

IPMS-Flight 19
May 14, 2020 VIRTUAL Meeting

Meeting Place: CYBERSPACE
[First Church of the Nazarene
916 NE 4 ST
Pompano Beach FL 33060]
7:30pm – 9:35pm

Members in VIRTUAL attendance:

Gene Beadle	Mark Lemanski
Butch Bryan	Marc Luzietti
Tim Bryant	Eric Olson
Don Danforth	Michael Salazar
Jeff East	Jeff Selker
Eric Gonzalez	Matt Ziegler
Rafael Hernandez	

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

SPECIAL NOTE: THIS IS THE FIRST 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. This presents some challenges for club members and, obviously, cannot be as satisfying as a face-to-face meeting. However, this 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.

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 4 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)

General Discussion:

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 BUILD: The club is engaged in another group build. This time there is lots of room for creativity. 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 Flight 19 club meeting.

***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).

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 contest that was held on Feb. 29, 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 which is being sponsored by Flight 19.

***Upcoming Show Announcements:**

6/27/2020—PAMSCON, Plant City FL

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

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

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

2021 IPMS Nationals, Las Vegas NV

2022 IPMS Nationals, Omaha NE

**Modelpalooza organizers have recently sent out an email indicating that they anticipate holding the Modelpalooza show and contest in October, as scheduled above. They believe that COVID-19 restrictions on group meetings will be relaxed/modified by governmental authorities by the contest dates to permit Modelpalooza to take place as scheduled.

***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.

***Show & Tell:**

Jeff Selker: Jeff is our resident experimental 3-D printer guy! He's actually much more advanced in 3-D printing than any novice. He answered some questions from club members on the process of creating 3-D printed models and parts. What was interesting was that he designs the parts in 2-D using Corel drafting software and uses Fusion 360 software to turn the 2-D design into a 3-D printable product. He showed a model of a first generation Ford van that he is building in 1/24 or 1/25 scale. He opened all the doors on the van and made hinges so they can be opened or closed for display. There are miniature magnets in the door jambs to hold the doors shut! Jeff used some of his 3-D printing skills to make parts to enhance the engine, which looks like a real engine in miniature, and has also spent quite a bit of time and effort in designing and scratch building a fully detailed interior. Jeff showed some really good paint brushes that he used for detail painting on the van and on some 3-D printed figures that he'll use on the van. He found them at a Dollar Tree store at a very good price. Jeff recommended checking out Dollar Tree for items that can be used in building or painting models saying that we could be pleasantly surprised. This work-in-progress (WIP) subject will probably end up being another one of Jeff's award winning car/van models when it is completed. During a recent trip to the "Macro, Micro Mundo" store in south Miami-Dade County, Jeff picked up a Tamiya 1/24 scale Ford Mustang GT4 kit for a future project. The kit boxtop art really enhances the muscle car image of the GT4, so the finished model will be most impressive. If this had been a face-to-face meeting, I think Butch would have scarfed up Jeff's kit in a heartbeat. LOL

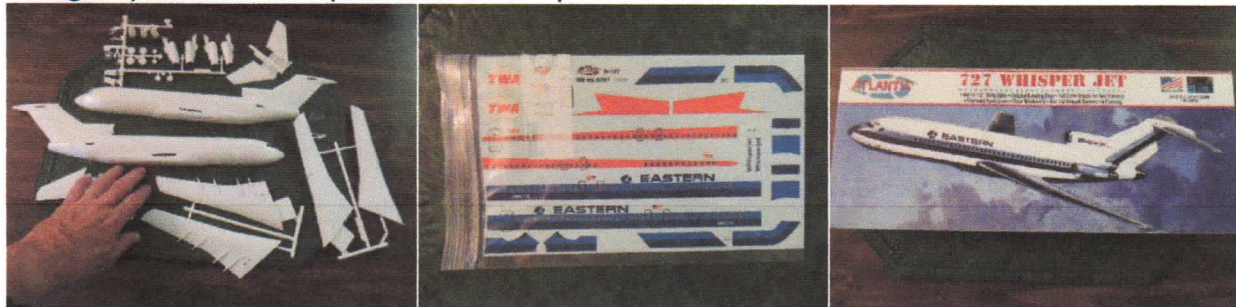
Butch Bryan: Butch displayed his current work-in-progress (WIP) which is an AMT 1/25 scale 1957 Chrysler 300 with a 392c.i. Hemi engine. The real Chrysler 300's only came in one of five factory colors, but due to difficulty in locating economically priced alternatives, Butch has opted to paint his model in a factory white paint scheme instead of his original choice (a variation on a shade of factory red used in 1957). As construction has progressed, Butch has added seat belts to the interior (which were optional back in the 1950's) and is working on painting the body chrome trim using a Molotow (?) Chrome Paint pen. He is clear coating the chrome paint with Johnson & Johnson's acrylic "Pledge Floor Care Multi-Surface Finish," formerly called "Future Floor Finish." He advises NOT to clear coat the chrome paint with any clear that contains a solvent. Eric Gonzalez stated that he has had good luck using Vallejo paint products to simulate chrome and metallic parts. He uses Vallejo black surface primer, then uses Vallejo metallic paints and varnish to finish off the chrome effects.



Eric Gonzalez: Eric Gonzalez has some wide ranging interests as a modeler. Tonight he brought some 1/35 scale figures that he is working on with the objective of being added to his model of a Dingo (not the Australian dog, but an armor vehicle). He's also working on a 1/35 scale model of a WW II German Panzer II using some Eduard photo-etched parts. Next was a Star Trek Folian battle cruiser. It looked pretty darn good at this early stage of modeling. Eric's big surprise was his announcement of a 41 inch long work-in-progress (WIP) of the "Discovery" space craft from the movie, "2001: A Space Odyssey." He is using brass tubing for the engine sections. This will be interesting (and BIG) when he get it finished!

Gene Beadle: Gene is working on some Sci-Fi figures and a space ship. He had three 28mm (approximately 1/48 scale) figures in various stages of painting on his bench. The first was a Reaper Bones miniature combat figure; the second was Commander Adama from the "Battlestar Galactica" television/movie series; and the final figure was Col. Tighe, also from "Battlestar Galactica." Finally, Gene displayed a resin "Pegasus" space ship model from Mega Models. It is relatively small, but came almost as a solid crafted resin piece. The metal figures are looking very good, although small, and the Pegasus will be fantastic once it's painted and weathered.

Eric Olson: The unofficial club secretary has acquired a few of the recently released Atlantis Models 1/96 scale Aurora Boeing 727-100 kits with the eventual intent to just do them as "out of the box" display models. Atlantis has acquired rights to use the molds for many of the older Aurora and Revell kits and is re-packaging them with newly printed decals and vintage instruction sheets. Many Atlantis models are being carried by Hobby Lobby which means you can use the weekly 40% discount coupons issued by Hobby Lobby (when they reopen). The Boeing 727-100 kit is not 100% accurate, but looks the part of a 727 when assembled as a display model. The newly issued kit contains decals for two liveries: an Eastern Airlines "hockey stick" scheme and a TWA "spear" scheme. The TWA decal, unfortunately, is printed in an orange-red color which is incorrect; it should be a deep red in color. Vintage Flyer Decals produces first class airliner decals and currently has three after-market schemes fitted to the Atlantis 1/96 scale kit: an American Airlines 727 "Astrojet" scheme; a Continental Airlines gold tail delivery scheme; and, an Eastern Airlines "Golden Falcon" delivery scheme. Consequently, the Atlantis 727 kits can be built using Vintage Flyer Decals to represent accurate paint schemes for the model.



Matt Ziegler: Matt was, understandably, looking a bit tired in the video from his garage workshop. During the coronavirus lockdown in Broward County, he took the time to finish installing the cabinetry in his garage! He really perked up, however, when he mentioned that he recently acquired the ICM 1/48 scale kit of various Luftwaffe pilots and ground crew members. One of Matt's research and modeling interests is the aircraft of the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939), so the German figures can be used with Condor Legion aircraft that fought with the Spanish Nationalist forces during that civil war.

Mike Salazar: Mike is our newest member and it was a treat to see him during our virtual meeting. He was enthusiastic and talkative! He displayed his Revell 1/48 scale P-51D bubble-top Mustang. It was his first time using an airbrush and he wanted to depict one of the Mustangs from the 352nd Fighter Group, known as the "Blue-Nosed Bastards from Bodney." Mike did a great job on this kit and it definitely looks like a Mustang from the 352nd FG. Keep up the good work!

Tim Bryant: Tim's WIP project is a Hasegawa 1/700 scale kit of the Japanese aircraft carrier, Akagi, which took part in the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy." Japanese aircraft carrier kits are difficult to work on according to Jeff East due to their relative size (small) and the amount of detail in photo-etch that can be used to enhance the models. Tim always does a terrific job on his ship models and we look forward to when this one is completed.

Mark Lemanski: Mark's video view allowed a peak at his stash of kits and a built up model of a German V-2 rocket in the background. He built the V-2 rocket years ago and it is a 1/16 scale flyable, two-stage rocket kit (the real V-2's were single stage rockets). He used Pactra enamel paints, thinned with lacquer thinner, and sprayed in multiple thin layers of paint to achieve depth of color and a smooth, even painted surface. The rocket model was both large and impressive! Mark has a WIP project: a 1/35 scale German two-man submarine. It was a contemporary of an Italian navy two-man submarine and they resemble each other, despite being different designs. This model looked to be pretty far along in the construction process, so we will be looking for Mark to complete this one in the near future.

Don Danforth: Don showed a model of an A-10A Warthog. The secretary was experiencing some audio problems with the Zoom broadcast at the time and was not able to hear Don's description of the model or his plans for completing its construction. So...hopefully, we'll see Don's finished model in the near future either in person or during a Zoom virtual meeting now that the secretary has figured out how to fix the audio problem encountered on this broadcast.

Jeff East: Jeff started off by saying that he just acquired a special issue kit by Eduard of 1/72 scale Mig-15's. What makes this kit special is that it contains four (4) kits of the Mig fighter along with two other SPECIAL items—a drinking glass with Mig markings and a certified piece of metal from a real Mig fighter. It will be great to see all of these items in person when we are able to resume face-to-face club meetings. Jeff's other project is in 1/700 scale and that means it's got something to do with ship models. He's planning on doing a diorama of an aircraft carrier—

planes and all—along with two tug boats. The tug boats are pretty far along in the construction phase and represent a US Navy and a civilian tug boat. Remember, these are all in 1/700 scale! In addition, he's got 1/700 scale aircraft (and decals for the planes) to work on before his diorama is finished. That's not all—he's also got a 1/700 scale gantry crane to go into the diorama. Eventually, the crane will be shown loading aircraft onto the deck of the carrier at dockside. This will either be a master piece or Jeff's ticket to the funny farm or maybe the Lighthouse for the Blind. LOL We really want to see this diorama throughout it's progress.

Marc Luzietti: Marc is our club member who moved to Chicago with his lovely wife, Cici, in connection with that horrible distraction called "work." We've missed seeing both of them since they moved about a year ago, but got a chance to see them tonight on video! Marc specifically wanted us to mention that he's now also a member of the IPMS "Chicago Sprue Stretchers" club. This is significant since our oldest club member, Bill Koster, also used to be a member of that modeling club when he worked for Monogram Models designing many of the Revell/Mongram kits that we've all built. Marc likes to build armor kits and tonight was no exception. Presumably, they were all in 1/35 scale. The first he showed was a Hetzer used in the Czech Revolt, followed by a Panzer IV F.1, then a Trumpeter kit of a Russian KV-1 tank and an ISU 152 (whatever that is—LOL). These are in various stages of completion, but will all look good when finished as is Marc's usual habit. If we have more of these virtual meetings, it will be good to see Marc and Cici again!

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, June 11, 2020. STARTING AT 7:30PM whether it's face-to-face or "virtual"!

Tonight's meeting concluded at approximately 9:35pm.

Minutes recorded by Eric Olson....