



# The Glue

El Paso Scale Model Society

AUGUST 2005



Fred Gonzalez's 1/24th Chaparral Coupe

## The Meeting

Thanks go to **Jim Davis** for taking notes at the meeting that allowed us to have some text to go along with pictures in this issue of the GLUE.

Forty-four members, guest and family attended the meeting. At least 5 or 6 members were out of town and unable to attend.

**Phyllis McDaniel's** father passed away on Thursday. We offer our sympathy to the family, Phyllis and Jim.

**Bobby Porter** was at the meeting after spending a number of weeks in the hospital. It was great to see that Bobby was up and about.

## The Contest

This was a contest meeting and the winners were:

**Fred Gonzalez** with a 1/24 scale Monogram Chaparral Coupe took the *First Place*. For those who think that we are a military club only, this was a car model and very well done. Fred just rejoined the club recently and is already winning contest. Welcome back, Fred.

**Gervasio Damboriarena** took the *Second Place* spot with a 1/48th scale Super Entendard from the Arfix kit.

*Third Place* went to **James Spence** with a 1/144th scale Exploration Rocket from AMT.

Medals will be presented to the winners in September as **John Estes** was not at the meeting.





# The El Paso Scale Model Society

"The Glue" is the official publication of the El Paso Scale Model Society. We publish on a monthly basis and try to cover just about any area of interest that club members may have.

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Our club is a chartered chapter of the International Plastic Model Society - U.S. Branch (the IPMS-USA). The EPSMS was first organized in 1969, received its charter in 1970, and has been continuously active since that time.

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the art of scale modeling (regardless of construction media), and membership is open to anyone interested in scale modeling. Club membership dues are payable on an annual basis (we can accept cash or personal checks). Dues are \$15.00 per year for regular members over the age of 16, and are based on a January-December club year. Junior memberships are available for those aged 16 and under, and are priced at \$5.00 per year. Family memberships are available for an extra payment of \$2.00 per year per family member. Members in good standing are entitled to vote in all club matters, run for office, enter club contests, judge in all club contests, and receive a copy of the club's monthly newsletter. Hal's Hobby Warehouse on Bessemer in East El Paso also offers club members a discount on purchases of models and modeling materials. The exact discount is set on a sliding scale. Our club meetings are generally held on the 1st or 2nd Sunday of each month at 2.00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 7000 Edgemere Blvd (please see the map below). Schedule changes are published ahead of time in the newsletter. We normally hold either one or two model contests at each club meeting, one against a specific modeling or historical theme, and one that is an open competition for anything a modeler wishes to bring.

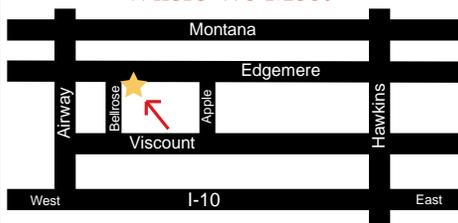
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## Schedule of Events for 2005

January 9	Meeting	July 10	Meeting
30	IPMS Swamp Lake Charles, LA	20-23	IPMS National Convention Atlanta, GA
February 6	Meeting & Contest	August 7	Meeting & Contest
19	Modellifesta San Antonio, TX	21	<i>Basset Show #1</i>
March 6	Meeting	Sept 11	Meeting
19	IPMS MCMA (Car Contest)	October 2	Meeting & Contest
26	IPMS Tulsa, OK	1	Gascon IV Abilene, TX
April 3	Meeting & Contest	8	<i>DesertCon '05</i>
2	IPMS Houston, TX	8-9	Amigo Airsho
30	IPMS Austin, TX	Nov 6	Meeting
May 1	Meeting	1-14	Vet's Display
13-14	CASM Little Rock, AK	13	<i>Basset Show #2</i>
21	IPMS NCT Dallas, TX	Dec 4	Meeting & Contest
June 5	Meeting & Contest		Election of new officers
18-19	Region 6 Convention Oklahoma City, OK IPMS/OHMS		

## Where We Meet



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## The President's Column

Since I was at my 50th class reunion, I missed my third meeting since May 1970.

I would like to thank Fabian Nevarez for opening the door and all who helped with the set up, etc. Thanks to Bill Coster for taking care of the contest and Michael Drapes for conducting the meeting. I know that these guys are vice-presidents doing what is required, but I do appreciate their efforts. From all reports the meeting was very enjoyable. Thanks to Carl White who gave a number of models, magazines, etc. to our members and to the door prize stash, I hope. I arrived at the church about 4:30 and stayed a while catching up on events. A reminder that the club will be giving a display at Bassett on Aug. 21. Setup time is 9:00 and we will stay until 5:00P.M. Our Sept. meeting will be the second Sunday because of the Labor Day holiday weekend. Remember to bring a model and bring a friend to our next meeting.

*John Estes*

## Show and Tell

**Jim Davis** as up to his usual with a pair of F-7U-3 Cutlass models, one in 1/48th scale from the Hobbycraft kit and one in 1/72nd scale from the Fujimi kit, some nice work from Jim.

**Connie Harth** had a vacuum form P-43 Lancer from the Rareplanes kit and a Heller P-47D both in 1/72 scale.

**Anna Harth** brought three of her beautifully done Kachina replicas to show

**Scott Rogers** as Scott had never seen a Kachina doll. Anna has carved these dolls and equipped them and painted them so that they are true replicas of the originals. She does unbelievable work. **Jim Davis** said in his notes that the dolls were excellent. Having seen them, I agree.

Unfortunately, Connie and Anna had to leave early and we couldn't take pictures of their work.

Jim Davis' F7U-7 Cutlass in 1/48 and 1/72 scale



The 1/48th Hobbycraft Cutlass by **Jim Davis**

## Show & Tell



1/48 Hasegawa P-47D in French markings by **Ron Franco**

**Ron Franco** had a Hasegawa 1/48th scale P-47D in Brazilian markings which **John Estes** broke getting in Ron's pickup after Ron offered him a ride home.

Ron also had a 1/48th P-47 in French Air force markings which John did not break. I thought I saw a third model but had no info on it so maybe Ron did not take it into the meeting.

**Fabian Nevarez** had a Hasegawa Ki-27 Nate in 1/48th scale and the Hasegawa A6M2- Rufe float plane in the same scale. Poor Fabian only finished two models this month while working full time and doing the layout for the GLUE!



**Ron Franco's** 1/48 P-47D in Brazilian colors



## Show and Tell

**Gervasio Damboriarena** brought a number of 1/48th scale models to show. These included a Monogram TBM-C1 Fire bomber, a conversion that he did himself. He also had a Ryan Navion in Uruguay Air Force markings. He also had an old Lindberg SAAB Draken to show.



Argentine Navy SuperEtendard in 1/48 scale by **Gervasio Damboriarena**



**Gervasio's** TBM-1C Fire Bomber conversion in 1/48



Uruguayan Air Force Ryan Navion in 1/48, also by **Gervasio Damboriarena**



# CONTEST WINNERS

First Place: Fred Gonzalez



2nd. Place: Gervasio Damboriarena



Third Place: James Spence



1/48 scale Nakajima Ki-27 Nate by Fabian Nevarez



## DesertCon Update

The medals have been delivered and Joseph Roper has purchased a vendor stable so we are under way. The venue has been reserved and some publicity has been sent out. It is only about two months until the event. Make your plans to keep Saturday, October 8, open for the event.



# 1/72nd Scale P-47 Kits

Story and Photos by Cliff Bossie

PART 1

*Every aviation enthusiast has a favorite and for me it has always been the P-47. The Thunderbolt was the heaviest single engine fighter to go into service with any nation and much has been misconstrued from that fact. The P-47 is often thought of as slow, nothing could be farther from the truth, with the P-47M and N both capable of speeds in excess of 470mph. The XP-47J achieved speeds of over 500mph. The P-47 is also described by some as having a slow climb, one AAF pilot upon being told how well it would dive away from an engagement commented: "Well, it damned sure can't climb!" Which to an extent was true with the P-47B, C and early D aircraft, but once the Jug was equipped with water injection and paddle bladed props its climb was at least on par with most other aircraft and certainly no slacker in the air-to-air arena. Many earlier Ds and even some Cs received those powerplant mods, improving their performance also. By changing to paddle bladed props alone an increase of 400 fpm plus in climb was achieved. During the production of the P-47C a "bulged keel" was introduced, which among other things added a centerline store to carry a drop tank or five hundred-pound bomb. Early P-47s lacked underwing hard points, but from the P-47D-15 they were so equipped at the factory, each capable of carrying a one thousand pound bomb. Field mods were supplied to update aircraft already in service, which along with the centerline hardpoint were also capable of carrying drop tanks. From the P-47D-30 onwards ten under wing rocket stubs were also carried. Loaded out with a thousand pound bomb on each wing hardpoint, a five hundred pound bomb on the centerline rack, rockets on*

every stub and eight fifty caliber machine guns the P-47 could accomplish some serious real estate re-arrangement. The Jug could not hope to out maneuver a Zero Sen (but neither could a P-51 or a Spitfire), but had enough other advantages to choose the time and place to fight. The P-47 was a good, sound design that served its country well. And it looked cool!



The P-47 Thunderbolt is often called "the Jug". A lot of ink has been spent giving an explanation for the moniker, but no convincing arguments have been put forth. It seems that the term jug is a post war invention that really made headway during the 1960s. Several veterans have commented on this with none remembering the term being used during WWII, it was either referred to as the P-47, or simply "47".

**Airfix**

**P-47D Razorback**

A 1960s offering that currently (2005) is not in Airfix's line up. Prominent rivets, sparse interior, rudimentary engine. Not up to present day standards, but good basic shape. Not recommended

**Heller**

**P-47N**

Okay, where do I start... Cowling has the wrong shape, overdone rivets, little interior and wings look "funky", abysmal engine. Makes the Italeri kit look really nice. Strangely this kit is still in Heller's catalog. Don't waste your money. Not recommended.

**Lindberg**

**P-47D Razorback**

Marketed at one time as a P-47B, but in reality a generic P-47. It is still a fairly nice kit that probably dates back to the 1950s. This kit is re-released from time-to-time and is usually inexpensive. Neutral

**Johan P-47D Razorback/Bubbletop**

This kit was designed in such a way that either a bubbletop, or a razorback could be built. Not a bad kit for its day, the engine is simplistic, lacks an interior, but does look like a Jug. While having recessed panel lines (somewhat overdone), with newer, better kits available there is not a real niche for this kit anymore and it really is not readily available today. Neutral

**Matchbox**

**P-47D Razorback**

Along the same lines as the Johan offering where details are concerned. Neutral

**Revell (old)**

**P-47D Bubbletop**

During the late 1950s and early 1960s Revell released quite a few WWII era aircraft in 1/72nd scale. Some (like their F4F-4) still hold up and can be built into nice

representations while others (P-51D) are just horrible kits. This one falls between the two, but is not up to what a modeler expects today. It also utilizes the boilerplate surface detail philosophy. This kit is also hard to find and not worth Ebay prices. Not recommended

*To be continued*



1/48 P-47D in French markings by **Ron Franco**



**Ron Franco's** 1/48 P-47D in Brazilian colors

OK, we admit it. We are looking for new members. Back on page two of this newsletter is a whole bunch of information about our club, where and how often we meet, how to contact us, even how to get a membership card. So it's only fair that we provide a plug for our national organization, which publishes a darn fine magazine 6 times a year, provides us with little things like support for regional and national conventions, and keeps us up to date with manufacturer's reports on ALL the latest kit releases. Hey! It's worth the money just to get the magazine, and there are always some neat modeling articles to check out. Give it a try, OK?

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