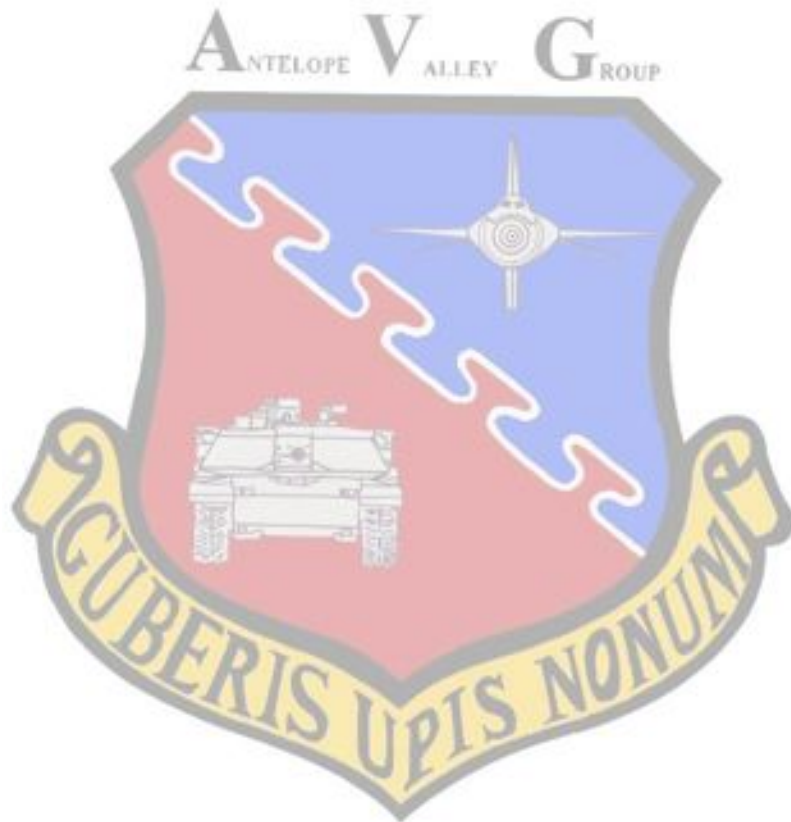


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING May 16, 2015, 1 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

General Meeting Notes:

We discussed general club business at the March meeting.

Contest Special Awards

Here's the complete list so far:

Best Russian Armor
Best British
Best X-Plane
President's Award
Best Auto Paint and Finish
Master's Award
Trifecta
First Timer

The definition of the "First Timer" award was better defined as only applying to entrants who are entering their first model contest.

Phoenix Contest Conflict

Once again, the Phoenix IPMS chapter has scheduled their contest on the same day as ours. This seems to have a great impact on vendor turnout for our contest.

Although we have not received much help in resolving the date conflict from IPMS in the past, Curt has volunteered to contact our Regional Coordinator to see if he will talk with the Region 10 Coordinator and possibly get Phoenix to change their date (as we have been scheduling our contest for the first week in November for a longer time).

Assuming the RC's don't help or Phoenix won't agree to change, another proposal was to perhaps move our contest date to the second week in November.

In-Club Contests

The April meeting saw the completion of our first In-Club Contest for 2015. Our winner is... Nick Kiriokos! For his outstanding Marine M4 Sherman.



Congratulations, Nick!
Next contest is "Build a Tamiya Kit" in July.

Make-and-Take

It was suggested that the club revive the Make-and-Take event that we have conducted in the past. We have received assistance from IPMS in the past. David has coordinated this with IPMS in the past, and it was suggested that he could look into this again. Alternately, we may still have enough of the snap kits used in the past Make-and-Takes left over.

Library Privatization

As has been mentioned at previous mentioning, the Kern County Board of Supervisors is considering privatizing the County Library system to reduce costs. The likely impact of this action on the club would be that we would be charged a fee for the use of the meeting room. As we discovered the last time we searched for a meeting place, finding a meeting site free of charge in the local area is very difficult.

I received a call this week from the Friends of the Library in Kern County urging contacting the Board to oppose the privatization. I suggest that all the club members that live in Kern County contact their Supervisor and let them know that you are against privatizing the libraries.

TNR Closing

Most of you probably got Steve's e-mail that TNR Hobbies in Mojave is closing. Apparently one of the owner's wives got an outstanding job offer in Reno and they are leaving the area. This now leaves us without a LHS in the AV or Bakersfield area (the closest shop is now Smiths in Reseda). I have heard rumors of Hobby Lobby coming to the AV (there is one in Bakersfield), so this may partially alleviate the problem, at least when it comes to paints and tools. TNR offered some outstanding deals, and they will be missed.

2015 Meeting Schedule

Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
17 Jan	Member Dues Collected			
21 Feb		Rich R. / Mike O.		
21 Mar		Jim / Robbie	"Things Under Wings" (Henry)	
18 Apr	In House Contest-"A is for April"	Rick / Curt		
16 May		Dwight / Nick	"Things Under Wings" (Henry)	
20 June	Club BBQ			
18 July	In House Contest - "Built a Tamiya Kit"	Niilo / Bill P.	TBD - Steve	
15 Aug		Mike W.		
19 Sept		Jeff / Joe		
17 Oct	Judge's Clinic			
7 Nov	2016 Desert Classic	Bill P.v		
21 Nov	2016 Club Officer Nominations			
19 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2016 Officer Elections			

The Tool Crib

The Great Toolbox Raffle!

The raffle is still ongoing.



The box and contents will be raffled off to some lucky club member in the upcoming months. Tickets for the raffle will be \$5 each, with the proceeds going to help fund the contest. Good luck!

Club Demos

Henry will be presenting the next installment of “Things Under Wings” soon, this time focusing on Sparrow and AAMRAM. Steve also has a demo scheduled for July.

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 Ackret

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Airfix Spitfire PR Mk.XIX

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya mixed PRU Blue

Comments:

Fun build. Not hard to put together.



Name:

Nick Kiriokos

Time To Build:

50 hours

Kit & Scale:

Trumpeter M4 Sherman

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya Acrylics

Comments:

Balsa wood side armor, Milliput sandbags, tissue/white glue tarps, scratchbuilt wading gear



Name:

John Pearce

Time To Build:

Off and on for 3 months

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya M4A Sherman and T-62

Italeri M60A-1

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Model Master. Pastel chalks and silver drawing pencil

Comments:

My new venture in modeling, tanks. I haven't touched a tank in 40 years and rediscovered how fun they are. I'm enjoying learning about weathering



Name:

Jim Abercromby

Time To Build:

40 hours over 6 months

Kit & Scale:

Nocturna "The Crusader"

54mm

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Vallejo

Comments:



Name:

David Newman

Time To Build:

2 weeks

Kit & Scale:

Zvezda Li-2

1/200th scale

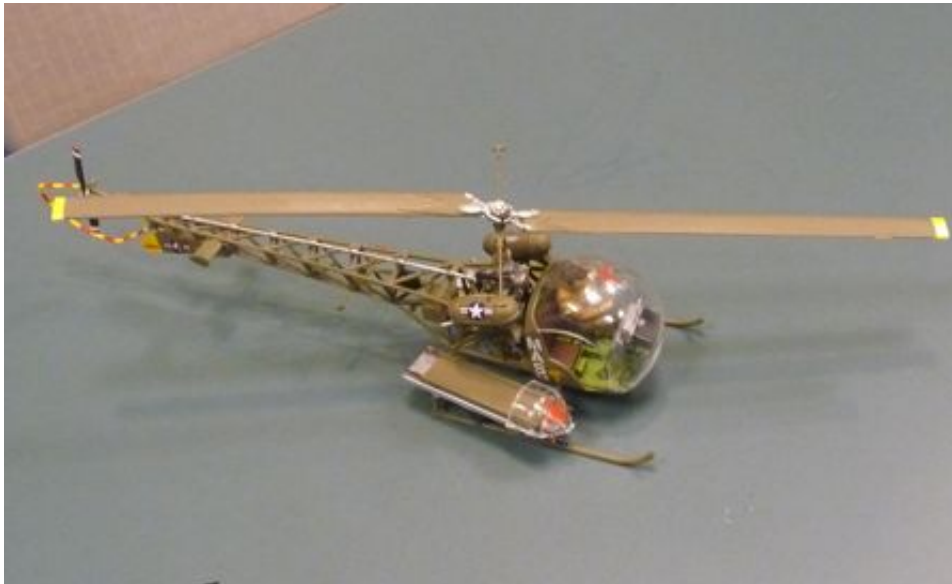
Aftermarket Items:

Aeroflot decals made on ALPS

Paints Used:

Testors Chevy Engine Red and
Aluminum

Comments:



Name:

Niilo Lund

Time To Build:

80 hours over 2 months

Kit & Scale:

Revell H-13H

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya and Model Master

Comments:

Fun to build



Name:

Niilo Lund

Time To Build:

80 hours over 2 months

Kit & Scale:

Revell AH-64 Apache

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya and Model Master

Comments:

Fun to build



Name:

Rick Reinert

Time To Build:

Kit & Scale:

Hasegawa AR234B

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Paints Used:

Comments:

Calendar

6/6/2015	San Diego Model Expo and Swap Meet	San Diego Air and Space Museum Annex, Gillespie Field 335 Kenney St., San Diego, CA
6/13/2015	Hobby Expo 2015	Well Fargo Center for the Arts 50 Mark West Springs Rd., Santa Rosa, CA
7/12/2015	Kit Collectors Exposition and Show	UFCW Local 324 Union Hall 8530 Stanton Ave., Buena Park, CA
9/12/2015	"High Rollers 16 th Annual Invitational	Desert Heights Elementary School 13948 Mt. Bismark, Reno, NV
9/27/2015	TriCity Classic Eleven	Milpitas Community Center 457 E Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, CA
11/8/2015	Kit Collectors Exposition and Show	UFCW Local 324 Union Hall 8530 Stanton Ave., Buena Park, CA