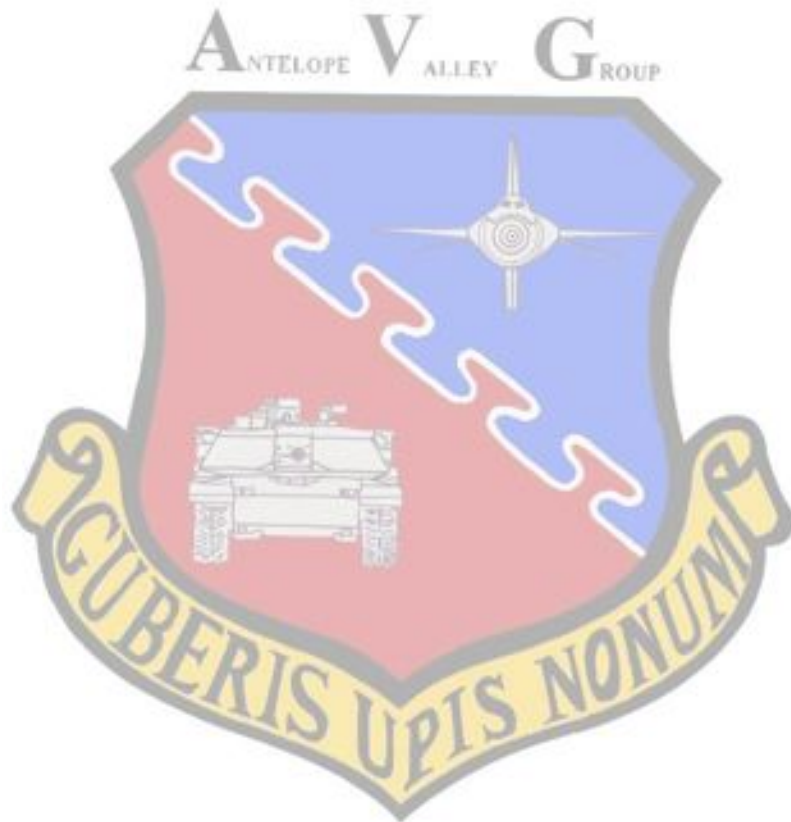


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING JUNE 17 2017, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

May General Meeting Notes:

May was a “work on your project meeting, and we further discussed our upcoming Desert Classic contest.

Next In-House Contest

No, it's not this month, but don't forget next month (July) is “Jurassic Plastic”. So hope you're working on a nostalgic, pre-1970 kit (I am).

Contest Discussion

VP Jim reported that the contest ad will run in the July-August and September-October Journals. We're still looking for category sponsors. If you would like to sponsor a category, cost is \$45 per category. This will cover the cost of the trophy package. We will have the trophy blanks by the end of July, so we need to know no later than July meeting so your name can be engraved on the trophies as a sponsor.

Niilo has order the trophy blanks. Here's a like to what they look like:

<http://www.huangacrylic.com/awards/wavy-edge-rectangle-award.html>. They're quite nice, and should cement our reputation for great contest awards!

National Contest Category Sponsorship

We discussed the National's Sponsorship. Prez. Tracy passed around a list of categories available to sponsor, but it was pretty hard to decipher, so in the end we decided to let Tracy choose the category.

Meeting Visitor

We had a visitor and potential new member at the May meeting. Brian is interested in aircraft, and has been heavily involved with RC aircraft. He also likes Tamiya armor kits.

Welcome Brian and hope you join us!

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.		
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

If you've found a cool tool, paint, adhesive, etc. we'll highlight it here.

Club Demos

Henry's latest "Things Under Wings" installment is scheduled for the June meeting. These are great presentations based on Henry's many years of weapons testing. I've learned a lot about the appearance of modern missiles from his presentations. I'll never paint a Sidewinder missile head flat black again...

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:	Frank Sanchez
Time To Build:	2 to 3 hours per figure
Kit & Scale:	Evolution German WW2 Figures 1/35 th scale
Aftermarket Items:	None
Paints Used:	Vallejo and Tamiya
Comments:	Work in progress.



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:

2 weeks

Kit & Scale:

Thunder Model Case VAI Tractor

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Rag - homemade

Paints Used:

Testors- Model Master Chevy Engine
Red mixed with Insignia Orange.
Tamiya XF-10 Flat Brown
Used hairspray technique to show
brown under orange

Comments:

Nice detailed kit of something a little
different.

Wish this kit was in 1/24th scale



Name:

Niilo Lund

Time To Build:

24 hours over 1 month

Kit & Scale:

Hasegawa Mig-17PF

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

Canopy striping

Paints Used:

Aircraft: Testors Metallic Silver, Flat Black, Model Master Zinc Chromate.

Pilot: Flight Suit Green, Flat White, Flesh

Comments:

Build straight forward. Good piece match and fit. Decals good, laid down with Pledge (Future) and Micro Sol for setting.



Name:

Tracy Ackeret

Time To Build:

100 hours

Kit & Scale:

Eduard Bf-109F-4

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

RB gun barrels and Ultracast seat

Paints Used:

Mig Ammo and Vallejo

Mig Ammo pigments

Comments:

Bf-109 originally slated for Africa but diverted to Eastern Front. RLM 78 and 79 with RLM 70 and 74 added to better blend in Eastern Front



Name:

Tracy Ackeret

Time To Build:

80 hours

Kit & Scale:

Dragon T-26E3 Heavy Tank

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

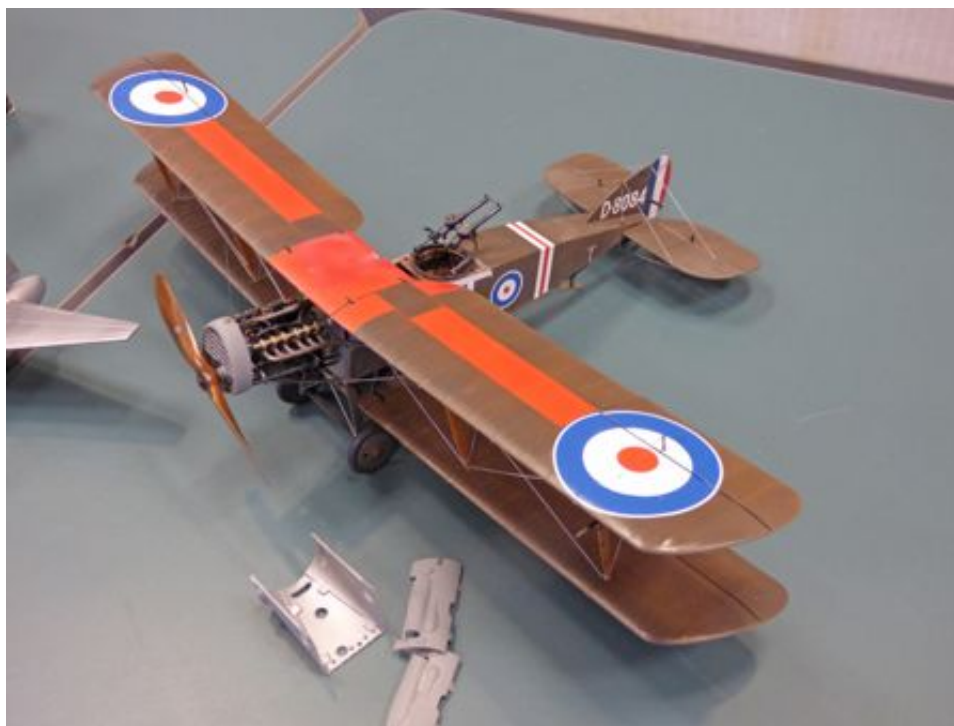
RB metal barrel, FruliMetal tracks

Paints Used:

Mig Ammo paints and pigments

Comments:

Fun build of a late WW II tank that saw service in Korea



Name:

Rick Reinert

Time To Build:

About 2 months. Rigging took 3 days to accomplish. Did a little bit and declared victory. Came back the next day and did a bit more.

Kit & Scale:

Wingnut Wings Fe.2B

1/32nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

Barracuda wicker seat

Paints Used:

Tamiya and Testors. Prop is Tamiya XF64 with Burnt Umber oil mixed with a red brown oil.

Comments:

The best way to build these kits is to take your time. With a hefty dose of patience, these turn into really good models. This took about 7 weeks to assemble, paint and rig. The kit is built in sections, fuselage, tail, wings, landing gear. Once sections are complete, they go together well.



Name:

Matt Graham

Time To Build:

30 hours

Kit & Scale:

Hobbyboss FJ-4B Fury

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

AMS detail set (cockpit, exhaust, rudder)

Some detail parts and decals from Grand Phoenix FJ-4 multi-media kit.
Some custom Alps decals

Paints Used:

Gunze Sangyo (Fluorescent Red, Engine Gray) and Tamiya (Chrome Yellow, Aluminum) synthetic lacquers. Alcaid and Model Master

Comments:

Target tug from Utility Squadron 5

Thought this would be an easy build due to low parts count, but the AMS cockpit required a LOT of effort to fit. Used some parts from the old Grand Phoenix kit, (wheels, main gear well,

white metal nose gear strut), as they were superior.

Love the high-viz scheme. Some decals from Grand Phoenix, but scheme is from different time period, so some decals custom made on my Alps. GP decals are Cartograph, but somewhat disappointing, being somewhat thick and didn't conform well.



Name:

Rich Ribaldo

Time To Build:

About 8 hours

Kit & Scale:

AMT Batmobile, Kit# 6877

1/25th scale

Aftermarket Items:

KA Models Steel honeycomb mesh. A seat harnesses made from Tamiya tape and plastic card stock.

Paints Used:

Tamiya TS-14 black, Tamiya Semi-Gloss Clear, Various shades of Alclad for the metal parts.

Comments:

This model was built as a birthday gift for my grandson. He and his dad are both Batman fans, so when I remembered I had the old AMT kit from the first Tim Burton movie in the stash I decided it was time to build it. My expectations were low when I started the build and the kit was indeed a bit rough. Fit was poor in many places; some parts needed grinding to mate while others were very sloppy.

I knew I was in for a bit of work but didn't mind considering who the



model was for. I had the opportunity to see the real(?) car at the Petersen Museum in Los Angeles and had a few pictures to use as reference, as well as some from Google Images. At first I decided to make the car stock from the box, but after looking at the kit's super shiny chrome pieces and the nice detail on the instrument panel I decided it was worth punching-up a bit. I used only materials I had on hand and took some creative license on painting.

I made a few improvements to appearance as follows...

- Stripped the chrome from several of the parts and refinished them in Alclad

- Drilled out the cannon barrel

- Made seat harnesses from Tamiya tape and buckels from sheet styrene

- Replaced the bottom of the side intake duct with some stainless steel honeycomb mesh

These few modifications added less than two hours to the build and they make a noticeable difference.

The worst fit issues were on the car's large trademark "Bat Fins". Lots of shaping, file work, filler and polishing around some very awkward angles and tight spots finally yielded a perfect fit and smooth outer mold line. The intake duct on the nose of the car had some step height issues needing lots of filler putty and sanding, too.



The windshield fit surprisingly well as did all of the interior parts. The instrument panel gauges were picked out with white, yellow and red Prismacolor pencils and the gauges were covered with a few coats of Future to simulate the glass lenses. There's just enough windshield to allow a peek inside and the work on the interior was visible in the end. The addition of seat belts and picking out the instrument panel details can be seen if you get up close.

After completion the model got a coat of Tamiya Fine Gray primer. This stuff lays down beautifully right from the rattle can and dries quickly. After the primer I shot three coats of Tamiya TS-14 Gloss Black straight from the rattle can. Tamiya makes some great spray paint and it laid down beautifully and smoothly. After the black dried I shot the car with Tamiya Semi-Gloss clear, again from the spray can. There were no decals in this kit, but I spent about 90 minutes masking and painting the details on the underside of the car with various shades of black and Alclad metallic shades.

I didn't think Batman would have a lot of chrome on his car so almost all of the chrome was stripped from the plated parts and refinished with a few different shades of Alclad metal colors. I did, however, leave the plating on the wheels but sprayed them

with Humbrol Satin Clear with a few drops of black added to tone them down a bit. The red Bat Insignias on the hubs were picked out with Testors 1103 red.

One final upgrade was replacing the closed blanking plate on the side intake ducts with some Hexagon Pattern stainless steel mesh from KA Models that I had in my material box. I always pick up odds and ends at kit swap meets even if I don't have an immediate use for them. I'm glad I bought that mesh screen a few years back because it was perfect for this application. The guns, exhaust nozzle, tail lamps and a few other external details were finally added to finish up the build.

This kit was fun to build despite the fit problems. I recommend this kit to modelers of moderate experience

Calendar

07/09/2017	Kit Collectors Exposition and Show	Garden Grove Community Center 11300 Stanford Ave. Garden Grove, CA
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