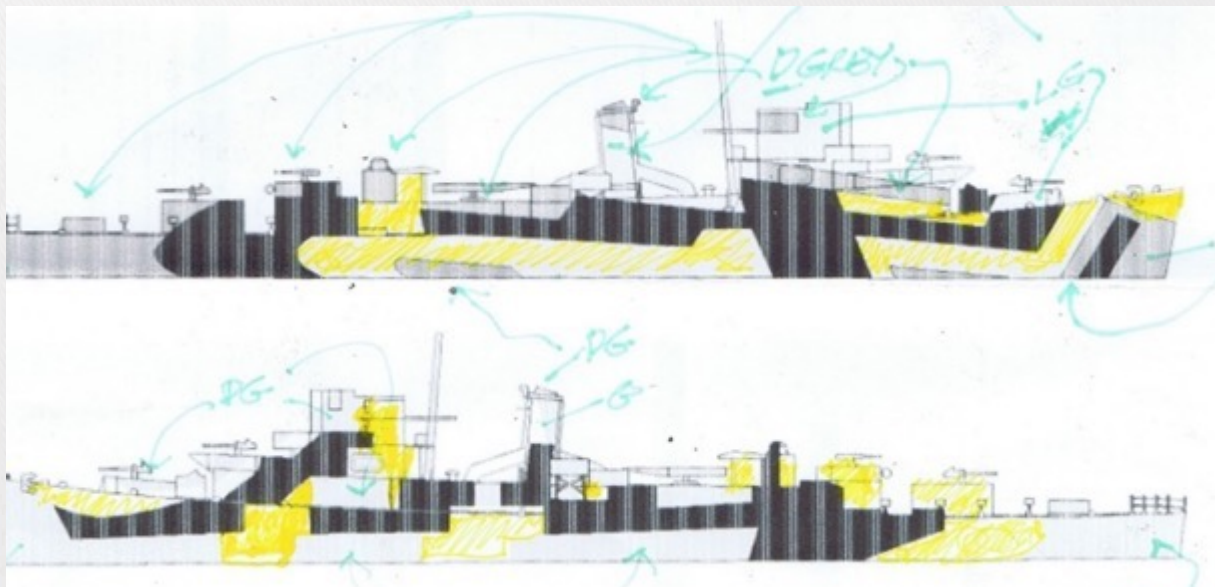
theater and participated in the particularly nasty battle for Okinawa, surviving multiple kamikaze attacks while on picket duty.

I originally built a Revell USS Buckley model 12 years ago for my grandson Argyle, residing on his desk for several years before I took it back for repairs. It is shown herewith in Grey standard naval issue.



Dazzle Camouflage Measure 32/20

In 1944 USS Buckley adopted “dazzle” camouflage; considered effective with its confusing lines and shapes --- including a painted silhouette of a submarine on its Starboard side. Look for it. The dazzle scheme “Measure 32/20” was horribly tedious to mask and paint each color and shape as seen in the diagram below:

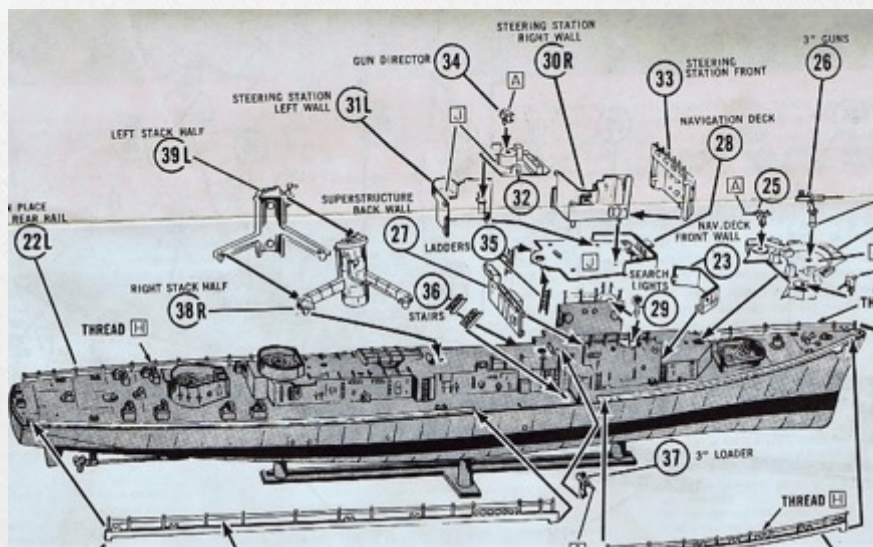


Measure 32/20 Camouflage with my notes----see Submarine outline Port side

Kit Assembly

Molded detail of the Revell Kit is excellent, and the parts fit is terrific for a 40-year-old model---even if the assembly instructions rely heavily on exploded views, and clearly, I needed a lesson in rigging for handrails and mast ratlines.

The USS Buckley DE37 elaborate camouflage is dramatic---and the detailed superstructure is visually compelling---warranting a future plexiglass display case to preserve the model. So here is a piece of history --- and a namesake warship that my family most probably never knew existed.



Portion of
Revell
Instructions
showing
exploded views

FINAL RESULTS



Dazzle Camouflage



Detailed Superstructure

Rigging





Model Fiesta 40 VIDEO SPECIAL

With views, interviews and overviews, this video will give you a glimpse of what we enjoyed at Model Fiesta 40 this past January in New Braunfels, Texas.

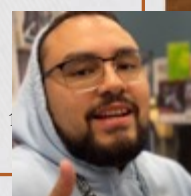
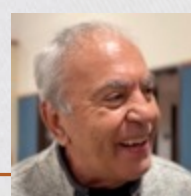
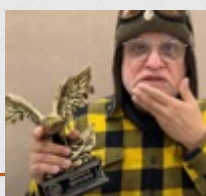
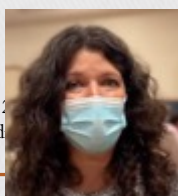
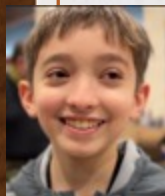
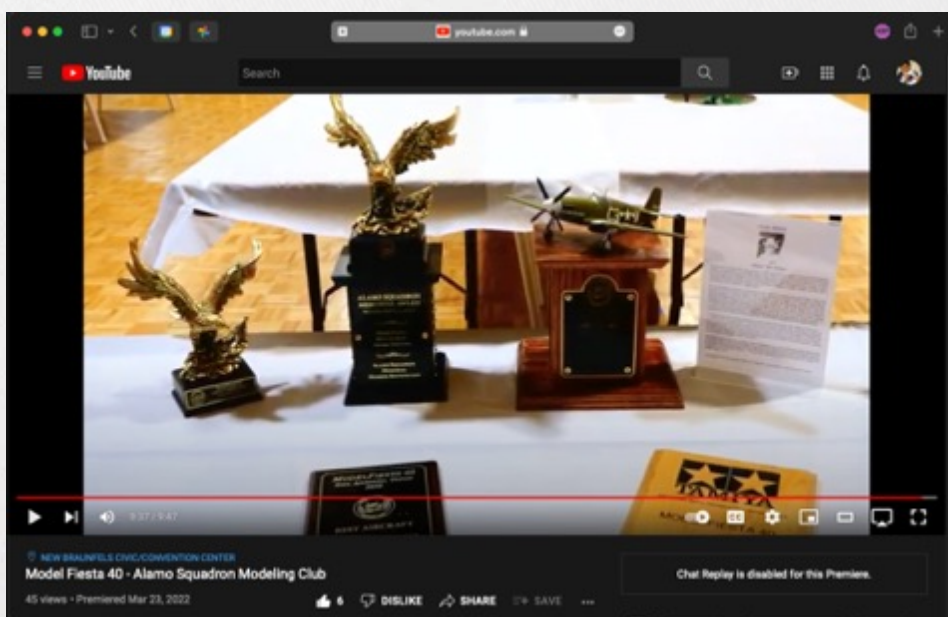
The video is hosted in my YouTube channel, so please like and subscribe!

(Don't worry, it's less than 10 minutes long!)

I hope you like it!

- Gerardo "Jerry" Escobedo

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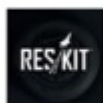
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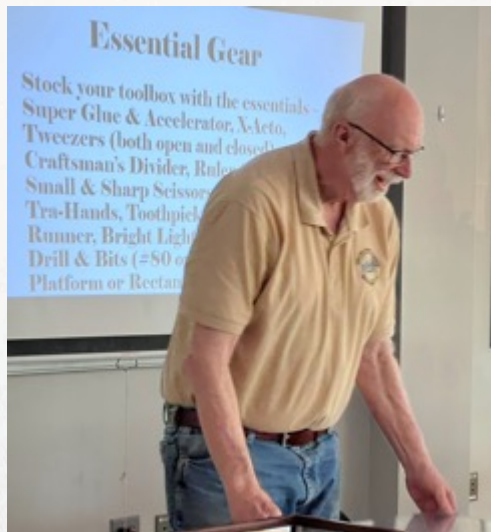
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DEMONSTRATION: “FIT TO BE TIED” BY DICK MONTGOMERY



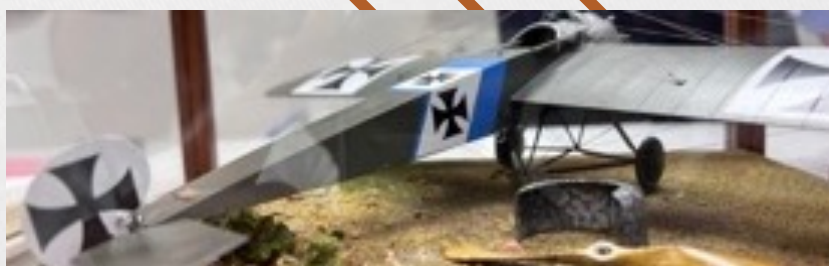
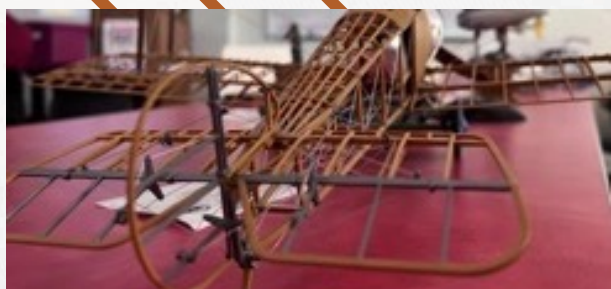
Excellent examples
of rigging on WWI
airplane models.



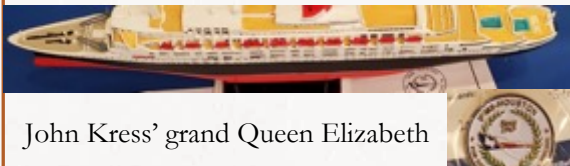
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MEMBERS SHOWCASE: HOUSTON MODELMANIA 2022



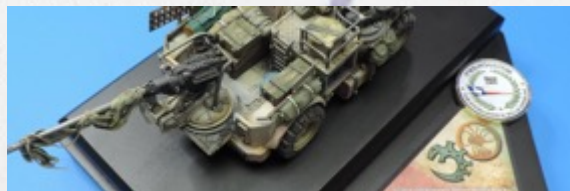
John Kress' grand Queen Elizabeth



Keith Rule's impressive Shuttle



Keith Rules won
Best Automotive Award



Stan Spooner's massive Goliath-LRDG



Rob Booth's sleek Spitfire



Rob Booth's shiny car



Stan Spooner's amazing M551A1 TTS



John Kress' fantastic Hindenburg



Modelmania 2022 handsome attendees –

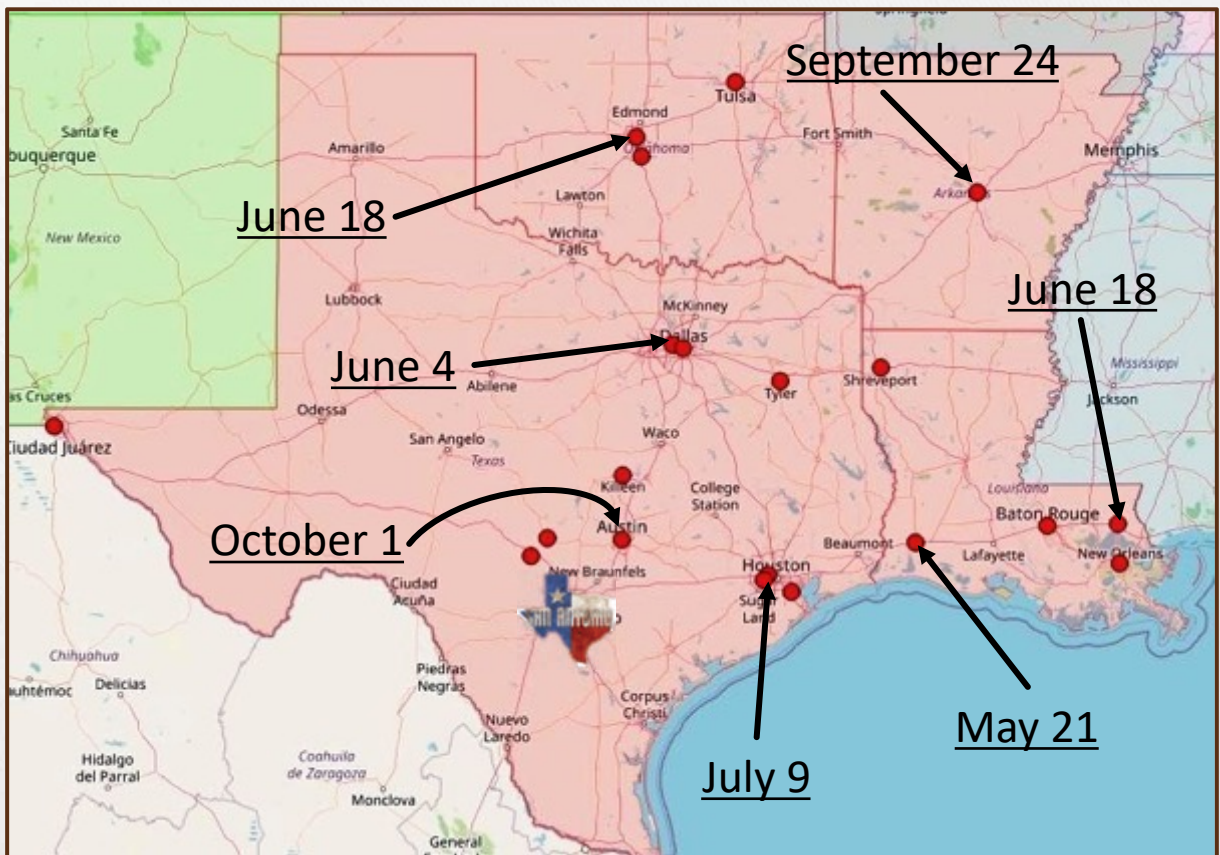
Top row: Dana, Keith, Brett, Eric, Chris, Herb.

Bottom row: Jerry, Mike, Rob, John.



IPMS REGION 6 2022 EVENTS

Click on the date on the map to go to the event website!



Neverending fun in Region 6!



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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, the San Antonio Event Center and the new location since 2022, the New Braunfels Convention Center.



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