

IPMS-Flight 19
June 10, 2021

Meeting Place
First Church of the Nazarene
916 NE 4 AVE
Pompano Beach FL 33060

7:35pm – 9:20pm

Members and Guests in attendance

Doug Blok	David Kennedy
Steven Blok	Jeff Kleinhenz
Butch Bryan	Mark Mirin
Tim Bryant	John Montesinos
Scott Caldwell	Eric Olson
Jim Decker	Mike Salazar
Jeff East	Mike Skurda
Peter Frearson	Matt Ziegler
Matt Gerken	

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff East at 7:35pm.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

****President Jeff East** announced that, due to the disruptive effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, he has decided to delay his “retirement” as President of IPMS Flight 19; he is now stepping down, effective, January 2022. 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 six months to help someone decide to take over the presidential mantel in 2022.** Jeff’s not leaving, just going back to being a modeler and a member! His gesture in delaying his “retirement” is generous and will alleviate some of the pressure on the club regarding future officer elections and IPMS charter renewal.

CHURCH COVID-19 PROTOCOL: The First Church of the Nazarene has adopted face-to-face and social distancing protocols while the Covid-19 virus is still rampant in our community. **The club is now meeting in a different room at the church**—it is much larger and has better lighting than our traditional meeting room. The new room is on the east side of the church, next to the gymnasium. Many club members will recognize it as a spill-over room used for aircraft model

displays during our previous contests held at the church. The new room makes it much easier and more comfortable to comply with the church's Covid-19 protocols. **It is possible that the church will relax its Covid-19 protocols in light of recent Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations, BUT until we are notified by the church of any changes, the current face mask and social distancing protocols will remain in effect.** The club meetings have been designed to conform with the face-to-face protocols as follow:

*All members will be required to wear face masks during the meeting, except when presenting their models during "show and tell"

*Long tables will be set up, sufficiently separated from seated club members, so members can set up and display their models for "show and tell" and maintain social distancing

*Member seating will be spaced apart by at least 6' and, if we are using an exceptionally large room, seating in separate rows will be staggered in order to maintain social distancing without obstructing anyone's view of the model table while they are seated

*No food allowed, but sodas and snacks such as candy bars can be consumed on premises

2021 REGIONAL CONTEST FOR IPMS REGION 11: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Flight 19's Modelfest X 2021 was to be the 2021 Regional Contest for IPMS Region 11 originally to be held on Saturday, MARCH 6, 2021, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center in Pompano Beach, Florida. However, as previously announced, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, **Modelfest X 2021 HAS BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.** Flight 19 will continue to coordinate with the City of Pompano Beach and, when Covid-19 restrictions can be relaxed, a mutually agreeable 2021 contest date will be selected and publically announced; **however, at this time, it is unlikely that Modelfest X 2021 will take place in 2021.**

NEW MODELFEST 2022 FLIGHT 19 CONTEST/SHOW: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Regardless of whether Modelfest X 2021 takes place during 2021, IPMS Flight 19 will host **MODELFEST 2022 on March 5, 2022**, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center in Pompano Beach, Florida. MODELFEST 2022 will NOT be the 2022 IPMS Region 11 contest/show; that honor falls to IPMS Spacecoast (see contest listings, below). Presuming that there will not be a Flight 19 contest/show in 2021, all those contest themes, categories and special awards will flow over to MODELFEST 2022. Watch for future **MODELFEST 2022** contest announcements on the IPMS Flight 19 Facebook page.

GROUP BUILD: Flight 19's first 2021 group build display took place during the April 2021 club meeting where participants displayed their 8" X 10" dioramas and subjects. There were many interesting and creative models and displays to be seen! The second 2021 group build involves Snap-Tite kits. All participants need only build any **Snap-Tite type of kit** and try to make it look as good as possible. Participants are advised to choose their subject kit(s) and start building as soon as possible since the second **group build display** is now scheduled for our August 2021 club meeting which will be held on **August 12, 2021**. We are looking forward to seeing some really nice Snap-Tite type models on display. PARTICIPATE!

Members were solicited at tonight's meeting for suggestions for a future group build. After a short discussion members agreed to a group build for a Sci-Fi/Spaceship theme for anything that "leaves the planet Earth." It will be called the "Off the Planet" group build and, so far, seven members have committed to build an appropriate model. The due date for completion was tentatively set for our October 2021 meeting (120 days hence).

Please feel free to suggest other topics/models for future group builds. They provide an opportunity to model something different without the expense and stress of competition. Let's make modeling fun, again!

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 Rumrunners: IPMS Rumrunners have recently decided to resume meeting for face-to-face Saturday breakfast in South Miami. Rumrunners will generally meet after breakfast at either the Macro Micro Mundo retail store or at Maxwell Wee's "clubhouse" in Hialeah. Details about the locations of the breakfast venues and Max's "clubhouse" can be obtained from Lonnie Berry (C46A@aol.com) and on the Rumrunners "What's App." Anyone interested in joining the Rumrunners "What's App" video chat group should also contact Lonnie Berry at C46A@aol.com for details.

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 successful Modelfest IX 2020. After all expenses, the club finances remain solvent and sufficient to fund anticipated future expenses regarding the postponed Modelfest X 2021 and the newly scheduled MODLEFEST 2022.

***Upcoming Show Announcements:**

Modelfest X 2021 Contest, Pompano Beach FL (*INDEFINITELY Postponed*)

June/July 2021 Pamscon Lakeland FL area (**CANCELED**)

Aug. 18-21, 2021 - IPMS Nationals, Las Vegas NV

10/22-24, 2021—**Modelpalooza**, Kissimmee FL

11/13/2021—**Southlandz 16th Semi-Annual Show/Contest**, Largo FL

March 5, 2022—IPMS Flight 19 Modelfest 2022, Pompano Beach FL

April 29 – May 1, 2022—IPMS Spacecoast Model Fest 2022/ IPMS Region 11 Contest
Cape Canaveral FL

2022 IPMS Nationals, Omaha NE

2023 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX

Hobby Industry News:

***Squadron Mail Order** has announced it is back in business after new owners acquired its assets after Squadron filed for bankruptcy earlier in 2021. The website is: <http://www.squadron.com>.

***Kitty Hawk and Panda Models:** Hyperscale.com has reported that Kitty Hawk and Panda Models are ceasing operations. No one in the club was able to confirm this claim, but it hasn't been refuted, either.

***Model Expo:** Model Expo is primarily an online retailer of wood ship model kits, plastic model airplane, ship and car kits, and supplies and accessories. A few months ago, Model Expo hosted a couple of local Saturday "walk-in" sales in Miami for vintage and over-stocked kits. While those events were very successful, they have apparently been placed on hold for the foreseeable future. For more information, visit: <https://modelexpo-online.com/store.html>

General Discussion:

***Model Contests:** Generally, 2020 and most 2021 model contests have been canceled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, although some contests are beginning to advertise contest dates and places (see listing, above). The first 2021 contest in Florida was the JAXCON which was held on April 10, 2021, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Our Modelfest X 2021 Region 11 contest has been indefinitely postponed due to the pandemic and, in all probability, will not be held in 2021. Flight 19 will maintain its line of communication with the City of Pompano Beach and will reschedule Modelfest X 2021 if a firm date can be confirmed by the City of Pompano Beach that will not conflict with any other potential 2021 contests in Florida. However, there is no guarantee that Modelfest X 2021 will be held during 2021 and, at this time, it appears unlikely to be held in 2021.

***MODELFESt 2022 Contest:** Despite the fact that Modelfest X 2021 has been indefinitely postponed because of the Pandemic, IPMS Flight 19 will host **MODELFESt 2022 on March 5, 2022**, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center in Pompano Beach, Florida. Progress continues to be made “behind the scenes” such that all the preparations in place for the postponed Modelfest X 2021 will spill over to MODELFESt 2022. Peter Frearson, Chief Contest Judge, announced tonight, subject to member approval, that starting with MODELFESt 2022, judging will switch to a Gold/Silver/Bronze award system instead of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards. A discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of each award system and **the club voted to adopt the Gold/Silver/Bronze award system beginning with MODELFESt 2022.** In addition, there will be no charge for walk-in admissions during MODELFESt 2022 in order to satisfy some non-profit requirements of the City of Pompano Beach related to the venue. These changes will be addressed and refined in future club meetings. It was also agreed that each member would donate one “good” model kit to be added to the MODELFESt 2022 kit raffle stash.

Butch Bryan has previously announced that a 3-D printer has been donated for the Modelfest X 2021 raffle and that will be shifted to MODELFESt 2022. 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. A **“Koster” Category** has been added to the contest to honor our late member, Bill Koster. Any model designed by Bill while he was at Monogram Models or through his Koster Aero Enterprises (KAE) vac-formed model company will qualify for consideration in the “Koster” category. The overall **Contest Theme** will be anything to do with **“Comics.”** There will also be a special contest category for Supermarine Spitfire models due to 2021 being the 85th anniversary of the Spitfire fighter plane. Butch Bryan is also working to see if we can get a speaker from the Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Station Museum to make a presentation on the history of Fort Lauderdale International Airport and its relationship to the US Navy, particularly during World War II. (President George H.W. Bush received some flight training at NAS Fort Lauderdale before deploying to the Pacific in WW II.) Details to follow in subsequent club meetings!

***Jeff East:** Jeff is still looking for someone to return his \$100 book on aircraft modeling. As you may recall, it was being circulated among various club members, but it hasn’t appeared in a number of months. Whoever is in possession of Jeff’s book, please get in touch with him to make arrangements to return it.

***Show & Tell:**

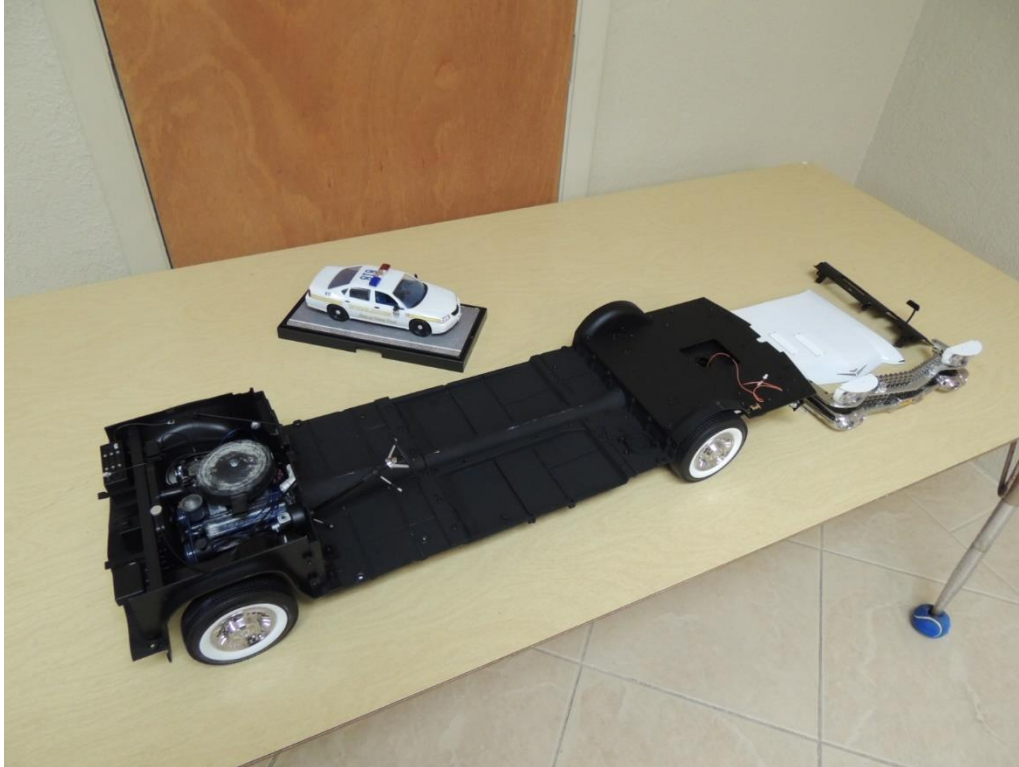
Steve Blok: Steve is in a sci-fi mood and brought his completed Bandai 1/144 scale kit of a fully armored Unicorn Gundam figure. It's "almost" complete; Steve is scratch building missile pods that he will add to the finished figure. He did say that the model is unstable due to heavy pieces that are attached to the back of the model--it has a tendency to topple over if mishandled. So...don't mishandle it.



Eric Olson: In keeping with the club idea to have members build some Snap-Tite type kits, Eric brought in his previous attempt at the only car model he has ever built: the Revell 1/25 scale Chevrolet Impala police car. It appears to be a 1986 Impala and he added after-market car decals for the Saint Paul Minnesota Police Department. The basic paint scheme is overall white and all he did was polish up the white plastic and add some Future floor wax as under-and-overcoat for the decals—no white paint applied. If he had to do it over, he'd also use Jeff Kleinhenz's technique to highlight panel lines such as door jambs, hood outlines, etc.



Tim Bryant: Tim isn't working on a Snap-Tite type of kit—he's working on a screw-together type of kit! He's subscribed to build the 1/8 scale Eagle Moss metal kit of the Ecto-1 vehicle from the "Ghostbusters" movie franchise. It's a converted 1959 Cadillac ambulance. Here are some work-in-process (WIP) photos of the kit. It is amazingly heavy, being all metal, but the suspension works and, among other things, the kit includes the electronics for the lights, etc. It is already an impressive model and will be outstanding when completed.





Peter Frearson: It was good seeing Peter at the meeting for a couple of reasons--this was the first club meeting in over a year that he has been able to attend due to the pandemic *and* he is now formally retired from work! Congratulations on both accounts!!! To celebrate, Pete brought three of his 1/72 scale aircraft models tonight. Being the modest guy that he is, he didn't elaborate too much on two of the models other than to say they were pretty good kits and that they turned out well: (1) a Hobby Boss EZ build 1/72 scale kit of the German Do-335 push-pull fighter from WW II, and (2) a Hobby Boss EZ build 1/72 scale kit of a North American T-6 Texan.





The third kit is deceptive in that it looks to be a simple build of a Grumman F4F Wildcat. It's not simple. Pete used the Hasegawa F4F-4 Wildcat kit and converted it to an F4F-3 Wildcat with non-folding wings. He used Alclad metal paints throughout the build, and decals from a sheet he obtained at a past IPMS National Contest. The green tail is Tamiya paint and the wings are chrome yellow. Great looking model and great looking conversion, too!



Mike Salazar: Mike is working on a Polar Lights kit of Black Beauty from the Green Hornet franchise. The kit appears to be likely 1/32 scale, but it's not identified on either the box art or the instruction sheet. Mike's just getting started on this project, but it should go together quickly.



Jeff Kleinhenz: Jeff brought a couple of show stoppers to the meeting. The first is his "first" model of a jet: the Academy 1/72 scale Push-Fit kit of a US Navy F-4J Phantom II in VF-84 markings. He used Vallejo colors over white primer, including Vallejo metallics along with his panel line enhancing technique. He recommends the Academy kit. Looks great, Jeff!



Jeff's second kit was more in keeping with his penchant for armor models: the Tamiya 1/35 scale kit of a German Panzer IV as painted during the 1942 summer campaign. It is the short barrel version of the tank and he used Tamiya grey paint. All it lacks is sound effects.



Matt Gerken: Tonight was a trifecta for Matt. The first of his three models is an armor piece—the Takom 1/35 scale model of a transportable coastal defense mortar. He added a Verlinden figure of an artillery general to the model and it looks real.



Next was Matt's Meng 1/35 scale model of a German V-2 missile. He applied a soft camouflage to the finished model.



The last model that Matt discussed was his Airfix 1/48 scale Sea Vixen to which he added a wing-fold after-market conversion. Matt said that the wing-fold was a tricky conversion and needs to be done with care. He did a great job!



Jeff East: President (possibly for life) East brought a tank to tonight's meeting. His Tamiya 1/48 scale Russian T-34 tank looked really nice. Jeff said that the Tamiya kit was a good kit, but the plastic tracks created a bit of a problem, mostly because Russian WW II tanks had rear drive "drums" unlike US and German tanks that had sprocket drives. Regardless, the model still looked good.



Group Photos: Here is a selection of group photographs to brighten (or frighten) your day! Most of the member photos show the consistent use of facemasks, in accord with church Covid-19 protocols. You can also see how the club is practicing social distancing during the meeting. There are also a few group photos of some of the models on display tonight. Enjoy the photos.





Raffle Prize: Tonight's raffle prize was a 1/32 scale kit of a World War I Fokker Dr.I Triplane by Meng—what a beautiful kit! It was won by a very happy John Montesinos who will likely turn it into an atomic powered spaceship. LOL



The next club meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2021, starting at 7:30pm at the First Church of the Nazarene, 916 NE 4 ST, Pompano Beach FL 33060.

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

Minutes recorded by Larry, Moe and Curly....