

# The Navigator

October 2021



## KIT REVIEW: ORANGE HOBBY'S 1/72 SCALE F-35C LIGHTNING II

本套包含VFA-101"無情收割者"中隊及CF-03實驗機水貼  
Kit's decals are for VFA-101 & CF-03 test aircraft.



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**Lockheed Martin F-35C Lightning II**  
**美國海軍F-35C"閃電2"多用途戰鬥機**

1/72 SCALE  
A72-001-148

塑膠模型套件 Complete Plastic Model kit



# ***OUR MONTHLY MEETING SPOT***

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Meeting:

Jordan Ford  
13010 N Interstate 35, San Antonio,  
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Date: Thursday,  
October 7, 2021

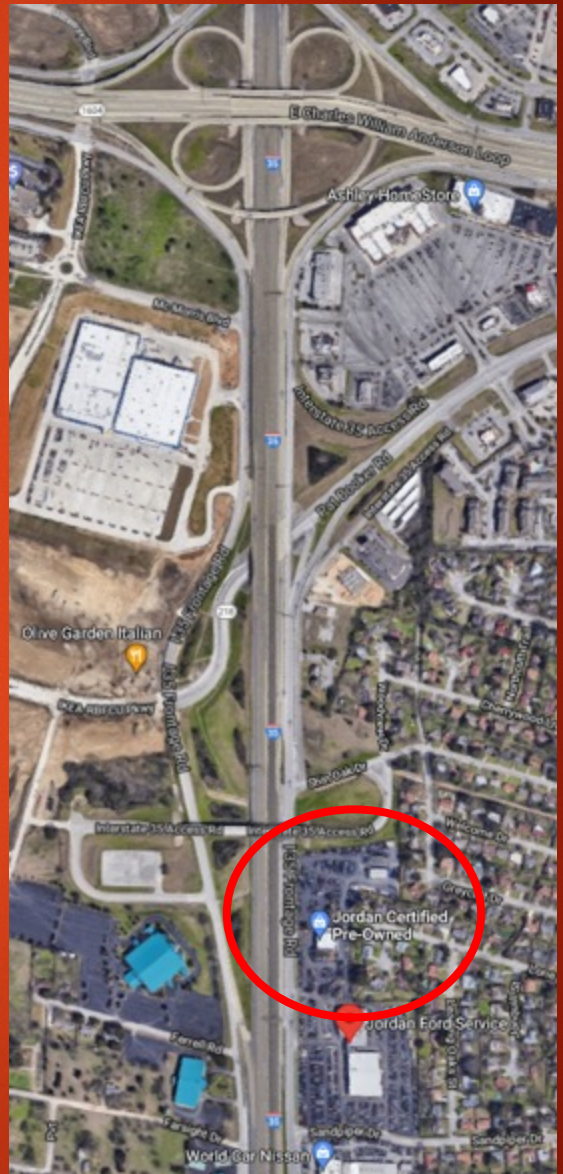
Time: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Demonstration: Swap Meet and  
Social Time

Model Contest Theme: Open

NOTE: Masks and distancing are  
Required

At press time, a video conference  
call setup is considered as an  
alternative venue for remote/online  
participants this Thursday evening.  
Watch for an email announcement.







# LEADERSHIP THOUGHTS

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Fall is here! Isn't this a wonderful time of year? Safety, learning, and contest remain the focus of your Executive Board (E-Board). Given the status of the virus in our area and the posture of our host venue, masks will again be required at our meetings. Virtual attendance with Zoom will again be available for the October meeting. You are welcome to come to the venue ahead of the meeting for social time beginning at 6 p.m. Keith Rule and Herb Scranton will be on-hand from 6:00-6:30 p.m. to review your build according to IPMS judging standards. We will continue to highlight new kits, so if you have a Kit of the Month, please display it on the designated display table and be available for questions. You may also pay your annual dues (\$12) to Chris Settle, our Treasurer, at the meeting. Preparations continue to proceed smoothly for ModelFiesta 40 in January. Flyers will soon be available in local hobby shops. Invitations have been emailed to past competitors and vendors across the Southwest.

We have had very good demand to date for vendor tables. Online pre-registration will open on October 15. If you have interest in sponsoring the awards for the Armor class, which includes the category medals and Best of Class plaque, please contact me. Club members will soon be contacted regarding work assignments at the January contest.

Please join us for our next meeting on October 7 at 6:30 p.m. This month we will be having a club swap meet and social time, so bring those kits, supplies, and references materials that you would like to trade, sell, or gift. You can bring WIP projects and Kits of the Month for display, but we will not have any presentations. Our monthly contest theme this month is "Open."

See you soon,

Dana Mathes



# INTERNAL CONTEST MODELS

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First Place:  
F7U-3 Cutlass  
in 1/72 scale  
by Don  
Weaver

Second Place:  
Mig-21 in 1/48  
scale by Rob  
Booth



Third Place:  
AH-1G  
Helicopter in  
1/32 scale by  
Dana Mathes



# MODEL FIESTA 40 PRE-REGISTRATION HOW-TO

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ModelFiesta 40 is coming up soon and IPMS Alamo Squadron is pleased to inform you, the reader, that you will be able to take advantage of our Pre-Registration Program. You are invited to Pre-Register your entries via email beginning October 15th and terminating January 6 at 6pm, CST. **ModelFiesta is scheduled for Jan 8, 2022, at the New Braunfels Civic Center in New Braunfels, Texas.**

Pre-registering your entries allows you a quicker "registration experience" when you check-in on the day of the event. There is also a **\$3 discount of your total registration fee** for those who pre-register when you check-in on the day of the event.

When visiting the website (<http://www.modelfiesta.com/registration.html>), you will see the **Model Registration Summary Form** or **MRSF** (see example in next page) and the Individual Model Entry Form (or IMEF). Once downloaded, information can be entered directly into text boxes on the forms and saved.

Your IPMS # is not a requirement but if you are a member, please enter your membership number.

Having your phone number on file allows us to call you in case of a question about your entries, or on the day of the event if there is a need to contact you about one of your entries.

You may refer to the Category List to help determine in what categories your builds belong in this link: <http://www.modelfiesta.com/categories.html>.

Save the completed forms and then attach the **Model Registration Summary Form**, as it's the **ONLY** form that needs to be emailed, to this address: [alamosquadron@gmail.com](mailto:alamosquadron@gmail.com).

Be sure to bring the printouts of the Individual Model Entry Form (IMEF) with you to display in each of your model entries.

Receipt of your Summary Form will be acknowledged and additional instructions regarding what to do with all your forms will be e-mailed to you a few days after receipt.

Pre-Registration payment will take place at the Pre-Registration Station on the day of the event.

Please feel free to ask questions about the Pre-Registration process, or about the event in general, by emailing to [alamosquadron@gmail.com](mailto:alamosquadron@gmail.com).

Please download the following form in this web-site:

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ModelFiesta  
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Contestant Number:

**Model Registration Summary Form (MRSF)**

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ IPMS #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I.D.	Category	Scale	Model
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B			
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Alamo Squadron MRSF Ver 1.5

Addresses and phone number are required if the need arises to mail/send awards to the contestant after the show. Alamo Squadron DOES NOT share this information with any other organization or business.



# Show and Tell

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Don Weaver's  
Flagon Sukhoi  
SU-15A from  
Trumpeter n  
1/72 scale

Jonathon  
Griffith's 1989  
Ford Taurus  
SHO in 1/25  
scale



Don Weaver's  
F-106 from  
Hasegawa in  
1/72 scale

Rene Faulk's  
Harkonnen Ornithopter  
from the movie DUNE  
from Revell in 1/48  
scale





# Show and Tell

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John Kress' X-15  
Experimental  
Rocket Plane in  
1/64 scale

Lee Forbe's  
RF4-C from ITC  
Models in 1/72  
scale...  
*What? No  
Spitfire, Lee?*



Rene Faulk's  
Cylon Raider  
MK-II from  
Moebious





# KIT REVIEW: ORANGE HOBBY'S 1/72 SCALE F-35C LIGHTNING II

By Don Weaver

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I've finally acquired all 3 versions of the F-35 Lightning II with the F-35C being the most difficult to find. While there are plenty of 1/72<sup>nd</sup> kits of the F-35A and F-35B, the only F-35C was a 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale by Kitty Hawk. But as always persistence pays off and I finally found the only current kit of the Navy's F-35C in 1/72<sup>nd</sup>. The kit is by the Chinese company, Orange Hobby, and I purchased it on-line from BNA Model World ([bnamodelworld.com](http://bnamodelworld.com)). I also purchased the mask set for the F-35C from BNA Model World which will make painting the RAM material on the jet much easier.

The kit consists of 5 sprues of finely molded light gray plastic, one clear sprue for the cockpit canopy and clear lens for sensors, and a small PE with seatbelts and engine exhaust fan.

The kit also contains the parts and PE to build a USN carrier deck tractor (see photo next page). The upper and lower halves of the fuselage have slightly raised surfaces for the RAM material. The wheel wells have plenty of detail and all the pylons and doors have excellent detail also. Flash is minimal to non-existent and ejector marks are on the hidden side of the parts so cleanup should be easy and quick.

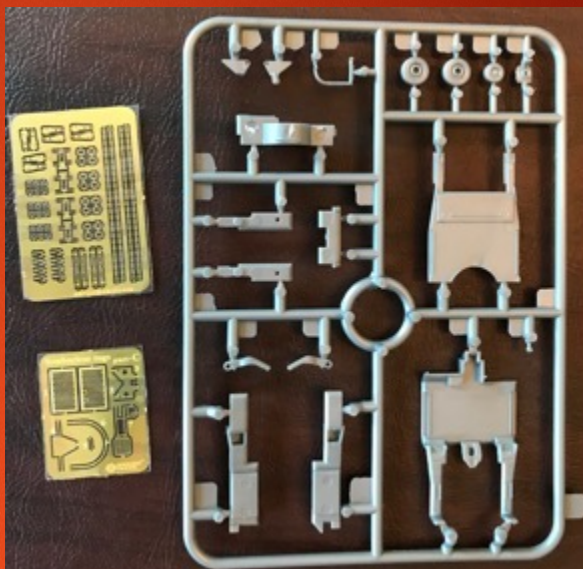
You can build the kit with the wings folded or extended, open or closed weapons bay, cockpit, and landing gear, attached gun pod or missiles only, and include pylons for those who wish to build the F-35C in "beast" mode. Two AIM-9X Sidewinder and 2 AIM-120C AMRAM missiles are included. However, the only way to show the missile armament is to assemble the weapon





bays open with the AIM-120C mounted or include the AIM-9X mounted on a weapon pylon on the wing. Also included is the GAU-22A Gun pod which provides the F-35C's only gun. Additional weapons for the "beast" mode weapons pylons are not provided and if you build the kit that way, a trip to the spares box or purchase of modern weapons kit will be needed.

Assembly instructions are in an easy-to-follow step-by-step process. The instructions use extensive pictographs with all parts called out by part number and recommended paint color (if needed) for the part. There is no recommended paint numbers provided, only the generic color name i.e., flat white, flat black, dark gray, etc... so as always check your references. The instructions include a separate full sized two-sided black and white sheet showing decal placement for all three versions of the aircraft. First is the test aircraft, either CF-03 or CF-05, all in grays and the third version is for the U.S. Navy's fleet replacement squadron, VFA-101 Grim Reapers, Modex # 101 which at least has some color other than gray to it. I have not seen any aftermarket decals for the 1/72<sup>nd</sup> F-35C yet, but since the Navy now has at least two operational squadrons I hope to see some soon.



A recommended purchase is the masking kit for the F-35C by Orange Hobby which I purchased at BNA Model World. [Photo #7] The masks consist of 3 separate sheets of individually numbered masks and the instructions (4 sheets) show every mask by number and placement on the aircraft. This will greatly simplify painting the complex RAM patterns on the aircraft and look forward to building this aircraft later this year.





# Member's Showcase

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## ARLINGTON SUPERCON 2021

These are the winners of the awards won at SuperCon 2021 in Arlington, Texas. I was not able to get all the entry names and I may have missed some items. Thanks all,  
Dana

1/32 Jets, 1946-Present, 1st, F-4D Phantom II, **Dana Mathes**  
1/35 Fully Tracked Armor, Origins-1945, 1st, M4A3E8 Sherman, **Dana Mathes**  
1/35 Fully Tracked Armor, 1946-Present, 1st, Challenger 2, 2nd M2A2 Bradley, **Dana Mathes**  
1/35 Wheeled & Half-Tracked, 1st, Lanchester Armored Car, **Dana Mathes**  
Artillery-Towed, 1st, 155mm Gun, **Dana Mathes**  
Trucks, 2nd, Granddad's Pickup, **Dana Mathes**  
Special Award: Afghanistan & Iraq War Subject, Challenger 2, **Dana Mathes**  
Special Award: Charlie Jay Memorial Award, 155mm Gun, **Dana Mathes**  
Children-Civilian Subject, 1st, Millenium Falcon, **Holden Neal**  
Children-Military Subject, 1st, Tie Fighter, **Avery Neal**  
1/24 Closed Wheel Auto, 1st, x, 2nd, x, **Keith Rule**  
1/24 Street, 1966-Present Auto, 2nd, x, 3rd, x, **Keith Rule**  
1/24 Street, 1965 & Earlier Auto, 1st, x, 2nd, x, **Keith Rule**  
Large Scale Auto, 2nd, x, **Keith Rule**  
Trucks, 1st, x, 3rd, x, **Keith Rule**  
Misc. Auto, 3rd, x, **Keith Rule**  
Space Vehicles, Factual, 1st, Space Shuttle, **Keith Rule**  
Junior-Aircraft, 1st, Hurricane, **Sam Syverson**  
Miscellaneous, 3rd, Aircraft Engine, **Eric Syverson**

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## Information

**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.

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 since 2013, the San Antonio Event Center.



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## Upcoming Events

# IPMS Region 6 Events

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All-new hyperlinks! Click them all!

Start Date	<u>Name</u>	Location
<del>Saturday, October 9, 2021</del>	<del><u>Cajun Modelfest 34</u></del> <u>CANCELLED</u>	<del>Baton Rouge, Louisiana</del>
Saturday, January 8, 2022	<u>Alamo Squadron Model Fiesta 40</u>	New Braunfels, Texas
Saturday, March 19, 2022	<u>RiverCon XI 2022</u>	Shreveport, Louisiana
Saturday, April 30, 2022	<u>Modelmania 2022</u>	Stafford, Texas
Saturday, May 21, 2022	<u>CALMEX 35</u>	Sulphur, Louisiana





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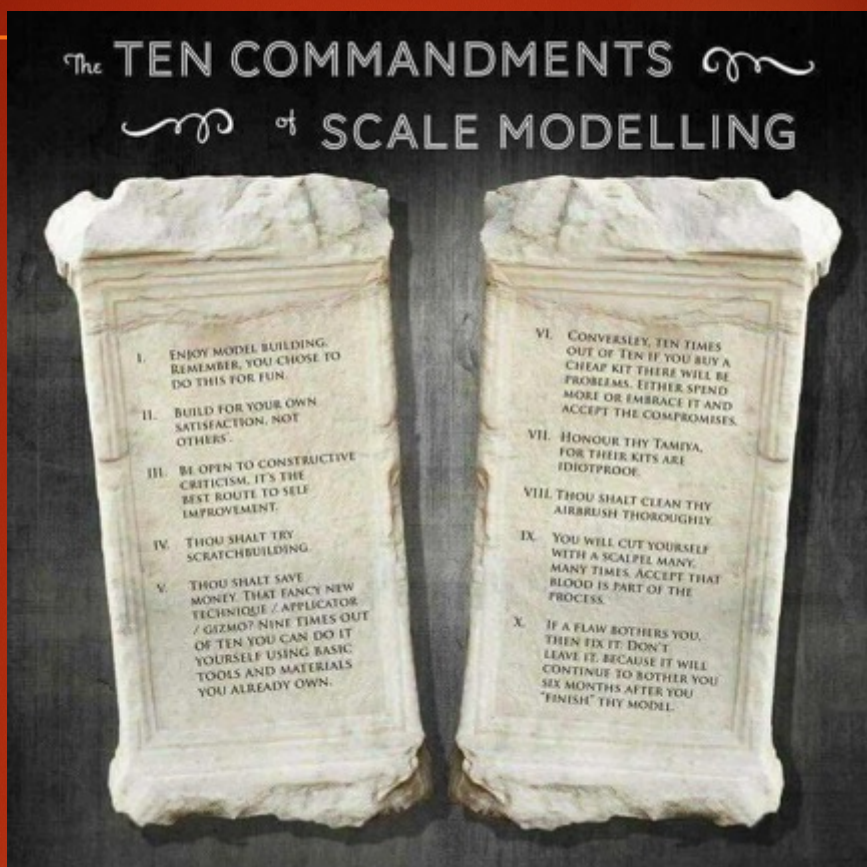
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