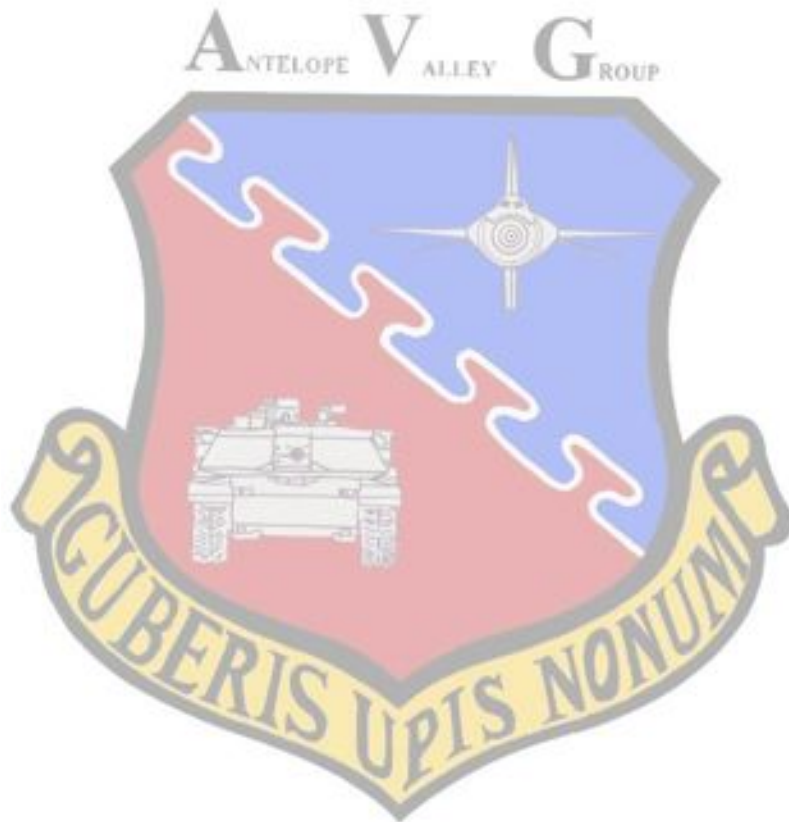


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING November 16, 2013, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

General Meeting Notes:

The October meeting was devoted to preparation for the contest. There was an initial meeting for the judging team Captains and XO's ½ hour prior to the general meeting. The general meeting was devoted to general contest conduct discussion and judging clinics for the various categories.



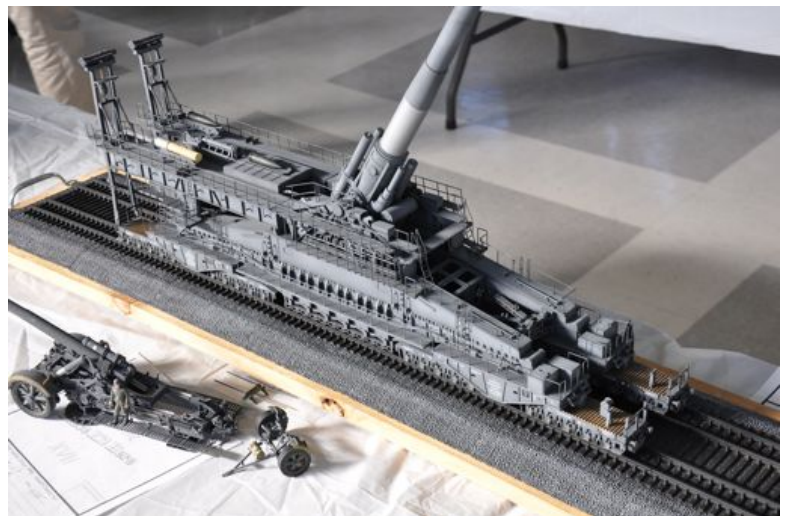
Steve and Nick explaining the finer points of aircraft judging

2013 Desert Classic

The 2013 Desert Classic is now in the history books. Despite occurring the same day as the IPMS Phoenix contest, turnout was only down slightly from past years, with an initial estimate of 195 entries. The only seeming significant impact from the competing Phoenix show was a light vendor turnout (only 2 vendors).

The qualities of the entries was quite high. Jim Wechsler brought some of his usual intricately detailed armor models, Jeff Thomson arrived with his Nats-winning XB-70 (for display only) and his incredible semi-scratchbuilt Pregnant Guppy transport, and there were some highly detailed drag racing models that had to be seen to be believed!





Club Officer Nominations

Just a reminder that club officer nominations will take place at the November meeting. Being a club officer can be rewarding and gives the opportunity to shape the direction of the club, so please consider volunteering for a club officer position.

Squadron “Black Friday” Sale

Curt will be taking advantage of the annual Squadron “Black Friday” sale to purchase kits for club raffles. Curt invites club members to take advantage of the combined shipping by participating in the club order. If you would like to participate, e-mail Curt links from the Squadron site of items you would like to purchase, along with the maximum amount you would like to spend on each item.

2013 Meeting Schedule

Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
12 Jan	Member Dues Collected			
19 Jan	Field Trip to Mojave Airpark “Plane Crazy”			
16 Feb	2013 Contest Theme Discussion			
16 Mar	Contest Flier Review and Category Finalization	Steve Spandorf		
20 Apr	“Finish Something on Your Bench” In-club contest	Matt Graham		
11 May	Club BBQ			
18 May	Club Display - ‘Plane Crazy Saturday’, Mojave Airport			
15 June		Jim Abercromby	“Pin-wash” Tom Hamel	
20 July				
17 Aug	“Build a Classic Monogram Kit” In-club contest	Tom Hamel		
21 Sept		Richard Manaseri		
19 Oct	Judge’s Clinic	David Newman		
2 Nov	2013 Desert Classic			
16 Nov	2014 Club Officer Nominations	Bill Pressley		
21 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2014 Officer Elections	All		

Show-and-Tell

As the October meeting was entirely devoted to contest prep, there was no show-and-tell last month.

In Memory: Dwight Daugherty

Former AVG member Dwight Daugherty passed away on October 7, 2013. Dwight grew up in the San Fernando Valley, and once worked for Steve Ginter's Sentai Distributors, which was once one of the largest hobby distributors on the West Coast. He also worked security at Edwards AFB and Plant 42.

Dwight was quite an accomplished modeler and turned out models of formidable quality. He was published in several modeling magazines, most notably the old "Scale Modeler". When Testors released their fictional "F-19" stealth fighter kit, it was Dwight's model that was waived around in Washington as example of lax security on secret projects!

In recent years, Dwight experienced several medical and personal setbacks. But those that knew him well were impressed by his positive attitude, no matter what life threw at him. He was also one of the kindest, most generous people that many of us knew.

Dwight will be greatly missed by his friends, family and the modeling community.

Calendar

2/24/2014	ModelFest	CAF Southern California Wing 455 Aviation Dr. Camirillo, CA
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