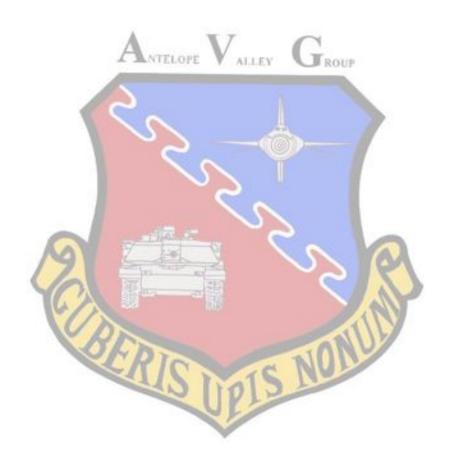
The Smoking Hole

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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING JUNE 21, 2014, 1 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

General Meeting Notes:

May's meeting marked the annual club BBQ. Thanks once again to Mike and Rose for hosting a bunch of balding, middle-aged men fondling pieces of plastic! The meeting was primarily devoted to food and comradery, but there was some discussion of club business.

Special Awards

We've decided to shake up the Special Awards for the contest this year. We've had the same awards for years and they were getting a bit stale. Gone are Best Aircraft, Best Armor, Best Auto and Best Sci-Fi. Also gone are the Viper Award and the Silk-Purse Award. In their place are Best Tiger Tank, Best J-Aircraft and Best Auto Paint and Finish. Another proposed award is the "Hollywood Award", for the best movie, comic or superhero entry. Also proposed was to make the Masters Class as a single special award vs. first, second and third.

In-Club Contests

It's upon us! The second In-Club Contest for 2014, "Build and Airfix Kit". Can be a golden oldie or one of the impressive new kits. I've been working on one of the new releases and I must say I am very impressed at the accuracy, quality and value. Let's see lots of finished Airfix models!

Ontario Regional

Reminder, the Region 8 regional contest is being hosted by IPMS Ontario, June 28th (the weekend following the meeting). It would be great if the club could maximize our turn-out to show support. There are at least 4 members committed to go. We may possibly be able to car-pool – we can discuss at the meeting.

2014 Meeting Schedule

We need volunteers for both demos and refreshments for 2014. 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.

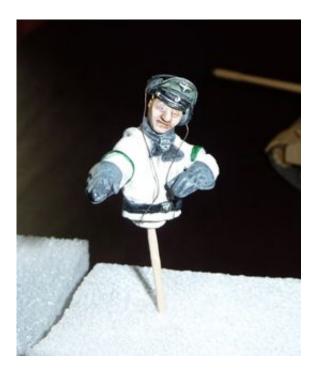
Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
18 Jan	Member Dues Collected			
15 Feb		Rich R.	Drybrushing (Tom H.)	
15 Mar	"M is for March" In-House Contest		Scaffolding (Bill P.) (tentative)	
19 Apr		Mike O.	"Things Under Wings" (Henry)	
17 May	Club BBQ (Mike B's house)			

21 June	"Build an Airfix Kit" In-House Contest	Steve S.	
19 July			
16 Aug	"Triathlon" In-House Contest	Tom H.	Salt paint chipping method (Matt)
20 Sept		Jeff P.	
18 Oct	Judge's Clinic		
1 Nov	2015 Desert Classic		
15 Nov	2015 Club Officer Nominations	Bill P.	
20 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2015 Officer Elections	All	

The Tool Crib

We've had some great contributions to the Crib this year. If you come across a great tool, send me the info or bring to the meeting and I'll put it in the newsletter.

Member Show and Tell



Name:

Mike Brignola

Time To Build:

15 hours

Kit & Scale:

Model Cellar Productions German Tanker

1/25th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya Acrylics and enamel face

Comments:

Resin figure, 4 pieces.

Terrible resin with bubbles. Needed to build up joins. Detail okay. Not many choices in 1/25 armor



Name:

Tom Hamel

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Hobby Boss IS-2 Tank

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Some figures form Figure Box

Paints Used:

Tamiya and Model Master

Not too difficult. Recommended for any level of modeler. Pretty basic construction and fit.



Name:

Mike Otis

Time To Build:

2 weeks

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya T55 Enigma

 $1/35^{th}$

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya Desert Yellow & Buff

Comments:

Easy to build. Built OOB

Blast from the Past - 1984 Edwards Air Show

By Matt Graham

What was cutting edge in aviation 30 years ago? Let's jump in the Wayback Machine (or perhaps the DeLorean) for a look back via some pics I took at the '84 show...



AFTI F-16. AFTI stood for Advanced Fighter Technology Integration. Joint Air Force, Navy, NASA, Army program. Demonstrated advanced maneuvering technology with canards providing side force, integrated flight modes, auto controlled flight into terrain avoidance, among others. Could model this jet, with some effort. Airframe was an FSD (Full Scale Development, or pre-production), so you would want to start with an older F-16A-model kit. Old Hasegawa F-16 CCV kit (if you could find one) would be a good start, as it has the canards. Maybe start with an old Monogram F-16 in 1/48. You're on your own for the enlarged spine. There was a conversion for the AFTI in 1/72 and 1/48 made by a Mid-West IPMS club, but is almost impossible to find now. Maybe Mike and Curt will grace us with some resin...?



AV-8B spin test article. Horizontal surfaces painted in high-viz pattern. Lower surface pattern was reversed (orange outboard, white inboard) to make it easy to identify if the jet was upright or inverted. This would be a pretty easy build in 1/72 from the Hasegawa kit, in 1/48th from the old Monogram or the Hasegawa or even in 1/32 from the Trumpy kit. Would need to scratchbuild the spin recovery chute on the tail, and since this is an FSD jet (FSD #3), it has a double row of inlet blow-in doors instead of the single set on the production AV-8B.



F-20 Tigershark. The F-20 was a significantly upgraded F-5, with advanced avionics and an F404 engine. Northrop hoped for foreign military sales, but, in fierce competition with the F-16, none materialized. It didn't help sales prospects that the US military didn't purchase any, although it was proposed to use the F-20 as an aggressor. This is Ship 3, the final flying F-20, in

the later paint scheme, which was metallic gray Mercedes Benz car paint! Hasegawa modeled the F-20 in 1/72 and Monogram made a 1/48th kit. The Monogram kit has the red-an white markings for Ship 1, but actually represents Ship 4, which was never completed. Ship 4 differed from the first 3 F-20's in that it had larger LEX's and a greater wing area, so not of the flying F-20's can be accurately modeled. There's even a neat little 1/144th F-20 for LS, (now ARII), Note the F-5F chase jet in a civilian scheme behind the F-20.



F-15A ASAT. ASAT stood for Anti SATellite, and referred to the ASM-135 missile carried under the fuselage.



The ASAT interceptor missile had a successful kill on a test satellite in September of 1985, but was never placed in service. I don't believe the ASAT was ever released in 1/72, but Hasegawa produced a special edition F-15 kit with the ASAT missile in 1/48.



F-4's were in use at Test Ops for chase and training in 1984. This is an F-4C, but Test Ops also had RF-4C, and a couple ex-Thuderbirds F-4E's with un-slatted wings. Could build this from just about any F-4C kit. Superscale made 412th TW decals.



F-106's were still in service in 1984. This is a Montana ANG jet. The "Happy Hooligans" were unusual in that they painted the cockpits of their F-106's light blue, like a Mig-25.

Would be easy to build from the 1/72 Hasegawa or 1/48th Monogram (or the new Trumpeter kit, assuming it's not too screwed up). Eagle Strike made Montana guard decals. Also note the NASA F-104N behind the 'Six.

Calendar

6/28/014	Minicon IPMS Ontario (Region 8 Regional)	Ontario Senior Center 225 E. B St. Ontario, CA
8/6-9/2014	50 th Anniversary IPMS National Convention	Hampton Roads Convention Center 1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA
9/6/2014	15 th Annual Invitational IPMS Reno "High Rollers"	Desert Heights Elementary School 13948 Mt. Bismark Reno, NV
9/28/2014	TriCity X Classic IPMS Fremont Hornets	Milpitas Community Center 457 E. Calaveras Blvd Milpitas, CA
11/1/2014	2014 Desert Classic IPMS AVG	AV College 3041 W. Ave. K Lancaster, CA