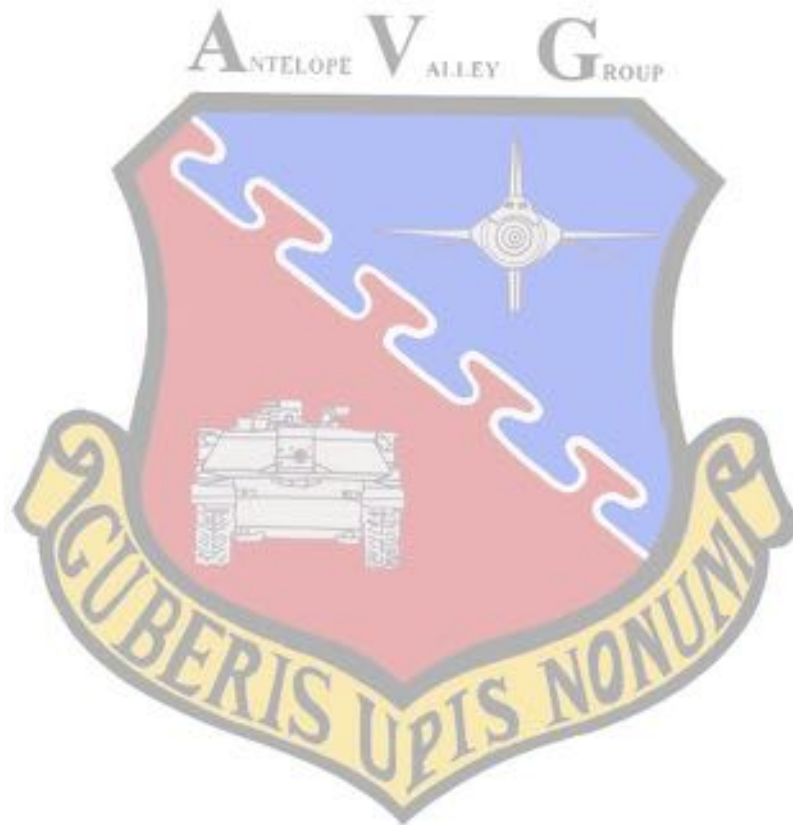


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## Club News and Business

**NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 16 2019, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY**

October Meeting General Meeting Notes:

Much of October's meeting was devoted to contest prep

Desert Classic XXIII



Hard to believe we have been hosting the Desert Classic for 23 years... Once again, the contest was a great success. Despite raging wildfires in So Cal that had the 14 freeway between LA and the Antelope Valley closed the previous day, we had a good turnout, with 57 contestants contributing 256 entries.



As always, there were some truly spectacular entries, the standout for me being the “Best in Show”-winning 1/48<sup>th</sup> CH-54 Skycrane helicopter, which was almost completely scratchbuilt!



We had a number of great entries for the 60<sup>th</sup> moon landing anniversary category, and the 1/32 Ju-88 – Fw-190 Mistel was very impressive.







A pleasant surprise was a visit from club friend Roy Sutherland of Barracuda Studios, who had a selection of his superb resin parts and decals available for sale (he got some more of my money...).

A big "thank you" to all the club members for all the hard work that went into making the contest another success!

### Club Officer Nominations

As always, the November meeting marks the time for nominating the slate of club officers for the following year.

Once again, I would like to suggest to the all the club members to consider serving as a club officer. Here is your chance to shape the direction of the club and see your ideas put into action. We always see the same small group of members volunteering to serve as club officers, and it could bring new energy to the club if more members would consider serving as officers. There, down off my soapbox now...

### AVG Website

Our new Webmaster Brian has been hard at work updating the club website. He says it's still a work in progress, but it looks fantastic. Check it out

### In-House Contest "Red"

Don't forget we have one final in-house contest for the year coming up in December. The subject is "Red" – anything red in color, with red in the name or associated with a Communist country or regime

### Possible Refreshment Proposal

Thanks to yours truly dropping the ball and not noticing we didn't have any volunteers to perform refreshment duty for the October and November meetings. Thanks to the club members that stepped up and signed up to provide refreshments at the last minute.

This brought up an interesting discussion. In the early days of the club, refreshments basically consisted of chips and soda. Over the years, we have gotten fancier, with pizza, sandwiches, etc. This is not inexpensive, so we have defrayed the cost by having 2 members provide the refreshments for a meeting. Still, the cost can still be between \$30 and \$60 for each member providing the food that month. VP Jim proposed that for 2020, we might perhaps want to return to the chips-and-soda paradigm, with a larger meal once a quarter. Something to consider and discuss

**2019 Meeting Schedule**

| Primary | Activities   | Refreshments    | Demo   | Review |
|---------|--|-----------------|--|--------|
| 19 Jan  | Member Dues Collected  | Steve/Matt      |  |        |
| 16 Feb  |  | Bill K./Jay     | "Things Under Wings – Rant & Rave" - Henry                           |        |
| 16 Mar  | In-House Contest "Marine!"   | Rich/Mike W.    |  |        |
| 20 Apr  |  | Rick/Mike O.    | Steve – Bare Metal Finish  |        |
| 18 May  | Club Kit Swap Meet   | Dwight/Stephen  | Rich – Static Grass (tentative)<br>Tom – Making Antennas (tentative) |        |
| 15 June | In-House Contest "Jurassic Plastic"  | Niilo/Joe       |  |        |
| 20 July |  | Steve/Matt      |  |        |
| 17 Aug  |  | Bill P/Todd     |  |        |
| 21 Sept | In-House Contest "Out of Your Category"  | Bill K/Robby    |  |        |
| 19 Oct  |  | Mark/?          |  |        |
| 26 Oct  | 2019 Desert Classic  |                 |  |        |
| 16 Nov  | 2020 Club Officer Nominations  | Bill P./ Jim B. |  |        |
| 21 Dec  | Christmas Potluck<br>Gift Exchange<br>2020 Officer Elections<br>In-House Contest "Red" | Everyone!       |  |        |

## The Tool Crib

Stephen brought in a couple tools to show  
Welsolo Precision Tweezers



These are hardened stainless steel tweezers used for precision work. They are used in the electronics industry for mounting surface mount devices and are actually electrostatic discharge safe! About \$11 from Amazon or eBay.

Wax pencil



This has a slightly sticky wax point and is a perfect way for picking up small parts, especially photo etch (which your Welsolo tweezers might send flying into oblivion, lol). \$8.95 for 10 on Amazon

**Club Demos**

Let me know if you would like to give a demo and I'll put you on the calendar



## Member Show and Tell



Name:

Mark Lampe

Time To Build:

40-45 hours (most of it filling and sanding)

Kit & Scale:

Monogram F-111A Aardvark

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Hasegawa A/C weapons sets

Paints Used:

Vallejo SAC Tan & Med Green;  
Tamiya Olive Drab, White, Black;  
Americana Storm Grey, Burnt  
Sienna, Black Nickel

Comments:

This is my first real airbrush job. Earlier this year I decided it was time to pull this old shelf queen down, get her built, and see if I

could get a proper airbrush camo job done on her. I knew she would be a challenge and require a ton of filling, sanding and filing, so I just dug in "nose to the grindstone". The entire fuselage and the wings needed a huge amount of TLC--the "step joint" below the cockpit, the rear fuselage by the engine nacelles, and the wing leading edges all needed a healthy dose of filler. The engine nacelles themselves are very fiddly to get in just right; there is only the slightest bit of a ledge for them to attach to. I made a blanking plate for behind the air intakes, and drilled out the ventilation holes on the intakes themselves--they were just minor depressions as molded. In addition to the gravity bombs that came with the kit, I added ECM pods and AGM-78s by Hasegawa--didn't want to leave the outer racks empty on this big bad old girl! Most of the markings that came with the kit were still in good enough shape to use; I had to get tail markings from another Vietnam war era decal sheet, as the kit's tail markings fell apart. Aside from being happy with the way she turned out, I learned some

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|  | <p>very important lessons with respect to airbrushing (getting a proper sequence set up), and canopy masking. Dedicated to my bro Wayne; this kit is part of his collection he gave me some time ago.</p> |
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Name:

Mark Lampe

Time To Build:

20 hours

Kit &amp; Scale:

Testors/Hawk Spad XIII C.1

1/48<sup>th</sup> scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya Khaki Drab; Americana Black, Burnt Sienna, Burnt Umber, Marigold

Comments:

Another shelf queen, and a Jurassic one at that! There is so little to this kit, it could be assembled in a couple of hours if you forego rigging...but it just wouldn't look right! So I drilled out holes in the fuselage and wing struts in order to rig her up using the 1/28 Revell Spad XIII I did last year as a guide. Why do another Spad XIII in a different scale? Well, why not? I fell in love with the markings. They

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|  | <p>are of the 17th Pursuit Squadron, US Army Air Service based at Selfridge Field, MI; this is a post WWI plane. Just compare the size and "colorfulness" of them compared to those on the F-111A I did. Aside from the rigging the biggest job on this kit was sanding off the pre-molded markings on the wings. Another kit from my bro's collection; slowly but surely I'm gettin' through 'em!</p> |
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| Name:              | Tom Hamel   |
| Time To Build:     | 2 weeks   |
| Kit & Scale:       | Tamiya German Wespe SPG (Reissue)<br>1/35 <sup>th</sup> scale |
| Aftermarket Items: | None  |
| Paints Used:       | Tamiya and Model Master, some pastels                         |
| Comments:          | Good simple build   |





Name:

Tracy Ackeret

Time To Build:

40 hours

Kit & Scale:

MPC 1932 Ford Sedan Rail Dragster

1/25<sup>th</sup> scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Dupli-color auto paints exterior  
Mig Ammo and Alclad for interior  
and plated parts

Comments:

Hand-painted seatbelts.  
Kit decals used  
Drilled out exhaust  
Done to get used to Dupli-color for  
Chi Town Hustler funny car I'm  
doing



**Name:**

Niilo Lund

**Time To Build:**

2 months (25 hours)

**Kit & Scale:**

Hobbycraft Vickers Supermarine Seafire XV

1/48<sup>th</sup> scale

**Aftermarket Items:**

Antenna wire 40wt black

**Paints Used:**

Tamiya TS-32 Haze Gray, AS-3 Gray Green, Model Master 4852 Green Zinc Chromate, Testors Flat Black, Flat White and Flat Yellow Sharpie Flat White and Silver/Argent

**Comments:**

Good simple model assembly. Minimum shaving and sanding. All-around good fit. Easy to paint,

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|  | <p>but decals were a bit troublesome.<br/>Tended to fold instead of slide.<br/>Problem resolved using a pre-application of 1/10 pledge/water mixture followed by a Micro-Sol covering once positioned on model.<br/>Try it if you want something simple.</p> |
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## Calendar

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| 11/17/2019      | Kit Collector's Expo and Sale  | Garden Grove Community Center<br>11300 Stanford Ave.<br>Garden Grove, CA                |
| 2/15/2020       | IPMS Silverwings Sacramento Silvercon 2020                                 | Town & Country Lutheran Church<br>4049 Marconi Ave.<br>Sacramento CA                    |
| 4/18/2020       | Silicon Valley Classic VII   | Napredak Hall<br>770 Montague Expressway<br>San Jose, CA                                |
| 4/25/2020       | Best of the West   | East Side Cannery Resort & Casino<br>5255 Boulder Hwy.<br>Las Vegas, NV                 |
| 7/29 – 8/1/2020 | IPMS/USA National Convention   | Embassy Suites and San Marcos Conference Center<br>1011 E McCarty Ln.<br>San Marcos, TX |
| 11/3/2020       | IPMS Reno "High Rollers" 21 <sup>st</sup> Invitational Contest & Swap Meer | BPOE Lodge 597<br>597 Kumle Ln.<br>Reno, NV   |