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THE ALAMO SQUADRON MODELING CLUB
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JULY - AUGUST 2023



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**2023 IPMS
National
Convention...**
Commences

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THE ALAMO SQUADRON HAS BEEN PUTTING ON THE MODELFIESTA MODELING CONTEST SINCE 1981. LOCATIONS HAVE INCLUDED THE WONDERLAND MALL, HOLIDAY INN HOTEL, THE SEVEN OAKS MOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER, THE LIVE OAK CIVIC CENTER, THE SAN ANTONIO EVENT CENTER, AND THE NEW LOCATION SINCE 2022 -- THE NEW BRAUNFELS CONVENTION CENTER.



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OUR MONTHLY MEETING SPOT

Meeting:
Jordan Ford
13010 N Interstate 35,
San Antonio, TX 78233

Please NOTE:

Our next meeting will NOT BE
AUGUST 3, due to the conflict
with the Nationals.

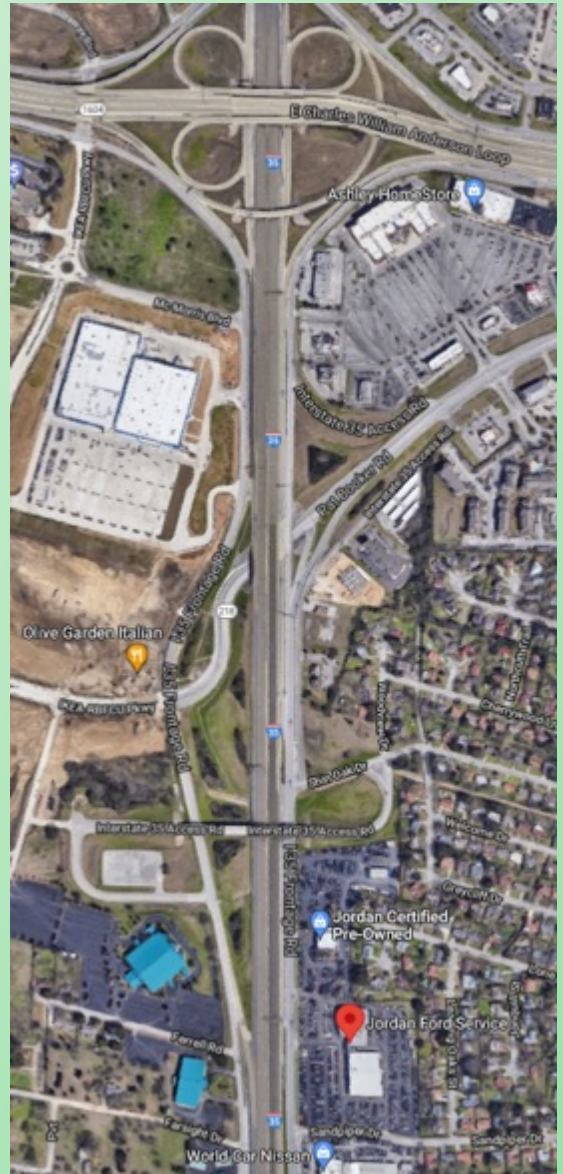
**Date: Thursday,
August 10, 2023**

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:50 PM

**Demonstration: "Painting
Splinter Camouflage " by
Charles Stone**

**Model Contest Theme:
"Need for Speed – Things That
go Fast"**

**Health Protocol:
Masks Optional**





Leadership Thoughts

By Keith Rule

If we are going to have a Texas hot summer, we have a great start! Good weather to stay in the AC and build models!

Julio Caro, John Kress, and I attended the Space City Shootout Model Car Contest (the renamed and relocated HAMS contest) located in the administration building in Clear Lake City Park. The new location is certainly cooler and more appropriate for a model show. Can I congratulate myself for winning Best in Show with my 1955 Chevy Pro Sportsman Drag Racer which competed in the Competition – Straight Line Category?

Let's all get geared up for the **IPMS/USA National Convention August 2-5 in San Marcos.**

Being an odd numbered year, there is no review of the Alamo Squadron Constitution and By-Laws.

The first Model Fiesta 42 Zoom Meeting was held on Thursday, June 22. Judging classes, vendor tables, and preregistration were all discussed. The more urgent items of discussion the selection of a MF 42 Theme and the completion of the flyers for distribution at the Nationals. The MF Committee has selected **"Anything British"** as the MF 42 Theme. The ball is rolling! Our next meeting will NOT BE AUGUST 3, due to the conflict with the Nationals. Our next meeting will be **THURSDAY, AUGUST 10** at 6:00 at Jordan Ford. We will have Work in Progress and Monthly Contest (theme is **Need for Speed – Things That go Fast**). The Demonstration will be Painting Splinter Camouflage by Charles Stone.

Keith

Member's Exposition in National Media



Scan the QR
Code to listen
his episode of
the podcast,
and check out
on Rob,
Stuart, Geoff,
Terry, &
Anthony.

Our own Rob Booth
was featured in the
Scale Model
Podcast, Episode
121, July 16, 2023),
with many
questions to Rob
on the IPMS
National
Convention,
judging, IPMS
history, etc.



Category 404 Single Media Only and 1st Place with Fujimi 1/24 Porsche 911GT3R and 3rd Place with my Tamiya 1/24 Porsche 956 in category 504 Competition Closed Wheel; 2nd Place with the 1/32 AMT 1963 Corvette Stingray in category 509- 1/32 and smaller. A 3rd Place with the 1/24 Monogram SnapTite 1982 Collector's Vette.

All by John Kress



Brett Scholten won a 3rd Place for his Tamiya 1/35 PBR



Also for John Kress, 3rd Place in the Triathlon



John won the Theme Award "Fabulous 50's" with his Atlantis 1/136 XP-6M1 Seamaster. I also helped judge 3 of the 4 Ship categories. On John's own words, that was definitely a learning experience.

Member's Showcase

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Even if all your ex's live in Texas... Come And Make It in San Marcos, Texas!

(Inspired by George Strait's
"All My Ex's Live In Texas")



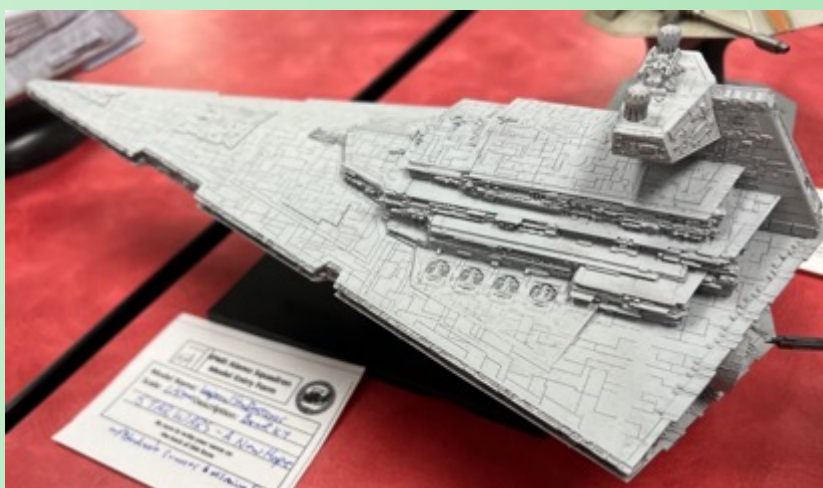
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Monthly Contest



June 2023



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Modelling the Movies

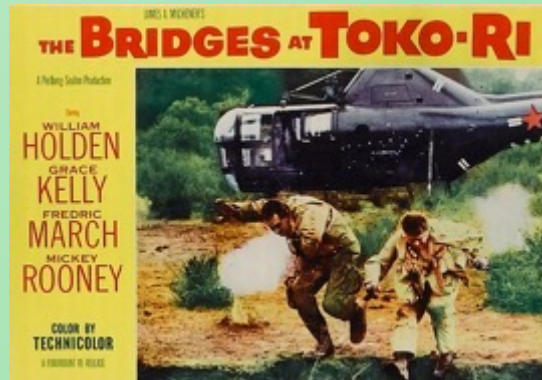
Based on Iconic Vehicles featured in Films, searching my models produced these “Movie Memories”

By Michael Buckley



The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau

Award-Winning Documentary starred Oceanographic Research Vessel, Calypso, featured by Monogram in the 1960's with superb fit and details replete with Heli, Deep Sea Submersibles and Shark tank—look for them,.



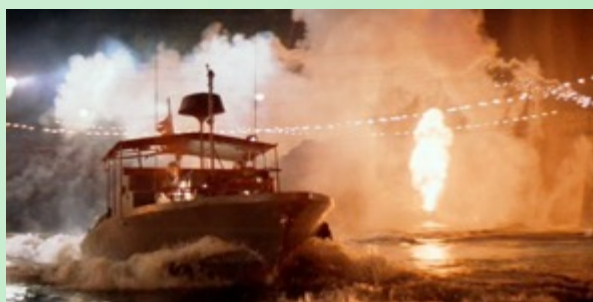
Bridges Over Toko-Ri

Wm Holden, doctor pilot, Grace Kelley wife, and Mickey Rooney, helicopter pilot, starred alongside the Grumman Panther Jet and Sikorsky H02/36-1G, which I remember as brilliant yellow—but pics show Navy grey.



Blade Runner

The futurist Syd Mead with whom I had dinner in LA prior to the Ridley Scott final cut, did the concept sketch of Blade Runner Skimmer at far right for the movie. The model version by Revell is terrific with incredible detail and featured in Jan 2023 IPMS Journal with flashing lights.



Apocalypse Now

The Vietnam conflict's Patrol Boat River—"Pibber"—by Revell in 1/35 scale is an accurate and easy build of the iconic long-suffering craft depicted at length throughout its perilous winding voyage upriver, and forever associated with the anguished line "Never Get Off The Boat"—model recently published in The Alamo Squad Navigator Newsletter.



Models by Michael Buckley, Alamo Squadron, San Antonio TX

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**If you're going through
Texas...
yeah Texas...
To have some fun...
Then Come And Make It!**

(Inspired by AC/DC's "Thunderstruck")



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Member's Showcase



Julio Caro attended Saturday's (6/17/23) HAMS Model Car show in Bay City, Texas. Only 3 guys from Alamo Squadron who went, and we each got awards. Here's mine.

AIRFIX 1/72 scale Willys MB Jeep and towable 10 cwt Lightweight Service Trailer. Here's the corresponding picture and award.

- **Julio Caro**



Here Keith Rule's awards from the Space City Shootout Model Car Contest sponsored by the Houston Auto Modelers on June 17, 2023.

Street Machines - 1970 Plymouth Superbird - 3rd
Customs - 1970 Plymouth Superbird Custom - 1st
Open Wheel Racers - Tyrrell Yamaha - 3rd
Street Rods - 1949 Mercury - 2nd
Box Stock - Plymouth Prowler - 2nd
Large Scale - 1928 Mercedes Benz - 3rd
Commercial - Mack Tractor/Maersk Sealand Container - 1st
Competition - Straight Line - 1955 Chevy Pro Sportsman - 1st and BEST in SHOW
Foreign & Exotic - Enzo Ferrari - 1st
- **Keith Rule**





STINSON TEXAS AIR MUSEUM EXHIBITS

By Stg. Rolf Stibbe

During a recent visit to Stinson Field's Texas Air Museum, 433rd Airlift Wing Technical I noticed where I could lend some of my modeling talents to assist in upgrading some of the museum displays.

My efforts consisted of an impromptu 'refurbishment' of several model aircraft on display. A 1/72 Boeing B-17E 'Peggy Dee '43' paying tribute to Private First Class Emma Jane Burroughs Windham who lost her life in a B-17.

Two 1/48 model jet fighters, namely a South Vietnamese F-5E and North Vietnamese Mig 21 were also repainted and marked.

The museum graciously gave me 3 existing P47 Thunderbolt fighters from their vast collection to restore. Each was stripped and repainted to represent the Mexican Expeditionary Fighter Group (**Escuadrón 201**) in the South Pacific in 1945.

There are two more aircraft models, refurbished on display pedestals sporting the colors of the Mexican Air Force (**FAM**), a P47 and Dauntless Dive Bomber. I purchased the great AZTEC decals and created a 1/48 scale AT-6 Texan that attacked a German U-boat off the coast of Mexico.

This will add a very interesting piece of history to the museum, no doubt.

Museum Info::

Located in: Stinson-Mission Municipal Airport

Address: 1234 99th St, San Antonio, TX 78214

Phone: (210) 977-9885

Website: www.texasairmuseum.org



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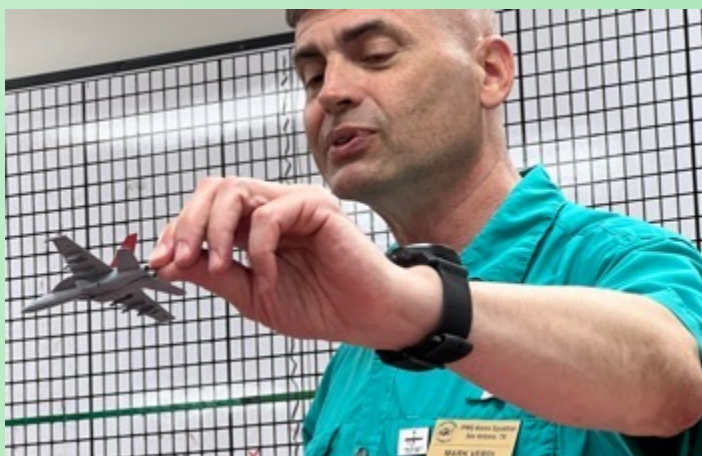
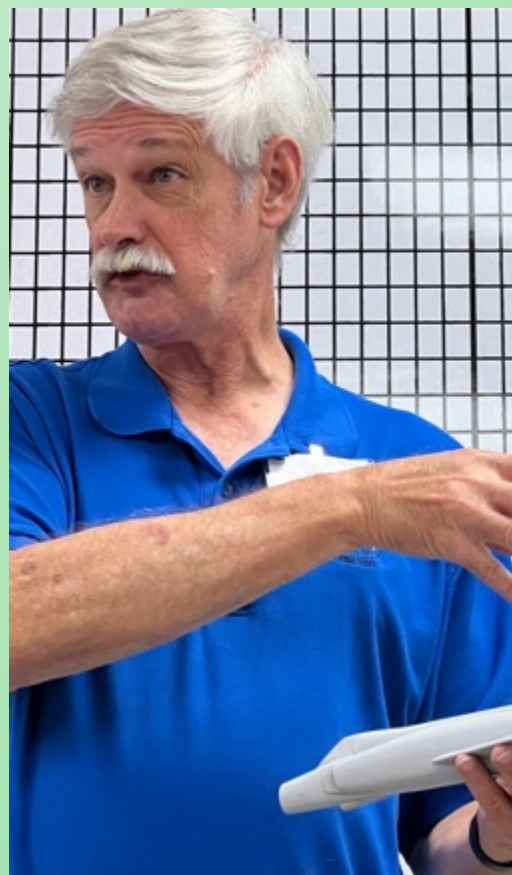
Our own Rob Booth was featured in the Plastic Posse Podcast Episode 74 (July 18, 2023), with many insights on the IPMS National Convention.

Member's Showcase





Our members in their own words... er... images





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New Alamo Squadron YouTube Channel Video Available



Jerry Escobedo, editor of The Navigator Newsletter, shares his knowledge in the Bandai Star Wars model kits.

Check it out! Scan the QR code to go to the Alamo Squadron YouTube channel, and please LIKE and SUBSCRIBE.





**If you're gonna play in
Texas...**

**You don't have to gotta
have a fiddle in the
band...**

Just Come And Make It!

(Inspired by Alabama's

"If you're gonna play in Texas")



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Chris MacLain's Grapevine Texas Contest

1:72 Riich Models
M109A6 Paladin "Bass
Master"



25mm Games
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Warg Rider



1:144 Bandai AT-ST "Chicken
Walker in a Bottle"





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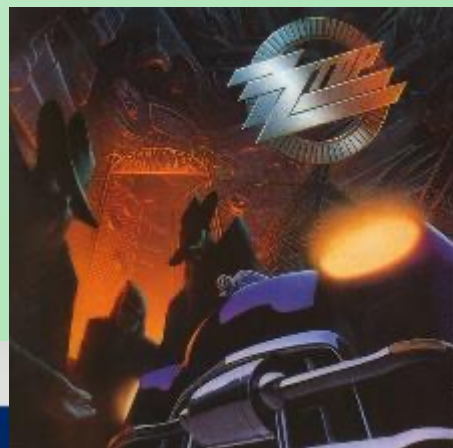
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**Even if your head is in
Mississippi...
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...and not precisely to
shufflin' through the
Texas sand...**

(Inspired by ZZ Top's

"My Head's in Mississippi")



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