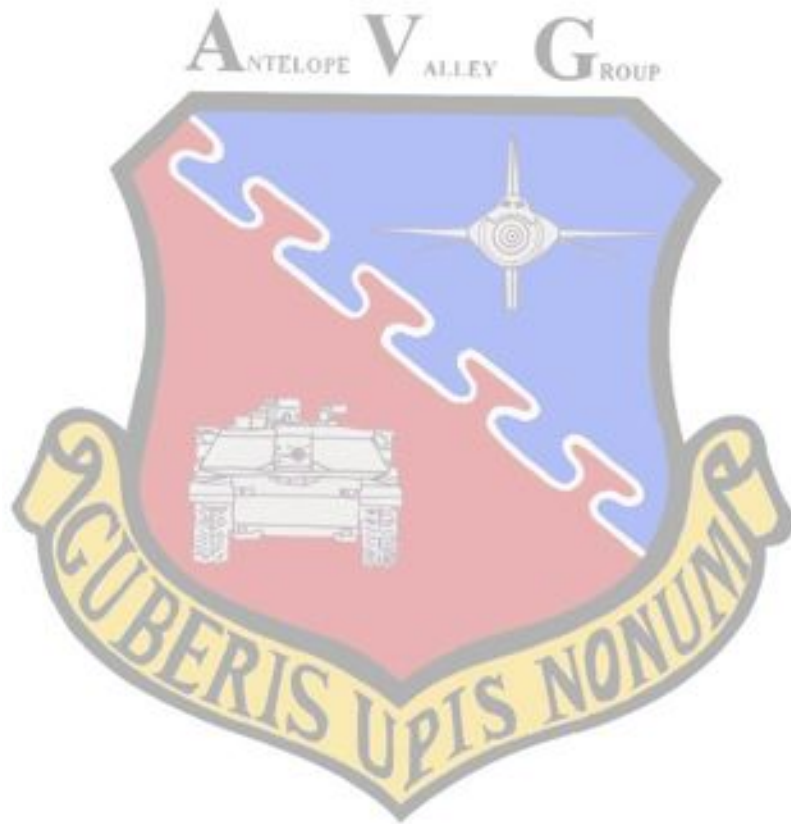


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING January 16, 2016, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

General Meeting Notes:

The December meeting was our annual pot luck and gift exchange. A festive time was had by all!



2016 Club Officers

Elections were held for Club Officers for the 2016 calendar year.

Here are the Officers for the upcoming year:

President: Tracy Ackeret

Vice President: Jim Abercromby

Secretary: Matt Graham (continuing)

Treasurer: Curtis Stidham (continuing)

Congrats to our new Pres and VP!

Dues are due

Yes, it's the start of a new year, so it's time to pay your club dues. Dues remain at \$36 for the year.

Contest Date Discussion

The discussion continued about a possible date change for the contest. The general feeling among the members was that the date conflict with the IPMS Phoenix contest possibly affected turnout at our show, as many of the 'name' modelers, as well as IPMS Orange County and Ontario were not present. Although not yet reflected on the IPMS Calendar, the word is that Phoenix is planning to host their contest the first weekend in November again this year.

The general consensus was favorable to a date change, but it was felt that the members did not have enough information to make a decision. I have updated the Events Calendar at the end of the newsletter to reflect all contests and events that I am aware of at this time. It may be noted that there are currently no contests scheduled on the West Coast during June or July (although there is a Keller show in July, which could affect vendor participation that weekend). Moving the date to that time period would greatly compress the time available for contest preparation, however. A date change will also be dependant on the availability of our normal venue, the AV College cafeteria. There will be further discussion of the subject at the upcoming meeting.

2016 Meeting Schedule

Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
16 Jan	Member Dues Collected	Rich R. / John		
20 Feb		Rich M. / Robby		
19 Mar		Matt / Niilo		
16 Apr		Rick / Jim		
21 May		Mike / Tracy		
18 June				
16 July				
20 Aug				
17 Sept				
15 Oct	Judge's Clinic			
5 Nov	2016 Desert Classic (tentative)			
19 Nov	2017 Club Officer Nominations			
17 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2017 Officer Elections	Everyone!		

The Tool Crib

No report from "Rich the Tool Man" this month.

If you have a cool tool, bring it and share the info with the club!

Club Demos

Let me know if you'd like to do a demo for the club and I'll highlight it in the newsletter.

Member Show and Tell



Name:

Tracy Ackeret

Time To Build:

60 hours

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya P-51D

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

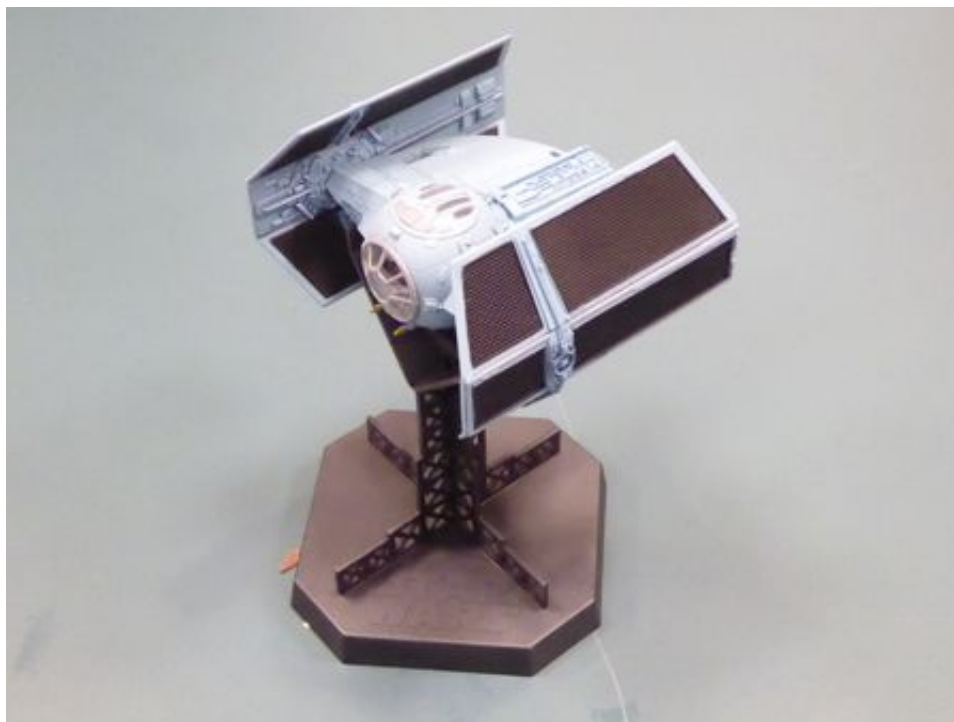
Edwards P.E seatbelts

Paints Used:

Alclad Aluminum and Dark Aluminum

Comments:

P-51K from 8th AF, 357th FG, 362nd FS
flown by Maj Leonard "Kit" Carson.
K model had Aeroproducts prop
instead of Hamilton Standard



Name:

Matt Graham

Time To Build:

10 hours

Kit & Scale:

Fine Molds Darth Vader's TIE Fighter

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Gunze Sangyo Air Superiority Blue and Semi-gloss Black, Model Master, Metalizer.

Oil paint washes, drybrushing

Comments:

Last Star Wars kit produced by Fine Molds before losing rights. Typical Fine Molds quality –very easy build. Unlike their earlier TIE Fighter kits, solar panels and panel structure is no separate, so a lot of masking is required, but still can be built in a weekend



Name:

Matt Graham

Time To Build:

15 hours

Kit & Scale:

HobbyBoss Russian Alfa Submarine

1/350th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Floquil, Model Master

Comments:

Project 705 *Lira* (Lyre) Class (Russian) / *Alfa* Class (NATO) attack submarine. Submarine was very unusual in using a sodium-cooled reactor and a crew consisting solely of officers (except the cook!).

Kit includes photo-etch and is a very easy build.



Time To Build:

10 hours

Kit & Scale:

Micro Mir Russian Project 1910
Keshelot Class Submarine1/350th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Floquil, Model Master

Comments:

Project 1910 *Keshelot* (Sperm Whale) Class (Russian) / *Uniform* Class (NATO) submarine. Unusual Russian “special ops” submarine. Has ‘landing skids’ for resting on the sea floor and remote manipulator arms. Only 2 produced.

Limited-run kit, so takes more effort to build than HobbyBoss sub kits. Got this kit for \$1 on eBay from the owner of Micro Mir (he was thinning his personal collection)

Calendar

1/30/2016	WinterFest 2016	San Diego Air and Space Museum, Gellespie Field 335 Kenney St, El Cajon, CA
2/20/2016	IPMS Silverwings Wintercon	Town & Country Lutheran Church and School 4049 Marconi Ave, Sacramento, CA
2/28/2016	Modelfest	CAF Museum 455 Aviation Dr., Camarillo, CA
3/6/2016	ValleyCon	Peterson Automotive Museum 6060 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA
3/20/2016	Kit Collectors Exposition and Show	UFCW Local 324 Union Hall 8530 Stanton Ave., Buena Park, CA
4/2/2016	Silicon Valley Classic III	Naperdak Hall 770 Montegue Expressway, San Jose, CA
5/7/2016	Best of the West VegasCon2016	Orleans Hotel and Casino 4500 West Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas, NV
7/10/2016	Kit Collectors Exposition and Show	UFCW Local 324 Union Hall 8530 Stanton Ave., Buena Park, CA
8/3/2016	IPMS/USA National Convention	Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center 1101 Lincoln St., Columbia, SC
9/10/2016	High Rollers 17 th Annual Invitational Contest	Desert Heights Elementary School 13948 Mt. Bismark St., Reno, NV
9/10/2016	Red-Con 2016	Orleans Hotel and Casino 4500 West Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas, NV
9/25/2016	TriCity 12 "The Battle of Britain"	Milpitas Community Center 457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, CA
10/8/2016	OrangeCon 2016 (Regional)	The Pavilion at the University Conference Center Cal State Fullerton 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton, CA
11/13/2016	Kit Collectors Exposition and Show	UFCW Local 324 Union Hall 8530 Stanton Ave., Buena Park, CA