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2019 Model of the Year!

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Dana Mathes
FV4034 Challenger 2
Iraq 2003

FOR Modelers and BY Modelers ABOUT modeling...

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Craig Gregory IPMS #49320

From the Cockpit...



ModelFiesta 39

This is a busy time for the club. ModelFiesta 39 is just around the corner and this is the last monthly meeting before the doors open to the public at 9am, Saturday, Feb. 15th.



The planning for ModelFiesta is done by a handful, but it is the support of the general club membership in the form of volunteers that make each show a success. Mark Verdi, ModelFiesta 39 director, has lined up most of the volunteer assignments for this year. But there are a few more slots that need to be filled. He will be recruiting during our club meeting this Thursday.

Personally, I am this year's Vendor Coordinator; again. I always hear a thank you from the vendors for our volunteers that help unload the their merchandize. And I know the volunteers enjoy being the first to see all the neat stuff. Please seek out Mark at the meeting and ask how you can help.

2019-20 Model Building Summit Award

Recognition for Model Building Summit Award is during the March club meeting. The deadline for turning in your build log is technically at the beginning of the March meeting. BUT it would help Herb Scranton if you submit your completed build logs during the February meeting.

Herb Scranton is this year's sponsor for the Model Building Summit Award. He has been toting the build log to each meeting and continues to organize the prizes and the recognition celebration.

If you want to get ahead of the game, the entry form has been attached to the newsletter distribution email. Print it, fill it out and add it as a supplement (or replacement) in the official logbook during the meeting.

2020 Elections

It is election time again. The vote for new club officers will be held during the April club meeting. Nominations for club offices will be held during the March meeting. But you may nominate someone or self-nominate yourself by notifying one of your club officers at any time. Please have the permission of the one you are nominating before doing so.

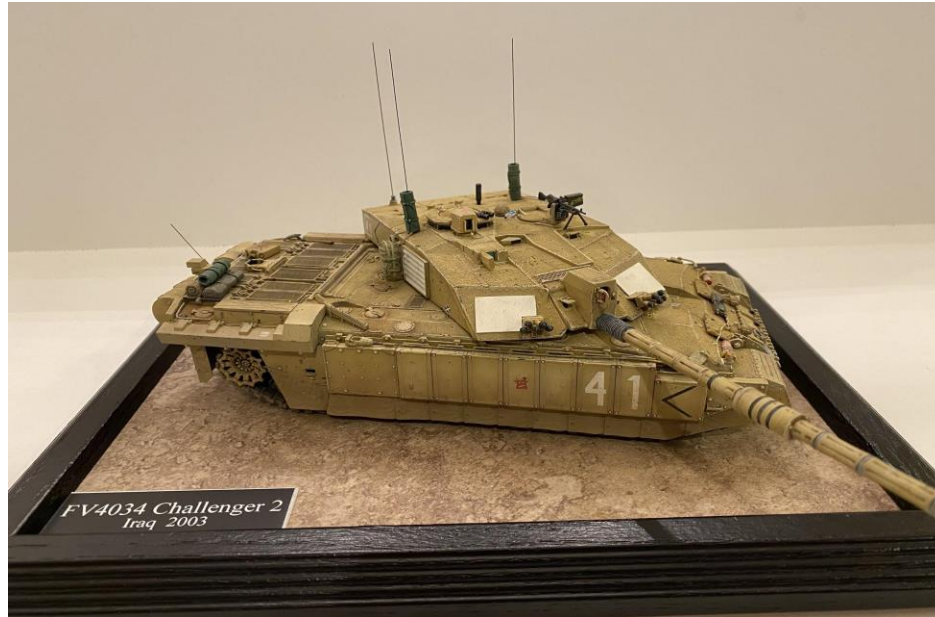
2019 MODEL OF THE YEAR

1st Place

“Taking the Challenge”

1/35 FV4034 Challenger 2 Tank

Model Build and Article by Dana Mathes



Introduction

Having watched extensive domestic news coverage of the Gulf Wars, most of us are somewhat familiar with the US armored vehicles used in those conflicts. M1 Abrams and M2 Bradley tanks have become well known. Less familiar are the British tanks that participated in those wars:



particularly the Challenger 2 Main Battle Tanks that captured Basra, Iraq in 2003 (see left).

The Challenger 2 currently ranks among the best tanks in the world with the American M1, German Leopard 2, South Korean Black Panther, and the

Russian Armata. It is thought to have the best armor protection system of any operational tank. A third-generation technology tank, it succeeded the unreliable and troubled Challenger 1 vehicle. Once the many faults of its predecessor were addressed, the Challenger 2 went into production in 1993. About 450 of these sophisticated tanks have been built, primarily for British service, but with 40 going to the Royal Army of Oman. They are expected to remain in service until 2035.

The most notable service of the Challenger 2 to date has been in what was called Operation Telic, the invasion of southern Iraq and control of Basra in 2003 (see map).



Notable features of these tanks included the corrugated white IFF (Identify Friend from Foe) panels on the sides and rear of the turret and the white chemical warfare detection panels on the front of the turret. The corrugation of the IFF panels provides identification even at night as they show up in a thermal imaging sight. The chemical detection panels change color in the presence of poison gases.

With my long-standing interest in modeling Gulf War vehicles, this subject has been on my mental list of future projects for quite some time. Taking on this project also fit with my recent emphasis on British armor subjects. My goal was to model one of those Challenger 2s that were in the thick of the Basra action. For the foundation of the project, I acquired the Tamiya “desertized” Challenger 2 kit (see below).



The desertization features included modified air filters, enhanced side armor, and side skirts to reduce dust accumulation on the tank in sandy desert terrain. I had also been picking up accessory parts, paints, and decals for the project over the years as I encountered them at contest vendor tables.

I did not take many in-progress build pictures during this project, so I'll include two I have and use photographs of the finished model to augment my descriptions. The important things I learned from this project had to do with the use of references, detailing, techniques for textured surfaces, and finishing.

References

There is a great deal of good information, text and pictures, about the Challenger 2s in question on the intranet. There are also several useful YouTube offerings with news footage of the vehicles. These sources were extremely helpful for detailing and weathering. In addition, I used the following published sources:

Dunstan, Simon. *Challenger 2 Main Battle Tank 1987-2006*. Oxford, UK: Osprey Publishing, 2006.

Davidson, Graeme and Pat Johnston, *Modeling the Challenger 1 and 2 MBT and Variants*. Oxford, UK: Osprey Publishing, 2006.

Debay, Yves, "Clash of Armor: Challengers vs. T-55s." *Special Ops: Journal of the Elite Forces & SWAT Units*, Vol. 27 (2003), 51-57.

Higgs, Tony. "Challenger 2 Desertized: & 7th Armored Division, Iraq, 2003," *Armored Modeling & Preservation Society - Boresight* 18, no. 6, 10-13.

Skinner, Aaron. "Step-by-Step Desert Weathering: Giving Tamiya's Challenger 2 a Beat-up Look for Operation Telic." *Finescale Modeler* (April 2002), 28-31.

Debay's article provided detailed photos of the Operation Telic tanks soon after they arrived in theater. A review of the Tamiya kit and many detailing suggestions were covered in Higgs' article. When using this reference material, one must be mindful of the timing of the photography as vehicles become dirtier and more heavily weathered as their time in theater grows. This is an important point to consider when you chose the degree and type of weathering to apply on the model.

Textured Surfaces

Most modern tanks now have some type of texture applied to the horizontal surfaces of their turrets and hulls for crew safety. There are several treatments available to the modeler to achieve textured surfaces. In a previous article, I described some of these techniques.¹ Reference photos of the Basra Challengers indicated a heavy type of texture on most of the tanks (see on the next page) so I chose to use the VMS Texture System method as described in the noted article.

¹ Dana Mathes, "Replicating Armor Anti-Skid Texture," *Alamo Squadron Navigator* (October 2018), pp. 22-27, <http://alamosquadron.com/Newsletters/2018/Alamo%20Squadron%20Navigator%20-%20Oct%2018.pdf>

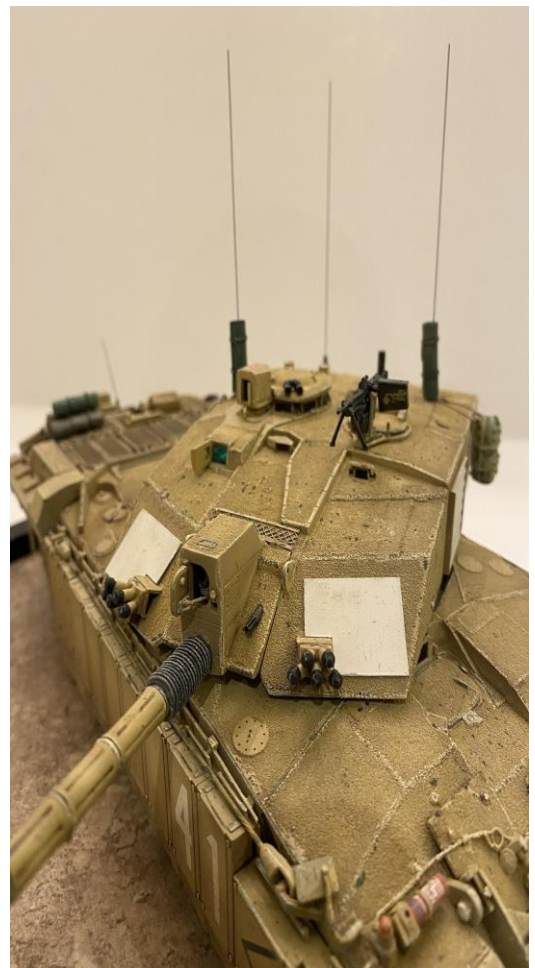
This method has you apply an acrylic adhesive to the model surface and then, with an applicator like an eye dropper, sprinkle fine-grained sand onto the wet adhesive. Even after testing this on an old model, I must admit that I took a deep breath before starting this on the real model. This method is a bit tedious as you must work on one small area at a time. Keeping the adhesive out of some nooks and crannies was difficult. Mistakes can be corrected, once the adhesive dries, by rubbing off any excess adhesive and sand by careful abrasion with a blunt toothpick. The result looked good, but it took a lot of work to accomplish.

Details

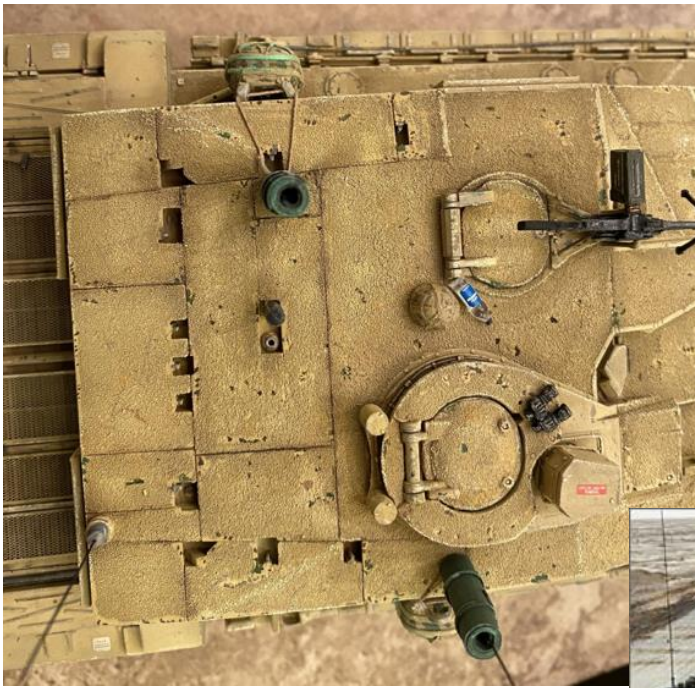
The Tamiya kit is well-molded with lots of good detailing. The accessory detail items I added to the kit included: a resin barrel and thermal blanket (Lion Marc), photoetch screens and misc. details (Eduard Challenger II Desert kit), individual link track (Armour Track Models, see below), and headlight and tail light lenses (SKP Models). My understanding is that the Armour Track kit was produced for a Trumpeter kit. I had no problem fitting this track to the Tamiya kit.



However, I used the Tamiya sprockets and return rollers because they were of significantly better quality.



The project incorporated some scratchbuilding. Somehow, I managed to lose the dust cover piece that fits directly behind the gun mantlet. After consulting the references, I constructed a new one from wire mesh, plastic tubing, and plastic strips. Inspired by Higgs' work, I also added wiring and clips (cut from a metal ointment tube) for the power cables supplying the headlights, a gun sight door extension arm (spare parts and plastic rod), and rear turret compartment latches and caps (plastic angle and punched discs, see photo below). As a result of studying the wear and tear in the reference photos, I added slightly misaligned the front fenders, mirrors, and rear fuel tanks. I also bent the fender mirrors a bit to simulate mild damage.



British tanks generally don't have as much baggage hanging off them as their American counterparts. Some of the modern American tanks look like gypsy wagons given the amount of stuff piled or hanging on them. But adding some stowage to a Challenger 2 is appropriate based on the pictures (see below). From my spares box, a Dragon Desert Rats figure kit, and a Black Dog Modern British Accessory kit I gathered up backpacks, shovel, helmet, etc. A Meng accessory kit provided some water bottles.



Many of the Challenger 2's had tarps (in some cases with camouflage patterns) draped around the front of their hulls (see



below). A resin accessory set exists for these tarps, but I was unable to find a vendor who had one. I made two tarps from tissue paper and tested one on an old model. After much finagling, I was never quite able to make my paper tarp look as realistic as I wanted it to be, so I decided to forego the tarps. I was also concerned about how many of the model's details they would cover up.

Finishing

The model was primed with gray primer and pre-shaded with Tamiya NATO brown. The IFF panels were painted flat white and masked. The gunsights and vision blocks were painted black and translucent green appropriately and masked. The side panels were painted a flat earth color and the skirt areas were masked. The road wheels were painted mixture of flat black and NATO black. The tracks and various accessory parts were painted separately from the hull and turret.

The base color coat is Modelmaster® British Armor Light Stone enamel. It was applied with many shades of color modulation with increasing amounts of white added. The road wheel centers were painted using a covered circle template. I misapplied the enamel such that the finish was very gritty and unacceptable. I've been told that the measure of your modeling skill is how big a hole you can dig yourself out of. Desperation can be highly motivating too. In this case, I tried scrubbing the model rather vigorously with an old toothbrush and sanded portions with very fine sandpaper. Thankfully, that technique worked well and



NATO brown.



removed the gritty excess paint. I've since incorporated this into my weathering repertoire (see photos). The toothbrushing removed some of the sand texturing, some of which I repaired, some I left for weathering effect. I then lightly post-shaded the edges of the model with thinned Tamiya

Aftermarket Bison Decals (see below) were applied over coats of PFM (Future). I chose the Royal Scots Dragoons Guards vehicle (Option C) as it matched my key reference photos.



The model was then weathered with the following treatments:

- Chipping with multiple colors of acrylic paints.
- Medium brown oil filter.
- Raw umber wash.
- Oil dot streaking with multiple oil colors: white, gray, yellow, red, green, sienna.
- Very dark brown oil and AK streaking grime enamel pin washes.
- Dry brushing with multiple shades of tan and light gray.
- Scratching and chipping with artist pencils.
- Highlighting with Modelmaster® metallizer colors and artist pencils.
- Overspray with dilute AK streaking grime, heavier on the lower hull.
- Overspray with dilute light tan (multiple shades), heavier on the lower hull.
- Light dusting of MIG pigments, heavier on the lower hull and tracks.

Finished Model

When completed, the model was bolted to a base made from a piece of tile and a picture frame. Photographs of the finished model are provided below.

The Challenger 2 is a formidable tank and I was glad to have this model in my collection. I learned a lot as I confronted and overcame the various challenges associated with this project.



2019 Model of the Year

FV4034 CHALLENGER 2
IRAQ 2003
BY DANA MATHES



(Above photos by Sam Casas)

2019 Model of the Year 2nd/3rd

2nd Place
Eric Syverson;
MiG-3 @ 1/32
scale



3rd Place
Rob Booth; F-
16XL @ 1/32
scale



SOME WIPs AT THE JAN MEETING





FEATURE BUILD

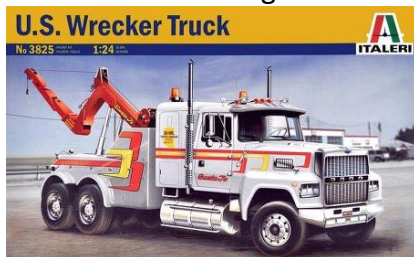
Ford LTL 9000 Tow Truck (Italeri 1/24 #3825)

Photos and article by Keith Rule

(Ed: Keith plans to bring this build to the March club meeting.)

The Ford LTL 9000 Diesel truck was manufactured in Louisville, Kentucky from 1978 to 1998. It was the platform for a series of dump trucks, concrete mixers, tank trucks, tow trucks, etc. Italeri manufactures a 1:24 scale kit of this tow truck which has been on my list of future projects for some time. The future is here. I intend to put a considerable effort into the project hoping that it will do well on the contest table.

Shiny new vehicles have always been my thing. Pretty paint, spiffy interiors, detailed engines, etc. Inspired by some of the club members (Dana Mathes, Charles Stone, etc.), I thought this vehicle would be a good choice for my first effort at doing an old, weathered, “seen it’s better days” build. The Internet has been a great source of information (and a source of bad information) since I returned to the modeling hobby four years ago, so fire up the computer and start watching and reading and experimenting on a spare Mustang body. Dana’s advice was “don’t overdo it ... when you think it’s enough, stop” and this is true. I experimented with several techniques – color modulation, liquid masking (found that Elmer’s glue works well), rust effects with Vallejo Pigments & Dullcote, aluminum weathering with artist oils, various washes, the salt technique, and “bad” airbrushing. I found that soft artist pastels (chalk) and water made realistic dirt.



U.S. Wrecker Truck
No 3825 1:24
ITALERI

As with any build, step one is prepping parts for paint. And this kit has a lot of parts. I glued together all the parts that come in two or more pieces and sanded and puttied. I use Tamiya Putty for minor repairs and Evercoat Polyester Glazing Putty (a two-part system) for larger repairs. The Evercoat does not scribe in this product. I think preparing all parts. I repair/fill scrape mold lines, putty can be seen (and some places sleeper came in five pieces attention in fitting, filling, sanding, and priming. I use Tamiya Primer, usually light gray. Filling and sanding the seams of the sleeper unit wiped out several of the molded rivets, so I drilled out and replaced all the rivets with Tichy Train .025 rivets. Drilling out 200+ rivets builds up your hand strength!



After primer, the frame was painted rust (reddish brown). Then the salt technique was applied; brush on water and then sprinkle salt (I used regular table salt) around. How much salt? However, much rust you want. A semi-gloss blue/gray Tamiya Acrylic was air brushed over the primer/dried salt and allowed to cure overnight. Then the salt is brushed away revealing the rust spots below.

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Some of the salt can be left, giving the surface a peeling paint appearance. Drive train and suspension components were air brushed Tamiya NATO Black (a great color for chassis) and the chassis assembled. The chassis was then dirtied up by scraping soft pastels into piles and applying with a damp brush.



The diesel engine was primed and painted a custom mix of yellow and brown attempting to copy the color found in reference photos. I chose to not detail the engine beyond what was provided. I don't know much about diesels and didn't want to spend the time researching. I used some Vallejo products, flat black wash, and the pastels to weather the engine.

The cab unit, sleeper unit, storage units, and recovery apparatus were all assembled, puttied, and primed. Then the rust paint was air brushed in a few areas where future rust spots would be. Using a piece of sponge, I dabbed on a little Elmer's at these areas where I wanted rust to show. Tamiya Flat



Aluminum Acrylic was then air brushed over all these parts. I then applied the Elmer's with the sponge where I wanted the silver undercoat to show through. Tamiya Orange and Black Acrylic was air brushed over all parts, except the storage units, which would remain aluminum. Masking tape was then used to pull off all the Elmer's mask, revealing rust and aluminum undercoating. The Elmer's was then dabbed on a few areas where I wanted the glossy finish to show. The glossy orange and black was faded by randomly spraying a very thin flat white.

Masking tape again was used to remove the remaining Elmer's revealing a few glossy spots. The aluminum storage units were streaked with artist oils. Finally, taking a deep breath, a flat black wash and some pastel dirt was applied (until I was happy).

Now for chrome parts. Obviously, they can't be shiny. Therefore, I used a technique I learned from Dr. Cranky. Dr. Cranky has several very good You Tube videos about model cars (not for you aircraft, armor, etc. guys). Holding the part from a distance (18" +/-) I dusted it with flat aluminum ... then (again 18")

dusted flat brown ... then (again 18") dusted Testors Dullcote (flat clear). Finally, a flat black wash to my taste.

Front "cattle guard" unit was modified to allow hood to open further. This, and the assembly of the five-piece cab and sleeper, were the biggest problems I encountered with this kit. Otherwise, good kit. I kept the aftermarket decals simple. The marker posts on the front were scratch built. License plates are aftermarket decals glued on cut out pieces of aluminum pie plate mounted with ground down straight pins. I chose Alaska plates ... doesn't this old tow truck look like it belongs in Alaska!

Hope you enjoy the project.





ON THE HORIZON

Kit of the Month

Each month a club member is welcome to bring one of their recent acquisitions to the meeting, open its box and provide a real-time walkthrough in order to let others peek inside. With a few brief comments and questions answered, we will get to know what's in the box and, chances are, rush home to order a copy. When you are ready to share your experience and thoughts, contact and coordinate with Craig Gregory 541-377-188 or at craig.jonathan.gregory@gmail.com.

Monthly Club Contest Themes

The club contests for the remainder of the Alamo Squadron year are as follows:

Month	Theme	Month	Theme
Feb	Fabulous 50s	May	TBD
Mar	TBD	Jun	TBD
Apr	TBD	Jul	TBD

Monthly Club Presentations/Demos/Programs

The club presentations for the remainder of the Alamo Squadron year are as follows:

Month	Subject	Presenter
Feb	What Judges Look For	Rob Booth
Mar	Aircraft Rigging	Dick Montgomery
Apr	Hydrodrip Technique	Paul Blackmon

Upcoming IPMS Region 6 Area Club Events

Compiled by Dick Montgomery IPMS #14003

Date	Title	Contact	Location	Address
February 15, 2020	ModelFiesta 39* Contest includes all modeling genres. Vendor Area, Seminars www.alamosquadron.com	Mark Verdi – markverdi@msn.com	San Antonio Event Center	8111 Meadow Leaf Drive, San Antonio, TX 78227
March 7, 2020	Showdown 2020 An Automotives Show http://themcma.net/Club_Contests.php	Len Woodruff – sbcsystems@grandecom.net	Children's Health Star Center	12700 N. Stemmons Fwy Farmers Branch, TX 75234
March 21, 2020	RiverCon IX Contest includes all modeling genres. Vendor Area	Andy Bloom – bloom4him@hotmail.com	LSUS University Center	One University Pl Shreveport, LA 71115
April 4, 2020	Great South Tiger Fest XXV hosted by IPMS Flying Tigers	rmpaintingmusic14@gmail.com	St. Jerome Knights of Columbus Hall	3310 Florida Ave, Kenner, LA 70123
April 18, 2020	Route 66 Model Expo https://www.tulsaipms.org/ Contest includes all modeling genres. Vendor Area www.tulsaipms.com	Greg Kittinger - greg.kittinger@gmail.com	Bixby Community Center in Bixby OK.	211 N Cabaniss Ave, Bixby, OK 74008
April 25, 2020	Modelmania 2020 Contest includes all modeling genres. Vendor Area http://www.ipms-houston.org/?page_id=11	Ken Jackson – kw.jackson.1@hotmail.com	Stafford Center	10505 Cash Road, Stafford, TX 77477
June 6, 2020	Scalefest 2020 Contest includes all modeling genres. Vendor Area http://www.ipmsnct.net/Scalefest.htm	Randy Spurr- scalefest@gmail.com	Grapevine Convention Ctr.	1209 S. Main, Grapevine, TX 76051
July 11, 2020	HAMS 14 th Annual Model Care Show & Contest An Automotives Show. https://www.ipms-hams.org/	Rob McQuown – Robert.mcquown@sbcgloble.net	Cypress Creek Christian Community Ctr.	6823 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77379

*Pre-Registration Open

Visit the Alamo Squadron website (www.alamosquadron.com) to download the required registration forms, list of categories, and other important information or skip a few clicks by going directly to the “download forms” page by using this link... “ <http://alamosquadron.com/registration-documents.html> ”

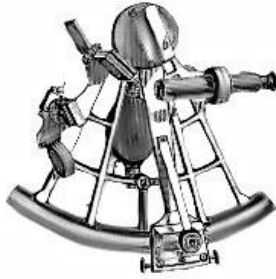
Upcoming IPMS Region 6 Club Events (continued)

Date	Title	Contact	Location	Address
July 29- Aug 1, 2020	2020 IPMS National Convention Convention website: http://www.nats2020.com/ IPMS-USA website: http://www.ipmsusa.org/ 4 Days of seminars, presentations, massive vendor area, local tours, great food, and model contest – All Located Deep in the Heart of Texas!	 COME AND MAKE IT IPMS/USA NATIONAL CONVENTION SAN MARCOS, TEXAS JUL 29 - AUG 1, 2020 Convention Director: Len Pilhofer – director.nats2020@gmail.com Vendor Coord - Craig Gregory - vendor.nats2020@gmail.com	Embassy Suites & Convention Ctr.	San Marcos, Tx (between Austin and San Antonio) 1001 E McCarty Ln, San Marcos, TX 78666

News from the IPMS Region VI Coordinator

From Sean Glaspell

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE



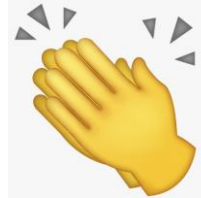
CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Club Member

Please welcome a new member who joined our club during last months' meeting:

- Jonathan Griffith

Welcome, Sir!



Next Club Meeting

Thursday: February 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Location: Northside Ford of San Antonio, 12300 San Pedro 78216

Newsletter* Article Contributions

Alamo Squadrons' newsletter, "***The Navigator***", is published monthly by the IPMS/USA Alamo Squadron club of San Antonio Texas intended for the enjoyment of the members of Alamo Squadron and its friends around the world. Articles, product reviews, news items, and other hobby-related contributions are most welcome. Send written text files or photos and web site URLs as well as any overall comments/suggestions feedback to our editor, Sam Casas at scasas002@satx.rr.com.

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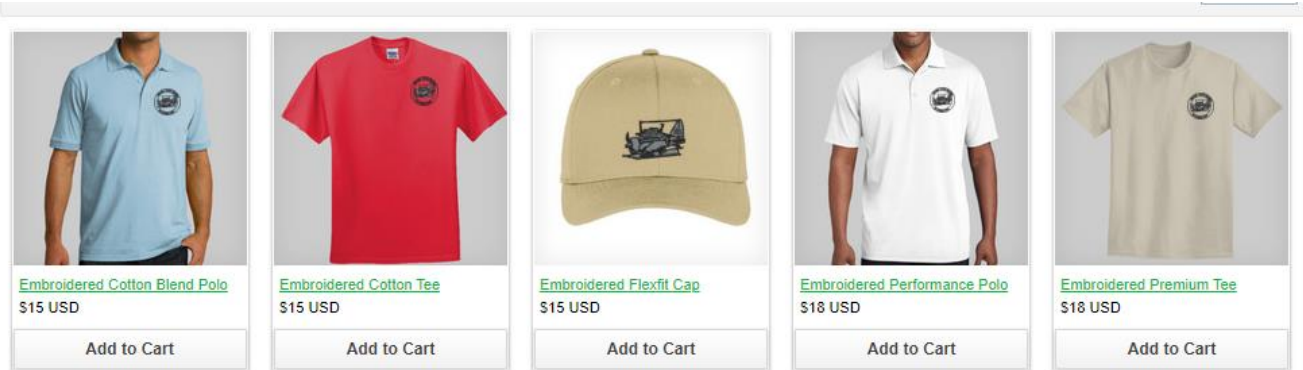
Article/Photo Submissions Due: Fri Feb 28

Alamo Squadron Wearable Gear

A few members asked about the Polo shirts and name tags worn by some of the attending members during the monthly meetings. The Alamo Squadron website provides a link to the vendor who manufactures our shirts. This is the link to the “Alamo Squadron Store” which is available from the Home page: <http://alamosquadron.deco-apparel.com/shop?ctype=0&o=4> As revealed by their URL address, this is an unsecured site but their payment process signage suggests otherwise.



Currently, there are five items available:



You may order/purchase directly online or use their phone number posted as 727-322-3131.

Alas, our original source for the personalized name tags is no longer in business. We're in the process of identifying an alternative. Stay tuned.

This is what the name tag looks like. (Ed: This may be subject to change depending on the new source.) →





Alamo Squadron Member – Offsite Doings in January

Road Trip Contest

CALMEX Lake Charles, Louisiana

List provided by Dick Montgomery

<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Entry Description</u>
Rob Booth	- Aircraft 1946-Present Single Seat 1/72nd	3 rd	- De Havilland Vampire T.11
	- Aircraft 1938-45 1/72 nd	3 rd	- Fw-190 D-13
	- Aircraft '46-Present	3 rd	- A-4F
	- Single Seat 1/48 th	2 nd	- Hawker Se Fury FB. II
	- Aircraft, Military 1/72nd Smaller	1 st	- P-51D Scat VI
	- Aircraft, OOB	3 rd	- P-47D Tarheel Hal
	- Collections	2 nd	- Hawk's Next, P-40's
Dana Mathes	- Space/Sci Fi Fiction	1 st & <u>Best Sci Fi</u>	- Mars Lander
	- AFV Closed Top	1 st & <u>Best Armor</u>	- Chieftain Mk.5
	- Armored Cars	2 nd	- Lanchester 2x4
	- Auto-Light Trucks	2 nd	- Granddad's Pickup
Avery Neal	- Preteen Not Military	3 rd	- Advanced Tie Fighter
Holden Neal	- Preteen Not Military	2 nd	- SS Botany Bay
Keith Rule	- Factory Stock	1 st	- 1969 Dodge Superbee
	- Street Rods to 1948	1 st and 2 nd	- 1933 Willy's Coupe
	- Street Machine '49 to Present	1 st	- Cadillac Eldorado
	- 4x4/Light Trucks	1 st	- 1966 Pontiac GTO
	- Exotics	1 st & <u>Best Auto</u>	- 1956 Ford F-100
	- Larger than 1/16 th	2 nd	- Bugatti Royal Napoleon
	- Commercial	2 nd	- Mercer Raceabout
	- OOB	2 nd	- Ford LTL 9000 Tow Truck
			- 1953 Ford Crestliner
Herb Scranton	- Aircraft Military 1/73 & Smaller	3 rd	- P6M Seamaster
	- Civil Aviation	3 rd	- Piper Cub/J-3
Dick Montgomery	- Actual Spacecraft	3 rd	- Mercury Atlas

OUR FEARLESS LEADERS

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About Alamo Squadron

IPMS/USA Alamo Squadron was founded on November 17th, 1977 in San Antonio, Texas, for the enjoyment of building scale models and the camaraderie of its members. It is a hobby-centered social organization which, at its core, is focused on scale modeling of all kinds. It is an excellent source of information for those who wish to enhance modeling skills and improve modeling techniques and is open and inviting to visitors/guests at all skill levels with a variety of modeling interests. Annual dues are \$24.00 a year paid to the Club Treasurer on September 1st of each year.



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www.alamosquadron.com



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NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

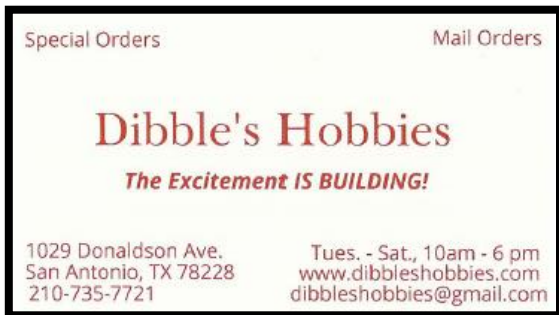
Note the change to the IPMS mailing address:

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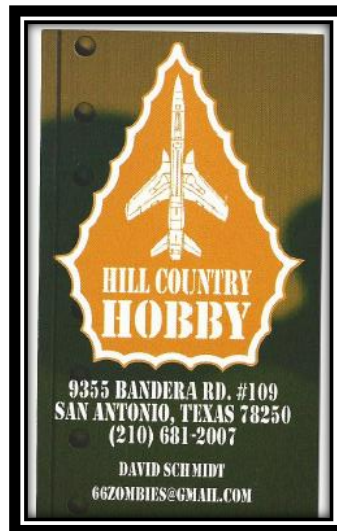
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ONE MORE THING...

Movie Inspiration

What drives one to seek out a new kit in response to a movie inspiration? Our hobby mentality tends to reflect on personal experiences, anecdotes from acquaintances or friend or, sometimes, interesting encounters of the film-media kind. Whether a television program or motion picture, I dare say some of us have seen a visual representation and thought: "Hey. That would make a cool model." So begins the quest for that kit of the inspired moment. (and I'm not talking about die-cast shelf queens or promo-packaged tie-ins, either.)

I recall a few movie-inspired acquisitions of my own but wondered if others shared the same temptations. Here is a list of movie features and corresponding subject matter that come to mind and inspired a bit of cash outlay. To maintain some sort of historical basis, I purposefully excluded sci-fi flicks although some may view a few of the subjects below as fictional. No matter; see if you can match each Feature to its respective Subject. My suggested solution is underneath the table.

<u>Feature</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1. Das Boat	a. Mark 7
2. Kelly's Heroes	b. DH98
3. Flight of the Phoenix (1965)	c. P-40
4. Indian Jones and the Last Crusade	d. B-17
5. 688 Squadron	e. C-47
6. The Beast (1988)	f. MKII
7. Under Siege	g. UH-1
8. Panic	h. T-62
9. Dirty Dozen	i. M-4
10. Cross of Iron	j. VIIC
11. 1941	k. F40
12. Battle of Britain	l. Sdkfz 7
13. Longest Day	m. T-34
14. Gone in Sixty Seconds	n. F-18
15. Apocalypse Now	o. C-82

Score yourself accordingly. Number of correct matches:

(1-3) = "I really don't pay that much attention."

(4-8) = "Sure. I might buy that."

(9-12) = "Yeah. I bought that and might even build it."

(13 or more) = "To the stack it goes!"

(suggested solution: 1.j, 2.i, 3.o, 4.a, 5.b, 6.h, 7.n, 8.d, 9.l, 10.m, 11.c, 12.f, 13.e, 14.k, 15.g)