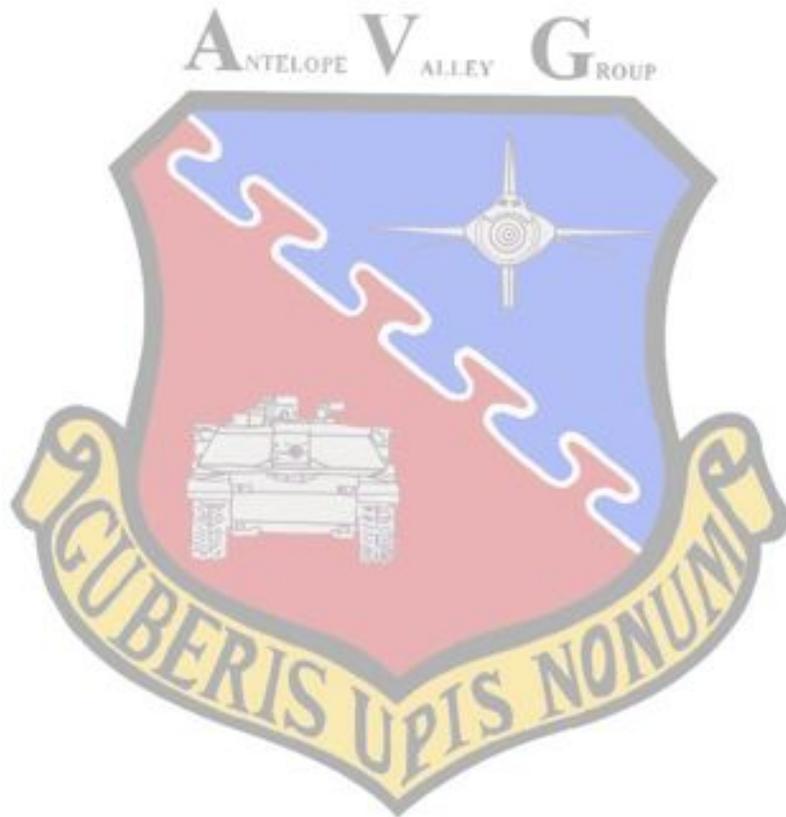


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 16 2019, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

January General Meeting Notes:

January's meeting was preparation for the next and beginning contest discussion

In-House Contest

The membership decided to have four in-house contests this year, one each quarter. The first will be in March, with the subject "Marine" (anything from the U.S. Marine Corps). In June we will have the popular "Jurassic Plastic" (any pre-1970 kit). A twist this time is your model will not have to be built OOB, but you can make any modifications or use any aftermarket of your choice. In August, we will have "Out of Your Category" (build a subject that you don't normally build). Like armor for you aircraft guys. And finally, in December, the subject is "Red" (anything 'red', painted red, Soviet, etc.). Busy year!

Build Meetings

In the past couple of years, we have had several 'build meetings' where members brought projects they are working on and the first part of the meeting is dedicated to construction. This year, Prez Steve suggested that every meeting could be a 'build meeting' and members are encouraged to bring their projects to every or any meeting. Great idea!

2019 Desert Classic

VP Jim kicked off planning for this year's contest. Jim suggested retaining the same number of trophies, but eliminating the "Collaborative Model" category and replacing it with another category split, to which the membership agreed.

The contest theme was discussed. Several ideas were floated, with the club deciding on "Desert" (any desert subject).

Also discussed were Special Awards. We decided to eliminate the Best Finish Awards and add Best 75th Anniversary of D-Day, Best 80th Anniversary of the start of WWII, and Best 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing.

Niilo has been looking into trophy options, and I'm sure he'll discuss at the meeting

2019 Meeting Schedule

Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
19 Jan	Member Dues Collected	Steve/Matt		
16 Feb		Bill K./Jay	"Things Under Wings – Rant & Rave" - Henry	
16 Mar	In-House Contest "Marine"	Rich/Mike W.		
20 Apr		Rick/Mike O.	Steve – Bare Metal Finish	
18 May		Dwight/Stephen		
15 June	In-House Contest "Jurassic Plastic"	Niilo/Mark		
20 July				
17 Aug				
21 Sept	In-House Contest "Out of Your Category"			
19 Oct				
26 Oct	2019 Desert Classic			
16 Nov	2020 Club Officer Nominations			
21 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2020 Officer Elections In-House Contest "Red"	Everyone!		

The Tool Crib

Several new things this month.

Rich brought in very fine (1/64") masking tape.



The tape is vinyl and very flexible. You can see in the photo how fine a line the tape can produce. Available from MegaHobby. I've also seen it on eBay

Steve brought in a couple of items.

AK True Metal



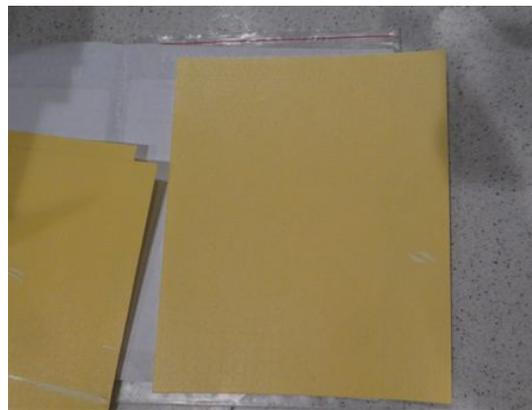
Very similar to Rub-'n-Buff, a wax-based metallic polishing paste. Available at Burbank House of Hobbies, several online vendors and eBay.

Hemp cord



Useful for simulating various size of rope. Available at Michael's.

I've recommended Maketar masking products previously, and I've finally been able to get a hold of another one of their products, The Canopy Survival Kit.



Like all Maketar products, the masks are die-cut from Tamiya masking tape. The canopy set consists of three sheets of various shapes that can be put together to mask almost any canopy shape. Costs about \$16. Only place I have found this is through Hannants or directly from Maketar (shop.maketar.com)

AK Interactive has been known for their water-based acrylic paints, but has introduced a new line, AK Real Colors



These are synthetic lacquers. They appear to be very similar to Gunze Sangyo Mr. Color paints, and can be thinned with Gunze thinners. Right now, the line is armor-oriented (they have some really cool stuff, like British LRDG colors), but they plan to expand into aircraft colors. I got these online from Freetime Hobbies, but I've discovered Brookhurst Hobbies carries them, too.

Club Demos

I believe Henry's still scheduled to give a more detailed version of his 'rant and rave' presentation with photos at the February meeting.

Steve will be giving presentation on bare metal finishes in April, and Jim will demonstrate figure painting techniques in the future.

Member Show and Tell



Name:

Bill Kelly

Time To Build:

8 months

Kit & Scale:

Monogram A-1E Skyraider

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

Resin seat

Paints Used:

Model Master enamels

Comments:

Used to sharpen old skills after 11 years of not finishing a kit!



Name:

Mike Hutchison

Time To Build:

3 months or so

Kit & Scale:

Kitty Hawk Mig-25PD/PDS

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Correct metal pitot probe, metal struts, Begemot decals, Barracuda Studios corrected nose section and nozzles

Paints Used:

Mr. Paint, Model Master, Alclad II metalizer, AKAH

Comments:

More time was expended correcting errors, but very pleased with result!



Name:

Tracy Ackeret

Time To Build:

Months, but about 60 hours

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya Birdcage F4U-1

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Eduard PE and seatbelts, True Details wheels

Paints Used:

MIG Ammo paint, filters and effects

Comments:

Started last summer and to a while to get my mojo back – finished New Years Eve. VF-17 Jolly Rogers first cruise, USS Charger off Bermuda



Name:

Mark Lampe

Time To Build:

40 to 50 hours

Kit & Scale:

Alan (Ukraine) Marder IID

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Brass screen sheet

Paints Used:

Delta Charcoal Grey, Black Nickel,
Territorial Beige, Yellow
Ochre; Americana Black, Medium
Grey, Burnt Sienna

Comments:

This was an interesting, challenging kit, with some surprisingly nice features and its fair share of pitfalls. The highlights were the one-piece hull top armor, photo-etched muffler cover, nicely detailed tracks, and general overall good detail. Plus it's a pretty rare subject. To my knowledge there were no other kits of the Marder IID, until a later release by Bronco. Not sure that one's available to widely now either.

The pitfalls...about half of my build time was spent on those nice tracks-

cleanup, assembly, painting, and -the real challenge-getting them to fit around the finished suspension. The gun carriage was a lesson in filling & sanding, although the gun itself is nice enough. I had to create sockets/holders for the headlights as there were none on the hull, and none in the parts mix. There were plenty of sinkholes and so forth to fill in as well. I scratchbuilt the mesh frame on the rear 1/8 or so of the top hull with some styrene and brass screen.

There were less than 300 Marder IID made, but they got spread all over the place-Russia, Italy, North Africa. I did mine in the early Panzer Grey, with a liberal application of mud slathered on "by the crew". As of this writing I'm finishing her up with markings, final weathering, and trying to get some figures in that cramped little space to service the gun...luckily I only need 2!



Name:

Mike Otis

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Revell-Monogram 1937-38 Ford Pickup

1/25th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Beer keg for fuel tank, handcrafted Mexican blanket

Paints Used:

Tamiya X-7 Red with XF-9 Jull Red 50/50 mix, Tamiya XF-18 Medium Blue

Comments:

To make a Rat Rod, the front suspension was moved forward 10mm.

Weathered by priming in gray, the sprayed hairspray, then red. After scrubbing off some of the red, the rusty brown was sprayed over the gray spots.



Name:

Nick Kiriokos

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya M41 Walker Bulldog

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

AK Interactive chain, Thatchweave cammo roll

Paints Used:

Lifecolor O.D., Vallejo Green Vehicle Weathering Set

Comments:

From 1975 (decal sheet). OOTB except rolls, box, tarp.



Name:

David Newman

Time To Build:

6 months

Kit & Scale:

Pit Road Avro Vulcan

1/144th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Testors, Mr. Color, Tamiya

Comments:

Kit Decals



Name:

Tom Hamel

Time To Build:

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya Crusader

Tamiya Stuart

Tamiya Panzer IV

Tamiya Italian P40 Heavy Tank

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Paints Used:

Comments:

Calendar

2/16/2019	IPMS Silverwings Sacramento Silvercon 2019	Town and Country Lutheran Church 4049 Marconi Ave. Sacramento, CA
2/24/2019	Modelfest	CAF Museum 455 Aviation Dr. Camarillo, CA
3/9/2019	Valley Con 2019	Pasadena Convention Center 300 E. Green St. Pasadena, CA
3/10/2019	Kit Collector's Expo and Sale	Garden Grove Community Center 11300 Stanford Ave. Garden Grove, CA
3/16/2019	Silicon Valley Classic VI	Napredak Hall 770 Montague Expressway San Jose, CA
4/27/2019	Best of the West – 2019 Regional Convention	East Side Cannery Resort Casino 5525 Boulder Highway Las Vegas, NV
7/14/2019	Kit Collector's Expo and Sale	Garden Grove Community Center 11300 Stanford Ave. Garden Grove, CA
8/7-10/2019	IPMS USA Nationals	Chattanooga Convention Center Chattanooga, TN
10/26/2019	Desert Classic XXIII	Antelope Valley College Cafeteria 3041 W Ave. K, Lancaster, CA
11/17/2019	Kit Collector's Expo and Sale	Garden Grove Community Center 11300 Stanford Ave. Garden Grove, CA