

# THE NAVIGATOR

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THE ALAMO SQUADRON MODELING CLUB  
SAN ANTONIO TEXAS  
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## REGION 6 CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

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**THE ALAMO SQUADRON HAS BEEN PUTTING ON THE MODELFIESTA MODELING CONTEST SINCE 1981. LOCATIONS HAVE INCLUDED THE WONDERLAND MALL, HOLIDAY INN HOTEL, 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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# OUR MONTHLY MEETING SPOT

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

Date: Thursday,  
June 1, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:50 PM

Demonstration: "Bandai  
Star Wars Models" by Jerry  
Escobedo

Model Contest Theme:  
"Movie Stars. Models of  
things in Movies"

Health Protocol: Masks  
Optional





# Leadership Thoughts

By Keith Rule

I have a permanent note at my “bench” that says “Documentation Photos”. This is my reminder to take photos of my models as work progresses. I don’t know how many photos my phone will hold, but I haven’t hit the limit yet. Documenting your work will encourage you to write for the Navigator. **Jerry Escobedo** can never have too many articles. I encourage you to do this. To Jerry, keep up the good work.

And speaking of good work, how about the website! The Alamo Squadron **Navigator** has won **Region 6 Website of the Year** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. **Mario Fernandez** is doing a super job there. If you haven’t pulled up the website lately, please take a look.

And here’s even more good work! **Alamo Squadron** has won **Region 6 Chapter of the Year** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. The entire membership deserves congratulations, with a tip of the cap to the 2022 E Board and all

those who continue to contribute in each and every way.

Many thanks to **Dana Mathes** for his service as Treasurer, Vice President, President and, yes, Model Fiesta Director during his last year as President. You have set a standard that will be hard to achieve. Enjoy your “time off”. I can see you back in action in the future.

The 2023-2024 club officers were elected in the April meeting. **Keith Rule** (me) was elected President, **Devon McCullough** was elected Vice President, and **Don Weaver** was elected Treasurer. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Alamo Squadron. **Dick Montgomery** will remain as IPMS Contact, and **Herb Scranton** will remain in charge of the Model Summit Awards.

Model Fiesta is our premier event of the year. We have a made a deposit to secure our date at New Braunfels Civic Center next January. This is the planning team that will work

together for another successful Model Fiesta:

- **Director – Chris Menold**
- **Head Judge – Chris Lenahan** assisted by **Joe Bianco**
- **Awards – Dana Mathes** assisted by **Chris Settle**
- **Registration – Brett Scholten** assisted by **Chris McLain**
- **Vendors – Mark Verdi**
- **General Admission – Marc Smith**
- **Raffle – Lee Washburn**
- **Finance – Don Weaver**
- **Marketing – David Auth**

Thanks to all who have volunteered their time. I’m sure the team will be leaning on **Dana Mathes** (retiring Director) and **Rob Booth** (retiring Head Judge) as we get the ball rolling.

Keith



# Monthly Contest

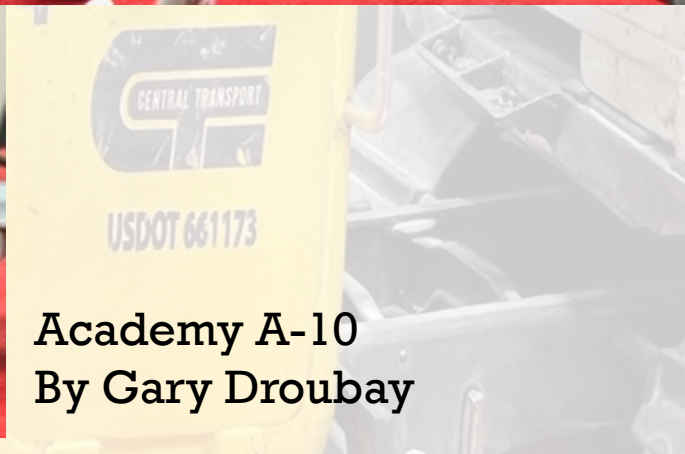


## April 2023

**Maersk Seakano Truck**  
By Keith Rule



**Academy A-10**  
By Gary Droubay



**P-38**  
By Michael  
Buckely



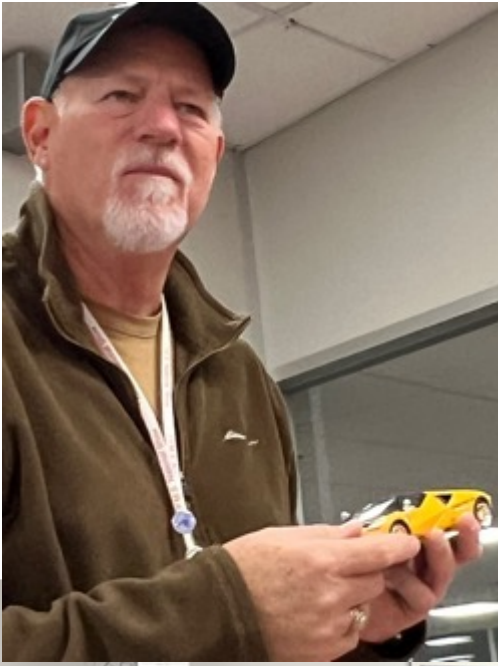




# MEMBER'S SHOWCASE









Thomas Zimdahl and I attended the Tiger Fest contest this past Saturday in Metairie, LA.

My results were as follows:

- 1/35 Lanchester Armored Car, 1st on Category, Best Armor (see attached photo).
- 1/35 Challenger II, 1st in Category
- 1/35 Chieftain Mk V, 3rd in Category
- 1/48 Panther G, 2nd in category
- 1/1000 Klingon Bird of Prey, 1st in Category
- 1/25 "Old Faithful" Kansas Farm Truck, 1st in Category
- 1/48 Voyager Spacecraft, 1st in Category



Dana





Lanchester Armored Car, 1st, Armored Cars/Halftracks, Best of Class  
Armor.

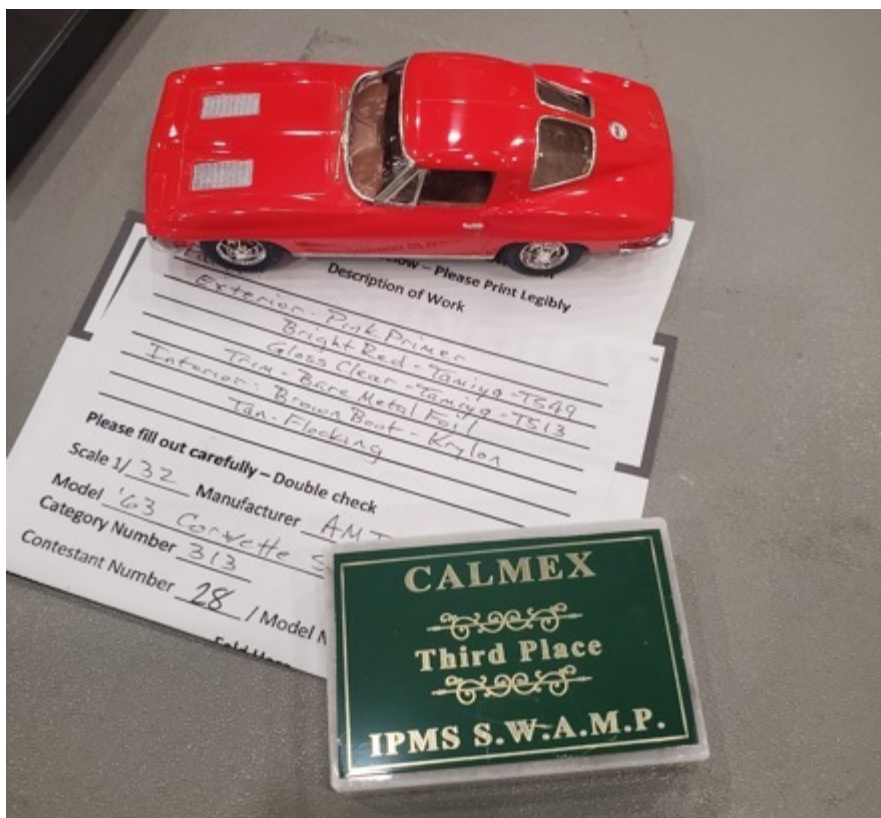
M9 ACE, 1st, Misc. Armor.

Triathlon: 1955 pickup, K2 Black Panther, Molch midget submarine, 1st.

M4A3E8 Sherman, 3rd, Tracked Vehicles: Beginnings - 1945, Allied.

All by Dana Mathes.





John Kress scored 2 awards in Saturdays show in Sulfur. 2nd place with a Porsche 911GT3R and 3rd place with a 1/32nd scale '63 Corvette Stingray







## ***ModelMania – IPMS Houston Awards won by Keith Rule***

Plymouth Prowler - 1st - Box Stock

Lamborghini Miura - 3rd - Curbside

Tyrrell Yamaha - 1st - Open Wheel Racers

55 Chevy Pro Sportsman - 2nd - Drag Racing

49 Mercury - 2nd - Street Machines

70 Plymouth Superbird - 1st - Street Machines

Volkswagen Westphalia Camper - 1st - Street Stock

70 Plymouth Superbird Custom - 1st - Customs

Maersk Sealand Trailer/Mack Tractor - 1st - Commercial

1928 Mercedes Benz - 1st - Large Scale







# May 2023 Meeting Highlights

## By Gerardo "Jerry" Escobedo



Davon McCullough

The May meeting was a highly anticipated event, bustling with activity and brimming with enthusiasm. Both the Work In Progress table and the contest table were teeming with an impressive array of models. Our dedicated members showcased their ongoing projects at the Work In Progress table, demonstrating their deep engagement and commitment to their craft. Meanwhile, the contest table boasted an exceptional collection of models, all of them of outstanding quality.

Choosing a winner amidst such remarkable entries proved to be a daunting task. In a twist of fate, we found ourselves with not one, but two second places,

as well as two third places! The ultimate victor emerged as **Peter Ortensie**, whose masterpiece, the **Civil War Coffee Wagon**, left us in awe. This extraordinary creation resembled a "food-truck" from the era of the Civil War, capturing the essence of that time in a truly remarkable manner.

Adding to the excitement of the event, **Devon McCullough** delivered an enthralling talk titled "**Modern Aircraft Ordnance**." During the presentation, we discovered that many of us had been modeling aircraft with incorrect ordnance all along! Fortunately, the video recording of this enlightening session will soon be available on

YouTube, allowing everyone to enhance their modeling skills by learning about the accurate depiction of modern aircraft ordnance.

The May meeting was undoubtedly a remarkable gathering, inspiring and educating our members in equal measure.

Peter Ortensie



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# Member's Articles and Models in National Magazines



Our own Rob Booth was featured in the January-February '23 issue, with his extraordinary Polikarpov I-16. Awesome job, Rob!



# Monthly Contest May 2023



Peter Ortensie's  
Civil War  
Coffee Wagon



M109A6 Paladin  
by Chris McLain

Spitfire MKI by  
Joe Bianco



1928  
Mercedes Benz  
By Keith Rule

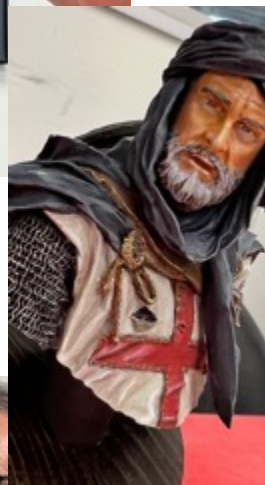
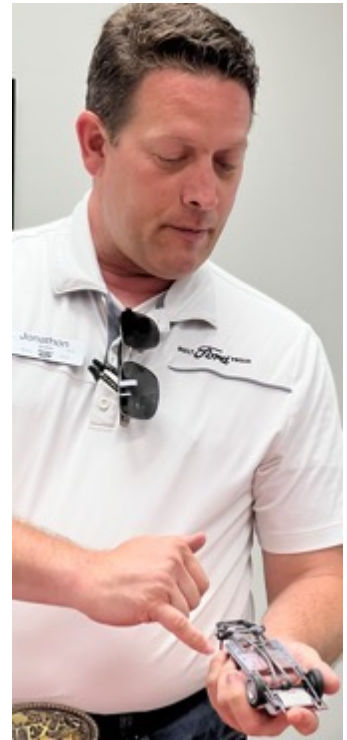


PanAm 727 by Julio Caro

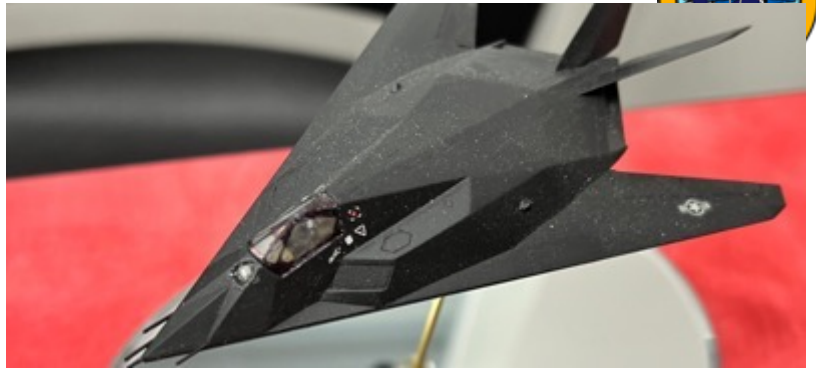




# Member's Showcase











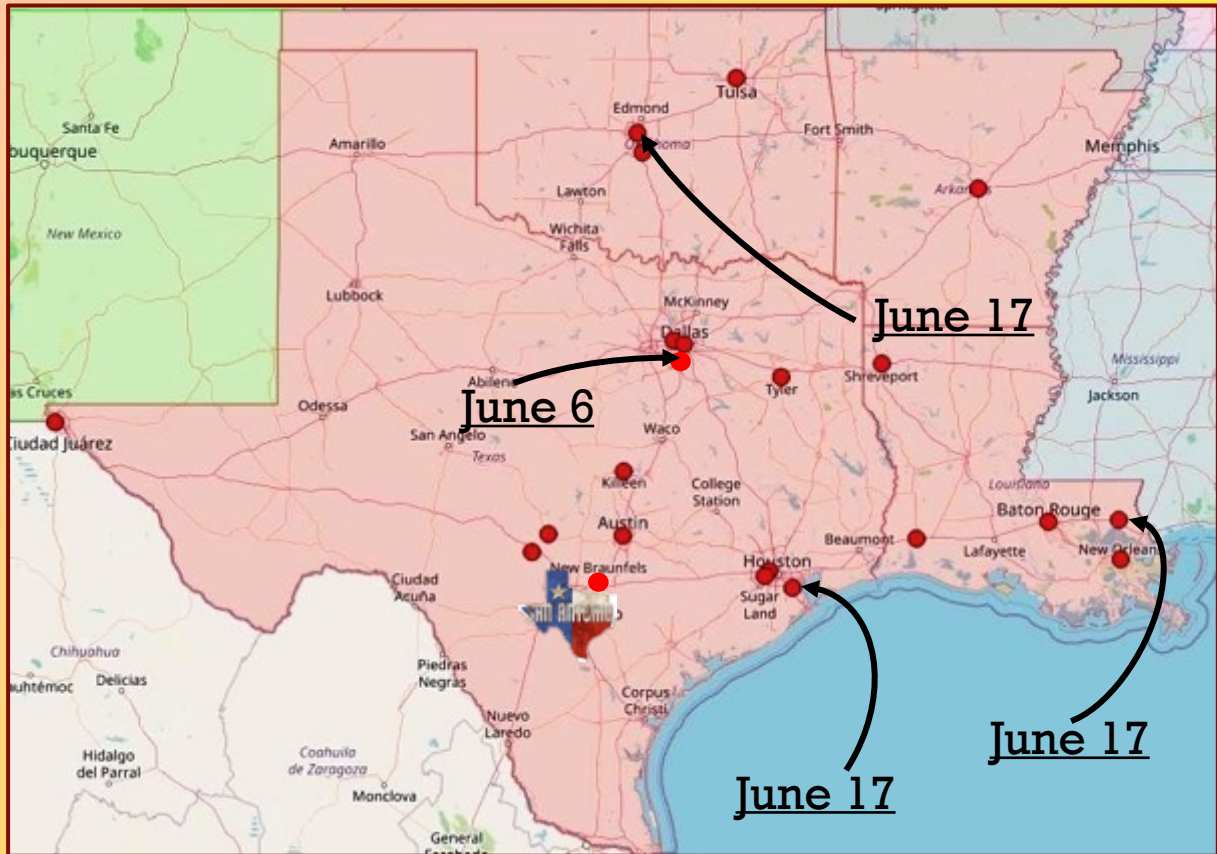
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