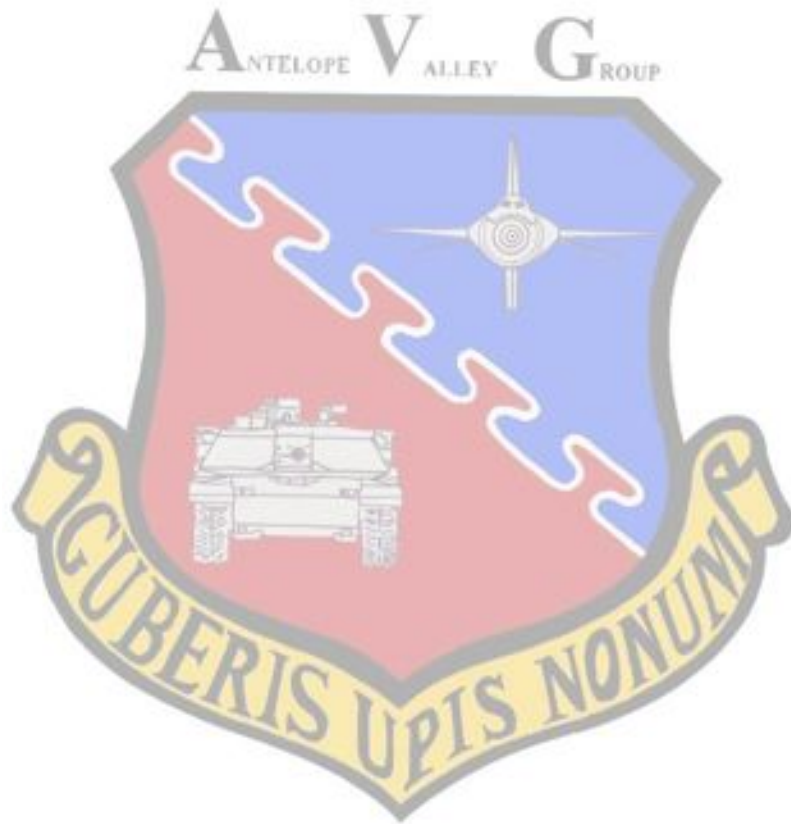


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## **Club News and Business**

**NEXT MEETING October 17, 2015, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY**

### General Meeting Notes:

We discussed contest business at the September meeting.

### LAST MEETING BEFORE THE CONTEST!

This is our last scheduled club meeting prior to the contest. We will be handing out contest assignments and will have a judging clinic. Please make an extra effort to try and attend this meeting (us Tehachapi guys will make a 'best effort' – there is no estimate on when Highway 58 will re-open after yesterdays mudslide and I'm not sure of the status of Tehachapi-Willow Springs Road.)

A couple of notes. Curtis has ordered the trophies, Jim has the flyer up on the club website, Mike O. reports the table cards are printed, Bill K. has the table cloths and raffle items, and I have the contest banner.

### Contest Special Awards

Here's the current list:

Best Russian Armor  
Best British  
Best X-Plane  
President's Award  
Best Auto Paint and Finish  
Master's Award  
Trifecta  
First Timer

### Contest Sponsorship

For anyone sponsoring a category, please provide payment to Curtis at the meeting. Cost is \$45 per category.

“Jurassic Plastic” Category for 2016

Rich R. brought a really cool display for next year’s “Jurassic Plastic” category (or special award). We will have a club “Jurassic Kit” display table at this years contest.



And I’m sure some of us can relate to this....



## 2015 Meeting Schedule

<b>Primary</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Demo</b>	<b>Review</b>
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	"Things Under Wings" (Henry)	
20 June	Club BBQ			
18 July	In House Contest - "Built a Tamiya Kit"	Niilo / Bill P.	TBD - Steve	
15 Aug		Mike W.		
19 Sept		Jeff / Joe		
17 Oct	Judge's Clinic			
7 Nov	2016 Desert Classic			
21 Nov	2016 Club Officer Nominations	Bill P.	"Things Under Wings" (Henry) (tentative)	
19 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2016 Officer Elections			



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**

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:

David Newman

Time To Build:

6 weeks

Kit & Scale:

Sword P-40K

1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale

Aftermarket Items:

Paints Used:

Testors  
ALPS decals

Comments:



Name:

Nillo Lund

Time To Build:

30 hours over 2 months, with 1 repair session after being dropped

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya A-1J Skyraider

1/48<sup>th</sup> scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

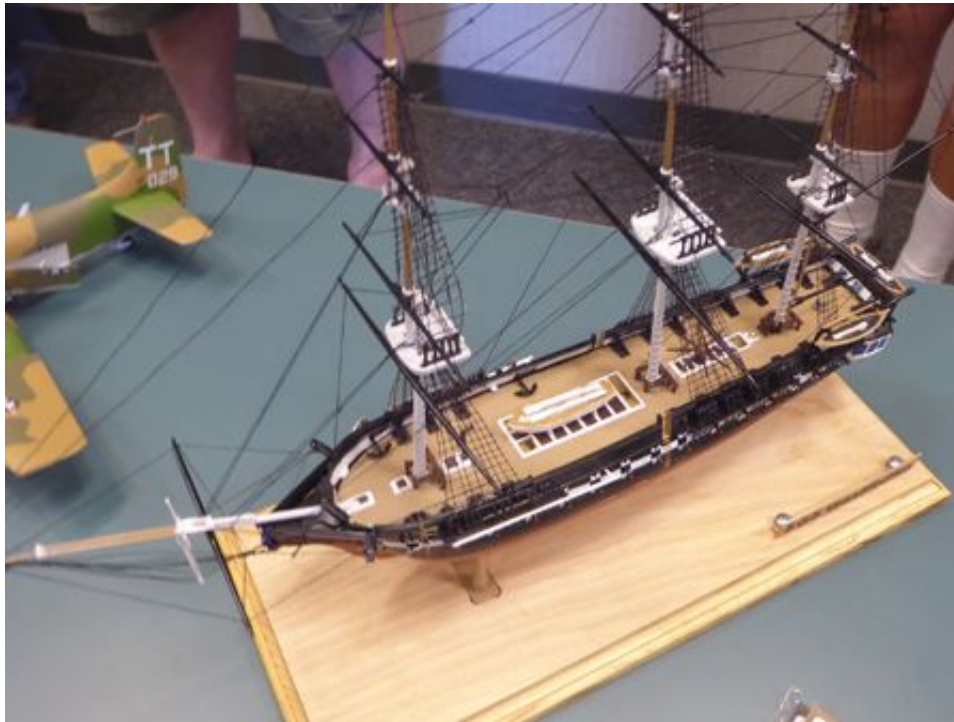
Paints Used:

Tamiya brown, green, tan, white and all weapon colors

Comments:

Fun build. Lots of time to paint by hand, 3 coats. More detail than previously experienced.





Name:

Nillo Lund

Time To Build:

Started June 2015, still in work about  $\frac{3}{4}$  done. About 120 hours so far

Kit & Scale:

Revell sailing ship

1/200<sup>th</sup> scale (approx. Box scale)

Aftermarket Items:

Hand carved lifeboats (lost in transit)  
made from balsa

Paints Used:

Testors black, white, copper, blue, tan  
and red

Comments:

Interesting build, must have patience.  
More time invested in rigging than the  
structure build. Expect to complete for  
the 2015 Desert Classic.



Name:

Tom Hamel

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Trumpeter JGSDF NBC Detection Vehicle

1/35<sup>th</sup> scale

Aftermarket Items:

Camo net on the side and tarps on top

Paints Used:

Model Master and Tamiya w/some pastels

Comments:

A model for those with moderate modeling skills. Not too terribly over-engineered for a Trumpeter kit.



Name:

Tom Hamel

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Mini Art Dutch Village Diorama

1/35<sup>th</sup> scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Model Master and Tamiya. All hand painted with railroad scenics and greenery

Comments:

Nothing easy about this. Takes patience and focus. This is a different type of model and challenges you modeling skills and artistic ability.



Name:

Nick Kiriokos

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Academy USMC M4A2

1/35<sup>th</sup> scale

Aftermarket Items:

Eureka tow cable

Paints Used:

Lifecolor OD

Comments:

Weathered with Bragoden Powders and pastel chalks



Name:

Jeffery Phillips

Time To Build:

4 months (2-3 hours at a time)

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya JSU-152

1/35<sup>th</sup> scale

Aftermarket Items:

Aber #35L40 aluminum barrel  
w/machined brass muzzle brake.

Scratchbuilt wood crate & left front  
fender w/obligatory ditching log from  
my yard

Paints Used:

Mixed Tamiya Dark Green & Olive  
Green to get Russian Armor Green.  
Added Buff for shading. Weathere  
w/oils & pastels

Comments:

Long fun build, lost of mistakes made,  
patience tested, repairs made, lesions  
learned. Mainly, I got it done!

**Name:**

Tracy Ackeret

**Time To Build:**

35 hours (construction), 6 hours (paint and decals)

**Kit & Scale:**

Tamiya F4U-1D

1/48<sup>th</sup> scale**Aftermarket Items:**

Eduard color seatbelts , Aeromaster Island Hopping Corsairs decals

**Paints Used:**

Tamiya Navy Blue upper, Intermediate Blue middle and Insignia White lower. Cockpit and wheel wells are a mix of Tamiya XF-4 & XF-5. Weather with oil paints and dry brushing. Overall flat coat.

**Comments:**

White 17 was aircraft of Lt Cmdr Roger Hendrick, the XO of the Jolly Rogers. Credited with 9 confirmed victories with VF-17 and 3 with VF-84. Rose to rank of Rear Admiral after WWII. Awarded Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross w/3 Gold Stars.

Model has the Medium High Frequency antenna attached to horizontal stab instead of antenna post in front of cockpit. Due to previous failure of post in flight

**Name:**

Tracy Ackeret

**Time To Build:**

40 hours (construction), 6 hours (paint and decals)

**Kit & Scale:**

Tamiya F4U-1D

1/48<sup>th</sup> scale**Aftermarket Items:**

Eduard color seatbelts , EagleCals F4U-1 Corsairs Part 2 decals

**Paints Used:**

Tamiya Navy Blue upper, Intermediate Blue middle and Insignia White lower. Cockpit and wheel wells are a mix of Tamiya XF-4 & XF-5. Weather with oil paints and dry brushing. Overall semi-gloss coat.

**Comments:**

White 3 was aircraft of Lt (jg) James "Big Jim" Strieg. Flew 2 tours with VF-17 and credited with 5.5 confirmed victories. Awarder Distinguished Flying Cross w/2 Gold Stars for action over the Soloman Islands

Model has unusual antenna configuration for Medium Frequency antenna trials. Was an attempt to optimize radio calls to base, but didn't last long as antenna tended to break when the wings were folded.

**Name:**

Tracy Ackeret

**Time To Build:**

30 hours (construction), 4 hours (paint and decals)

**Kit & Scale:**

Eduard F6F-5 Weekend Edition

1/48<sup>th</sup> scale**Aftermarket Items:**

Eduard color seatbelts. Quickboost F6F-5N conversion, F6F-5 external tank, F6F-5 engine. True Details F4U/F6F wheels. Eagle Strike Marine Night Fighters decals

**Paints Used:**

Tamiya Navy Blue overall. Cockpit and wheel wells are a mix of Tamiya XF-4 & XF-5. Weather with oil paints and dry brushing. Overall semi-gloss coat.

**Comments:**

Marine Night Fighter Squadron 542 (VMF(n)-541), Bat Eye Squadron. Mission was to defend their base and US forces against air attack by destroying enemy aircraft by use of radar at night and in low visibility. Flew from Pelileu & Falalop Islands. Establish at MCAS Cheery Point 15 Feb 1944 and disestablished 30 April 1946. Credited with 22 confirmed kills



## Calendar

11/7/2015	"Desert Classic XIX" IPMS Antelope Valley Group	Antelope Valley College Cafeteria 3041 W. Ave. K, Lancaster, CA
11/8/2015	Kit Collectors Exposition and Show	UFCW Local 324 Union Hall 8530 Stanton Ave., Buena Park, CA
4/2/2016	Silicon Valley Classic III	Naperdak Hall 770 Montegue Expressway San Jose, CA