



# Alamo Squadron

March 2014

## Model Fiesta 33

**Best of Show Model  
Halftrack  
SDKFZ 251/21 Drilling  
By Gregorio Zamacona,  
from Mexico City, Mexico**





# PREZ NOTES



By Jerry Escobedo

**Golly!**

Another Model Fiesta came and went. And I don't know about you, but there was more models on display than I could count, plus I think I need more than one day to see them all.

I hope you all enjoyed Model Fiesta 33, and I really appreciate our Club Members for your hard work helping on

setting up this great event... before, during and after the doors were closed.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH, Alamo Squadron!!**

And our visitors and contestants were awesome!! I've heard once and again that this is more than a hobby... is a FAMILY!! My wife surely can say I go to these events for the people in first place... models in second. Too many people to meet, to

many people to greet.

There were around 800 models on display, 5 seminars, 7 aces and heroes, 10 states in 2 different countries, 300 prizes, and I can go on...

Ok... what's next??



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# MEETING MINUTES

by Lee Forbes



1. President, Jerry Escobedo, opened the meeting and announced that this would be last Club meeting

before ModelFiesta 33, Saturday, February 15, at the San Antonio Event Center. He also presented the 2013 Model of the Year Award to Kent Knebel.

2. Vice President, Tom Sprawls, asked Treasurer, Lee Forbes, to talk about Judging.

3. Lee gave a short talk on the principals of judging and described the IPMS/USA committee approach that is followed by all of the judging teams at the annual IPMS National Conventions and discussed the most common items that tended to disqualify most models. This led to a

spirited round table discussion by members who had previous experience in judging specific major categories. The bottom line, in almost all categories was whether the finished model had the look and feel of the real subject and had the modeler corrected any noted flaws associated with the build. Rarely is there ever a "perfect" model, but the ones with the least flaws usually win.

4. Lee provided the Club with an oral financial report and indicted that our next major expenditure was going to be the \$5,900.00 rent payable to the San Antonio Event Center by February 10, according to our contract with them. He also stated that as of the date of our February meeting that he had been paid for 80 vendor tables and our Virtual Vendor Coordinator, Dee Jacobs, reported she had reservations for 135 vendor tables at that point in time.

5. Contest Director, Kent Knebel, provided an update on

ModelFiesta 33 activities and Lee encouraged Club members to volunteer to sponsor an award package for their favorite category as a means of off-setting our awards costs. The cost of each award package was \$22.00 each. Happily, nine Club members responded in the affirmative and one individual sponsored two award packages. Thank you guys for your support.

6. Tom Sprawls conducted the Monthly Open Contest. The winners were: 1st Place, Rob Booth, for his Malta-Based Spitfire Mk Vb; 2nd Place, Rick Warring, for his HMS Abercrombie; and 3rd Place, Michael Goolsbee, for his B-26 G "Marauder". Congrats guys for your good work!

7. Jerry Escobedo conducted Show-N-Tell and took photos of all of the winning models and Show-N-Tell subjects.

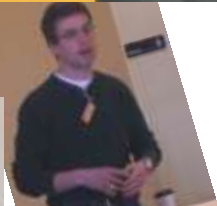
8. The meeting was dismissed.







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## TREASURER'S NOTES



By Lee Forbes

1. I'm pleased to report that ModelFiesta 33 that was held on Saturday, February 15, at the San Antonio Event Center was another success. I'll give a more complete report at our March 6 Meeting and offer some thoughts on our continued hosting of future ModelFiestas. Now it's time to turn our attention to the business of our normal Club activities until ModelFiesta 34, occurs on Saturday, February 21, 2015.

2. Now that we're into March already, we still have a number of members whose dues expired in February, and those whose dues will expire in March and April. Guys, I don't like to pester you about payment of dues any more than you like to hear about it, but if you wish to remain a member of Alamo Squadron it's your responsibility to pay your dues in a timely manner. They are still only \$12.00 year. For your information, the following members' dues have already expired, or will expire, in the

next couple of months.

FEBRUARY 2014 – DROP FROM ROLLS DATE, 1 JUNE, 2014  
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BM, 78248; CR, 78208; SF, 78133 & TB, 78228  
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OP, 78201; PP, 78248; SR, 78233 & WR, 78250

You can determine when your dues expire by looking for your initials, last name first and your local zip code. Please pay your dues with exact cash or check payable to Alamo Squadron at any of our regular meetings or mail your check to my mailing address: IPMS Alamo Squadron, 13539 Carlton Oaks, San Antonio, TX 78232.

3. You might recall at our last meeting that I announced that HobbyTownUSA, San Antonio, will provide a 10 % discount on any purchases made by Alamo Squadron members who show the store staff a current Club membership. Now that's another good reason to pay your dues in a timely manner!

4. What do you think about having future business meetings occurring only once a quarter with the other two meetings during the quarter being devoted totally to "Build Nights," modeling demos, bull sessions, monthly open contests, Show-N-Tell, etc, with no business discussion at all? This is an idea that Kent Knebel and I talked about after ModelFiesta 33. In the past we've spent too much time on business matters, which I for one found rather boring, and I'm sure most of you would agree. Routine business matters can be handled by our E-Board off line...that's why they get paid the "big volunteer bucks" anyway. It's time we start "putting fun" back into our meetings and enjoying our hobby more. Please give this idea some thought and be prepared to offer your views at our March meeting. Obviously, any change in meeting format needs the blessing of the Club membership before we change anything, but I think this would re-energize model building in our Club and promote more cohesion among our members.





**Next meeting:** 7:15 p.m. Thursday, February 6th,  
at Northside Ford on 12300 San Pedro.

# Upcoming Club Events

## RiverConIII

March 8, 2014

Clairon Hotel

1419 East 70th Street

Shreveport, Louisiana

Info at:

<http://www.ipmsredrivermodelers.org/>

## Showdown 2014 24th Annual

March 8, 2014

Dr Pepper Star Center

12700 N Stemmons Frwy

Farmers Branch, Texas

## Great South Tigerfest XXI Scale Model Contest

March 29, 2014

St. Jerome K.C. Hall

3310 Florida Ave. [Map](#)

New Orleans, Louisiana

Info with: [rmpaintingmusic14@gmail.com](mailto:rmpaintingmusic14@gmail.com)

## Tulsa Modelers Forum open contest

March 29, 2014

Bixby Community Center

211 N. Cabaniss

Bixby, Oklahoma

Info at: <http://tulsaipms.org/>



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# **Proposed 2014 Internal Contest Schedule II**

by Mike Picard & Alamo Squadron members

**January – Model of the Year**

**February – Open**

**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, 1914-1918**

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

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

**December – Christmas Party**







# 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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Some of our guests went to the Confederate Airforce Museum in San Marcos, Texas. Thank you very much to the Executive Officer, Kelly Klaus (extreme right of the photo) for opening the doors of the museum in a non-museum day for the ModelFiesta event!



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