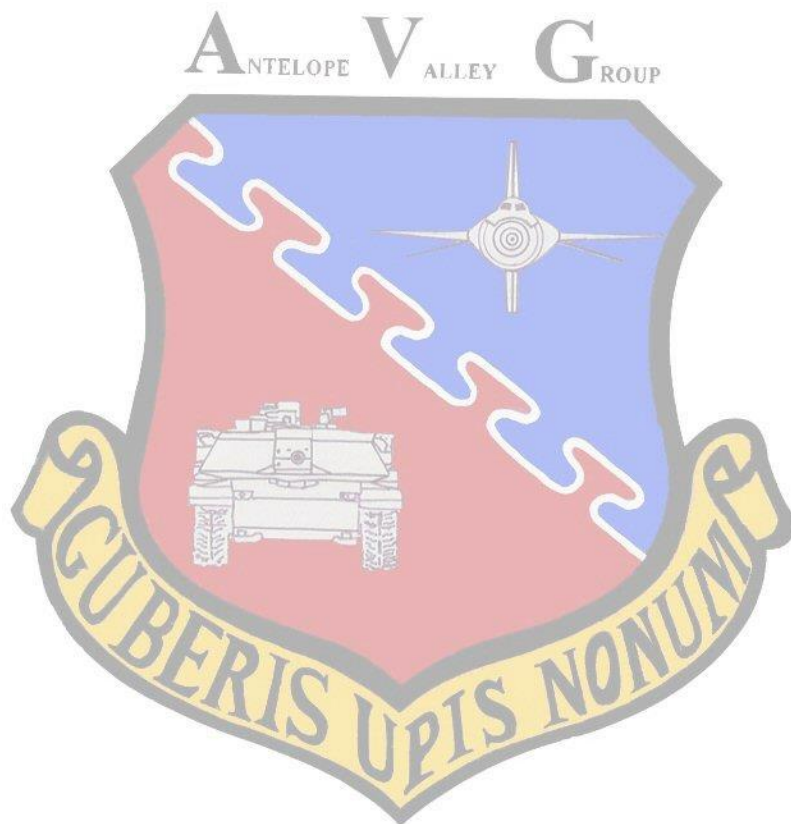


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Club News and Business

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 17 2018, 1:00 PM AT ROSAMOND LIBRARY

December General Meeting Notes:

For the first meeting of the new year, we started planning for the 2018 Desert Classic

2018 Desert Classic Planning

Never too early to start planning for the contest!

VP Jim handed out a draft flyer with proposed categories, theme, and special awards for discussion.

As we do not have the regional this year, there was consolidation of categories to reduce the categories from 42 to 33 (with 4 splits).

We discussed possible contest themes. Some proposed themes were:

In Enemy Hands

50 Shades of Gray

Crème-da-la-merde (my favorite)

Scenes in a Godzilla Movie

In the end the, the club chose “50 Shades of Gray” (anything painted gray).

Special awards were discussed. We will continue the Theme Award, Best in Show, President’s Award and X-plane Award. For the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, we added Best WWI Subject, and for the 60th Anniversary of NASA, I will sponsor a Best NASA Subject award. Crème-da-la-merde became a special award (basically the old “Silk Purse” award). Other proposed awards are Best German Subject and RAF Centennial.

In-House Contest

We decided to hold at least one in-house contest this year. We will have “Jurassic Plastic” as or subject in August

2018 Dues

If you were not able to pay club dues last month, please make an effort to do so this meeting. Dues are \$36 for the year.

2018 Meeting Schedule

Primary	Activities	Refreshments	Demo	Review
20 Jan	Member Dues Collected	Jay/Jim		
17 Feb		Tracy/?		
17 Mar				
21 Apr				
16 May				
17 June				
21 July				
18 Aug	In House Contest – “Jurassic Plastic”			
15 Sept				
20 Oct				
27 Oct	2018 Desert Classic			
17 Nov	2019 Club Officer Nominations			
15 Dec	Christmas Potluck Gift Exchange 2019 Officer Elections	Everyone!		

The Tool Crib

Nothing this month.

Club Demos

If you'd like to do a demo for the club, let me know and I'll put you on the calendar

Member Show and Tell



Name:

Rick Reinert

Time To Build:

About a month

Kit & Scale:

Hasegawa P-40E

1/32nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

Eduard seatbelts and cockpit, Ultracast exhausts

Paints Used:

Model Master

Comments:

A harder build than I thought – some aftermarket items that I purchased with the kit were frankly not worth it (gear doors). Model has a black base with Olive Drab and Neutral Gray painted on top. Have to take time with the wings to get them properly aligned.



Name:

Mark Lampe

Time To Build:

Approx 20 hours

Kit & Scale:

Renwal M41 Walker Bulldog

1/32nd scale

Aftermarket Items:

None.

Paints Used:

Tamiya XF 62 Olive Drab, Americana Flat black, Burnt Sienna, Raw Sienna; Accent colors Classical Green (for highlighting/post shading)

Comments:

This kit was languishing on my workbench for quite some time since last summer when I started it, and it felt great to finally finish it up. The build was pretty easy, just needed to make sure that all the torsion bars were lined up in a nice straight line--there were no guide pins; originally the suspension was a working one with springs, not included with the kit anymore. The instructions would have

you attach the turret to the center hull piece prior to final hull assembly; I left mine off so I could work on the turret properly. You can make cutouts in the turret race on the hull, then put the turret on with two of the securing washers glued on already. The decals included with the kit are good, nice and thin. I learned the hard way to be careful with how much setting solution I use; had to replace the turret top star after goo-ing it up.

I decided to mud up the tank primarily to make it look cool, but also because the tracks were not the greatest quality. To paint the Bulldog, I used varying shades of O.D. mixed with classical green for "modulation" and highlighting before dirtying the heck out of it with numerous washes, filters, and my mud mix. The mud is Celluclay, tan & brown acrylics, a bit of glue, and water. I don't quite mix it all the way so it remains more on the watery side in order to wash over parts of the hull. The thicker clumps in the mix are to pile on the mud lower down on the suspension, wheels and tracks. Overall a fun build!



Name:

Mark Lampe

Time To Build:

Approx 20 hours (so far)

Kit & Scale:

Tamiya T-62M

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

None.

Paints Used:

Delta Creamcoat Olive Yellow, Dark Forest Green; Americana Black, Burnt Umber, Burnt Sienna

This was another kit that's been languishing in its box as several sub assemblies. This is one of those old Tamiya kits meant for motorization, so there were a few holes that needed filling, and I used sheet styrene to blank out the big empty spots where the suspension and hull meet, normally present on these early kits. It's a work in progress, depicted in Syrian service during the 6 Day War (1972). I've read a few reviews of this kit; apparently there are some issues with accuracy

	<p>(suspension too low, angle of hatches on the turret) but it looks pretty darn good to my eye. The tracks in this kit, although they are the old vinyl type, are wonderfully detailed. Engine screens included with the kit are pretty decent; I need to clean mine up a bit.</p>
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Name:

Stephen Lucy

Time To Build:

8 weeks (nights and weekends)

Kit & Scale:

Eduard A-4E

1/48th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Master refueling probe, Quickboost cannons, Hasegawa Mk.82's

Paints Used:

Model Master enamel

Comments:

VA-72 Blue Hawks, 1965, USS Independence



Name:

David Newman

Time To Build:

6 months

Kit & Scale:

Minicraft / Muroc C-87

1/144th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Resin C-87 conversion

ALPS decals

Paints Used:

Mr. Color synthetic lacquer

Comments:



Name:

David Newman

Time To Build:

1 month

Kit & Scale:

Platz F-82

1/144th scale

Aftermarket Items:

ALPS decals

Paints Used:

Tamiya AS-12

Comments:

NACA 'mothership' for ramjet missile



Name:

Tracy Ackret

Time To Build:

50 hours

Kit & Scale:

Dragon/Platz Panzer IV AuSfd

1/35th scale

Aftermarket Items:

Fruli metal 36mm tracks

Paints Used:

Mig Ammo Panzer Grey modulation set.

Mig Ammo filter and pigments

Comments:

Drilled out machine guns barrels.
Fun build with far less parts than a normal Dragon Panzer IV

Calendar

2/17/2018	SilverCon 2018	Town and Country Lutheran Church and School 4049 Marconi Ave. Sacramento, CA
3/4/2018	Valley Con 2018	Peterson Automotive Museum 6060 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA
3/11/2018	Kit Collectors Expo	Garden Grove Community Center 11300 Stanford Ave. Garden Grove, CA
3/31/2018	Silicon Valley Classic V	Napredak Hall 770 Montague Expressway San Jose, CA
5/5/2107	Best of the West, Prelude to the Phoenix Nationals	Eastside Cannery Hotel and Casino 5255 Boulder Hwy. Las Vegas, NV
6/9/2018	IPMS Region 8 Contest and Swap Meet	San Diego Air and Space Museum Annex 335 Kenney St. El Cajon, CA
8/1-4/2018	IPMS/USA National Convention	Phoenix Convention Center, 100 N. 3 rd St. Phoenix, AZ
10/27/2018	Desert Classic XXII	Antelope Valley College Cafeteria 3041 W Ave. K, Lancaster, CA