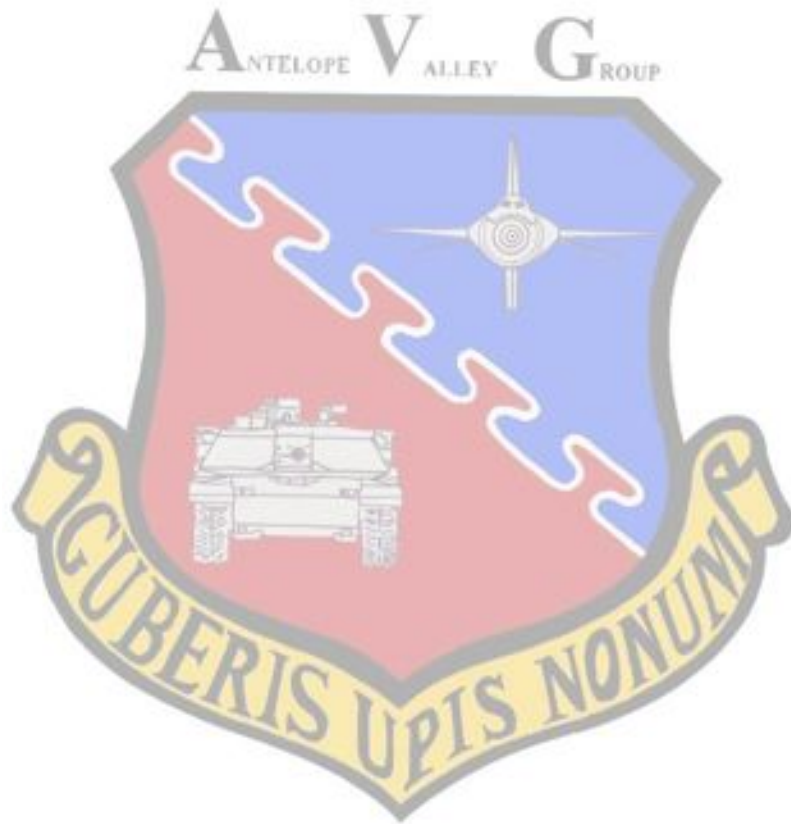


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING JULY 15 2017, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

June General Meeting Notes:

June's meeting was busy. Lot's of tools from Rich, contest discussion, a presentation from Henry and the usual show-and-tell.

"Jurassic Plastic" In-House Contest

Yes, it's this month! Any pre-1970 kit, built to IPMS Out-of-the Box rules. Here's a chance to have something ready for the "Jurassic Plastic" category at this year's contest.

Contest Discussion

Contest is rapidly approaching! Not much new to discuss this month. Majority of discussion was category sponsorship. We've had several members step up to sponsor this year. If you wish to sponsor, please let Niilo know at the meeting, as we need to know by the end of July, so that you can receive credit on the trophy. Cost per category is \$45.

We also discussed possible category sponsorship at our contest by other IPMS chapters. We would likely reciprocate sponsorship as a courtesy to any chapter that sponsored a category. The membership was in favor of this.

As this year is a Regional, there was discussion about recruiting 'guest judges' to help with the probable large entry count. It was suggested that we re-instate the complementary 'judge's lunch'. The members voted to allow use of club funds to purchase food (sandwiches, etc.).

2016 Meeting Schedule

Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
21 Jan	Member Dues Collected			
18 Feb	Project Build Meeting	Rich M. / Steve		
18 Mar		Matt/Niilo		
15 Apr	In-House Contest "6 Day War"	Mike O. / Rick		
20 May		Rich / Jay		
17 June		Jim /Joe	"Things Under Wings - ARM-US"	
16 July	In-House Contest "Jurassic Plastic"	Steve S. / Robby		
19 Aug		Frank / Steve		
16 Sept		Bill P. / Tracy		
21 Oct		David / Henry		
28 Oct	2017 Desert Classic			
18 Nov	2018 Club Officer Nominations			
16 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2018 Officer Elections	Everyone!		

The Tool Crib

Rich the Tool Man had more cool stuff to show:



Angled Flex-I-File “Stealth”. Most modelers are familiar with Flex-I-Files. They are great for getting into tough places and sanding. Flex-I-File has now introduced a black anodized angled support frame, dubbed “Stealth”. There are times when the standard straight file frame might interfere with the part being sanded, and this is the solution! If you don’t already have a Flex-I-File, I think the Stealth might be the place to start (vs. the standard frame) for it’s greater versatility. Available from several sources (Sprue Brothers, Burbank House of Hobbies).



“Paint Killer” paint remover. I’ve never seen this product before (I use Floquil ELO), but this stuff is amazing. Rich did a demo, and it seems to remove everything, enamel, acrylic, even synthetic lacquer. Not sure if it works on flat black enamel, though, which is notoriously hard to strip (ELO won’t touch it). Available on eBay.



Nail Tees. These are basically pointed Q-tips. Many uses (applying pastels, or swabbing on Paint Killer!). Tamiya sells these for big bucks, but Rich says you can get this box of 120 for something like \$2 at Target/Wal-Mart. And you can clean your ears with them!

Club Demos



Henry gave his next installment of “Things under Wings”. Subject was Anti-Radiation Missiles, focusing on the Shrike, Standard and HARM. I never realized there were so many variations of the Shrike. Henry detailed the history of the missile, the differences in variants, some details of experimental designs and color schemes. You really have no excuse for an inaccurately painted missile on your model after Henry’s presentations!

Member Show and Tell

Name:

Stephen Lucy

Time To Build:

3 ½ weeks

Kit & Scale:

Hasegawa Ki-84 I

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Eduard Zoom etch, Eduard masks,
Aeromaster decals

Paints Used:

Alclad Duraluminum, Testors Model
Master.

Pastel Chalks

Comments:

Bought this kit for \$11 at the Navy
Exchange in Atsugi, Japan in 1999



Name:

Steve Lucy

Time To Build:

Seemed like a long time

Kit & Scale:

Academy Mig-21

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Eduard cockpit. Quickboost seat

Paints Used:

Model Master enamel

Comments:

This Mig, with a wingman and a flock of Mirage F-1's managed to shoot down an Iranian "Ali-Cat"



Name:

Mike Otis

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Academy Merkava IV LIC

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Stowage gear

Paints Used:

Vallejo IDF Sinai Gray

Comments:

Built pretty much OOB

Link-and-length tracks were fidgety

Kit came with anti-slip coating molded in



Name:

Niilo Lund

Time To Build:

30 hours over 1 month

Kit & Scale:

Hasegawa Mig-21F-13

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Aircraft: Testors rattle-can Metallic Silver, Flat Black, Model Master Green Zinc Chromate.

Pilot: Flight Suit Green, Flat White, Flesh

Comments:

Fairly straight forward, good piece fit and match. Decals were good, used Pledge as lay down solution and Micro Sol as setting solution.



Name:

Mark Lampe

Time To Build:

Approx 35 hour

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya M1 Abrams

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Delta Creamcoat Forest Green,
Americana Flat Black & Burnt Sienna,
Vallejo Reflective green for visor glass
blocks, Delta Creamcoat burgundy for
IR glass

Comments:

This is an ancient kit, Tamiya's very first release of the Abrams. I bought, built and painted it originally way back in the late 80's. When I got it back a couple of years ago from a friend I had given it to, I completely stripped and disassembled it. There were several layers of my original

paint job(s) piled up on it, and stripping and cleaning it down to bare plastic added several hours to a pretty simple build.

I did various filling of remote control motor holes, repaired a broken drive sprocket, return idlers and other minor bits. Sponsoons/blanking plates over the tracks were needed as well; these old Tamiya kits were left open for the RC/Motorization parts. After all these years, the polycaps inside the road wheels were still in good shape, so they just popped back on once painted. The toughest issue was rebuilding the stowage cages around the turret. Painting those tracks with the rubber shoes on each link is a lesson in patience, and best done with no caffeine in your system!

I primer coated with Americana Flat Black overall. Delta Creamcoat Forest Green is a surprisingly close match to the official FS standard Forest Green, as is their Burnt Sienna. All the details of the kit took washes, filters and highlighting very well. This is a very simple, no-nonsense build and a kit that has withstood the test of time rather well (in my humble opinion). Overall a very satisfying experience to bring her back to life.



Name:

Mark Lampe

Time To Build:

Approx 20 hours

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya Panzer IV D

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Americana Flat Black, Delta Creamcoat Charcoal gray; various Burnt and Raw siennas and umbers for washes and filters; medium gray for lightening base coat to provide highlights. Delta Creamcoat Territorial Beige is the overall dirt color. Delta Creamcoat Iron Oxide for the mufflers, and as the highlight color on the tracks.

Comments:

This is another one of my ancient Tamiya kits, which needed some TLC. Like on the M1 Abrams, there were plenty of remote control motor holes to fill, and blanking plates were needed. I also had to make a replacement turret hatch (half), and front bolt-on armor.

There were also some grab handles, the antenna mount, and other small bits which needed replacement or repair, but generally it was in pretty good shape, including the tracks. This Panzer IV is marked as a member of the 11th Panzer "Ghost" division, although I didn't have the famous "ghost with sword" decal to go on the side-the old ones I did have fell apart when I tried to apply them.

To break up the monochromatic gray finish, I painted blocks/strips of a lighter shade of the base coat in the middle of panels, the turret roof, hull top, and other highlight areas such as headlights, towing clamps & hasps, etc. Various self-made filters & washes, mostly of dark brown shades, were used to blend and tie everything together, as well as drybrushing the original base shade, dirt/dust overall.

Straight black was used for pin washing panel lines and other deep recesses.

There's plenty of new-tooled, more complex kits of the Panzer IV out there these days, but I still like these old Tamiya kits-their simplicity lets you get to the painting & finishing much more quickly!



Name:

Matt Graham

Time To Build:

25 hours

Kit & Scale:

Meng P-51D

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Eduard Steel PE US WW2 seatbelts, Parts of Eduard Zoom P-51D set (Intended for Tamiya), Ultracast Hamilton Standard uncuffed prop, Ultracast circumferential tread P-51D wheels, Aztec decals, some wiring detail in the gear well

Paints Used:

Tamiya (US Tan, US Dark Green, Light Gray) and Gunze Sangyo (Red, Yellow, Semi-gloss Black, Tire Black) synthetic lacquer. Some Model Master and Alclad. Mig Landing Gear Wash and Aircraft Engine Oil, and some pastels

Comments:

P-51D of the Fuerza Area Dominicana (Dominican Republic). This is the final scheme, worn near the type's retirement in 1982! Colors are

basically US Vietnam scheme. Dominican P-51's once faced off in combat with Haitian P-47's.

This is the Meng 'cement optional' kit. Do not let this fool you – it's no 'snap kit'. Kit is highly detailed, with an excellent cockpit and the only correct main wheel well configuration in a 1/48th P-51 kit. Kit is beautifully engineered and goes together very well, with seams designed to fall on panel lines. There is no putty in this build, only some Mr. Surfacer to clean up a few of seams. It does benefit from glue in a couple places to tighten up seams. It really doesn't need aftermarket (except for seatbelts), but since the aircraft I was modeling had a configuration not included in the kit, I substituted and aftermarket prop and wheels.

When this kit was announced, I thought, like many modelers, 'why do we need another P-51? We have the Tamiya kit.' Well, this kit is a significant improvement and is currently the best 1/48th P-51D on the market. If you like P-51's do yourself a favor and pick one of these up – you won't be disappointed!

Calendar

07/26-29/2017	IPMS National Convention	LaVista Conference Center 12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, NE
09/23/2017	REDCON 2017	Orleans Hotel and Casino 4500 W. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas, NV
9/30/2017	OrangeCon 2017	Pavilion and Conference Center, Cal State Fullerton 800 N State College Blvd., Fullerton, CA
10/28/2017	Desert Classic XXI	Antelope Valley College Cafeteria 3041 W Ave. K, Lancaster, CA
11/12/2017	Kit Collectors Exposition and Show	Garden Grove Community Center 11300 Stanford Ave. Garden Grove, CA