



# Alamo Squadron

**Model of the Month**

**December 2013**

**Lee Forbes' ME-410A-2/U4**



Club's  
Christmas  
Party  
December 5<sup>th</sup>!!!



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# PREZ NOTES



By Jerry Escobedo

I think we all take for granted the freedom we enjoy this great country. We often just use “freedom” as a

slogan, but we seldom think of it as a gift we must cherish. The freedom we enjoy was given to us from the previous generation of Americans whom, with their sweat, tears and blood, built a nation where their sons and daughters could live in harmony, making their dreams come true.

Being myself a foreigner in this great nation, I can see that this freedom is not free. It is like a tree, already grown, that must be nurtured and cared for every day so that we may taste its fruits.

I have had the opportunity to meet great Americans in my life; many of them were war heroes - like my uncle, Fernando Escobedo, who fought in Viet Nam – and many non-military friends and coworkers who are still fighting to have a better life. Among the war veterans, I've known some who fought in World War II. Before I became a member of Alamo Squadron, I was a member of the amazing **El Paso Scale Modelers**

**Society.** It was there where I met a very good friend, **Connie Harth**, who flew B-25 bombers in Europe (55 missions!), and who built WWI model airplanes in 1/72nd scale. Or in Santa Teresa, New Mexico, where I met **Guy Dority**, who flew as a radio operator in the first B-17 that was sent over to Europe in the summer of 1942.

Here in San Antonio, I met some more WWII heroes at Model Fiesta 31, our guests at the Table of Aces and Heroes. Among them was a gentleman by the name of **Lt. James Empey**. Lt. Empey flew Spitfires and P-51 Mustangs in WWII over the skies of Europe, and became an ace. I even built a paper scale model of his P-51B Mustang back in July. A very jolly person, Lt. Empey was a member of the American Fighter Aces Association, San Antonio chapter, and there I enjoyed his stories and jokes when he talked about his adventures in Europe and Viet Nam. The last time I saw him, about a month ago, he told me he was a distant cousin of **Willy Messerschmitt** on his mother's side, as her surname was Messerschmitt. He even went to see the prodigious designer in Germany after the war, and had a very good time with him (Willy was building cars by that time, and Lt.

Empey owned one of those strange Messerschmitt cars).

Lt. James Empey passed away on November 21 at his home in Universal City, where he lived with his wife.

I guess - no, I'm sure - Lt. Empey was one of those great men, who gave us the seeds of freedom. I, for one, won't take my freedom for granted, but I'll always be thankful for what I have, and will teach my children to cherish it all their lives. That is my Thanksgiving for this year. And as we approach the end of yet another twelve-month period, I hope that we all remember what is to be free, and live accordingly.

**So... be cheerful and be ready for the Christmas party at the Alamo Squadron meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>, at Northside Ford. Remember to bring a gift to share... and be ready to get one for you too!**





# Meeting Minutes

1. President Jerry Escobedo opened the meeting, his first as president following the departure of former president Dee Jacobs. **Tom Sprawls** was appointed to succeed Jerry as vice president and **Lee Forbes** remained as incumbent treasurer. Only the president and the treasurer have check writing authority on the Club's bank account.

2. Lee Forbes gave a presentation on various **options for storing, shipping and transporting plastic models**. He demonstrated various methods of protecting models, including low-quality pile carpet, toilet paper and using a "box within a box" system that will protect even delicate models for shipping. He also showed a custom-made plastic tool box with layers of pile carpet shelves for transporting models.

3. Jerry asked if the members were still interested in having a build night on the third Thursday of the month since few members have been supporting this event in recent months. Members indicated that the time of 6 to 8 p.m. wasn't long enough and that getting to HobbyTown USA at 6 p.m. was too difficult because of rush hour traffic. Our first 2014 Adult Building Class is planned to start at HobbyTown USA on the first or second Saturday of January from 1 to 4 p.m. for six or more weeks, so it was decided that we should combine the two events to see if there is any interest in a "Build Afternoon." In the meantime the current Thursday build night will be suspended effective immediately.

4. Next, Jerry asked if there was any interest in selecting a "Club Challenge" theme for members to build models to be entered in the ModelFiesta 33 Club/Group Category 415. The response was a little underwhelming and no themes were suggested. However, one member was already working on a 1/48 scale **Korean War Aircraft Collection** and if anyone wanted to join him in that effort, that collection could be entered in the Club/Group Category if multiple modelers are involved.

5. **Kent Knebel, ModelFiesta 33** contest director, provided a short report and indicated that the MF 33 Flyer had been distributed to local hobby shops and that a quarter page ad for MF 33 had been reserved for inclusion in the next IPMS/USA Journal prior to our show.

6. Lee Forbes, treasurer, provided an oral financial report for the month ending October 31 and provided details on a type of banking account that would be more appropriate for the organization based on our club status. This led to a lively discussion, resulting in a general consensus to **support closing the club's existing bank account and opening a new account as briefed by Lee**. It was also requested that Lee provide a report on the projected profit /loss for the year 2013 at the next meeting.

7. Lee asked if there was any interest in putting up a last minute display at the November 9 Pioneer Air Museum Fall Airshow and Fly-In at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome in Kingsbury, TX. There was no interest in

participating this year.

8. Lee asked if anyone wanted to participate in putting on a display at the Dolph Briscoe Middle School Veterans Day celebration as we have in the past, if we're invited again this year. Jerry volunteered since he lives in that area of town.

9. Jerry presented awards to the winners of the October open contest and conducted the Quarterly "Frankenstein" theme contest. There was only one entry, **Lee Forbes' 1/72 scale Me-410 A-2/U4**. This model was originally released by FROG in the mid-1970s and "returned from the dead" in 1993 as a Revell of Germany kit. **Congrats to Lee on his win!**

10. Jerry conducted the "Show-N-Tell" and took photos of the Quarterly Contest winner and all of the "Show-N-Tell" participants.

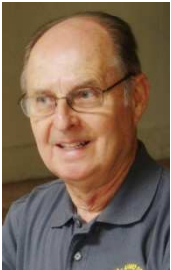
11. Jerry asked for volunteers to sign up for future demos or modeling techniques seminars, or providing a guest speaker. More to follow on this issue.

12. The meeting was dismissed.





## TREASURER'S NOTES



By Lee Forbes

**1. DUES FOR 2013 ARE STILL LAGGING!** As of this writing there are still nine Club members

who have not paid their 2013 dues. Six have already expired and three more are due to expire in December. Come on guys, the Club needs your support. They are listed below:

DUE SEP 2013, DROP FROM ROLLS DATE, JAN 1, 2014 - GJ, 78254 & KK, 78247

DUE OCT 2013, DROP FROM ROLLS DATE, FEB 1, 2014 - GK, 78254; LT, 78245 & LK, 78240

DUE DEC 2013, DROP FROM ROLLS DATE, APR 1, 2014 - McCP, 78230 & ESG, 78245

2. And now it's time to announce the first increment of 2014 dues. Hopefully you guys can set the standard for next year's dues payment. Here's thanking you in advance. They are listed below:

DUE JANUARY 2014, DROP FROM ROLLS DATE MAY 1, 2014 - BJ, 78015; NH, 78218 & OM, 78221

3. As a matter of interest, we were not contacted by anyone from the Dolph Briscoe Middle School to put on a model display as part of their Veterans Day celebration on November 9. Maybe next year.

4. Dee Jacobs, our "Virtual" ModelFiesta 33 Vendor Coordinator, is taking reservations for MF 33 vendor tables, and I've already deposited the first vendor's check for six tables. More reservations and even more checks are anticipated by the end of the year. Dee, keep up your good work!

5. Don't forget that our December Meeting will be our annual Club Christmas Party and "White Elephant" (or whatever it's called) gift exchange. We'll go over the "rules of engagement" at the meeting. I've checked with the Sales Manager of Northside Ford and he says there's no problem with our bringing food and beverages into their conference room, so I've ordered the usual fare. We'll just have to clean up after ourselves when we're finished. Remember to bring a gift-wrapped (without identifying the name of the giver) model kit,

modeling accessories, decals, reference materials, books, etc. to the meeting. You can bring more than one gift if you wish. If you don't bring a gift you can't play! Hope to see all of you at the meeting and have a very Merry Christmas!

6. On a Sad note, WW II Fighter Ace, Lt Colonel Jim Empey, passed away at home on November 21. He flew the P-51B in the 52 FG, 15 AF (MTO) and had 5 confirmed victories before he was old enough to vote! He will be missed by all of us who knew him. We made him an "Honorary Member of Alamo Squadron" a few years ago. RIP Jim!



General Frank Gailer (standing) having a chat with Lt. Jim Empey. March 2013.



# Model of the Month

## Messerschmitt Me-410 A-2/U4

The sole contestant model for the November meeting was this remarkable World War II warbird. This model was originally released by FROG in 1966 and “returned from the dead” in 1993 as a Revell of Germany kit. Lee Forbes takes First Place for this entry.





# Show and Tell

Our incumbent Treasurer, Lee Forbes, showing one way to pack models. This one is the very-fancy-hand-custom-made method to transport the models. I guess only the winner models go here!



The not-so-winner models are packed with the best friend of man: toilet paper!



Members of the club thinking on buying extra packages of toilet paper for the models...



Our president, Gerardo "Jerry" Escobedo was back with another paper model, this time the P-51 Mustang "Ferocious Frankie", a free downloadable model, in 1/33th scale.





# Show and Tell



Vincent Benavidez got this mummy kit and it has clear parts, which make it really creepy!



Peter Ortensie shows off a very nice motorcycle, in another not so common model.



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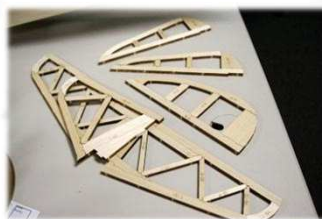
David Walker brought a couple of C-47 models of in 1/144<sup>th</sup> scale. David's mother was a flying attendant and he is building models to honor her.

Rick Warring showed this kit of a TBD-1 Devastator in 1/144<sup>th</sup> scale! Very nice kit indeed!



Emilio Mayorga is making his next flyable project, a Yak-3 in a huge 1/7<sup>th</sup> wooden scale, 55" wingspan! I guess he will be able to fly my dog in that airplane!

***This month we had models from the very BIG to the very little!!***







## **Proposed 2014 Internal Contest Schedule**

by Mike Picard

**January – Model of the Year**

**February – Club Challenge for Club Entry at ModelFiesta**

**March – Quarterly: The 1960s**

**April – Open**

**May – Open**

**June – Quarterly: Kitbash (Use parts from multiple kits to create something that never existed)**

**July – Open**

**August – Open**

**September – Quarterly: World War I, 1915-1918**

**October – Open, Select Theme for February Challenge**

**November – Open**

**December – Quarterly: Winter Warfare (Anything done up in winter camo)**





**Next meeting:** 7:15 p.m. Thursday, December 5th,  
at Northside Ford on 12300 San Pedro.

# Upcoming Club Events

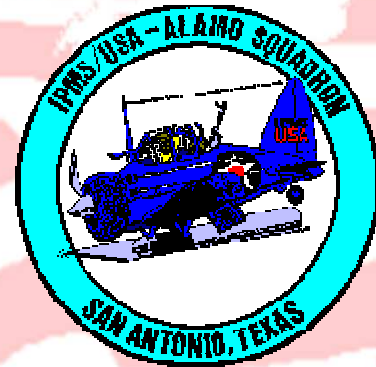
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January 25, 2014  
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1000 McKinley St  
Westlake, LA 70669  
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### Model Fiesta 33

February 15, 2014  
San Antonio Event Center  
8111 Meadow Leaf Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78227  
Info at: [www.alamosquadron.com/modelfiesta-33.htm](http://www.alamosquadron.com/modelfiesta-33.htm)



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# Club Information

## Club's E-Board 2013-2014

**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. Dues are normally \$12.00 a year, due when the Treasurer tells you.

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 for 2013, the San Antonio Event Center.



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Emilio Mayorga, right, showing Ricardo Castellanos, checking on Emilio's RC model in the making.



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