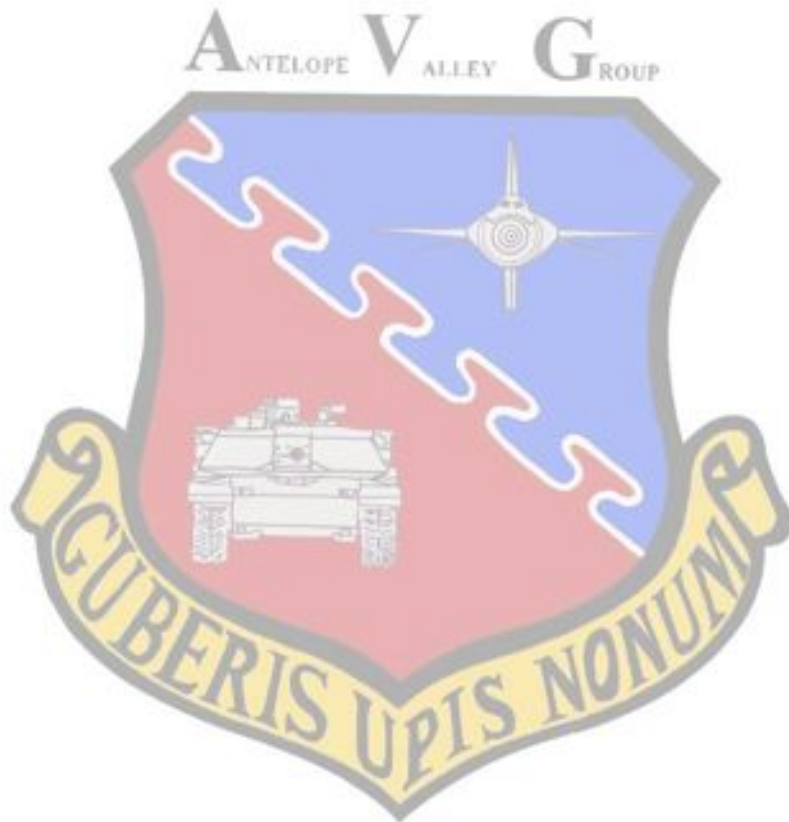


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING December 21, 2013, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

General Meeting Notes:

The November meeting was devoted to recap and discussion the contest and nomination and election of 2014 club officers.

2013 Desert Classic

The 2013 Desert Classic was quite successful for the club. The final tally was 212 entries for 56 different individual modelers.

Curt provided a breakdown of gross receipts for the 2013 vs. 2012 contest:

	2013	2012
Entry fees	\$683	\$760
Raffle	\$675	\$909
Vendors	\$135	\$305
Club Kit Sales	\$492	\$113

All in all, with category sponsorships, the club realized a \$1210 profit for the contest.

Mike B. reported the food concession lost money this year, and that his family would not provide the service for the next contest. Options discussed were retuning to the judge's lunch, with food at cost to the judges or perhaps a potluck by the AVG wives.

Club Officer Nominations and Elections

November marks the time for nomination of club officers for the following year. As there was a good member turnout at the meeting, it was decided to hold the election also, instead of waiting for the December meeting.

Club officers for 2014 are as follows:

President:	Steve Spandorf
Vice President:	Rick Reinert
Treasurer:	Curt Stidham
Secretary:	Matt Graham

7 Decades of Aviation at EAFB Display

Niilo has proposed the club create a display commemorating 70 years of aviation history at Edwards, using wood salvaged from the recently demolished South Base General's Quarters as a base. Models would be in 1/144th scale too keep the display manageable. Niilo has sent out some information to the members for consideration.

2013 Meeting Schedule

Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
12 Jan	Member Dues Collected			
19 Jan	Field Trip to Mojave Airpark "Plane Crazy"			
16 Feb	2013 Contest Theme Discussion			
16 Mar	Contest Flier Review and Category Finalization	Steve Spandorf		
20 Apr	"Finish Something on Your Bench" In-club contest	Matt Graham		
11 May	Club BBQ			
18 May	Club Display - 'Plane Crazy Saturday', Mojave Airport			
15 June		Jim Abercromby	"Pin-wash" Tom Hamel	
20 July				
17 Aug	"Build a Classic Monogram Kit" In-club contest	Tom Hamel		
21 Sept		Richard Manaseri		
19 Oct	Judge's Clinic	David Newman		
2 Nov	2013 Desert Classic			
16 Nov	2014 Club Officer Nominations	Bill Pressley		
21 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2014 Officer Elections	All		

December Gift Exchange

December marks the annual club gift exchange. All club members wishing to participate should bring an unstarted, wrapped kit, valued at approximately \$20 or more. Please bring a nice kit, one you would like to build yourself. As VP Tom says, “No dogs!”

December Potluck

As is tradition, refreshments for the December meeting is a potluck by the members. Here’s who I currently have signed up to bring dishes:

Jim A.	Pizza
Rich R.	Sandwich platter
Richard M.	Enchiladas
Jeff	L’il Smokies
Rick R.	“Something”
Luis	Potato Salad
Mike B.	Salad
Nick	Sweet Potatoes & rolls
Mike O.	Drinks/Ice
Matt	Cookies
Niilo	Brownies

The Tool Crib

Small Shop “Hold and Fold”



Anyone who has tried to bend photoetch knows how difficult it can be. Some are successful with tweezers, but others (like me) end up with a mangled mess. Having a purpose-made tool

for bending can go a long way to easing the frustration. Many may be familiar with Mission Models photo-etch bending tool, but this new, pocket sized tool (called “The Bug”) from The Small Shop in the UK was news to me. While not useful for bending large pieces like the Mission Models tool, it would be very useful for smaller parts common to many aircraft and armor sets. It’s available in the US through Sprue Brothers.

Badger Sotar 20/20 Airbrush

Curt recently sent an e-mail alerting the club member to an incredible deal Amazon had on the Badger Sotar 20/20 airbrush. I couldn’t resist and bought one (I now have 8 airbrushes...). It’s quite similar to my Badger Velocity Renegade (my favorite detail brush), with some differences. Here’s Curt’s write-up:

“It has the same nozzle as the Velocity (or visa versa since the Sotar was designed 1st), I thought the trigger was something special too, but it seems to be the same as the Badger 100 series valve plunger arrangement, the difference I see is the trigger tension spring has adjustment to it, I actually had to look at the directions as I was afraid I was disassembling the spring housing, the spring tube is segmented trapping the trigger tension spring in it, so by backing off the screw (I’ll call it a drum) you will lighten the trigger pressure, I 1st started to unscrew this drum then thought I was disassembling it, and then I started to back off the entire spring body from the Airbrush body (as I would with the 100 series) but it was a very snug fit, I then resorted to the instructions and found that turning the drum does lighten the trigger.

I assume it’s going to perform the same as the Velocity, and also has the one drawback of color, being black (the black only extends about half way down into the cup) it’s sometimes a problem mixing the darker colors as I like to mix my paint in the cup, that’s why I really would like to get the Krome, I can’t wait for the day that sale comes around. Cyrus Tan was the one that suggested the design changes need to the Velocity, 1st was color then add the adjustable spring from the Sotar, so it’s the best of both brushes.

Overall I would still recommend the Sotar as a very affordable upgrade that will definitely do fine work.”





Show-and-Tell



Name:

Tom Hamel

Time To Build:

4 weeks

Kit & Scale:

AFV Club M-10

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Sandbags and stowage from Traks
(now almost impossible to find)

Paints Used:


Tamiya and Model Master, using the
'Hamel Method'


Comments:


Went together well, considering it
was AFV Club!




Name:
Tom Hamel
Time To Build:
3weeks
Kit & Scale:
AFV Club M-41
1/35 th scale
Aftermarket Items:
None
Paints Used:
Tamiya and Model Master, using the 'Hamel Method'
Comments:
Went together well, considering it was AFV Club!

	Name: David Newman
	Time To Build: Several months
	Kit & Scale: YRB-49A Conversion (from Cyber Hobby YB-49) 1/200 th scale
	Aftermarket Items: Scratchbuilt conversion
	Paints Used: Model Master Metallizer Aluminum
	Comments:

	<p>Name: Mike Marchioli</p>
	<p>Time To Build: 11 months</p>
	<p>Kit & Scale: Tamiya F-16CJ Block 50 1/48th scale</p>
	<p>Aftermarket Items: Sierra Hotel Cockpit update and Late Seat, Shull24 BRU-57 and JDAM combo, Shull24 Sniper and HTS combo, Shull24 engine exhaust, Afterburner Decals</p>
	<p>Paints Used: Mix of Model Master, Lifecolor, Tamiya, Vellajo Have Glass finish is a mix of Tamiya paints</p>
	<p>Comments: Can see the work in progress build on ARC: http://www.arcforums.com/forums/air/index.php?showtopic=259049</p>

	<p>Name: Mike Marchioli</p>
	<p>Time To Build: 4 months</p>
	<p>Kit & Scale: Trumpeter Canadian Cougar AVGP 1/35th scale</p>
	<p>Aftermarket Items: Real Models Resin Wheels</p>
	<p>Paints Used: Tamiya & Vellajo Anti-Slip coating was done with Terracotta texture paint</p>
	<p>Comments: Can see the work in progress build here http://www.modelersalliance.com/forum/armoured-fury/147279-1-35-scale-trumpeter-candian-cougar-avgp?limitstart=0&start=48</p>

	<p>Name: Mike Otis</p>
	<p>Time To Build: 3 weeks</p>
	<p>Kit & Scale: MPC T-47 Airspeeder</p>
	<p>Aftermarket Items: Photo-etch seatbelts</p>
	<p>Paints Used: Tamiya</p>
<p>Comments: Scratchbuilt opeen panel and consoles</p>	



Name:

Richard Manaseri

Time To Build:

9 months (work in progress)

Kit & Scale:

Revell B-52H

1/144th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Scratchbuilt ECM bumps and flap bay interior ribbing

Paints Used:

Testors Gunship Gray over Tamiya white primer

Comments:

What was I thinking?!



Name:

Dakota Manaseri

Time To Build:

2 months

Kit & Scale:

Testors F4U Corsair

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:


None

Paints Used:

Model Master Hot Rod Purple and
Candy Red

Comments:

Custom picked colors and decals

	<p>Name: Nick Kiriokos</p>
	<p>Time To Build: 30 days (work in progress)</p>
	<p>Kit & Scale: Monogram F8F Bearcat 1/72nd scale</p>
	<p>Aftermarket Items: Cobra Company cockpit, wheel wells & engine. Scratchbuilt tail wheel well, exhaust backdated to -1</p>
	<p>Paints Used: Tamiya primer</p>
	<p>Comments: Tail cut down to replicate -1. Horizontal split & expanded to allow elevators to be repositioned.</p>



Name:

Matt Graham

Time To Build:

2 weeks (over the course of a year!)

Kit & Scale:

Hobbyboss USS Virginia (SSN-774)

1/350^h scale

Aftermarket Items:


None


Paints Used:

Floquil blacks, Metallizer brass

Comments:

Very easy build

	<p>Name: Matt Graham</p>
	<p>Time To Build: 2 weeks</p>
	<p>Kit & Scale: Fine Molds Incom T-47 Modified Airspeeder 1/48^h scale</p>
	<p>Aftermarket Items: None</p>
	<p>Paints Used: Alclad, Model Master and Floquil</p>
	<p>Comments: Kit fits so well that could be constructed as 'snap together'. Amazing cockpit detail. Weathering combination of salt chipping, washes, oil dot fading, pastels and sponge chipping</p>

	<p>Name: Matt Graham</p>
	<p>Time To Build: 6 months (on and off)</p>
	<p>Kit & Scale: Hughes "JOH-8" (from Fujimi OH-6D) 1/48^h scale</p>
	<p>Aftermarket Items: Resin interior and rotor system from eBay vendor. Scratchbuilt flight test instrumentation package and test boom. Tail surfaces from Academy kit.</p>
	<p>Paints Used: Model Master and Gunze synthetic lacquer orange</p>
	<p>Comments: Represents once-classified test aircraft for Special Ops "Little Bird". Fujimi Hughes 500 is best detailed of 3 available H-500 kits.</p>

Calendar

1/26/2014	Winterfest 2014	Secret Society of Model Builders San Diego, CA
2/15/2014	Santa Rosa Model Expo	Petaluma, CA
2/24/2014	ModelFest	CAF Southern California Wing 455 Aviation Dr. Camarillo, CA
3/3/2014	ValleyCon	Pasadena, CA
4/4/2014	Silicon Valley Classic	San Jose, CA
5/5/2014	Best of the West	Las Vegas, NV