

The Navigator

November

December 2022



A view to an Amazing 2022



MODELS... GLUE... FRIENDSHIP... UKRAINE...
AND THE END OF MASKS...

OUR MONTHLY MEETING SPOT

Meeting:

Jordan Ford
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Antonio, TX 78233

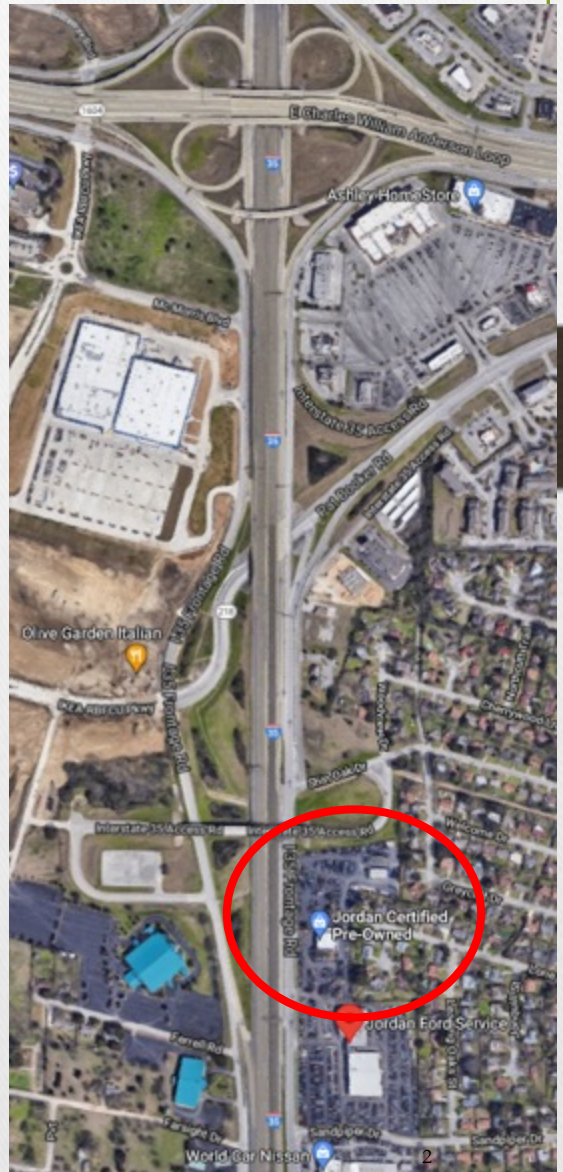
Date: Thursday,
December 1, 2022

Time: 6:15 PM – 8:00 PM

Demonstration: White Elephant
Christmas Party

Model Contest Theme: No Contest

NOTE: Masks and distancing are
OPTIONAL





Fall and the Holidays are here. We have so much to be thankful to God for as we consider our blessings over the course of this past year. With regards to modeling, this year has been a return to normal after the Covid period. How pleasant it has been to renew friendships at monthly meetings and contests.

Dues collection for the 2022-2023 year is now complete. If you still have not paid your \$12 annual dues, please see our Treasurer, **Don Weaver** at the December meeting.

Four other reminders. First, our December meeting will feature our famous **White Elephant Gift Exchange**. For the exchange, please bring a wrapped, modeling-related gift (kit, supplies, tools, or references). And come ready to steal shamelessly. The club will provide soft drinks and a cake. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack or finger food to share. Secondly, preparations for ModelFiesta 41 (Feb. 11, 2023) are moving ahead. Pre-Registration began on November 21. Club members are expected to pre-register their entries. We now have a draft work schedule which includes every member. We will review this in the December meeting and finalize it in the January meeting. Detailed

LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS

information about ModelFiesta 41 is available at ModelFiesta.com, and on page.....

As you know, we are taking donations for the ModelFiesta 41 raffle. If you have items that you wish to contribute to the raffle, please bring them to the December meeting and give them to Lee Washburn. Finally, if you are an IPMS member, you recently received an email asking you to provide feedback on a draft of a new constitution and bylaws for IPMS/USA. The Society's Executive Board has invested a great deal of time and thought to improve the governance of the Society. This is an opportunity to make suggestions prior to the new constitution being put before the membership for a vote. Please take the time to read the document and respond with your comments to ipmssec@ipmsusa.org by December 7.

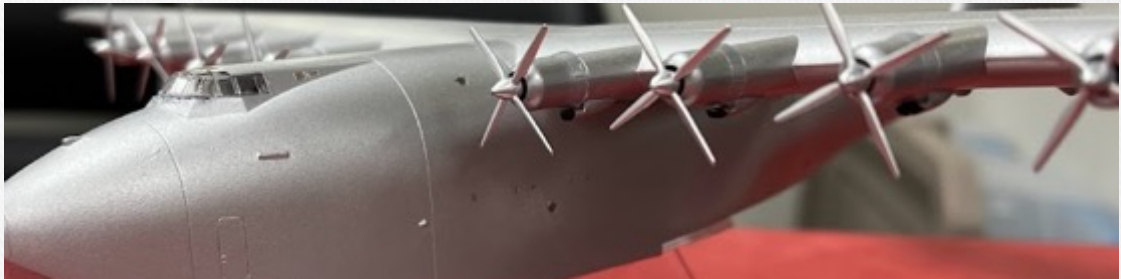
Please join us at our next meeting on Thursday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m. There will be no demonstration or contest this month as we'll be having the White Elephant Gift Exchange.

See you soon,

Dana Mathes

SCALE MODELS 2022



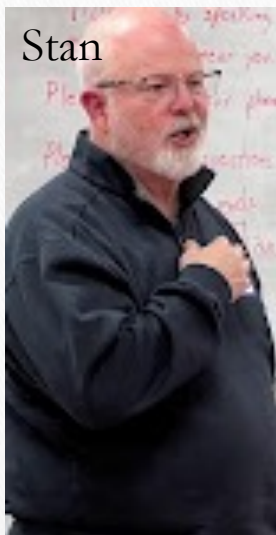




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Tomcats



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Arlington, Texas*



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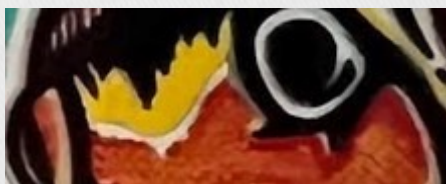
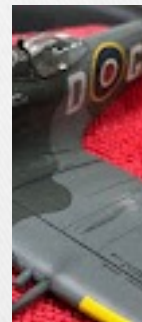
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A BLAST FROM THE PAST

ALAMO SQUADRON MODEL CONTEST FROM 1982

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Model Contest

January 30, 1982

Monterland Mall At IH-10 & Loop 410

Registration from 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Judging from 2 P.M. to 7 P.M.

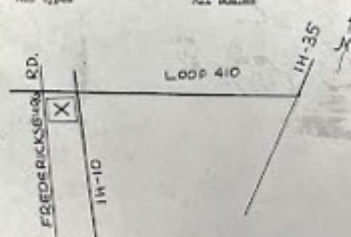
Awards Presentation at 7 P.M.

RULES

- o Final decisions concerning proper category of entry rests with Alamo Squadron officials.
- o Alamo Squadron, it's officials, or Monterland Mall are not responsible for loss or breakage.
- o Receipts must be shown to recover models after contest.
- o At least five entries are required in any category before that category will be judged. In case of insufficient numbers, models already entered will be switched to another category.
- o ALL MODELS MUST BE CLAIMED BY 8:30 P.M. ON January 30.
- o Entry by proxy is allowed. The builder's name must be given at the time of registration.
- o Index cards showing modifications, detailing, and additions to kits are allowed. Please use and cards. (Please note that modified kits don't meet the criterion for entry into the conversion category).
- o To qualify as a conversion, the model must represent a different Mk. or Model number than that which was intended by the kit manufacturer.
- o Entry fees are as follows:

Alamo Squadron Members	Non-members
Senior: 70¢ per entry	\$1.50 per entry
Junior: 50¢ per entry	\$1.00 per entry
- o Neither Alamo Squadron or any other agency bear any responsibility for models not claimed by 8:30 P.M. on January 30, 1982.
- o The contest categories include a senior (19 years and older) division and a Junior (18 years and younger) division for each of the category areas.

Aircraft	— to 1938	1/72 and smaller
	1938-1945	
	1946-Present	1/71 to 1/71
		1/50 and larger
Conversions	Model kits	All scales
	Model kits	All scales
	Scratchbuilt	All scales
Armor	Semi-tracked and tracked	Miniature to 1/48
	Non-tracked, auxiliary etc.	" "
	Semi-tracked and tracked	1/47 and larger
	Non-tracked, auxiliary etc.	" "
Automotives	Trucks, cars, motorcycles	All scales, all eras
Ships	Sail powered	1/400 and larger
	Engine powered	1/400 and larger
	Sail powered	1/401 and smaller
	Engine powered	1/401 and smaller
Figures	All types	54mm and larger
	All types	55mm and smaller
Space	Spacecraft, missiles etc.	all scales
Fantasy	All types	-----
Dioramas	All types	All scales



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Herb



David



Carl



Marc



Julio

MODEL FIESTA 41 INVITATION

IPMS San Antonio invites you to start the 2023 IPMS/USA Region VI contest season with ModelFiesta 41. It will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center (NBCC).

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Model contest registration: 9:00AM to 11:30AM with judging commencing immediately after registration closes.

Awards ceremony will begin at 3:30PM.

Important Updates

We are making some significant changes to this year's contest due to scheduling constraints for the facility. As you may recall, during the Covid period our former venue was sold, and we had to relocate our event to the NBCC on short notice. Because events at the venue are scheduled several years in advance, in 2023 and 2024 we will not have access to the entire facility as we did in 2022. Another party will be using part of the facility on Feb. 11. The timing of the other event will not hinder our access to parking, but it will require that our participants exit the building earlier than normal. We will retain the same space for our vendors that we had in 2022, but our space for the contest will be constrained. Therefore, we are making changes to be able to conduct the contest in a smaller area.

1) We strongly encourage you to pre-

register your entries. Please see

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

Pre-registration will be open from November 21, 2022 until February 8, 2023. Our on-site registration will be done in the NBCC's lobby this year, so pre-registration will help to minimize crowding.

2) On-site Registration will close earlier, at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. The judging will then begin, and the contest room will be closed during the judging period. We plan to begin the awards ceremony at 3:30 p.m.

3) The contest category list has been condensed and simplified. The contest rules have been changed to clarify the definition of legacy kit builds. Please review the new contest categories and contest rules at these websites: <http://www.modelfiesta.com/categories.html> <http://www.modelfiesta.com/rules.html>

4) We are limiting each contestant to only one entry per category. Please note that this rule is in effect BEFORE the judges apply any split(s) to any given category. This is a good opportunity to build in categories you might not normally consider.

We want everyone to have a great time at ModelFiesta and we appreciate your help to manage this situation. Here are some important reminders.

Safety. Given the spread of the highly contagious COVID virus, please take prudent health safety steps for your safety and the health of others. Masks will be optional.

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 consider postponing your visit until ModelFiesta 42 in 2024.

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

ATM. The facility does not have an ATM machine, so plan your cash holdings accordingly.

Vendors. Vendor registration will open on October 1, 2022. Vendors may set up on Friday evening, February 10, from 6-9 p.m. or on Saturday, February 11 beginning at 6 a.m. Club members will be available to help vendors unload their vehicles. Due to our facility constraints, vendors will need to be packed up and exit by 3:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. Additional information is available at <http://www.modelfiesta.com/vendors.html>.

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 Information. Additional information regarding ModelFiesta 41 is available at <http://www.modelfiesta.com/>.

We look forward to seeing you at ModelFiesta 41

Dana Mathes
President, IPMS San Antonio



The Real "Old Crow"

Col. Clarence "Bud" Anderson Jr.

P-51 Mustang Triple Ace

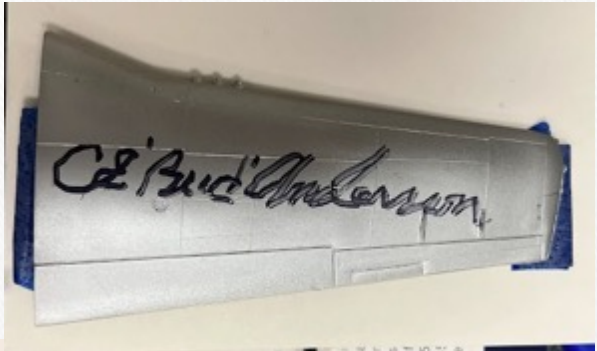
WWII – 1944-1945



On October 29, I had the privilege to sit and talk to Col. Clarence "Bud" Anderson, in the Drury Hotel, as part of the American Fighter Aces Association Annual Reunion.

Col. Anderson was kind enough to sign for me a wing of a P-51 Mustang plastic model, which I will build in his honor.

Gerardo "Jerry" Escobedo
The Navigator Editor





Keith Rule's Award Winning Models



My Experiences Building Revell's U.D.T. Team Boat with Frogmen

By Julio Caro



Greetings, fellow modelers! I'd like to share with you my experience building **Revell's U.D.T. Team Boat with frogmen** (kit

number 85-0313). I mostly build aircraft, but I also enjoy building other things from time to time.

Although I've always wanted to, one thing I've never built before are watercrafts or "floating thingies" as some of us jokingly call them. But all that was about to change! As luck would have it, I came across a Revell U.D.T. Boat kit during a recent visit to Hill Country Hobbies that immediately caught my eye. The kit was on the consignment rack in its original sealed box and selling for only \$15.00. It seemed like a nice model and one that I would really enjoy building, so I went ahead and bought it.

According to Scalemates, the original model was released back in 1959 by Monogram,

but has since been reissued a few times. The latest release (and the one I bought) was in 2012.

The main boat is actually a U.S. Navy WWII-era LCP/R (Landing Craft Personnel - Ramp), which continued in service after WWII and used in several roles including serving as a UDT boat. The detail of the kit is somewhat heavy, but expected of a kit of this vintage. However, with a little elbow grease and some patience you can certainly produce a nice-looking kit. There were some "sink holes" and other casting imperfections, but these can be easily fix with a little putty and sanding.



The frogmen figures that come with the kit are basic one-piece moldings with two-part air tanks. The wet suits the divers wear are the old-style rubber suits with the wrinkles depicted quite prominently. The figures do not have any weight belts and the face-masks are molded in place with the opaque solid glass.



The .30 caliber guns that come with the kit are not great and should be replaced to look better with after-market parts. The crew figures are not great either, but they'll do the job if they are painted correctly. These too should perhaps be replaced with after-market parts.

This kit came together pretty well for a vintage kit. Sure, there were some challenges here and there, but nothing you can't overcome. In the end, I had a ball building this kit!

I hope you enjoyed reading this article as much as I enjoyed bringing it to you.

Stay safe and keep on modeling!



Alan



Dana



Will



Miguel

Julio Caro's USA/USSR Missile Set



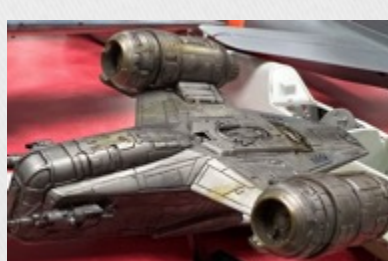
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Member's Articles and Models in National Magazines

John Kress' Dodge Magnum SRT8 was featured in the Special Edition of Fine Scale Modeler last month.



Dana Mathes' article published in The Navigator back in August, was published in the IPMS Journal.



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Coming in 2023...

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The first video will be the seminar that Lt. Col. Mark Verdi (retired) gave us on the November meeting, about Modern US Armored Vehicle Details, part 1.

I will publish the link to the video in the next Navigator issue, and post in our Facebook page.

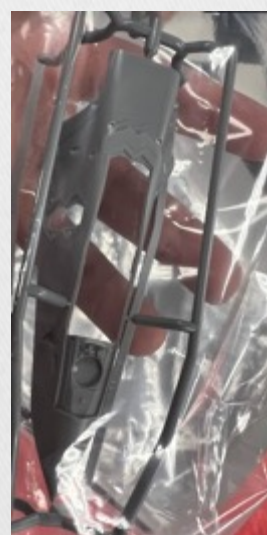
Don't miss it!

Gerardo "Jerry" Escobedo
The Navigator Editor

First Look at...



By Stan Spooner



A BLAST FROM THE PAST *PT. 2*

ALAMO SQUADRON WHITE ELEPHANT EVENT DECEMBER 2011



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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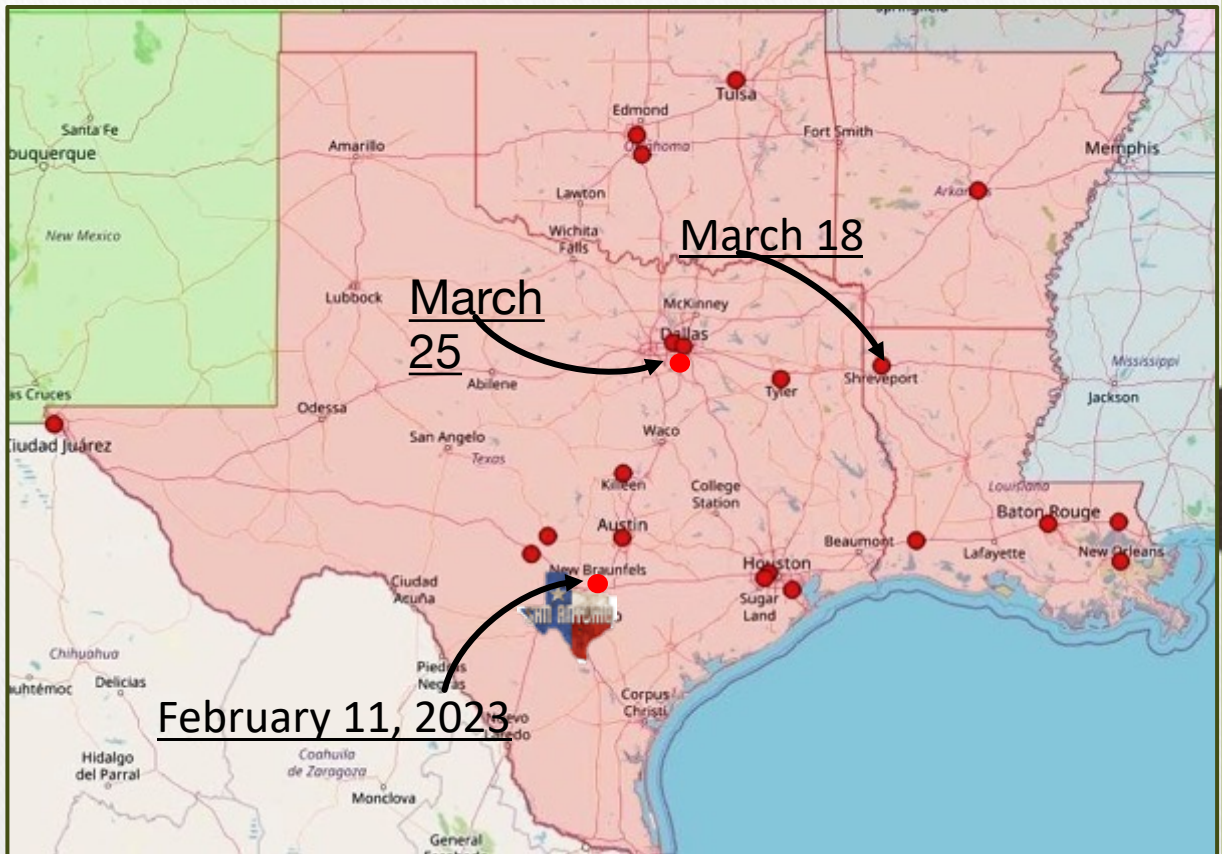
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Chapter Affiliation, if any:

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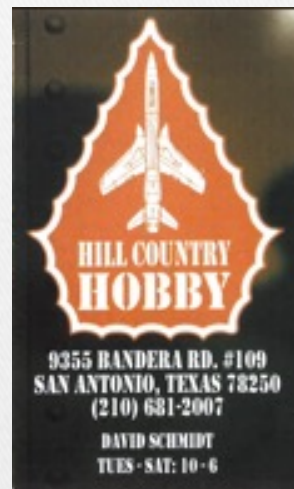
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