

# The Navigator

The Newsletter of Alamo Squadron

*The San Antonio chapter of the International Plastic Modelers' Society  
A registered 501c-7*

October 2016



IPMS/USA Chapter of the Year:

1998-1999 & 2004-2005

IPMS/USA Region 6 Chapter of  
the Year: 2015

## Keepin' It Awesome, In Austin

### Capitol Classic 2016 Show Report



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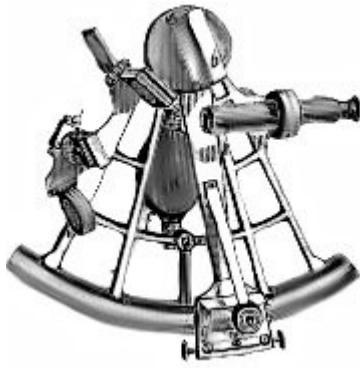
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140 Days to  
ModelFiesta 36!



**Make your decal film disappear with Future:  
Lee Forbes shows you how!**



# President's Column

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By Dick Montgomery

IPMS #14003



## President's Message – October, 2016

September was a good month for Alamo Squadron. Several guests and visitors joined the club at the September meeting, most of the members remembered that it was Dues Season and they arrived at the meeting with “dues in hand”, and we had a interesting demo presented by Chris Lenahan.

Our effort to project the demo via a camera was partly successful and we will be improving that system at this coming October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The demo will be presented by Lee Forbes and will cover the use of Future Floor Wax in the application of decals. Lee will describe and display how the use of Future can substantially enhance the final appearance of the decals and help to eliminate “silvering”.

A number of activities of which you should be aware are ongoing. The ModelFiesta 36 Planning Committee meets monthly and plans for the event are discussed, evaluated, approved, and then put into action. Len Pilhofer is serving as the Event Director and is doing a superb job in leading the ModelFiesta 36 team. Of course, no plan will succeed without the support and participation of the membership. There is ample time for you to volunteer your services on Friday night, helping the vendors unload and set up, and then on Saturday during the actual event. Please visit with Len and step up and support this club-wide effort by volunteering.

Craig Gregory and Len Pilhofer have launched a “Bachelor Build Night” and I’ve attended a couple of the sessions. A common factor in these Build Nights is the sharing of techniques and materials that are being used. It’s all informal, of course, but it is also very educational. For example, Len was applying

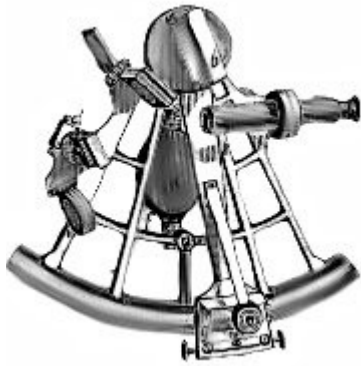
“shadow” to the interior surface of a cockpit the other night, and I listened as he and Craig held a five-minute discussion on the topic. Len had his materials laid out on the table, did a quick demo on how to apply the wash and then there was some dialog between the two of them. It may not sound like much but I observed this process and I could see that there was some sharing and learning going on.

The BBNs are informal, voluntary, and open to all members. Seating capacity, unfortunately, is limited so when you see the email inviting you to the next BBN I highly recommend that you RSVP, and then attend the session. You’ll leave the session knowing something you didn’t know when you walked in.

The Model Summit Program is moving along nicely. Craig Gregory is leading this very interesting program which encourages members to build models and share those models by displaying them at meetings throughout the assembly process. Currently there are 10 Alamo Squadron members participating in the Summit program with about 30 models either under way or already completed. See Craig for information about this enjoyable model project.

Alamo Squadron is growing, with new members signing up, with interesting programs for the membership, such as the BBN and the Summit Program, being made available, by a newsletter that continues to display a high level of quality, by a website that is eye-catching and stocked with great information, and by monthly programs that are outstanding. If I didn’t know better I’d say that Alamo Squadron could easily have been selected as the IPMS Region 6 Chapter of the Year for 2015! Oh, wait! We were!





# Club Announcements

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## ModelFiesta 36

As of October 1st we are 140 days from ModelFiesta 36, scheduled for February 18th, 2017 at the San Antonio Event Center. The theme for ModelFiesta 36 will be **“Everything is Bigger in Texas: A Big Model or a Big Subject”**. The MF36 committee met in mid-September and finalized the awards package for the event. The ModelFiesta web page is updated with current show details including the [MF36 flyer](#). The hard-copy flyers are out and many of you already have them in-hand and also see them at the various hobby locations around town. The next ModelFiesta planning meeting scheduled for October 15th will focus on a dry run of the new registration system. Some of you have volunteered to be photographers and Microsoft Excel operators and if you can make this upcoming meeting it will help us very much in working out the bugs of this new system. If you think you have the time to help in one of these two capacities then please reach out to Len or Dick at this month’s meeting (or via phone or e-mail).



## Web Page Bios

Len Pilhofer is still putting together member bios on the club web page. Several e-mails have gone out in past months with instructions and the information we are looking to publish. In no way is this mandatory and only if you wish to share your info with other club members should you participate. Be aware that whatever we post on the webpage is public to the world...there are no security controls on our website. Here is a link to the bios already on the site: <http://alamosquadron.com/members.html>

## Member Idea-Suggestion-Comment Forms

A new way of bringing ideas to the club for discussion, votes, and decisions will be via the Member Suggestion Form. Dick Montgomery has these at each of the meetings and they are available for download here: <http://alamosquadron.com/MISC Form.docx>. While it may seem like additional administrivia it helps club leadership keep things organized and ensure everyone’s input is taken into account and addressed.

## Club Internal Contest Themes:

Oct: **Quarterly Contest: Titanic: It’s Big!**  
Nov: Monthly Contest/Open  
Dec: Holiday Party—No Contest  
Jan: **Quarterly Contest: Ford Challenge**

## Club Program

The following is the club meeting program for the rest of the “club year” (i.e., up through ModelFiesta month):

October: Applying decals by Lee Forbes  
November: Ship Building Tips by Lee Washburn  
December: Christmas Party  
January: Swap Meet  
February: Automotive Finishing by Paul Barrena

## Bachelor Build Nights

Craig Gregory and Len Pilhofer are continuing to host build nights/meetings for Alamo Squadron members. The focus of these meetings is to build models and comradery with a secondary goal of watching and learning different techniques. There will be no official club business at these meetings, only folks sitting with their kit, building it, and talking about any topic you desire. We envision everyone chipping in to get a pizza or some other form of quick and easy dinner...or bring your own. Each build night will run from 5-9 PM.

The remaining 2016 schedule:

13 October @ Craig’s





# Club Announcements

27 October @ Len's  
 10 November @ Craig's  
 17 November @ Len's  
 15 December @ Craig's

Craig and Len are focusing on the recent release of the MPC 1/48 scale **Space: 1999 Eagle Transporter** but this is not a pre-requisite for the build night...bring whatever kit you wish to work on.  
**Reach out to Craig or Len** if you are interested in participating as there are limited seats available. See the Bachelor Build Night report later in this issue

## September Meeting Report



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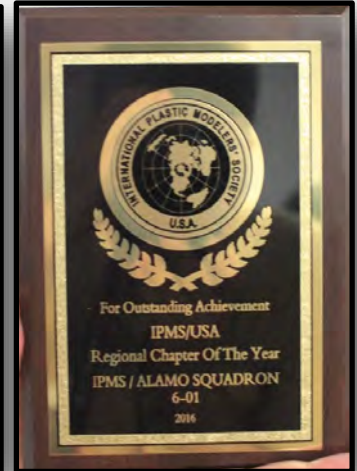
September's meeting was a busy one. Our main event was a demonstration by Chris Lenahan and his technique for **masking canopies**—and in his case, really small canopies! Chris utilizes Bare Metal Foil for masking and this resulted in some superior results. If you missed the demo Chris details his

technique in the September issue of the Navigator. You can download it via the Alamo Squadron website.

In addition to the demonstration the club officially received it's **Regional Chapter of the Year for 2015** (for Region 6). Craig Gregory accepted the award on behalf of the club. Congrats to everyone in Alamo Squadron for helping make our chapter a fast riser in the ranks of Texas, Region 6, as well as nationally. National Chapter of the Year, here we come!



Photo by Len Pilhofer



## Internal Club Contest Results for September:

All photos by Craigory



Dana Mathes: First Place USS Montauk



Rob Booth: Second Place Spitfire Photo Recon XIX



Peter Ortensie: Third Place A-6E Intruder



# Cover Story

## Club Report: Capitol Classic 2016

A huge thanks goes out this month to our friends and neighbors to the north in the Austin Scale Modeling Society (ASMS) for putting on a very impressive show. Capitol Classic 2016 was held on September 24th at the Norris Conference Center in Austin and 15 or so members of Alamo Squadron were on hand to compete, judge, shop, or just hang out with modeling friends from around the state.

Several Alamo Squadron members came home with accolades and hardware from the show. These included:

### **Eric Syverson:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place in 1/32 & Larger Prop with his 1/32 IL-2 Sturmovik

**Charles Stone:** Best Star Trek Model with his Klingon Bird of Prey

### **Rob Booth:**

1<sup>st</sup> in 1/72 Box Stock with a Ku-4 Ram Jet  
2<sup>nd</sup> in 1/72 Single Engine Prop with a Spitfire Mk IXc  
3<sup>rd</sup> in 1/48 and larger Box Stock with a F-16XL  
3<sup>rd</sup> in Civil with a 1/48 Bf-108 Taifun

### **Lee Forbes:**

1<sup>st</sup> in Scratchbuilt/Vacuform with a Rogozarski, IK-3  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Box Stock 1/72 with a P-40E.

### **John Kress:**

3<sup>rd</sup> in Box Stock Auto with a '58 Corvette Roadster

### **Dana Mathes:**

1<sup>st</sup> in Modern Armor with an M41A3  
1<sup>st</sup> in Large Scale Ships with USS Montauk  
1<sup>st</sup> in Triathlon with Pzr VI/PBR/DH8 (also Best Collection)  
2<sup>nd</sup> in 1/48 Armor with a Panther G



### **Dick Montgomery:**

3<sup>rd</sup> in Sci Fi/ Flying & Space with Snow Speeder

### **Matt Neerman:**

2<sup>nd</sup> in Tanks 1960-onwards- 1/35 Challenger 2 MBT (also won the On Her Majesty's Service award)  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Rotary Wing Aircraft with a 1/48 Eurocopter  
3<sup>rd</sup> in Submarines with a 1/350 USS Nevada

### **Henry Nunez:**

2<sup>nd</sup> in Vignettes You Die Marine!  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Figures with a 1/35 US Infantryman  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Collections (teamed-up with Bob Bethea)







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*Select models from the show...*



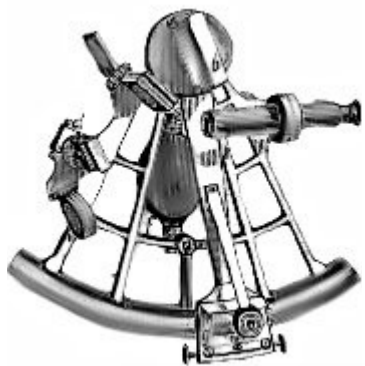
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*This one is scratchbuilt!*



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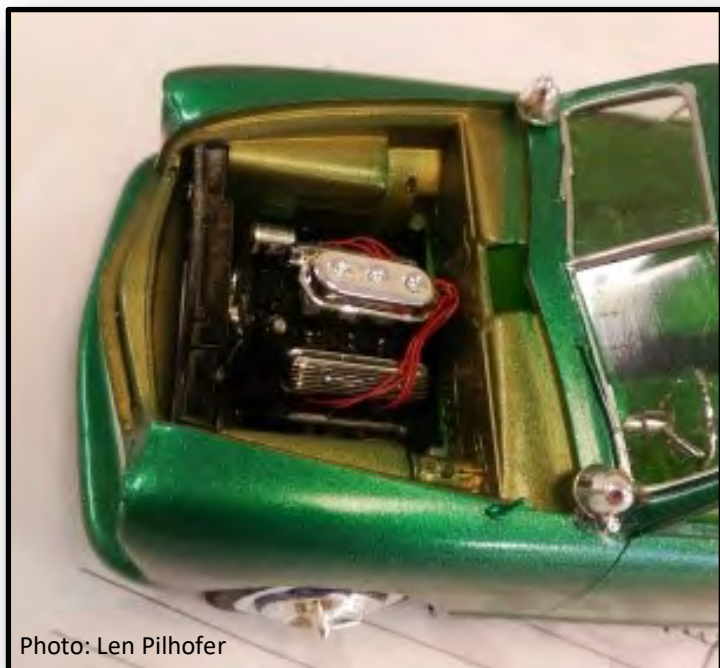


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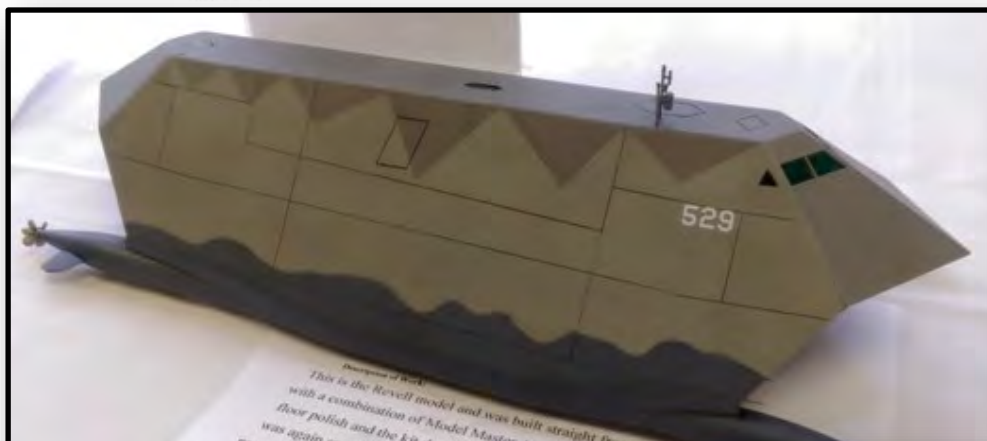


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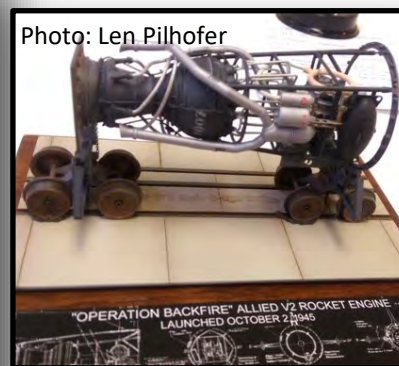


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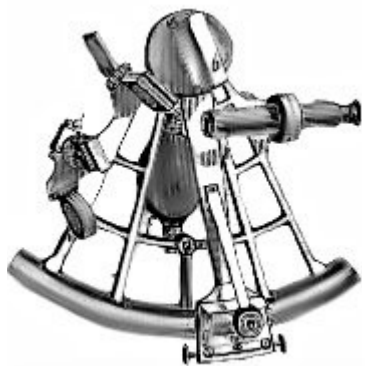


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# Member Techniques

## Utilizing Future Floor Wax to Set Decals



Story by Lee Forbes

IPMS# 2297

I first learned about this technique years ago while I was still on active duty in the Air Force and stationed at Headquarters Strategic Air Command at Offutt AFB, NE. At that time I was a member of the IPMS Ft. Crook Scale Modelers Chapter. At one of our meetings I noticed how good the decals looked on an aircraft model that one of the members had brought to the meeting to show off his latest creation. I asked how he had accomplished that “painted on” look of the decals and he told me that he had used Future as a setting solution and he proceeded to explain to me his technique which I’ll describe later in this article.

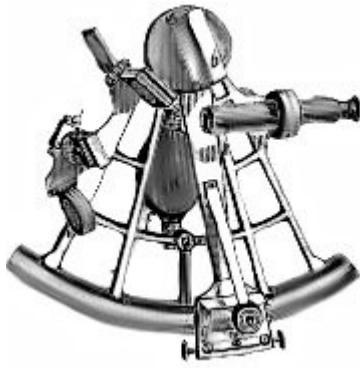
Your equipment: Future/Pledge Floor Wax, Q-Tips, modeling tweezers, scissors, modeling knife, water in a container for soaking decals, paper towels or double layer toilet tissue, and a portable hair dryer.

Before I go on, I’d like to digress a bit and tell you why I was so amazed to see such realistic decals on his model. This occurred during the mid-1980s, and the decal producers hadn’t yet perfected the processes of making decals that we have available to us modelers today. At that time silk screening was in common use to print the decals, they usually had a thick decal carrier, were often out of register, and there wasn’t the abundant choice of subjects that exist today. This was the hay-day of decal silvering that so often occurred spoiling many beautifully done models. *Solvaset* setting solution was in common use and even that often didn’t fully solve that problem. And many of us hadn’t discovered yet that decals like to adhere to a glossy, or shiny, painted surface rather than a dull or flat surface. At this point in time, modelers were being introduced to ready-mixed paint colors

(yes, many of us modelers were mixing our own paint colors from precise recipes for RLM 70, 71 or RAF Dark Green, etc.) and many of the brands available were proud of the “dull or flat” finish that resulted on the final painted model. This kind of finish was the culprit for most of the “decal silvering” that was so



Photo by Len Pilhofer



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common at that time. Well, that's enough history of our hobby, so let's move on to the use of Future/Pledge Floor Wax to set decals.

Keep in mind, that this technique is just another approach to applying decals to finished models and is not in any way intended to convert you to using this method. If you're happy with the setting solutions that you presently are using to apply decals, please stick with them. Today we are blessed with the highest quality model decals of all genres that have ever existed in our hobby, and the problem of "decal sil-vering" has become almost non-existent. It rarely disqualifies models any more in contest competition. To get started you need a small amount of Future/Pledge Floor Wax and a container, lots of Q-Tips (I prefer the ones with wound paper shafts rather than the plastic ones...the former can withstand more rolling pressure), several sizes of modeling tweezers, small pair of scissors or a #11 modeling knife, water and a container for soaking decals, paper towels and/or double layer toilet tissue, and a portable hair dryer. Note: I prefer to use Q-Tips rather than a paint brush for applying Future/Pledge to the decals. Now let's get started. I'll describe the process in steps as indicated below:

**Step 1:** Prepare your work surface, paper towels/toilet tissue with plenty of good light, and tape your container, or bottle, of Future/Pledge to your work surface so you won't knock it over during the process (I've been there and done that).

**Step 2:** Select the decal you want to apply and remove it from the decal sheet (using your favorite modeling tool for this purpose) and place it in the water container...remove when ready keeping the decal on the wet decal carrier until ready to apply. Be very

careful in using extremely thin decals, because they may "roll up" into a cylinder after removing them from the water. If that happens, you'll probably need another decal sheet!

**Step 3:** Dip a Q-Tip in the Future/Pledge and blot it on the paper towel/toilet tissue to remove excess fluid, apply to the model in gentle rolling action in the area where the decal will be applied.

**Step 4:** Slide the decal onto the area that contains the previously applied Future/Pledge. Maneuver the decal in place. You may need to use another Q-Tip dipped in water (blot up the excess) and a tweezer to get the decal in the exact spot. Next using a Q-Tip dipped in Future/Pledge (blot up excess) and roll over the decal in a gentle rolling motion.

**Step 5:** Using your hair dryer apply medium heat to the area to set the decal. When the decal is dry, you should have a decal that is ready for a final top coat of your choosing to blend everything together after all of your decals have been applied.

I intend to demonstrate this technique several times at our October 6 Meeting and then let those of you who are interested try the process yourselves to get the hang of it. I need to warn you in advance, that I'll be using 1/72 scale aircraft parts and decals for the demo, so be sure to bring your modeling glasses. It's really relatively simple and like any other modeling technique it just takes practice and patience to get used to it. Again, it's just another option to add to your modeling "bag of tricks" and isn't intended to lure you away from your present method of using setting solutions to apply decals to your favorite finished models. I'll be seeing you soon at our October meeting.



# WED 11/16 & THU 11/17

# GREX AIRBRUSH

# LIVE DEMONSTRATION

ADVANCED MODEL AIRCRAFT PAINTING MADE EASY

Does airbrushing intimidate you?  
Want to advance your airbrushing skills?

Learn with the best, as we'll be doing the demo with both a Grex Tritium pistol grip or Genesis traditional style airbrush.

If you have never used an airbrush but want to learn or you already have an airbrush and want to advance your skills, then join us for a thorough step-by-step demo. We'll start from the basics, and you'll be airbrushing like a pro in no time.

This is approximately a **1.5 hour** live demonstration where you'll be able to interact with the demonstrator from start to finish.

## LIVE DEMO AGENDA

- Basic airbrush nomenclature
- Airbrush assembly and disassembly
- Proper airbrush cleaning
- Paint thinning
- Pre-shading
- Post tinting
- Advanced masking technique
- WWII Camouflage

Grex rep. will be present most of the day.  
Model painting demonstrations will begin @ **6pm**

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**GREX.**



# Feature Story

## Building a Grim Reaper: Part 2

Story, Model and Photos by Len Pilhofer

IPMS #49932



**L**ast month I covered the beginnings of my F-15C build with a focus on why I switched from the Academy to the Great Wall Hobby kit (primarily due to the intakes) along with some aftermarket cockpit work and improving the air intake internals. In this installment I will cover such things as scribing lost panel lines on intake cover joints, the aftermarket exhaust nozzles, and particulars of the landing gear.

### Scribing Panel Lines

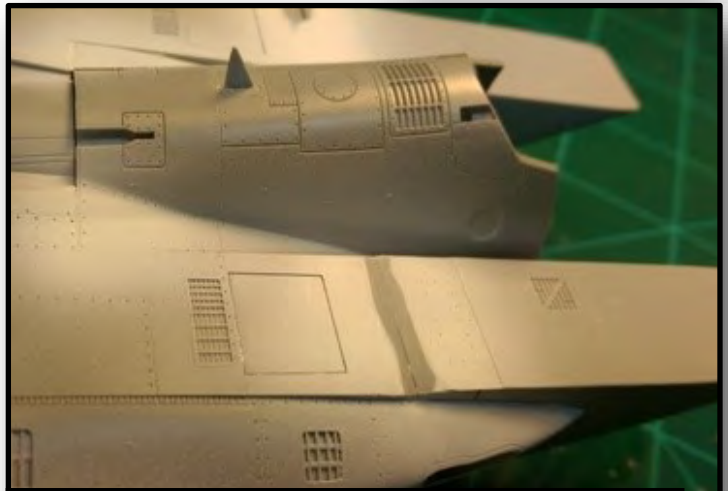
About the only gripe I have with the 1/48 Great Wall Hobby F-15C (Kit #L4817) is the fit of the intake



This part of the build can get a bit fiddly

shrouds (those big triangular things on either side of the fuselage that guide air in towards the engine) as they can be a bit fiddly. When I finally got them into the best position I could there ended up being a pretty sizable gap on the top...the part that

is visible to anyone, worst of all, judges. I decided to totally fill and smooth the gap with CA glue and then scribe the line a bit heavier than a normal panel line as this is an actual joint between two major components of the aircraft. On the real thing, this shroud moves up and down in order to control air flow based on the performance demands of the aircraft. When I first noticed this problem I thought this was going to make this model non-enterable in a potential future contest but I



Some white primer over the joint to check the finished fit, then some CA glue over the joint followed with sanding



Then on to scribing: a light hand is key...do not press too hard...continued light passes does the job.

rolled up my sleeves and gave the scribing thing a shot. Once I was done I was actually pretty impressed with the results.





# Feature Story

## Building a Grim Reaper



**Exhaust Nozzles** Moving on to the back of the jet I purchased via Hill Country Hobby Aires' 1/48 scale resin F-15C late model exhaust nozzles. Just looking



at them out of the box they are thing of beauty. So much detail has been captured in these items and I was looking forward to finishing them and attaching them to my Eagle. I first noticed that one of the cans was ever-so-slightly damaged. I decided to fix the damage with some Gator Grip acrylic hobby

glue. This stuff is thick enough where it spanned the gap and held in-place long enough to cure. When it was finally cured it presented a very convincing filler of the void that was once there. Once painted one will never notice it was ever damaged. I used Alclad II



A small amount of damage...

steel on the outside of the exhaust nozzles and on the inside I painted with Tamiya white primer and laid down a thick layer of black oil paint. I then wiped away the oils which left a convincing look of white metal (due to the heat) coated with soot from burnt fuel. Further inside the can I used other color oils such as rust along with the black to simulate the reddish colors

seen inside the real thing.



...was easily repaired with Gator's Grip

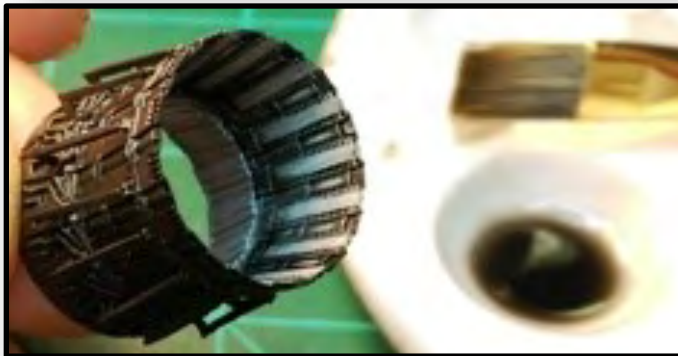
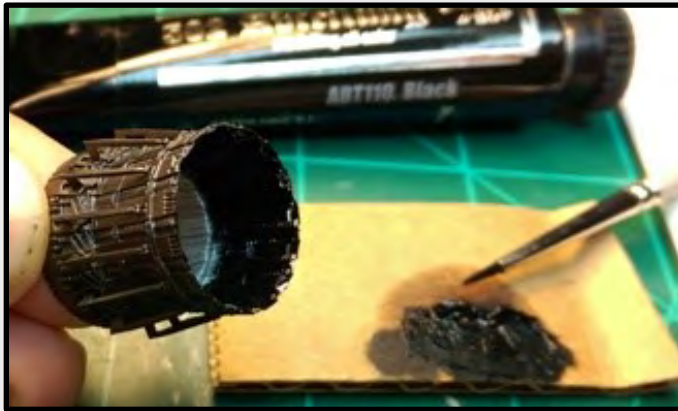


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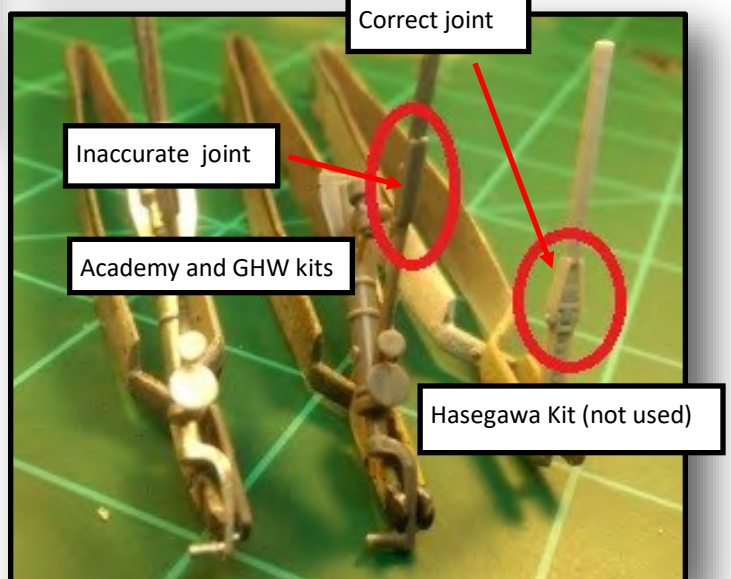
## Building a Grim Reaper



### Landing Gear



One of the first things I noticed about both the Academy and GWH kits is the inaccuracy of the front landing gear. At least in the photos I found there were inaccuracies. On the front gear support brace the joint where the two braces fold when the gear retracts did not seem to be modeled correctly. When looking into aftermarket gear for



this kit it turns out the G-Factor cast brass set is spot-on with regards to my reference photos. The G-Factor gear comes molded on a tree so you have to cut the parts off. This is a bit more difficult than styrene but a fine-tooth hobby saw with the help of a vise makes the





# Feature Story

## Building a Grim Reaper



G-Factor front landing gear/strut with correct joint



Tamiya Hobby Drill helps create the hole for the wheel axle



Brass rod cut and then soldered into the previously drilled hole makes for very secure support

job go rather quick. A major modification to the main gear needs to be made as there is no axle with which to affix the main wheels. Glue may hold the wheel for a short time but repeated placing of the aircraft on a surface will most certainly knock those wheels off, most probably sooner than later. I drilled a hole in each of the main gear wheel brace with a Tamiya Hobby Drill (reviewed here in the August 2016 issue) and fitted into the hole some brass rod. I soldered the joint to create maximum strength and stability. I also drilled

holes into the resin wheels of the same diameter (obviously) with end result being very secure and sturdy.

Check in next month where I will go over my finishing of the model to include painting and decaling as well as canopy work on the “front office”.



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## GUNDAM BUILD DAY at HobbyTown USA

Join fellow Gundam  
builders  
Saturday October 22nd  
12 noon ~ 5 pm

Bring a kit from your  
backlog or buy a  
new one here!





# Alamo Squadron

## Model Building Summit Program

To promote more model building and enthusiasm amongst club members, Alamo Squadron is sponsoring the Model Building Summit Award. By building 5 model projects within in one calendar year, participants receive recognition and prizes.

The rules are simple:

- This year's building period started on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 and ends on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017; coincides with the building season for ModelFiesta.
- Complete 5 modeling projects within the building period to earn recognition and prizes. All modeling genres, subject and complexity are encouraged.
- Eligible models must be presented at a regular club meeting, where a simple entry form is completed.



*The Wall of Modeling Heroes...be sure to add your name!*

A special provision for projects started before the current building period, provides eligibility when at least the last 25% of the modeling effort completes the project within the current building period. Effort is measured in hours.

This is the perfect excuse to finish those neglected projects wanting on your shelves, or to uphold your promises to begin whittling down your model stash.

Hill Country Hobby is sponsoring a 20% discount on any plastic model in stock for each participant achieving the summit of 5 models. There is also a trove of plastic models that will be awarded, along with club bragging rights.

Questions? Hit up Craig Gregory at the next meeting.



# Feature Story

## Bachelor Build Night

Story by Craig Gregory



**W**hat is a Bachelor Build Night? Similar to the Bachelor Build Weekend I hosted in August, it is a chance to do a little modeling while enjoying the fellowship of other modelers. It's a chance to learn new modeling skills and talk about the latest techniques. It's your opportunity to pass on to others the expertise you have gained to those that have not been exposed to the same experiences while modeling. It's a chance to have fun.

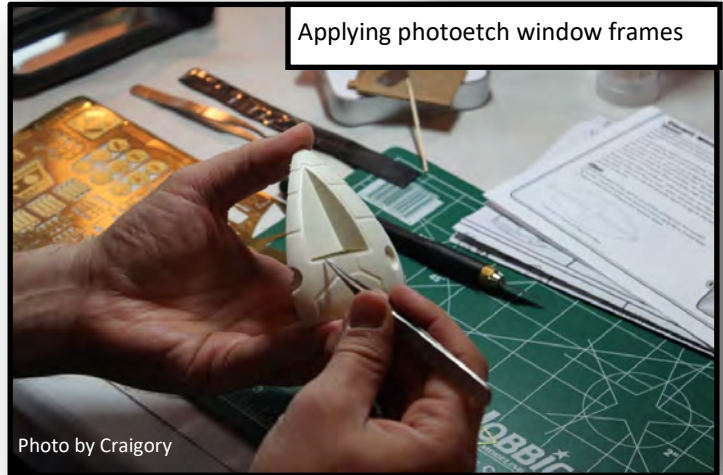
Len Pilhofer and I share hosting Bachelor Build Nights on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. I hosted the first build night on Sept, 8<sup>th</sup>. We had a total of 3 modelers and I prepared some Chinese dumpings that my wife assembled before she left on her extended visit to China. This is why I coined the phrase "Bachelor Build Night"; so no, it does not mean you have to be a bachelor to attend. Those of you that missed the first build night missed out on a truly authentic Chinese stable.

Photo by Len Pilhofer



MPC's 1/48 Scale Eagle Transporter—All ready to go...

Len and I are taking the opportunity to build our 22<sup>nd</sup> Eagles. It turns out that each of us had MPC's 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale Eagle Transporter kit in our stash. We each bought the photo etch and metal accessory upgrades. The very purpose of having a build night is to share modeling skills with each other. And since I have never use photoetch before, I learned how to handle and glue PE from a few pointers that Len provided.



Applying photoetch window frames

Photo by Craigory



Photo by Dick Montgomery

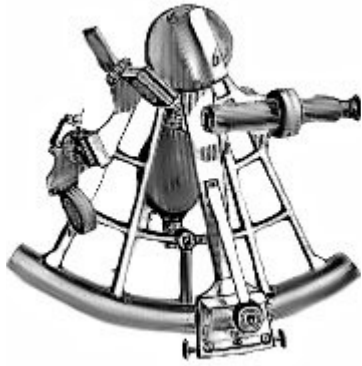
Building the Eagle while watching Star Trek: yes, that is Geek with a capital "G"!



Photo by Len Pilhofer

Michael Buckley trying out a new technique of air-brushing engine exhaust streaks with his brand new Iwata Neo airbrush





# Upcoming Events

IPMS Region 6

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 6th, 2016 at 7:00PM**

**Location: Northside Ford of San Antonio**

October 15, 2016  
AutumnCon 2016  
American Legion Post 16  
2031 Ronald Reagan Way  
Covington, LA 70433  
<http://www.northshoremodelers.net>



October 15, 2016  
TrailCon 2016  
Wichita, KS  
<http://www.chisolmtrailscalemodelers.org>



January 28, 2017  
CALMEX XXXI  
1221 Sampson St  
Westlake, LA 70669  
<http://www.ipmsswamp.com>

February 18, 2017  
ModelFiesta 36  
San Antonio Event Center  
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San Antonio, TX 78227  
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March 11, 2017  
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**IPMS/USA Alamo Squadron** was founded in 1977 in San Antonio, Texas, for the enjoyment of building scale models and the camaraderie of the 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 their modeling skills and improve their modeling techniques, and is open and inviting to visitors and guests. Dues are \$24.00 a year, due to the treasurer on September 1st of each year.

Alamo Squadron has been hosting ModelFiesta since 1981. Locations have included the Wonderland Mall, a Holiday Inn, the Seven Oaks Motel & Convention Center, the Live Oak Civic Center and the new location for 2013, the San Antonio Event Center.



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## Do You Like to Build Models?

Alamo Squadron, a plastic modeling club located in San Antonio, invites you to join us at one of our upcoming meetings. Alamo Squadron is open to all modelers of all skill levels. Our mission is the *educational advancement of scale modeling skills*. Alamo Squadron is a chartered chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society/USA. IPMS/USA has become a 5,000 member, all-volunteer organization dedicated to promoting our modeling hobby.



Alamo Squadron's **Club Meetings** are held monthly. Typically, each monthly meeting has a modeling contest, a "Works-In-Progress" segment in which members' current projects are displayed, and a featured demonstration by one of our members of a modeling technique or skill. The purpose of the monthly membership meeting is to have fun and share knowledge; club business matters are held to a minimum.

For the modeling novice, Alamo Squadron offers the **Adult Building Course**. The ABC is for new modelers, or those experienced modelers who wish to enhance and practice their skills. When ABC is in session, participants meet once a week for 2 hours.

Each year our club hosts **ModelFiesta**, one of the largest plastic modeling contests/events in the Southern United States. Currently the event attracts 100+ competitors, 650+ modeling entries, 125+ vendor tables. For one day in February, ModelFiesta is the largest hobby shop in Texas!



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