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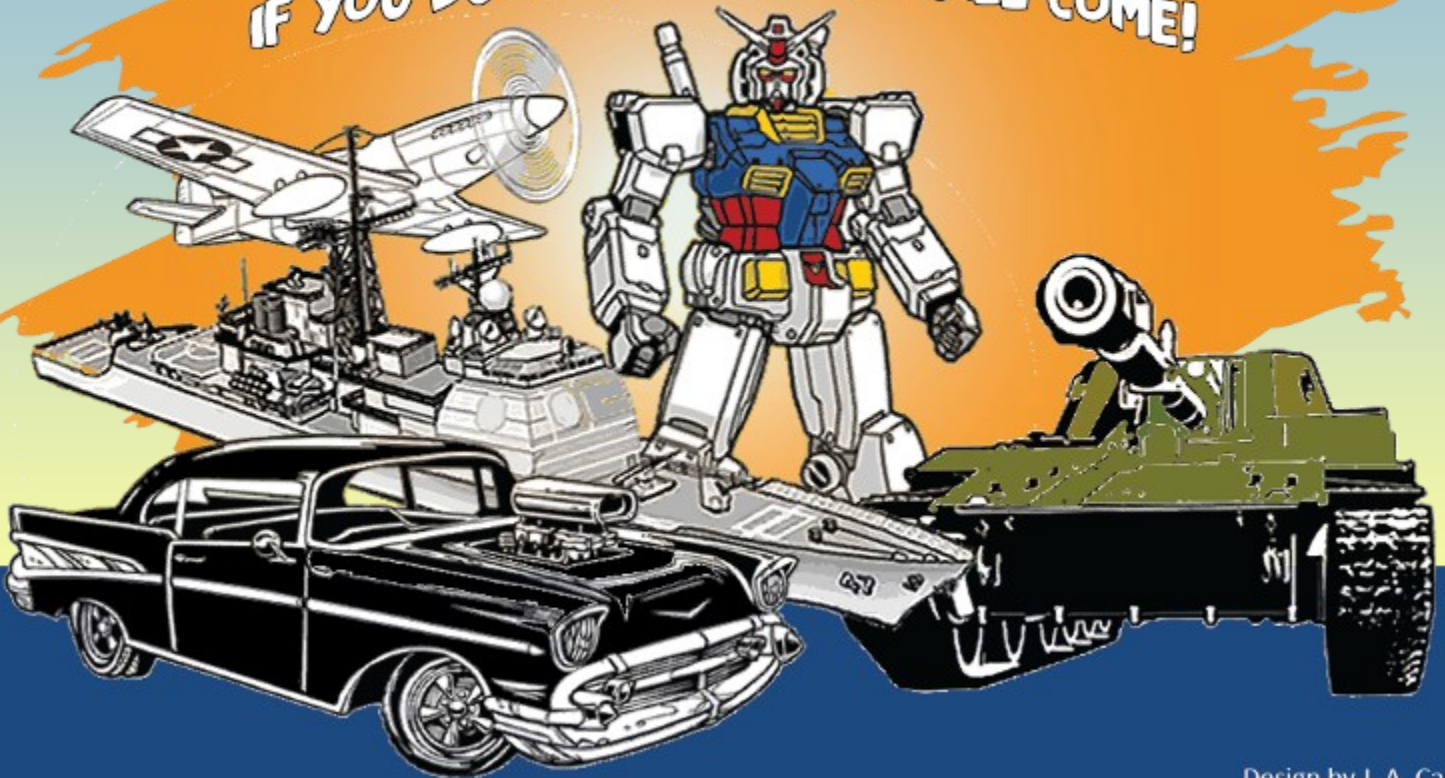
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Welcome to **The NAVIGATOR**, the monthly newsletter of **ALAMO SQUADRON**, the San Antonio chapter to the International Plastic Modelers' Society (IPMS). Discover the many models, activities and events the club is happy to build, support, organize and promote.

IF YOU BUILD THEM, THEY WILL COME!



Design by J. A. Caro

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The President's Corner

by Keith Rule



Something has been in the back of my mind for some time and a note

from two of our prominent members has encouraged me to make some changes to our meeting format.

The meeting format I have used for two years was inherited from past presidents. It seems to me that the most enjoyable part of our meetings is the fellowship prior to the meeting and during the break. To give us more time for this, and to get us home a little earlier, I will no longer be asking for a Model Fiesta, Head Judge, Model Summit, Chapter Picnic, or Newsletter report on a monthly basis. I will only ask for these reports if something of significance needs to be said, or a chapter decision needs to be made. The Treasurer's Report will remain as is. I will ask for the Model Summit report on a quarterly basis. I will make a brief Newsletter report

myself. This approach will give us more time for Judging the Monthly Contest, the Demonstration, Work in Progress, and fellowship.

The election of the 2024-2025 club officer positions will take place in the upcoming April meeting. The nominations made at the March 7 meeting are Keith Rule for President, David Auth for Vice President, and Jim Norton for Treasurer. Nominations can still be made at the April meeting. If elected, this would be my third year as President, David's second year as Vice President, and Jim's first year as Treasurer. With a service limit of three years, Keith will have fulfilled his service next year, and Alamo Squadron will be looking for a new President.

Don Weaver has completed three years of service as Treasurer. Our by-laws state, that after three years service as President, Vice President, or Treasurer, that person must step aside. Don has done an extraordinary job and must be commended. He has certainly made my job as President easier. Alamo

Squadron would not be the club that it is without people like Don Weaver.

Joe Bianco is in charge of the Demonstration.

April means it is time for the Model Summit Award drawing. If you have accumulated the necessary points in our Model Summit Program by building models, writing articles for the Navigator, and serving the club, you will have the opportunity to draw for kits, tools, and supplies.

See Ya',

Keith

**NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE ON**

APRIL 3RD, 2025

6:30 - 8:30 PM

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MARCH 2025 MODEL CONTEST WINNERS

By Julio A. Caro

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Stan Spooner | M-42 Duster

Congratulations to the winners of the March 2025 Model Contest! The competition was fierce, but three outstanding model creators truly stood out.

1. **STAN SPOONER** took home the **GOLD** medal with his incredible **M-42 Duster**.
2. **BRANDON PORTER** claimed the **SILVER** medal with his stunning **Cobra helicopter**.
3. **JOE BIANCO** earned the **BRONZE** medal for his magnificent **P-51 Mustang**.

CONGRATULATIONS, GENTLEMAN!



Brandon Porter | Cobra Helicopter



Joe Bianco | P-51 Mustang



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Chris McClain gives a demo on easy airbrush black basing with Scotch-Brite pads.



Shooting the breeze during break time.



Dick Montgomery oversees the latest "Pyramid" treasures table.



John Kress take a look at various modeling magazines and books from the Pyramid Stash.



Hey, look what I got!
Michael Buckley Finds a jewel in the stash.



Don Weaver organizing the free model stash table donated to the club.



Tirpitz German Battleship by Gerardo Escobedo on the judging table.



Ken Norton's beautifully built dump truck and pair of jet engines on the WIP bench.



Great build of a British Hawker Sea Fury by Herb Scranton graces the WIP bench.

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JULIO A. CARO | RiverCon XIV 2025 Show

#	Kit Photo	Model Description	Scale	Category	Award(s)
1		MIG-19, Cuban Air Force	1/100	175 – Out-of-Box-Box Basic Kit	 SILVER Medal

JOHN KRESS | RiverCon XIV 2025 Show

#	Kit Photo	Model Description	Scale	Category	Award(s)
1		Kenworth W900 Truck	1/25	530 – Commercial, Emergency Vehicles, Trucks	 BRONZE Medal
2		Austin Powers - Shaguar Jaguar XK-E	1/25	555 - Out-of-Box-Box Basic Kit	 BRONZE Medal
3		Bobby Allison's #88 1982 Buick Regal	1/24	560 - Out-of-Box-Box Basic Kit Plus	 BRONZE Medal
4		Western 44 Caliber Revolver	1/1	825 - Miscellaneous	 BRONZE Medal






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DANA MATHES | RiverCon XIV 2025 Show

#	Kit Photo	Model Description	Scale	Category	Award(s)
1		Main Battle Tank Collection	N/A	810 - Collections	 GOLD Medal
2		Leopard AS1 Tank	1/35	220 – Fully Tracked 1/35 and larger, Post Korea, Other Made	 GOLD Medal
3		Sherman Vc Firefly Tank	1/35	201 – Fully Tracked 1/26 and larger, thru Korea, ALLIES	 SILVER Medal "Patton mug special award for US armor"
4		Type 10 Tank	1/35	220 – Fully Tracked 1/35 and larger, Post Korea, Other Made	 BRONZE Medal
5		Desert Derelict	1/25	540 – Curbside Slammer, Lowriders (all cars)	 BRONZE Medal









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HERB SCRANTON | RiverCon XIV 2025 Show

#	Kit Photo	Model Description	Scale	Category	Award(s)
1		1964 Galaxie 500XL	1/25	501— Factory Production	 SILVER Medal
2		Hawker Sea Fury T-20	1/72	145— In-Flight: Non-Diorama, Gear-up, Other	 SILVER Medal
3		1953 Ford F-100	1/25	530—Commercial, Emergency Vehicles, Trucks	 SILVER Medal

ADAM DAVID STEPHENSON | RiverCon XIV 2025 Show

#	Kit Photo	Model Description	Scale	Category	Award(s)
1		F-14A "VF-1 Top Gun Maverick/Goose"	1/48	135 – Multi-engine Jet 1/48 Scale	 GOLD Medal
2		F-14A "VF-84 The Final Countdown"	1/48	172 – Out-of-the-Box Basic Kit	 GOLD Medal



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ROB BOOTH | RiverCon XIV 2025 Show

#	Kit Photo	Model Description	Scale	Category	Award(s)
1		Oshkosh M-1240 M-ATV	1/72	235 – Armored Personnel Carriers, Wheeled	 SILVER Medal
2		USMC A60A1 Patton Tank	1/48	230 – Fully Tracked, 1/48 and Smaller	 BRONZE Medal
3		British Ferret Scout Car Mk.2	1/48	235 – Armored Personnel Carrier, Wheeled	 BRONZE Medal













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BRANDO PORTER | RiverCon XIV 2025 Show (1 of 2)

#	Kit Photo	Model Description	Scale	Category	Award
1		AH-16 Cobra Helicopter	1/32	160 –Rotary Wing Helicopters	 GOLD Medal Best in Shown Aircraft
2		M-1070 w/m 1000	1/72	255 – Multi or Towed Vehicles non-diorama display	 GOLD Medal Best Military Vehicle
3		MQ-9 Reaper	1/48	165 – Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Gliders	 GOLD Medal
4		M-26 Pershing	1/35	201 Fully Tracked 1/35 & Larger, thru Korea - ALLIES: US	 GOLD Medal
5		MAK Fireball	1/35	630 – Mecha Above 1/144 Scale, Painted (Gundams, robots, etc.)	 GOLD Medal



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BRANDON PORTER | RiverCon XIV 2025 Show (2 of 2)

#	Kit Photo	Model Description	Scale	Category	Award
6		Star Destroyer 20241204-1	1/45000	610 – Science Fiction and Fantasy, Air and Space Vehicles	 SILVER Medal
7		P-38 F/G Lightning	1/48	130 – Multi-Engine Prop: 1/48 Scale: American	 BRONZE Medal
8		KC-135	1/144	145 In-Flight: non-diorama, gear-up: USAF	 BRONZE Medal
9		RQ-MQ1 Predator	1/48	165 – Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Gliders	 BRONZE Medal
10		V-1 Rocket	1/35	601 – Real Spacecraft, Missiles and Vehicles	 BRONZE Medal













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MICHAEL WILLIAMSON | RiverCon XIV 2025 Show (1 of 2)

#	Kit Photo	Model Description	Scale	Category	Award(s)
1		NASA M113 Armored Rescuer	Not Provided	601 – Real Spacecraft, Missiles, & Vehicles	 GOLD Medal Best Science, Space and Sci-Fi Vehicle
2		1931 B4 203mm Howitzer	Not Provided	250 – Artillery Pieces (all, but excluding limbers and prime movers)	 GOLD Medal
3		T-34 85M Tank	1/35	215 – Fully Tracked 1/35 and larger, Post-Korea, USSR Made	 GOLD Medal
4		M60A2 Patton Tank	Not Provided	210 – Fully Tracked, 1/35 and larger, Post-Korea, US Made	 SILVER Medal
5		T-34 100 SPG	Not Provided	260 – Kitbash/Conversion Scratch-built	 SILVER Medal



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MICHAEL WILLIAMSON | RiverCon XIV 2025 Show (2 of 2)

#	Kit Photo	Model Description	Scale	Category	Award(s)
6		BL 8 -In Mk VI Howitzer & 3-Ton Truck	Not Provided	255 – Multi or Towed Vehicles, Non-Diorama Display	 SILVER Medal
7		Kratos Heavy Tank	Not Provided	616 – Science Fiction and Fantasy, Ground and Water Vehicles	 SILVER Medal
8		T-55 Medium Tank	Not Provided	231 – Fully Tracked - 1/48 and Smaller: Other	 BRONZE Medal
9		Imperial Fist Intercessor Squad	Not Provided	820 –Game Pieces	 BRONZE Medal













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JOHN KRESS | MCMA Showdown (Automotive only)

#	Kit Photo	Model Description	Scale	Category	Award(s)
1		2007 Dodge Magnum SRT8 Super Bee	1/25	15 - Custom	 1st Place
2		1963 Corvette Stingray	1/25	3 - Box Stock	 2nd Place
3		GMC 2 1/2 Ton, 6x6 Truck	1/35	20 - Miscellaneous	 1st Place
4		2015 Corvette C7.R	1/25	5 - Curbside	 1st Place
5		Kenworth W900 Truck	1/25	11b - Heavy Commercial	 1st Place







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DAVID AUTH | MCMA Showdown (Automotive only)

#	Kit Photo	Model Description	Scale	Category	Award(s)
1		2001 Nissan Skyline Tuner/Drift Car	1/24	16 - Tuner	 2nd Place
2		Land Rover Series III	1/24	21 - Street Truck	HONORABLE MENTION
3		MG Rally Car	1/24	6 - Dirt Competition	HONORABLE MENTION













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KEITH RULE | MCMA Showdown (Automotive only) (1 of 2)

#	Kit Photo	Model Description	Scale	Category	Awards
1		Corvette Funny Car		8 - Competition Straight line	 1st Place Best Chassis & Best Engine Award
2		1958 Cadillac		5 - Curbside (American Split)	 1st Place
3		1971 Wide Body Mustang		14 - Street Machine	 First Place
4		'32 Ford Roadster		13 - Street Rod	 First Place
5		'32 Ford Pickup		21 - Street Truck	 First Place











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KEITH RULE | MCMA Showdown (Automotive only) (2 of 2)

#	Kit Photo	Model Description	Scale	Category	Awards
6		'32 Ford Tow Truck		11a - Light Commercial	 2nd Place
7		2021 Dodge Charger R/T		12 - Daily Driver	 2nd Place
8		Chevy II Custom Wagon		15 - Custom	 2nd Place
9		BMW 500 Motorcycle with Sidecar		20 - Motorcycle	 2nd Place



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10 Iconic Aircraft of the Cold War (Page 1 of 3)

Presented by Julio A. Caro

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The Cold War was a pivotal moment in modern history, marked by a decades-long standoff between the United States and the Soviet Union. While the conflict never escalated into full-blown war, it drove innovation in military technology, particularly in aircraft design. Here are 10 iconic Cold War aircraft that played significant roles in shaping the era:

	<p>The Lockheed U-2 is a legendary spy plane that played a crucial role in Cold War espionage. With its high altitude and long range, the U-2 was able to gather intelligence over enemy territory without being detected.</p>	<p>High Altitude: 70,000 ft Long Range: 3,000 miles Top Speed: 475 mph</p> 
	<p>The F-100 Super Sabre was a supersonic fighter that served as a workhorse for the US Air Force during the Cold War. With its sleek design and powerful engine, the F-100 was capable of reaching speeds over Mach 1.</p>	<p>Top Speed: Mach 1.25 Range: 1,300 miles Armament: 4 x 20mm cannons</p> 
	<p>The Soviet MiG-15 is a Soviet build fighter that saw extensive service during the Korean War. With its swept wings and powerful engine, the MiG-15 was a formidable opponent in the skies.</p>	<p>Top Speed: Mach .93 Range: 1,000 miles Armament: 2 x 23mm cannons</p> 

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	<p>The Boeing B-47 Stratojet was a strategic bomber that served as a key component of the US nuclear deterrent during the Cold War. With its sleek design and powerful engines, the B-47 was capable of reaching speeds over 600 mph.</p>	<p>Top Speed: 630 mph Range: 4,000 miles Payload: 20,000 pounds</p> 
	<p>The Tupolev Tu-95 Bear is a Soviet strategic bomber that remains in service to this day. With its distinctive swept wings and powerful engines, the Tu-95 is capable of reaching speeds</p>	<p>Top Speed: 575 mph Range: 9,000 miles Payload: 44,000 pounds</p> 
	<p>The Lockheed F-104 Starfighter was a supersonic fighter that served with several NATO countries during the Cold War. With its sleek design and powerful engine, the F-104 was capable of reaching speeds over</p>	<p>Top Speed: Mach 2.2 Range: 1,200 miles Armament: 1 x 20mm cannon</p> 
	<p>The North American F-86 Sabre was a transonic fighter that served as a workhorse for the US Air Force during the Cold War. With its sleek design and powerful engine, the F-86 was capable of reaching speeds over Mach 1.</p>	<p>Top Speed: Mach 1.05 Range: 1,500 miles Armament: 6 x 0.50 inch machine guns</p> 

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	<p>The Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-21 is a Soviet fighter that remains in service to this day. With its sleek design and powerful engine, the MiG-21 is capable of reaching speeds over Mach 2.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top Speed: Mach 2.05 • Range: 1,200 miles • Armament: 1 x 23mm cannon 
	<p>The Convair B-58 Hustler was a supersonic bomber that served with the US Air Force during the Cold War. With its sleek design and powerful engines, the B-58 was capable of reaching speeds over Mach 2.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top Speed: 2.1 • Range: 4,000 miles • Payload: 19,000 pounds 
	<p>The Tupolev Tu-22 Blinder was a Soviet supersonic bomber that saw service during the Cold War. With its sleek design and powerful engines, the Tu-22 was capable of reaching speeds over Mach 1.5.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top Speed: Mach 1.5 • Range: 3,000 miles • Payload: 20,000 pounds 



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NISSAN SKYLINE, THE JDM HOTROD

by David Auth



David Auth
Vice President

One of my great discoveries, when returning to the hobby several years ago, was the vast number of kits available in this

era of the internet. Kits from all over Europe and Asia, new kits, old kits, old kits retooled, old kits in their vintage state, and everything in between. And it wasn't just the number of kit manufacturers available, the number of different types of cars to build was amazing.

One of my personal favorites is the Nissan Skyline. This Japanese Domestic Market car was originally produced by the Prince Motor Company in 1957 and later became the Nissan Skyline in 1966 when the two companies merged.

In 1969 the first performance version of the car, the GT-R, was produced. It had a double overhead cam inline 6 cylinder engine with four valves per cylinder and four wheel independent suspension.



1969 Skyline 2000 GT-R

A coupe became available in 1970. Although later models would come to be known by their VIN codes, this generation of car was nicknamed "**Hakosuka.**" The word is derived from combining the word for box, **hako**, and the word for skyline, **suka**. In other words, the boxy Skyline. This generation is credited with 52 wins in its three years of racing competition.

Next up is the Kenmeri generation that ran from 1973 to 1977 and was very similar, mechanically, to the prior Hakosuka.

Styling changed dramatically, this



1969 Skyline C110

car appearing somewhat like a Japanese interpretation of the early seventies Plymouth Satellites and Dodge Chargers. It would mark the end of an era being the last GT-R model to occur for 13 years. It's nickname was given as a response to an ad campaign featuring a wholesome young couple named Ken and Meri. Yes, the Japanese have a sense of humor!

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A couple of boxy, wedge shaped generations known as the R30 and R31 came next.



R30-Skyline



R31-Skyline

Although no GT-R version was available, the Skyline kept the faith and remained rear wheel drive in an era of front wheel drive.

In 1989, the R32 generation was introduced with turbocharging added to the inline six and all wheel drive added to the RWD based chassis.



R32-Skyline

These cars dominated their classes on the race course and earned the nickname Godzilla from the Australian car magazine "Wheels."

The RB26 DETT engine produced 286 hp with racing versions reaching up to 560. In 1997 the R32 was introduced to a new generation of enthusiasts as part of the video game Gran Turismo. The car is well loved in the American "tuner" community and the first models legally available to be imported came over in 2014 as right hand drive used cars. There is a 25 year waiting period to be able to bring one to the US without performing costly modifications to meet US requirements.

Next up is the R33 which ran from 1995 through 1998.



R33-Skyline GT-R

Then, finally the R34 which ran from 1999 to 2002.



R34-Skyline GT-R

These cars represented a continuation and refinement of the concept created by the R32.

A silver R34 with blue graphics was driven by Paul Walker in the 2003 movie 2 Fast Furious. This further cemented the car's legacy.



The 1999 R34 just became available in the US, for the first time, last year.

I built a Hakosuka in 2021, an R32 in 2024 and am currently working on an R34 4 door drift car.

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Upcoming Region 6 Events

Mark your calendars and get ready to be inspired by the creativity and craftsmanship on display at these upcoming **IPMS Region 06 model shows**.



EVENT DATE	NAME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
04/05/2025	Route 66 Model Expo	Tulsa, OK	The Park Church of Christ 10600 East 96th Street South Tulsa, OK 74133
05/03/2025	ModelMania 2025	Stafford, TX	The Stafford Center 10505 Cash Rd. Stafford, TX 77477
05/17/2025	CALMEX 38	Sulphur, LA	West-Cal Arena & Events Center 401 Arena Road Sulphur, TX 70665
05/24/2025	2025 ScaleFest	Grapevine, TX	Grapevine Convention Center 1209 South Main Street Grapevine, TX 76051
07/12/2025	Space City Shootout	Stafford, TX	The Stafford Center 10505 Cash Rd. Stafford, TX 77477
11/08/2025	Austin Capitol Classic	Taylor, TX	Williamson County Expo Center 5350 Bill Pickett Trail Taylor, TX 76574

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Clarence Kelly Johnson And the Lockheed Skunkworks Presented by Michael Buckley



Few individuals in the history of aviation have had as much impact as Clarence Kelly Johnson, founder of the Lockheed "Skunkworks".



At the advent of World War II Johnson directed the development of high-impact aircraft designs within Lockheed and paved the ground for Lockheed Martin's Advanced Development Program, later named The Skunkworks. This tight-knit band of innovated engineers and technicians at Lockheed are responsible for the development of the following seven aircrafts:

Lockheed Electra



Lockheed developed the Electra Model 10 in the 1930s to compete with the [Boeing's 247](#) and [Douglas DC-2](#). The aircraft type gained considerable fame after being flown by [Amelia Earhart](#) and [Fred Noonan](#) on their ill-fated around-the-world expedition in 1937.

P-38 Lighting



Innovative twin engine,- twin boom supercharged single seat fighter fielded in 1943 with great success in the Pacific theater partially due to

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Charles Lindbergh's in theater demonstration of how to extend range, ultimately responsible for the P 38 shoot down strike against Japanese Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto in Bougainville.

P-80 Shooting Star



The first operational USA Jet Fighter designed and built from the prototype XP 80 in 143 days. The lack of swept wings and supersonic capability resulted in it becoming a successful jet trainer.

F-104 Starfighter



The F-104 is the first operational supersonic single-engine jet fighter - unfortunately not well received by the Air Force's due to a preference

for bigger twin engine jets with larger electronic suites. This resulted in Starfighter sales to Germany and other foreign nations.



U-2 TR-1

This spy aircraft first flew in 1956. These aircraft were used by the CIA to conduct high-altitude surveillance during the Cold War, particularly during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam conflict. A notable incident involving this aircraft was the shoot down of a U-2 plane piloted by Gary Powers over the Soviet Union in May, 1960.

SR 71 Blackbird



This supersonic high-altitude, twin

engine reconnaissance vehicle -- fully operational by 1998 -- still holds the US coast-to-coast speed record.

F-117



Have Blue stealth technology in 1976 led to full production of the F-117 Stealth Fighter -- the F-117 initiated Iraq war with undetected command-and-control attacks.

Lockheed's Skunkworks envious reputation among aircraft producers was largely attributable to Kelley's insistence on engineering independence, and his self-generated elitism that followed successful prototypes.

Constant Secrecy, and Lean Management practices such as super-short reports, and limited meeting attendance, all demanded by Johnson whose motto was: **Be Quick, Be Quiet, Be on Time**

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The seven **SKUNKWORKS** airplanes In this article were all built by *Michael Buckley* between January and February 2025



#	AIRCRAFT	MANUFACTURER	SCALE
1	F-117 Stealth Fighter	Revell	1/48
2	SR-71 Blackbird	Revell	1/72
3	Lockheed Electra 10	Japanese Snap-Title	N/A
4	F-104 Starfighter	Monogram	1/48
5	P-80 Shooting Star	Monogram	1/48
6	U-2 TR-1 Spy Plane	Testors	1/72
7	P-38 Lightning	Revell	1/48



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A History of Alamo Squadron 1978-1984 and ModelFiestas 3 and 4 (Pg. 1 of 16)

By Dick Montgomery



**Dick
Montgomery**

Previous articles in this series have focused on the dissolution of the San Antonio Modelers Society and the rise of

Alamo Squadron, and also some historical notes about ModelFiestas 1 and 2. This article will continue reviewing historical notes about those who had leadership roles and evolutionary information regarding ModelFiesta.

With the collapse of the San Antonio Modeler's Society, followed by the establishment of a new club, some former SAMS members took on leadership roles in 1978 and 1979, although there is no documentation that actual elections were held. One of the first actions taken was to adopt an official name for the new club. It was decided that the name of the club would be "IPMS Alamo Squadron".

It was decided that an official "bureaucracy" should be established, consisting of three elected officers and a small staff to manage ModelFiesta and the publication of a club newsletter. There were to be three elected officers to lead the club, those being the President, the Vice President, and the Secretary/Treasurer. Some staff positions were also established, those being the ModelFiesta Director, and the "Aircraft in Miniature" (AIM) Director. The ModelFiesta Director would seek volunteers to serve as the Chief Judge, Registrar, Vendor Coordinator, and positions as identified as needed.

Data on hand identifies that Ros Creed served as the President of IPMS Alamo Squadron from 1978 to Sept, 1981. No data is present indicating who served as the Vice President or Secretary/Treasurer. Lee Bracken served as the AIM editor, Bob Angel held the position of AIM Layout, and Frank Garcia oversaw the production of the

newsletter. The ModelFiesta Chairman for ModelFiestas 1 through 3 was Dick Montgomery.

Tom Ward was elected as President of IPMS Alamo Squadron for the Aug 1981-Sept 1982 term. It is not known who served as the Vice President or the Secretary/Treasurer for during the 1978 to 1983 timeframe.

Mike Derderian served as the President from Aug 1982 through Sept 1984. Bob Mills served as the Vice President from Aug 1983 to Sept 1984.

A chart showing offices and staff positions listing who held those offices and positions might serve to clarify who was doing what from 1978 to 1985.

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Officers	President	Vice President	Sec/Treasurer
Club Founded Nov 17, 1977, official name is IPMS Alamo Squadron			
1977-1978 no official elections yet			
1978-1979	Ros Creed		
1979-1980	Ros Creed		
1980 Aug -1981 Sept	Ros Creed		
1981 Aug-1982 Sept	Tom Ward		
1982 Aug -1983 Sept	Mike Derderian		
1983 Aug-1984 Sept	Mike Derderian	Bob Mills	
1984 Aug-1985 Sept	Bob Mills		

Time Period	AIM Editor	AIM Layout	AIM Prod.	Issue Information
1977-1978				
1978-1979	Lee Bracken	Bob Angel	Frank Garcia	
1979-1980	Lee Bracken	Bob Angel	Frank Garcia	Vol 1, #1 , Spring 1979
1980 Aug -1981 Sept	Lee Bracken	Bob Angel	Frank Garcia	Vol 1, Number 2 Spring 1979
1981 Aug-1982 Sept	Lee Bracken	Bob Angel	Frank Garcia	Vol 1 Number 3 Spring 1979
1982 Aug -1983 Sept	Lee Bracken	Bob Angel	Frank Garcia	Vol 2 Number 1 Spring 1980
1983 Aug-1984 Sept	Phillip Friddell	Frank Garcia	Frank Garcia	Vol 2 Number 2 Summer 1980
1984 Aug-1985 Sept	Phil Friddell		Ray Rangel	Vol 2 Number 2 Fall/Win 1980

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Now, we will shift our focus to information relating to ModelFiesta 3 (1984) and ModelFiesta 4 (1985). ModelFiestas 3 and 4 were held at Wonderland Mall, the same location for as for ModelFiestas 1 and 2. ModelFiesta 6 would be the first ModelFiesta to be held elsewhere, but that is a story to be covered in the next article.

ModelFiestas 1 and 2 had been successful by most accounts. ModelFiesta 2 had drawn return participants, and both contests had been financially successful in that there was enough profit to fund the next competition. A major concern was that entries had dropped by a considerable amount from 1982 to 1983. If that trend continued the 1984 competition could be a financial disaster and the last ModelFiesta contest.

Remember that back in the day there was no Facebook and email was not as widely available and used by the modeling world as it is today. Extra effort went toward publicizing the contest. Advertisements went to all the local club contacts via the U.S. Postal Service and contest information was published in the Region 6 newsletter. The local hobby

shops agreed to display contest flyers. Today, it takes just a few minutes to post advertisements about ModelFiesta. Back then it took days and weeks to spread the news about the contest state-wide and Region 6-wide.

Judging

The Points System discussed in the History sections for ModelFiestas 1 and 2 was once again used at ModelFiesta 3. Radio Shack supplied the computers and for the third year the computers were used to record the points awarded by the judges and to tally the scores. Records indicate that the computers refused to behave properly and that the scores were tallied by hand. It was clear that the Points System, as a judging method, was working, but that the computer software written for the contest was not. The main problem seemed to be that the computer program was not being tested sufficiently prior to contest day. Simple debugging procedures were not being employed, and the Points System fell under criticism due to the problems caused by the computers. The Points System had other major negatives. It was a time-

consuming process and required a great deal of manpower. Probably the most telling problem with the Points System was that consistency among the Judges was difficult, if not impossible, to achieve. The judges worked alone, and what Judge A considered to be work at a 3 or 4 level might be considered a 5 or 6 by another Judge. It was not unusual for judging to run well beyond the specified time allowed. A quick check of the contest flyers available from these early contests shows that 4 to 5 hours were scheduled for the judging to occur. Even with that cushion the Points System really needed more time. These problems were to appear again in 1987 at the Regional competition sponsored by Alamo Squadron causing no small criticism to be leveled at the club, the contest leadership, and the use of Points System. The simple fact was that the lessons of previous events were not learned, and fixes were not implemented. Regardless, the contest moved along, the judging was completed, and temporary fixes were found.

- Categories- As at ModelFiesta 2 a review of categories and the number of entries in those categories was undertaken. Changes to be implemented at

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ModelFiesta 3 were made based on the results of the review.

- Junior categories were gathered into two categories. All non-aircraft entries were placed in a single category and all aircraft were placed in a second category.
- The 1/48 scale area in the Aircraft division took a major hit when 3 categories were deleted. All the categories dealing with post W.W.II aircraft were eliminated.
- All 1/32 scale aircraft entries were gathered into a single category when all four categories were merged.
- The single category for Vac-u-form aircraft was deleted.
- A category entitled, "Former Winners" was created for aircraft models that had won previously at a ModelFiesta contest. With 17 entries this category certainly helped to generate a little income and extra entry numbers that would otherwise have been banned under the usual rules.
- All "Ship" entries were gathered into a single category when the two Senior categories were combined.
- The Spacecraft Division was combined with models which, in modern terms, would be considered as "Open" or "Miscellaneous" kits. Further, the "Fantasy" models were added to this single "Spacecraft" category. Fantasy models were primarily Figure models.
- In the Armor Division all scales smaller than 1/35 were combined into a single category.
- Special Awards for "Best of" were presented for Aircraft, Armor, Open/Miscellaneous, and Figure.

The Theme Awards were presented for Best Ace and Best D-Day model.

Trophies

A significant improvement was made in the physical appearance of the trophies for ModelFiesta 3. Club members continued the practice of cutting, sanding, and staining pine

plaques. For ModelFiesta 3 a company was found that silkscreened the artwork on a piece of sheet metal, thus improving the quality of the artwork although no complaints had been registered about the quality of the trophies for previous ModelFiestas. A map of Texas with a cut-out Alamo overflown by three aircraft was printed on the metal plate. For the first time the IPMS/USA logo appeared on the trophy. A small metal plate indicated if the trophy was for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place. 1st place went to the model with the highest point total in a category, and so on.



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This table lists the categories and number of entries in each category for ModelFiesta 3.

CATEGORIES	NUMBER OF ENTRIES
Aircraft	99 Entries in 15 Categories
Armor	33 Entries in 3 Categories
Automotive	11 Entries in 1 Category
Collections	4 Entries in 1 Category
Dioramas	7 Entries in 1 Category
Figures	25 Entries in 2 Categories
Junior and Pre-Teen	13 Entries in 1 Category
Ships	10 Entries in 1 Category
Space/Fantasy/Miscellaneous	9 Entries in 1 Category
Total Entries	211 Entries



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ModelFiesta 3 Categories and Winner's List

Aircraft	Armor	Automotives	Collections
Dioramas	Figures	Junior & Pre-Teen	Previous Winners
Ships	Space/Fantasy & Miscellaneous	Special Awards	

Category 101 | Armor, 1/48 & Smaller (15 Entries)

1st Place: M3 Lee MK1 by Greg Heilers

2nd Place: Churchill Mk 1 by Greg Heilers

3rd Place: Jeep by Milton Bell

Category 102 | Armor, 1/35 & Larger-Track (11 Entries)

1st Place: M36 B1 Recon Vehicle by Bob Bethea

2nd Place: M988 Sgt. York AA by Cookie Sewell

3rd Place: Ontos, by George Lewis

Category 103 | Armor, Other (7 Entries)

1st Place: AN/TRQ-32 System Gamma Goat by Cookie Sewell

2nd Place: M35A2 Truck by Cookie Sewell

3rd Place: 251 Hanomag by an unknown builder

Category 201 | Figures, 54mm & Smaller (12 Entries)

1st Place: Sir Tomas Holladay by James Shutt

2nd Place: Edward, Black Prince by James Shutt

3rd Place: Cromwellian by James Shutt

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Category 202 | Figures 55m & Larger (13 Entries)

1st Place: French Hussar by Dieter Mattingly

2nd Place: French Dragoon by Dieter Mattingly

3rd Place: Zitten Hussar by Dieter Mattingly

Category 220 | Ships A.S.A.E. (10 Entries)

1st Place: Unidentified model by an unknown builder

2nd Place: H.M.S. Belfast by Bob Montgomery

3rd Place: Santa Maria by J. Barragan

Category 230 | Automotives A.S.A.E. (11 Entries)

1st Place: '34 Ford Wrecker by William Merrill

2nd Place: Full Custom by William Merrill

3rd Place: Kawasaki KR 1000 by Tim Keily

Category 240 | Dioramas (7 Entries)

1st Place: East Prussia 44/45 by Bill Meder

2nd Place: Garggons & Table by Dieter Mattingly

3rd Place: The Charge by Dieter Mattingly

Category 250 | Collections (4 Entries)

1st Place: Napoleons Cavalry by Dieter Mattingly

2nd Place: RAF 1920-1938 by Tom Ward

3rd Place: 1700 Knights by William Bowen

Category 260 | Space/Fantasy/Miscellaneous (9 Entries)

1st Place: Old Bell Tower by Alex DeLeon

2nd Place: Snowspeeder by Dick Montgomery

3rd Place: AT-AT by George Lewis

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Category 290(a) | Aircraft - Former Winners (17 Entries)

1st Place: Raiden by Bob Angel

2nd Place: Ki-84 by Russell Mapes

3rd Place: Gotha 242 by Don Van Winkle

Category 290(b) | Non-Aircraft - Junior (13 Entries)

1st Place: M3A1 Halftrack by Kevin Brubaker

2nd Place: M4A3 Sherman by Kevin Brubaker

3rd Place: Little Boy & Dog by Kathy Mattingly

Category 290 | Aircraft - Juniors A.S.A.E. (8 Entries)

1st Place: F4U-1C by David Sumner

2nd Place: Karas by Jordan Gilbert

3rd Place: Mig-25 by Robby Hayes

Category 321 | Aircraft - 1/32 All Entries (6 Entries)

1st Place: Spitfire VI by Tim Keily

2nd Place: F-15 by Peyton Randolph, Jr.

3rd Place: Ju-87 by Dick Montgomery

Category 322 | Aircraft - Civil, Sport, Commercial (3 Entries)

1st Place: Do-X by Tom Ward

2nd Place: Guppy by Dick Montgomery

3rd Place: Concorde by Russell Mapes

Category 323 | Aircraft - Conversions Smaller Than 1/48 (7 Entries)

1st Place: Albatross W.4 by Tim Swisher

2nd Place: RB-36/RF-84F by Tom Nelson

3rd Place: XB-52 by Tom Nelson

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Category 324 | Aircraft - Conversions 1/48 & Larger (3 Entries)

1st Place: Fokker DVI by Tim Swisher

2nd Place: B-24D by Tom Nelson

3rd Place: No award presented

Category 324(a) | Aircraft - Conversions 1/32 & Larger (2 Entries)

Special note: The records for this category were generated by the "Points System" computer program. One of its failings was that it could not deal with split categories easily. The records are not clear but the best guess is that Category 324 was split by scale.

1st Place: Fokker EIII by Tim Swisher

2nd Place: Me-163A by Greg Heilers

3rd Place: No award presented

Category 481 | Aircraft - 1/48 Single & Multi Engine Origins to 1938 (4 Entries)

1st Place: Nieuport 17 by Tim Swisher

2nd Place: Henschel 123 by Ros Creed

3rd Place: Wright Flyer by J. Barragan

Category 482 | Aircraft - 1/48 Single Engine 1939 to 1945 (9 Entries)

1st Place: Zero by Ed Greathouse

2nd Place: A6M5 Zero by Milton Bell

3rd Place: Zero by Ernest Garza

Category 483 | Aircraft - 1/48 Multi Engine 1939 to 1945 (2 Entries)

1st Place: Henschel 129 by Ros Creed

2nd Place: B-17G by Michael Palacios

3rd Place: No award presented

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Category 721 | Aircraft - 1/72 Single/ Multi Engine Origins to 1938 (8 Entries)

1st Place: L.F.G. CIIa, by Joe Swientek

2nd Place: AW Siskin IIIa by Mike Derderian (Photo by Ros Creed)

3rd Place: Albatross DIII by Charley Moriarty

Category 722 | Aircraft - 1/72 Single Engine 1939-1945 (3 Entries)

1st Place: Bf-109K-4 by Russel Mapes

2nd Place: Ki-44 by Bob Angel (Photo by Bob Angel)

3rd Place: Spitfire XIV by Tom Ward

Category 723 | Aircraft - 1/72 Multi Engine 1939-1945 (5 Entries)

1st Place: A-20G by Bob Angel

2nd Place: Beaufighter by Tom Ward

3rd Place: Me-262A1A by Russell Mapes

Category 724 | Aircraft - 1/72 Single Engine 1946 to Present (9 Entries)

1st Place: Chipmunk by Bob Angel (Photo by Bob Angel)

2nd Place: F8-E Crusader by Bob Rodríguez

3rd Place: F-104A by Russell Mapes

Category 725 | Aircraft - 1/72 Multi Engine 1946 to Present (5 Entries)

1st Place: F-14, by Ed Greathouse

2nd Place: SR-71, by Bob Angel

3rd Place: RF-4C, by Russel Mapes

Category 800 | Rotary Wing (2 Entries)

1st Place: UH-1D, by Milton Bell

2nd Place: UH-1D, by Harry Padalecki

3rd Place: No award presented

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Best Aircraft

SR-71A by Mike Bongalis

Best Armor

M-46 by Dennis Fontana

Best Open or Miscellaneous Subject

Doc Brown's Wagon

Best Figure

WW II G.I. by Bob Bethea

Theme Award-Best Ace

Fw-190A5 by Paul Frederick

Theme Award- Best D-Day Model

Winner was not documented

Ralph Award - Best Model from the Worst Kit

Chipmunk by Bob Angel (Photo by Bob Angel)



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Cat 724, 1st, Bob Angel



Category 260, 2nd,
Dick Montgomery



Cat 102, 2nd, Cookie Sewell



Cat 721, 2nd, Mike Derderian



Cat 323, 3rd, Tom Nelson

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History of ModelFiesta 4, January 26th, 1985

Contest Director: Mike Derderian

Registrar: Dick Montgomery

Vendor Coordinator: Mike Derderian

Head Judge: Bob Angel

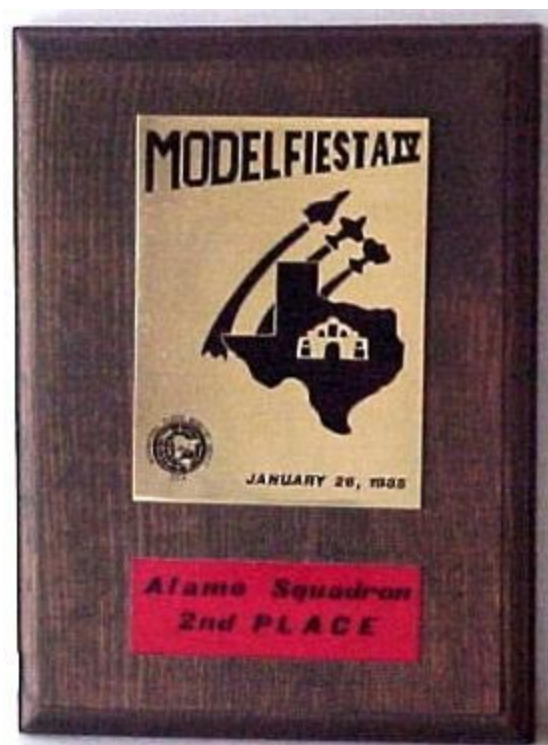
Head Computer Technician: Ray Rangel

ModelFiesta 4 was held on January 26, 1985 at Wonderland Mall. The contest marked a change in leadership from the previous three contests with Mike Derderian taking over the reins for ModelFiesta 4. Dick Montgomery served as the Registrar, Bob Angel served as the Head Judge and Ray Rangel, once again filled to role of Head Computer Technician. ModelFiesta 4 was a significant benchmark in the history of ModelFiesta events. It was the first of the ModelFiestas to resemble the most recent contests in terms of categories offered to entrants.

Judging- The Points System of judging was used, as it was in the previous contests. One of the major complaints regarding the use of the Points System with computers was that it required a big block of time. Inspecting the front side of the event flyer reveals that five and a half hours was allowed for judging with the Awards announcements to begin at 6pm in the evening. This was a tremendous burden on those from Houston (3 hr. driving time), the Dallas-Ft.Worth area (6 hr.

driving time) and Austin (1.5 hr. driving time). The computer program seemed to work this time with no major problems, with one notable exception that did not arise until the 1986 Regional event. The storage space on the 5.25 floppy disks (remember those?) could store around 250 entries. In 1986 the Region 6 contest hosted by Alamo Squadron attracting over 500 entries. But, as yet, no one was aware of the problem and the software was not being tested for such large numbers of entries.

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- The categories for armor were organized into two groups of three categories each. The first group was for 1/48 and 1/72 scale armor, the second group was for 1/32 and 1/35 scale armor. In each group the three categories covered Tracked, Wheeled & Semi-Tracked, and Non-SP & Artillery models.
 - An Aircraft category was created to include both vacu-formed and scratch-built models.
 - An Aircraft category was created for Box Stock entries covering all scales.
 - An Aircraft category was created for small scale military aircraft, usually 1/100 scale or smaller.
 - The Automotive Division was reorganized into two categories for those models larger or smaller than 1/20 scale.
 - The Ships Division was reorganized into two categories for Engine-powered craft and non-engine powered craft.
 - The Figures Division was reorganized into four categories. Models were divided into Mounted and Un-mounted categories as well as a size split for those taller or shorter than 54mm.
 - The Spacecraft Division was titled differently (Spacecraft: Real & Fantasy), a step backward because it would leave boosters and launch vehicles in the Open or Miscellaneous Division.
 - The Diorama division was divided into 3 areas depending on the nature of the model. Categories were created specifically for Armor, Figures, and Other subjects.
 - A category for Open or Miscellaneous subjects was created.
 - A category for Junior Fantasy/Space was created.
- ModelFiesta 4 featured four different themes. One of these themes was for the armor or aircraft model that best depicted a "Weekend Warrior" subject. The second Theme Award came from a suggestion by the contest coordinator, Mike Derderian. He suggested that the club sponsor an award for the best model from the worst kit. This award was entitled the "Ralph Award". This award was open to any type of model entered in any category.
- A third theme award was given to the "Best Experimental or Prototype Aircraft". The inclusion of this theme raised some eyebrows. There were those who suggested that one or two club members were "building" a category for which they already had models built. While it was true that the suggestion for the award came from a club member who had a very nicely done "X" plane already completed, it was also pointed out that anyone who wanted to compete for this award was welcomed to do so and had 11 months (the theme was announced not long after ModelFiesta 3 was held) in which to finish the kit. In the end the result was that the awareness of the contest leadership was raised to



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the possibility of "category building" for specific individuals, and that it was not an appropriate practice.

The last theme award was dedicated to the memory of a club member that passed away in October of 1984. Frank Garcia had been a member of the old SAMS club which, in part, gave rise to Alamo Squadron. He was known for his ability to put a smooth finish on models and to apply decals in an expert fashion. Frank's primary interest in modeling was post-war naval aircraft. The award was named, "The Frank Garcia Award". In recent times the Frank Garcia Award was turned into a Memorial Award. This distinguished class of awards, of which there are three, are presented in honor of deceased Alamo Squadron members. The award is now given to the builder of the "best post-war U.S. Navy jet" as selected by representatives of Alamo Squadron.

ModelFiesta IV featured a Special Award, called the 4.0 (Four- "O") Award. This award was given to a model that received a perfect score from the judges. It should be noted that the early ModelFiesta contests used a point system to determine the winning entries. Points could range from a low of 0.0 (no points awarded) to a high of 4.0, which would be a perfect score. This, if one thinks about it, is a rather strange award. Assuming that there could ever be such a thing as a perfect model, what would happen if two such models were identified in the same contest? By definition, shouldn't a perfect model also be the Best of Show winner? And if there were two

perfect models how could one be awarded Best of Show (or the 4.0 award for that matter) while the other was judged "less perfect"?

ModelFiesta 4 was a giant leap forward. With few exceptions the reorganization of categories was an improvement over previous contests. Many of the newly created categories formed the basis of the modern ModelFiesta competitions.

CATEGORY	# OF CATEGORIES	# OF ENTRIES
Aircraft	17	97
Armor	6	40
Automotive	2	15
Collections	1	5
Dioramas	3	9
Figures	4	23
Junior	2	1
Open	2	3
Ships	2	6
Spacecraft	1	4
Totals	40	203

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Bob Angel Chief Judge



Mike Derderian – Event Director



Tom Ward

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Here are some popular forums and blogs where you can connect with fellow scale modelers and find a wealth of information. Of course, these by no means are all of them out there, but they should at least, get you going. These resources should help you stay updated and inspired in your scale modeling journey. **Happy modeling!**

Source: **Feedspot.com** | https://bloggers.feedspot.com/scale_modelling_blogs/

SITE	SITE CONTENT/INFORMATION
SCALEMATES.COM	Scale modeling and Stash Manager. Provides information on almost every model kit on the market and retired. It's great for helping to manage your stash of kits. Instructions sheets are available for most kits. (https://www.scalemates.com)
Fine Scale Modeler	Whether you build aircraft, armor, ships, sci-fi, cars, or figures, <i>FineScale Modeler</i> provides the how-to information you need to take your modeling to the next level. (https://www.finescale.com/)
Wonderland Models	Wonderland Models is an online toy and model shop specializing in radio control RC models, model kits, figures, diecast, model railways, and slot cars. (https://www.wonderlandmodels.com/blog/)
The Kit Box	The website is dedicated to things related to scale modeling, ranging from kit builds to building it from scrap. (https://www.thekitbox.org/)

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SITE	SITE CONTENT/INFORMATION
Modeler Site	Modeler Site is a website devoted to scale modeling since 2000. (https://www.modelersite.com/en/)
iModeler.com	You may browse through a variety of scale models that the site has built and put together in this blog. You may also look at a step-by-step tutorial for the scale models listed. (https://imodeler.com/)
ARMA Hobby Blog	Model-making enthusiasts who are working in the modeling industry since 1998. They strive to manufacture the highest quality plastic kits that offer both extreme surface detail and easy build. Models are designed using 3D CAD technology. (https://www.armahobby.com/blog?horizontal)
Jon Bius Scale Models	On this website learn to make scale modeling videos about Star Wars, Gunpla, Warhammer 40K, and other SciFi kits, with construction tips, reviews, and How-to demonstrations. (https://jonbius.com/)
1-72-Scale.com	This Blog contains information and a step-by-step guide on Small-scale 20mm (1/72 / 1/76 scale) scale modeling, miniature wargaming, and figure collecting. (https://www.oneseventytwoscale.com/)
Doogs Models	This site is intended to chronicle my all-new adventures in modeling and to share some of the thoughts, knowledge, and techniques I've been picking up along the way. (https://doogsmodels.com/)
DN Models Blog	DN Models Blog provides updates on Scale Models, Paints & Airbrush Reviews, upcoming releases, modeling shows, and more. (https://dnmodels.com/dn-models-blog/)

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Panzerserra Bunker	The Panzerserra's blog about military models on a 1/35 scale. It contains contents related to World War I and World War II. (http://panzerserra.blogspot.com/)
Model Airplane Maker	Here you will find builds, techniques, and the occasional articles about the hobby in general. (https://modelairplanemaker.com/)
ARCANE Scenery and Models Blog	Arcane Scenery and Models is an online model shop, specializing in wargame scenery, military models, and model soldiers. (https://arcanesceneryandmodels.co.uk/blog/)
Michtoy from the Front	News From the Front is a blog about historical hobbies and model making. It also covers parts of the guide on how to make the models from kits or from scratch. (https://michtoy-from-the-front.blogspot.com/)
FalkeEins	In the blogs, you will learn more about the scale modeling of various aviation and military plane models. A guide on how to make them from a kit. (http://falkeeinsmodel.blogspot.com/)
Sprue Pies with Frets	Scale models, where they come from, and the people who make them you can know through this website. Explore the making of various objects in a scale model form. (https://spruepieswithfrets.wordpress.com/)
VVS Modeling	The blog is all about a relaxed kind of plastic scale modeling. They also display tutorials and a buying guide on various scale modeling kits. (https://vvsmodelling.com/)
My Forgotten Hobby IV	On this website, you can read articles based on the process of making several scale models of different objects like a military helicopter, an aircraft, and much more. (https://myforgottenhobbyiv.wordpress.com/)

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Warhammer Adjacent	This blog gives a novice's view of scale model making, focusing on armored vehicles with the odd diorama and maybe even an airplane. This is a newbie's view on kits, techniques, and products so you can be sure that if it is on here, you can do it. (https://warhammeradjacent.wordpress.com/)
The Mercenary Model Studio	A great place to see beautifully-built professional level model aircraft by our Alamo Squadron's very own Joe Bianco! It's a great reference site for aircraft model builders and enthusiasts. (https://www.mercenarymodels.com/)



Monthly Club Meeting Information

Alamo Squadron monthly club meetings are the perfect place to connect with fellow modelers to exchange ideas and learn new techniques to enhance your craft. Come share your latest projects, gain valuable insights, and enjoy the company of like-minded individuals who share your love for scale modeling.



Our monthly meetings are held on **the first Thursday of the month** from **6:30 to 8:30 pm** at the following location:

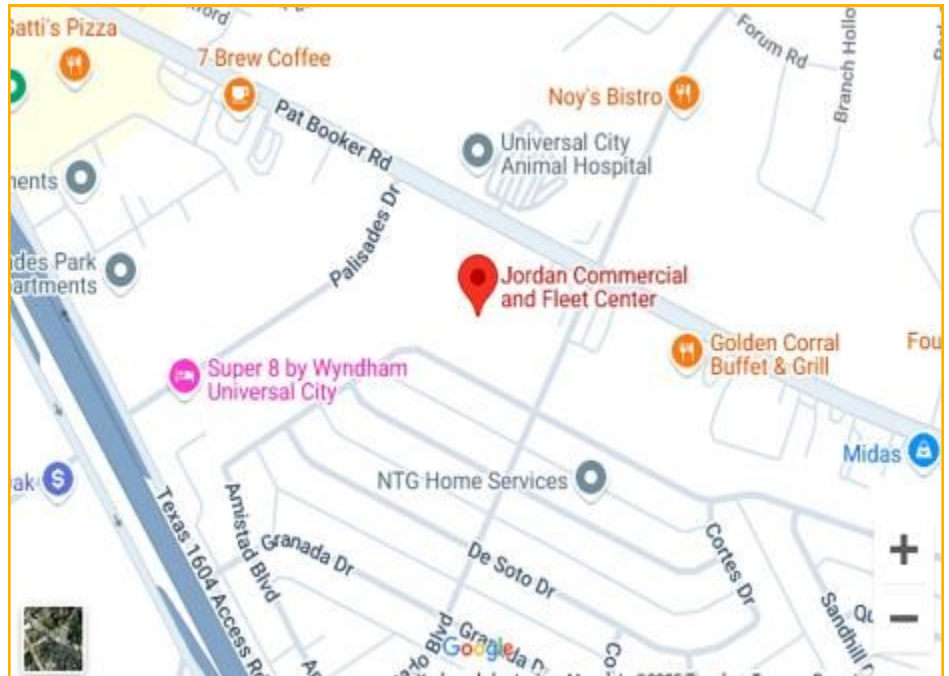
JORDAN FORD

(Pat Booker Facility)
2411 Pat Book Road,
Universal City, Texas 78148

**NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE ON**

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6:30 - 8:30 PM



We look forward to seeing you!

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Hobby Stores and Other Links

- **DIBBLES HOBBIES**

1029 Donaldson Ave, San Antonio, TX 78228

(210) 735-7221

<http://dibbleshobbies.com>

OPEN: Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:00 PM

CLOSED: Sundays and Mondays

- **HOBBY TOWN**

1309 N. Loop 1604 W.,

Vineyard Shopping Center, Suite 101

San Antonio, TX 78259-4769

(210) 236-5527

<https://www.hobbytown.com/sanantonio-tx/1196>

OPEN: Monday-Saturday, 10:00 am to 8:00 PM

OPEN: Sunday, 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

- **HILL COUNTRY HOBBY**

9355 Bandera Road, Suite 118

San Antonio, TX 78250

(210) 681-2007

<http://www.hillcountryhobby.com>

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CLOSED: Sundays and Mondays

- **HOBBY LOBBY**

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- **LIONHEART HOBBY**

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Kyle, TX 78640

(512) 504-3404

<https://lionhearthobby.com>

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Friday 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

- **KING'S HOBBY**

7801 N. Lamar Blvd., Unit E188

Austin, TX 78752

(512) 836-7388

<http://kingshobby.com>

OPEN: Monday to Friday, 10:00 am - 6:00 PM

CLOSED: Saturday and Sunday



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Alamo Squadron FACEBOOK Page

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2nd Annual Alamo Squadron Family Picnic

by John Kress

WHEN: Sunday, April 27th, 2025!

TIME: From 12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm

WHERE: O. P. Schnabel Park, Graff Pavilion
9606 Bandera Rd.,
San Antonio, TX 78250

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Your family, a covered dish (vegetable side dish, salad or dessert)



The **Graff Pavilion** is pretty large, so there's not going to be problem if it rains. Last year, we had about 60 people attend and all had a terrific time!

Activity planning is still in progress, but hopefully, we're hoping to get all that decided and finalized real soon.

There's going to be a sign-up sheet at our asking for some information for those of you planning to attend, such as:




- **Member's name**
- **The number of adults and children that will be attending,**
- **What main dish each person would like (beef or chicken) and what**
- **side dish you're bringing.**



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Membership Application / Renewal Form

New ☐ Renewal ☐ IPMS#: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Chapter Affiliation, if any: _____

Junior (17 years or younger)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$17.00	Date of Birth _____
Adult One year	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	
Two years	<input type="checkbox"/> \$58.00	
Three years	<input type="checkbox"/> \$86.00	
Canada & Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	
Foreign Surface	<input type="checkbox"/> \$38.00	
Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult fee + \$5.00	
	# of cards? ____	

Your Signature: _____

If recommended by an IPMS member, please provide his/her:
Name: _____ IPMS #: _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Cash ☐ Amount: _____

Check ☐ Check #: _____ Amount: _____

Where did you hear about IPMS/USA? Please check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Local model club	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet search
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	<input type="checkbox"/> IPMS web site
<input type="checkbox"/> Ad in IPMS Journal	<input type="checkbox"/> I'm a former member rejoining
<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Ad in other magazine	

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IPMS/USA
P.O. Box 1411
Riverview, FL 33568-1411

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