

**IPMS-Flight 19**  
**April 11, 2019 Meeting**

Meeting Place: First Church of the Nazarene  
916 NE 4 ST  
Pompano Beach FL 33060  
7:35pm – 9:50pm

Members in attendance:

Steven Blok	Dillon LeBlanc
Don Danforth	John “JT” Occhialini
Jim Decker	Eric Olson
Lynn Delacroix	Chuck Patterson
Jeff East	Adam Weinstein
Peter Frearson	James Wilbanks
Matt Gerken	Matt Ziegler
Bill Koster	

Excused: Butch Bryan (who is in Kansas celebrating his birthday)  
Ralph Severino (who is sick and doesn't want to infect us)

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff East at 8:00pm after members had the opportunity to view models that had been brought for display at tonight's meeting.

The floor was open for discussion and comments about two recent contests, Wings, Wheels & Keels in Venice, Florida and Pelicon '19 in North Largo, Florida. Adam Weinstein attended Wings, Wheels & Keels and felt a bit disappointed in this year's contest/show. It seemed to be smaller and a lot of the vendors were the same ones that attended our recent Modelfest VIII show in March. That meant that a lot of the kits on sale were already seen and available for sale at our contest. Just when you're itching to spend some money on plastic..... On the other hand, Peter Frearson, Jeff and Timothy East and Butch Bryan (as well as others from Flight 19) attended Pelicon '19. Peter won a first, second and third place with his models and Butch won Best Theme for his Star Trek wormhole diorama (or vacuum cleaner, or....), while Jeff swept the ship category—his were the only two ship model entries; Timothy won first place in the juniors category! Congratulations to all! Overall, according to Jeff, the host club felt a little disappointed in the relatively low number of entries, etc., for a two day show. There were also some comments about relatively high food prices, but almost all of the vendor tables had been sold. While there may be room for some future improvement, everyone had fun and enjoyed the show and the host club is very enthusiastic about next year's show.

**Group Build:** While a possible group build was discussed at the March 2019 meeting, there was a noticeable lack of enthusiasm for a future group build at tonight's meeting. Doesn't mean that there won't eventually be a group build, but details will have to be agreed to and finalized in the future (much to Jeff's disappointment). More details as they develop.

**\*Upcoming Show Announcements:**

4/27/2019—The 33<sup>rd</sup> NNL-East Car Show, Wayne NJ  
5/4/2019—IPMS Pensacola Blue Angel Modelfest, Pensacola FL  
5/11/2019—14<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Southlandz Model Car Swap Meet & Contest, Largo FL  
6/15/2019—PAMSCON 2019, sponsored by the Polk Area Model Society, Plant City FL  
6/22/2019—So. Carolina Scale Model Mega Show, Columbia SC (<https://scmegashow.com>)  
8/7-10/2019—2019 IPMS Nationals, Chattanooga TN  
9/1/2019—18<sup>th</sup> Annual Table Tops NNL Car Show, Orlando FL  
10/18-20/2019—Modelpalooza 2019, Kissimmee FL  
2/29/2020—**Modelfest IX**, Flight 19, Pompano Beach FL  
7/29 – 8/1/2020—2020 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX

**WILL THERE BE A “MODELFEST IX” IN 2020?**

**YES**, there will be a Modelfest IX in 2020. **Modelfest IX** will take place on **Saturday, February 29, 2020**, at the **Emma Olson Community Center in Pompano Beach**. The contest theme will be anything related to **“CATS.”** Butch Bryan is involved in marketing the contest and is actively soliciting corporate sponsors! Food will be available at the contest venue, but details are still being worked out. More information will follow as it develops in coming months, but start building your kits in anticipation of entering the competition at Modelfest IX 2020.

**\*Flight 19 Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/569054983428871/about/>

Butch Bryan has continued to post photos from our club meetings (including tonight's meeting) and various contests to our Facebook page. He will continue to add photos and announcements and encourages members to send him photos that they would like to see published on the Flight 19 Facebook page. While our club Facebook page is a “public” page, you need to be a Facebook member in order to access the page.

**\*Show & Tell:**

**James Wilbanks**, as noted in prior minutes of our club meetings, is endeavoring to do a diorama of a Russian KV-1 tank being taken out by a German Nashorn. This month he brought in the Eastern Express 1/35 scale KV-1 work-in-progress (WIP) as he is experimenting with painting/coloring the foam depiction of an explosion. James is attempting to paint the foam to represent the instant after an explosion has taken place. This is not going to be easy to do, but he is making good progress. To illustrate the effect, a photo of the unpainted foam is included, below, along with a couple of photos showing the current stage of painting. This will look great when done to James' demanding standards of production!



**Steven Blok** has begun working on an Academy 1/35 scale US Army Abrams M1A2 tank with the Tusk II modification. It is a WIP, but looks extremely promising. We look forward to seeing Steven's progress at future meetings!



**Lynn Delacroix** brought some interesting clear plastic "shapes" to the meeting. These were free to anyone who wanted one or more of them. Many different shapes were present and these often come in handy, especially when modelers want to modify or scratch built parts.



A big "THANK YOU" to Lynn for thinking of her modeling pals!!!

**Jim Decker.** It could be argued that Jim Decker brought the most interesting kit for display at tonight's meeting. In a word, it was **BIG**. It's the new 1/32 scale B-24J Liberator by Hobby Boss and, did I mention, it is **BIG**. As many of our club members know, Jim's father was a career USAAF/USAF pilot who flew B-24's during World War II and retired as a major flying B-47's. Obviously, his father being a Liberator pilot is one of the major motivations for Jim to tackle this kit. The other is his known penchant for large models (and accompanying small bank accounts). The kit was a pre-order purchase from Squadron Mail Order and included extra goodies such as True Details' resin wheels/tires, etc. On top of that, the kit is very comprehensive in its own right including multiple decal sheets depicting different paint schemes, etc., as well as a fantastic set of full color instructions. Everyone at the club is anxious to see Jim start this kit, but he's already up to his elbows working on a 1/32 scale HK Models kit of a B-17F, so it may be quite a while before the B-24J sees the work bench, but we'll be waiting!



**Peter Frearson.** Pete brought his 1/48 scale Hasegawa Hawker Hurricane Mk. IIc to the meeting. He built it basically out of the box with seat belts added. It looked great in its camouflage and he said it went together pretty easily. Kudos to Pete!





**Dillon LeBlanc**, our prolific junior modeler, brought two model WIP's to the meeting. Both were in 1/48 scale, the first being the Monogram B-24J Liberator marked as "Witchcraft" in olive drab camouflage. Landing gear was retracted and it looked BIG, but not as BIG as Jim Decker's 1/32 scale B-24J. The main difference between the two Liberators was that Dillon's was built. LOL Even in 1/48 scale, the Liberator is a big model. Dillon's looked very nice in its WW II camo.



Dillon's second model was the Minicraft Beechcraft Bonanza V35. He has it basically assembled, but it is not yet painted. No problems were noted and Dillon picked this model, because he really likes the fact that the Bonanza has a "Vee" tail. We're looking forward to seeing this one completed at a future meeting!



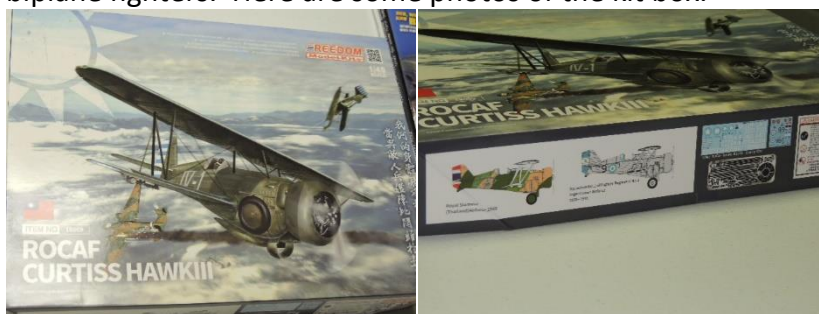
**Adam Weinstein** amazes us with his varied choice of modeling subjects. Tonight's surprise was an unknown resin kit in approximately 1/35 scale of something called a Havoc 2089 Gunship. Obviously, this is a fantasy concept model, but it is also very interesting. Adam bought the kit about two years ago at JAXCON and has marked it as a US Border Patrol gunship. "Very interesting," as Arte Johnson used to say on the 1960's "Laugh In" TV show. Wonder what project is next on Adam's modeling bench.



**Jeff East.** Jeff is doing a 1/700 scale Fletcher class destroyer as modified to carry an aircraft catapult to launch scout planes during WW II. As mentioned in last month's minutes, the basic kits he's using are the Tamiya and Pit Road kits, which average about \$10-\$12, each, along with the FStar Photo-etch aftermarket kit, which costs about \$50. After undertaking some successful research, Jeff realized that he needed to realign some items on the ship's deck, such as the aircraft crane and some gun turrets, to more accurately depict the ship(s). He's still in the process of finalizing the revisions, but here are a couple of photos of his progress to date.



Jeff also brought a new kit to the meeting that he purchased at Pelicon '19. It's a new manufacturer called Freedom Kit (no. 18009) from Taiwan, China of a 1/48 scale Curtiss Hawk III biplane fighter from pre-WW II. It's in the markings of the Republic of China Air Force and is a very comprehensive kit. Not only is it molded existitely, it has photo etched (PE) parts, multiple decal markings options and a highly detailed plastic pilot is also included in the kit. It was purchased at Pelicon '19 for \$40 and is well worth the purchase price if you are interested in biplane fighters. Here are some photos of the kit box.



Here are a few random photos of the members attending tonight's meeting.



**Raffle:** There was no raffle at tonight's meeting.

Next meeting will be on **May 9, 2019, SAME PLACE, STARTING AT 7:30PM!**

The meeting concluded at approximately 9:50pm.

Minutes recorded by Eric Olson....