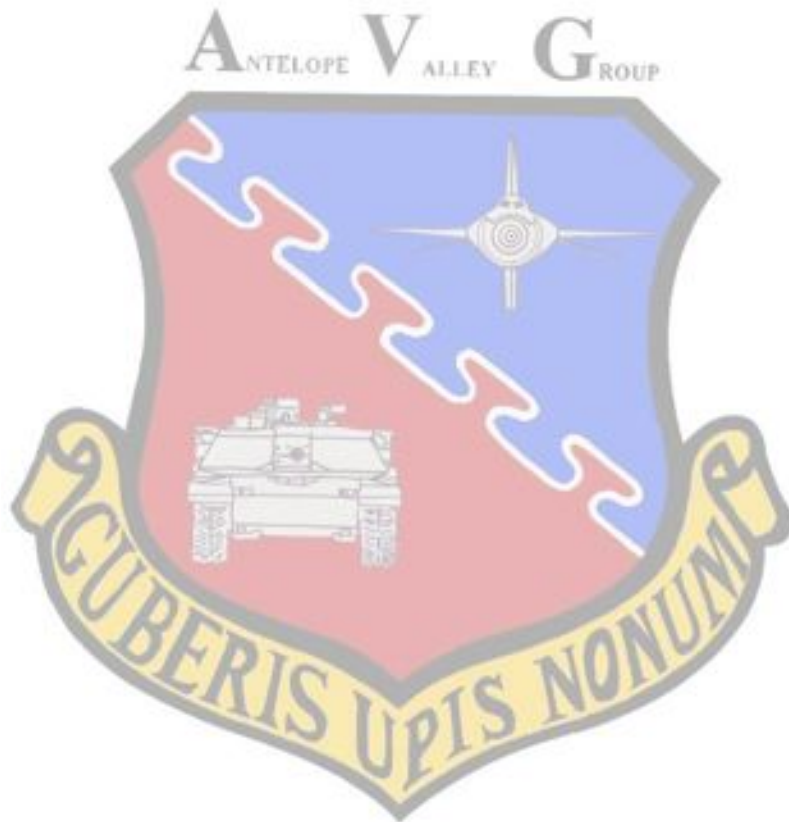


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING October 19, 2013, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

NOTE: There will be a Judges Meeting immediately prior to the General Meeting. All Team Captains and Assistant Captains please meet at the library at 12:30

General Meeting Notes:

Thanks to Mike Marcholi for taking the Meeting Notes while I was on travel.

2013 Desert Classic

This is the last Club meeting prior to the contest. All Club members should try to attend. There will be a review of the registration process and a judging clinic.

Reminder: Contest setup will begin at 6:30am. Please make an effort to be there to help with setup and remain after to help with cleanup.

Here is the list of Contest assignments:

College Coordination and PA system – David Newman

Master of Ceremonies – Steve Spandorf

Cashier – Richard Maneseri

Registrar #1 – Niilo Lund

Registrar #2 – John Pearce

Raffle Ticket Sales – Jim Abercromby

Trophies and Raffle Items – Curtis Stidham

Forms - Rich Ribaud

Table Signs – Mike Otis

Table Cloths – Bill Kelly

Vendor Coordination – Curtis Stidham

Concession – Mike Brignola and Family

Contest Banner – Matt Graham

Clean Up Coordination – Jeff Phillips, Randy Weaver

Trophy Setup – Bill Pressley, Rick Reinert, Henry Blecha, Louis Toledo, Mike Marcholi

Judging Assignments

NOTE: THERE WILL BE A JUDGE'S MEETING AT 12:30PM, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE GENERAL MEETING. ALL TEAM CAPTAINS AND XO'S SHOULD ATTEND

Judging assignments are as follows:

Head Judge: Tom Hamel

Team #1 (Categories 1-10)

Captain – Nick Kiriokos
XO (“#2”) – Rich Ribauda

Team #2 (Categories 11-20)

Captain – Mike Brignola
XO (“#2”) – Mike Otis

Team #1 (Categories 21-30)

Captain – Matt Graham
XO (“#2”) – Jim Abercromby

National and Regional Winning Models

Reminder that winning models from this year's National and Regional are not eligible for awards in our contest. Here are two websites that have lists of this year's winners:

Nats:

<http://svsm.org/gallery/loveland2013-awards>

San Diego Regional:

http://www.ipmssd.org/Pages/ModelExpo_2013_results.htm

We will attempt to have copies of this information at the contest to assist the judges and registrars.

Nats Report

Club members Mike Otis and Jim Abercromby attended the IPMS Nats in Loveland.

They reported the venue was excellent, with a large contest room and was well lit. There were 2 large vendor rooms. Total entries were in excess of 250 models. Mike reported he enjoyed the Sci-Fi category, and Jim said he didn't find the raffle to be 'exceptional'. Entry fee was \$50 flat rate, regardless of the number of models entered

2013 Meeting Schedule

Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
12 Jan	Member Dues Collected			
19 Jan	Field Trip to Mojave Airpark "Plane Crazy"			
16 Feb	2013 Contest Theme Discussion			
16 Mar	Contest Flier Review and Category Finalization	Steve Spandorf		
20 Apr	"Finish Something on Your Bench" In-club contest	Matt Graham		
11 May	Club BBQ			
18 May	Club Display - 'Plane Crazy Saturday', Mojave Airport			
15 June		Jim Abercromby	"Pin-wash" Tom Hamel	
20 July				
17 Aug	"Build a Classic Monogram Kit" In-club contest	Tom Hamel		
21 Sept		Richard Manasari		
19 Oct	Judge's Clinic	David Newman		
2 Nov	2013 Desert Classic			
16 Nov	2014 Club Officer Nominations	Bill Pressley		
21 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2014 Officer Elections	All		

Show-and-Tell

Due to the large amount of contest business we need to cover this month, there will be no formal show-and-tell at this month's meeting. So save those cool builds for November!

A Visit to the Military Aviation Museum

By Matt Graham

On my recent trip to the East Coast, I had the opportunity to visit the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach, VA. The museum is dedicated to the first 50 years of military aviation and began as the private collection of Jerry Yagen, founder of the Aviation Institute of Maintenance schools.

The museum is located on a private airstrip south of Virginia Beach in an area dotted by farms. The airfield has a 5000 ft grass strip. Off the runway is the main museum building, with the attached “Army” and “Navy” display hangars. Visitors are free to wander at their leisure through these two hangars. About a quarter mile away are the WWI, Axis and maintenance hangars. These hangars are only accessible by guided tour, which occur about once each hour. The museum also maintains a hangar at nearby Suffolk airport.

What makes the museum unique is that it is a flying museum and nearly all the aircraft are airworthy flown semi-regularly. The aircraft are not roped off in the hangars and visitors can get a close as they want to the aircraft.

The WWI hangar is a replica of a typical wooden hangar of the era, but the Axis hangar is an actual German hangar that was transported from Europe and actually has original bullet holes preserved in the beams!

The museum has many unusual and very rare aircraft in the collection. The WWI aircraft are all replicas (many constructed by the Institute schools) and have modern engines. I found it interesting the several of the inline engine aircraft (the Albatross and the D.VII) use Ranger inverted air-cooled inline engines in an upright installation.



Albatross Replica



P-26A

The WWII aircraft collection sports some very rare airworthy aircraft, including Polikarpov i-16 and i-153 fighters, a Mig-3 (not present when I was there), a Ju-53 (actually a CASA), two Fw-190's (an A8 and a D9) and an La-9. The museum also has a Me.262. Both the 262 and the FW-190D9 are replica airframes. But to me the crown jewel was the DeHavilland Mosquito. Currently the only airworthy Mosquito in the world, the restoration of this FB.26 was completed in New Zealand last year. Interestingly, it has an Antelope Valley connection, as the Merlin engines were rebuilt by Mike Nixon's Vintage V-12 in Tehachapi (Mike also built the Allison in the museum's Yak-3M). The Me-262 was scheduled to arrive from Suffolk the day after my visit on it's last flight, as the museum does not want to risk operating the aircraft from the grass strip with the low-slung engine inlets.



i-16



i-153



Fw-190D9



Fw-190A8



La-9



Mosquito FB.26

The museum also has a small collection of ground vehicles, including a Universal Carrier, a Horch staff car and a Flak 88 / searchlight combination, which they demonstrate at airshows.

Unfortunately, the future of this museum is in doubt. Yagen has sold the aviation schools and does not have the money to continue to support the collection, and it is reportedly up for sale. It has been reported the B-17 and Fw-190A have been sold (the 190 was in the maintenance hangar while I was there). The volunteer docents I talked to were a bit cagey about the future, but indicated the museum will stay open for the immediate future and they do plan to hold their yearly airshow. The museum has also just acquired an original Curtiss Jenny.

The museum was well worth the trip, and, should you find yourself in that part of the county, the detour is well worth it. But do it soon, as it may not be there for long!

Calendar

11/2/2013	IPMS AVG Annual Contest	Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, CA
2/24/2014	ModelFest	CAF Southern California Wing 455 Aviation Dr. Camarillo, CA