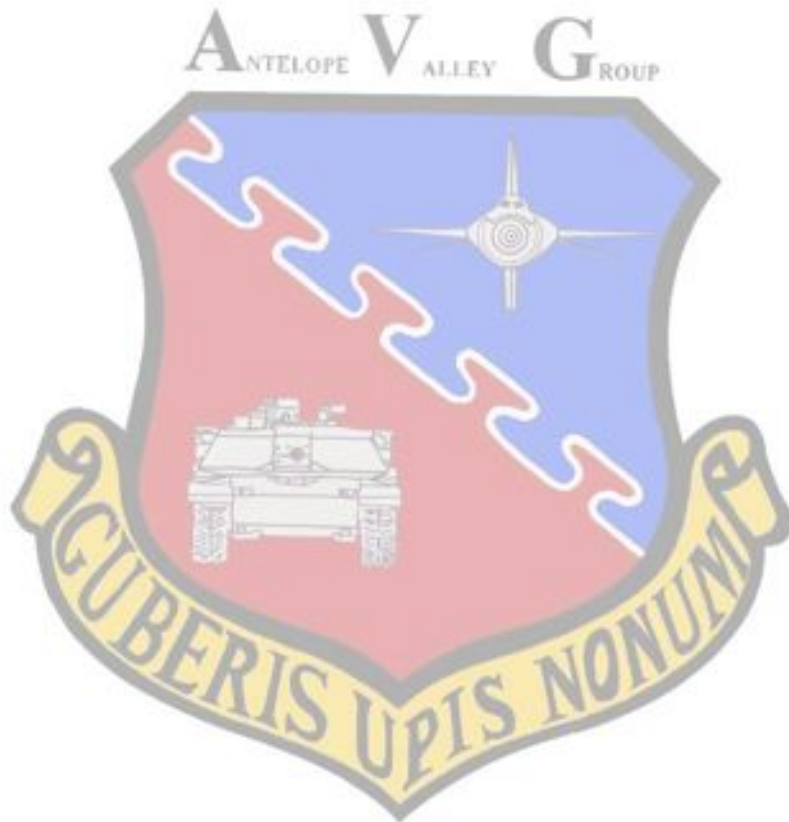


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING January 18, 2014, 1 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

General Meeting Notes:

The final meeting for 2013 was devoted primarily to plans for 2014

In-Club Contests

The club members decided to hold three more “in-house” contests. After some discussion, three themes were chosen: “M is for March”, “Build an Airfix Kit” and “Triathlon”. The contests will be spread through out the year. First will be “M is for March” in March (natch!), next will be “Build an Airfix Kit” in July (proposed) and “Triathlon “ in August (proposed). Proposed rules are as follows:

“M is for March”: Build a model with “M” in the name (a Mustang, the Mummy, etc)

“Build and Airfix Kit”: Pretty self-explanatory. Build an Airfix kit of your choice. This can be one of the “old classics” originally dating back to the ‘60’s or one of the great new releases.

“Triathlon”. This has been a category at the Nats for a few years. The entry consists of three models from three un-related categories. For example, an aircraft, a ship and a car. This will give some modelers the chance to branch out a bit from their usual specialties. The idea here is to build models, so, ideally, these would be three newly-built kits, but you could pull a previously built model from your collection as one of the three if time was short. It has also been proposed to add a “Triathlon” category to the Desert Classic, so this could be an entry for the contest.

“Modeler of the Month”

Outgoing VP Tom proposed the club designate a “Modeler of the Month”. This honor would recognize an outstanding member, perhaps the ‘most improved’, an especially prolific modeler, one who has provided exceptional service to the club, etc. Any member can nominate any other. Conversely, any member can object to a particular nomination. Tom noted that only club members that actually BUILD models should be eligible (looks like that’s going to exclude some of us! LOL). The club unanimously approved Tom’s proposal.

“7 Decades of Aviation at Edwards” Display

Niilo brought the initial display base fabricated from wood salvaged from the old General’s Quarters, and it looked quite impressive! Niilo presented the general concept for the display and the proposed schedule. The base has 7 pads, one to represent each of the 7 decades of aviation testing at EAFB. Each pad will mount 1 or 2 aircraft representing that decade. It was determined that a constant scale of 1/144th will be used to keep the display manageable. There was some discussion as to the relative size of specific aircraft, i.e. a B-2 (representing the 1990’s), being a relatively large aircraft, would take up all of it’s pad, while an F-16 (representing the ‘70’s) would only take up a small portion of it’s pad. It was suggested that for

large aircraft, 1 aircraft could occupy the pad, while with smaller aircraft, there could be 2 aircraft for that decade's pad. Several club members have volunteered to build aircraft for the display. Mike M. has offered to build a B-2 to represent the '90's. Matt has offered to build aircraft for 2 decades, and David has offered to build also.

Club Business Cards

Rich R. proposed creating business cards advertising the club. Club members could carry the cards and distribute them to people interested in modeling to spread the word about the club. Rich passed around some proposed designs (sorry, no scan). The club agreed this was an idea worth pursuing.

2014 Meeting Schedule

We need volunteers for both demos and refreshments for 2014. Please review the open months and let one of the officers know if you want to sign up for either a demo, refreshments or both.

Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
18 Jan	Member Dues Collected			
15 Feb				
15 Mar	"M is for March" In-House Contest			
19 Apr				
17 May				
21 June	"Build an Airfix Kit" In-House Contest			
19 July				
16 Aug	"Triathlon" In-House Contest			
20 Sept				
18 Oct	Judge's Clinic			
1 Nov	2015 Desert Classic			
15 Nov	2015 Club Officer Nominations			
20 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2015 Officer Elections	All		

Club Dues

Reminder that 2014 dues are due at the January meeting. Dues for 2014 are \$36.

The Tool Crib

Curt made a brief presentation of using a paintball CO2 pressure canister and a regular as an air source for airbrushing. He also brought a new Badger Sotar 20/20 airbrush. Tom is going to “test drive” this setup and provide us a report.

Club Demo

If you're interested in doing a demo for 2014, let me know and I'll schedule it.

Modeler of the Month

Our first “Modeler of the Month” is... Niilo Lund!



Niilo was nominated by Tom. Here's Tom's reason for nominating Niilo: “Niilo builds models! He has an ambitious plan to build a model each month. He is not a great modeler, but his models are consistently getting better. His service to the club is outstanding; he attends all

the regular meetings, he participates in the club projects and he provides valuable duty to the Desert Classic contest work.”

The club vote for Nillo was unanimous.

Here’s a brief modeling bio of Nillo: “I have always been interested in building models since 1950. The enjoyment of making models was put on hold for numerous years to complete my education, serve in the USAF, and complete a 47 year career in Flight Test Engineering. On Retirement, I started modeling again, with a goal to build a model of every vehicle I worked on, flew in and managed. I joined AVG IPMS in 2010.”

Congratulations Niilo! Well deserved!

Member Show and Tell



Name:

Randy Weaver

Time To Build:

40 hours

Kit & Scale:

Zvezda Soviet drasine "Krasnaja"

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Mr. Color Russian green and other acrylics

Comments:

Hardest part of kit is making the display base look good



Name:

Tom Hamel

Time To Build:

3 weeks planning, 4 days constructing and painting

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya Imperial Japanese Navy Fighter Pilot (early war)

1/16th scale (120mm)

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya and Model Master

Comments:

The kit has always intrigued me. I haven't done one of these in a while and enjoyed doing it. For the anniversary of Pearl Harbor.



Name:	Mike Brignola
Time To Build:	3 months: 70 hours tank 10 hours figure 3 hours base
Kit & Scale:	Academy Jagdpanzer & POS resin figure 1/25th
Aftermarket Items:	Linen for grates on grills Picture wire for tow cables
Paints Used:	Humbrol / Testors Model Master MIG pigments for mud
Comments:	Textured rolled steel with glue. Dremel texture cast steel Thinned kit parts, plugged hull gaps, mud- combo grout, glue, sand, gravel, static grass

Calendar

1/26/2014	Winterfest 2014	Secret Society of Model Builders San Diego, CA
2/15/2014	Santa Rosa Model Expo	Petaluma, CA
2/24/2014	ModelFest	CAF Southern California Wing 455 Aviation Dr. Camarillo, CA
3/3/2014	ValleyCon	Pasadena, CA
4/4/2014	Silicon Valley Classic	San Jose, CA
5/5/2014	Best of the West	Las Vegas, NV