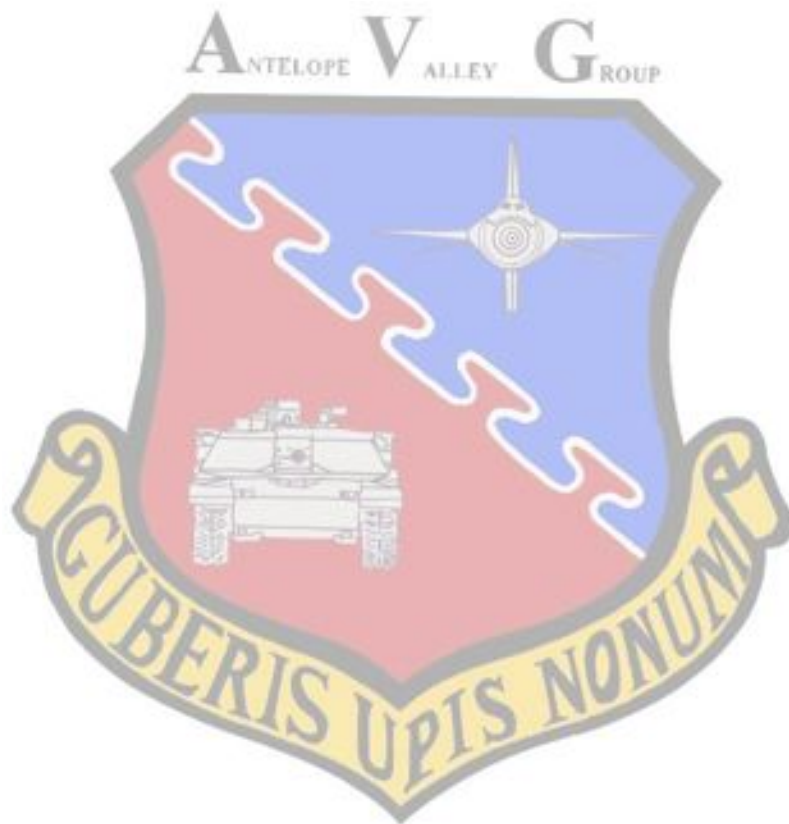


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## Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING JULY 18, 2016, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

### General Meeting Notes:

Member turnout was somewhat light for the June meeting. VP Jim presided in the absence of President Tracy. There was a short discussion of club business, mostly concerning contest prep.

### Contest Prep

VP Jim confirmed that the contest add will be run in the July-August IPMS Journal.

In order to standardize our judging methodology, we will be conducting judging clinics at the August, September and October meetings.

### “Shelf of Doom” In Club Contest Postponed

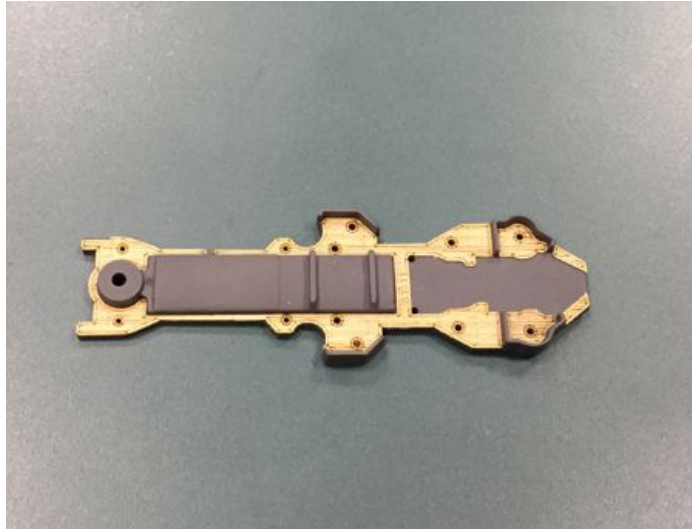
Due to a number of members planning to be absent from the July meeting, it was decided to postpone the “Shelf of Doom” contest one month to the August meeting.

## 2016 Meeting Schedule

Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
16 Jan	Member Dues Collected	Rich R. / John		
20 Feb		Rich M. / Robby		
19 Mar		Luis / Niilo		
16 Apr	In Club Contest “If It Floats...”	Rick / Jim		
21 May	Project build meeting	Mike / Tracy		
18 June				
16 July		Steve/Nick		
20 Aug	In Club Contest “Shelf of Doom” Judge’s Clinic	Rich R. / Bill P		
17 Sept	Judge’s Clinic			
15 Oct	Judge’s Clinic			
5 Nov	2016 Desert Classic			
19 Nov	2017 Club Officer Nominations			
17 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2017 Officer Elections	Everyone!		

## **The Tool Crib**

While perhaps not a tool, Mike W. brought a sample of Artwox wooden ship deck overlays. These are pre-cut, pre-weathered wooden veneers that are simply glued over the kit decks. There are several other manufactures (Pontos, etc.) that produce a similar product. They certainly look fantastic, and greatly simplify portraying an accurate deck, especially in smaller scales like 1/700.



## **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:

Mike Warman

Time To Build:

7 hours, mostly paint and decals

Kit & Scale:

HobbyBoss "Easy Kit" P-47

1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya rattle can silver, Vallejo

Comments:

Only real problem is ling seam where wings and fuselage join



## Name:

Nick Kiriokos

## Time To Build:

2 years

## Kit &amp; Scale:

Fujimi A5M4 Claude

1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale

## Aftermarket Items:

Eduard PE

## Paints Used:

Tamiya acrylics , Alclad

## Comments:

Gold finish is Tamiya Clear Orange  
over Alclad Duraluminum.

Hinomarus are painted.



Name: Nick Kiriokos
Time To Build: In progress
Kit & Scale: HobbyBoss F8F-1 1/48 <sup>th</sup> scale
Aftermarket Items: Scratchbuilt do-dads in cockpit
Paints Used: Tamiya acrylics
Comments: 2 <sup>nd</sup> attempt at kit. Fighting me every step – fit is not good.



Name:
Garrett Cote
Time To Build:
3 – 5 hours
Kit & Scale:
Bandai PF MBP PD1 Gundam Astry (red frame)
1/60 <sup>th</sup> scale
Aftermarket Items:
None
Paints Used:
Gundam pen (black, brown, gray)
Comments:
Fun medium-difficult build



Name:

Garrett Cote

Time To Build:

1 – 3 hours

Kit & Scale:

Bandai Skygrasper + Aire Striker

1/60<sup>h</sup> scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Gundam pen (black, brown, gray)

Comments:

Very easy to build.





## Name:

Niilo Lund

## Time To Build:

72 hours over 3 months

## Kit &amp; Scale:

Testors O-2 Skymaster

1/48<sup>h</sup> scale

## Aftermarket Items:

Office Depot adhesive letters – “Don't Shoot”

## Paints Used:

Testors Flat Dark Gray 1226, Flat Black 1209, Light Brown 1133  
 Tamiya Red, Green and Flat Black acrylic

## Comments:

Fun build if you like sanding and trimming. Pictures included in directions don't match wording for assembly. Can make Air Force O-2A or O-2B or Navy O-2B. Co-pilot door windows not in kit. Decals a challenge



## Name:

Niilo Lund

## Time To Build:

104 hours over 4 months

## Kit &amp; Scale:

Hawk F-104A Starfighter

1/48<sup>h</sup> scale

## Aftermarket Items:

Main landing gear support structure made from balsa wood. Required due to missing part

## Paints Used:

Tamiya acrylic Light Gunmetal TS-42  
Tamiya Red, Olive Drab and Flat Black  
Testors acrylic Silver Metallic

## Comments:

Difficult build, started and stopped numerous times. Decals a challenge (due to age). Not all decals uses (Starfighter "stars" omitted) to not garbage it up at the finish



## Name:

Matt Graham

## Time To Build:

30 hours

## Kit &amp; Scale:

AmTech P-40L

1/48<sup>h</sup> scale

## Aftermarket Items:

Cutting Edge cockpit, Vector prop, Hi-Tech wheels, Ultracast exhausts, Squadron canopy, Eduard color etch, brass gun barrels

## Paints Used:

Aeromaster enamels (yes, I still have some), Model Master, Floquil

## Comments:

AMT P-40F/L reboxed by AmTech with corrected resin nose. Nose had shrunk, lot of blending required. AMT P-40's are first of really modern P-40 kits, recessed panel lines good shape, many variants. Easier to build than Hasegawa, but detail is basic (especially the cockpit). Can be had for as little as \$5 at shows. Recommended.

Aircraft depicts P-40L of 86<sup>th</sup> Fighter

	<p>Squadron/79<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, Italy, 1944. Aircraft originally in desert camo, but pilot (Lt. Erwin Silsbee) repainted the fuselage with paint he found on base (either British or Italian). I liked the Italian paint idea, and the photo I found of this aircraft showed a very dark color, so I assumed it might be Verde Oliva Scuro. Decals from kit. had to overcoat, as they tended to break up in water. Kit sliding canopy section is lopsided (one side thicker than the other), so replaced with Squadron vacuform.</p>
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Here's a chance to get to know your fellow AVG members:

## ***AVG Club Member Biography***



*Name:*  
Jim Abercromby (club Vice President)

*Profession:*  
System/Software Engineer

*Family:*  
Married, 2 kids

*IPMS Member?:*  
Yes

*How long have you been a member of AVG?:*  
19 years

*How long have you been modeling:*  
Since I was about 5 years old

*Do you remember what the first kit you built was?:*  
No

*Favorite subjects and scales:*

54mm and 75 mm figures, 28 mm fantasy figures, 1/35<sup>th</sup> and 1/48<sup>th</sup> armor

*Paint. Acrylic or Enamel?*

Mainly acrylic, sometimes enamel and some oils

*Anything else you'd like us to know? Other hobbies or interests? Comments?*

Interest in history, Roman Empire to American Revolution

## Calendar

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
8/27/2016	2016 Far West Region Contest	Fresno City College Cafeteria 1101 E. University Ave., Fresno, CA
9/10/2016	High Rollers 17 <sup>th</sup> 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
11/5/2016	Desert Classic XX IPMS Antelope Valley Group	Antelope Valley College Cafeteria 4041 W. Avenue K Lancaster, CA
11/13/2016	Kit Collectors Exposition and Show	UFCW Local 324 Union Hall 8530 Stanton Ave., Buena Park, CA