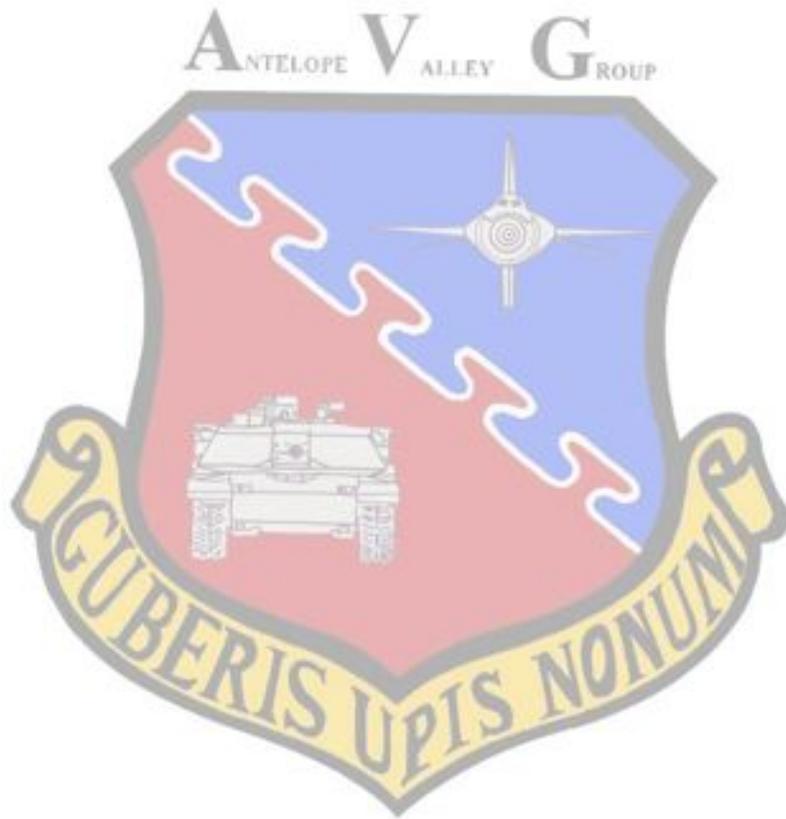


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING JULY 19, 2014, 1 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

General Meeting Notes:

We discussed general club business at the June meeting

Special Awards

There was apparently some confusion with the club's decision to change many of the special awards. Only the club-sponsored awards are changing from what we've had in the past. Many of the member-sponsored awards, (such as the "Best X-plane" award) will continue. Any club member is still welcome to sponsor any special award if they desire (for example, I sponsored a "Best NASA Aircraft" award for NASA's 50th Anniversary). And if a club member wishes to sponsor an award that the club is no longer sponsoring (say, the "Silk Purse" award), they are welcome to do that, too.

Club Book and Magazine Collection

The club possesses a fairly large collection of donated aviation books and magazines, most of which currently reside in boxes in Bill K's hangar. There was some discussion of what to do with the collection (besides letting it continue to take up space in Bill's hangar). Much of it has little-to-no intrinsic value, consisting of old (10-20 year old) back issues of Aviation Week and like magazines, so sales are not a good prospect. It was suggested that perhaps the books could be donated as a reference collection to the Kern County Library, and that the magazines could be sent to our service personnel overseas and disposable reading material, or to the local veterans home (Rich R's suggestion).

Club Raffle

President Steve would like to re-instate the club kit raffle. It has been some time (over a year?) since we have had one. In the past, the club has purchased the kits for the raffle, but this has not proven to be cost-effective (i.e. we lost money). Steve is suggesting that club members donate kits they are probably never going to get around to building to the raffle. I know I have several that fit that category that I will be donating.

In-Club Contests

June marked the second in-club contest for the year, "Build an Airfix Kit".

We had a good turnout of 8 total entries.

And the Winner is...



Rich M. with his composition of “The Only Good Zero is a Dead Zero.” This was a really clever dio of an A6M going down in flame. Great use of an Airfix Zero. Congrats, Rich! Well deserved!

AVG Says Good-Bye to Mike Brignola

Long-time AVG member Mike Brignola announced he will be leaving the Antelope Valley. Mike has been offered the exciting opportunity to manage the development of a new logistics system for the Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Mike and Rose will be moving to Ohio, which will bring them closer to family.



Mike has always been an enthusiastic member and was always looking for ways to contribute and improve the club. He and Rose also graciously agreed to host the club BBQ at their home each spring.

I'm sure the other members will agree with me that we will greatly miss Mike, and wish him and Rose all the best in their new adventure.



Modeler of the Month

This month marks the return of "Modeler of the Month"

June's "Modeler of the Month": Mike Brignola



Here's Mike's Nomination: "Mike has been vital of the Antelope Valley Group for many years. An outstanding modeler, he has always gone out of his way to share his building techniques with other club members, including his incredibly realistic method for depicting rust. He has contributed articles to the newsletter of interest to the members.

Mike has always looked for ways to increase his involvement in the club. As past President, he revitalized the club and has played a key role in the continued flourishing of the organization.

Mike's Bio: "My mom helped me build a car using Elmer's glue when I was about 5 yrs. old. I really started building on my own in an afterschool model club in 7th grade. I have always been intrigued capturing life size things in miniature using art, skill, and imagination.

I enjoyed 1/72 scale but I find my eyes cry out for larger scales. Now, I enjoy any scale, depending on size and detail of the subject. I have always had an interest in WWII German armor or aircraft because of the unique subjects and camouflage patterns. I will also do cars or figures.

I have been attending the AVG since 2002. Kelly Jameson, who was a member at a previous club in Abilene Texas, introduced me.

I think it's important that any model club not get too self-serving or caught up in "modeling drama." Community involvement and service to others is necessary to promote a balanced club. Oh yeah, and there should be lots of participation and sharing about modeling."

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 |
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| 18 Jan | Member Dues Collected | | | |
| 15 Feb | | Rich R. | Drybrushing (Tom H.) | |
| 15 Mar | "M is for March" In-House Contest | | Scaffolding (Bill P.) (tentative) | |
| 19 Apr | | Mike O. | "Things Under Wings" (Henry) | |
| 17 May | Club BBQ (Mike B's house) | | | |
| 21 June | "Build an Airfix Kit" In-House Contest | Steve S. | | |
| 19 July | | | | |
| 16 Aug | "Triathlon" In-House Contest | Tom H. | Salt paint chipping method (Matt) | |
| 20 Sept | | Jeff P. | | |
| 18 Oct | Judge's Clinic | | | |
| 1 Nov | 2015 Desert Classic | | | |
| 15 Nov | 2015 Club Officer Nominations | Bill P. | | |
| 20 Dec | Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2015 Officer Elections | All | | |

The Tool Crib

We've had some great contributions to the Crib this year. If you come across a great tool, send me the info or bring to the meeting and I'll put it in the newsletter.

IPMS Ontario Region 8 Regional Contest Report

Several of the club members traveled to the Ontario Senior Center to attend the Region 8 Regional contest.



Here's the group re-enacting the famous X-15 pilot photo. Some might say this is their best side...



Okay, here's the mug shot. From left to right: Nick, Mike O., Dakota M. (front), Rich M., Tom, David and Rick. Not in the picture is me (this is probably for the best...).

Total number of entries was reported to be approximately 260 models. Many of the So Cal luminaries are Ontario members (Jim Frye, Barry Webb) and Jim Wechsler was also in attendance. Jeff Thomsen traveled from the coast with his outstanding commercial aircraft models. There were some truly outstanding builds on the tables and some of the club members did reasonably well. Rich M. took a 3rd with his Kingfisher, and Tom took a couple of awards.



Member Show and Tell



Name:

John Pearce

Time To Build:

8 days

Kit & Scale:

Revell Nike Missile and Launcher

1/40th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya Olive Drab and White
(spraycans)

Comments:

I started this the night before my shoulder replacement (nervous energy). The complete build was 8 days, 12 June -21 June. The build was done left-handed by taping parts in place on the table and gluing parts together. Paint was all rattlecan (no dexterity in my left hand). After I heal, I'll build another.



Name:

Nillo Lund

Time To Build:

160 hours over 3 months

Kit & Scale:

Revell B-25 (Dolittle Raider)

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Testors Light Brown and Gray Spray.
Flat Black brush

Older kit much better than expected.
Usual filing and sanding required.
Some gap fill also required. Decals a
challenge (old).



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| Name: | Nick Kiriokos |
| Time To Build: | 12 hours |
| Kit & Scale: | Dragon Gemini Capsule 1/72 nd scale |
| Aftermarket Items: | None |
| Paints Used: | Tamiya Acrylics |
| Comments: | Great detail, great fit, poor decals!! |



Name:

Rich Manaseri

Time To Build:

3 months

Kit & Scale:

Trumpeter Spiteful Mk.14

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Model Master enamel – Dark Green
and Medium Gray

Comments:

Beautiful fit – minimal filler needed.
Only issue was the canopy – overly
thick. Only item I would recommend
buying aftermarket.



Name:

Rich Manasari

Time To Build:

1 year

Kit & Scale:

Revell Kingfisher

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

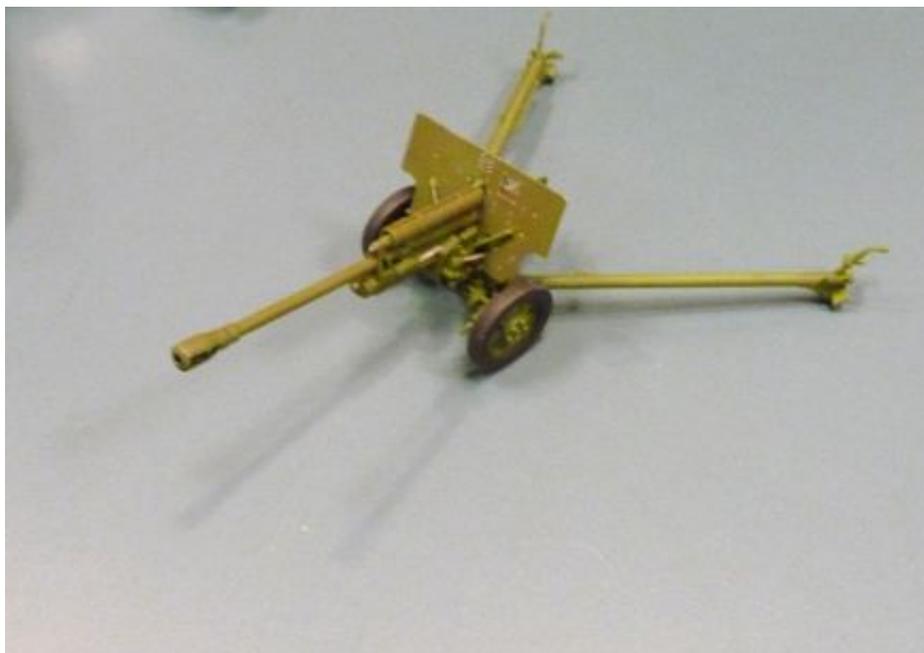
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Paints Used:

Model Master enamel – Intermediate Blue, Camouflage Gray and Insignia Yellow

Comments:

Rescribed all panel lines. Built the wheeled variant just to change it up. Pretty finicky on the fit. Quite a bit of cleanup needed.



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| Name: |
| Rich Manasari |
| Time To Build: |
| 1 week |
| Kit & Scale: |
| Italeri Soviet ZIS III Anti-tank gun 1/35 th scale |
| Aftermarket Items: |
| None |
| Paints Used: |
| Model Master enamel – Green with a burnt umber filter attempt |
| Comments: |
| Found this kit for \$3 at an antique store. |

Airfix Contest Entries



Name:

Nillo Lund

Time To Build:

160 hours over 3 months

Kit & Scale:

Airfix O-1E/F

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya Green spray and Testors silver and Black acrylic for brush application

Older kit. Some mismatch required filing and sanding. Parts matching mostly adequate, some difficult. A challenge to say the least. . Decals a challenge (old).



Name:

Nick Kiriokos

Time To Build:

8-ish hours

Kit & Scale:

Airfix Mk.1 "Female" Tank

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya Acrylics

Comments:

Kit is 40+ year old "Female". OOTB.
Surprisingly excellent fit.



Name:

Rich Manaseri

Time To Build:

1 year

Kit & Scale:

Airfix Zero

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Model Master Japanese Gray

Comments:

Modified wing and built inner structure. Decided to build as depicted in the Pacific theatre



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| Name: |
| Tom Hamel |
| Time To Build: |
| 3 weeks |
| Kit & Scale: |
| Airfix Supacat Jackal and Coyote 1/48 th scale |
| Aftermarket Items: |
| None |
| Paints Used: |
| “Hand Painted” –Tamiya paints. Some drybrush – some pinwash |
| Comments: |
| ‘Fun kit’ – easy build. Good for any level of modeler |



Name:

David Newman

Time To Build:

3 months

Kit & Scale:

Airfix Handley Page 0/400

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

Converted to US version. Resin Liberty engines and 2-blade props. ALPS decals.

4300lb Mk.1 bomb

Paints Used:

Model Master Olive Drab ANA613

Comments:

Billy Mitchell's First Provisional Air Brigade



Name:

Jeffery Phillips

Time To Build:

A couple hours of a couple days (not counting the hour + on the tail wheels I trashed)

Kit & Scale:

Airfix Mk. 1 "Male" tank

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Humbrol as called out on the box

Comments:

Fun until I broke the tail wheels. Sat un-painted for months. But hand painting was a blast.



Name:

Matt Graham

Time To Build:

20 hours over 3 months

Kit & Scale:

Airfix Spitfire PR.19 "Violet Spitfire"

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Barracuda Resin cockpit upgrade,
wheels, prop and exhaust. Eduard
color etch. Kits World decals

Paints Used:

Custom mix Tamiya acrylic lacquer –
Blue Violet with a touch of red.
Model Master British Interior Green,
Floquil Black

Comments:

Outstanding new kit from Airfix.
Very easy to build, really doesn't
need aftermarket to be a presentable
model.

Color depicts an actual aircraft that
wore this scheme for about 1 week. In
1951, Flt. Lt. Ted Powles was ordered
to repaint his squadron aircraft by the
station commander in Hong Kong.

The paint shop did not have enough
Medium Sea Grey and PRU Blue to
repaint the aircraft, but the
commander was adamant, so the shop
mixed their paint stocks, the result

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| | <p>being described as “gentian violet”</p> <p>Upon seeing the aircraft, the station commander immediately ordered the paint shop to order new paint stocks and repaint the aircraft, but the aircraft did make one flight in this scheme.</p> |
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Some Modeling Nostalgia, Courtesy of Rich Ribado

Rich brought some really neat nostalgic stuff to the meeting, his build of the Monogram '32 roadster, a Selected Subjects re-release of the old Revell 'fit-the-box-scale' B-47 and a really neat framed ad for Revell kits.



This really triggered some flashbacks (maybe even PTSD...) for some of us, um, “seasoned” modelers! The Revell kits in the ad were available at F.W. Woolworths. How many of us bought kits at Woolworths when we were kids? And check out the prices – 89 and 98 cents. I remember when that was pretty much the going rate for an average kit, with the Revell 1/32 aircraft and car kits going for \$2!

The B-47 was a real blast from the past. The original kit dates from the mid-1950's, and although the kit Rich brought was a re-release, it was faithful to the original, with original box art. It's pretty representative of early plastic kits – “fit-the-box” scale, no landing gear, no cockpit (just two pilot busts molded to the upper fuselage) and markings engraved on the parts to show where to place the decals. At least it wasn't molded in metallic red plastic like the old Aurora Me-109... The B-47 is featured in the Woolworths ad, along with the Revell B-52, the F-106 and the 1/48th H-19 helicopter (a surprisingly detailed kit for its time). Rich's build of the antediluvian Monogram '32 Ford is nothing short of amazing. His intention was to perform a 'retro-build', using techniques of the day. He tells it much better than I could, so here's his build write-up:



Kit: Monogram

Subject: 1932 Ford Hot Rod

Scale: 1/24

Construction Time: Approximately 30 hours.

Paints/consumables: Testors Enamel colors (in the little square bottles), Model Master enamels, Testors Spray Can enamels, Alclad Aluminum and Polished Aluminum. Gaps were filled with plastic card stock and gap filling super glue. Blue Acryl automotive body filler was used extensively.

General: Up to about 1950 (when the earth was forming), modelers built from mostly balsa wood kits that had few plastic parts if any at all. A revolution in model making was the advent of kits containing ***“100% pre-formed plastic parts”*** that ***“required no shaping or fabrication”***. This miracle of modern modeling didn't come along until the mid to late 1950s (when the earth was cooling) and this kit represents one of the first ***“ready to assemble”*** model kits.

Build Info: My goal was to build this kit straight from the box using only what would have been available to the modeler over 50 years ago. I deviated only with modern cements & filler and used Alclad for the exhaust headers, cylinder heads and wheels. The instructions featured an illustrated step by step narrative with individual pictures for each step. It was good to see an exploded view of all the parts again on the instructions, something almost every kit from that era included. Another feature of this kit was a generous decal sheet with many graphics options including flames and pinstripes.

By today's standards this kit is a textbook relic. If you plan on building a project as old as this one know in advance that you are going to earn it at every step. The fit was very rough, the seams had wide gaps, sinkholes and ejector pin marks were everywhere. There is no detail under the chassis, no clear parts and the decals were thick. There are no chrome plated parts and the driver figure (a big deal back in the day) looks like he was pulled from a European prehistoric peat bog. But all that is exactly what makes building this kit so rewarding.

Almost all mating surfaces required the use of a coarse file and/or heavy clamping pressure to make them fit. Seams were deep and step height conditions were very pronounced on the body's seams. However the engine fit together well and despite its lack of parts looks good after painting. I used plastic sheet stock to cure the widest gaps and mismatches throughout the build but surprisingly I found virtually no flash on the parts.

Painting was the most time consuming task. I wanted to do a scalloped scheme in red and white as I've always liked the So Cal Speed Shop and the Granville Brothers Gee Bee schemes. Both the red and white on the body comes from Testors rattle cans. The black separation between the red and white was achieved with decal stripes. All other markings were from the kit provided decal sheet. The interior and other detail parts were brush painted and the Alclad parts were airbrushed.

Lately I've built a half dozen of these "prehistoric" kits and have a few more on the bench right now. Despite the extra work they were quite rewarding when finished. Any modeler whose existence predates touchtone telephones, Project Apollo and "cable" TV will know what it's like to build these gems. And anyone who is younger than that era should make the effort to complete one just for the sake of really appreciating how far the hobby has come. I guarantee you'll never complain again about polishing out a kit's seam or a panel line that looks a bit overdone!

Calendar

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| 8/6-9/2014 | 50 th Anniversary IPMS National Convention | Hampton Roads Convention Center 1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA |
| 9/6/2014 | 15 th Annual Invitational IPMS Reno "High Rollers" | Desert Heights Elementary School 13948 Mt. Bismark Reno, NV |
| 9/28/2014 | TriCity X Classic IPMS Fremont Hornets | Milpitas Community Center 457 E. Calaveras Blvd Milpitas, CA |
| 10/4/2014 | Orangecon 2014 IPMS Orange County | Cal State Fullerton 800 N. State College Blvd. Fullerton, CA |
| 11/1/2014 | 2014 Desert Classic IPMS AVG | AV College 3041 W. Ave. K Lancaster, CA |