

**IPMS-Flight 19
September 14, 2023**

Meeting Place
First Church of the Nazarene
916 NE 4 ST
Pompano Beach FL 33060
7:30pm – 9:40pm

Members and Guests in attendance

Debbie Blok	Dillon LeBlanc
Steven Blok	Mark Lemanski
Jim Decker	John Montesinos
Jeff East	Eric Olson
Timothy East	Danny Price
Ness Gomez	Jose Rodriguez
Eric Gonzalez	Dave Wallace
Jim Hutchins	Courtenay Wang
Meir Israel	Adam Weinstein
David Kennedy	James Wilbanks
Jeff Kleinhenz	Shaun Williams
Larry Lawler	Matt Ziegler

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

General Comments:

Club Finances: President East announced that club finances are in the positive and that the club is financially sound. A club treasurer will be designated at the October 12, 2023, club meeting.

Modelpalooza Contest/Show: Modelpalooza is scheduled for October 13-15, 2023, in Kissimmee, Florida. It is one of Florida's most impressive contests/shows and a general discussion among club members was held. Of particular interest, during the discussion, was the need for judges and judging formats employed at IPMS contests. Everyone is looking forward to an interesting and fun time at Modelpalooza!

Flight 19 Modelfest 2024: The club is looking to put on a Modelfest contest/show in 2024, but details have not been finalized. Finding a suitable and affordable venue is the biggest issue coupled with the club efforts to convert to a non-profit corporate status (see the discussion, below). Currently, there are three possible venues in Broward County under evaluation and the date for a possible Modelfest will be set for Spring 2024. Details will be provided along with updates at future club meetings.

Conversion to Non-Profit Corporate Status:

A small ad hoc committee of Flight 19 members is attempting to get the club converted to a non-profit corporation under applicable Florida law with the intention of filing for federal IRS Section 501(c)(3) non-profit tax status to be able to take advantage of lower, future rental costs for, among other things, contest venues. The paperwork to convert the club to a Limited Liability Company (LLC) will be completed and filed by President East. Paperwork to obtain federal IRS Section 501(c)(3) non-profit tax status will be filed after the club becomes an LLC under Florida law. Updates will be provided at future club meetings as notification is received from state and federal authorities.

IPMS Club Renewal: IPMS affiliated clubs renew their charters in December of each year. A general discussion about renewal requirements was held so that members know we must have at least 5 national IPMS members in the club and that 4 officer positions must be held by members who are national IPMS members: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. There are a sufficient number of club members who satisfy the national IPMS membership requirements so renewal in December should not be an issue.

Club Shirts: A number of members, both long-term and new, have expressed an interest in obtaining new club shirts. President East stated that there are a limited number of shirts left over from prior sales and they will be offered for sale to club members at cost, plus \$2.00. The club will be looking into having more club themed shirts manufactured in the near future. Like our current shirts, they will have collars and chest pockets along with our club name and Avenger logo.

Flight 19 -- 50-Year Contest Awards: There were some 50-Year Contest Award medallions left over from this year's Modelfest contest that was held in March 2023. Left-over medallions are free to club members who have not previously received one so they can commemorate the founding of IPMS Flight 19. President East will bring remaining 50-year medallions to next month's meeting for free distribution to eligible club members.

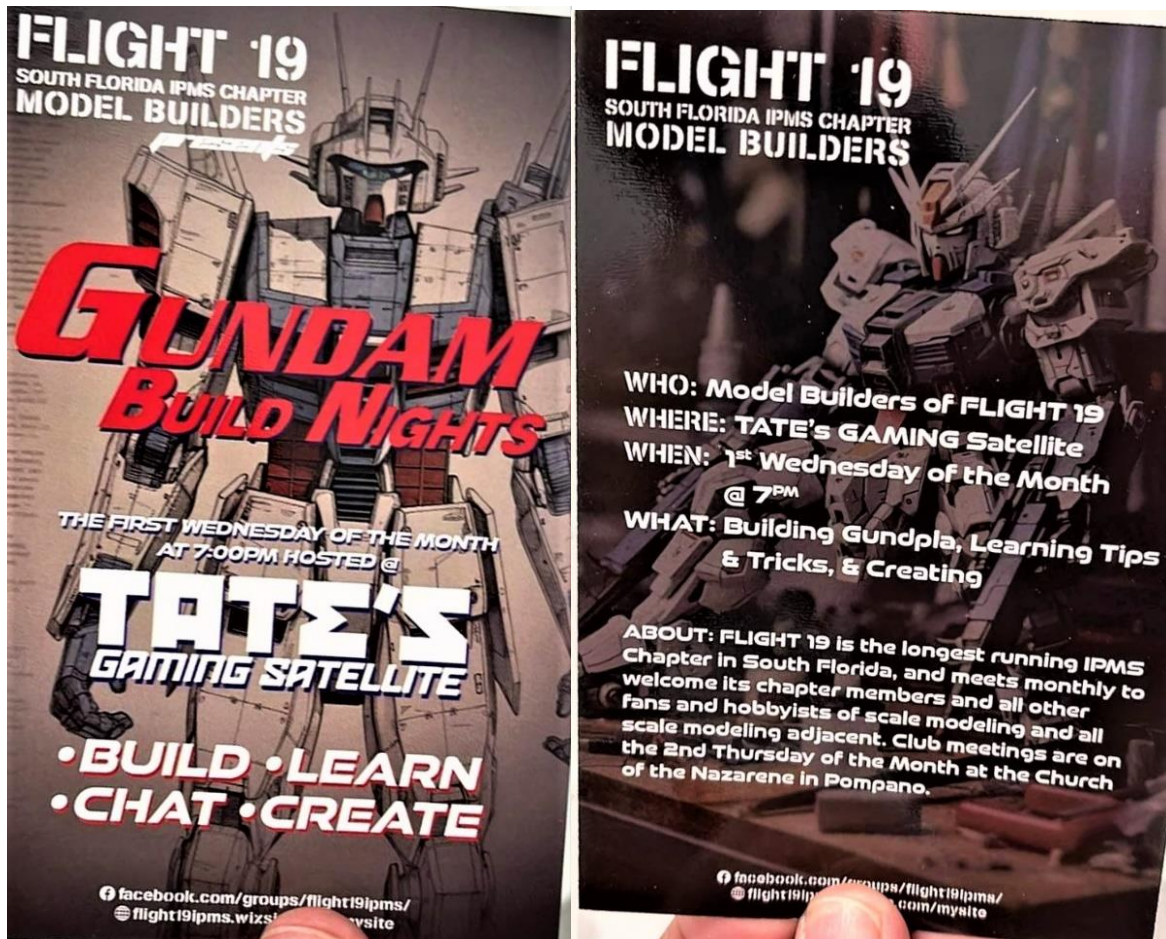
New Hobby Shop: It was announced that there is a new hobby shop called "Tower of Games" located in Boca Raton, Florida. Among other things, it advertises that Vallejo paints are stocked along with other hobby supplies. A number of club members live in northern Broward County or Palm Beach County so they can periodically stop by the hobby shop for their hobby needs. The shop website and phone number follow: towerofgames.com and (561) 722-2872.

Gundam Model Group (Affiliated with IPMS Flight 19):

Meir Israel announced that a NEW modeling sub-group was being formed by a number of IPMS Flight 19 members (thus, the "affiliated with IPMS Flight 19" moniker) to build and improve on Japanese Gundam model subjects. This is a fast growing and entrenched segment of the international modeling community with plenty of exquisite kits being available for modelers to buy and build. The new Gundam Model Group has begun meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the following location:

Tate's Gaming Satellite, 4580 N. University DR, Lauderhill FL 33351

Feel free to stop by the meetings and to join the group if you have an interest in Gundam subjects. The intent of the group members is to teach modeling techniques to improve and enhance Gundam models and to grow the new Gundam Model Group through fellowship and a common interest in Gundam model subjects.



“Fat Man and Little Boy” Summer 2023 Group Model Build: Club members have voted to hold a group build for super-deformed plastic models such as the Hasegawa “Egg Plane” series of kits. (See the embedded flyer, below). Tonight the club set the **Nov. 9, 2023, club meeting** as the date when the group build will be displayed for all club members to enjoy. Be on the lookout for those funny looking little models! In addition, 1/20 scale 3-D printed replicas of the Fat Man and Little Boy atomic bombs will be raffled off at the November 2023 club meeting in conjunction with the group build. Where are those 1/20 scale B-29’s?

FLIGHT 19 IPMS

FAT MAN little boy

Summer 2023 Group Build

Celebrating all forms of Super-Deformed Plastic Model Kits & Resin Designs, including Egg Planes, Toon Tanks, Chibi Style, SD Gundams, Compact, Lego Brickheadz and Q-Series types.

Timeline: To Be Discussed at our July Meeting



GROUP PHOTOS: Here is a selection of group photographs to brighten (or frighten) your day!
Enjoy the photos.





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

Butch Bryan has continues to post photos from our club meetings and various contests to our Facebook page. He will continue to add announcements and photos (particularly from the WBW “Work Bench Wednesday” section). He also 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.

IPMS Rumrunners: IPMS Rumrunners has resumed meeting for face-to-face Saturday breakfast in South Miami. Rumrunners will generally meet after breakfast at either the Micro Macro 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” account. Anyone interested in joining the Rumrunners “What’s App” video chat group should also contact Lonnie Berry at C46A@aol.com for details.

Model Car Creations IPMS Club: MCC2 meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month starting at 7pm at the following location:

Char-Hut Restaurant
9000 W State Road 84
Davie FL 33324

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Meet us in person or scan the QR code to join our Facebook Group



facebook.com/groups/modelcarcreationsfl

Track Layers Club: The South Florida Track Layers club usually takes place at noon on the third Sunday of each month at Miller's Ale House located in the Oakwood Plaza. The plaza is located on the east side of I-95, between Sheridan Street and Stirling Road, in Hollywood, Florida and can be accessed from either the Sheridan Street or Stirling Road exits on I-95.

***Upcoming Show Announcements:**

Note: See the Flight 19 Facebook page and scroll through the “Discussion” section for show flyers:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/569054983428871>

October 13-15, 2023—Modelpalooza 2023, Kissimmee FL

October 27-28, 2023—ACME Southern Nationals (car model contest/show), Cartersville GA

February 16, 2024—JAXCON 2024, Jacksonville FL

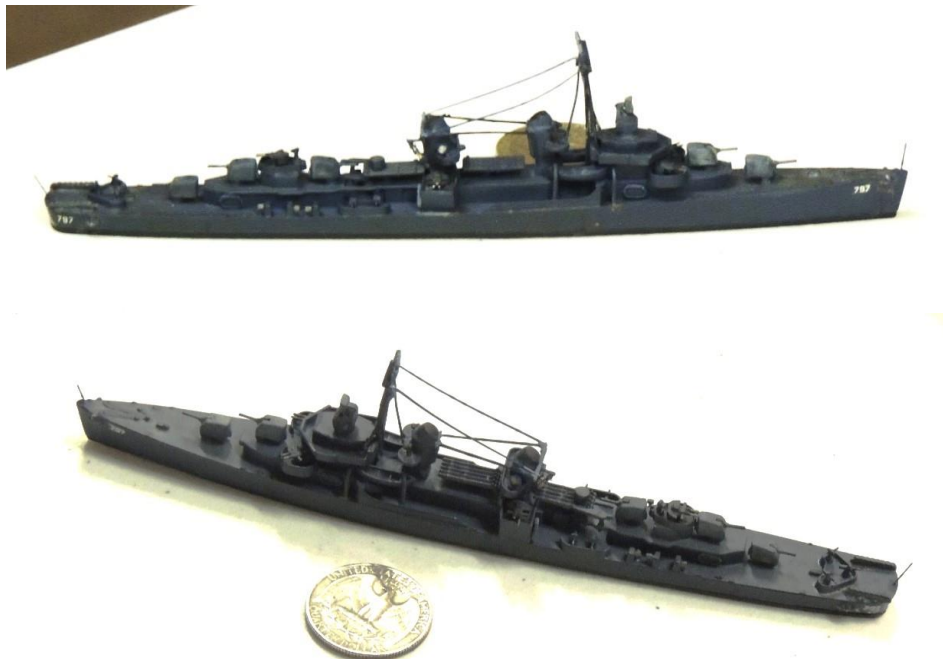
May 4, 2024—Model Fest 2024, Melbourne FL

July 17-20, 2024—IPMS/USA Nationals, Madison WI

2025---IPMS/USA Nationals, Hampton VA

***Show & Tell:**

Jeff East: Jeff brought his Tamiya 1/700 scale model of the USS Fletcher, the first in its class of World War II destroyers. It’s a small kit (translation: tiny), but packs a considerable amount of detail.



Timothy East: Tim is a Lego fan(atic). His big model tonight was the Lego version of a Storm Trooper head from the Star Wars franchise. He said it only took him 2 ½ hours to put it together. That's a lot of Lego blocks in 2 ½ hours!



Tim brought along a collection of small Lego models of space ships from Star Wars movies, too. They are really small--“cute” might be a better term.



Jeff Kleinhenz: Another “Jeff,” not again! This “Jeff” is a terrific modeler with a wide range of interests! That’s to be expected from anybody who used to fly Learjets. Anyway, Jeff’s first model tonight was a Tamiya 1/48 scale M8 howitzer transporter from World War II. He said it’s a simplified model and was fun to build.



Along with armor, Jeff likes to do such things as figures, Sci-Fi and aircraft models. He brought a 75mm resin figure of a character named "Lana" from the Archer TV series for display which he bought off of Ebay.com. It's a work-in-progress (WIP) and, knowing Jeff, it will be stunning when completed.



A Ban Dai 1/48 scale kit of an ATSB from Star Wars was Jeff's last entry for tonight's meeting. He said the kit is well molded and was a quick build, too.



Dillon LeBlanc: Dillon likes to model aircraft, particularly, military jet fighters in flight. Tonight, he brought examples of US Navy and US Air Force fighters! A brace of USN F-5N's in aggressor schemes was on the table. These are 1/48 scale Kinetic kits and they build into really nice representations of F-5N's.



A USAF F-16C Fighting Falcon came in the form of a 1/48 scale Tamiya kit. It's a WIP and Dillon intends to finish it as one of the Makos from the 432nd FS from the USAF Reserve unit based at Homestead AFB, Florida.



Dave Wallace: Dave bought some 3-D printed resin robots off the Internet so he could build a diorama based on the “Stray Robots” game. They are approximately 1/12 scale and they appear to be very small. What sets this diorama apart, however, is that Dave scratch built the base and background effects. He also used an airbrush for most of the painting.

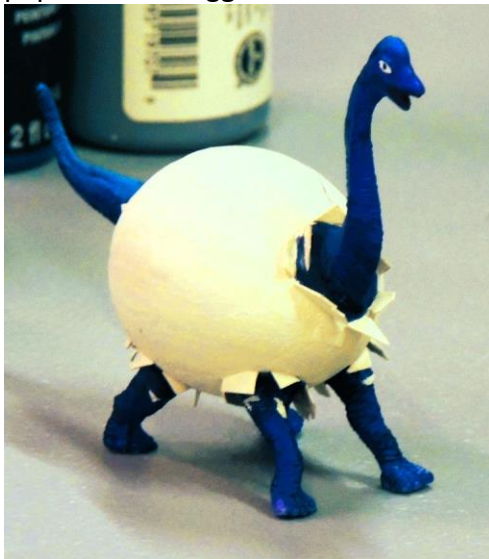


[Note: Dave also brought an RF kit in 1/35 scale of a Leopard ZA6 tank with an interior kit and Ukrainian decals. Unfortunately, the editor was unable to take photographs of that model.]

Jim Hutchins: Jim is one of our newer members and he likes to do figures! Generally, he's been hand-painting with acrylic paints. His latest effort depicts Death Riding a Horse; it's a 90mm resin figure that he's mounted on a post embedded in a wooden base plate.



James Wilbanks: James is taking the egg model "Fat Man, Little Boy" summer group build contest to heart--literally. He acquired a pack of dinosaur models and decided to construct a papier mache egg to show a blue dinosaur being born. Talk about being creative!



Steven Blok: Gundam, Gundam....That could be a description of Steve Blok's primary interests in modeling. Tonight he brought his 1/144 scale Ban Dai kit of the RK-104FF Penelope figure from the movie, "Gundam Hathaway." It's amazing the way Gundam kits are designed, and they look great when built by folks like Steve Blok!



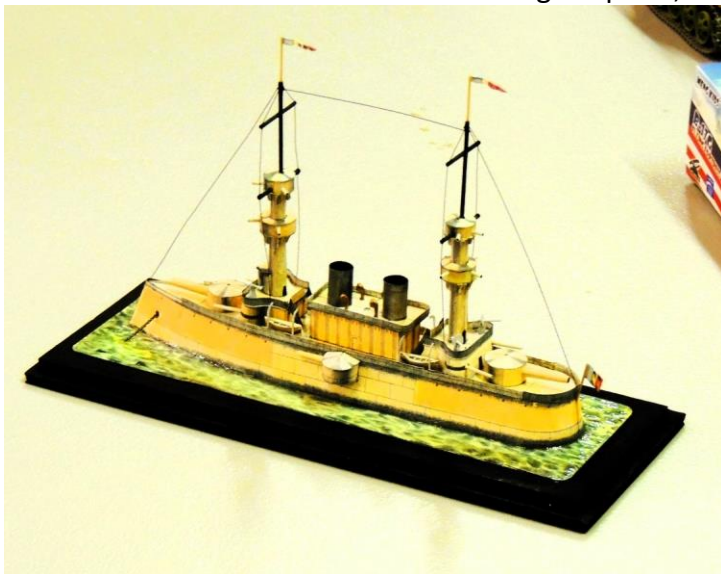
Debbie Blok: Debbie is Steve Blok's mother and she builds models, too! Debbie brought her Trumpeter 1/35 scale German WW II RSO model. It's special: it's the very first model she built a few years ago! Like many other modelers, she's branched out and has many varied interests now. She's done non-military vehicles, dioramas, etc., but the RSO was the one that started it all. Even for a first model, the RSO looks pretty darn good!



Mark Lemanski: Mark brought his completed Metal Earth (photo-etched metal) kit of a US Postal Service mail delivery truck. It is small, being about 2 inches long, and incredibly detailed for an etched metal model. (The completed model is a little larger than a double sized peanut butter and cheese cracker!) The Metal Earth kits do not require glue at all; being metal, they are designed with small tabs that can be bent and folded into anchoring slots to assemble the model.



Mark's ship model is made of paper! He printed original 1895 artwork onto cardstock, cut out the parts and assembled the ship using Elmer's white glue. He used "Hodge-Podge" to simulate the water waves. No real scale to the original plans, but Mark's completed ship looks great!



The last model that Mark brought tonight was a WIP that he's doing for the "Fat Man, Little Boy" egg model summer group build. It's a Meng kit (no set scale) of a B-17G Flying Fortress. It's cute, too! That will be a nice looking model when Mark completes it.



Adam Weinstein: Adam brought enough car models tonight to open a used (model) car lot—including the smarmy salesman! As usual, he also brought along one of his signature truck models.



The first model that Adam discussed was a Revell 1/25 scale 1957 Chevrolet Nomad that he altered using parts from a Chevy Caprice kit. He said that the car and the engine were both easy builds.



As usual, Adam likes to include a gun theme or hidden weapon in most of his models, but this time it was overt. His MPC 1/24 scale 1937 Imperial was converted into a gangster car that had been all shot up. He also included an armed gangster standing guard over the hulk.



There were two Toyota Celica models in Adam's collection, a Hasegawa 1/24 scale Celica kit that he said had "crappy" decals, but he made it look good! Note the smarmy used car salesman, too.



The other Toyota was an MPC 1/24 scale kit of a Celica Supra that Adam said was a tough kit to build. He left off all the body decals on that model, but it was such a tough kit that the photos of it also didn't turn out! So...no photos of the Celica Supra, other than to say it was finished in a dark red color.

There were also two Jaguar kits on display, one in 1/24 scale and one in 1/43 scale. The first Jaguar was a 1/43 scale Heller kit that Adam finished with a plaid interior (tape) with weathered, camouflage painted upper surfaces. Being in 1/43 scale it is a rather small model.



The second Jaguar model was a 1/24 scale Hasegawa kit of an early 1990's prototype racer. Adam had the paint matched to the same pale blue used on the actual car and applied Alka-Seltzer sponsor decals. It was a real piece of eye-candy on the table.



There was also a Revell 1/24 scale model of a BMW 3-series M3 car on display. Adam had some issues with the kit decals and their color sections not performing well. Again, he made them look good.



Adam's signature models are always trucks—and he does excellent truck models and modifications! Tonight he brought an Italeri 1/24 scale kit of a DAF truck. Adam's comment on the kit—THE worst kit he's had to deal with in a long, long time! He turned it into an experiment in weathering and modeled it as an Amazon jungle truck. He did a good job on a poor kit.





It would be an insult to Adam if we didn't acknowledge his custom made 1/24 scale resin figure of a Cuban woman. You need to live in south Florida to appreciate the humor in this figurine.

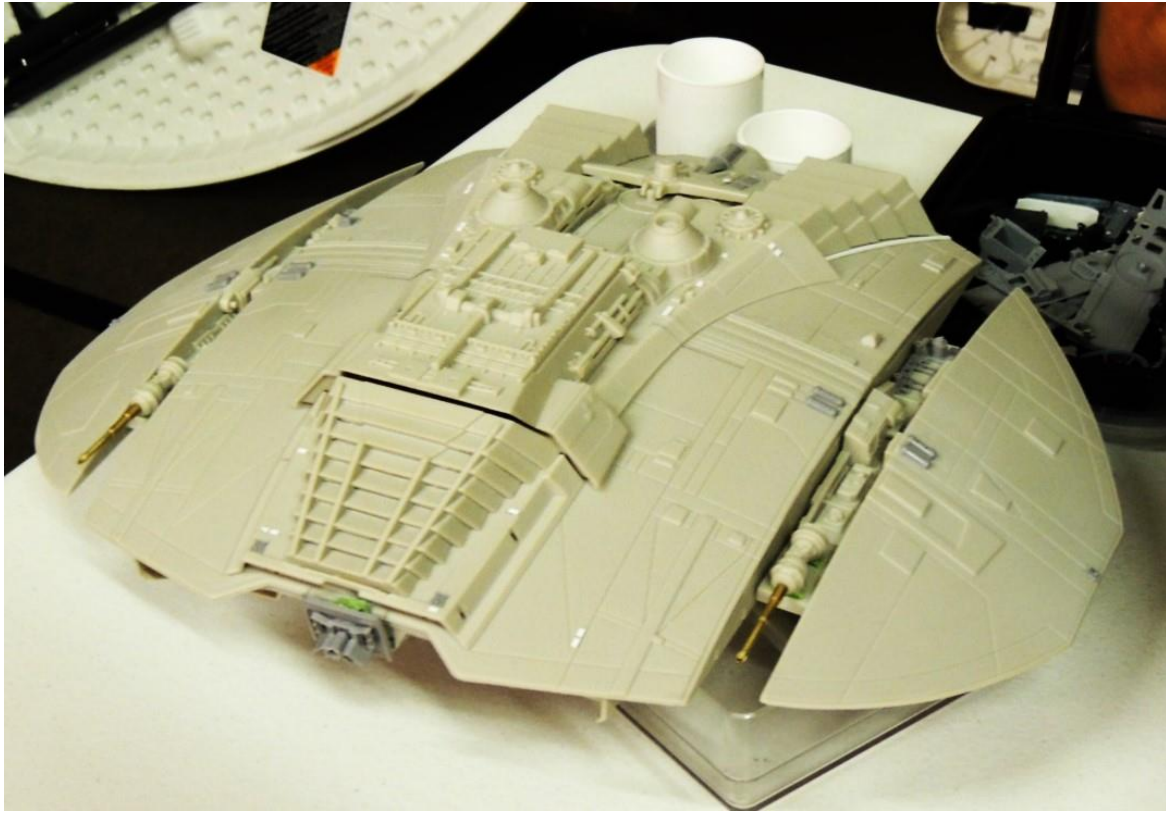


David Kennedy: David continues to work on his Revell 1/48 scale PT-17 Stearman USN trainer. As most of the club members know, this was the last kit designed by our late member, Bill Koster, for Revell/Monogram. David is doing a good job and making steady progress. We all await the final end-product!

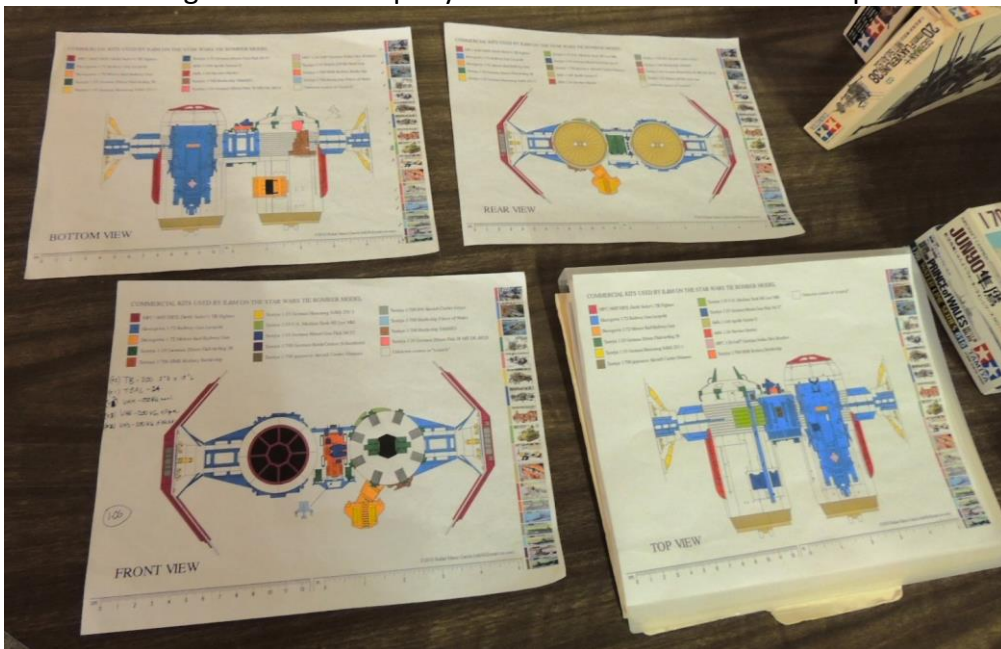


Eric Gonzalez: Mr. Gonzalez is a Sci-Fi addict if there ever was one! That can also translate into a glutton for punishment, too. Anyway, Eric brought two models to show tonight. The first is a 1/32 scale Moebius model of a Cylon Raider from the "Battlestar Galactica" TV series. It's big and he's going to install interior lighting and highlight other details before he completes the model.





Eric's next project is ambitious, almost beyond belief! He's kitbashing a studio scale (1/48 scale) "Tie-Bomber" from the Star Wars franchise! This thing will be large and he's used about 18 various, good kits to rob parts for the Tie-Bomber. It is a work-in-progress in its early stages, but the potential for a great kit is already evident. By the way, he's already stated that he will also build a "Tie-Fighter" to accompany the Tie-Bomber after it is completed.





RAFFLE: Tonight's raffle was the Eduard 1/48 scale double kit of Korean War era F-51D Mustangs. It was won by Matt Ziegler.



The next club meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 12, 2023, starting at 7:30pm at the First Church of the Nazarene, 916 NE 4 ST, Pompano Beach FL 33060. See you all there!**

Tonight's meeting concluded at approximately 9:40pm.

Minutes recorded by Chickey P. Garbonzo....