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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
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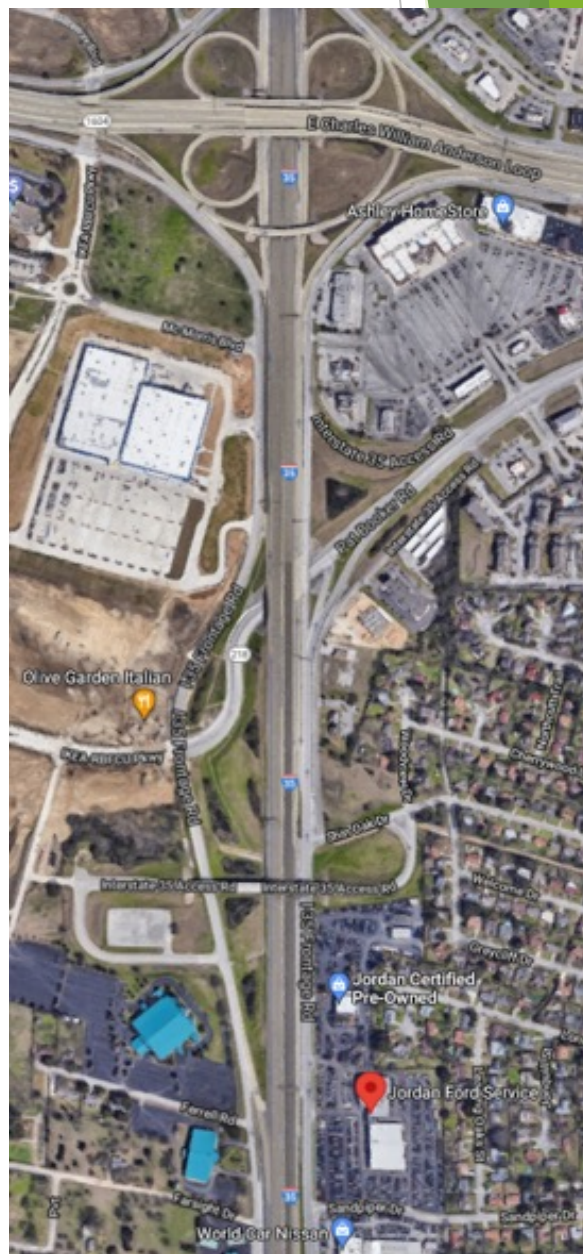
Date: Thursday,
November 2, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:50 PM

Demonstration: Another
Very Special Surprise

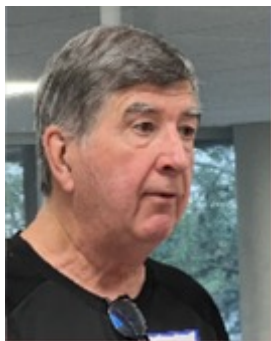
Model Contest Theme:
"That's Just Scary"

Health Protocol: Masks
Optional





Leadership Thoughts



By El Presidente Keith Rule

Fall is here and we are getting a little rain. Let's hope for more. The year and model contest season are winding down. Dues collection has been underway and will remain at \$12 for the year. If you haven't been able to pay yet, please see our treasurer Don Weaver at the November meeting. He will accept cash (noting larger than \$20), check (made out to Alamo Squadron of San Antonio), or debit/credit card.

Preparations for Model Fiesta 42 (February 10, 2024) are moving along. Due to the smaller area that will be available for the Contest Room, contestants will be limited to one entry per category. In addition, the Contest Room will be closed during judging to provide adequate room for the judges. Detailed information about Model Fiesta 42 is available at ModelFiesta.com or on the Alamo Squadron website.

Many of us attended the Capitol Class held October 7 and sponsored by the Austin Scale

Modelers Society. A cold front was moving through but the building's AC had not readjusted! It was on the cool side and I failed to bring a jacket! Alamo Squadron members received several awards. We continue to be club of talented model builders. I must say that the Automotive class was quite popular and I have noticed this trend in recent contests. I doubt Automotive will ever overtake Armor and Aircraft in popularity, but it is always good to see growth anywhere in the hobby.

Do you have a project on your bench? Or in your model room, as I call it? If not, I would encourage you to find an inspiring kit, review the kit and plan your project, and get started. Spend just a little time each day and soon the project will be complete.

Our next meeting is November 2 at Jordan Ford. The Contest Theme is Open. I'm not sure what Devon has arranged for a demonstration.

See Ya' - Keith



Alamo Squadron Presents

ModelFiesta 42, Contest and Trading Event



Categories for Youth,
Aircraft, Armor,
Automotive, Ships,
Figures, Sci-Fi and
Miscellaneous

Theme is ***Under the Union Jack -
All Things British***

Over 120 Vendor Tables! Special
Awards! Raffle!



Saturday Feb 10th 2024

New Braunfels Civic Center, 375 S.
Castell Ave, New Braunfels, TX,
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Please go to ModelFiesta.com for more information



SHOW AND TELL

The Alamo Squadron Modeling Club in session





Bandai Millennium Falcon in 1/72 scale by Ryan.



Detail from inside the cockpit, where Han and Chewbacca area ready to take off.



Nissan Fairlady 300ZX in 1/24



P-40 E in 1/72 scale depicting the 16th Fighter Squadron, 51st Fighter Group in China, 1943; by Lee Forbes.



Lee Forbes brought these 2 models that won great awards in the past IPMS USA National Convention.

50 years old vacuum-formed, the Italian Breda Ba.65 in 1/72 scale, considered now a rare scale model kit.



A Blohm und Voss P.215.02 scale model in 1/72 scale.



The Accuracy of Scale Modeling

The importance of accuracy for a plastic scale model kit is paramount.

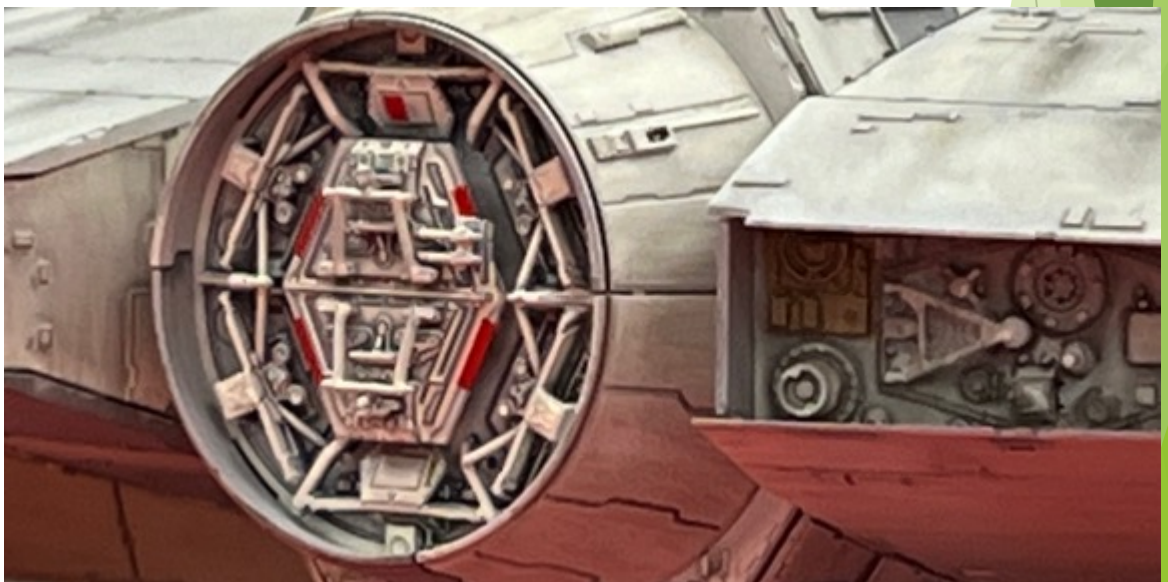
The goal of a model kit is to create a miniature replica of the original object, and as such, it is essential that the model be as

accurate as possible. This is especially true for scale models of real-world objects, such as airplanes, cars, and ships.

Inaccuracies in the model can detract from its realism and make it less appealing to

collectors and enthusiasts.

In addition to being aesthetically pleasing, accuracy is also important for historical and educational purposes.





Many model kits are based on real-world objects that have played an important role in history, such as military vehicles or spacecraft. By creating an accurate model of these objects, modelers can help preserve their legacy and educate others about their significance.





Finally, accuracy is important for the satisfaction of the modeler. Building a scale model kit requires a significant investment of time and effort, and the end result should be something that the builder can be proud of. An accurate model that closely resembles the original object is a testament to the skill and dedication of the builder.





Shelob, from the Lord of the Rings, model by Chris McLain.

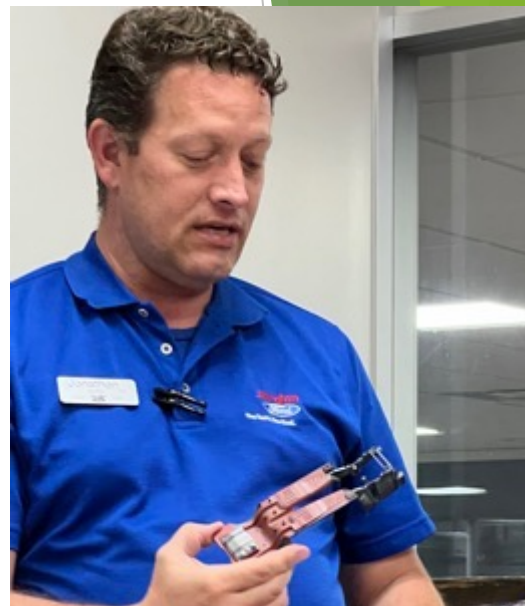


Gundam Zaku in 1/144 scale by Rob Booth.



Work In Progress

Jonathon Griffith with a Mustang.



David Auth with his Mercedes Benz.

Mike making tests with a Zaku II.



Lee Forbes showing-off his 50 year old vacu-formed Breda Ba.65 in 1/72 scale (see page 9).



Herb Scranton making miracles with a flying boat.



John Kress playing with a Stuka.

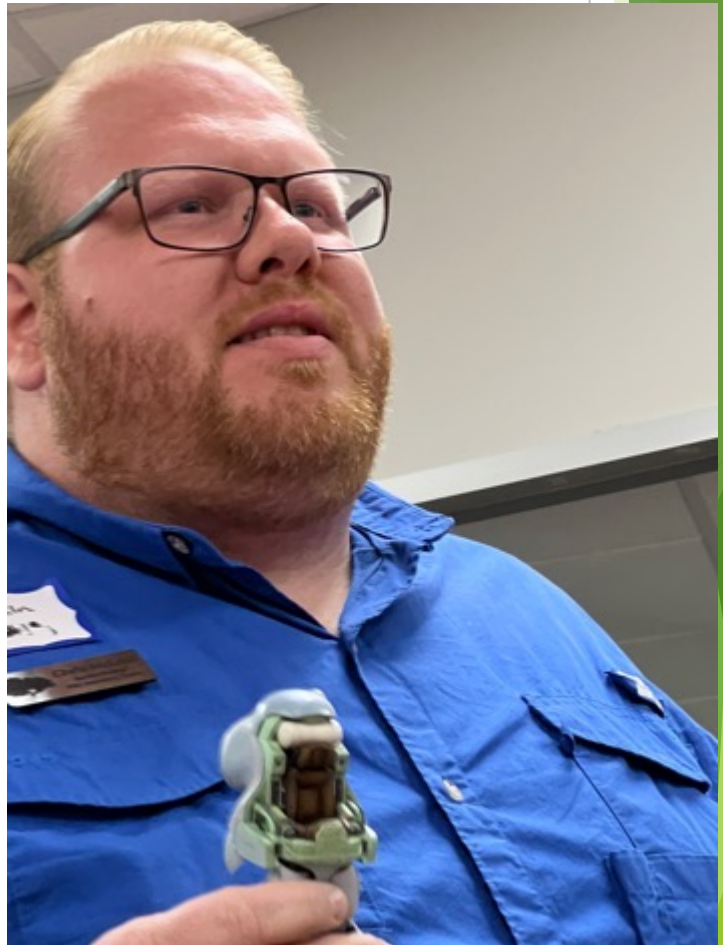


Another miracle, an F-4, completed by Devon.



Rob Booth also experimenting, this time with a dinosaur... a Triceratops.

Chris McLain getting excited with a Maschinen Krieger.





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2023 CAPITOL CLASSIC BROKEN-DOWN AND BUSTED 10-7-23



Herbert Scranton took home a 3rd place on his 1970 Galaxie 500



Keith Rule's award winning models for the Capitol Classic event in Austin Texas, on October 7:

Box Stock - Plymouth Prowler - 1st

Street Rod - 49 Mercury - 1st

Street Machine - 1970 Plymouth Superbird - 2nd

Factory/Showroom Stock - Enzo Ferrari - 1st

Competition - Open Wheel - Tyrrell Yamaha - 1st

Competition - Closed Wheel - 55 Chevy Pro Sportsman - 1st and Best Automotive

Commercial Vehicles - Mack Tractor/Maersk/Sealand Container - 2nd

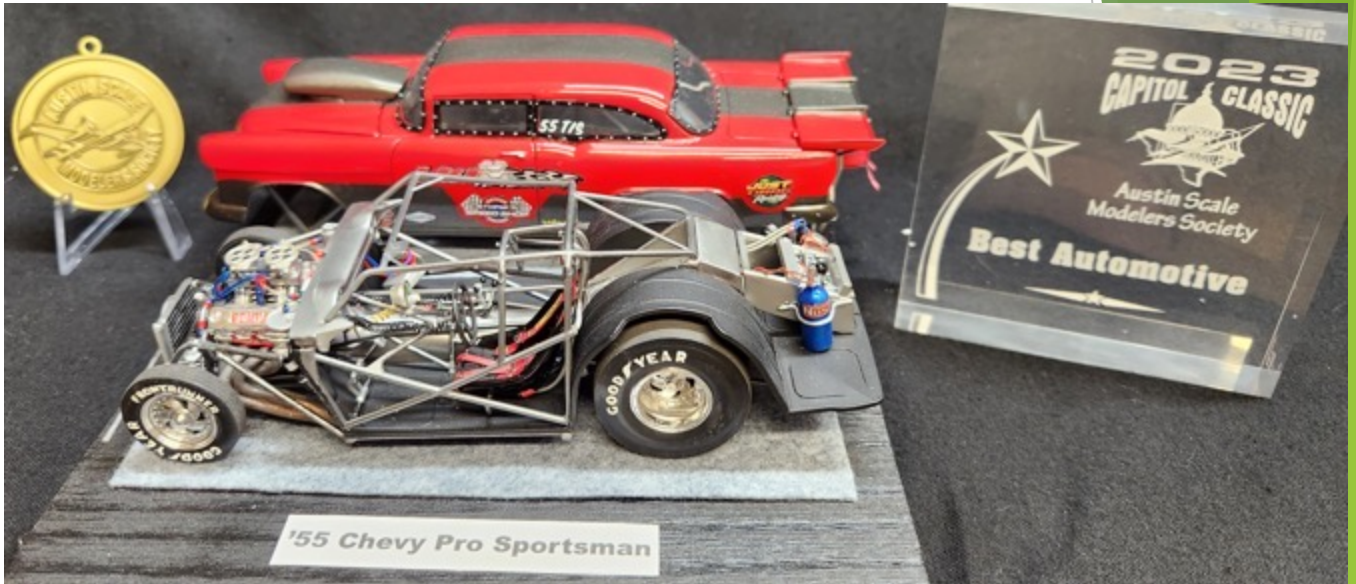
Light Trucks - Billy Bob's Truck - 3rd

Curbside - BMW M4 - 2nd





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Not really a scale model subject, but we in San Antonio could enjoy a great Annular Solar Eclipse in October 14.

The "Ring of Fire" was visible in all its glory at 11:58 AM Central Standard Time.

Here's a photo I took of the "Ring of Fire" from my iPhone.

A spectacular event, no doubt about it, regardless of the clouds.

Next one is in April 8, with a Total Solar Eclipse.

- Jerry E.





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