

The Navigator

The Newsletter of Alamo Squadron

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July 2016

Freedom Fighter In a Galaxy Far, Far Away

Build Review: Revell's 1/48 scale X-Wing Fighter



Shelves don't fit your paint? Then build yourself a paint rack! Len shows you how...

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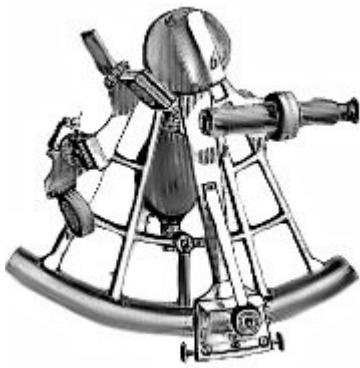
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231 Days to
ModelFiesta 36!



Herb Scranton takes us inside his modeling cave



President's Column

By Dick Montgomery

IPMS #14003



President's message – July, 2016

Our July meeting is set for the 7th, Thursday, starting at 7:15pm. The main activity at this meeting is a **Swap Meet**. As you've probably noticed, the number of tables in the NSF Conference Room that we use as steadily declined until, at last month's meeting, there were only four tables. We need to use those tables for the WIP display and the monthly contest, and also as the Officer's table.

It is strongly recommended that, if you wish to lay some Swap Stuff that you *bring your own table with you for that purpose*. Please be very careful when walking through the Show Room with your materials and try to stay as far away from the cars being displayed by NSF as possible.



Necessary equipment for July's meeting



In order to maintain a positive and cooperative relationship with NSF we have *pushed forward our start and end times for meetings*. The E-Board recently approved a motion to modify the meeting times starting at the August meeting. In **August**,

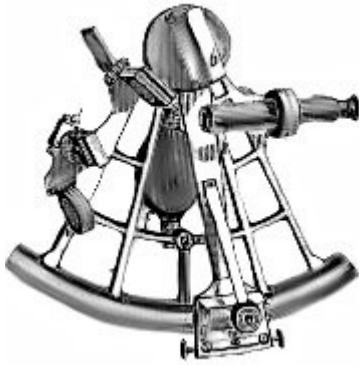
meetings will start at 7pm and shut down at 8:30pm. It has been a common occurrence to still have members in the facility after 9pm and that, frankly speaking, has been a point of concern to the NSF staff who lock up the building at 9pm.

Be aware that the club is being presented with an excellent opportunity for some community outreach. Herb Scranton is directing our participation in the 2nd Annual Car Show at Camargo Park on Oct 1st, sponsored by Papa's Burgers. There is a need for 3 or 4 individuals to represent the club at this event, and to work with Herb to conduct the club-sponsored Make N Take. The goal is to generate some interest in ModelFiesta in February and also to inform those who attend the car show about who Alamo Squadron is, and what we do. The club needs your support for this effort and your participation as an MnT "coach" would be a great way for members to show their support for club activities.



Some photo's of last year's Camargo Park Auto Show





Club Announcements

ModelFiesta 36

As of July 1st we are 231 days from ModelFiesta 36, scheduled for February 18th, 2017 at the San Antonio Event Center. Continuing our ModelFiesta talk from last month's meeting we need to narrow-down our choice of themes. So far, the suggestions are: "Oddball", "100 Year Anniversary of USA in WWI", "Outside Your Comfort Zone", and "On Display" (i.e. show/parade vehicles). These suggestions are a very good start. Think about these, think about any other ideas you might have, and bring them with you to the July meeting.



Model Building Summit Award

Remember to bring those projects you finished since last meeting. Get them counted towards the Model Building Summit Award. Reach the goal of 5 projects completed in one year and earn club recognition, a Hill Country Hobby discount and other prizes.

Constitution and By-Laws

Updated C&BL is now posted to the website. These were reviewed and voted into effect by the club at our last meeting. No major changes but the changes do reflect the healthy growth of the club. The updated C&BL can be found here: <http://alamosquadron.com/constitution.html>

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>

Bachelor Build Weekend



Photo courtesy of ABC

Craig Gregory will be hosting a Bachelor Build party at his house the weekend of **9/10 July**. The model shop (Craig's garage) opens at 10am and closes at 6pm. Appear at anytime

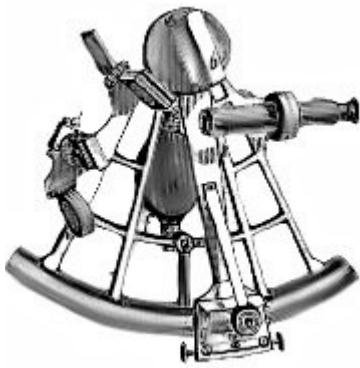
and work as long as you want. Craig has an air compressor, airbrush and paint booth standing by. Please RSVP if you will attend either Saturday or Sunday (or both) so a pot-luck lunch of some sort can be coordinated. Craig will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and guest bachelors can bring the extras. Note: One does not have to be an official "bachelor"...just a kitchen pass from the significant other so you can come play with plastic.

Craigory's contact details:

(541) 377-1888, craig.jonathan.gregory@gmail.com
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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.



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Club Internal Contest Themes

The contest schedule for the remainder of 2016:

- Jul: **Quarterly Contest: Movie Props**
- Aug: Monthly Contest/Open
- Sep: Monthly Contest/Open
- Oct: **Quarterly Contest: Titanic: It's Big!**
- Nov: **Special Contest: The Ford Challenge**
- Dec: Holiday Party—No Contest

Club Program

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

- August: Masking Camouflage by Charles Stone
- September: Masking Canopies by Chris Lenahan
- October: Applying decals using Future/Pledge by Lee Forbes
- November: Ship Building Tips by Lee Washburn
- December: Christmas Party
- January: Swap Meet
- February: Automotive Finishing by Paul Barrena

June Meeting Report



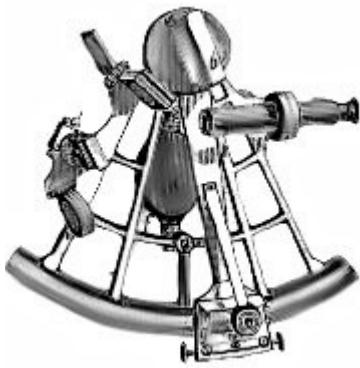
A big shout-out to Jerry Escobedo-Sainz for his fantastic demonstration on the growing genre of paper models. Jerry covered the basics including kit sources (it helps to know Polish) as well as techniques in cutting and gluing this familiar medium that all of us have grown up with but somehow forgot about when we made the switch to plastic. Look for more paper

models at next year’s ModelFiesta 36 as paper modeling now has its own category.

June saw a healthy contribution to the monthly contest with a dozen models on the table for club judging. Len Pilhofer won 1st place with his 1/35 StuG III F and Both Mike McKenney and Len tied for 2nd place with Mike’s 1/72 P-51 and Len’s 1/35 Panzer II C.



All photos by Craigory

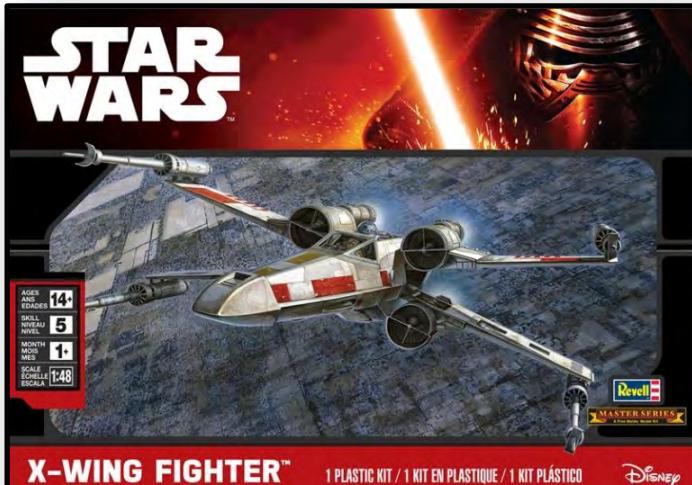


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Building Revell's 1/48 Scale X-Wing

Story, Model, and Photos by Len Pilhofer

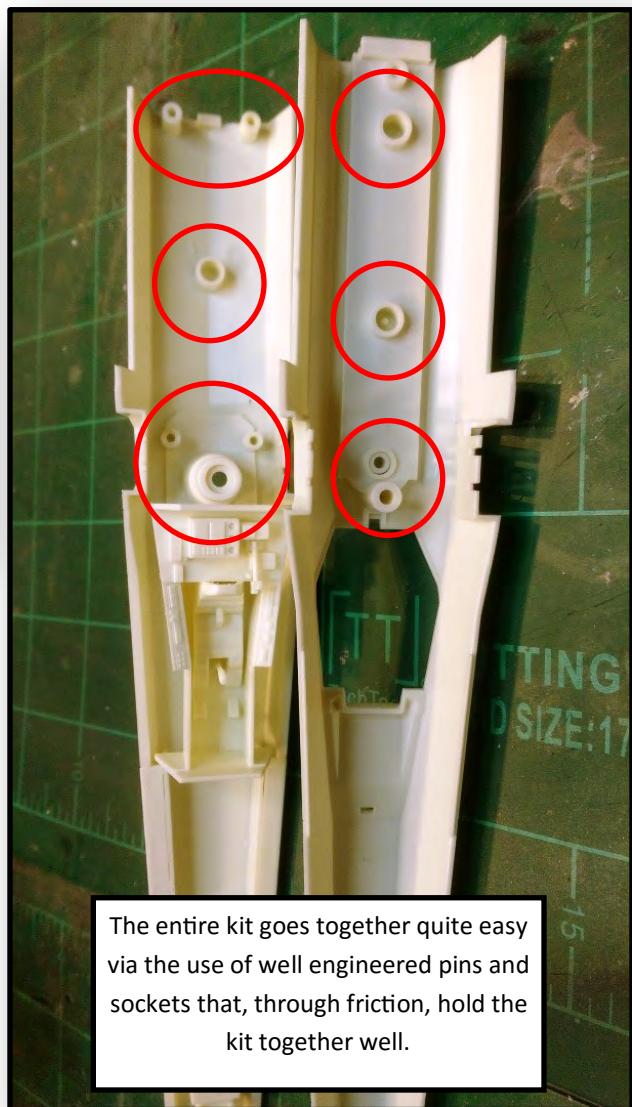
Since this month's club contest theme is "Movie Props" I thought it appropriate to share my thoughts and experiences in building Revell's 1/48 scale Incom Corporation T-65 X-Wing Space Superiority Fighter, or, known by fans as just the "X-Wing". It is perhaps one of the most recognized machines of the science fiction genre and in my opinion holds its own amongst all others in that genre.



The Revell release of this particular model is actually a re-release of the original Fine Molds (out of Japan) production of this model. Fine Molds is praised by model builders around the world for their detail and fit. Revell, upon receiving the license to produce kits with the Star Wars name from the new movie rights owners, Disney, worked out a deal with the former license holders, Fine Molds, to produce the exact same kits but with Revell labeling. What you see here is essentially the same Fine Molds 1/48 X-Wing but in slightly different color styrene in different packaging.

For a review of the original Fine Molds kit check out this link: http://www.ipmsusa.org/reviews/Kits/SciFi-Fantasy/finemolds_48_x-wing/finemolds_48_x-wing.htm

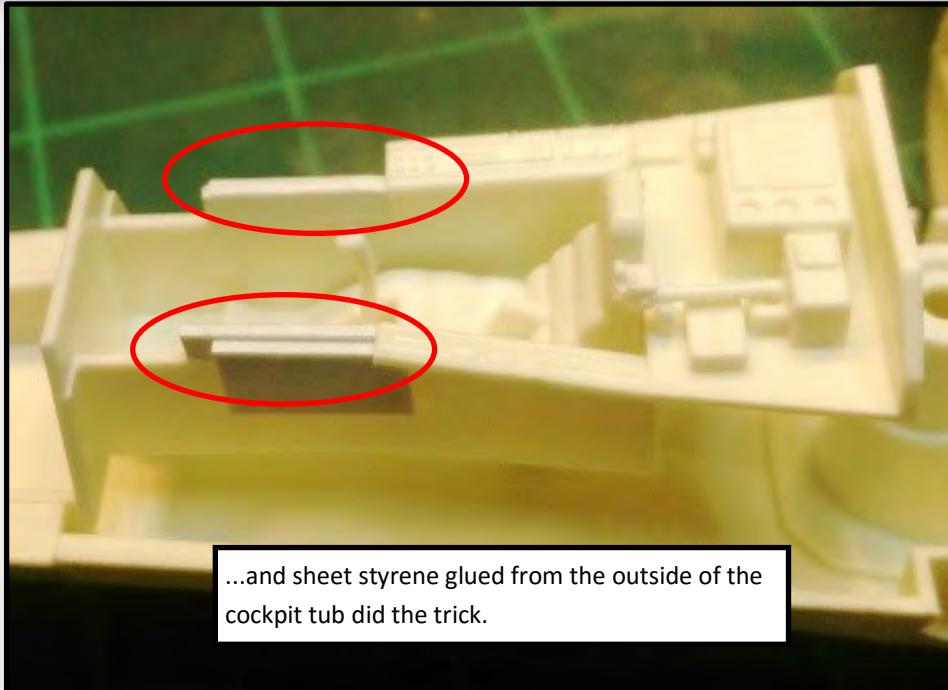
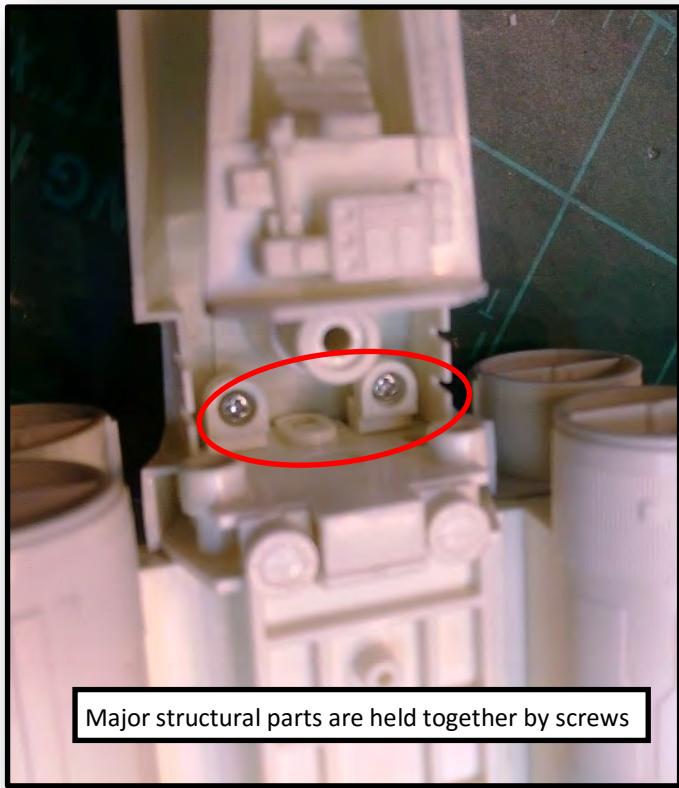
The kit comes molded in an off-white color and there are 88 very nicely molded parts (not including the screws and grommets). There is also a decal sheet with all the markings required for an X-Wing. Without going into too much research the markings are most probably for a later version as they did not seem to match-up exactly with any of the versions seen in the first Star Wars Movie: Episode IV.

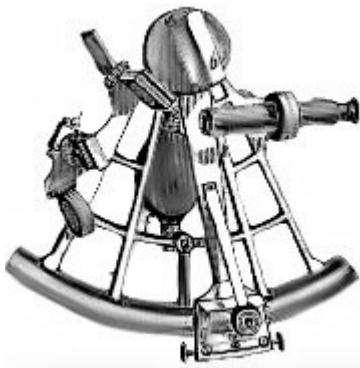


The entire kit goes together quite easy via the use of well engineered pins and sockets that, through friction, hold the kit together well.

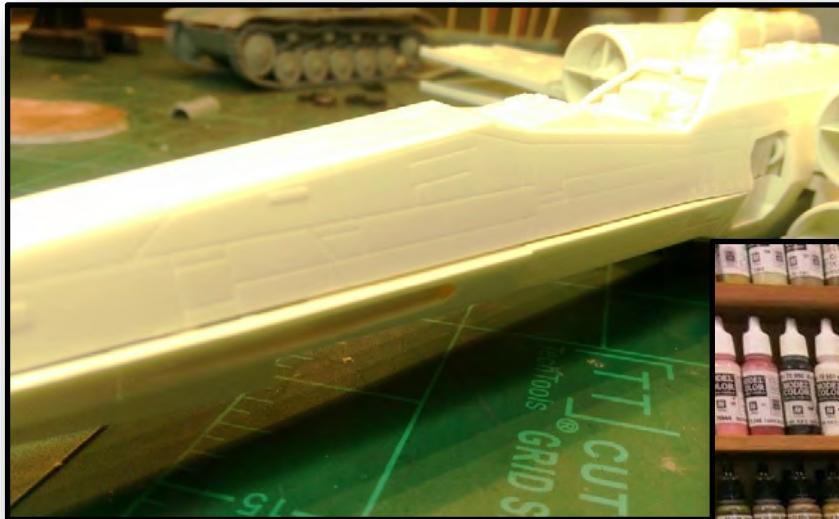


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The only other place that needs attention is where the top and bottom halves of the fuselage come together...be sure to glue and then clamp them overnight.



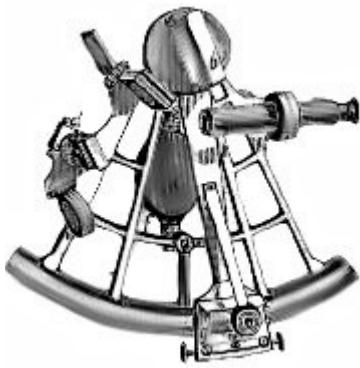
The completed build...ready for paint!



The first base coat is a mix of grey and red-brown...Tamiya colors thinned with Tamiya lacquer thinner.



My Iwata RG-3L "Baby" air gun is perfect for laying down an overall priming coat. It produces very minimal overspray which in a smaller airbrush can lead to a dry and gritty surface. I now have a perfect base with which to start applying the finish. Here I am utilizing Tamiya gray primer thinned with lacquer thinner.

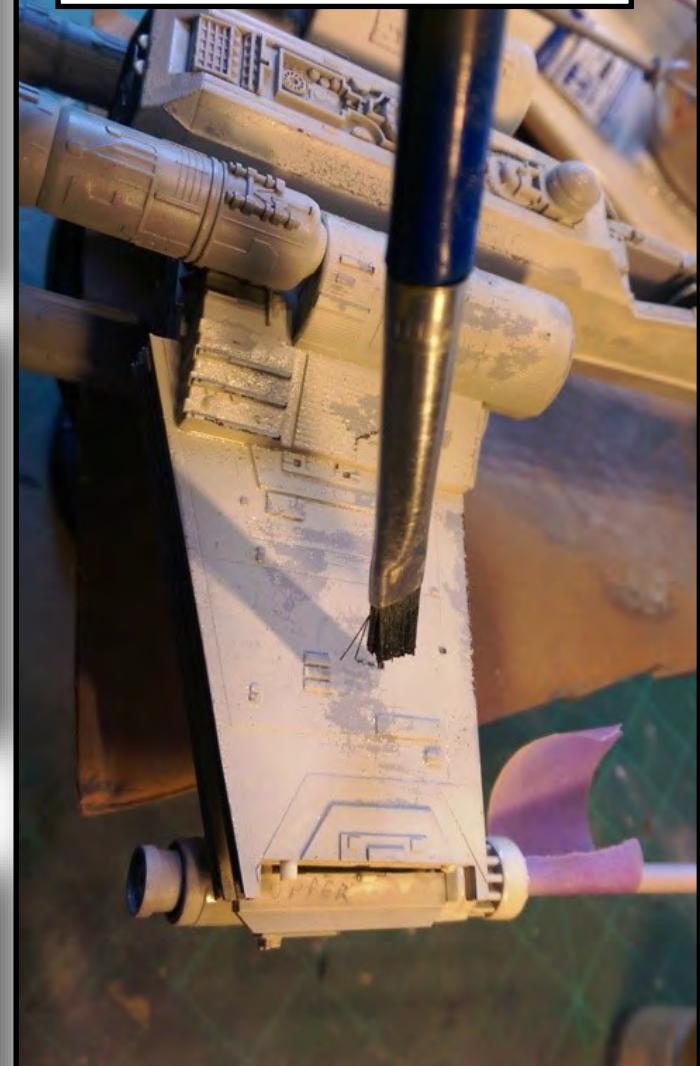


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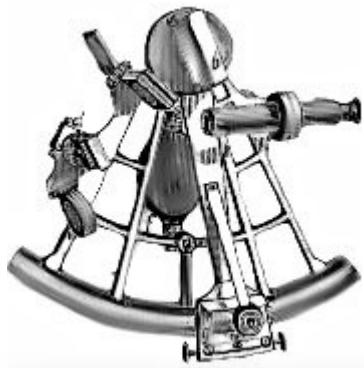


Similar to my armor modeling I applied a coat of Vallejo chipping solution—aka, hairspray.

As with other hairspray chipping, a stiff brush soaked in water is enough to randomly remove paint revealing the dark gray and red-brown layer beneath which starts to give it that beat-up appearance of a space combat veteran.



Paint chipping done along with the cockpit and engines being masked-off and painted.

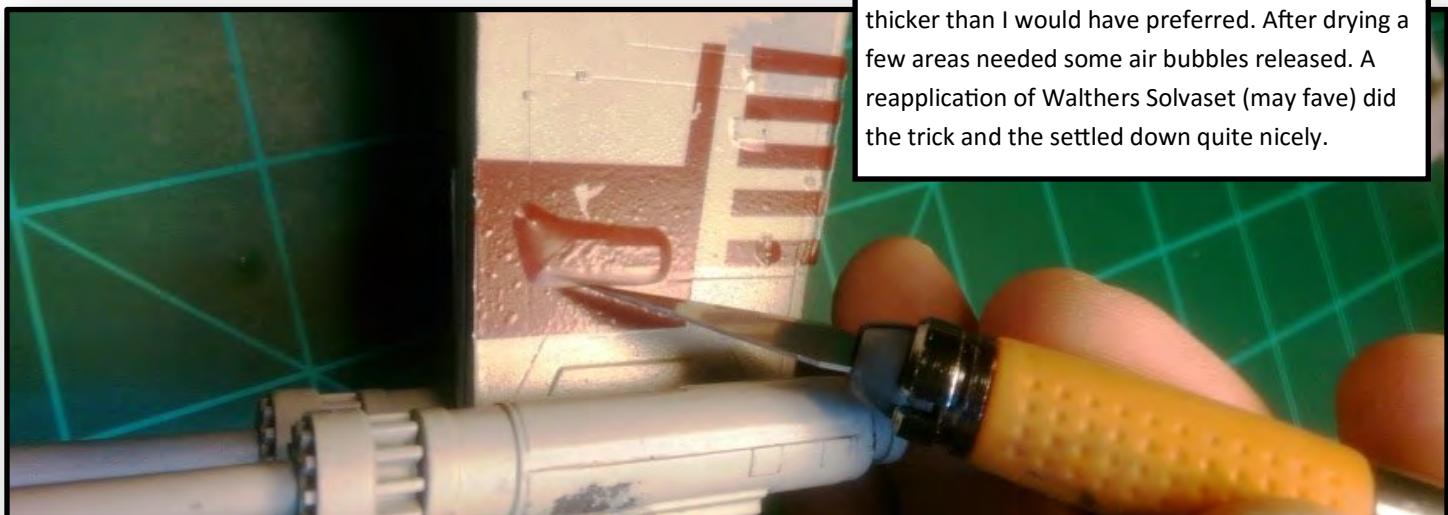


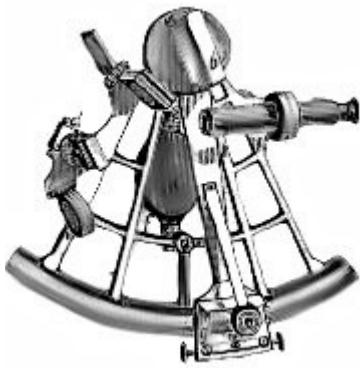
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After a couple coats of Future floor wax (now marketed as Pledge Floor Care) I started the decaling progress. I almost did not utilize the decals as was thinking about going the route of masking off the markings and paint-chipping the results for a better effect. In the end I decided to use the decals since I wanted to give them a fair review.

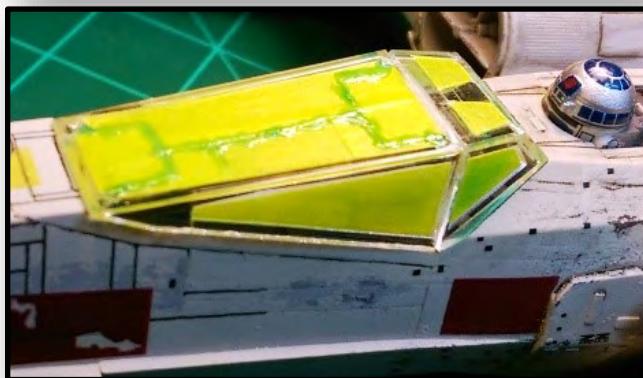
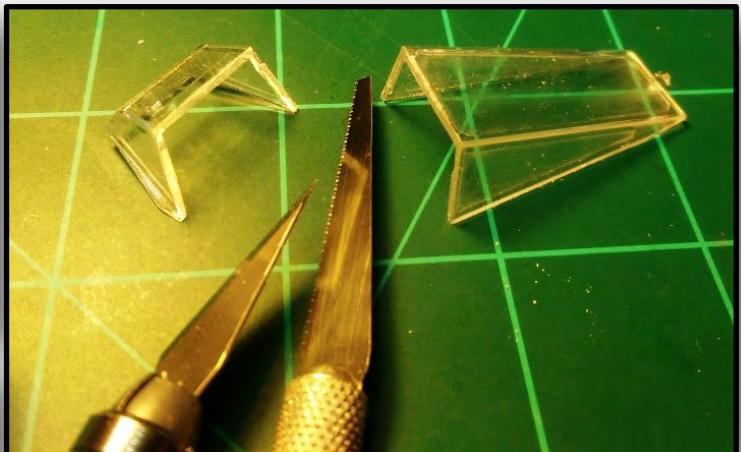
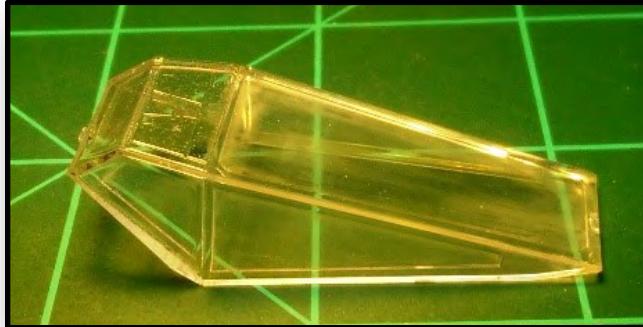


The decals were of good quality but were a tad thicker than I would have preferred. After drying a few areas needed some air bubbles released. A reapplication of Walthers Solvaset (may fave) did the trick and the settled down quite nicely.





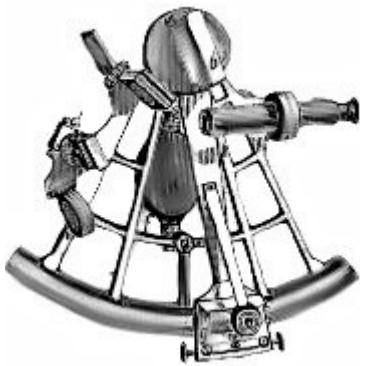
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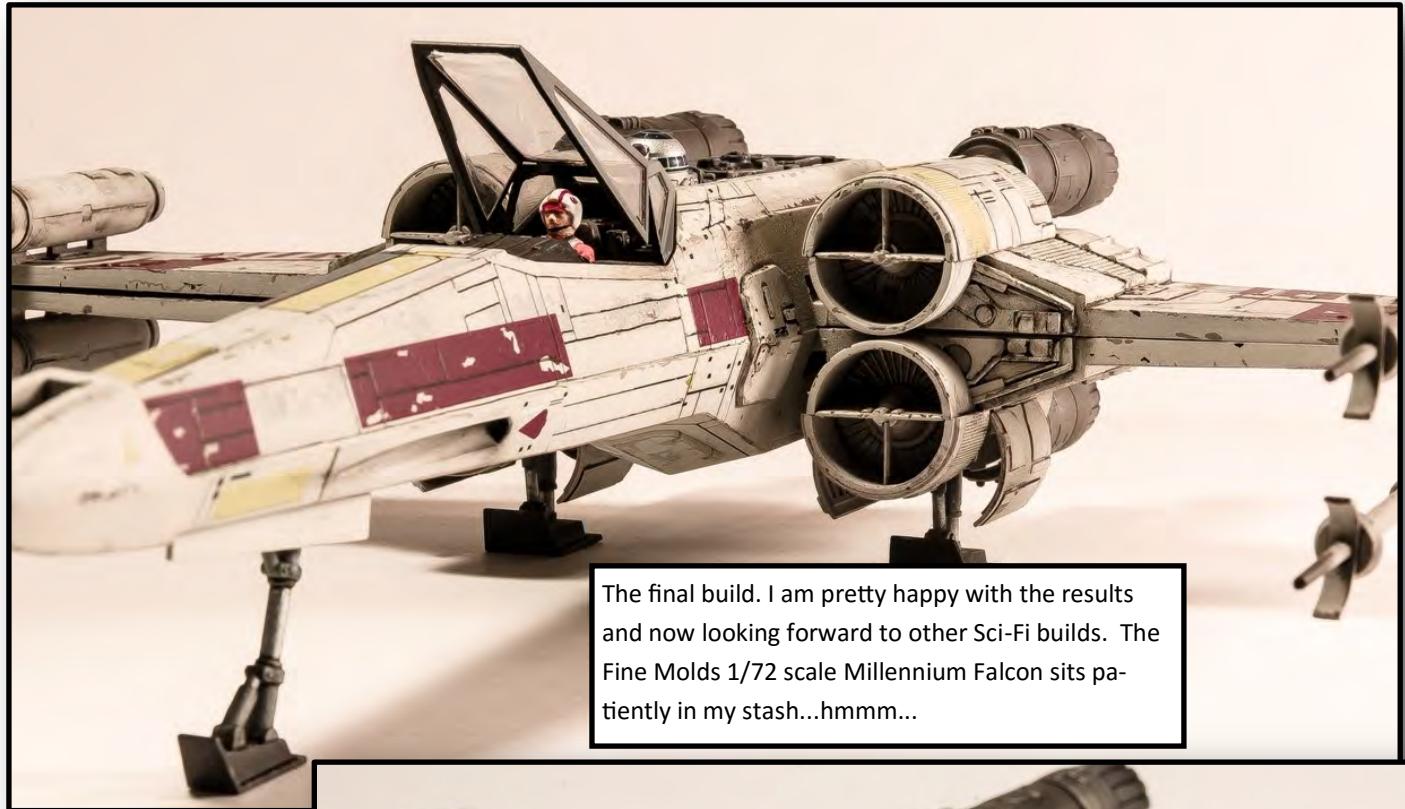
Since I wanted to pose the canopy open I had to make a cut in the appropriate spot. Careful scribing followed up with a fine-tooth razor saw did the trick. I put the parts in a small bath of Future, let it cure a few days and then masked-off both inside and out with Tamiya tape sealed with Vallejo liquid mask.



I am a huge fan of using an oil wash to bring out raised and recessed details and my go-to formula is Windsor & Newton Artists oils (Mars Black) thinned with a high quality turpentine. As with all my builds I like to experiment with new stuff so here I tried panel accentuation using a fine point marker.

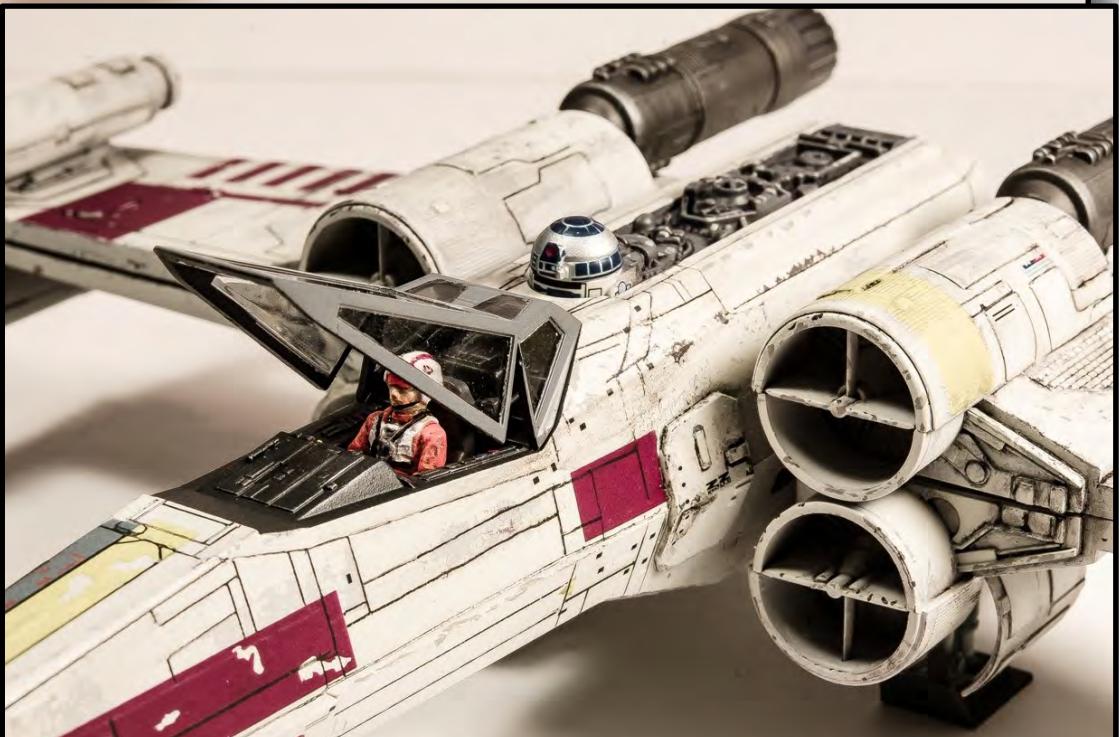


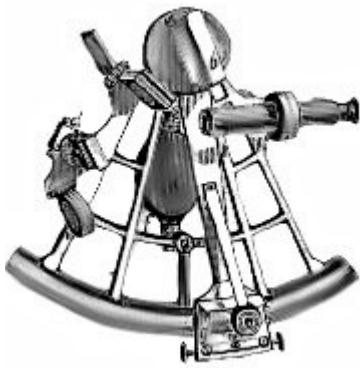
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The final build. I am pretty happy with the results and now looking forward to other Sci-Fi builds. The Fine Molds 1/72 scale Millennium Falcon sits patiently in my stash...hmmm...

The R2 Unit is sprayed with Alcad II Steel (head only) and decals are utilized to decorate its body.





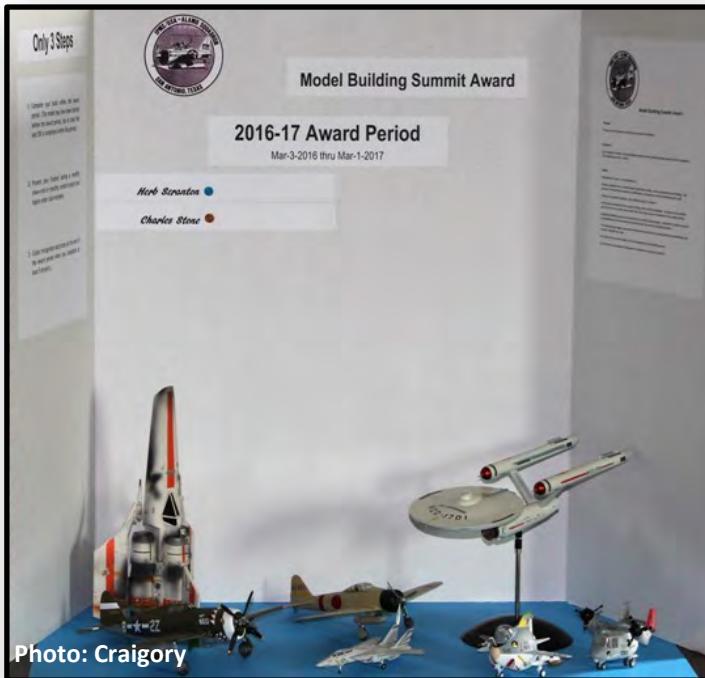
Alamo Squadron

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 3rd, 2016 and ends on March 1st, 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!

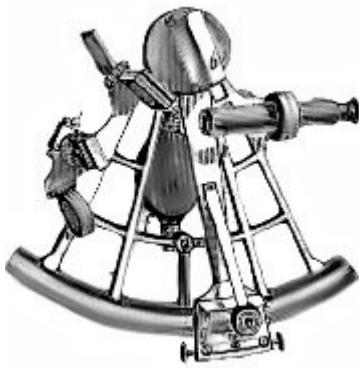
A special provision for projects started before the current building period, provides eligibility when at least the last 25% of the modeling effort completes the project within the current building period. Effort is measured in hours.

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.





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Build Your Own Paint Rack

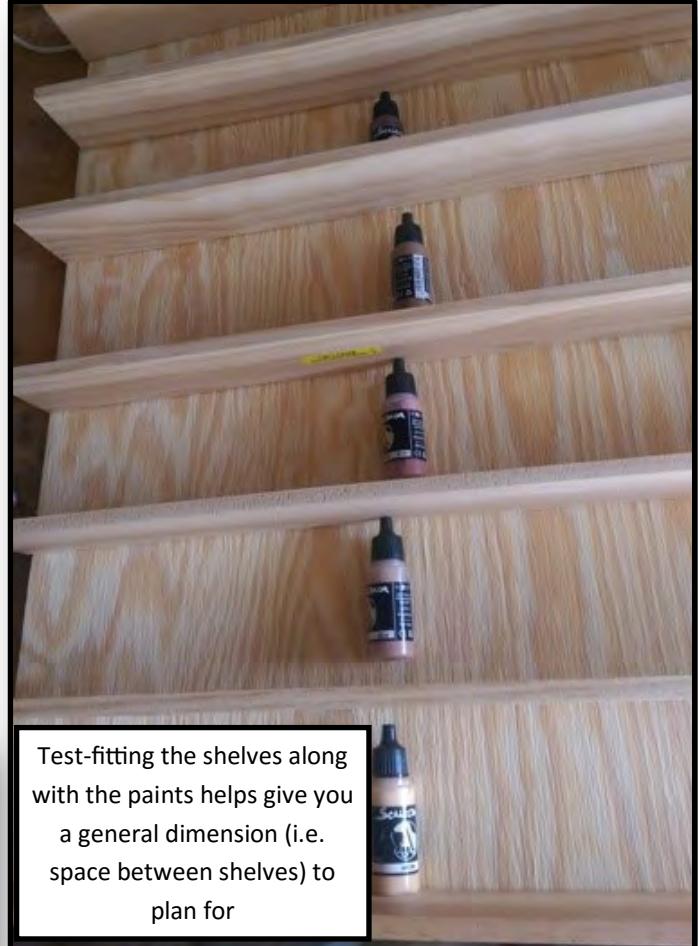
Story and Photos by Len Pilhofer

I have been unable to find, for many years now, the perfect rack that will fit all my paints. Maybe it is a bit OCD but I like to minimize the wasted space that is created when I have too high a shelf for the paints (or other chemicals) that I am storing. Pre-made shelving more times than not will not fit the height of the paint jars and tubes that I use and there is also wasted space between shelves. I also think the ones that have holes cut out for individual paints, while very professional looking, are an inefficient use of space as well. In response, I decided to craft my own paint shelves for more efficient use of the limited space that I have for my supplies.

I started off with wood from Lowes. This wood can be found in the lumber section of the store – and I'm sure it can be found at other stores such as Home Depot and even smaller scale lumber or hardware stores. I utilize a single 2'x2'x3/8" piece of plywood as the back of the shelf and 2' x 2" x 3/8" thick planks of high-grade bass wood (any type of wood will do) for the actual shelving that the paint will sit on.



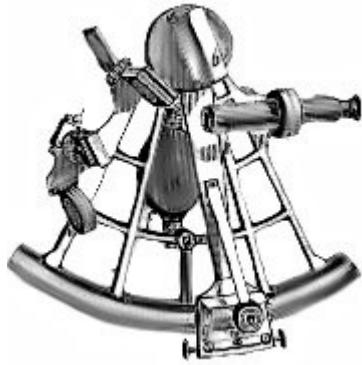
Basic lumber products are all you need to get started.



Test-fitting the shelves along with the paints helps give you a general dimension (i.e. space between shelves) to plan for

The key to this strategy is planning ahead and knowing the dimensions of the jars/tubes that will eventually reside on the shelf. A 2" deep shelf is, for the most part, good enough for most commercial hobby paint products but where the important part, and where efficiencies are found, is the distance/height between shelves.

Have an idea of the paint or other supplies you are going to store and measure their height. In my example here I am going to store my collection of 17ml Vallejo Model Color and Model Air. This corresponds to a height of 3 inches. Another standard



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Build Your Own Paint Rack

A miter saw with a wood-grade blade make the cuts go easy.



height I have built to include Tamiya and Testors. You might even have a combination of jars in mind and therefore have varying heights within the same rack.

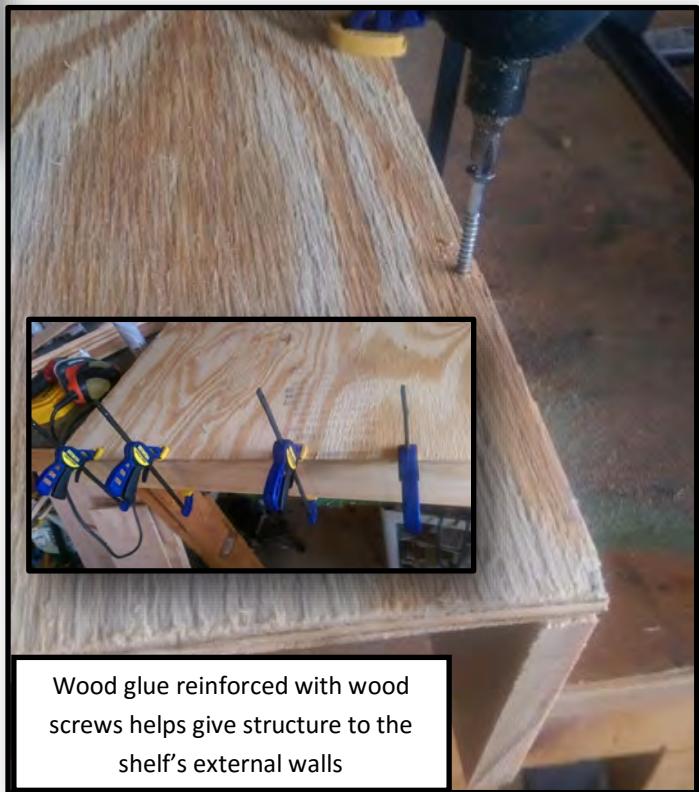
The next step is proceeding with the measuring and cutting and sanding of the wood. The 2'x2' plywood back just needs a quick sanding of the visible face as well as the edges. Don't spend too much time on the face as most of it will be covered by your stored paint. The planks that make up the edges and shelving need to be cut to length...usually less than an inch as you only have to account for the width of the planks as they are combined to form your structure. Also at this stage I drill two holes in the back of the plywood for the wall-mounting screws. Ensure these are level and in-line with each other and the top of the plywood so your resulting mount will be level.

Once all your pieces are cut proceed to attached the pieces to the plywood. I use a combination of wood

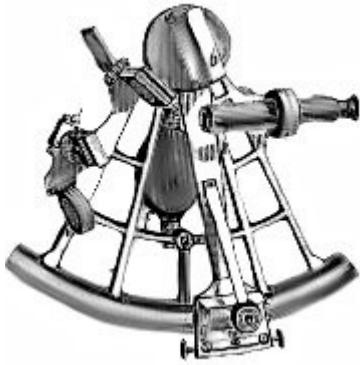
glue and screws: wood glue holds the pieces in-place and screws - once the glue is dry – helps give the shelf added structural integrity. I also sometimes add finishing nails at strategic locations for additional integrity.

Once your frame is together (all four outside planks attached to the plywood back) you can now measure the distance between each shelf. I utilize a precut jig that is a tad higher/longer than the bottle I am building for. Remember to include the height of each shelf and add that to each bottle height. You will also need to cut each shelf to fit exactly into the already-made frame.

Again, I use wood glue to hold the shelves in place with the later addition of finishing nails at the sides and back to add additional integrity.



Wood glue reinforced with wood screws helps give structure to the shelf's external walls



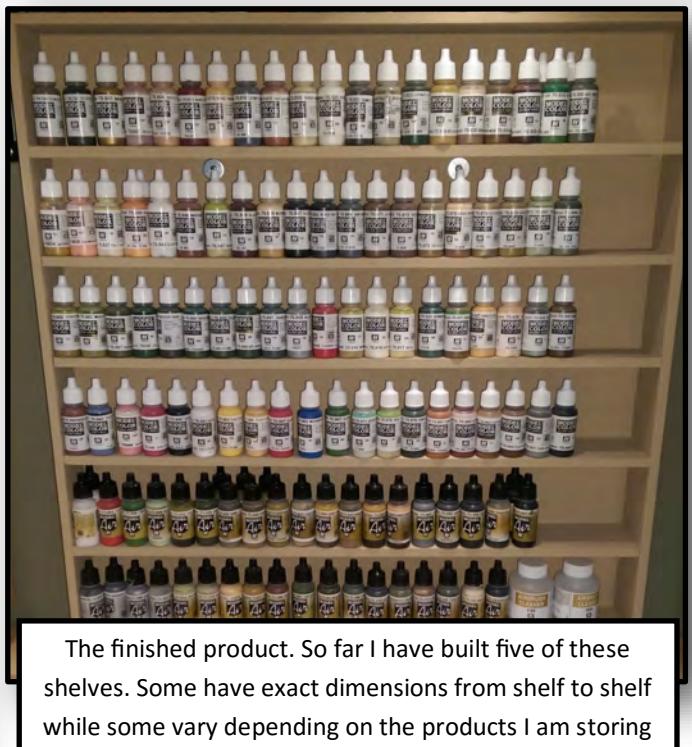
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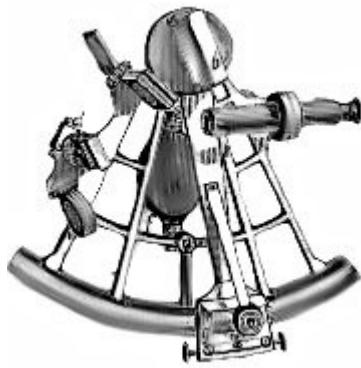
Build Your Own Paint Rack

The final step is to either stain or paint per your desire. Or if you so wish...keep it "naked".



While I have finished some of my shelves in regular wood stain I have found latex house paint to be just as good.





Modeling Caves

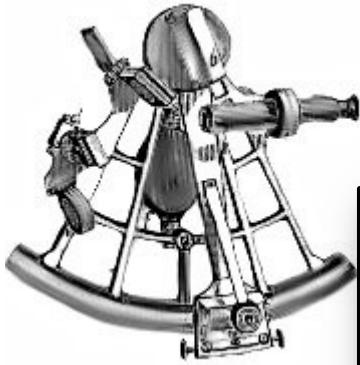
Story and Photos by Herb Scranton III



Welcome to my man cave. I was working on my model projects in the spare room/office and painting in the garage. Needless to say this created a big mess and painting in the garage was not satisfactory. I also reload ammo which required space and was also messy. My lovely wife, Stacy, was always supportive of my hobbies but didn't much care for the dust and fumes model building and reloading created. She saw various sized sheds at The Home Depot and suggested we look into buying one and turn it into a man cave for me. I liked the idea but the sheds were expensive and very basic. I put a call into my brother who is a carpenter and described what I was looking for, and we came up with a plan that was just half the

cost of the Home Depot shed with all the bells a whistles to suit my needs. In the first week of October 2010 my brother drove down from Maine and we got started on the Man Cave. In two weeks my brother and I had the building framed, sided, shingled, the window and doors in, wired, with all of the outlets, lights and base board heaters in. After my brother left I installed the insulation, carpeted the loft, and with lots of help from Stacy, we paneled the walls and ceiling , put in the work benches, the AC, and the paint booth. Many thanks go out to my brother George, Stacy, my daughter Sarah and her future husband Danny, and My son Herb IV, his wife Jessica and the grandkids Harley and Ayden who help me paint in in the spring. So lets go inside...

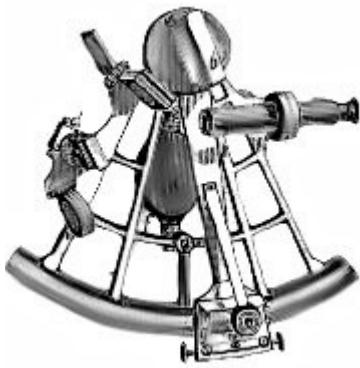




Here is my model work station, lots of light. The desk is an old Battalion Commander's desk from the 50's.



Here is the paint station. My son and daughter-in-law made the paint racks as a Christmas gift.



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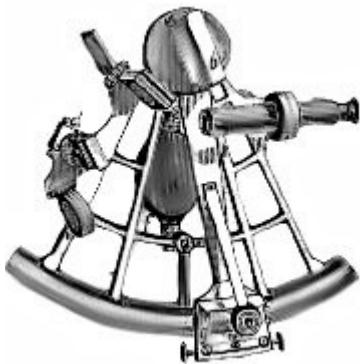


This is the loft with some of my stash.

More stash, models all around me!!!!



And last but not least, my reloading work bench and sometimes paint drying overflow area. Hope you enjoyed a tour of my man cave.



Best of the Web

Facebook Pages Worth Visiting

Compiled by Len Pilhofer

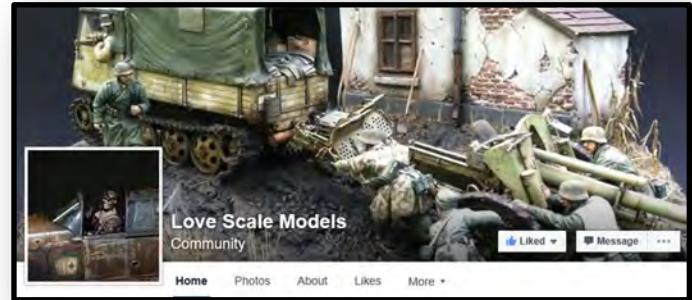
I have been on Facebook for almost 7 years and have seen it evolve as it grows older. Like most folks I use it to stay caught up with friends and family and from time to time I'll post the latest happenings in my life for those in my circle to see. However, more and more, it seems to me, it is becoming more of just the usual "internet" tripe and I don't browse it as much as I used to. There is one area though that I enjoy and the reason why I do come back everyday. It is the various modeling-centric pages that bring some good info to my attention and in general, inspire me to keep going at it on my work bench. Here are several that are my faves:



Bruce's Scale Modeling Domain. This is far and away my favorite page. Bruce continually updates his page with the latest really cool stuff out there. He has a knack for finding posts from around the world of jaw-dropping models and dioramas and then linking to his wall.



Dioramas Gallery: Posts of some absolutely fantastic diorama work...great idea and inspirational fodder.



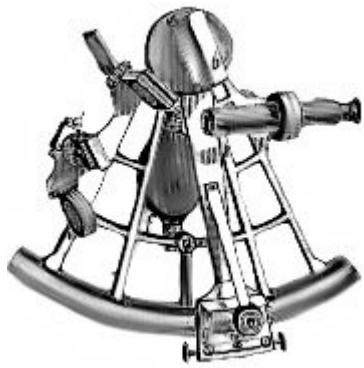
Love Scale Models: A good mix of all genres with posts centered on extremely well done models. This one is in the "inspirational ideas" category.



That 1:35th Scale Show: Our friend to the not-too-far-north (Austin) Ian Candler has done a fantastic job over the past few years of capturing ModelFiesta for our YouTube enjoyment. He is also creating and running a series on some of the best Texas modelers out there. Subscribe to his FB page and see his updates.



Scale Modeling TIME: Another good inspirational site with a good mix of all genres including photos from model shows around the world. This hobby is truly global!



Modeling Models

Editorial—By Len Pilhofer, IPMS# 49932



I've been doing some thinking about this month's club contest theme "Movie Props" and while not exclusive to Science Fiction this genre certainly can fill a lot of space in this contest category. Which got me thinking even more as this is where I received a lot of my inspiration as a kid in this hobby: seeing glimpses of the models built for movie sets. Those such as 2001: A Space Odyssey, Space: 1999, Aliens, The Terminator, Star Trek, and of course, Star Wars, to name just a



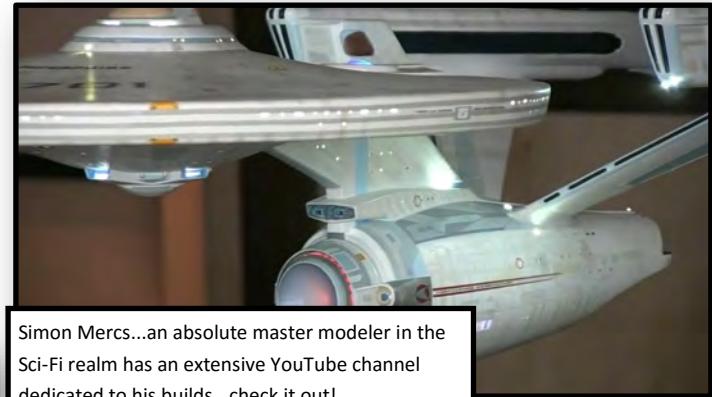
While CGI has taken over most of movie Sci-Fi special effects actual model building is making a comeback. Here is a resin model utilized for the making of Star Wars: The Force Awakens.



few. If you sit down and think about it there are no "real" prototypes from which to copy. You are modeling against the imaginations of the model builders who were hired to build for the TV and movie studios. As a model builder what a fantastic position to be in

(although in some respects your hobby loses its sense as a hobby when you are up against deadlines and other's opinions that affect your paycheck).

One of my favorite things to do is browse the various Sci-Fi models out there and just be awestruck by their creativity, let alone their superior craftsmanship.



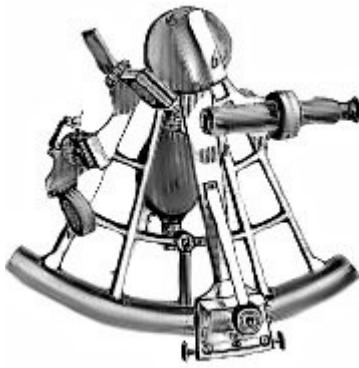
Simon Mercs...an absolute master modeler in the Sci-Fi realm has an extensive YouTube channel dedicated to his builds...check it out!

While I love to build armor and aircraft I can't help myself to pick up a Sci-Fi kit from time to time...and these are usually kits of my favorite subjects from the past 60+ years of Science Fiction films and books.

A funny thing is happening in scale modeling recently in the Sci Fi realm: Gundam and related Japanese Sci-Fi subjects are on the rise in popularity. Check out HobbyTown USA here in San Antonio and you will see that they have changed their scale modeling kit section with more Gundam. They have also re-vamped their display area in this section to display and demonstrate basic modeling techniques (airbrushing, panel lines, etc) as applied to these models. The manager tells me this is a growing area for them...and this is good news for us as a modeling community.



A genre where your imagination is allowed to flow free...



Upcoming Events

IPMS Region 6

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 7th, 2016 at 7:15PM

Location: Northside Ford of San Antonio

July 30, 2016

HAMS 10th Annual Model Car Show & Contest
Cypress Creek Christian Community Center
6823 Cypresswood Dr.
Cypress, TX 77379
<http://www.ipms-hams.org/annual-contest/>



September 10, 2016

SuperCon 2016
Bob Duncan Community Center
2800 S. Center St
Vandergriff Park, Arlington, TX
<http://fortworthscalemodelers.org/SuperCon.html>



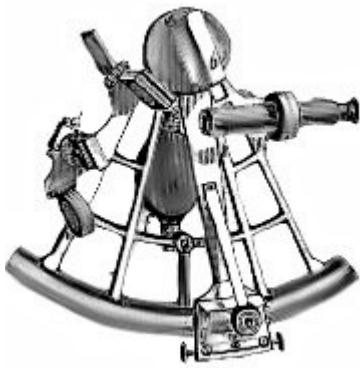
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16th Annual Sproo-Doo Model Show
Statehouse Convention Center
101 E Markham St.
Little Rock, AR 72201
<http://www.austinsms.org/contest.php>



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Austin Scale Modelers Society Capitol Classic 2016
Norris Conference Center
2525 West Anderson Lane
Austin, TX
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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.

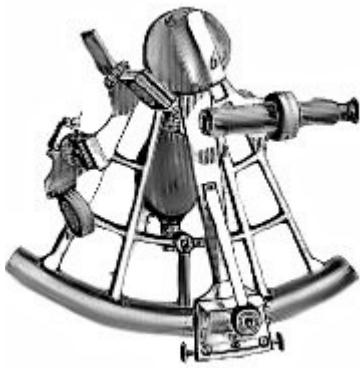


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Do You Like to Build Models?

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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