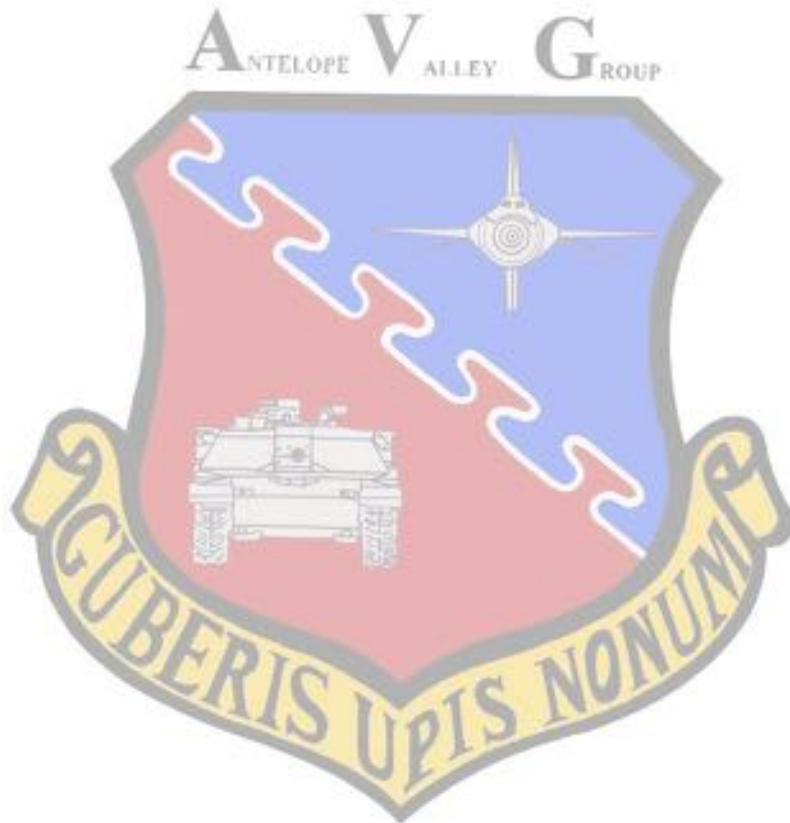


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## **Club News and Business**

**JUNE MEETING 1:00 - 4:00 pm JUNE 18, AT DESERT CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL, LANCASTER**

### May Meeting General Meeting Notes:

In May, we temporarily returned to our “nomadic” meeting style, meeting at Rich R. fabulous “Casa de Canine” in Rosamond. We held further discussion of the contest

### June Meeting

We’ll be back to meeting at Desert Christian this month

### 2022 Desert Classic

Previous Prez Dwight updated the flyer and we distributed to the membership for review. There were some minor comments that were incorporated. After brief discussion, and a couple of additions, we approved the flyer. However, post meeting, a couple of the members noticed additional errors. which were corrected and the flyer re-distributed and posted to the club website. However, the club officers still feel that the flyer be reviewed line by line buy the membership, to ensure there are no remaining errors, and we plan to accomplish this at the meeting.

We began signups for category sponsorships. We passed around a signup sheet and got many takers. There are still categories available for sponsorship – cost is \$45 per category

As we didn’t meet at the school last month, we weren’t able to view the gymnasium. We plan on viewing it at this month’s meeting.

### Upcoming In-House Contests

This meeting we will conduct the “Your Personal/Professional Experience” in-house contest. “Personal/Professional Experience” is to build a model of something from your life or career (and airplane you flew or tested, a favorite car you owned, a ship you served on, etc.)

Next in-house contest will be “Jurassic Plastic” in August.

### May Meeting

We conducted the May meeting (a week later than usual) at Rich R.’s fabulous “Casa de Canine” compound. Other than the prevailing desert win causing conditions reminiscent of the Dust Bowl (I’m exaggerating. Slightly).



Rich has a rather large Butler shop outbuilding where we held the meeting. I must admit, I'm extremely envious, both by Rich's beautiful house and shop, but also his extensive collection of aviation memorabilia. Oh, and his classic Camaro. Better put an armed guard on that. Many, many thanks to Rich for hosting us.

We had a great outstanding member turnout and probably the largest show-and-tell display since pre-pandemic. Oh, and there was this strange, chimera, biker-hippie dude who showed up. Said his name was "Mike V." He is a legend - some have said he is a specter and doesn't really exist, but I insist I saw him... And, I can attest to once seeing a warning on a kit box: "Not suitable for children and Mike V". So, he must exist.... Now, without further ado:

Stephen had the largest collection (maybe tied with Mike S.)



1/48<sup>th</sup> Tamiya F-14A, in a VF-1 Heater-Ferris scheme. Stephen said he used a KA 'pit and Steel Beach conversion pieces. Gotta admit, I love me some Wolfpack!





1/48<sup>th</sup> Hasegawa Ki-100



1/72 Academy P-40

The 1/48<sup>th</sup> AGE was from a number of sources, mostly Tamiya and Skunk Model.

Mike S. is working on an extremely cool collection of movie cars, while learning auto building skills:



Here's his notes on each (they're all 1/24<sup>th</sup> or 1/25<sup>th</sup>):

Aoshima '82 DeLorean DMC-12

Body color - Molotow "Rattle Can" Aluminum

What I learned – When researching movie card, sometimes other models are your best source

Movie – "Back to the Future II" (1989)

AMT Batmobile (1989 movie)

Body color – Tamiya flat black coated with Future

What I learned – It's hard to get flat paints to look really glossy.

Future can be mixed with food coloring to tint chrome parts

Movie – "Batman" (1989)

Revell Snaptide Lightning McQueen

Body color – Tamiya lacquer Gloss Red with Future

What I learned – Modern Snaptide kits (for cars) have similar parts count and even detail than older AMT and MPC kits

If you can snap the pieces together, go ahead!

Movie – "Cars" (2006)

Revell '30 Model A Coupe

Body color – Tamiya "Rattle Can" Chrome Yellow

What I learned – Be careful when pre-painting small parts. They might not fit exactly when glued together.

Do more research. Firewall and engine are all wrong.

Movie – "American Graffiti" (1973)

Revell Camaro Concept Car – Easy Click

Body color – Tamiya "Rattle Can" Camel Yellow with Future and Mr. Hobby Mr. Super Clear

What I learned – Mr. Super Clear is not any shinier than Future

Liquid masks can discolor Future-dipped windows

By sanding with progressively finer sandpaper and toothpaste (final sanding done with flex-i-grit) restored clear parts

Movie – "Transformers" (2007)



MPC General Lee Dodge Charger

Body color – Tamiya “Rattle Can” Gloss Orange with Future

What I learned – Even using chrome markers, it’s best to mask first

Kits bought on eBay may be incomplete (toothpick front axels)

Don’t use superglue on clear parts

Movie – “Dukes of Hazard” (2005)

Polar Lights “The Love Bug”

Body color – Tamiya “Rattle Can” Racing White

Chrome by “Rattle Can” Molotow Chrome

What I learned – Don’t use Molotow ~~Rattle~~ no rattle, just spray can on unprimed plastic, it’s a very high-volume spray for use on walls, railroad cars and bridges

I’ll use the rest of the parts for a dune buggy

Movie – “The Love Bug” (1966)

Rich R. is working on an ambitious project, a 1/8<sup>th</sup> Gulf Porsche 917.



This is a ‘subscription’ kit by French diecast manufacturer Ixo. You ‘subscribe’ to the kit and receive various parts and assemblies on a regular basis, along with a magazine. There are a number of these sorts of kits out there of varying subjects (mostly large-scale cars, but also some aircraft and the Millennium Falcon) from several different manufacturers (Eaglemoss seems to make the most). The kit is multi-media, mostly metal, but with a number of plastic parts also. Impressive

Mike O. a couple of tanks, both in 1/35<sup>th</sup> and both Tamiya kits, a French R-35 and an Elefant



David brought his 1/48<sup>th</sup> Roden DH-4.



It represents a Postal Service aircraft used for Air Mail service. As usual, David custom-made the decals with his Alps printer.

Rowdy had a nice model of a Grumman Panther in 1/48<sup>th</sup>.





Hard to believe this is the rather elderly (and not all that wonderful) AMT kit. It depicts an F9F from the brief period when the Navy was experimenting with natural metal finishes on shipboard aircraft. As one might expect, the aircraft experienced severe corrosion and the experiment was short-lived

Jim P. had a couple pieces of 1/35<sup>th</sup> light armor.



These are Takom M114's, an A1 and A1E1. The M114 was a scout companion to the M113 APC and was powered by a Chevy 283 V-8. It was not tremendously successful. These kits are fairly new, and Jim had one criticism in that although the kit has open hatches, it lacks a full interior. There's apparently a third version of the kit that does have an interior.

John S. had his 1/32 Hasegawa P-47D



This one was in the newsletter a few months back

Niilo brought another old Jurassic boat kit, this time it's the Lindberg 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Coast Guard Tugboat



Niilo spent 60 hours over 3 months for Niilo constructing the model. He used his usual Tamiya and Testors paint and a metallic gold Sharpie for finish. He didn't use any aftermarket on this one. Niilo writes: "Challenging build, flat surface (curved) to flat surface made it hard to maintain perfect alignment on multiple pieces to complete subassembly. Aft decking had to be installed upside down to clip in unglued to main decking. Main decking had to be fit in after hull halves were assembled, which snapped off holding pins. To rectify installed a makeshift internal support structure assembly to raise the main deck alignment level, this was required to raise the cabin structure to the proper level and eliminate gaps. Three crew members were provided but no instruction as to where to locate. As a result, I elected not to use. One could be an equipment operator, one could be a lineman and the last the captain, to be installed inside the cabin, but there was no place to seat him. Finally, there were more pieces than there were identified on the instructions so I did not use. I think this model qualified for the #1 in-house contest (Small World) (Editorial note. It didn't. Would have had to be smaller than 1/500<sup>th</sup>). We'll see. Nice model, but frustrating build. Don't get it unless you want a challenge.

## 2022 Meeting Schedule (Tentative)

Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
15 Jan	Physical meeting at Prez Bill K's house, Palmdale 1 – pm			
19 Feb	Physical meeting at Admin Amateur Matt's house, Palmdale 1 – 4 pm			
19 Mar	Physical meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster 1 – 4 pm			
16 Apr	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm			
28 May	Meeting at Rich R.'s house, Rosamond, 1 – 4pm			
18 June	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm. "Your Personal or Professional Experience" in-house contest			
16 July	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm			
20 Aug	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm. "Jurassic Plastic" in-house contest.			
17 Sept	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm			
15 Oct	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm			
29 Oct	2022 Desert Classic, Desert Christian High School Gym			
19 Nov	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm, 2023 Club Officer Nominations			
17 Dec	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm , 2023 Club Officer Elections, Gift Exchange			

## The Tool Crib

Rich R. had a couple things:

Revell Contacta Clear Parts Cement.



If you ever read European modelling magazines, you will see this mentioned a lot. It hasn't really been readily available in the United States until recently. Rich says it's relatively viscous, and it one of the best things he's found for gluing clear parts

Battery-powered screwdriver.



Don't have a lot of info on this – Rich was supposed to send me a write-up. Rich said he chose it due to the locking brake and large assortment of bits included. From Amazon, of course.

## **Kit Reviews**

Nothing this month. Will be back soon.

## **Club Demos**

None this month.

## **Member Show and Tell, 30<sup>th</sup> COVID Edition**

For the first time since the start of the pandemic, didn't have any show-and-tells circulating in the group e-mail (they were all physically at the meeting!).



## Calendar

6/25/2022	SilverCon 2022	Town and Country Lutheran Church 4049 Marconi Ave. Sacramento, CA
7/20-23/2022	IPMS/USA National Convention	La Vista Conference Center 12520 Wesport Parkway La Vista, NE
8/27/2022	Best of the West Region 8 Convention and Contest	Orleans Hotel & Casino 4500 W. Tropicana Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89103
10/8/2022	IPMS Reno "High Rollers" 21 <sup>st</sup> Invitational Contest	Reno Elk's Lodge #597 597 Kumle Ln Reno, NV
10/1/2022	OrangeCon	Hotel Fullerton Anaheim 1500 S. Raymond Ave. Fullerton, CA 92831
10/22/2022	Fresno Scale Modelers Fall Contest	Clovis Veterans Memorial District 808 4 <sup>th</sup> St. Clovis, CA 93612
10/29/2022	Desert Classic XXII	Desert Christian High School 2340 W Ave J-8 Lancaster, CA 93536
11/5/2022	ModelZona 2022	TBD Mesa, AZ, 85215