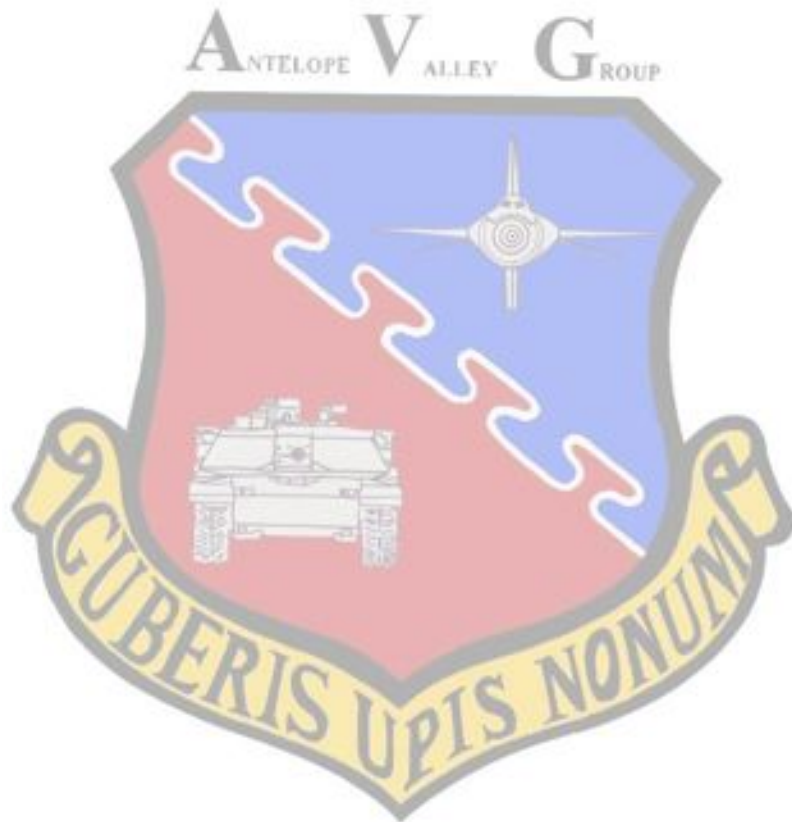


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING MAY 21, 2016, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

General Meeting Notes:

April's meeting discussion was primarily devoted to discussion of contest matters.

Project Build Meeting

This month's meeting is another "work on your project" meeting. Bring the latest model your working on, or start a new project for the meeting! Remember, no spray painting, but brush painting is okay if you are careful.

In-Club Contest "If it Floats..."

We saw a good turnout for our first in-club contest of the year, "If It Floats..." All the models were outstanding, but unfortunately there can only be one winner. And the winner is... David Newman's USS Saratoga.



The model was originally started by David's father, and was converted from the Trumpeter Lexington. Congrats to David for a well deserved win!

Contest Prep

VP Jim reported on contest preparations. The contest is now on the National IPMS Calendar. Jim also noted that we have received some constructive criticism as to consistency of both allowable category sweeps ('limited sweeps' vs. no sweeps) and required documentation for special categories from year-to-year. The membership agreed that more attention will be paid to these issues in the future. We will also have a review of IPMS judging rules at a future meeting. The members also agreed that the contest advertisement in the IPMS Journal should run in the next Journal to provide maximum exposure prior to the contest.

Contest Raffle

After some research from President Tracy, we have discovered that the method in which we have been conducting our club raffle is technically illegal. Non-profit organizations that require the purchase of tickets for their raffles in California must register their raffles with the State Attorney General and report all proceeds from the raffle. Additionally, no more than 10% of the proceeds from the raffle can go to raffle administration (i.e. purchasing prizes). One solution to avoid this requirement is to instead hold an “opportunity drawing”, where purchase of a ticket is not required, but a donation is suggested. IPMS Silicon Valley gives one free ticket to each entrant and suggests a donation for additional ticket. The drawback, however, is that an unscrupulous individual could request numerous tickets and decline to donate, and we would have to give that person the tickets.

Sellers Vendors Permits

Per the California Board of Equalization, vendors at one contest are supposed to provide us with a form 410-D that confirms they have a valid sellers permit, or that they are not required to have a permit. Per the BOE, a permit is not required only if you are sell items that you have purchased for personal use, and sell no more than twice a year. We have not been collecting these forms in the past. Jim also suggested that we have vendors sign a contract, as many other clubs do.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Niilo provided the members with a basic report on club finances. There was a lively discussion regarding whether the estimated value of the club kit collection should be considered a club asset. In the end, it was decided the collection’s value should not be added to the balance sheet. Niilo will be preparing a club budget, and also asks that any member that foresees a necessary club expenditure please contact him beforehand and provide him with the estimated cost and the date of the expenditure.

Club Kit Collection

There was a fair amount of discussion on the club’s collection of kits. The collection is currently taking up space in Bill K.’s hangar, and it seems we don’t have an accurate inventory of what it contains. It was determined the first step is to compile an accurate inventory of the collection. There was additional discussion on what should be done with the collection. Selling all or part of it was suggested, but many of the kits are old and of little value and selling them piecemeal would take considerable time and effort. It was suggested to perhaps sell the entire collection to a dealer (such as Rare Plane Detective) or donating it to another organization. No decision on final disposition was arrived at, but it was decided to give the club members first crack at buying kits they want from the collection. The collection will be at this month’s meeting for the members to peruse.

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	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:
David Newman
Time To Build:
A decade
Kit & Scale:
Trumpeter USS Lexington converted to CV-3 USS Saratoga
1/350 th scale
Aftermarket Items:
Trumpeter F6F's
Paints Used:
Testors
Comments:
Model started by Tom Newman



Name:

Nick Kiriokos

Time To Build:

1 year and 1 month (sat on Shelf of Doom for a year)

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya P-47

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

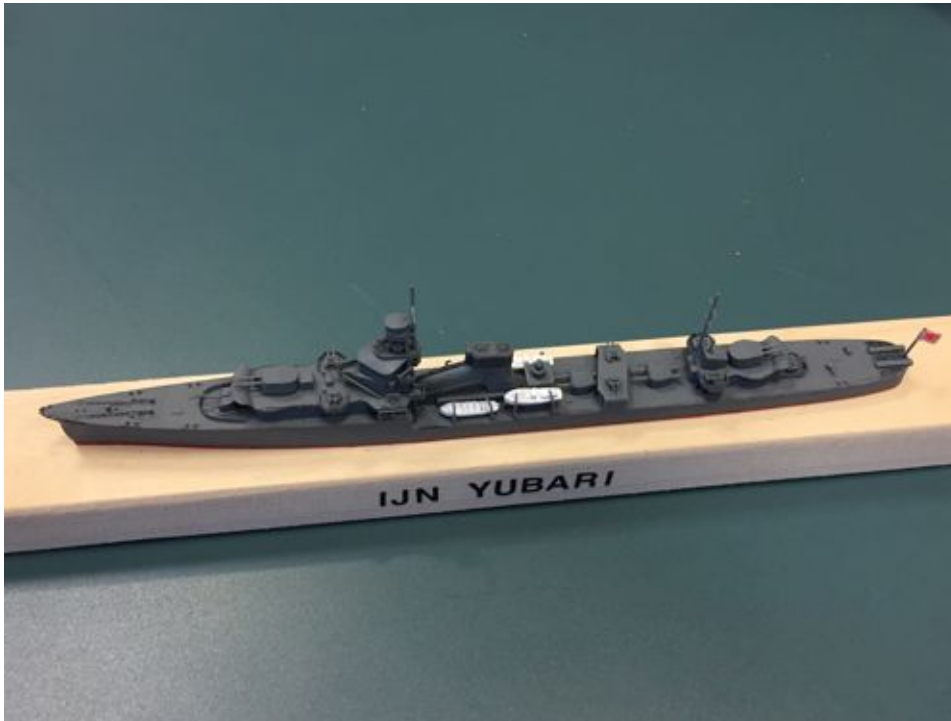
True Details resin seat

Paints Used:

Tamiya acrylics

Comments:

Xtradecals "War Weary Formation Monitors"



Name:

Nillo Lund

Time To Build:

86 hours over 3 months

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya 1984 waterline series Yubari destroyer

1/700th scale

Aftermarket Items:

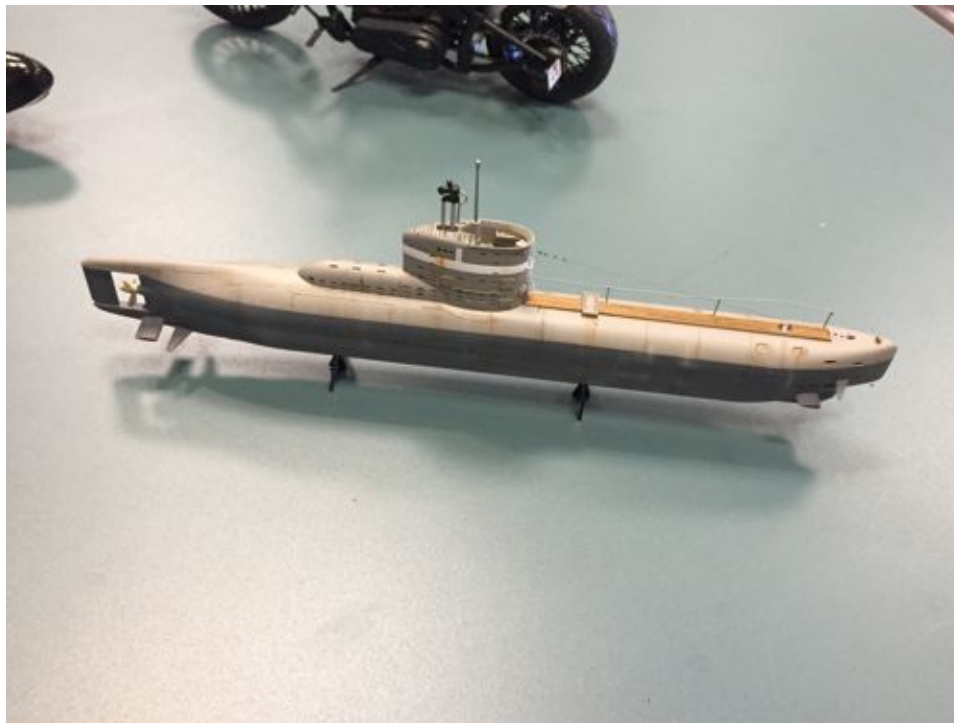
None

Paints Used:

Tamiya IJN Gray and White

Comments:

Time consuming. Japanese instructions



Name:

Mike Otis

Time To Build:

2 weeks

Kit & Scale:

Trumpeter German Type XXIII Coastal
Submarine

1/144th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya Medium Gray, Dark Gray

Comments:

Added ladder rungs, antenna and
railing



Name:
Mike Otis
Time To Build:
2 to 3 weeks
Kit & Scale:
Revell Bone Daddy Custom Chopper
1/12 ^h scale
Aftermarket Items:
Medical tape to wrap exhaust
Paints Used:
Tamiya rattle can Semi-Gloss Black Tamiya Gloss Aluminum
Comments:
Shortened fork and altered head angle for fork. Shortened handlebars



Name:

Tracy Ackeret

Time To Build:

45 hours

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya Aichi Seiran

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

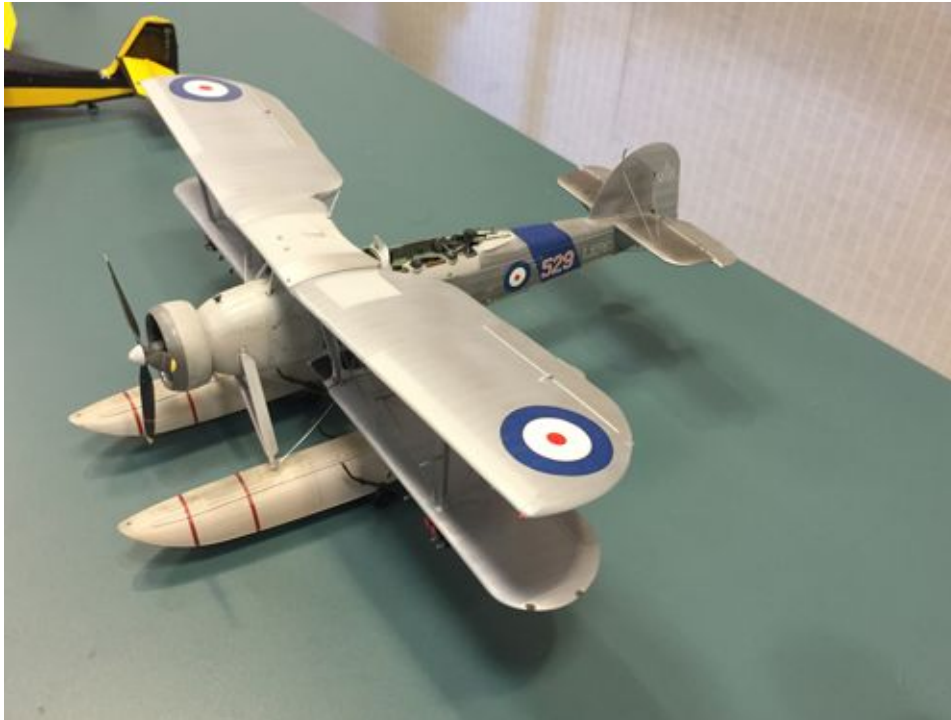
None

Paints Used:

Tamiya

Comments:

Fun build. Typical Tamiya- goes together easy and builds a good-looking airplane



Name:

Rick Reinert

Time To Build:

3 months

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya Swordfish Mk. 1

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Eduard photo etch

Paints Used:

Model master and Alclad, various shades

Comments:

Although a Tamiya kit, it warrants a lot of patience to build. Rigging is time consuming. Great kit. Will probably never build another one.



Name:

Matt Graham

Time To Build:

30 hours

Kit & Scale:

AZ Model Grumman Gosling
(Widgeon)1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Eduard belts, AIRscale instrument
decals

Paints Used:

Tamiya rattle can Chrome Yellow and
Gloss Black. Model Master

Comments:

Originally released as a Classic Airframes kit. Relatively easy build for Classic Airframes, but molds have not aged well and some cleanup required. Depicts civil Widgeon of Garland Manufacturing, 1948. Registration markings from model railroad decals and custom Alps. Uschi Van der Rosten wood grain decals on props (really cool decals).

Here's a chance to get to know your fellow AVG members:

AVG Club Member Biography



Name:
Tracy Ackeret

Profession:
Supervisor at NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center

Family:
Wife – Debbie. 3 stepchildren – Nikoa, Kaci and Makay

IPMS Member?:
Yes

How long have you been a member of AVG?:
2 ½ years

How long have you been modeling:
First time, 5 years at 14 years old. This time, 10 years.

Do you remember what the first kit you built was?:
1/48th Revell P-51D “Big Beautiful Doll”

Favorite subjects and scales:
1/48th Navy airplanes, WWII to modern.
1/48th Army Air Corps airplanes

Paint. Acrylic or Enamel?

Mostly enamel

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

Manifesto?

Long Distance motorcycle rides

Handgun shooting contests (USPSA)

I have learned more in the couple years as an IPMS/AVG member than I ever figured I would. Started entering contests other than AVG's contest

Calendar

6/25/2016	Spruefest 2016	Brookhurst Hobbies 12118 Brookhurst St., Garden Grove, CA
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