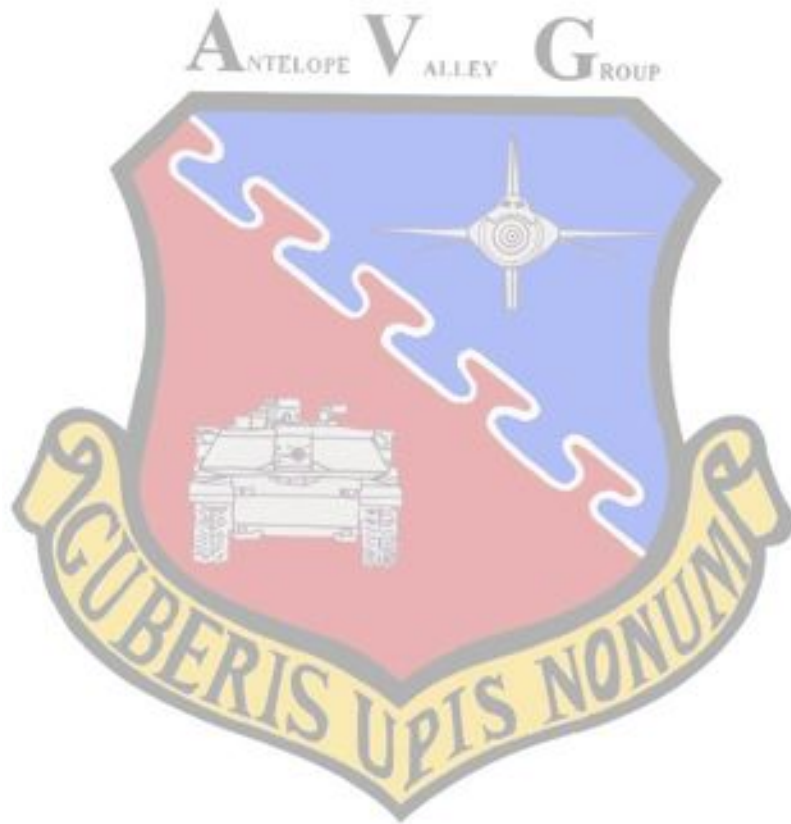


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING March 19, 2016, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

General Meeting Notes:

The February meeting was a “Work on Your Project” build meeting. Everybody brought something to work on. Particularly impressive was Dwight’s cool modular tool and paint organization system from Hobbyzone. The consensus among the members was that having a building session was a great way to get some more modeling time in, so expect more build meetings in the future.



Club Bylaws Approved

The club approved the proposed set of bylaws by unanimous vote.

New Club Treasurer

Curtis expressed a desire to step down as Club Treasurer, a position he has held for many years. Nillo Lund volunteered to assume the job. Nillo was nominated and elected by unanimous vote in accordance with the club bylaws. Curtis will serve as Assistant Treasurer.

2017 Regionals

AVG was offered the opportunity to host the 2017 IPMS Region 8 contest for 2017 by the Regional Coordinator. We have accepted, so 2017 will be a Regional for us with additional categories.

Contest Funding

The members discussed possible methods to obtain additional funding for the contest. One option is to pursue sponsorships from local businesses, who would be recognized for their sponsorship. This option has been used by the club in the past with varying levels of success.

As the raffle has usually been a money-maker for us, another suggestion was to separate aircraft, armor and autos into separate raffles, and raffle of a large, desirable kit through a separate raffle at the end. This approach has apparently worked well for other clubs.

Member Bios

We will start running biographies of club members in each monthly newsletter. This will help you get to know your fellow members better. I will have basic questionnaire for one member to fill out at each meeting. We will start next month at the April meeting.

Modeler of the Quarter

Previously, we chose a Modeler of the Month to recognize for their contributions to the hobby and the club. The members are in favor of re-instating this recognition, but considering the relatively small size of our club, the consensus that a “Modeler of the Quarter” might fit our club better. Expect this award to begin soon.

In-Club Contests

Don't forget, our first in-club contest, “If It Floats...” is scheduled for April. Subject is anything that floats on water.

Kern County Library Privatization News

The Kern County Board of Supervisors voted to place a proposed 0.125% sales tax increase measure on the June ballot to fund the library system. If passed, all money collected would go to fund the libraries and would decrease or perhaps eliminate privatization of the libraries. However, current polling indicates the measure is falling short of the 2/3 majority required for passage.

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		Mike / Tracy		
18 June				
16 July	In Club Contest "Shelf of Doom"			
20 Aug				
17 Sept				
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

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 Akeret

Time To Build:

60 hours

Kit & Scale:

Hobby Boss F8F-2 Bearcat

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Starfighter decals. Eduard PE seat belts. Wolfpack folding wing conversion set.

Paints Used:

Tamiya colors and Model Master semi-gloss clear

Comments:

Airplane #113 of VF-61 Jolly Rogers from Korean conflict



Name:

Tom Hamel

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Dragon 251/10 German Halftrack

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya and Model Master, with some pastels

Comments:

Decent kit for my collection. The gun was fiddly and small



Name:	Tom Hamel
Time To Build:	1 month
Kit & Scale:	Dragon 251/22 German Halftrack 1/35 th scale
Aftermarket Items:	Some stowage items
Paints Used:	Tamiya and Model Master, with some pastels
Comments:	The three aircraft machine guns were difficult

Calendar

3/19-20/2016	Los Angeles County Airshow, featuring the Blue Angels	William J. Fox Field 4555 W. Avenue G Lancaster, 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
11/5/2016	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