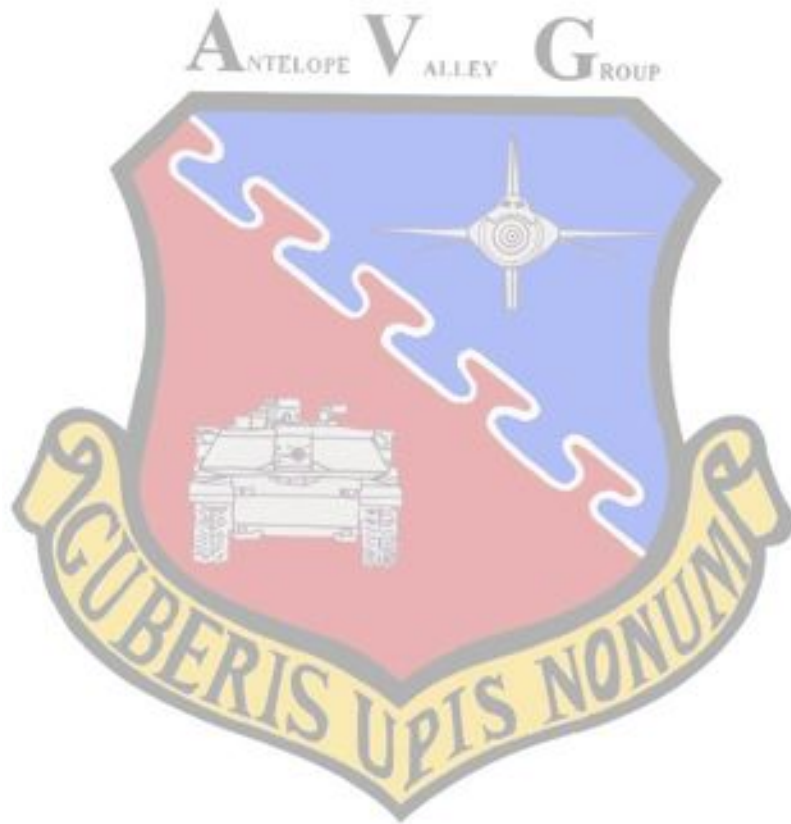


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING April 15 2017, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

In-House Contest

Don't forget this month is our first in-house contest! Subject is: "6 -Day War" (any subject from the 1967 Arab-Israeli Conflict).

March General Meeting Notes:

In March, we had a couple contest reports (Camarillo and San Jose), and further discussion of our upcoming Desert Classic contest.

Contest Discussion

VP Jim reported that the contest flyer and entry form are now posted on the club website, and the contest date is on posted on the IPMS calendar.

We discussed the necessary documentation required for the "Jurassic Plastic" category to verify the kit is pre-1970. We agreed that the kit instructions showing a copyright date of 1970 or earlier is preferred, but a print-out from the Scalemates website showing the kit was introduced prior to 1970 would be acceptable.

The club agreed on a new fee schedule for the contest. The initial entry fee will be \$12, and will include 3 entries. Each additional entry will be \$2.

March Meeting Visitors

We had 2 visitors to the March Meeting:

Mark – Primarily an armor builder, but also builds aircraft and ships. Mark brought a couple of his excellent armor models (see "Show and Tell").

Steve – Builds WWII aircraft and jets. Re-started in the hobby 4 years ago.

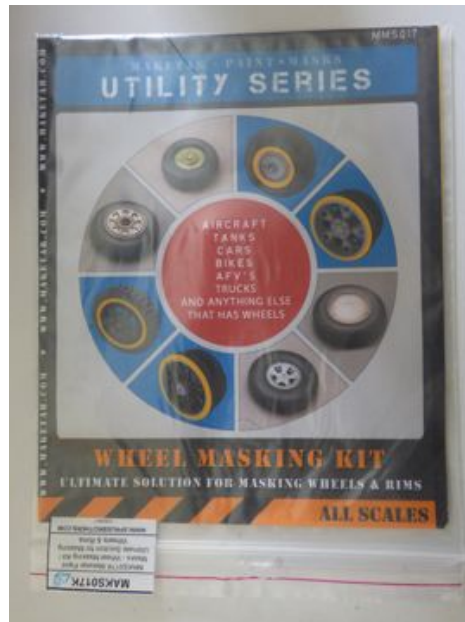
Thanks for coming by the meeting, guys!

2016 Meeting Schedule

| Primary | Activities | Refreshments | Demo | Review |
|----------------|--|---------------------|--|---------------|
| 21 Jan | Member Dues Collected | | | |
| 18 Feb | Project Build Meeting | Rich M. / Steve | | |
| 18 Mar | | Matt/Niilo | | |
| 15 Apr | In-House Contest "6 Day War" | Mike O. / Rick | | |
| 20 May | | Rich, Jay | "Things Under Wings - ARM-US" (Tentative) | |
| 17 June | | Jim | | |
| 16 July | In-House Contest "Jurassic Plastic" | | | |
| 19 Aug | | | | |
| 16 Sept | | | | |
| 21 Oct | | | | |
| 28 Oct | 2017 Desert Classic | | | |
| 18 Nov | 2018 Club Officer Nominations | | | |
| 16 Dec | Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2018 Officer Elections | Everyone! | | |

The Tool Crib

Maketar wheel masking set. Maketar is mostly known for their national insignia and lettering painting masks, but has developed a series of ‘utility’ masks, also.



What differentiates Maketar from other insignia masks (like Montex) is that Maketar uses yellow ‘kabuki’ tape instead of vinyl. Kabuki tape has several major advantages over vinyl:

1. It doesn't shrink over time (vinyl masks are constantly shrinking and can become too small if left not used for a long time).
2. It conforms better to curved surfaces.
4. The adhesive is less “aggressive” and is less likely to leave residue behind.

The wheel mask set include about 1000 individual circular masks. Besides the wheel mask set, Maketar makes several other ‘utility’ sets, such as the “Canopy Survival Set”, which has numerous right-angle, curved and straight sections for masking canopies, and the “Nose Cone Set”, which has decreasing-radius curved strips for masking bomb stripes or aircraft nose cones. Each set includes 2 to 3 8x11 sheets of die-cut elements.

The individual elements are difficult to see on the sheets. I have seen recommendations of using a wash of ink or rubbing the sheets with pencil to highlight the elements to make them easier to see. Available from Sprue Brothers or Hannants for about \$15-20 per set.

Club Demos

Henry's "Things Under Wings" scheduled this month has been pushed back. It's tentatively scheduled for the May meeting. 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:

Mark Lampe

Time To Build:

35 hours

Kit & Scale:

Dragon/DML Panther A

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Pactra Flat Afrika Yellow
Delta/Liquitex Acrylics

Comments:

Kit was a pleasure to build, a good re-
intro to 1/35 building



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| Name: Mark Lampe |
| Time To Build: 12 hours |
| Kit & Scale: Testors 155mm Howitzer 1/35 th scale |
| Aftermarket Items: None |
| Paints Used: Polly-S Olive Drab (darkened and browned down) Liquitex/Americana Acrylics |
| Comments: Most time of the build was filling and sanding gaps – gun barrel and carriage |



Name:

David Newman

Time To Build:

3 months

Kit & Scale:

ICM U2/Po-2

1/72nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

Begemot Decals

Paints Used:

Testors Forest Green, Flanker Blue

Comments:

Polikarpov's trainer



Name:

Mike Otis

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Imai Harley-Davidson Fat Bob bobber

1/12th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Tamiya Flat Black, Semigloss Black,
Gloss Black

Tamiya Pure White (spray can)

Comments:

Tough build- kit was "glue resistant".
Pipes and fenders were cut down. Seat
was cut down and modified



Name:

Niilo Lund

Time To Build:

24 hours over 1 month

Kit & Scale:

Academy Mirage IIIE

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None – canopy tape, not paint

Paints Used:

Testors spray enamel Metallic Silver
 Testors acrylic Flat Black, Gloss White, Flat Tan and Flat White
 Tamiya Light Gray base coat
 ModelMaster acrylic Green Zinc Chromate

Comments:

Build straightforward, some trim to fit. Instructions average needs ordering to simplify. Decals OK – had to rim to avoid overlap, not all decals applied (around engine inlets)



Name:

Matt Graham

Time To Build:

3 hours

Kit & Scale:

Tomytec F-15A 'Streak Eagle'

1/144th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None

Paints Used:

Kit is pre-painted. ModelMaster, Tamiya and Metalizer used for detail painting and touch-up

Comments:

Essentially an un-assembled 'Gashepon'. Comes pre-painted and decorated. Clever engineering to minimize visible seams. Did fill seam on booms and touched up with Metalizer. Nominally a snap kit, but some fit is very loose and benefits from glue. Fit is very good. Odd sprue attachment in the middle of nose gear door. Kit is quite accurate-has short speedbrake of early F-15's. Detail painted cockpit. Without detail painting and seam attention, could build in about 45 minutes.

Calendar

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|---------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 05/06/2017 | Best of the West-Vegas-Con 2017 | East Side Cannery Resort & Casino 5255 Boulder Highway, Las Vegas, NV |
| 07/09/2017 | Kit Collectors Exposition and Show | Garden Grove Community Center 11300 Stanford Ave. Garden Grove, CA |
| 07/26-29/2017 | IPMS National Convention | LaVista Conference Center 12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, NE |
| 09/23/2017 | REDCON 2017 | Orleans Hotel and Casino 4500 W. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas, NV |
| 9/30/2017 | OrangeCon 2017 | Pavilion and Conference Center, Cal State Fullerton 800 N State College Blvd., Fullerton, CA |
| 10/28/2017 | Desert Classic XXI | Antelope Valley College Cafeteria 3041 W Ave. K, Lancaster, CA |
| 11/12/2017 | Kit Collectors Exposition and Show | Garden Grove Community Center 11300 Stanford Ave. Garden Grove, CA |