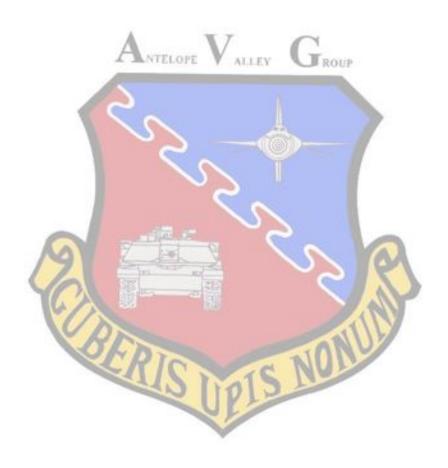
The Smoking Hole

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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING MAY 20 2017, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

March General Meeting Notes:

For April, we had our first in-house contest of the year and further discussion of our upcoming Desert Classic contest.

"6-Day War" In-House Contest

Our first in-house contest for the modeling year transpired at the April meeting. Subject was "6-Day War"; and subject from the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. We had several excellent entries. And the winner is... Matt Graham with a 1/35th Trumpeter SA-2 'Guideline' SAM. So congratulations to, um, me, I guess...



Don't forget, our next in-house contest is "Jurassic Plastic" in July.

Contest Discussion

VP Jim reported that the contest ad has been submitted to IPMS

We are 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, and you will receive credit for your sponsorship on the trophies. We need to know no later than August so the trophies can be engraves.

National Contest Category Sponsorship

The membership voted in favor of sponsoring a category for this year's Nats. President Tracy has sent a list of the categories available for sponsorship. Be prepared to vote for your choice of category to sponsor at the meeting.

2016 Meeting Schedule

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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	"Things Under Wings – ARM- US" (Tentative)	
16 July	In-House Contest "Jurassic Plastic"		(
19 Aug				
16 Sept				
21 Oct				
28 Oct	2017 Desert Classic			
18 Nov	2018 Club Officer Nominations			
16 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2018 Officer Elections	Everyone!		

The Tool Crib

Mike O. brought in an interesting paint





The Moletow Liquid Chrome marker pen. This pen dispenses a very bright chrome enamel. Probably the most obvious use is chrome trim on model cars. Mike says it's much easier than the car modeler's usual go-to, Bare Metal Foil. I can see this also being useful for doing aircraft landing gear oleos or hydro cylinders on armor. The pen is available in 3 tip sizes, 1, 2 and 3mm. Available from several sources, such as Sprue Brothers and Burbank House of Hobbies.



Bill P. brought in various metallic Krylon paints. These can be useful for depicting some metallic finishes different from the usual hobby paints, and you certainly get a lot of paint for your money. Available at your favorite home improvement outlet.

Club Demos

Henry's has promised us a "Things Under Wings" installment for the June meeting. 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:

Matt Graham

Time To Build:

Approximately 20 hours

Kit & Scale:

Trumpeter SA-2 Guideline

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Eduard etch

Paints Used:

Various Gunze Sangyo Mr. Color synthetic lacquers.

Mig and AK Interactive washes, Mig pigments, oil dot streaking

Comments:

S-75 Dvina and launcher of the Egyptian Army, 1967. Egypt claimed 12 Israeli aircraft shot down in the '67 war, but Israel only lost 2 aircraft to SAMs

My first armor build in 30 years. Tom Hamel was always trying to get me to build armor, and steered me to this kit at one of the Christmas gift exchanges.

Fit is generally pretty good, and, like a
lot of Trumpeter armor, pretty accurate
(unlike a lot of their aircraft).
Decals are Cartograph, but were pretty
thick and didn't settle down well, even
with setting solution. Used this build
as a chance to practice armor
weathering, and am pretty pleased with
the result. Kit was a lot of fun to
build!



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David Newman

Time To Build:

3 months

Kit & Scale:

KP Mig-15UTI (and Prieser Arabian Horse)

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Testors

Comments:



Name:

Mark Lampe

Time To Build:

Approx 25 hours

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya IS-3

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya Olive Drab, Americana acrylics Flat Black, Burnt Umber, Red Oxide. Olive green, Ivory and Flat Black for dot filters & washes.

Comments:

Overall a nice kit to build. The grab handles on the turret are fairly delicate and fiddly to get fitting on correctly and the kit tracks are a bit snug fitting. Normally I like to dirty up my armor but I kept this one relatively clean, as the early IS-3's didn't see too much hard use/combat.



Name:

Mark Lampe

Time To Build:

Approx 25 hours

Kit & Scale:

Trumpeter IS-3M

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Vallejo Dark Yellow; Americana acrylics Flat Black, Burnt Umber, Red Oxide. Delta Gamal Green for the chipping. Black Nickel metallic for the whack on the side of the turret and the DSHK 12.7mm MG.

Comments:

Also a nice kit to build, almost identical to the Tamiya kit. The tracks on this one are nicely detailed, but are too long by at least a couple of links (hazarding a guess). I made shims to provide some track sag and tighten them up to a more acceptable tension. This IS-3M is painted as one used by

the Egyptian Army in 1967, so I
wanted to show more heavy wear &
tear on it.

AVG Modeler's Bio



Name: Steve Spandorf

Profession: Egress/Life Support Technician

Family: Yes ©

IPMS Member?: Yes

How long have you been a member of AVG? Since the very beginning

How long have you been modeling?: Can't count that high! Actually, 51 years, on and off.

Do you remember what the first kit you built was?: A P-39. Revell, I think.

<u>Favorite subjects and scales?</u>: Anything, any scale. I am a confirmed Plastiholic. Aircraft 1/48 & 1/35 armor. Also cars.

Paint. Acrylic or Enamel?: Getting ready to go acryl.

Anything else you'd like us to know? Other hobbies or interest? Comments? Manifesto?:

I have given myself 20 days to complete the Eduard 1/48th Yak-1b. Tired of not finishing anything...

Calendar

06/03/2017	San Diego Model Expo and Swap Meet	San Diego Air & Space Museum Annex 335 Kinney St, El Cajon, CA
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