



Alamo Squadron

May 2014

**MODEL
OF
THE
MONTH**

Rob Booth's Bf-109 B



**New Executive Board
2014-2015
Meet them!**





PREZ NOTES

By Tom
Sprawls

Fellow
Modelers:



I am honored to have been elected your President. Alamo Squadron chapter of International Plastic Model Society (IPMS) has a long and honored history. Our contest Model Fiesta is one of the longest running as well as the largest scale model exposition and contest within IPMS Region 6.

The honor will be mine to serve with an Executive Board consisting of Art Nicholson as Vice-President and Richard Montgomery who will fulfill the role of Treasurer. We have had several face to face meetings. We communicate on an almost daily basis. I believe we are “Storming, Norming, and Forming” into an excellent Team.

In my discussions with members of the club two key points have consistently come across. These items have become the mission statements for this year.

Mission One: Fiscal Responsibility.

Finances are never a pleasant topic as many of our households will agree! In past years of financial plenty the club was able to do many firsts. Car Pools, send people to the Nationals, Field Trips, and waiving yearly dues are a few examples. As many of you know from your jobs, these are more difficult economic times. Alamo Squadron is financially challenged due to the changing of the hobby industry, our contest venue is more expensive, club and contest expenses are greater. Therefore I discussed finances with my Team. Based on that input I have instituted some financial measures to make the club more solvent. These measures are essential to preserve Alamo Squadron as we know it.

Membership dues of \$12/year are reinstated.

Storage unit has been moved which will save us \$300, a good deal of money over the course of the year.

In-club model Contests will be conducted monthly with the winners noted in the newsletter.

Awards will only be given on Quarterly Contests. All contests will count toward Modeler of the Year.

Mission Two: Bring Scale Modeling back with fun.

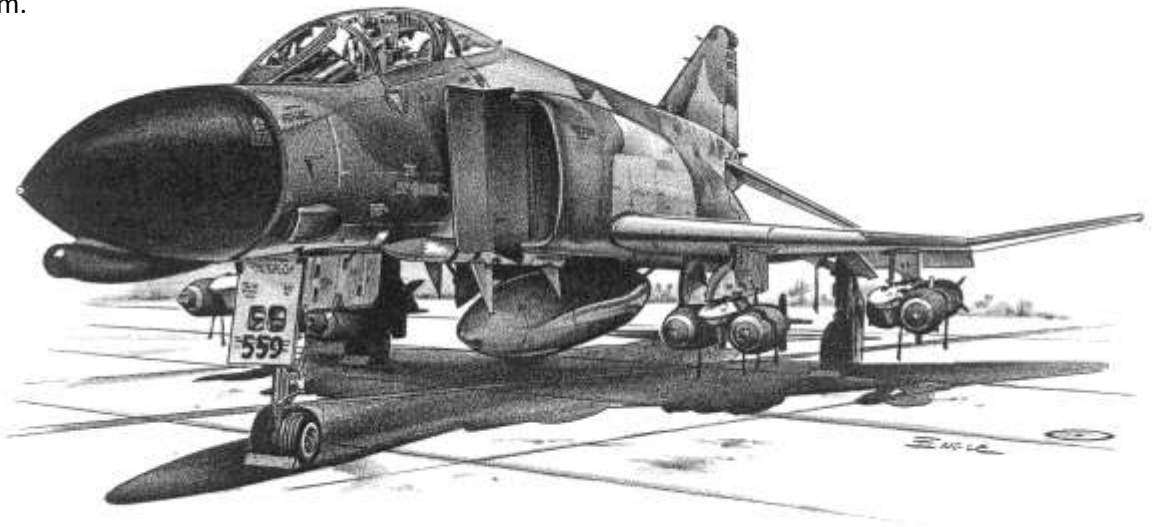
Bringing scale modeling back strong in all its Glory is the reason for Alamo Squadron. The programs we are designing and implementing are intended to entertain, educate, and inform you on how to do scale models “State of the Art” inclusive to the amateur and expert. We will also be asking many of you members who are subject matter experts in history, technique, assembly, and composition to help with the “3D Art Form” we call modeling!

I have an open door policy. I will be glad to discuss one on one or in groups of members any topic you feel is important.

Remember Alamo Squadron is not about me or the E-Board. Alamo Squadron is about serving the membership for the greater good. I am looking forward to an exciting year of working with each and every one of you.



An old friend from the Alamo Squadron, Robert Engle, gave us this present as from his drawing collection, an F-4 just like the one he flew in Viet-Nam.



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Meeting Minutes

by Dick Montgomery

The April club meeting was called to order by President Jerry Escobedo.

No visitors were present.

Winners of the March Club contest were presented awards:

John Kress 1st place for his 1966 Z-28

Rick Stanley 2nd place for his 1966 Pontiac

Lee Forbes presented an **“MVP ModelFiesta XXXIII Award” to Jerry Escobedo** for his outstanding work at ModelFiesta XXXIII.

Lee Forbes presented a Treasurer’s Report announcing the checking account balance and also that a new account was to replace the current “small business” account. The new account will be set up as an Unincorporated Association/Non-Business entity. Access to the new account is limited to the President and Treasurer of the club, those persons currently being Tom Sprawls and Dick Montgomery. This arrangement is required by “Bylaw XIII- Financial Accountability” in the club constitution. Lee reported a final financial statement for ModelFiesta XXXIII and that it was a successful event ending with a profit.

Jerry opened the “Show and Tell” session. Rob Booth presented his WIP F-4C/D by Monogram. Rob stated that the kit and an aftermarket set of Caracal decals were provided to him through the IPMS Reviewer Corps program, and that the decal sheet was excellent. Rob also discussed his WIP P-51B by Tamiya and a Bf-109E kit-bash project,

which would feature the “109” as it would have appeared on the deck of the German WWII carrier “Graf Zeppelin”.

Jerry discussed the upcoming model event in Monterrey, Mexico. Jerry offered several very useful travel tips and indicated that the guys in Monterrey were very much interested in offering support and some local transportation for attendees. The Monterrey show is the last weekend of June, taking place on Saturday and Sunday.

Jerry called for a 10 minute intermission.

Jerry reconvened the general meeting and initiated the election process. Officers were elected for 2014-2015.

Nominations accepted during the March meeting were reintroduced:

President-Tom Sprawls

Vice President-John Kress and Art Nicholson

Sec/Treas-Dick Montgomery.

The floor was opened for additional nominations, none were received.

A motion for approval by acclamation of Tom Sprawls as President was made by Rob Booth and seconded. The motion passed without dissent. A motion for approval by acclamation of Dick Montgomery as Sec/Treasurer was made by Lee Forbes and seconded. The motion passed without dissent.



Meeting Minutes

Ballots were distributed for the Vice President's position, counted by Lee Forbes and Jerry Escobedo, with Art Nicholson declared as the new Vice President.

The new officers were sworn in by Jerry Escobedo and immediately assumed the duties of their respective offices.

Jerry Escobedo asked for a brief moment to offer his Thanks to the membership and their support for his Presidency.

President Tom Sprawls announced the results of the April monthly contest, Winners were:

1st place, Rob Booth's Bf-109B in 1/48th scale.

2nd place, Gilberto Ojeda's A6M2C in 1/48th scale.

3rd place, Paul Bollinger's German U-boat Type XXI

President Tom Sprawls shared a few of the newly installed EB's goals, and addresses some of the challenges that face all clubs, and in particular, Alamo Squadron, in the coming year. Tom laid out some of those challenges and invited the membership to share some of their thoughts and ideas on how to move forward. Below are summaries of some of the MISC (Members Ideas, Suggestions, and Comments) offered up by the membership .

Courtesy tables in the vendor area for other IPMS chapters at ModelFiesta.

"Build Night" morphed into a "Build Day", a day-long event to include food and fellowship. Alamo Squadron providing experienced modelers to local hobby shops for demonstrations and Skills Seminars.

"No Contest" Night at the club meeting, but rather a greatly expanded WIP (Work In Progress) presentation with more discussion and description of the details of the work involved.

Possibility of posting meeting notices on Craig's List.

More programs, all focusing on modeling skills, techniques, and modeling in general. Tom thanked the contributors for their participation in the MISC and stated that the new EB would review each idea with interest.

Tom mentioned that the officers had received a sponsorship request from the host chapter of the 2014 IPMS National Convention. Dick Montgomery provided some additional details and costs. A list of available sponsorship packages will be available at the May meeting.

The meeting came to an end at 9:06pm





Monthly Contest



Monthly's contest winner was this Bf-109 T by Rob Booth. The kit is from Hasegawa in 1/48 scale. Rob said that to convert this Messerschmitt to a T model he scratched the wing tips.

The second place, Gilberto Ojeda's A6M2C in 1/48th scale. The amazing fact is that Gilberto made this model at his ABC Class! The ABC is the Adult Build Class, facilitated by Lee Forbes.

Paul Bollinger's German U-boat Type XXI won Third place this month. A very interesting subject!





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





Show and Tell

Rene Faulk brought this beautiful Greenville submarine 772 from Hobby Boss in 1/350 scale. Rene told us that he used graphic, metallic and flat black.



Gilberto Ojeda also brought this Mitsubishi A5M3 from Tamiya, with Eduard photo-etches, in 1/48 scale.

Rob Booth is building an F-4 C/D from Monogram.





Show and Tell



Gerardo Escobedo built this P-51 D paper model. As usual, he built it out of cardsstock printed at home, and placed in a base as a diorama. Scale is 1/33.

This soviet Typhoon-class submarine in 1/700 scale was built by Paul Bollinger. Paul also mounted this model to a base.



No... don't worry... the Alamo Squadron didn't showed a real hand grenade, but a plastic model built by Paul Bollinger. Cool!





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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ARTICLES!! ARTICLES!!

We need your writing skills for the newsletter!

All submission must be turned in by the 20th of the month prior to next month's meeting. Send your input to Gary Emery at gary@hillcountryhobby.com



Next meeting: 7:15 p.m. Thursday, May 1st,
at Northside Ford on 12300 San Pedro.

Upcoming Club Events

Modelmania 2014

Stafford Convention Center
10505 Cash Road
IPMS Houston
Info at:

<http://www.ipms-houston.org/>

PRARIE WIND 2014 REGION 6 CONVENTION--

THEME: "INVASION STRIPES"

Marriott Hotel & Event Center
9100 Corporate Hills Drive
Air Capital IPMS Modelers
Info at:

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

ScaleFest 2014

Grapevine Convention Center
1209 S Main St
IPMS-North Central Texas
Info at:

<http://ipmsnct.net/>



Be prepared for this year's
50th Anniversary of IPMS
USA National Convention in
Hampton, Virginia!!
August 6-9, 2014



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Paper models just arrived! Jerry Escobedo received these models from Poland, and instructions are clearly explained... in Polish!

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