

IPMS-Flight 19
July 9, 2020 VIRTUAL Meeting

Meeting Place: CYBERSPACE
[First Church of the Nazarene
916 NE 4 ST
Pompano Beach FL 33060]
7:30pm – 9:20pm

Members and Guests in VIRTUAL attendance:

Gene Beadle	CiCi Luzietti
Butch Bryan	Marc Luzietti
Tim Bryant	Eric Olson
Jeff East	Mike Salazar
Eric Gonzalez	Jeff Selker
Meir Israel	

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff East at 7:30pm.

SPECIAL NOTE: THIS IS THE THIRD CLUB MEETING SINCE THE COVID-19 NATIONAL HEALTH EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED IN MARCH 2020. Consequently, there was no club meeting in April 2020. Since face-to-face large group meetings are prohibited under current Broward County guidelines, the May 2020 Flight 19 meeting was held “virtually” using the ZOOM platform. [There was also a “virtual” June 2020 meeting held, but due to technical problems, there were no minutes taken of that meeting.] The virtual platform presents some challenges for club members and, obviously, cannot be as satisfying as a face-to-face meeting. However, the first “virtual” meeting went reasonably well and, as we gain experience using ZOOM, can prove to be an interim substitute for our regular meeting format until group meetings are permitted in the future. Unfortunately, at this juncture, there were only limited opportunities to take photographs of models discussed during the “Show and Tell” portion of the meeting. Hopefully, we will be able to include more photographs in any future virtual meeting minutes (see the discussion, below, under “Show and Tell”).

There was some brief discussion during tonight’s meeting that we might consider holding more than one club meeting per month while using ZOOM for our interim virtual meetings. Presumably, Butch Bryan will notify club members via email and Facebook if any additional virtual meetings are scheduled.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

****President Jeff East** announced that, after many years as President of IPMS Flight 19, he is stepping down, effective, January 2021. As with his predecessor, Peter Frearson, many years of dedicated service takes its toll on family and work (as well as mental health!). So, with perpetual gratitude and respect to Jeff, **the club will have about 2 months to help someone decide to take over the presidential mantel in 2021.** Jeff's not leaving, just going back to being a modeler and a member! January 2021 will be here before we know it, so let's all rally around our future club presidential candidates! **Officer elections are tentatively scheduled for September 2020!**

Only dues paying members of Flight 19 will be eligible to run for office or to vote for club officers during the September 10, 2020, club meeting. We need to elect officers in sufficient time to list the new officers when the club files our IPMS chapter renewal with the national IPMS headquarters in December 2020. Jeff East said that even though he is "retiring" as club president, he is willing to continue planning and organizing the annual club Christmas party and is willing to remain as treasurer for IPMS charter purposes. He volunteered Peter Frearson to continue to head up future Modelfest contests and urged Butch Bryan to continue with the sales/advertising/sponsorship duties related to future contests. No objections from either one of them, but Peter Frearson was not able to attend tonight's meeting. (That ought to teach him a lesson or two. LOL)

2021 REGIONAL CONTEST FOR IPMS REGION 11:

Flight 19's Modelfest X 2021 will be the 2021 Regional Contest for IPMS Region 11. It will be a one day contest held on Saturday, MARCH 6, 2021, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, Pompano Beach, Florida. First on the agenda will be selecting a theme for the contest which will be discussed at a future club meeting. Details regarding the Regional contest will be worked out over the next year, so stay tuned for updates!

GROUP BUILDS: The club is engaged in **TWO** group build projects. There is lots of room for creativity in the **first group build**. There is no modeling subject specified for the build. Instead, participants will build a diorama of their choice on an 8" X 10" diorama base. There are no height restrictions, but the diorama subject cannot extend past the edges of the 8" X 10" diorama base. The participants will display their completed masterpieces at a future face-to-face Flight 19 club meeting. The **second group build** is easier to define—just build any Snap-Tite kit and try to make it look as good as possible. Participants are advised to choose their subject kit and start building. The best guess is that the Snap-Tite builds should be ready for presentation in three months (i.e., "three" meetings from now). We currently are not able to meet in face-to-face settings due to the Covid-19 crisis, but we hope to be able to do so, tentatively, in three months.

***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.

Butch Bryan, our webmaster-in-training, is in the process of developing a new Flight 19 website. Currently, it can be found at <https://butchbryan2002.wixsite.com/mysite> if any member wants to check it out. Remember, it is under development. Presently, it has links to (1) the IPMS National club website; (2) the Flight 19 Facebook page; and (3) the Models for Troops website.

IPMS Rum Runners: Due to the COVID-19 National Health Emergency ban on large group meetings in Miami-Dade County, members of IPMS Rum Runners have been meeting "virtually" at 7:30am on Saturdays using the "WhatsApp" platform. Anyone interested in joining the Rum Runners' virtual meeting can contact Lonnie Berry via email at C46A@aol.com to obtain information on how get in on the discussions (which have been very interesting). Rum Runners also is informally meeting/gathering at the Micro Macro Mundo hobby shop in South Dade on Saturdays at 10am to browse and buy Tamiya and Revell kits and supplies. The shop is located at 7564 SW 117 AVE, Miami FL 33183 and its website is www.micromacromundo.com. Face masks and social distancing are required.

Club Finances: President East highlighted expenses which consisted primarily of reimbursing Butch Bryan for out-of-pocket disbursements that Butch made in conjunction with our recently concluded successful Modelfest IX 2020. After all expenses, the club finances remain solvent and sufficient to fund anticipated future expenses regarding the 2021 Regional Contest for IPMS Region 11 (Modelfest X 2021) which is being sponsored by Flight 19.

***Upcoming Show Announcements:**

7/29 – 8/1/2020—2020 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX **CANCELED**

10/16-18, 2020—Modelpalooza, Kissimmee FL **CANCELED**

11/14/2020—Southlandz Model Car Show, Tampa FL area

3/6/2021—Modelfest X 2021 REGION 11 Contest, Pompano Beach FL

2021 IPMS Nationals, Las Vegas NV

2022 IPMS Nationals, Omaha NE

2023 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX

***West Coast Hobby Shops:** Butch Bryan reported that the three Florida west coast hobby shops have basically been closed during the COVID-19 national emergency, with the exception of Family Hobbies in Naples, Florida which requires face masks and has hand sanitizer available for use by customers. Generally, online purchases are possible if anyone wants to order models or supplies

from the three hobby shops. Butch said that Victory Models, which has a new owner, is still located in Ft. Myers, but is actively looking for a new location.

General Discussion:

***Club Meetings:** Jeff East stated that he has requested permission from the church for Flight 19 to resume face-to-face meetings utilizing face masks and social distancing. Unfortunately, the church has not granted approval for the club to resume meetings due to continuing Covid-19 concerns. To be fair to the church, no requests from any other club or group have been approved by the church for the same reasons. In short, we do not have any firm date for when we will be able to resume face-to-face meetings in the future. It is all dependent on what happens regarding the Covid-19 crisis. Until then, it's limited to "virtual" meetings on Zoom.

***Model Contests:** Generally, upcoming model contests—including the 2020 IPMS National Contest—have been canceled. It appears that the first contest that *may* be held could be JAXCON 2021 which would normally take place in January 2021. The next possible contest will be Flight 19's Modelfest X 2021 REGION 11 Contest which is scheduled for Mar. 6, 2021, in Pompano Beach, Florida. Hopefully, the Covid-19 crisis will be under control by March 2021 so our contest will be able to be held as scheduled. If this materializes (and we expect that it will) there should be a great deal of interest among local and state model clubs and modelers to attend the Modelfest X 2021 REGION 11 Contest in March 2021.

***Modelfest X 2021 REGION 11 Contest:** Progress is being made "behind the scenes" despite the Covid-19 virus restrictions. Butch Bryan announced during tonight's meeting that a 3-D printer has been donated for the Modelfest X 2021 raffle. THAT should generate a lot of interest in the contest by itself! He also said that he is making good progress in getting sponsors for the contest. Details to follow in subsequent club meetings! There was also a general discussion concerning IPMS national contests and rules and how they may impact Modelfest X 2021.

Other Model Club "Virtual" Meetings: The Rum Runners, as mentioned above (IPMS Rum Runners), are "virtually" meeting on Saturday mornings using "What's App." They are getting very adept using that format and include narrative texts, photos and some video clips. In addition, they generally get together at the Micro Macro Mundo hobby shop in south Dade County at 10am on Saturdays (see "IPMS Rum Runners," above, for more details). Jeff Selker, who is also a member of Model Car Creations (MCC2) says that MCC2 is not holding any virtual meetings, although members are staying in touch and discussing modeling issues via telephone.

***David Kennedy:** Jeff East reports that David is making good progress in fighting his throat cancer. Thank goodness it now seems to be under control and David has much better voice quality and control. Way to go, David!

***Show & Tell:**

There are no photographs of models in this month's club meeting minutes; however, we are trying to make arrangements to include pictures in minutes of future "virtual" meetings. There was a short test during tonight's meeting using Zoom to show photos and the results were very good. Consequently, ahead of each future "virtual" meeting, members are requested to take photos of the models that they intend to discuss "virtually" and send them to Butch Bryan, via email, one week before the scheduled meeting. That way Butch can show good quality photos of the models as members discuss them on Zoom. Additionally, Butch can forward the photos electronically to Eric Olson so that he can incorporate them into the minutes of the "virtual" meetings. We'll see how it all works during next month's "virtual" meeting.

Jeff East: Jeff is working on four models ranging from various scale aircraft to a 1/700 scale aircraft carrier diorama. He's using a battery powered electric toothbrush, fitted with a homemade disk of sandpaper in place of bristles, as a miniature sander for his smaller models. (Tim Bryant also uses the same type of small sander and both recommend modifying an electric toothbrush and using it as a miniature sander model projects.) Jeff first discussed his 1/72 scale Airfix Curtiss Hawk 81-A-2 (P-40B export version) that he's doing in Flying Tigers markings. It's the new mold kit from Airfix and he reports that it is really very impressive for a small model. He said that it has really good wheel wells, a nice engine and a good interior. We're looking forward to seeing it completed. The next model is a Snap-Tite 1/48 scale Pegasus kit of a Spitfire. He'll be doing that for the second club group build that was announced, above. That will be followed by an Airfix 1/48 scale Hurricane fighter from the Battle of Britain which celebrates its 80th anniversary in 2020. Finally, Jeff is still working on his 1/700 scale diorama of an aircraft carrier tied up at a pier. It is being completed as part of the club group build that is limited to an 8" x 10" diorama base. He's got some really creative ideas that will materialize by our next face-to-face meeting!

Tim Bryant: Our master chef is cooking up a scratch built 1/24 scale "Star Fury" from the Babylon 5 television series. Oh....by the way, he's doing it on a 3-D printer! Tim says it will take about 40 individual pieces to complete this giant model and he's learning more and more each day about 3-D printing. Recently, he did a 1/96 scale "Star Fury" with his 3-D printer just to get more experience with printing in that format. The pieces he has completed looked really nice on his Zoom camera during tonight's virtual meeting.

Gene Beadle: Gene is working on three models, two figures and one automotive vehicle. He's using a Snap-Tite type of model of a Mercedes vehicle, which looks similar to a Land Rover. He's converting it into a tourist transport vehicle similar to those in use at Lion Country Safari in Palm Beach County. One of his figures is a monster favorite from the 1950's, a 1/12 scale model of "The Creature from the Black Lagoon!" It's an Aurora mold and he's got it assembled and is in the process of painting it. A black base coat was first applied and Gene has dry brushed various shades of green and grey-green; he's also using the same colors as washes. Pledge Floor Care Multi-Surface Finish (the current name for "Future" acrylic floor polish) is being used as a sealer

for the paint. The second figure is 28mm plastic kit by Reaper Miniatures of the Dark Haven sorceress. Everyone is looking forward to seeing these projects when they are completed.

Jeff Selker: Our resident artist and unabashed van enthusiast is working on a diorama to enter into the club group build; i.e., using a base that is 8" x 10". He's modeling a 1/25 scale, long-wheelbase 1977 Ford cruising van in a garage diorama. The base model is a short-wheelbase AMT kit. He used two of those kits to stretch one into the long-wheelbase van, but the added advantage was that he was also able to make a short-wheelbase van from the leftover parts from the conversion. Using his 3-D printing skills, he's making a lot of custom 3-D parts for the engine and interior of the van, trying to replicate one of the vans from his ancient past. The other model Jeff is building is a 1/72 scale Eduard kit of an Eindecker EIII from WW I. Jeff, as usual, is doing some scratch building on the Eidecker, particularly the interior. Our other Jeff—East—suggested that he use .010 brass wire for rigging. Our local Hobby Lobby stores carry brass wire that meets those requirements.

Marc Luzietti: As many of you know, Marc and his wife, Cici, moved to Chicago over a year ago. Through our Zoom virtual meetings, they have been able to participate in Flight 19 meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic. Marc has joined a Chicago IPMS club and keeps up with his modeling through that group (especially in the winter!). His current project is a 1/35 scale Academy kit of a Hetzer that was used in Prague during the Czech revolt (the Prague Uprising of 1945). He painted the Czech flags on the Hetzer upper hull and also made a Russian flag. He described the history of Czech-made Hetzer noting that they were assembled in Czechoslovakia after parts were manufactured in Germany and delivered to the Czech factories. The parts were painted in specific colors when manufactured before being delivered to the Czechs for assembly. The upper hulls were painted green, the lower hull was a rust colored primer color and the road wheels were a dull yellow. The Czech factory would assemble the parts and then apply the camouflage paint scheme. Marc's model depicts a Hetzer in the factory delivered colors, before any camouflage paint was applied. It's a very interesting subject in that paint scheme.

Meir Israel: Meir is a new member who got to know Flight 19 through Facebook. Welcome, aboard! His current project is a model of a helicopter that never got beyond the concept stage—an Su-47 Berkut Soviet stealth helicopter known as the "Alligator." He selected the 1/72 scale Zvezda kit of the Alligator. Since it never got to the prototype stage in reality, who can criticize any model? In addition, the missiles and other armament for the Alligator were also paper projects that never made it to the prototype stage. The full-scale Alligator was supposed to be painted black, but Meir took a little literary license and painted his model in a deep sea blue color. It's looking great. He said that the Zvezda kit is a bit challenging in places, but that he is pleased with the outcome. We are, too!

Mike Salazar: Mike has been busily building during the Covid-19 pandemic. He's got two projects in various stages of completion. The first is a 1/48 scale Revell P-40 Tigershark fighter from WW II. The kit is assembled, but has not yet been painted. Mike's other project is a not too well kept secret: he's building a 1/18 scale Pegasus kit of the space ship from the "My Favorite Martian"

TV show. He hopes to have it completed in time to bring it to our first, post-pandemic, face-to-face meeting (whenever that occurs).

Eric Gonzalez: Eric moved to a different residence last month, so his model building took a slight backseat to that traumatic adventure. On the other hand, practically everyone on the Zoom meeting volunteered to help him move his models and requested the address of his storage facility. (Ed.—He never did disclose that location. LOL) His major project is a 1/144 scale Moebius kit of the Discovery vehicle from the movie, “2001: A Space Odyssey.” Even in 1/144 scale, the Discovery is a very large model. Eric has obtained a 3-D printed after-market “pod” for the Discovery model and he is modifying it so that it can be lighted and battery powered. That will really be impressive. His other project is a 1/72 scale Cozmic 3-D model of the Shuttle craft from the “Star Trek” franchise. That will be relatively small when completed—at least when compared to the Discovery model from “2001.” We’re looking forward to seeing both of these models when they are completed.

Raffle: There was no raffle at tonight’s “virtual” meeting, although the kit to be raffled off at the next club face-to-face meeting will be an AFV Club 1/35 scale Achilles Mk.11c. (AFV kit no. Af35039).



**Next club meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2020.
STARTING AT 7:30PM whether it's face-to-face or “virtual”!**

Tonight’s meeting concluded at approximately 9:20pm.

Minutes recorded by Eric Olson....