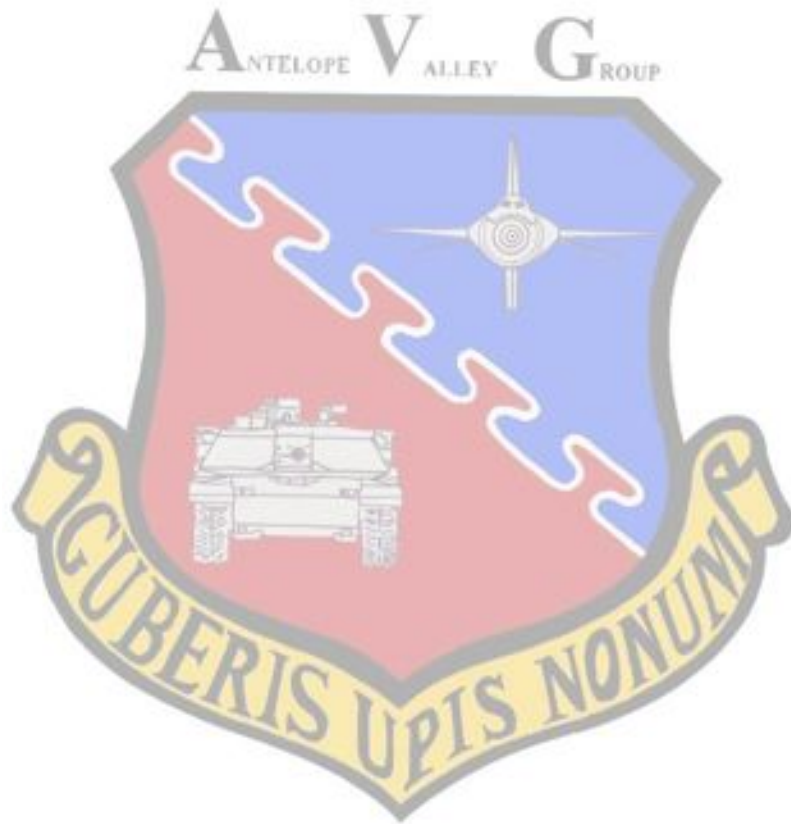


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING March 21, 2015, 1 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

General Meeting Notes:

We discussed general club business at the January meeting

2015 Contest Themes

Rich R. brought a large list of possible themes and/or special awards, to add to the theme ideas proposed at the January meeting. First, here are the ideas proposed in January.

“Look Inside” – details inside a model. Examples: Best aircraft cockpit, best armor interior, best auto interior or engine.

“A Day at the Zoo 2” - Models with an animal name – i.e. a Jaguar aircraft, Tiger tank, Mustang car, etc.

“Nifty Fifties” – Model subjects from the 1950’s

“Factory Fresh” – Models depicting a brand new vehicle (aircraft, tank, auto)

And here are Rich’s ideas:

“Feminine Fenomenone” – Any subject operated by or made famous by women. Entries include W.A.S.P., Russian Night Witches, Women Racing Drivers, Rosie the Riveter, etc.

“Alpha and Omega” - Any pair of models that represent the first and last/latest model variant of the subject. Examples include Spitfire Mk.1/Mk.47, First and last/latest year of a car model, Private and General, Seaman and Admiral, Mercury Spacecraft and Space Shuttle Orbiter, etc.

“Rust Never Sleeps” – This theme is for any extremely weathered subject. Model can depict a derelict vehicle no longer in service or an extremely weathered/weary vehicle in the later stages of its operational life.

“In Enemy Hands” – Any subject which has been captured/procured by its opponent for testing, evaluation, interrogation or confinement. Captured aircraft/armor/ships in enemy markings, Prisoners of War, etc.

“Like a Duck to Water” – Any subject modified to operate in water which normally operated on land or in the air. Entries include seaplane variants, Snorkel-fitted tanks and Jeeps, automobiles, Navy Seals, etc.

“Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing” – This subject will be any vehicle or person in disguise or masquerading as its opponent. Captured aircraft, armor and ships used in deceptive operations, “Q Ships”, spies, Fords with Chevy engines, etc.

“Prototypes” – The first model of any vehicle that win into production. Does NOT include traditional “X-Planes” (X-1, X-15, X-29, etc.).

“Land of the Czars” – Any subject of Russian origin from and era.

“Hail Britannia” - Any subject of British origin from any era.

“Animal Ancestry” – essentially the same as “Day at the Zoo 2” above

“The Roaring 20’s” – Any subject whose model year of production was in the 1920’s, or became famous during the 1920’s. Subjects include “Spirit of St. Louis”, Cars & Trucks produced in the 1920’s, Gangsters, Post WWI tanks, etc.

Lot’s of choices this year! Don’t think we can go far wrong with any them.

Special Awards

A couple more proposed special awards were added. Here’s the complete list so far:

Best Russian Armor

Best British

Best X-Plane

President’s Award

Best Auto Paint and Finish

Master’s Award

Trifecta

Club Facebook Page

The proposed Facebook page was discussed at the meeting. The membership agreed that the page was a good idea, but that it should supplement, not replace, the club website. Rich M. volunteered to set up the account and page

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		
20 June	Club BBQ			
18 July	In House Contest – "Built a Tamiya Kit"	Niilo		
15 Aug				
19 Sept		Jeff		
17 Oct	Judge's Clinic			
7 Nov	2016 Desert Classic			
21 Nov	2016 Club Officer Nominations			
19 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2016 Officer Elections			

The Tool Crib

The Great Toolbox Raffle!

"Rich the Tool Man" has generously donated a fabulous wrapped toolbox, along with a large selection of useful modeling tools (many featured in "Tool Time with Rich" in the previous months).

Curt also donated some masking vinyl to the contents.



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 will be presenting the next installment of “Things Under Wings”, this time focusing on Sparrow and AAMRAM.

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:

Dakota Manaseri

Time To Build:

1 year

Kit & Scale:

Hasegawa C-130J Blue Angels "Fat Albert"

1/200th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Model Master Blue Angel Blue and Gold,
Insignia White

Comments:



Name:

Niilo Lund

Time To Build:

1 month overall, with 72 hrs for construction and finish

Kit & Scale:

Airfix Swordfish Mk.1

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Testors Acrylic – olive drab, interior green, wood brown, copper, flat black, flat red and steel

Comments:

Interesting kit to build – sometimes it felt like you needed 4 hands at the same time. Fit was ok but mating points need to be drilled out for the wing struts. Decals dissolve once they hit the water, making it interesting to transfer. It still was fun to build



Name:

Tom Hamel

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Monogram '32 Ford Duce Dragster

1/24th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Testors Metalflake Blue spray can. Rest bush painted with Model Masters

A salute to a by-gone era of modeling history from my childhood. Thanks Rich!



Name:

Tom Hamel

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

AFV Club Centurion

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya, Model Master and some pastel

The suspension is workable, with coil springs. It can be tricky and requires focus



Name:

Tom Hamel

Time To Build:

3 weeks

Kit & Scale:

Academy Dragon Wagon

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

The Sherman is a Dragon kit and not part of the Academy kit

Paints Used:

Model Master, Testors and Tamiya, with some pastels

Nice kit. Very detailed for a 1/72 kit.



Name:

Mike Otis

Time To Build:

4 months

Kit & Scale:

Revell Peterbilt 359 with Jimmy
Flintstone Cab

1/25th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Rear tires and rear wheels

Paints Used:

Tamiya Medium Blue over Vallejo Dark
Rust

Rear flatbed all scratchbuilt. Added
some engine hoses. Top of exhaust
stacks are aluminum tubing

Calendar

3/22/2015	Kit Collectors Exposition and Show	UFCW Local 324 Union Hall 8530 Stanton Ave., Buena Park, CA
4/10- 11/2015	SCAHMS 2015 California Show	La Quinta Inn 3 Centerpointe Dr., La Palma, CA
4/11/2015	Silicon Valley Classic 2015	Naperdak Hall 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, CA
4/18/2015	20 th Annual Best of the West	Riviera Hotel and Casino 2901 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas, NV
6/6/2015	San Diego Model Expo and Swap Meet	San Diego Air and Space Museum Annex, Gillespie Field 335 Kenney St., San Diego, CA
6/13/2015	Hobby Expo 2015	Well Fargo Center for the Arts 50 Mark West Springs Rd., Santa Rosa, CA
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 th 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