

**IPMS-Flight 19
January 13, 2022**

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

7:30pm – 9:00pm

Members and Guests in attendance

Gene Beadle	Mark Mirin
Butch Bryan	John Montesinos
Tim Bryant	JT Occhialini
Scott Caldwell	Eric Olson
Lynn Delacroix	Giuseppe Santaromita (guest)
Peter Frearson	Mike Skurda
Eric Gonzalez	Matt Ziegler
David Kennedy	

The meeting was called to order by Butch Bryan at 7:30pm (President Jeff East was unable to attend tonight's meeting).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW MODELFEST 2022 FLIGHT 19 CONTEST/SHOW: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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). 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. Watch for future **MODELFEST 2022** contest announcements on the IPMS Flight 19 Facebook page and in the minutes of Flight 19 meetings.

Peter Frearson, Chief Contest Judge, has previously announced that Modelfest 2022 will continue to utilize 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards. **Future club contests may use the Gold/Silver/Bronze award system beginning in 2023** after the club has had a chance to study and evaluate the pros and cons of that system when used at other contests in Florida.

The overall **Contest Theme for Modelfest 2022** will be anything to do with **“Comics.”** A **“Koster” Category** has been added to the **Modelfest 2022** contest to honor our late member, Bill Koster. Any model designed by Bill while he was at Monogram/Revell Models or through his Koster Aero Enterprises (KAE) vacuformed model company will qualify for consideration in the **“Koster”** category.

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.) In addition, the real USN Flight 19 departed from NAS Fort Lauderdale on its fateful mission on Dec. 5, 1945. If successful, details will be published on the Flight 19 Facebook page and in the minutes of our club meetings.

***SPECIAL NOTE: The 50th Anniversary of IPMS Flight 19 is 2023. Our Modelfest 2023 contest and show will honor the club’s 50th Anniversary and, according to Butch Bryan, may also serve as the IPMS Region 11 contest for 2023.**

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 continued to post photos from our club meetings 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.

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 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" 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: The Model Car Creations Club (MCC2) has resumed meetings after a long hiatus due to the Pandemic. MCC2 meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month starting at 7pm at the following location:

Flippers Cinemas
7001 Taft Street
Hollywood FL 33024

For those planning to attend, enter the movie theater lobby and turn to the left. The meeting tables are at the extreme left in an alcove just past the concession stand. Food and drink is available for purchase. Flippers Cinemas is owned by the same person that owns the Richards Hardware Store which is located at the southwest corner of the shopping center parking lot. Richards Hardware has created a small hobby section in the store that stocks hobby supplies and some plastic kits. Please feel free to stop by Richards Hardware Store during regular business hours to purchase those hard to find supplies you need to complete your models.

Club Finances: According to Butch Bryan, after consulting President Jeff East, the club finances remain solvent and sufficient to fund anticipated future expenses regarding the newly scheduled MODLEFEST 2022.

***Upcoming Show Announcements:**

Feb. 5, 2022—South Florida Toy Soldier Show, Finland House, Lantana FL

Feb. 11-12, 2022—**JAXCON**, Jacksonville 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**

June 25, 2022—PAMSCON, Plant City FL

October 2022—Modelpalooza, Kissimmee FL

2022 IPMS Nationals, Omaha NE

2023 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX

General Discussion:

Book Sale: One of our members, Ed Ludwick (a former bombardier/navigator in USMC A-6 Intruders), is relocating from Florida to Michigan and he has donated a couple of large boxes of aviation related books and magazines to Flight 19. He wants club members to have first choice to purchase any of the items with the remainder being sold at the upcoming Modelfest 2022, all proceeds for the benefit of the club. The boxes of books were brought to tonight's meeting by JT Occhialini; hard cover books sell for \$5/book while soft cover books go for a reasonable \$1/book. The books will also be brought to the February 2022 club meeting so members can purchase books before they go on sale to the general public at Modelfest 2022 on March 5, 2022. Also, a big THANK YOU to Ed Ludwick and best wishes for a safe trip on his return to his Michigan hometown! Hoo Rah!

Here's a photo of Ed with an A-6 Intruder tailhook (end cap, not the whole tailhook) taken recently at his townhouse in Boynton Beach, Florida. You find all sorts of things you've forgotten about when you start packing for a major move. LOL



Modelfest 2022 Update:

Butch Bryan brought us up to date with the status of the upcoming Modelfest 2022. Of significance, was his announcement that he will be relocating to Tulsa, Oklahoma probably in March 2022 to be near his daughter. He intends to follow-through on coordinating the many aspects of Modelfest 2022 and also intends to visit south Florida two or three times a year, after he completes his move, and will include visits to Flight 19 during those trips. Our local loss is Tulsa's gain.

With Modelfest 2022 only about two months away, Butch reports that the City of Pompano Beach has not formally confirmed the venue due to the Covid-19 surge in Florida. He is in close contact with our city liaison, however, and the outlook is optimistic that there will be no issues by March 2022. We have received the required insurance certificate from IPMS-USA and that has been forwarded to the City. There are a total of 47 vendor tables at the civic center and approximately 40+ have already been reserved by vendors. Tables cost a modest \$30/table with a group of four tables costing a discounted \$100. Our vendor table cost is one of the lowest in the state in order to attract vendors which accounts for the high number of pre-contest commitments for Modelfest 2022.

Modelfest 2022 is scheduled for March 5, 2022, to run from 9am – 5pm, with vendors being able to set-up starting at 7am. There will not be any charge for walk-in admissions this year to comply with City of Pompano Beach requirements for non-profit organizations. The model entry fee allows an unlimited number of models to be entered by contestants. Peter Frearson, chief judge, says that he intends to have judging completed by about 3pm so the show can wrap-up in an orderly fashion. This means that we will need as many judges as possible, both local and visiting, to accomplish that goal. The same judging forms and related paperwork that has been used at previous Modelfest contests will also be used during Modelfest 2022 to facilitate rapid processing. Advertising/notices have already been placed in the IPMS-USA Journal and Cybermodeler-online and other local advertisements are also planned.

Flight 19 has a reputation for having one of the best kit raffles at our contests and we intend to keep that reputation intact. A number of very desirable kits have already been acquired along with many from Galo Terraza's "stash" and new kits donated by Flight 19 club members. Peter Frearson brought one of the newer raffle kits to tonight's meeting: a Model Sivit 1/48 scale kit of an F-82F/G Twin Mustang.



Overall, we remain optimistic for a successful Modelfest 2022 in March 2022. Looking forward to the competition and comradery we normally experience at our contest and show.

Flight 19 Memorial Service on Dec. 5, 2021: The annual memorial service to commemorate the unexplained disappearance of the five USN Flight 19 Avenger aircraft took place on Dec. 5, 2021, at the NAS Fort Lauderdale museum, located on the Ft. Lauderdale International Airport. The event was attended by some IPMS-Flight 19 members (Butch Bryan and JT Occhialini, included) as well as members of the general public. It was a solemn occasion, as usual, and very respectful, too. Club members are encouraged to visit the NAS Fort Lauderdale museum as it has a very nice collection of aircraft models on display as well as a credible research library. Museum personnel are always friendly and helpful to all visitors. In fact, Butch Bryan is trying to see if someone from the museum can come to Modelfest 2022 to lecture on the disappearance of the USN Flight 19 Avengers.

***Show & Tell:**

Eric Gonzalez: Eric is a recovering Covid-19 survivor! Thank goodness it didn't hit him too hard. Regardless, he has maintained his model building as a motivation for a speedier recovery. His entry for tonight's meeting is a 1/1000 scale resin kit by Design Anomaly of the USS Phobos from the Star Trek movie franchise. It's a frigate/torpedo cruiser that's a work-in-progress (WIP), but looks to be a potential winner in the hands of Mr. Gonzalez. He says the model is a designed to be a quick build and he's looking forward to completing it in the near future.



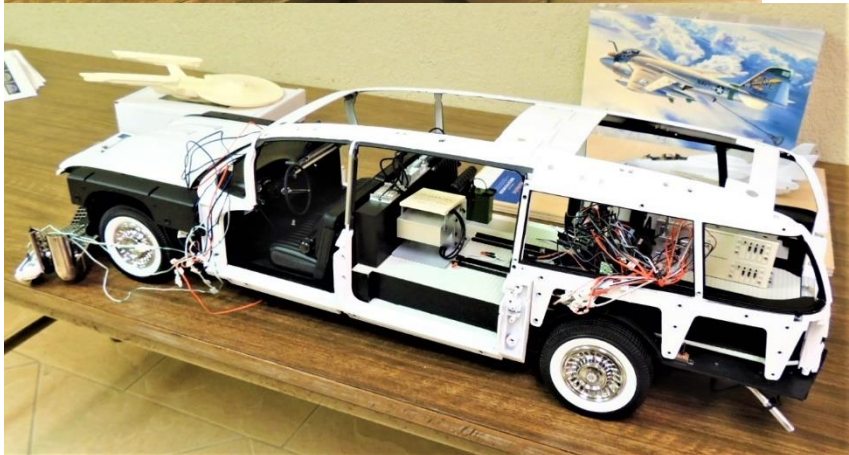
Lynn Delacroix: Lynn came bearing presents tonight. She had a metal stamping kit (alpha/numeric capability) that was free to anyone who could use it. Gene Beadle was the grateful recipient.

Lynn also related a story concerning the Caribbean island of Montserrat, a British/UK possession. In the past she had a few occasions to visit the island where she befriended the Catholic bishop in charge of St. Patrick's cathedral. As many of us know, Lynn is an artist with many talents, and the bishop asked Lynn to create 12 new stained glass windows for the cathedral since they were in need of repair and replacement. The ever intrepid artist said "yes" and then had to figure out how to design and create twelve new stained glass windows, something she had never done

before. Lo-and-behold, Lynn came up with the idea to create twelve windows dedicated, one each, to the 12 apostles. After the windows were installed she fortunately took photos of them. Fortunate, because a volcano on Montserrat subsequently erupted and buried the church in ash, forever covering the windows from view. She distributed transparencies to the club members tonight showing her handiwork and creativity—before—the volcanic eruption! Enjoy.



Tim Bryant: Tim builds a wide variety of types of models and does a great job on whichever ones he chooses to build. Tonight he brought a giant! Not the “50 Foot Woman” from the movies, but a 1/8 scale metal diecast model kit WIP of the Ecto-1 vehicle from the “Ghostbusters” movie franchise! This thing is HUGE and loaded with tons of working detail. The kit is from Eagle Moss and can be ordered over the Internet. Modelers subscribe to receive approximately four sub-assembly kits per month (there are a total of 141 of sub-assembly kits) over about a three year period in order to complete the model. Tim’s already put in about a year and a half’s work and he estimates that it will take another like period to complete the model. He is extremely pleased with the detail and visual impact that the Ecto-1 imparts—it’s almost 32 inches long! It has a complex, comprehensive lighting system along with a sound card that replicates various sound effects. Would you believe that when the starter key on the dash is depressed that the model makes the exact sound a real vehicle would make when the engine turns over and starts! Well, this model does! Impressive is a word that doesn’t really begin to describe this model. Everyone who saw it can’t wait to see it when Tim is finished in about a year and a half. Must be seen to be believed!





John Montesinos: John usually builds large scale aircraft and sci-fi models, either as kits or massive conversions that he undertakes like a mad man. LOL Tonight he showed the club another version of his modeling: he's doing some aviation dioramas in 1/72 scale—his first foray into 1/72 scale modeling. The diorama is already started and involves some really good kits. One basic modeling rule is to always start with the best possible kit, if available, when building. John has done just that by selecting a Hasegawa 1/72 scale F-14B Tomcat kit with VF-111 Sundowner markings for "Good Golly Miss Molly." He's also chosen a Fujimi 1/72 scale A-4B Skyhawk kit, probably the best A-4B kit in that scale! He's using after-market resin pilot figures for the Tomcat. The models will be built with the landing gear retracted since he envisions the F-14B Tomcat being aerial refueled over the ocean. He also needs some advice from modelers who have experience making realistic water/ocean as part of display bases.



He's also going to use a Fujimi 1/72 scale KA-6D Intruder tanker kit as the aerial refueler. He hasn't started that kit, yet, but did bring it in so members could see the quality and detail of the Fujimi kit. Start with the best kits....



Raffle Prize: Tonight's raffle prize was an Eduard 1/48 scale Profipack kit of a Hawker Tempest Mk. II (late version). The Tempest was won by a very happy Mark Mirin!



The next club meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022, 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 9:00pm.

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