

**IPMS-Flight 19  
July 8, 2021**

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

7:40pm – 9:30pm

Members and Guests in attendance

Tim Bryant	Dillon LeBlanc
Scott Caldwell	Mark Mirin
Jim Decker	JT Occhialini
Lynn Delacroix	Eric Olson
Jeff East	Chuck Patterson
Peter Frearson	Adam Weinstein
David Kennedy	

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff East at 7:40pm.

NOTE: Attendance at tonight's meeting was hindered by extremely bad weather in south Florida, including lightning and heavy rain/thunderstorms

**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 about five months 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 and social distancing protocols while the Covid-19 virus is still rampant in our community. **The club is now meeting in a different room at the church**—it is much larger and has better lighting than our traditional meeting room. The new room is on the east side of the church, next to the gymnasium. Many club members will recognize it as a spill-over room used for aircraft model displays during our previous contests held at the church. The new room makes it much easier

and more comfortable to comply with the church's Covid-19 protocols. **It is possible that the church will relax its Covid-19 protocols in light of recent Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations, BUT until we are notified by the church of any changes, the current face mask and social distancing protocols will remain in effect.** The club meetings have been designed to conform with the face-to-face protocols as follow:

\*All unvaccinated 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, 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, if we are using an exceptionally large room, 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 snacks such as candy bars can be consumed on premises

#### **2021 REGIONAL CONTEST FOR IPMS REGION 11: IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Flight 19's Modelfest X 2021 was to be the 2021 Regional Contest for IPMS Region 11 originally to be held on Saturday, MARCH 6, 2021, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center in Pompano Beach, Florida. However, as previously announced, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, **Modelfest X 2021 HAS BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.** At this time, it is unlikely that Modelfest X 2021 will take place in 2021.

#### **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). Presuming that there will not be a Flight 19 contest/show in 2021, all those contest themes, categories and special awards will flow over to MODELFEST 2022. Watch for future **MODELFEST 2022** contest announcements on the IPMS Flight 19 Facebook page.

**GROUP PHOTOS:** Here is a selection of group photographs to brighten (or frighten) your day! Most of the member photos show the consistent use of facemasks by unvaccinated members in accord with church Covid-19 protocols. You can also see how the club is practicing social distancing during the meeting. Enjoy the photos.





**GROUP BUILD:** Flight 19's first 2021 group build display took place during the April 2021 club meeting where participants displayed their 8" X 10" dioramas and subjects. There were many interesting and creative models and displays to be seen! The second 2021 group build involves Snap-Tite kits. All participants need only 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(s) and start building as soon as possible since the second **group build display** is now scheduled for our August 2021 club meeting which will be held on **August 12, 2021**. We are looking forward to seeing some really nice Snap-Tite type models on display. **PARTICIPATE!**

Flight 19 members previously agreed to a third group build for a Sci-Fi/Spaceship theme for anything that “leaves the planet Earth.” It will be called the **“Off the Planet” group build** and, so far, seven members have committed to build an appropriate model. The due date for completion was tentatively set for our **October 14, 2021**, meeting.

***Please feel free to suggest other topics/models for future group builds. They provide an opportunity to model something different without the expense and stress of competition. Let's make modeling fun, again!***

**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.

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 Rumrunners:** IPMS Rumrunners have recently decided to resume 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.” Anyone interested in joining the Rumrunners “What's App” video chat group should also contact Lonnie Berry at [C46A@aol.com](mailto:C46A@aol.com) for details.

**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 postponed Modelfest X 2021 and the newly scheduled MODLEFEST 2022.

### **\*Upcoming Show Announcements:**

**Modelfest X 2021 Contest, Pompano Beach FL (*INDEFINITELY Postponed*)**

**Aug. 18-21, 2021 - IPMS Nationals, Las Vegas NV**

10/22-24/ 2021—**Modelpalooza**, Kissimmee FL

11/13/2021—**Southlandz 16<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Show/Contest**, Largo 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**

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**2022 IPMS Nationals, Omaha NE**

**2023 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX**

### **Hobby Industry News:**

**\*Squadron Mail Order** has announced it is back in business after new owners acquired its assets after Squadron filed for bankruptcy earlier in 2021. The website is: <http://www.squadron.com>.

**\*Kitty Hawk and Panda Models:** Hyperscale.com has reported that Kitty Hawk and Panda Models are ceasing operations. No one in the club was able to confirm this claim, but it hasn't been refuted, either.

**\*Model Expo:** Model Expo is primarily an online retailer of wood ship model kits, plastic model airplane, ship and car kits, and supplies and accessories. A few months ago, Model Expo hosted a couple of local Saturday "walk-in" sales in Miami for vintage and over-stocked kits. While those events were very successful, they have apparently been placed on hold for the foreseeable future. For more information, visit: <https://modelexpo-online.com/store.html>

### **General Discussion:**

**\*Ralph Severino:** Many of you already know that Ralph suffered a serious stroke on June 18<sup>th</sup> and he is now undergoing physical therapy in a residential rehabilitation facility. Fortunately, his speech and mental faculties were not affected, but he has very limited or no use of his left side (fortunately, he is right-handed). According to him, his doctors have said that he has a good chance of a full recovery, but it will take a lot of determination and effort in rehab. Ralph is up to the task and in good spirits. We look forward to hearing of his steady progress in recovery.

### **Kindle E-Books—Aviation Themes on Sale:**

Amazon.com has recently listed some interesting aviation related E-Books on its Kindle platform that have amazingly (no pun intended) low purchase prices. Here are a few examples for those of you who have or are interested in Kindle E-Books:

1. A biography on **Dick Bong** (America's highest scoring fighter pilot of all time) written by Gen. George Kenney. \$.99 cents
2. A biography on **Joe Foss**, a WW II USMC fighter pilot, recipient of the Medal of Honor and former Governor of South Dakota. \$.99 cents
3. A book on **B-29 Superfortresses** by Gene Gurney. \$.99 cents
4. A new book to be published in October 2021 entitled, "**Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club**," about US Naval aviation operations during the Vietnam War. \$1.99 (the hardcopy version of this book lists for \$30)

**\*Model Contests:** Generally, 2020 and most 2021 model contests have been canceled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, although some contests are beginning to advertise contest dates and places (see listing, above). The first 2021 contest in Florida was the JAXCON which was held on April 10, 2021, in Jacksonville, Florida. Modelpalooza is planned for October 22-24, 2021, in Kissimmee, Florida.

**Our Modelfest X 2021 Region 11 contest has been indefinitely postponed due to the pandemic and, in all probability, will not be held in 2021.** Flight 19 will maintain its line of communication with the City of Pompano Beach and will reschedule Modelfest X 2021 if a firm date can be confirmed by the City of Pompano Beach that will not conflict with any other potential 2021 contests in Florida. However, there is no guarantee that Modelfest X 2021 will be held during 2021 and, at this time, it appears unlikely to be held in 2021.

**\*MODELFEST 2022 Contest:** Despite the fact that Modelfest X 2021 has been indefinitely postponed because of the Pandemic, IPMS Flight 19 will host **MODELFEST 2022 on March 5, 2022**, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center in Pompano Beach, Florida. Progress continues to be made "behind the scenes" such that all the preparations in place for the postponed Modelfest X 2021 will spill over to MODELFEST 2022. Peter Frearson, Chief Contest Judge, announced during our July 2021 meeting, subject to member approval, that starting with MODELFEST 2022, judging will switch to a Gold/Silver/Bronze award system instead of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards. Last month a discussion followed Peter's announcement regarding the pros and cons of each award system and **the club voted to adopt the Gold/Silver/Bronze award system beginning with MODELFEST 2022.** In addition, 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. These changes will be addressed and refined in future club meetings. It was also agreed that each member would donate one "good" model kit to be added to the MODELFEST 2022 kit raffle stash.

Butch Bryan has previously announced that a 3-D printer has been donated for the Modelfest X 2021 raffle and that will be shifted to MODELFEST 2022. 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 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Spitfire fighter plane. 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.) Details to follow in subsequent club meetings!

**\*Jeff East:** Jeff is still looking for someone to return his \$100 book on aircraft modeling. As you may recall, it was being circulated among various club members, but it hasn’t appeared in a number of months. Whoever is in possession of Jeff’s book, please get in touch with him to make arrangements to return it to him.

**\*Show & Tell:**

**Lynn Delacroix:** Lynn, our resident creative artist, believes in lifelong education and takes various academic courses to inspire her creativity and stimulate her mind. One of her professors had an assignment to design something in the shape of an “X” that was creative, inspiring and was made of wood. Lynn jumped on that one and designed what might be called a Pyrotechique Tower. Obviously, it has an “X” shape and it’s made of wood—and wood matches! It’s desgined to have flames climb one side of the “X.” We took it outside to “light the fire,” but the matches were slightly damp due to the crappy weather that we had been experiencing and would not ignite. None of the club members had a cigarette lighter, so the fire show was postponed. Here are a few photos of her design.



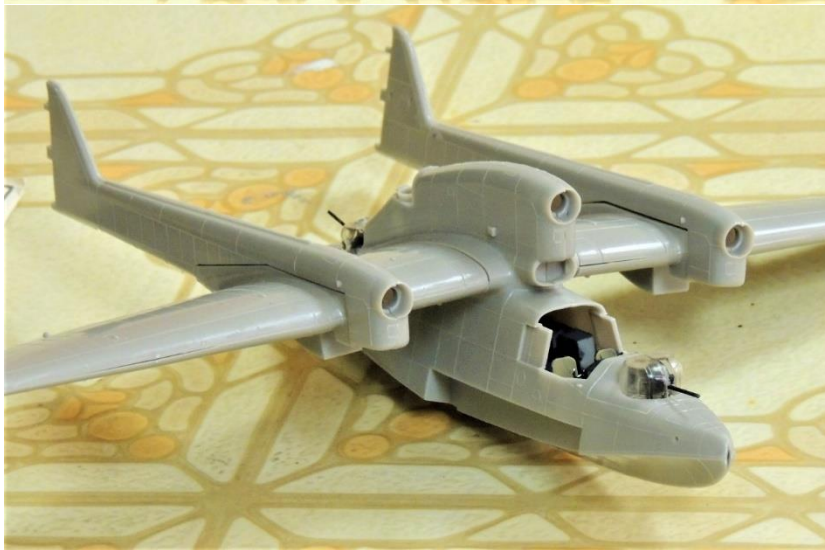


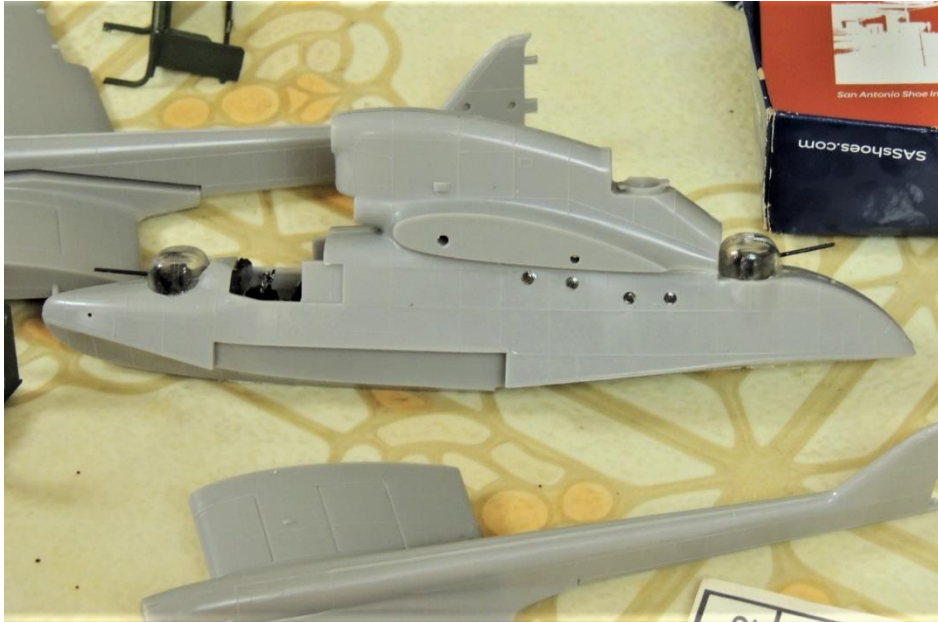
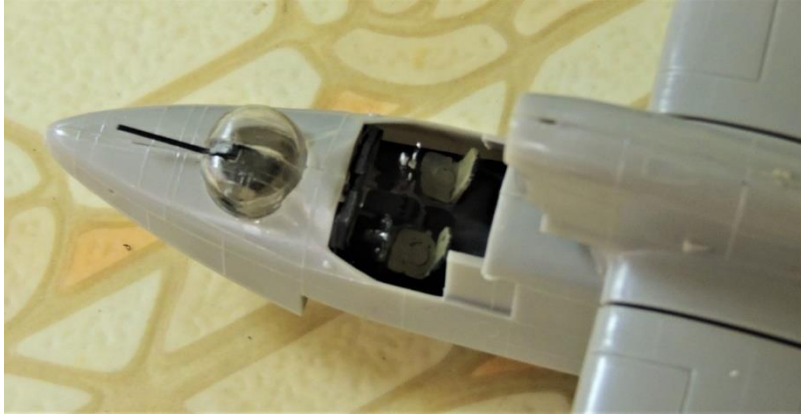
**Jeff East:** President (possibly for life) East brought a work-in-progress (WIP) Accurate Miniatures 1/48 scale P-51 model. Jeff said, in his opinion, that the kit, which was the first one put out by Accurate Miniatures, was not really well designed. The fuselage, instead of being full left and right vertical sides, has a front to back matching design. That makes getting rid of seam lines harder as well as requiring precise alignment. Jeff used Mike Skurda's idea and previously made a homemade, small rotary sander out of a battery-powered electric toothbrush where flexible disks of varying sandpaper grades could be used. The advantage of flexibility is that disks can conform to curved surfaces. It made aligning and removing seam lines easier than hand sanding. That being said, he still felt that kit required excessive sanding. On the other hand, he felt that the cockpit interior was well designed and looked good when assembled. One of Jeff's quests is to use brown tinged olive drab paint (as opposed to green tinged olive drab paint). He used such an olive drab paint from the Vallejo China-Burma-India paint collection and was quite satisfied how the color looks on the model. We look forward to seeing the completed P-51 next month!



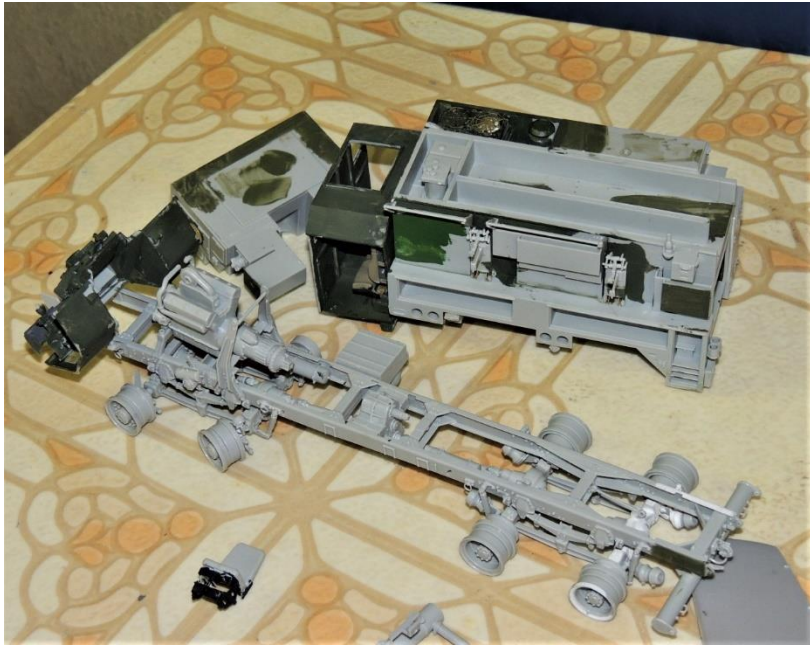
**Mark Mirin:** Mark brought two WIP models to the club tonight. The first is the Supermodel (from Italy) 1/72 scale Blohm and Voss BV-138 Luftwaffe seaplane from WW II. It is a most unusual tri-motored seaplane, although there have been some modern turboprop seaplanes based on a similar design from Germany. The plane was used for search and rescue missions during WW II so it was a blessing for any downed airman to see one in flight. Mark said that the instructions

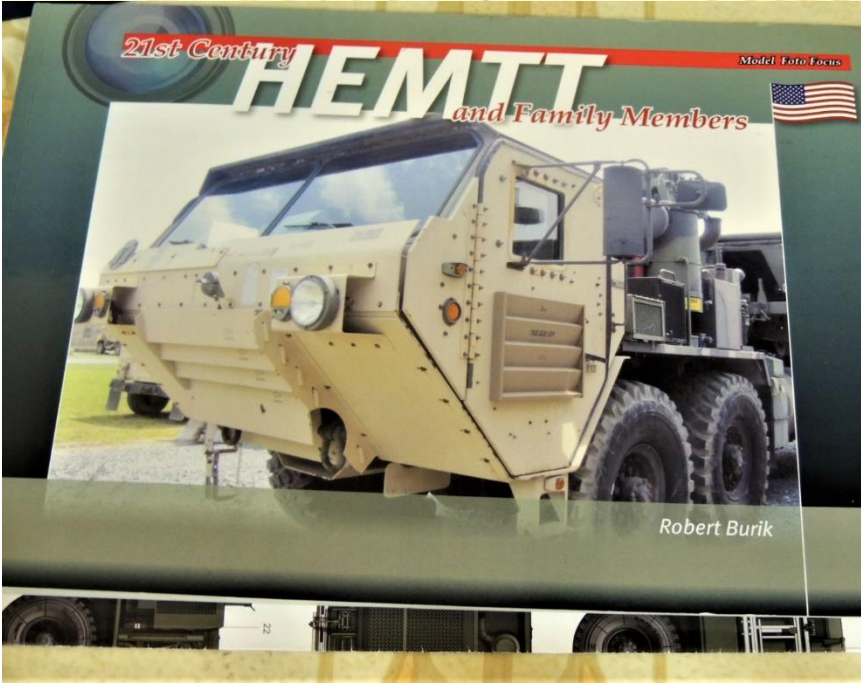
were terrible. While there were part numbers on the diagrams in the instructions, there were no part numbers embossed on the plastic sprues! In addition, the kit plastic is very soft and can be hard to work with. He lost the kit decals, but that doesn't matter since he thinks they would have been useless anyway. Instead of using the clear plastic porthole windows supplied in the kit, Mark used white glue. Those windows came out very clear and look realistic. Mark chose to do this kit, because he really likes the tri-motor configuration and the twin booms.





Mark's 1/35 scale Trumpeter HEMTT Combat Fire Truck kit is progressing well, although Mark says it's not the perfect kit for anyone who hasn't built a kit in 30 years! He's decided to progress through the build by adopting a "module" mentality. The theory is to build a number of individual modules that end up being combined to create the finished model. He also said that he is working with photo-etched (P/E) parts for the first time and that he feels they will really enhance the finished model. One problem area relates to colors, exterior and interior: the instructions do not identify any specific colors or paint brands that should be used on the model. On the other hand, Mark praised Trumpeter's customer service. He needed some replacement and extra sprues for this and one other project and contacted Trumpeter to obtain those sprues. He had no problem ordering them, paid for them using Paypal and they were shipped quickly from China to his home. Good for Trumpeter! Each month, Mark gets a little closer to finishing this unique fire truck.





**Adam Weinstein:** Last, but not least, are Adam's models which are always creative and unique! The first is a metal diecast kit by ABC Briance, an Italian company, in 1/43 scale of a Hispano Suiza K6 transporter from the 1930's that was used to transport race cars. It is available from Model Expo for about \$80. According to Adam, the instructions are terrible and there are only about 25 parts in the kit! He is also using some very small P/E parts and has replaced the headlights with clear crystals that he purchased from a Michaels' store. The prototype transporter was painted white, but Adam opted for a metallic blue/lavender color that looks very good on the model.

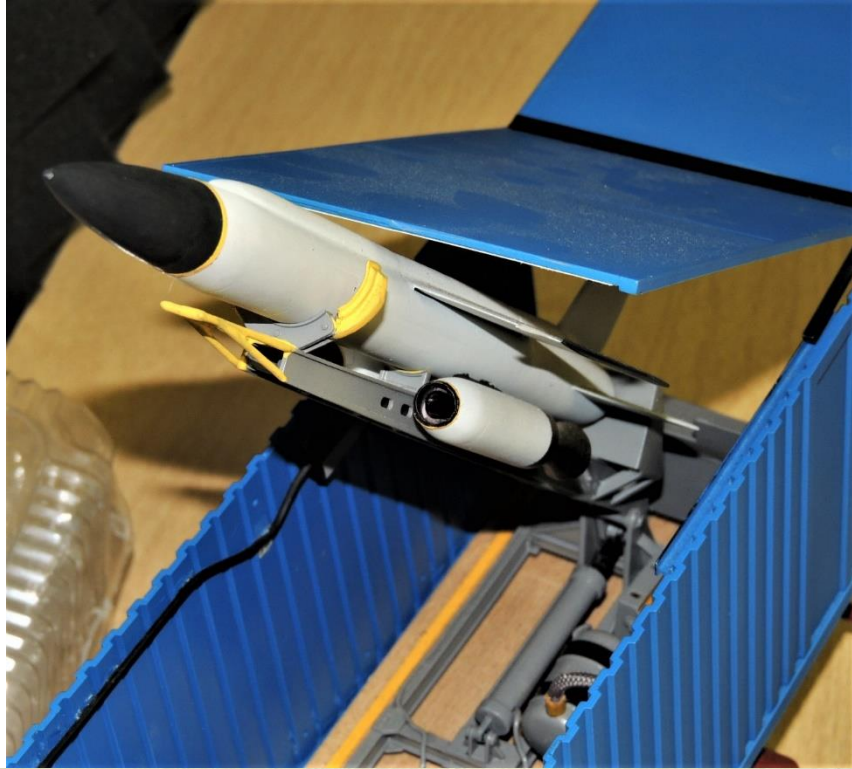


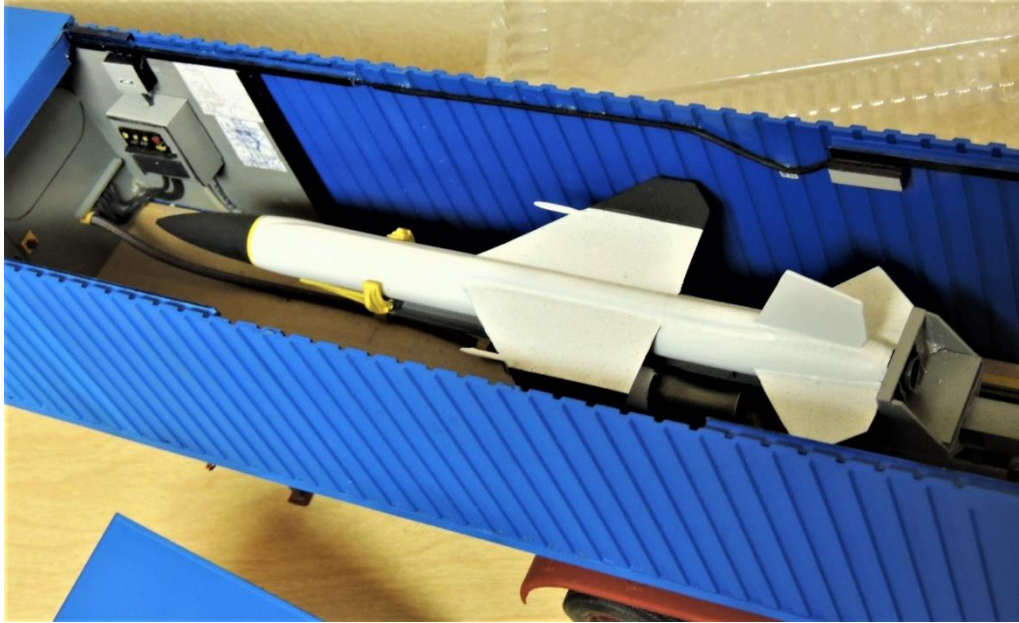
Adam's next model is a 1/24 scale 3-D printed model by Ice Man Collections of an electric dirt bike racer. It took him about an hour and a half just to carefully remove the parts from the 3-D sprue before he began construction. It is a very fragile, small kit when completed and that is why Adam attached the dirt bike to the base. Decals came from a friend of his who makes custom decals and they really complement the finished model.



The last model presented by Adam is the result of his reading about a supposed conspiracy of the Chinese to build missile launching cargo containers that are non-descript and unassuming. The conspiracy plot is that they will be placed in Walmart and shopping mall parking lots and missiles would be launched by remote control by the Chinese to attack the US. Ain't the Internet great? Far-fetched, but worthy of a model by Adam! He used an Italeri/Revell 1/24 scale 48' cargo container model along with a Revell History Maker 1/40 scale kit of a Bomarc missile on a launcher to create his missile launcher conspiracy model. Unusual in the extreme, but still interesting. Good work Adam! Don't forget to duck and cover....







**Raffle Prize:** There was no raffle at tonight's meeting.

**The next club meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2021, starting at 7:30pm at the First Church of the Nazarene, 916 NE 4 ST, Pompano Beach FL 33060.**

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

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