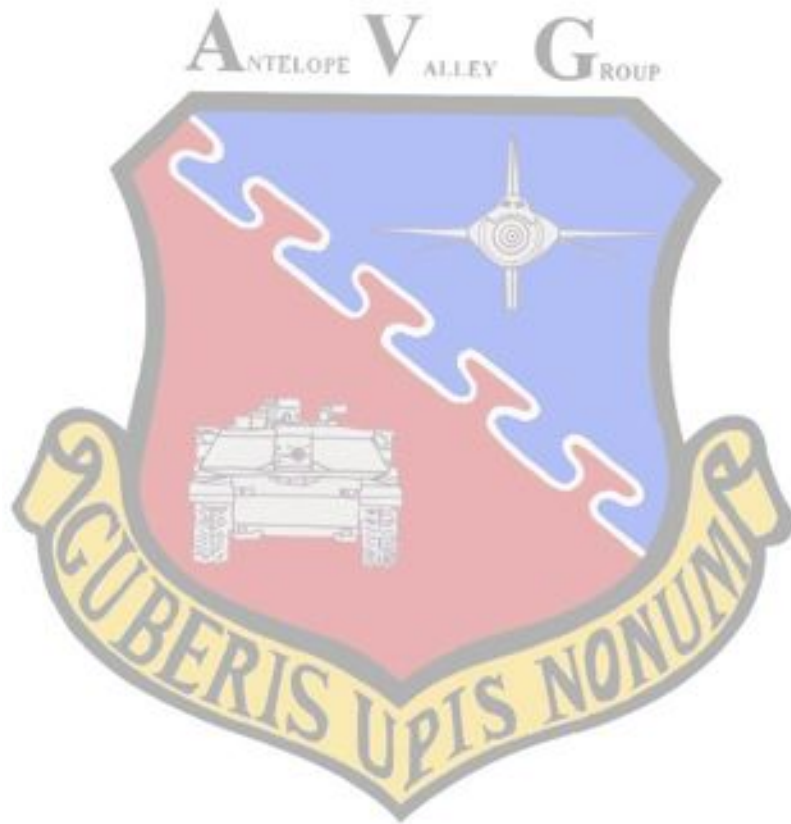


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## **Club News and Business**

**NEXT MEETING June 20, 2015, 11:30 AM AT RICH M.'S HOUSE**

### Club BBQ:

Don't forget this month's meeting is the Club BBQ. Rich M has graciously offered to host us at his house in Lancaster. He has sent out a map to the club members. Festivities start about 1130 with lunch at noon. Rich will provide the meat and potatoes, with the other members bringing the "ancillaries".

### General Meeting Notes:

We discussed general club business at the May meeting.

### Interim Vice President

Due to other commitments on his time, Rich announced he could not adequately fill the office of VP for the next several months. Jim Abercromby agreed to serve as interim VP during this time.

### Contest Special Awards

Here's the current list:

Best Russian Armor  
Best British  
Best X-Plane  
President's Award  
Best Auto Paint and Finish  
Master's Award  
Trifecta  
First Timer

### In-Club Contests

Our next upcoming contest is "Build a Tamiya Kit", scheduled for our July meeting. Let's see some turnout! C'mon, we all know how easy it is to build a Tamiya kit. Just pours some glue and some paint in the box, shake it, and, voila, you have a finished model, right? Heck, even Steve and I should be able to do that...

### Library Privatization

A group called "Advocates for Library Enhancement" distributed forms at the start of the meeting for members to fill out and comment on (and hopefully oppose) the privatization. The forms will be given to the County Administrative Office, which has been tasked by the Kern County Board of Supervisors to collect further information on privatization following public outcry.

### LHS in Bakersfield

Steve reminded me that there still is a remaining LHS in Bakersfield, Doug's Hobbies, at 2029 Chester Ave (downtown). Like most remaining brick-and-mortar shops, it's mostly RC, but does have a selection of plastic kits and supplies.

BTW, TNR still appears to be open sporadically after 3pm on Tues, Wed and Thu. (At least they still were last week). However most of the really good stuff is long gone. I was in there 3 weeks ago and it was pretty picked over.

Also, many of you may have seen Rich R.'s e-mail that War Eagle Hobbies may be re-opening, so perhaps there is hope for an LHS in the AV again.

## 2015 Meeting Schedule

Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
17 Jan	Member Dues Collected			
21 Feb		Rich R. / Mike O.		
21 Mar		Jim / Robbie	"Things Under Wings" (Henry)	
18 Apr	In House Contest-"A is for April"	Rick / Curt		
16 May		Dwight / Nick	"Things Under Wings" (Henry)	
20 June	Club BBQ			
18 July	In House Contest - "Built a Tamiya Kit"	Niilo / Bill P.	TBD - Steve	
15 Aug		Mike W.		
19 Sept		Jeff / Joe		
17 Oct	Judge's Clinic			
7 Nov	2016 Desert Classic	Bill P.		
21 Nov	2016 Club Officer Nominations			
19 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2016 Officer Elections			

## The Tool Crib

Nick brought in some cool stuff to show the club.

Tamiya Q-tips:



These are some great, fine-tipped Q-tips. Excellent for applying pastels and such.

AK Interactive Rusted Chain:



Just as the name implies. Pre-rusted chain for your armor or ship models

Value Gear sandbags:



Resin sandbag armor for the Sherman. This set is intended for the Tamiya kit. Comes as a one-piece molding and looks great after painting and weathering. As the company name says, this set is considerably cheaper than some other sets (such as Legend and Black Dog).

The Great Toolbox Raffle!

The raffle is still ongoing.



The box and contents will be raffled off to some lucky club member in the upcoming months. Tickets for the raffle will be \$5 each, with the proceeds going to help fund the contest. Good luck!

### **Club Demos**

Henry's latest installment of "Things Under Wings", scheduled for last month was postponed. Schedule is TBD. I believe Steve still has a demo scheduled for July.

Let me know if you'd like to do a demo for the club and I'll highlight it in the newsletter.

## Member Show and Tell



Name:

Rick Reinert

Time To Build:

3 months

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya Swordfish Mk. 1

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

Aftermarket Items:

Eduard photo etch

Paints Used:

Model master and Alclad, various shades

Comments:

Although a Tamiya kit, it warrants a lot of patience to build. Rigging is time consuming. Great kit. Will probably never build another one.



Name:

Mike Otis

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Academy Merkava IID

1/35<sup>th</sup> scale

Aftermarket Items:

Metal tow cable

Milliput stowage basket cover

Metal Balls for ball-and-chain armor

Paints Used:

Model Master IDF Sand Gray

Comments:

Anti-slip texture done with fine sand and white glue





Name:

Tom Hamel

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Dragon German 261/16D  
Flammpanzerwagen

1/35<sup>th</sup> scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya and Model Master - All hand-painted. Some pastels for weathering

Comments:

A difficult kit with many small parts. NOT for beginners. This kit requires a lot of focus on what you are doing.



Name:

Tracey Ackeret

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Trumpeter F9F-2 Panther

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

Aftermarket Items:

Superscale and Furball decals

Paints Used:

Alclad and Tamiya

Comments:

VF-61 Jolly Rogers NMF



Name:

Niilo Lund

Time To Build:

15 hours over 1 month

Kit & Scale:

Heller NTA-6G Navy SNJ

1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya

Comments:

Fun to build, need good eyes.

A trial run using striping tape for canopy.

Hybrid decals from other kit leftovers



Name:

Niilo Lund

Time To Build:

25 hours over 2 months

Kit & Scale:

Monogram AT-6 Texan

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

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Testors Acrylic

Comments:

Also fun to build. Easier on the eyes.  
Used striping tape for canopy



## Name:

Matt Graham

## Time To Build:

40 hours over 6 months

## Kit &amp; Scale:

AMT/Round 2 Myers Manx

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

## Aftermarket Items:

Corvair engine from MPC Barris Buggy.

Detail Master etch wipers, instruments and engine wiring.

Aluminum tube exhaust

## Paints Used:

Testors One-Coat "Purpleicious" and clear rattle cans.

Various Tamiya, Floquil and Alclad

## Comments:

Part 2 of "Manx Madness"!

Neat nostalgia from the '60's. Built as a typical '60's buggy with Corvair power. Testors One-Coat paint fantastic – no polishing required.

As Rich noted in his Manx build review, simple appearance of the kit belies construction – fit of parts and instructions are vague in places!

## Calendar

7/12/2015	Kit Collectors Exposition and Show	UFCW Local 324 Union Hall 8530 Stanton Ave., Buena Park, CA
9/12/2015	"High Rollers 16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Invitational	Desert Heights Elementary School 13948 Mt. Bismark, Reno, NV
9/27/2015	TriCity Classic Eleven	Milpitas Community Center 457 E Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, CA
11/8/2015	Kit Collectors Exposition and Show	UFCW Local 324 Union Hall 8530 Stanton Ave., Buena Park, CA