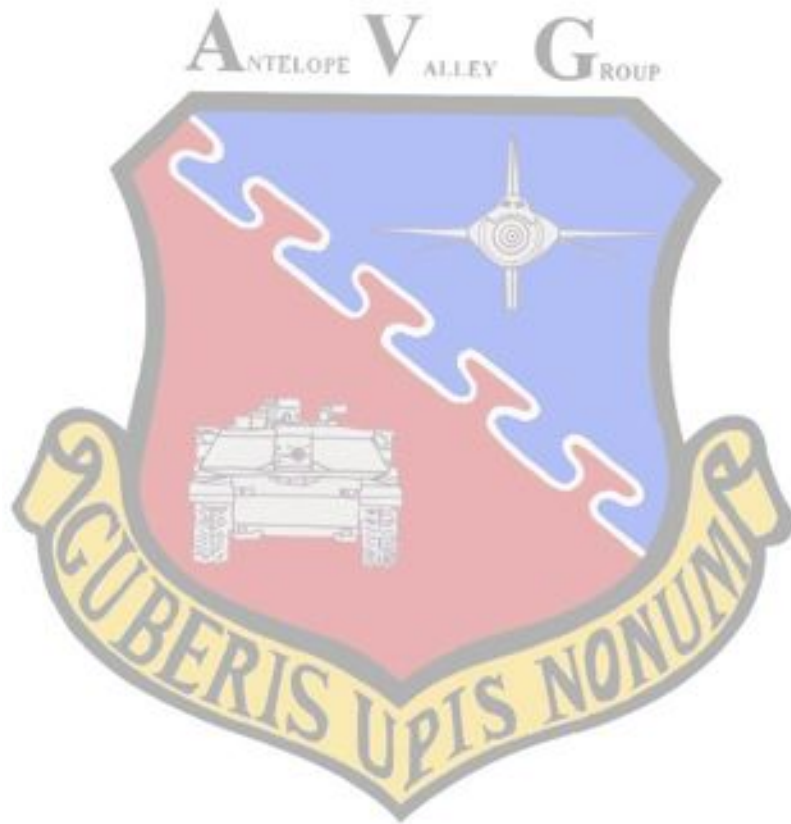


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Club News and Business

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

General Meeting Notes:

September's meeting was primarily devoted to contest discussion. We also had a member kit "sell and swap".

LAST MEETING PRIOR TO THE CONTEST:

This is our last meeting before the contest. VP Jim plans on reviewing the registration process and we will be giving out contest and judging assignments.

Contest Prep

Nillo gave the club an update on the trophies. As this is our 20th contest, the trophies are a slight upgrade from average. They are trapezoidal in shape, with colored edges – gold, red and blue. Nillo said he wanted gold, silver and bronze, but they were not available. Nillo recently sent out an update this week that the trophies were currently being engraved.

VP Jim reported that we were still waiting on confirmation of insurance from IPMS National.

We had a brief judging clinic focusing on figures.

2021 will mark the 25th anniversary of the AVG Desert Classic. Jim asked the club if we would like to request to host the IPMS Regional that year. The club was unanimously in favor.

2018 Nats Discussion

As IPMS announced the 2018 National Convention will be held in Phoenix, and as there will likely be attendance from many AVG members, we discussed potential club participation.

Jim asked if the club would like to sponsor a Nats category. The membership seemed generally in favor, as it will serve to promote the club, although there was some vocal dissent.

A poll was taken on whether we would like to have a club display (similar to the Edwards flight test display the club had at the last Phoenix Nats). Again, the members seemed generally in favor.

Future Contest Dates

Once again, we had a discussion about possibly moving the date of future contests, due to the ongoing contest date conflict with IPMS Phoenix. As the IPMS regional coordinators seem to have no interest in assisting in the resolution of the conflict and Phoenix shows no intention of changing their contest dates, we are once again considering changing the dates of future contests. We will do some research and have a more detailed discussion at a future meeting.

Road Trip Reports

Tracy and Nick attended the IPMS Fresno contest and gave us a run-down. They reported the contest was well run, but turnout was rather small for a Regional, and the contest did not seem to be widely promoted.

Rich R. reported on a recent trip to Arizona, where he visited the Pima Air Museum, the Davis-Monthan "Boneyard" and the Titan Missile Museum. I'm sure many members are familiar with Pima (which may have the largest aircraft collection in the world) and the Boneyard, but many were not aware of Titan Missile Museum. This is an actual de-commissioned Titan Missile silo (with missile)

just outside Tucson, and it is possible to tour the entire silo complex. I have also visited these three locations and highly recommend visiting all three.

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

No report this month.

Club Demos

Let me know if you'd like to do a demo for the club and I'll highlight it in the newsletter. Henry is planning to present another in his series "Things Under Wings", probably in February.

Member Show and Tell



Name:

Rick Reinert

Time To Build:

About 1 month

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya F4U-1A Corsair

1/32nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

Eduard fabric seatbelts
Eagle Cals decals

Paints Used:

Combination of Tamiya Sea Blue, Model Master Medium Sea Blue (Acrylic) and White (MM).
Used oils to set up fuel stains and a filter on the blue (sea blue)

Comments:

A very enjoyable build. Tamiya, so no real issues – attempted to use Barracuda aftermarket on engine cowls, but had difficulties with fit – so went to out of box cowling



Name:

Tracy Ackeret

Time To Build:

60 hours

Kit & Scale:

Academy M3A1 Stuart

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Fruil tracks, Legend stowage from various sets, RB barrel & 1919 machine guns

Paints Used:

Tamiya mixed

Comments:

Marine tank from Bougainville



Name:

Tracy Ackeret

Time To Build:

40 hours

Kit & Scale:

Airfix Bf-109E-4

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya

Comments:

Fun kit, used it to play with German paint schemes



Name: Niilo Lund
Time To Build: 60 hours over 2 months
Hobby Boss CH-46 Sea Knight
Aftermarket Items: Kwickstripe chrome silver tape
Paints Used: Tamiya Dark Gray Acrylic (AS-21) Testors Light Brown enamel and Flat Black
Comments: Good fit after hot water wash, minimum trim and sanding. Decals a challenge.



Name:	Niilo Lund
Time To Build:	60 hours over 43months
Kit & Scale:	ESCI AC-47 Gunship (known either as ‘Spook’ or ‘Puff the Magic Dragon’) 1/72 nd scale
Aftermarket Items:	None
Paints Used:	Tamiya Flat Grey inside with brown trim. Testors Flat Black, Brown, Green (rattle can) and Chrome Yellow
Comments:	Used frisket film to paint camouflage pattern. Don't let it sit in excessive heat because it will leave residue on surfaces. Poor decals because of age. Some disintegrated, but able to backfill with other stock.

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

AVG Club Member Biography



Name:
Bill Pressley

Profession:
Retired

Family:

IPMS Member?:
Yes

How long have you been a member of AVG?:
10+ years

How long have you been modeling:
Since 1963. I was 4 years old

Do you remember what the first kit you built was?:
1/72 Revell P-47 Thunderbolt

Favorite subjects and scales:

1/72 Naval aviation, 1/700 ships & dioramas, scratchbuilding

Paint. Acrylic or Enamel?

Acrylic

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

I use scale modeling to help with the creative process of problem solving and to get more intense with the study of history associated with the subject that are built. My philosophy of scale modeling was to do with whether you can't tell the difference between your build and reality, then you have accomplished the scale modeler's objective.

Calendar

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