

**IPMS-Flight 19
August 10, 2023**

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

Members and Guests in attendance

Jeff East	Eric Olson
Tim East	Jose Rodriguez
Ness Gomez	Giuseppe Santaromita
Eric Gonzalez	Mike Skurda
Jim Hutchins	Dave Wallace
Meir Israel	Courtenay Wang
David Kennedy	James Wilbanks
Mark Lemanski	Matt Ziegler
John Montesinos	

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

General Comments:

Treasurer Resigns/Candidates Needed: During our July meeting, President Jeff East announced that, effective immediately, he was resigning the treasury responsibility of the club, because the club is going to transition into a nonprofit corporate entity in the near future. He feels that one person should not hold both the offices of the president and the treasurer in a nonprofit corporation. The treasurer vacancy MUST be filled at the upcoming September 14, 2023, meeting. Any club member who is also an IPMS member is eligible to hold office as the club treasurer. It is very important that this officer vacancy be filled ASAP so that the club can move forward with its conversion to a non-profit corporate entity.

Club Finances: President East announced that club finances are in the positive and that the club is financially sound.

Conversion to Non-Profit Corporate Status:

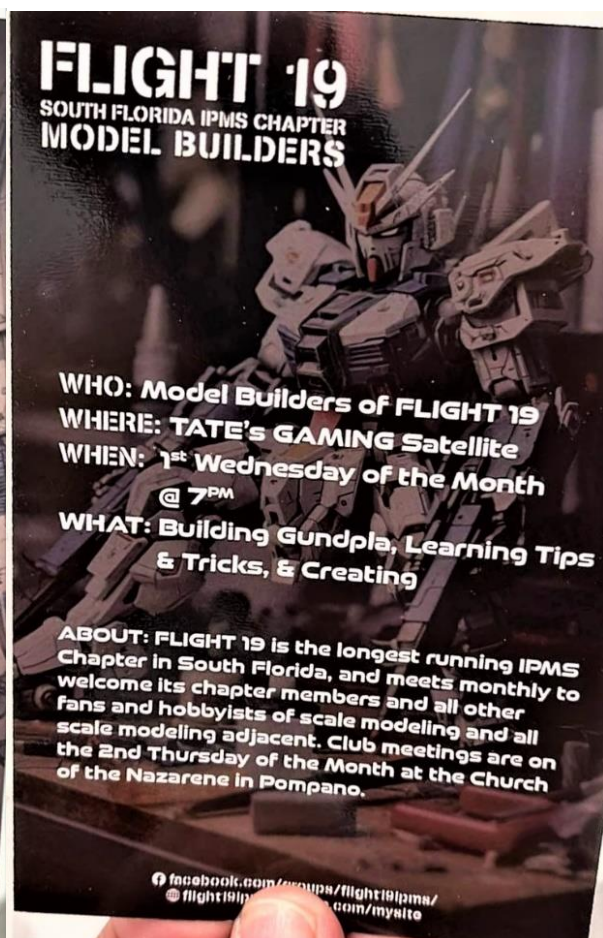
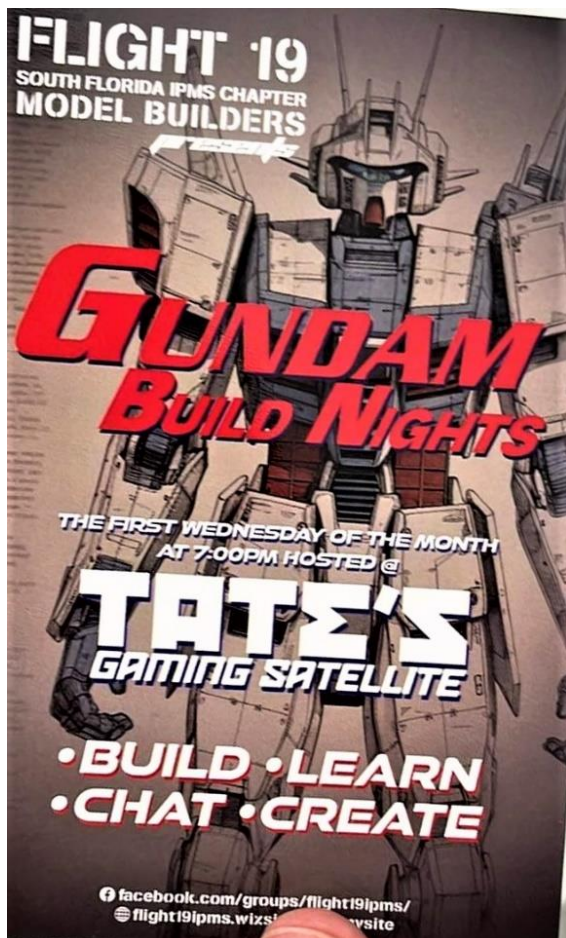
A small ad hoc committee of Flight 19 members is attempting to get the club converted to a non-profit corporation under applicable Florida law with the intention of filing for federal IRS Section 501(c)(3) non-profit tax status to be able to take advantage of lower, future rental costs for, among other things, contest venues. The proper paperwork is being completed as quickly as possible and will be filed after analysis and evaluation. Look for more detailed updates at future club meetings.

Gundam Model Group (Affiliated with IPMS Flight 19):

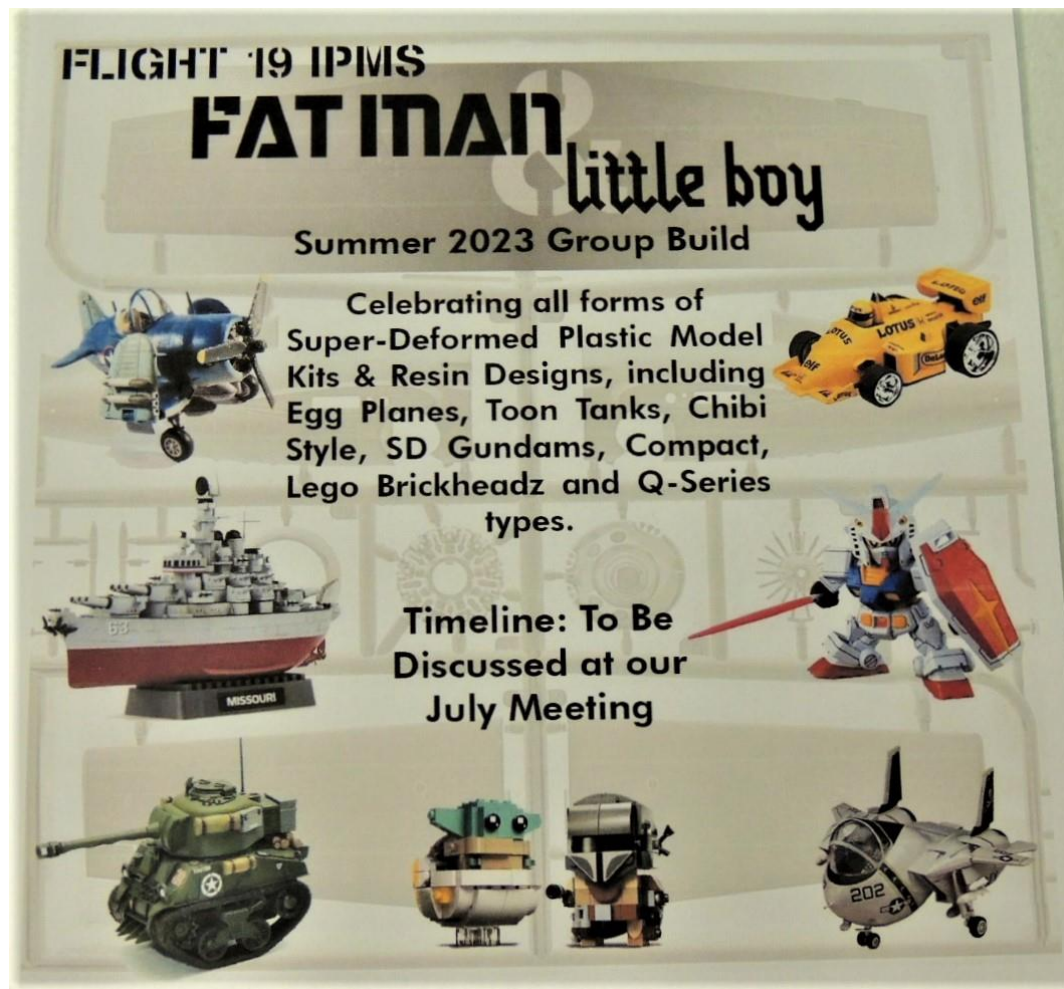
Meir Israel announced that a NEW modeling sub-group was being formed by a number of IPMS Flight 19 members (thus, the “affiliated with IPMS Flight 19” moniker) to build and improve on Japanese Gundam model subjects. This is a fast growing and entrenched segment of the international modeling community 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?



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 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.

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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>

September 9, 2023—Blue Angel Modelfest 2023, Milton FL

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

February 16, 2024—JAXCON 2024, Jacksonville FL

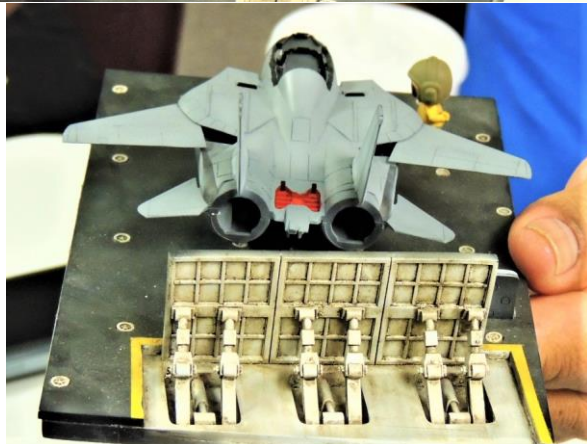
May 4, 2024—Model Fest 2024, Melbourne FL

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

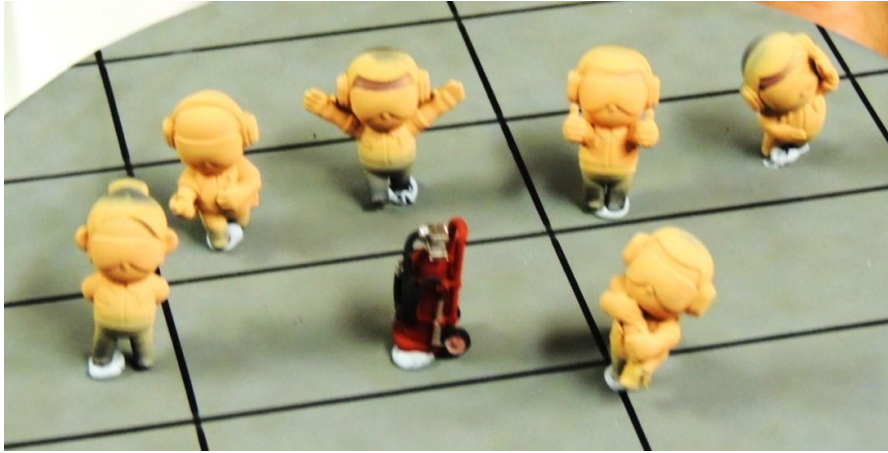
2025---IPMS/USA Nationals, Hampton VA

*Show & Tell:

John Montesinos: John is actively building some “egg” plane kits for our Flight 19 “Fat Man, Little Boy” group build and for an A-10 Thunderbolt II contest to be held in Peru in October 2023. The little critter is an F-14 “egg” plane by Freedom Model. He’s mounted it on a similarly sized kit of an aircraft carrier catapult/deck, although he can’t remember who makes that kit. For being a fantasy modeling subject, the diorama is very realistic and appealing!



In addition to modeling an A-10 which was left home tonight for the Peruvian contest, John is also working on “egg” figures of the ground crew for the A-10. (He also did a “yellow shirt” deck crew figure for the F-14 as seen in a couple of the above photos.)



A version of a Robo Cop made an appearance tonight, too! John has built a 1/10 scale Nekka kit of the ED209 robot police officer from the movie, “Robo Cop.” A very impressive model of a rogue robot.

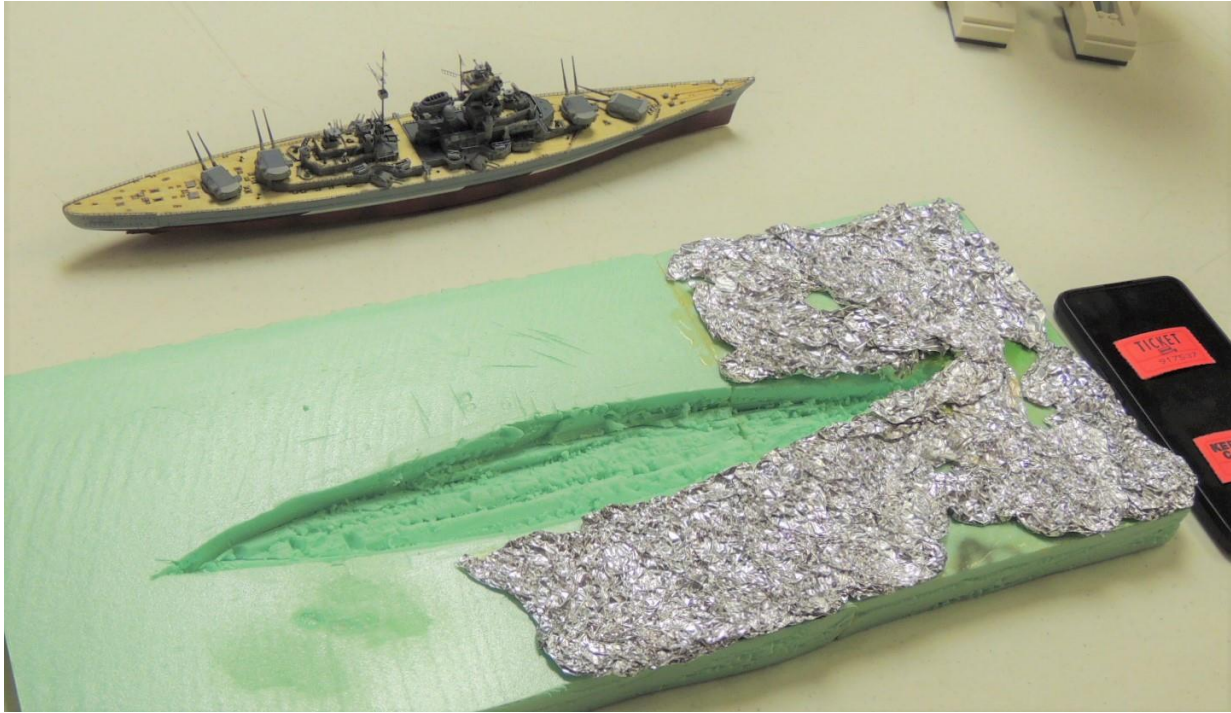


Dave Wallace: Dave is one of our most prolific and eclectic modelers! He brought two battleship models (one of which is an “egg” model for our upcoming “Fat Man, Little Boy” group build) and a WW II tank. Can’t get more dissimilar than those two subjects. The first battleship model is a 1/700 scale Trumpeter kit of the German navy Bismarck battleship from WW II. The Trumpeter kit was pretty good by itself, but Dave added a Fly Hawk detail set to dress up the ship. The end result is excellent, BUT Dave said the Fly Hawk kit instructions left a lot to be desired.



Dave brought his 1/700 scale Bismarck tonight with a special purpose in mind. He used it to demonstrate his technique for making a water base for displaying ships at sea. Dave starts with a poly-urethane foam base for the water. Since the Bismarck is a full-hull model, he needed to find a foam section (or stack of sections) that is deep enough for him to carve a depression to fit the hull into so the water line is even with the upper surface of the foam which represents the surface waves. He then uses regular household aluminum foil and crinkles it up into a loose fitting ball which he then unfolds and stretches out in preparation for gluing onto the foam base. He uses white glue (Gorilla Glue or Elmer’s Glue brands will work) to

attach the crinkled aluminum foil to the foam base, making sure to leave the hull cut-out in bare foam so the model can be fitted into the base. DO NOT use CA glue (super glue) to attach the aluminum foil to the foam base—CA glue will dissolve the foam!



Once the aluminum foil has been sized and glued to the foam base, it can be painted to represent ocean waves. Various shades of blue, grey and white are used to achieve the color and effect that he wants before the “water” is over-sprayed with a clear gloss to achieve a wet effect.



In the near future, Dave will prepare a video showing how to make and paint a water base for a ship diorama or display. That video will then be uploaded to the

Flight 19 Facebook page for all visitors to view. Thanks, in advance, to Dave for that effort!

Dave's second ship of the night (no poetic puns intended) is an "egg" ship that he's building for the Flight 19 "Fat Man, Little Boy" group build. It is a Meng kit (no scale specified) of the IJN Yamato battleship from WW II. Dave calls it the Chubby Yamato! Presently, it's a work-in-progress (WIP), but looks really cute.



The third model Dave displayed tonight was a 1/35 scale Dragon kit of an IS-2 Russian tank from WW II. Dave finished it in a winter 1945 camouflage scheme.

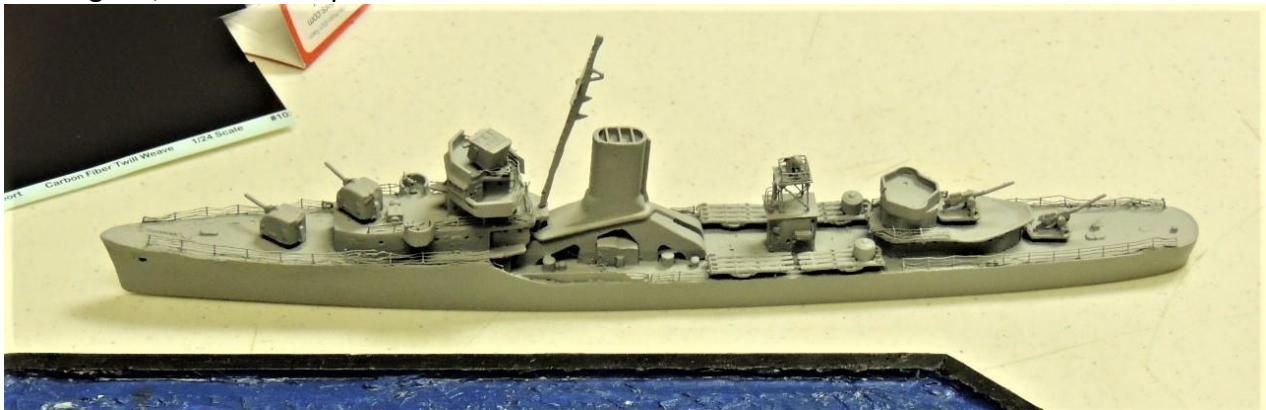




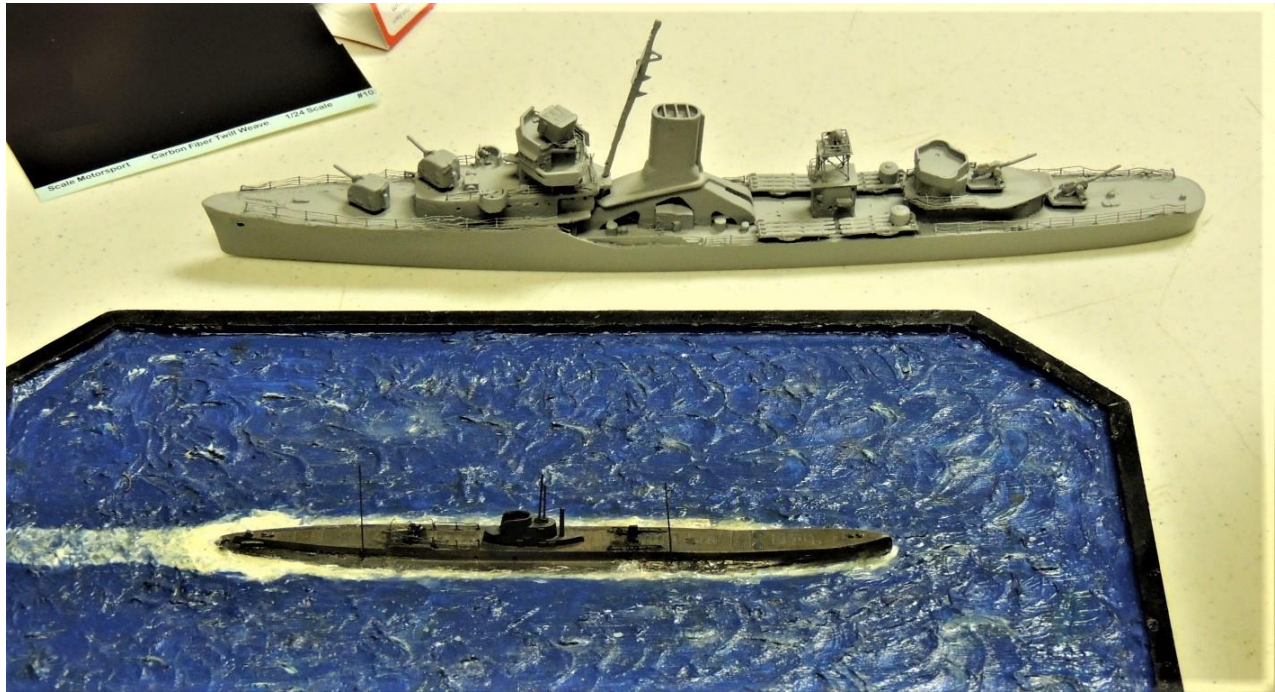
Jeff East: In keeping with the nautical theme, our resident ship historian and modeler, Jeff East, brought two examples of his handiwork. Despite being in 1/350 scale, Jeff's resin WW I German U-Boat is small. The submarine is a full-hull model and represents the German U-Boat fleet which sunk approximately 200,000 tons of shipping during WW I. Jeff has developed a successful method for doing water bases for his ship models which is very realistic.



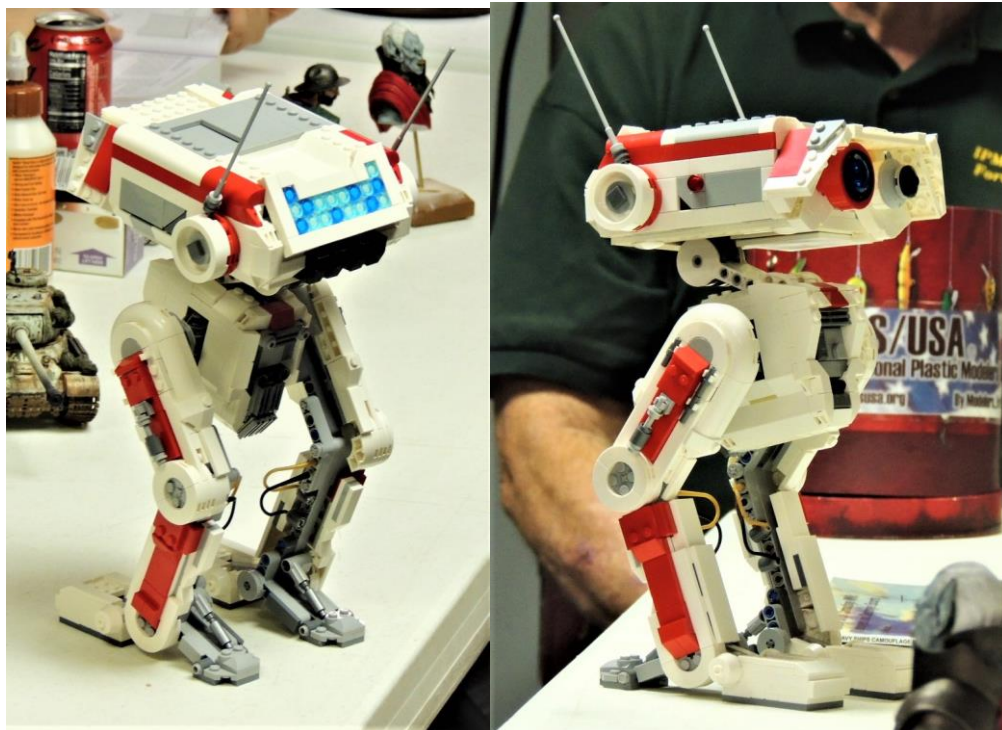
The second model by Jeff is a WIP of a 1/350 scale resin Bagley class US Navy destroyer. It's looking good, but Jeff says he still has problems working with photo-etched (PE) railings, even in the larger 1/350 scale ships.



The German U-Boat and the USS Bagley class destroyer are both in 1/350 scale. Here's a photo showing the size comparison between the two ships.



Timothy East: Tim has developed an interest in Lego models. The larger ones take a considerable amount of time to complete, but look amazingly good when done well. Tim has that skill. Here is his Lego kit of the BD-1 from the Star Wars "Jedi Fall in Order" game.



Meir Israel: Meir likes Sci-Fi and Gundam modeling, but he is adventurous at times, too. Tonight, he brought his WIP Revell 1/25 scale 2015 Corvette C7R race car. It's his first car model and is coming along quite nicely. The body is painted yellow, covered with decals, and the chassis is separate and painted all black. Meir has used decals to simulate carbon fiber components and says to make sure your surface is super smooth before you apply those decals. He used Mr. Color GX300 clear coat paint, applied with an airbrush. In addition, he's used after-market 5-point seat belts for more realism. A really nice effort for a first car model. Keep up the good work!



Eric Gonzalez: Eric is on a Star Wars kick. He's done a 1/12 scale Speeder Bike from the "Return of the Jedi" movie and intends to sculpt an Ewok rider to complete the model to his satisfaction. Even rider-less, it looks fantastic.



An MPC 1/35 scale "A-Wing" fighter from the "Return of the Jedi" Star Wars movie is on Eric's work bench. It's a WIP now, but he commented, somewhat humorously about the giant pilot figure included in the kit. It dwarfs the fighter like King Kong dwarfed the Empire State Building! LOL Looking forward to seeing what Mr. Gonzalez does with this one.



Jim Hutchins: Jim brought three figure busts that represent a varied collection of genres. They are good practice, according to him, to perfect figure painting techniques. He spent about two days per figure cleaning and painting, using Pro Acrylic flat paints. The end results are worth the effort! The first is a bust he acquired over the Internet of a 1/10 scale vampire in a very good rendition of body armor.



Jim also did an Andrea Models bust of a Templar Knight crusader.



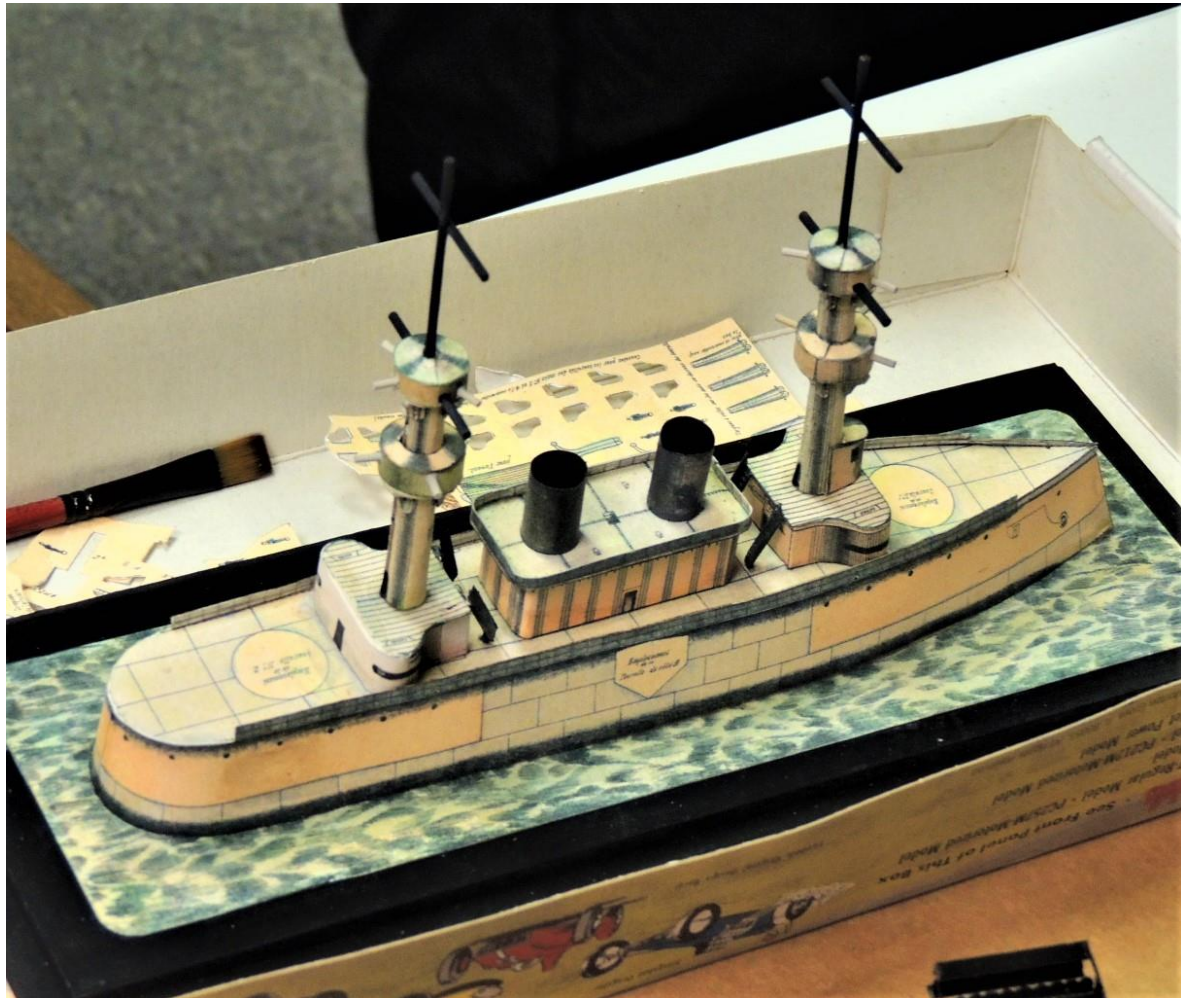
Followed by a Young Miniature bust of a European noble knight.



Mark Lemanski: Mark brought models in three different mediums which is a good way to showcase his skills in diverse media. All of them looked excellent and they cover everything from automobiles to firearms! First up is a 1/24 scale Revell 1932 Ford Snap-Type kit. It's a very versatile kit that allows both fender and Hi-Boy options to be built from the kit. He says that it is a very good kit for being a snap-kit and he finished it in a medium purple scheme.

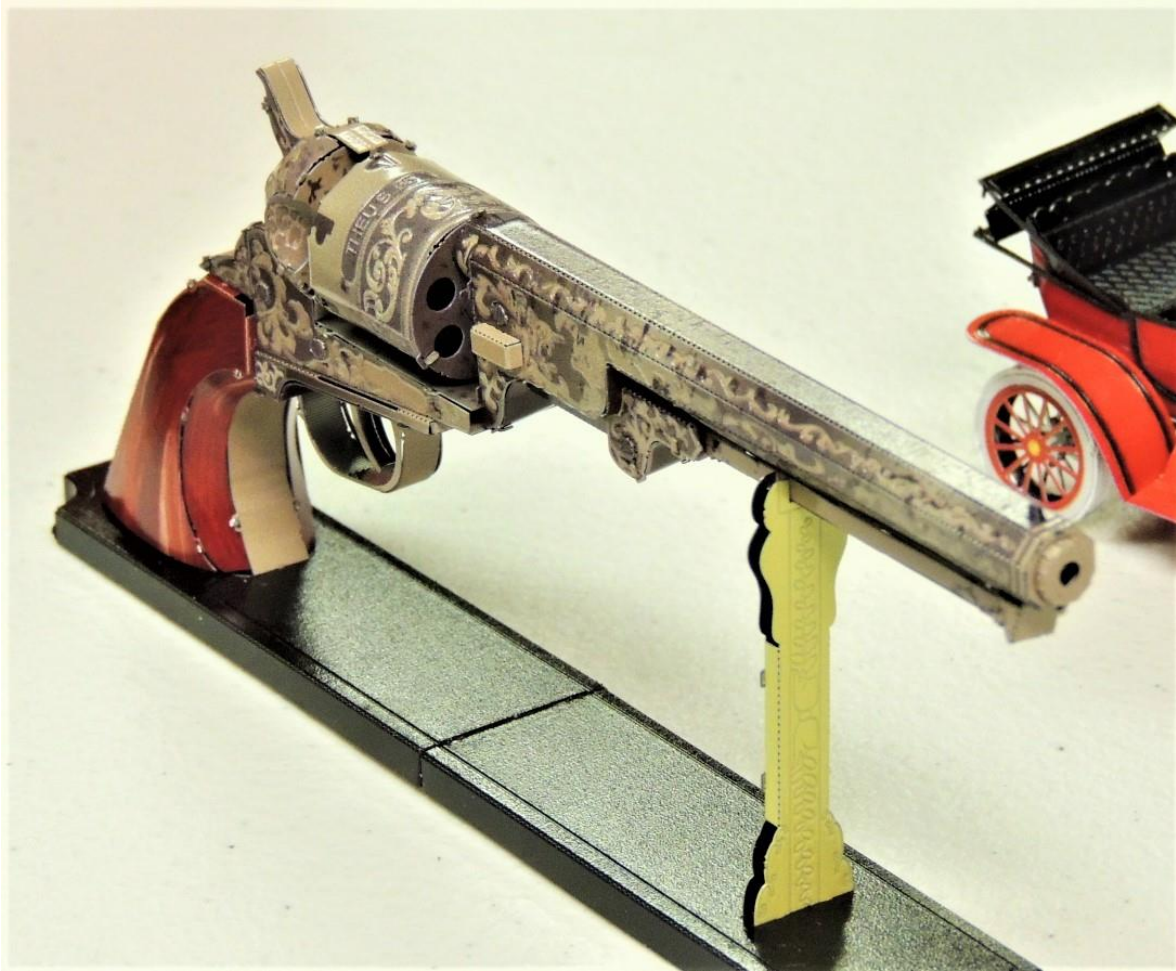


Next on display was an Imaginaire cardstock ship model in an approximate 1/300 scale that Mark assembled using Elmer's white glue.



Most of us have seen Metal Earth models (they are carried by Hobby Lobby) which are photo-etched metal sheets that can be assembled into 3-dimensional models without glue. The parts are cut from the flat metal sheets and finished by inserting the metal tabs into slots and folding them. We don't see many completed Metal Earth kits, but people should be inspired to attempt a few after seeing Mark's finished examples. He says experience in forming and bending metal parts is helpful when tackling Metal Earth kits. Here are his 1912 Ford Model "T" car and a 1936 US Navy cap and ball pistol, both made from Metal Earth kits.





RAFFLE: Tonight's raffle was a brand new kit by Border Models in 1/35 scale of an Fw-190A-6 German fighter from World War II. It is a completely new mold and was won by Eric Gonzalez.



The next club meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 14, 2023**, starting at 7:30pm at the First Church of the Nazarene, 916 NE 4 ST, Pompano Beach FL 33060. See you all there!

REMEMBER: We need to have one of the club members volunteer to assume the club **TREASURER** position/duties at the upcoming **September 14, 2023**, meeting. It is an important position and it needs to be filled **ASAP** in connection with the club conversion to a non-profit corporate entity.

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

Minutes recorded by Chickey P. Garbonzo....