



# The Glue

## El Paso Scale Model Society

SEPTEMBER 2005

### The Meeting

**Wow!** At least **55** modelers and family members attended the meeting that was a regular meeting with no contest or program. We had five visitors that attended the Bassett show. They were: **Dennis Cramer**, who chose to join our club, welcome to our group; **Chris Ekstrom**, a very enthusiastic modeler stationed at Ft. Bliss; **John R. Brown**, another modeler from Ft. Bliss and who promised to return next month and to bring something to show and to get some modeling hints from some of our membership; **Mark Phillips** and his son **Andrew Phillips** and **Brandon Porter**, who had been at an earlier meeting returned and bought a nice Tamiya F4F-4 Wildcat. There were other family members in attendance and all were made welcome by the membership.

**Michael Boudreaux's Accurate Miniatures**  
1/48 TBF-1C in the Atlantic color scheme





# 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.

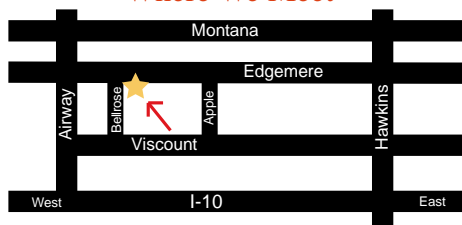
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## Schedule of Events for 2005

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

## Where We Meet



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## The President's Column

We had a great meeting this month. More than 55 people were in the room at some time or another. Several of these were family members but they are always welcome at our meetings. Michael Kennedy brought his wife and she made several comments about the meeting and the group. She had no idea what to expect and was very impressed with the interaction of the group and the rapport that passed between the individuals in attendance.

I will admit that I asked her for her opinions and was pleased that she had an enjoyable time.

We had a number of visitors that attended the Basset show and that were invited to come to the meeting. These guys all showed great enthusiasm for the club and the events that took place at the meeting. Now for the real kicker, we did nothing except talk about models and modeling and compared notes about our different interests and some modeling techniques.

We have a contest meeting next month and then the Desertcon Invitational Contest on Oct. 8. Please talk up the meeting and DesertCon. We can have a successful event but it will require the help of all of our membership. Remember to Bring a Model and Bring a Friend to our next meeting.

*John Estes*

## The Meeting

**Mr. Cramer** had several pictures of his wooden models to show and even if he doesn't work in plastic his workmanship and scratch building techniques are excellent. He was asked to bring some of the models for us to examine and admire.

**Jim McDaniel** and **David Ruiz** were attendance and both were kidded by a number of friends about being visitors or unknown persons. It was good to see them at the meeting.

**Gus Gonzalez** sent his regards from Hammond, LA where he is working with the recovery effort in the New Orleans area. You may have seen Gus flying one

of the Border Patrol helicopters on one of the news channels.

**Clifford Bossie** was able to attend the entire meeting as he had the day off from his job. Cliff took some nice pictures at the Cannon Air Force Base Open House and Show that he has placed on Hyperscale, one of the modeling web sites. You might want to check them out.

**Jack Callaway** is checking on getting the club some Polo type shirts with the club logo in color embroidered on them. More information will be available soon, so give it some thought.

Would you like to have a neat shirt to wear to club events and to out of town contest to show your El Paso connection?

## Show and Tell



**Connie Harth's** Matchbox Fairy Seafox in 1/72

**Connie Harth** had two of his biplanes to show.

One was the Matchbox kit of the Fairy Seafox and the other the Frog kit of the Blackburn Shark.. Connie made the remark that these were purchased at Toys by Roy, which meant the kits were purchased at the time of their original release date several years ago. Two very nice models done by Connie.

**Anna Harth** brought eight of her Kachina replicas. These were carved from basswood and painted and dressed as authentically as the ones made by the Hopi Indians. Absolutely beautiful is the description of the workmanship done by Anna. Thanks for letting us see your work.



Frog's 1/72 Blackburn Shark by **Connie Harth**

## Show & Tell

**Jim Davis** was back with two of his twins, an F4U-5N in 1/48th scale built from the Minicraft kit and an Italeri F4U-5N in 1/72nd scale, two true and blue models. Well done, Jim, with nice application of paint, decals and finish on both kits.

**Dane Alley** had his Fujimi AH-1E Cobra Helicopter still in the building process to show.

**Don Fenton** had a Tamiya 1/48th scale F4U-1D under construction to show.

**Michael Boudreaux** had the Accurate Miniatures TBF-1C in the Atlantic color scheme and he was heard to say that he was glad to get it finished. He encountered a few problems with kit. I thought it looked great and seeing his model made me want to build one of the Hasegawa 1/72nd scale Avengers.



The 1/48th and 1/72nd scale F4U-5N models by **Jim Davis**



1/48th F4U-5N by **Jim Davis**



1/72nd AU-1 by **Jerry Wells**

Mike also brought a resin kit of the Fw190-V19 from Antares. This is not your usual Fw 190 as the kit has wings with a forward sweep on them which for the time period was most unusual. This should be an interesting build.

**Jerry Wells** brought his F8F BearCat again and an AU-1 Corsair both in 1/72 scale. He also had a PB4Y-2 and a Grumman Albatross both which were under construction and being converted to other types rather than the usual out of the box models.



1/72nd AU-1 by **Jerry Wells**



## Show and Tell

**Michael Kennedy** has a Monogram 1/48th F-104G and a Hasegawa 1/48th scale F6F-3 to display. Also with Michael was his 1 to 1 scale wife **Pauline** who may be a rarity, she encourages Michael to engage in his hobby. Well done on all accounts, Michael.



Monogram F-104G Starfighter in 1/48 scale by **Michael Kennedy**



Hasegawa F6F-3 Hellcat in 1/48 scale, also by **Michael Kennedy**





Brandon Porter's Tamiya F4F-4 Wildcat in 1/48



# HEAVY METAL!

**James McCarty** had the new Tamiya LeClerc French Main battle Tank in 1/35 scale in the box and the Tamiya Humvee in 1/35th scale. Now all James needs to do is work his magic and bring them finished.

**Roy Lingle** had the new Panther II Engineering vehicle from Dragon in 1/35th scale and the new Academy Sheridan in the same scale. He brought built up and finished the Tamiya offering of the Sheridan so that we could make comparisons of the new and old kits.



**Joseph Roper** brought two 1/72nd scale armored vehicles. One was the Dragon kit of the AAV-7A1 amphibious vehicle used by the Marines and the other

a Revell model of the M1-A1 Abrams. Joe was impressed with the accuracy of the moldings and the ease of assembly of the kits. Well done, Joe.



1/24th scale Jagdpanther by Fred Gonzales





# 1/72nd Scale P-47 Kits

Story and Photos by Cliff Bossie

PART 2



## NEW KITS

### Academy P-47D Razorback

This kit is a newer generation kit and is a good representation of the P-47. The kit has recessed panel lines, a good outline and a choice of 500 lbs bombs (though the fins are not convincing), 2 three shot "bazooka" type rocket launchers, 108-gallon paper tanks, or 75 gallon metal tear drop shaped tanks and includes wing pylons. Both the Curtiss-Electric "toothpick" blade prop and the Hamilton-Standard "paddle bladed" props are included, but unfortunately not a C-E asymmetrical "paddle blade". The wheels and tires are well done, with the wheels representing ones with "hubcaps" instead of the open spoke often seen on P-47s in the field. The cockpit is fairly nice and the corrugations of the floor are well represented and a decent instrument panel, but the engine is anemic. This is a good kit and usually several dollars cheaper than Hasegawa's offering. It will build up into a respectable P-47D. Recommended

### Academy P-47D Bubbletop

Represents a P-47D-25. Otherwise, the same comments as the Academy razorback version. Recommended

### Hasegawa P-47D Razorback

This kit is a somewhat older Hasegawa offering and not quite up to present standards. However,

it does exhibit recessed panel lines and has crisp moldings. The interior is lacking, with only an aft bulkhead, floor and seat all molded into one. The engine has the same drawback as the Academy version. Only the Curtiss-Electric "toothpick" prop is included and stores



are limited to two 500lbs bombs and two 108-gallon paper tanks. The wing pylons are molded as part of the wings. The fit of this kit is not as good as newer versions, it is still a nice kit, but not as nice as the Academy offering. Recommended

### Hasegawa

### P-47D Bubbletop

Represents a P-47D-25. Otherwise, the same comments as the Hasegawa razorback version. Recommended

### Hi Planes

### P-47N

High planes kits are often referred to as limited production kits and while not quite as finely molded as major producers they are usually very accurate in shape and build into very nice kits. The P-47N is no exception, with engraved panel lines and a good outline. The landing gear is white metal and two sets of wheels are included: One set is injection molded on one of the sprues and the other is a nicely molded resin wheel set. The undersides of the wings have the rocket stubs molded into the wings and pylons are separate, but no stores are included. The engine is a nice casting, but represents the earlier "B" series R-2800 instead of the proper "C" series. Has the correct, smooth cockpit floor for the P-47N. This kit is a little more challenging to build than a mass-produced injection kit, but well worth the effort. Recommended

### Italeri

### P-47N

In some ways this kit is a big disappointment.

The panel lines are recessed, but overdone. There are over stated rivets, but strangely this is more noticeable on the wings, but they are not quite as bad on the fuselage. While the propeller is a Curtiss-Electric paddle blade, it is of an asymmetrical design that was used on late P-47Ds, not Ns. The cockpit has corrugations while the actual P-47N did not. The worst problem is the wings are too narrow

in chord and a strange omission is the prominent sliding frame under the bubbletop. All of the minuses being pointed out, this kit does have some positive points: The wheels have the proper eight spokes (for a P-47N), the engine, landing gear, wheel wells and interior all have good detail. Stores include two each five hundred pound and thousand pound bombs, as well as five inch HVAR rockets and the underwing stubs are individual pieces.

There are two of the three shot bazooka type launchers and several twenty-five pound fragmentation bombs. Crews in the field often attached the latter items to larger bombs.

*To be continued*

## Show and Tell

**Jose Roldan** has just returned from Austin where he had visited the two main hobby shops, King's and The Village. **George Lewis**, the owner of the *Village Hobby Shop* died last month from complications following surgery. Our sympathy goes out to his family. Jose reported that the shop will remain open at this time. While in Austin Jose bought the Polar Lights NX-01 USS Enterprise in 1/1000th scale and the USS Yorktown from Revell in 1/1200th scale.



Monogram F-104G Starfighter in 1/48 scale by **Michael Kennedy**

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?

## IPMS/USA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

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