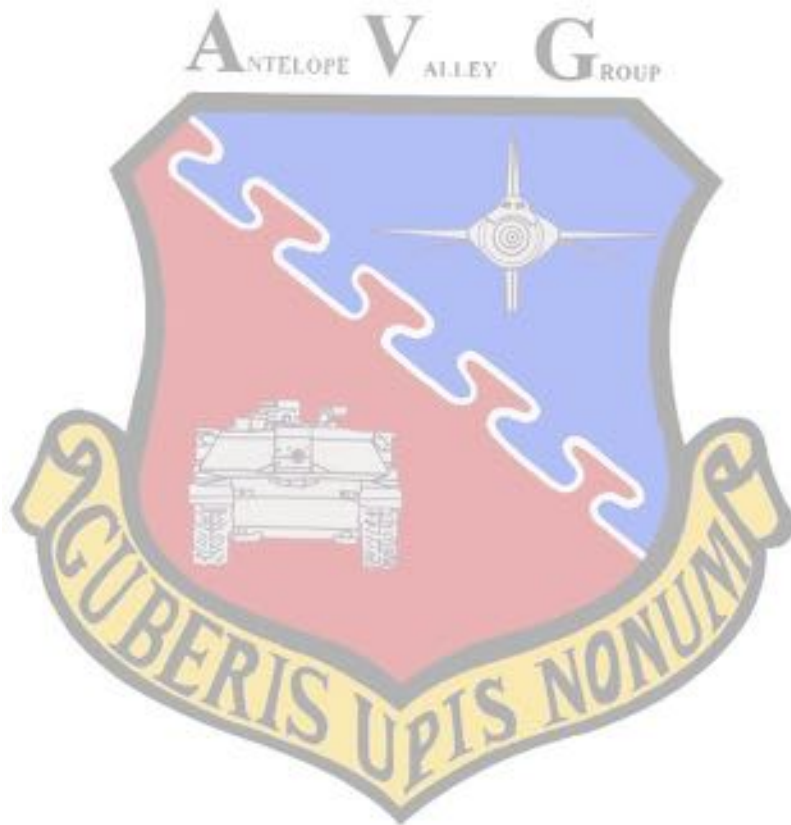


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Club News and Business

APRIL MEETING 1:00 - 4:00 pm APRIL 15, AT DESERT CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL, LANCASTER

March Meeting General Meeting Notes:

March meetings general discussion was mostly oriented toward contest preparation. We also staged our first in-house contest of the year.

April Meeting

We will have a bit more contest discussion. The Leadership team has decided on the trophy packages. Unfortunately, there was not enough of a single design available to accommodate all the categories, so the decision has been made to go with one design for the aircraft and auto categories and all the others. The 2 designs are and.

Trophy prices have gone up considerably and there's been a bit of "sticker shock" at the cost of the trophy package, which will significantly impact the club treasury. There was discussion of potentially increasing the sponsorship cost of the category packages, but there was concern that it would price out some member that wanted to sponsor a package. We believe the club can support the increased cost, but we may revisit the possibility of increasing entry fees to recoup some costs.

There has been some discussion about tables and table layout for the Regional that we'll bring to the wider membership.

Another possible area of discussion this month is to begin drafting the formal definitions of both officer and contest duties.

Also of note, Prez Bill announced the that Desert Classic XXV is now listed on the IPMS Event Calendar.

"Navy Blue" In-house Contests

We had our first in-house contest of the year. The subject was "Navy Blue". Without further ado, the winner is... Jim B. and his 1/48th Eduard F6F-5N!



Jim is an exceptionally talented automotive modeler, but it appears he has a flair for aircraft too! Us aircraft modelers will have to watch out, we have some real competition. Congrats to Jim!

March Meeting

Most of the business discussion at the meeting was devoted to the contest planning. We spent some time discussing trophy selection. We decided on a trophy package, but, unfortunately, as detailed above, there isn't enough inventory to provide the complete package, so we've had to regroup.

We previously discussed employing a smaller entry form so as not to take up as much table space. Jim A. brought a proposed version for membership review.

We discussed judging: the composition of the teams, when the teams should be formed and how judges should be trained.

A majority of the models on display were entered in the in-house contest

Jim B.'s winning Hellcat nightfighter.



This is from the excellent Eduard kit. Jim wired the engine (a natural for a car modeler!). Jim still had the resin radar pod to install for final completion

Bob D. had another creative display. This depicts an AH-64 Apache firing 2 Hydra 70 2.75" rockets.



Cotton depicts the rocket exhaust, which is illuminated from within by LED.s

Stephen displayed his masterful build of the older, but still excellent Tamiya F4U-1D.



Stephen's model depicts a Goodyear FG-1D of VF-85, from the *USS Shangri-La*. Aircraft #51 was flown by Lt. (jg) Ken Moos on May 28, 1945 when he shot down 2 Ki-43's and 2 Ki-84's. He used a Quinta 3-D cockpit detail set and Fundekals decals. Paint is Hataka Orange Line, from set HTK-C056 and Alclad II gloss clear.

Niilo had an SBC2-1 Helldiver. As is Niilo's custom, it's once again an ancient kit, this time a 1/72 Lindberg.



Niilo originally presented this model to the club in 2019. I suspect it was a challenge (lol).

Mike S. brought a 1/72 F4U-7 Corsair.



Mike built this model way back in the 1970's, and says the manufacturer is lost to the sands of time (it looks like the Italeri kit to me.). Mike says he made the extra radio antennas from sheet styrene and used ESCI decals. He doesn't remember what paint he used, but said he was using Pactra, Testors and Humbrol at the time. Mike relates: "This is my oldest model aircraft that I still have. I built it back in the '70's and never had the heart to throw it out because it has the best invasion stripes I've ever done. I brought it because I ran out of Navy Blue paint for my NOTSNIK Skyray."

2023 Meeting Schedule

Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
28 Jan	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm			
18 Feb	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm.			
18 Mar	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm.			
15 Apr	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm			
20 May	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm.			
TBD June	Meeting location "Casa de Canine", Rosamond, 1 – 4pm.			
22 July	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm			
26 Aug	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm.			
16 Sept	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm			
21 Oct	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm			
28 October	Desert Classic XIV			
18 Nov	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm, 2024 Club Officer Nominations			
16 Dec	Meeting at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster, 1 – 4pm , 2024 Club Officer Elections, Gift Exchange			

The Tool Crib

None this month.

Kit Reviews

None this month. But, stand-by, more are coming!

Club Demos

None this month.

Calendar

4/23/2023	Herb Deeks' Floats, Rolls & Flys	Doubletree by Hilton 7000 Beach Blvd. Buena Park, CA
5/20/2023	Return of the Scale Model Show	Fundemonium Expressway Center, 579 Rohnert Park Expressway Rohnert Park, CA
6/3/2023	San Diego Model Contest and Swap Meet	San Diego Air & Space Annex at Gillespie Field 335 Kenney Street El Cajon, CA
6/17/2023	Silvercon 2023	Town & Country Lutheran Church 4049 Marconi Ave. Sacramento, CA
8/2-5/2023	IPMS/USA National Convention	Embassy Suites and San Marcos Convention Center 1001 East McCarty Lane San Marcos, TX
8/19/2023	Best of the West 2023	Orleans Hotel and Casino Las Vegas, NV
10/7/2023	"High Rollers" 22 nd Annual Model Contest and Show	Reno Elks Lodge 593 Kumle Rd. Reno, NV
10/28/2023	Desert Classic XXV (Region 8 Regional)	Desert Christian High School 44662 15th St W. Lancaster, CA
11/4/2023	ModelZona 2023	Red Mountain Community Church 6101 East Virginia St. Mesa, AZ