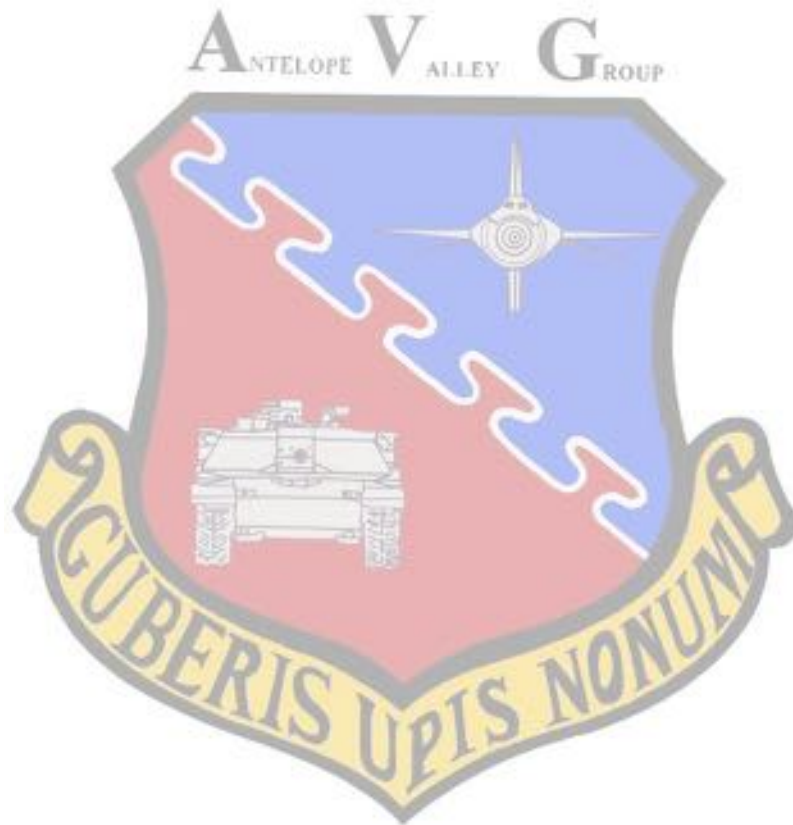


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 21 2019, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

August General Meeting Notes:

July's meeting was rather quiet, with several members bringing items to show and a short contest discussion.

In-House Contest this month!

Don' forget our in-house contest, "Out of Your Category", is this month. Theme is "Out of Your Category". Subject that you don't normally build.

Desert Classic Contest Items

VP Jim will have the contest task assignment sign-up sheet at this month's meeting.

Niilo began accepting payment for trophy sponsorship at the August meeting and will continue this month. Best in Show is \$60, regular categories are \$45 each and special awards are \$30 each. If you would like to sponsor, please do your best to get the funds to Niilo at the meeting.

2019 Meeting Schedule

| Primary | Activities | Refreshments | Demo | Review |
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| 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 | Club Kit Swap Meet | Dwight/Stephen | Rich – Static Grass (tentative) Tom – Making Antennas (tentative) | |
| 15 June | In-House Contest "Jurassic Plastic" | Niilo/Joe | | |
| 20 July | | Steve/Matt | | |
| 17 Aug | | Bill P/Todd | | |
| 21 Sept | In-House Contest "Out of Your Category" | Bill K/Robby | | |
| 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

Mike S. brought in a few sets of the new AK Weathering Pencils



Some of us have been using Prismacolor pencils for a number of years, but the AK pencils differ in being water soluble (vs. wax-based)

I can see these being useful for applying chipping and scratching, and, being watercolors, for streaking effects. Squadron carries them for about \$10 a set, or \$2.25 for individual pencils (they are 1 Euro a piece directly from AK).

Henry found some inexpensive fine-grade sandpaper at Home Depot. He brought in the 2000 and 3000 grit, which is quite useful for removing fine scratches and polishing.



At around \$5 for 10 sheets, this is a pretty good deal.

VP Jim showed his set of Mig Ammo Brass Toothpicks.



So, what, exactly, would you need a set of brass toothpicks for? Perhaps to look like a hip-hop redneck, with a bling toothpick in your mouth? Well, I have a set of these also, and they are much more robust than regular wooden toothpicks, and are very useful for creating chipping and scratching effect. They are also great for applying small amounts of superglue, because the dried superglue won't stick to the brass and you can simply break the dried superglue residue off the end of the toothpick, leaving it perfectly clean. These aren't terribly cheap (you get 3 for a retail price of \$18), but Sprue Brothers have had these on sale a couple of times as a "Deal of the Day", so if you watch for that, you can get them for considerably less (I paid \$8).

Kit Reviews

1/72 Special Hobby AJ-37/SK-37 Viggen Duo-Pack w/book



Prez Steve brought in his latest acquisition, the Special Hobby Viggen Duo-Pac in 1/72. The Viggen was an indigenously developed Swedish as a STOL fighter/attack aircraft, able to take off and land from the Swedish highway system. Reconnaissance, anti-shipping, training and electronic warfare variants were also developed. Power came from an afterburning version of the Pratt & Whitney JT8D turbofan, as used in the Boeing 727, with thrust reversing. The Viggen was replaced in the early 21st century by the Gripen, another canard delta platform.

As alluded to by the Duo-Pac name, there are 2 complete kits in the box, one to build the AJ-37 attack variant and one for the SK-37 trainer/electronic warfare version. There is also a full-color, walkaround-style book included in the package.

Steve was very impressed by the quality and detail of the kits. They obviously draw upon the research done for the Tarangus/Special Hobby 1/48th Viggen joint-venture. These new kits handily out class, in detail and accuracy, the only other 1/72 Viggen model, the elderly Heller kit.

The package retails for \$80, but it is available from Sprue Brothers for \$65, which Steve considers a bargain for 2 well done kits and a nice reference book. Recommended

Club Demos

Let me know if you would like to give a demo and I'll put you on the calendar

Member Show and Tell



Name:

Mike Steike

Time To Build:

20 hours to build and paint, 5 hours to repair from earthquake

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya Lee

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Spare idler wheel from an innocent Sherman sitting in the garage

Paints Used:

Overall – Vallejo Olive Drab.

Details- Tamiya paints.

Weathering with washes of Tamiya paint. AK pencils were used to pick out details and vary shades of O.D.

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| | <p>Comments:</p> <p>Earthquakes suck.</p> |
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| | <p>Name:</p> <p>Mike Otis</p> |
| | <p>Time To Build:</p> <p>2 weeks</p> |
| | <p>Kit & Scale:</p> <p>Tamiya JS3 Stalin</p> <p>1/35th scale</p> |
| | <p>Aftermarket Items:</p> <p>None</p> |
| | <p>Paints Used:</p> <p>Vallejo Rust and Chipping Set (set includes 6 brown or rust colors with chipping fluid and matt varnish). Model Master Russian Armor Green, and Pale Green</p> |



Comments:
OOB build except for scratchbuilt fender bracket. Very much liked the way the Vallejo Chipping Fluid worked. Its thick, which made it not pray smoothly, which gave a very realistic effect when I scrubbed off the color coat

Name:
Mike Otis



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| Time To Build: 1 month |
| Kit & Scale: Trumpeter Stalinetz S65 Tractor 1/35 th scale |
| Aftermarket Items: 1 piece of scale plywood in place of window |
| Paints Used: Vallejo Rust and Chipping set Tamiya XF-53 Neutral Gray |
| Comments: Nice kit, but tracks are 3 piece per link workable, which are time consuming. |

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| | Name: Tom Hamel |
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| Time To Build: 2 weeks |
| Kit & Scale: Tamiya British Tank Destroyer M10 IIC Achilles 1/35 th scale |
| Aftermarket Items: None |
| Paints Used: Tamiya and Model Mats, weathering with air brush and pastels |
| Comments: Meets typical Tamiya standards. Fit, accuracy, appearance |



Name:

Tracy Ackeret

Time To Build:

50 hours

Kit & Scale:

Hasegawa Bf 109F-2

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Aires resin cockpit, Ultracast resin wheels, Eduard PE wheel wells, Master Model metal guns and pitot tube.

Used Eduard prop and spinner, also Eduard belly tank and mounting

Paints Used:

Mig Ammo RLM 74, 75 and 76 with 75 and 76 mottling with some RLM 02 for contrast.

Mig Ammo filters and pigments

Comments:

Plane of Major Hans "Assi" Hahn for mid July 1941, St. Pol, France. Area on left side is RLM 02 coverup

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| | of JG2 Richtohofen emblem. Used EagleCal decals and stencils |
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**Name:**

Niilo Lund

Time To Build:

25 hours over 2 months.

Kit & Scale:Airfix N.A. P-51B Mustang
1/72nd scale**Aftermarket Items:**

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya AS-14 Olive Green
 Testors 1223 Flat Light Aircraft Gray
 Tamiya TS-6 Flat Black Testors
 Gloss Sharpie White
 Sharpie Silver
 Tamiya XF-2 Flat Yellow
 Testors 1742 Dark Tan

Comments:

Interesting build. Part fit with minimum trim and sanding. The decals were excellent. Used Pledge/water before setting decals and Micro Sol sealer once decals were positioned properly. Some difficulty applying the wrap-around decals on wings and horizontal, getting the right alignment. Large number of decals to be applied.

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| | Good old-generation kit to practice on. |
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Name:

D.J. "Rowdy" Yates

Time to Build:

Kit & Scale:

Type 82e KdF Wagen "Käfer" (VW Beetle) (Repainted & slightly modified Diecast car)

1/30th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Paints Used:

Tamiya

This is a Diecast Cartoon 1967 VW Beetle, converted into a WWII Era Type 82e KdF Wagen - AKA. Der Käfer. I had originally gotten the - then Black - VW for my collection, but a careless cashier literally threw it (roof down!) on the counter scratching the paint to the primer! I decided to repaint it, as a

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| | <p>KdF wagen, and practice with it... The camouflage is a variant of the Wehrmacht/SS Hinterhalt pattern, I used a method from a 1970's article, it's not perfect, but since this would have been field applied* in this case. (*Although Hinterhalt was usually Factory Applied on most German AFVs, there were a lot of field applied variations, especially on support vehicles. The Soldaten would use everything from sprayers & stencils, to brushes & mops to apply camo, especially later in the war.) Seeing the cartoon nature of this one, I added a few 'politically incorrect' details, the markings are based loosely off of actual KdF & Kübel wagen. Decals were spares from a Tamiya Messerschmitt & Pz.II. I muddied it up a bit, even adding mud to the undercarriage! (And no one can say it's over weathered! If you've owned a VW, you know exactly what I mean!...) The driver is a slightly repainted Megablocks WWII German mini action figure, painted as a Waffen SS Staff Officer.</p> |
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Name:

D.J. "Rowdy" Yates

Time to Build:

Kit & Scale:

Waffen SS Staff Officer & Sniper
(Repainted Megablocks 'Call of
Duty' mini action figures)

1/30th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Paints Used:

These guys started out as "Axis"
mini action figures. The Staff
Officer was repainted, and had the
proper insignia added to his
uniform. (Gee, he looks familiar?)
The Sniper's uniform & kit was
repainted & detailed based on
some of my painting reference
from some wargaming figures I
had. The helmet is roughly based
off of one I seen at auction for
several thousand dollars. His

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| | <p>uniform represents the use of two different patterns - a variation of Rauchtarnmuster on the tunic, and Erbsentarn ("Pea/Dot" pattern) trousers. I used these guys as a practice run for some of my more detailed 1:35/32 scale figures</p> |
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Name:

D.J. "Rowdy" Yates

Time To Build:

Kit & Scale:

Matchbox Northrop "Flying Dagger" ATA

1/144th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Paints Used:

Tamiya, Testors

The Northrop "Flying Dagger" Project. The "Flying Dagger" was a High Altitude, Hypersonic Test Aircraft, with a Classified Propulsion System, responsible for numerous UFO sightings over the Nevada desert. The project ended up way over budget, with little to show other than a single technology demonstrator, the SAP would later be cancelled in favor of funding work on more conventional systems. - Another one of the "Black Planes" from

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| | <p>Dreamland? Eh, not quite.... Had an unusual Matchbox Diecast plane (named the "Flying Dagger"), in God awful colors & markings, and some spare YF-23 decals on hand. Decided to strip it, repaint it, and detail it. It was practice run, for a Real "Black Plane". I used Tamiya Semi-Gloss Black, with a few light coats of Testors Matte Clear Coat, using the F-117 as a reference.</p> |
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Calendar

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| 10/12/2019 | Orangecon 2019 | Hotel Fullerton Anaheim 1500 South Raymond Ave., Fullerton, CA |
| 10/26/2019 | Desert Classic XXIII | Antelope Valley College Cafeteria 3041 W Ave. K, Lancaster, CA |
| 11/2/2019 | Third Annual USS Hornet Model Contest and Expo | USS Hornet Air Sea and Space Museum 7007 W. Hornet Ave. Alameda, CA |
| 11/17/2019 | Kit Collector's Expo and Sale | Garden Grove Community Center 11300 Stanford Ave. Garden Grove, CA |
| 4/18/2020 | Silicon Valley Classic VII | Napredak Hall 770 Montague Expressway San Jose, CA |
| 4/25/2020 | Best of the West | East Side Cannery Resort & Casino 5255 Boulder Hwy. Las Vegas, NV |