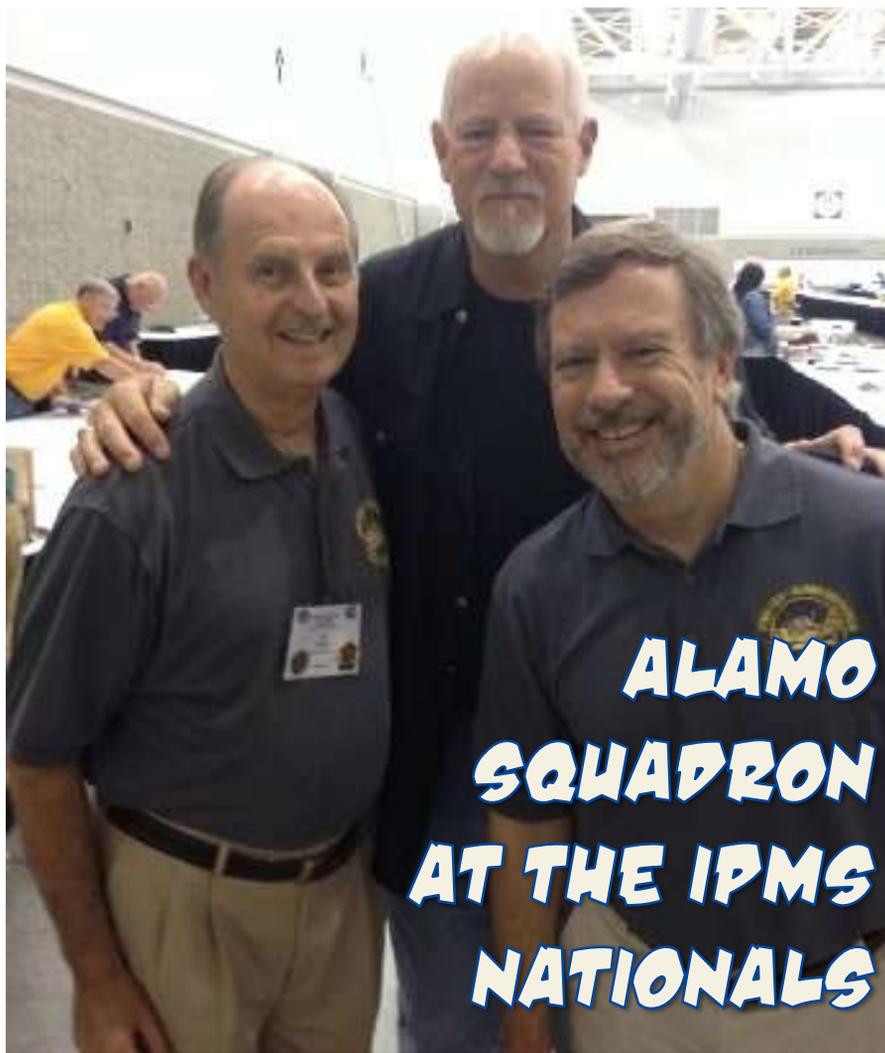




AUGUST 2014



**ALAMO
SQUADRON
AT THE IPMS
NATIONALS**

**Feature Presentation on August 14th
Meeting:
"Tackling the Tiny: 1/700 Ships and 1/144
Aircraft"
By Rick Warring**

***PLEASE MAKE NOTE!!!*
CLUB MEETING DATE CHANGE
:
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2014**



The Prez Notes

By Art Nicholson

I am excited and confident about the Alamo Squadron's future. We have had some interesting programs, good attendance, and a lot of new faces. Welcome to those new faces!

Together, we can have fun, improve our modeling skills, learn more about the hobby, and continue our tradition of putting on a fun and successful ModelFiesta.

Speaking of ModelFiesta, I have taken on the post of ModelFiesta contest director, Dick Montgomery is the Vendor Coordinator, and Rick Warring has agreed to be the Chief Judge. Thanks, Rick!

For the moment, Dick Montgomery and I are the E-Board. In the near future, I plan to appoint a new vice president, whom I plan to work like a rented mule :) While he was president, Tom Sprawls really got us pointed in the right direction. Before Tom left, the E-Board received an audit report from Lee Washburn. Since Tom left, the E-Board has - well - been busy! In future columns, I'll try to let you know more about what the E-Board is doing.

I want to encourage everyone to lend a hand, which can be a great way to have fun, to get to know others, and to help the Club.

I hope those who were at the July 10th meeting enjoyed the program, which was given by Col. Frank Frazier, who talked about flying F-86s and F-4s, and our own Rob Booth, on building modern U.S. jets. I hope you enjoy the program on August 14th, a demo and talk by our own Rick Warring, "Tackling the Tiny: 1/700 Ships and 1/144 Aircraft."

At the August meeting, we will also have a two-part raffle with some great prizes. Thanks to Dick for his work on that.

Thanks for being a part of the Alamo Squadron.

I hope to see you all on August 14th!

AUGUST RAFFLE.

At the August 14th meeting, we will have not one but two raffles. The first raffle is for a \$10.00 gift certificate from Hill Country Hobby, and tickets are \$1.00 each. The second raffle, which is \$2.00 a ticket, is for an item donated by Lee Forbes, the 1/72 scale Millennial Collection of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) for the year 2000. It contains 11 different models from Airfix, Italeri, and MPM, and the decals represent the markings of the year 2000 BBMF aircraft. Lee purchased the collection at the IPMS/UK Nationals in Telford in 2003, and it was then valued at 40 Pounds. The collection also contains a lithograph (suitable for framing) autographed by the Commander of the 2000 BBMF."



Art Nicholson
President





July 10 Meeting Minutes

7:15 - Open the meeting/ introduce the program for the evening:

Guest Speaker - Colonel Frank Frazier-Career Fighter Pilot/Test Pilot

Demo- Rob Booth-Building Modern Jets

Work in Progress

Dave Herron – Revell Avenger 1/48th

Jeff Alberthal – Tamiya P-47 1/48th , Mirage 1/48th

Contest Results

1st Jeff Alberthal 1/48th F-18

2nd Charles Stone Lightning 1/72nd

3rd Jeff Alberthal F-16N 1/48th

8:15 – Business Meeting

Standing Reports

President

August meeting scheduled for August 14th in order to avoid conflict with the IPMS National Convention

President Tom Sprawls regrets to inform the membership that due to job requirements he is relocating to Salt Lake City.

VP Art Nicholson has assumed the Presidency and the role of Contest Director.

Guests and Membership Renewals

Herbert E. Scranton III, new member

Dan Hickox, guest from Austin, Tx

Ken Painter, Guest

Charles Stone, Guest

Russ Haxton, Guest

Bob Engle, renewing member

VP-

Assumed the Presidency.

Treasurer

If you are not receiving an emailed copy of the club newsletter please be sure to provide an email address on the Sign-In sheet.

Contact the Treasurer regarding membership questions or issues.

Guests (and those members with expired memberships)

Constitution provides for a 3-month “Guest” pass at which time membership is required.

Staff / Committee Reports - None

July MISC – None

Meeting Adjourned

DEATH OF A MODELER'S WORK BENCH



By Lee Washburn

The contractor duly arrived at the appointed hour and my wife greeted him at the door. As they walked from room to room, with me following obediently behind, all I heard was “ka-chink” “ka-chink”. An hour into the tour I was confronted with the realization that my beloved workbench was scheduled for destruction.

To a modeler, his workbench is more than a man cave or open table space. It is his **sanctuary** where all the tools have order and place. Where light and space have been carefully calculated to provide the right environment. It is where paint bottles are aligned, parts boxes cataloged, rigging line spools easy to get to, and everything exactly **where he wants it when he needs it**.

I have been fortunate in that my workbench was on the second floor right next to my office. My workspace was one half of a Jack and Jill bath set up. I had great lighting, a sink, cabinets and a large mirror behind the bench which gave a reverse view of any project on the bench. The worktable was 65 inches long which was large enough for the restoration project of the USS Biloxi, a very large model, for the **National Museum of the Pacific War**, in Fredericksburg Texas. The workbench saw many commissions completed. *Restoration of some models more than a hundred years old.* It also gave life to many just for fun builds including my USS New Jersey with which I won my first Model Fiesta trophy. The model now resides at the **USS**

Lexington Museum in Corpus Christi Texas.

Resigning myself to the fact, everything had to go, I set to work. The process of taking down the workbench was a long and melancholy affair. All the hours I had spent there oblivious to what was happening in the world outside. Door bells ringing, wife calling, cat getting sick on the rug, you know all those things men really care about. One also goes through a process of deciding what to keep and what to trash. I entertained a moment of truth when I thought about throwing out “things” that I had not used in the last three years. I quickly dismissed that fantasy realizing I might use them in the forth year.

My work area had been off limits to the cleaning lady so it was my job to clean and vacuum all the sawdust, woodchips, line trimmings and yes, find those micro PE parts hiding in the carpet. Then there was the occasion of the local Cub Scout den coming over to get some hands-on knowledge in model building. Hands-on, poor choice of word, it was more like “whack-a-mole” to me to keep hands off.

Ah, all those memories, those feelings of accomplishment gone! But wait! There are still models in the stash closet, rolled building plans purchased long ago, projects in the back of my mind that I intend to undertake. So I shall go on, and in the immortal words of Scarlet O’Hara, **“tomorrow’s just another day”**.



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)





Upcoming Club Events

Next meeting: NOTE -> Due to our National Independence Day, we are moving our meeting: 7:15 p.m. Thursday, August 14th, at Northside Ford on 12300 San Pedro.

September 13, 2014

SuperCon 2014

IPMS Forth Worth Scale Modelers

2800 S. Center Street
Arlington, Texas

September 20, 2014

AutumnCON 2014

Northshore Scale Modelers

2031 Ronald Regan Hwy
Covington, Louisiana

September 27, 2014

14th Annual Sproo-Doo Model Show

Central Arkansas Scale Modelers IPMS

101 E. Markham St
Little Rock, Arkansas



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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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