

**IPMS-Flight 19**  
**February 13, 2020 Meeting**

Meeting Place: First Church of the Nazarene  
916 NE 4 ST  
Pompano Beach FL 33060  
7:30pm – 9:50pm

Members in attendance:

Debbie Blok	David Kennedy
Steven Blok	A.D. Lassiter
Butch Bryan	Dillon LeBlanc
Tim Bryant	Eric Olson
Scott Caldwell	Chuck Patterson
Joe Collazo	Danny Price
Jim Decker	Jeff Selker
Lynn Delacroix	Adam Weinstein
Dwight Douglas (Guest)	James Wilbanks
Jeff East	Jim Williams (Guest)
Peter Frearson	Matt Ziegler

Absent: JT Occhialini (work), Matt Gerken (work), Bill Koster (late call),  
Ralph Severino (not feeling well)

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

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**\*\*One of our club members, David Kennedy**, is undergoing treatment for recently discovered cancer. Fortunately, he is feeling well enough now that he was able to attend tonight's meeting. David, best wishes for a continued speedy recovery!

**\*\*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 a year 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!

## **General Discussion:**

President East gave a brief summary of club finances which are positive and solvent after major expenses for Modelfest IX 2020 have been funded/paid.

**“MODELFEST IX 2020”:** YES, there will be a Modelfest IX in 2020. **Modelfest IX** will take place on **Saturday, February 29, 2020**, at the **Emma Lou Olson Civic Center in Pompano Beach (1801 NE 6 ST, Pompano Beach FL 33060)**.

The contest theme will be anything related to **“CATS.”** Butch Bryan is involved in marketing the contest and is actively (and successfully) soliciting corporate sponsors! Food will be available at the contest venue, but details are still being worked out. More information will follow as it develops, but start building your kits in anticipation of entering the competition at Modelfest IX 2020.

Anyone interested in sponsoring an individual trophy category may do so and the cost is only \$30 per award/category. Contact Butch Bryan if you are interested or know someone who would be willing to sponsor an award.

## **Modelfest IX 2020 Update:**

### **CONTEST SPONSORS:**

The following individuals and organizations have graciously volunteered to sponsor various model categories at the upcoming Modelfest IX 2020. Their support and generosity are greatly appreciated by IPMS Flight 19 and the local modeling community! (In alphabetical order)

**Cars and Coffee of the Palm Beaches**  
**Ms. Lynn Delacroix**  
**Family Hobby Center, Naples FL**  
**FARA Racing**  
**Flight 19 Restaurant**  
**IPMS Rum Runners**  
**K & K Hobby Shop, Punta Gorda FL**  
**Meguiers (as in “the” wax company, they sent samples)**  
**Molinium Model Truck Parts**  
**Sawgrass Ford**  
**TLM Racing**

### **General Contest Discussion:**

This year's Modelfest IX 2020 contest appears to be running smoothly and is on-track for a successful outcome. Venue set-up and breakdown is being undertaken by the folks at the Civic Center, so club members are relieved of those duties; however, Flight 19 will be responsible for cleaning the kitchen at the end of the day.

Peter Frearson has volunteered to run the contest registration along with assistance from Tim Bryant, but a couple more volunteers would always be welcomed to cover all potential registration activities. Jeff East will probably handle the contest raffle, but is open to having lots of help, too. There will be periodic raffles from 8am through 3pm. As usual at almost every model contest, we will be soliciting members and attendees from other model clubs to participate as contest judges. Food will be available on site for purchase.

**Vendors** will be able to do advanced set-up on Friday, February 28, 2020, from 4pm to 6pm; they will be able to set-up on the day of the contest beginning at 7am. **Registration** begins at 8am on contest day and will close at 12:30pm, because **Judging** begins at 12:30pm.

**Contest Note:** Galo Terrazas and Norm Summey have both said that they will attend Modelfest IX 2020. Ed Escobar is trying to make arrangements to fly down to also attend the contest.

**JAXCON 2020 Summary:** At least three club members attended the recent JAXCON 2020 contest: Butch Bryan, Peter Frearson and Danny Price. They reported that 126 modelers entered the contest with over 500 models on display (although this number was down a bit from last year's JAXCON). Cars were heavily represented while sci-fi was kind of light. Other categories were well represented on the contest tables. Flight 19 members scored some metal: Jeff Selker won a silver and two bronzes; Danny Price won a bronze and Butch got a gold and Best Sci-Fi Model Award. George Arnall, of Miami, won Best of Show with a model of a Viking ship, and Dave Neelin of Miami won Best Aircraft with an I-16 Rata which also won best camouflage scheme.

### **West Coast Hobby Trip:**

Everyone that participated had a blast on the January 2020 trip to visit the west coast hobby shops (Family Hobby Center; K&K Hobby Shop; and Victory Hobbies). **The next trip is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020**, and there is serious consideration being given to renting a larger vehicle so a greater number of Flight 19 club members can participate in visiting those three hobby shops again! Contact Butch Bryan if you're interested in going on the March 14<sup>th</sup> trip!

**GROUP BUILD:** Butch Bryan reminded everyone that 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 the Flight 19 club meeting in April 2020.

**\*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:** Some members of IPMS Rum Runners apparently meet informally in South Miami each Saturday at 10am at the Micro Macro Mundo hobby shop which is located at 7564 SW 117 AVE, Miami FL 33183. In addition, Rum Runners also holds a monthly formal meeting there, usually on the last Saturday of the month. Members of Flight 19 are welcome to visit at either occasion and the side advantage is that Micro Macro Mundo stocks excellent kits (e.g., Tamiya, Revell, etc.) at reasonable prices. So...if you go for the fellowship, you can also buy nice plastic kits at good prices! P.S.—be sure to bring your passport, remember, it is *South* Miami.

**\*Upcoming Show Announcements:**

**2/29/2020—Modelfest IX, Flight 19, Pompano Beach FL**  
3/8/2020—MOPAR Car Show, University Dodge, Davie FL  
7/29 – 8/1/2020—2020 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX

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2021 IPMS Nationals, Las Vegas NV  
2022 IPMS Nationals, Omaha NE

**\*Show & Tell:**

**Lynn Delacroix:** Our own Lynn has a very well developed sense of creativity and it was on display this evening—the night before Valentine's Day! Lynn, among other things, has designed greeting cards and she brought copies of one of her Valentine's Day cards to distribute to club members tonight so that they wouldn't be empty-handed tomorrow. Significant others of our club members now have at least one very nice V-Day card to look forward to receiving in the morning. Thank you, Lynn, for saving a number of relationships. (I made a giant copy to include in the minutes—Happy Valentine's Day! EDO)

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**Dwight Douglas:** Dwight Douglas, and his friend, Jim Williams, were first time visitors to Flight 19 tonight. Dwight explained that he is getting ready to downsize his residence and wants to dispose of some of his larger models. He brought a small sample that included four 1/32 scale pre-built, metal tanks, that he painted and weathered and a 1/18 scale kit of an F6F Hellcat—a kit that is similar to the 1/18 scale 21<sup>st</sup> Century model kits sold at Walmart a few years ago, but appears to be slightly more detailed. He wants to sell most of the large kits at very reasonable prices to modelers who will appreciate them or, if the built-up kits don't sell, he plans on donating them to a responsible museum. (Information regarding the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum was sent to Dwight via separate email). Here are a few photographs of some of Dwight's models. By the way, the F6F Hellcat was sold to one of our junior club members *tonight!*



**Dillon LeBlanc:** Dillon brought four models tonight. There were two Monogram 1/48 scale P-61 Black Widow kits that told a modeling story. Dillon brought these to illustrate the progress he's made as a modeler. One Black Widow was done early in his modeling career while the other is more representative of his advancing modeling skills. The third model was a Lindberg 1/48 scale A6M Zero that he painted in his own idea of a camouflage paint scheme from WW II. A very

creative and eye-catching job! Finally, there was a 1/48 scale Jumo jet engine from an Me-262 kit that Dillon got at the club Christmas party. It's relatively tiny, but looks realistic. Keep up the good work!



**Tim Bryant:** Tim had some advice for our club members: avoid driving near a bicyclist who wears ear phones! Needless to say, Tim encountered one such person who caused him to take evasive action to avoid clobbering the bicyclist, but resulted in damage to the models that were in his car. The Tamiya 1/350 scale IJN Yamato now needs some tender loving repair, but still looks good. The model really conveys the massive size of the world's largest battleship. Tim is in the process of wiring and lighting his Polar Lights 1/350 scale USS Enterprise from the Star Trek franchise. He experienced some paint issues while finishing up the exterior, but you have to look hard to find the problems. On the other hand, the model looks fantastic when the lights are activated. This starship should be a real winner when completed!



**Jeff Selker:** Jeff brought two Airfix 1/72 scale P-51D Mustang kits to the meeting. He's in a bit of a quandry since he's lost the two bubble canopies for the kits and wanted some suggestions on how to find replacements. Some of the club members will check their spare parts bins, but the most likely source will be vacuform replacements that are usually available from Squadron Shop. Regardless, the Mustangs look great while they await new canopies!





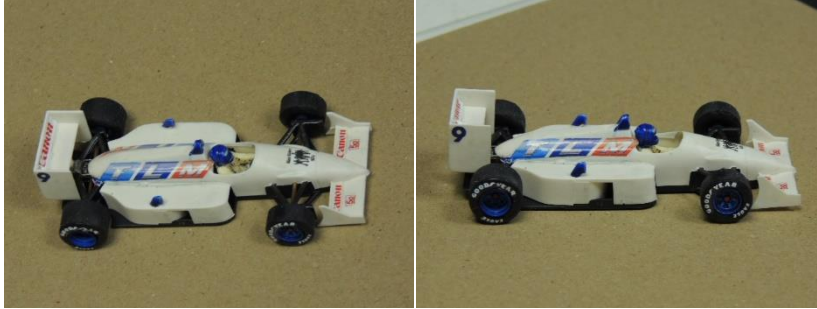
**A.D. Lassiter:** A.D. brought two impressive car kits to tonight's meeting. The first was an AMT 1/25 scale 1957 Dodge Coronet R/T—the Green Machine! Can you guess that his wife's favorite car color is green? It's an eye-catching scheme and also has a very detailed engine. The second car model was a Monogram 1/25 scale 1953 Chevrolet that A.D. converted to a roadster. He constructed custom front and rear bumpers/faces and built a customized scale model engine, too. A nice touch was the tonneau cover! Both models were worth close examination to see the skill and achievements that A.D. was able to accomplish. Also of particular note are the miniature models of the purple Minions (not the Minnesota Vikings). They're not only cute, they add to the fun of modeling.



**James Wilbanks:** James is well known for taking a long time to finish a model, but is also well known for building excellent armor models. His planned 1/35 scale diorama of a German Nashorn taking out a Russian KV-1 tank is now coming together. Tonight, he brought the KV-1 tank which simulates the instant of being hit by a shell from the Nashorn. The model explosion is now lighted and is one more step closer to having the diorama come to life. Great work, James!



**Adam Weinstein:** Every once in a while, it makes for good mental health to just build a simple model straight from the box without any super detailing. Adam reached that stage and decided to build a Heller 1/43 scale press-fit kit of a Honda F-1 racer. This was a bag kit that he got as a gift from JT Occhialini at the club Christmas party. Adam did a nice job and was happy with the end result after applying the decals. He said that the tires and quality of the decals, despite being old, was quite good. On top of that, he has a couple of other Heller 1/43 press-fit kits to do in the future!



**Jim Decker:** Jim usually builds aircraft in 1/48 and 1/32 scale, but this time he brought in two Hasegawa 1/72 scale P-51 Mustangs, one a bubble-top and one a razorback. He mounted them in flight in what could be called a loose formation. The invasion stripes were painted on the models, but the black & white cowling checkers are decals. The Mustangs really looked good and it was a nice change to see 1/72 scale models from Jim.



Here are a few random photos of some members (not too scary) attending tonight's meeting.



**Raffle:** The first of two raffle prizes, a new Tamiya 1/48 scale German Panther Ausf.D tank from WW II was happily won by none other than Tim Bryant (the second time in a row that he's won a major raffle kit). The second raffle prize was very nice hardbound book on the Me-109 in World War II which was won by Matt Ziegler! Congratulations to both of our lucky raffle winners!

**Don't forget to attend the Modelfest IX 2020 Show and Contest on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center in Pompano Beach FL.**

**Next club meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020.  
STARTING AT 7:30PM!**

Tonight's meeting concluded at approximately 9:50pm.

Minutes recorded by Eric Olson....