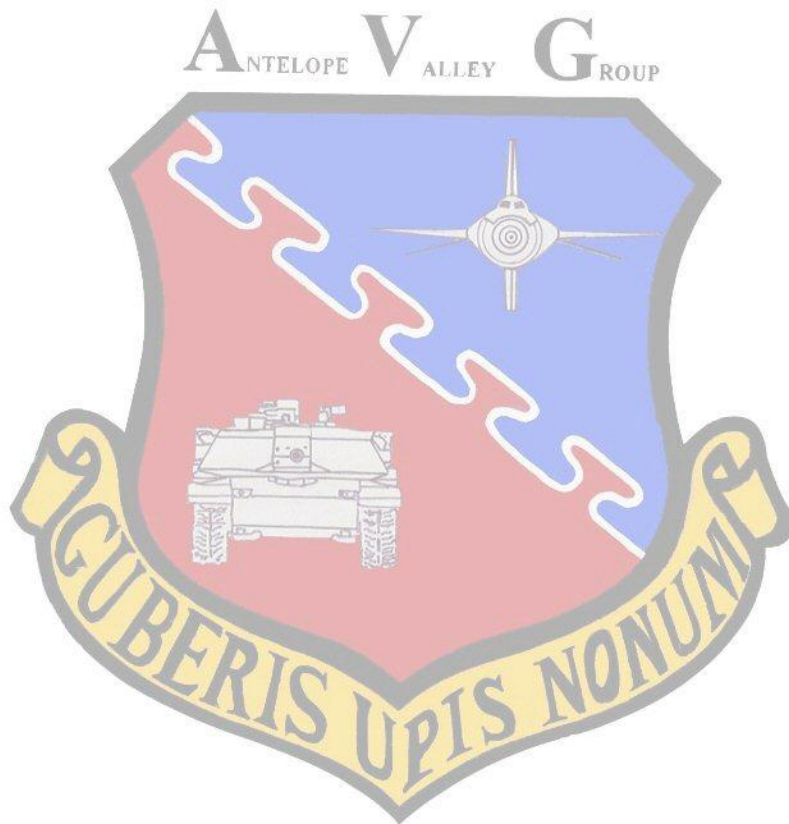


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## **From the President's Pen**

Greetings AVG!

This month's meeting has been moved up to 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. due to a scheduling conflict with the library, if you know someone that might not get this email in time, remind them and have them browse over the sign-up sheet for potluck. We will discuss January's meeting since it appears that we will have that month's meeting from 9-1 as well. Mike Brignola has a suggestion for that January day that I will let him bring up. Remember this is the gift exchange; all members who bring a wrapped gift can join in the fun. Club 'rule' is the gift should not be a junk quality kit, but a decent if even older offering in the \$20's range. I'm asking Mike Marchioli to send this out a day early so that you have time to look over the potluck sheet and see what is not covered.

We will have all our regular club business, show and tell, any demo's or tool reports or even new kit reviews.

Gentlemen, it's been privilege to serve as your President this year, I do believe we are the best club not only in Region 8, but all of IPMS. We are known for our fair judging and our awards thanks to the work that we all put forth. I couldn't be prouder!

## **Club News and Business**

**NEXT MEETING December 15, 2012, 9 AM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY**

### General Meeting Notes:

Just a reminder that the December meeting will be held at 9 AM due to a conflict at the library. This meeting will be our annual pot luck and gift exchange. The pot luck signup sheet is going around so please sign up to bring a dish. Club Officer nominations and potentially elections for 2013 will be held at the December meeting.

### 2012 Desert Classic

The November meeting served as a recap of the 2012 Desert Classic. We were all very impressed with the trophies this year. This was a big change for the 2012 contest as we switched vendors to Palmdale Trophy. Overall the show went over very well. Registration was very smooth and the club would like to thank Tom Hamel for his organization and leadership at the registration table. Over all we seemed to receive positive feedback, especially concerning keeping the registration and the judging on time and also the fairness of our judging.

A few things that we will consider for the 2013 contest. The categories need to be re-structured due to participation, or lack thereof. We would also like to set a goal to cut 5 categories for the 2013 contest. Also we need to re arrange the raffle times. The one we had scheduled for 2 PM particularly was in conflict with the flow of judging. Additionally the club has voted that if asked for 2013 we would be proud to host the regional contest for 2013 even though it is out of cycle for us.

### New Club Shirts:

If you still have not picked up your new club shirt, get with Curtis.

## 2012 Meeting Schedule

Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
21 Jan	Member Dues Collected	Rich Ribaudó	Photo Etch Curtis S.	Riveting Tool Curtis S.
18 Feb	2012 Contest Theme Discussion	Nick Kiriokos	Tom Hamel Dry Brush	3M Respirator
17 Mar		<del>Greg Saccoccio</del>		
21 Apr		Rick Reinert	Mike Marchioli Wiring Radial Engines	
19 May	Club Barbeque	All Members	Airbrushing	
16 June				
28 July	Club Swap Meet	Jim Abercromby		
18 Aug				
15 Sept		Tom Hamel		
20 Oct	Judge's Clinic	David Newman		Bill Pressley Plastic Cement
3 Nov	Desert Classic			
17 Nov		John Pearce		
15 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange Club Officer Nominations	All		

## 2013 Meeting Schedule

We need volunteers for both demos and refreshments for 2013. Please review the open months and let one of the officers know if you want to sign up for either a demo, refreshments or both.

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19 Jan	Member Dues Collected			
16 Feb	2013 Contest Theme Discussion			
16 Mar				
20 Apr				
18 May				
15 June				
20 July				
17 Aug				
21 Sept				
19 Oct	Judge's Clinic	David Newman		
2 Nov	2013 Desert Classic			
16 Nov	2014 Club Officer Nominations			
21 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2014 Officer Elections	All		

## The Tool Crib

The tool crib is the place where we find our tools. This section will be for anyone with a new product or tool review.



This month we have a product from Bob's Hobby House, called EZ Line. The product was developed to replicate the telegraph lines seen on many model railroads. It is a super elastic thread. It also serves as the antenna wires that are seen on many WW2 era aircraft and can also be used for rigging bi-planes.

I've tried the product on my Hellcat (pictured below) and can say it looks very convincing. I have also found that it bonds very well using CA glue, unlike fishing line that tends to fight the bond with CA glue. The biggest benefit is that it's very elastic allowing you to bump it and not worry about losing your antenna that you just spent an hour trying to get perfectly placed!!! (Oh wait – maybe that was just me!)

EZ line comes in 4 colors, charcoal probably being the best for use by airplane modelers, and in different lengths from a 6 foot started pack (shown above) to a 100 foot spool that will likely last forever. Give it a try. EZ Line is a good alternative to fishing line and invisible thread.

EZ Line is available from Bob's Hobby House at: <http://www.bobshobbyhouse.com/ezl.html>



## Member Show and Tell



Name:

Matt Graham

Time To Build:

15 hours

Kit & Scale:

Fine Molds Tie Fighter

1/48th

Aftermarket Items:

Acreaton Photo Etch Set

Paints Used:

Model Master Enamel  
Floquil Enamel  
Tamiya Lacquer  
MicroScale Acrylic Flat

Comments:

Fun, Easy, Low Stress Kit.





Name: Mike Otis
Time To Build: Three Weeks
Kit & Scale: Italeri Panzerwerfer 42 Auf Maultier  1/35th
Aftermarket Items: Added a resin radio
Paints Used: Tamiya Acrylics Oil Paints for Weathering
Comments: Removed the molded on wiring for the launcher and added scratch built wiring using solder. The Rear Doors were removed and the detail enhanced.



Name: Tom Hamel
Time To Build: All Summer
Kit & Scale: Dragon Panzer 46/2 Prototype  1/35th
Aftermarket Items: None
Paints Used: Tamiya Acrylics Model Master
Comments:





Name:	Luis Toledo
Time To Build:	2 Months
Kit & Scale:	Republic F-84G Thunderjet  1/72nd
Aftermarket Items:	None
Paints Used:	Tamiya Acrylics Vallejo Acrylics Alclad
Comments:	This kit was a club challenge given to Luis from Rich Ribaud. The challenge was to complete the kit in a natural metal finish.

## **Club Demo**

There was no club demo for September. If you're interested in doing a demo for 2013, let Mike Marchioli know and he can schedule it.

## **2012 Modeling Goals**

The member goals for 2012 will be published and sent out at the end of December. We can then discuss our results at the January meeting.

## ***“So, There I Was.....”***

Aviation stories provided by John Pearce.

**Calendar**

2/24/2013	Modelfest	Seaside Park (Ventura Fairgrounds) 10 West Harbor Blvd Ventura, California 93001
3/3/2013	ValleyCon	PASADENA CIVIC CENTER 300 East Green Street Pasadena, California