

IPMS-Flight 19
November 12, 2020

Meeting Place: First Church of the Nazarene
916 NE 4 ST
Pompano Beach FL 33060
8:25pm* – 9:30pm

Members and Guests in attendance:

Debbie Blok	Eric Gonzalez
Steven Blok	Dillon LeBlanc
Scott Caldwell	Mark Mirin
Jim Decker	Eric Olson
Jeff East	Adam Weinstein

*The meeting was called to order by President Jeff East at 8:25pm after club members had spent an hour checking out and purchasing model kits that Adam Weinstein had brought to sell at tonight's meeting. Fun was had by all.

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 a little over a year 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 protocols while the Covid-19 virus is still rampant in our community. Fortunately, the church was recently able to authorize face-to-face meetings on its premises. The club meetings have been designed to conform with the face-to-face protocols as follows:

*Depending on anticipated attendance, the club will either meet in our regular meeting room or in the gymnasium in order to utilize a room large enough to accommodate social distancing

*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 at the front of the room, 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 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 water can be consumed on premises

2021 REGIONAL CONTEST FOR IPMS REGION 11: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Flight 19’s Modelfest X 2021 will be the 2021 Regional Contest for IPMS Region 11. It will be a one day event held, presumably, on Saturday, MARCH 6, 2021, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, Pompano Beach, Florida. There are a number of issues regarding Modelfest X 2021 that need to be resolved in the very near future. As of this meeting, the City of Pompano Beach (City) has not yet confirmed the March 6, 2021, contest date for the venue. Our liaison at the Civic Center, Melanie, has assured the club that the City is aware of the date request but, for some reason, it has not yet been confirmed by the City. In addition, the City currently has a limitation of a maximum of 100 persons per event at the Civic Center. Obviously, Covid-19 protocols may also be a factor in March 2021. The club members previously decided that these issues must be resolved no later than early January 2021—preferably earlier—in order to be able to hold Modelfest X 2021. Because practically nothing will be done by the City during the holiday season (Thanksgiving to New Year), it might even be necessary to make a “go-no go” decision regarding Modelfest X 2021 sometime in late November or early December 2020. It is anticipated that a “go-no go” decision will be made before we hold our December 2020 meeting. Accordingly, club members are advised to check the Flight 19 Facebook page and their club emails on a regular basis to see if Modelfest X 2021 will be canceled. Related details concerning Modelfest X 2021 are discussed elsewhere, below, in the minutes.

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 construct 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 **second group build** is easier to define—just 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 and start building as soon as possible. **Both group build contests are now tentatively scheduled to be held during the January 2021 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. As of November 2020 more than 200 people have asked to join the IPMS Flight 19 Facebook 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: Until recently, due to the COVID-19 National Health Emergency ban on large group meetings in Miami-Dade County, members of IPMS Rum Runners were meeting "virtually" at 7:30am on Saturdays using the "WhatsApp" platform. The Rum Runners have now resumed face-to-face breakfast meetings at 8:30am in Miami-Dade County at the Chuck Wagon restaurant in south Miami-Dade County. Anyone interested in joining the Rum Runners' breakfast meetings can contact Lonnie Berry via email at C46A@aol.com to obtain information on the location(s) and times. 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 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:**

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

General Discussion:

***Model Contests:** Generally, upcoming model contests have been canceled due to Covid-19 concerns and governmental virus protocols. 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 tentatively scheduled for March 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; however, as noted above, there is a distinct possibility that Modelfest X 2021 might be canceled. (Interested parties should regularly check the IPMS Flight 19 Facebook page for announcements regarding Modelfest X 2021.)

***Modelfest X 2021 REGION 11 Contest:** Progress is being made "behind the scenes" despite the Covid-19 virus restrictions and the lack of a confirmed event date by the City of Pompano Beach. Butch Bryan has previously announced 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. 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 on seeing 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!

Flight 19 CHRISTMAS 2020 MEETING will be held on Thursday, DECEMBER 10, 2020:** Unfortunately, our Christmas meeting where pizza and Buffalo chicken wings are traditionally served will, out of necessity, be different this year. The church Covid-19 protocols prohibit consumption of food on the premises and those restrictions are expected to be in effect through the end of 2020. ***There will NOT be any food served during the December club meeting. (Water and sodas may be consumed on premises.) Additionally, there will not be a "Show & Tell" during the December meeting. In order to compensate for the changes affecting this year's Christmas meeting, time will be set aside for a **Giant Swap Meet--Bring high quality kits and swap or buy/sell high quality kits!** Let's make this swap meet a "*great*" event to celebrate the end of 2020!

***Flight 19 November 2020 meeting:** The November 2020 club meeting was small, but very entertaining. Not only did we have some very nice models on display for "Show & Tell," we had a mini-swap meet thanks to Adam Weinstein. Those members who were unable to attend missed fun-time browsing through Adam's kits, many of which were sold at very attractive prices. He anticipates bringing more models to sell during our Christmas meeting on December 10, 2020!

***Model Expo:** As many club members know, Adam Weinstein, is employed by Model Expo a local hobby retailer that specializes in online catalog sales of hobby kits, tools and supplies. While Model Expo is primarily known for designing and selling wooden ship kits, it has many more hobby lines and options for modelers. In addition to a whole array of tools, Model Expo also sells plastic model kits and supplies. For example, aircraft, armor, and car kits along with wood ship kits. Brands, include Revell-Germany, Atlantis-Models, Italeri, Tamiya, Airfix, Revell/Monogram kits, as well as Vallejo paints and Model Air paints, among others. Adam also recommended that club members sign up for the Model Expo email notices, because they often contain significant discounts on a weekly basis. Interested members can sign up through the Model Expo website at <http://www.modelexpo-online.com>.

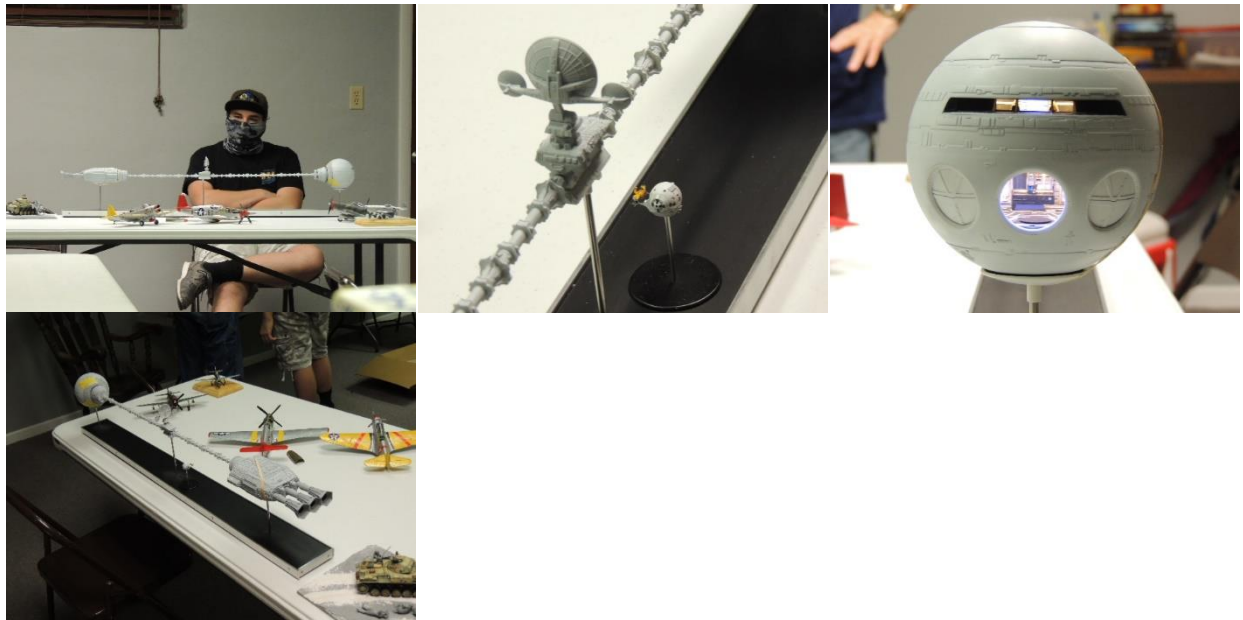
***David Kennedy:** David reports that he had his last radiation treatment on November 6, 2020, and throat surgery is scheduled for November 24, 2020. God speed and best wishes for a successful and speedy recovery!

***Show & Tell:**

Jeff East: Jeff brought one model for “Show & Tell” tonight. It’s a diminutive Czech Model 1/48 scale XP-77 interceptor from WW 2. Only two XP-77’s were built with the intent to intercept Nazi bombers over New York City and neither one survives today. The Nazi bomber threat never materialized and the XP-77 program was terminated after the two prototypes were built and one crashed. This is a mixed-media kit that, according to Jeff, is a terrible kit with terrible fit problems. In fact, it took him three years to complete due to lack of motivation to deal with the kit. The the paint job screwed up when either moisture or defective paint caused a mottling effect on the painted silver finish. Jeff has an idea to put the model into a small diorama depicting a derelict plane sitting in the weeds at an airport. The canopy is a vacuform clear part that doesn’t fit well. Jeff trimmed it as best as possible and used Testors thick styrene glue to stick it to the fuselage. It worked! It’s the Testors glue that comes with a black base that sits in the palm of your hand and has a long hypodermic type of needle for application purposes. Despite being disappointed with the kit, Jeff is looking forward to using it in his proposed diorama.



Eric Gonzalez: Eric's 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. As seen in the photos, below, that is really impressive. His other "impressive" piece of the Discovery model is a very small model of maneuvering pod recovering one of the astronauts. He's now got the model rigidly fixed and assembled and it's fully wired for lighting, too. Discovery is primed and ready for paint. There will be a lot of masking involved with the painting due to slightly different variations in color for some of the exterior tiles. We're all looking forward to seeing this master piece completed by January 2021.



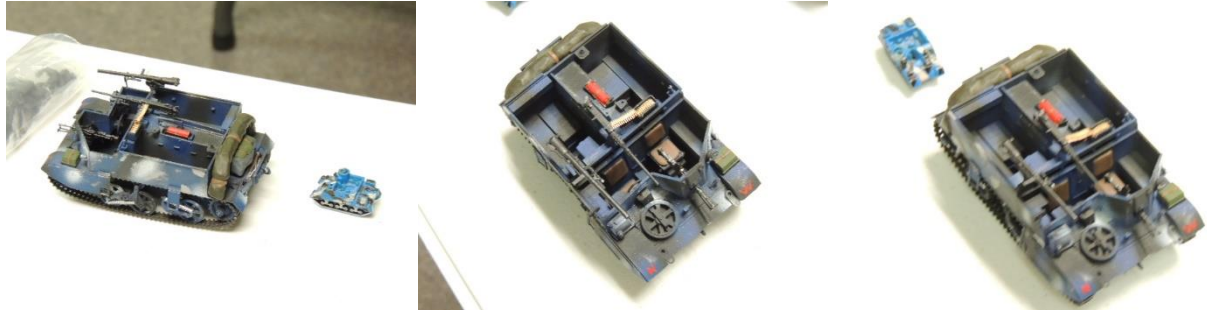
Eric brought two other models for "Show & Tell." The first was a Tamiya 1/35 scale Panzer II from WW 2. He's going to use it for the club 8" X 10" diorama group build. Eduard photoetched parts were used to upgrade the kit, too.



The second armor piece that Eric displayed was really tiny for a 1/35 scale kit. It's the Tamiya Daimler "Dingo" that he's doing in an "El Alamein" diorama from North Africa in WW 2. Despite being small, it's a great looking model. Thanks, Eric!



Steve Blok: Keeping with the armor concepts, Steve brought his 1/35 scale Tamiya kit of a British Universal Carrier Mk.II. He added a 56mm recoilless rifle and 50 cal. machine guns to the model. Pretty neat! Also included was a very tiny replica of a Universal Carrier from a cartoon or war gaming set that was popular years ago. Unfortunately, the note taker forgot the name of the series, but you can see the model next to Steve's 1/35 scale version.



Dillon LeBlanc: Dillon is one of our prolific junior modelers whose interests run a full gamut of vehicles, although he mostly models aircraft as shown below. Tonight he brought two very colorful WW 2 airplanes for display. The first is a Revell 1/32 scale P-51B Mustang in marking of the 332nd Fighter Squadron's markings—the "Red Tails."



Dillon's second entry in "Show & Tell" tonight is a Monogram 1/48 scale TBD Devastator in pre-war USN markings. Dillon said that it is a decent kit for its age and, while he initially intended to do it in Battle of Midway markings, he opted for the more colorful pre-war "yellow wing" version.



Jim Decker: Jim brought a blast from the past tonight. He built it straight out-of-the-box, too! It's a pre-painted Monogram 1/48 scale P-47D. It's a 1950's-1960's era kit and Jim said it was not a great model kit, although the pre-painted version looks good when completed. He didn't try to modify the kit or correct the camouflage—it was strictly an out-of-the-box project for him. The club members agreed with Jim, It's a good looking model, even done out-of-the-box!



Group Photos: Here is a selection of group photographs to brighten your day! Most of the member photos show the consistent use of facemasks, in accord with church Covid-19 protocols. Enjoy.



**Next club meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020.
Same time, same place. Swap Meet at the meeting. See you there!**

Tonight's meeting concluded at approximately 9:30pm.

Minutes recorded by Eric Olson....