

**IPMS-Flight 19
January 14, 2021**

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

Members and Guests in attendance:

Gene Beadle	Eric Gonzalez
Butch Bryan	Dillon LeBlanc
Tim Bryant	Mark Mirin
Scott Caldwell	Eric Olson
Jeff East	Mike Skurda
Timothy East	Matt Ziegler

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

SPECIAL NOTE: THIS IS THE FOURTH FACE-TO-FACE CLUB MEETING SINCE THE COVID-19 NATIONAL HEALTH EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED IN MARCH 2020.

WHILE WE HELD VIRTUAL “ZOOM” MEETINGS IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2020, THERE WILL BE NO MINUTES POSTED FOR THOSE MEETINGS. FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES MOST OF WHAT WAS DISPLAYED AND DISCUSSED AT THOSE MEETINGS WAS COVERED DURING OUR OCTOBER 8, 2020, MEETING AND IS CONTAINED IN THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 2020 MEETING.

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 a year 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 protocols while the Covid-19 virus is still rampant in our community. Fortunately, the church was recently able to authorize face-to-face meetings on its premises. The club meetings have been designed to conform with the face-to-face protocols as follow:

*All 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 at the front of the room, 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 will be the 2021 Regional Contest for IPMS Region 11. It will be a one day event, that was originally scheduled to be held on Saturday, MARCH 6, 2021, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, Pompano Beach, Florida. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Modelfest X 2021 HAS BEEN POST-PONED until at least JUNE 19, 2021. At the present time, the City of Pompano Beach has not been able to confirm the June 19, 2021, date due to the pandemic, although the City is unofficially holding that date for the club event.

GROUP BUILDS: The club is engaged in **TWO** group build projects. There is lots of room for creativity in the **first group build**. There is no modeling subject specified for the build. Instead, participants will construct 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” base. The **8” X 10” diorama base “contest”** will be held during the **April 2021 meeting on April 8, 2021**. The **second group build** is easier to define—just 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 and start building as soon as possible. **The “contest” date for the Snap-Tite build will be determined after the April 2021 club meeting takes place.**

***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 Rumrunners: Due to the COVID-19 National Health Emergency ban on large group meetings in Miami-Dade County and the increasing incidence of COVID-19 cases in south Florida, members of IPMS Rumrunners have recently suspended, until further notice, face-to-face Saturday breakfast meetings at the Chuck Wagon Restaurant in South Miami. Rumrunners has also suspended, until further notice, its Saturday informal meetings/gatherings at the Micro Macro Mundo hobby shop in South Dade. Anyone interested in joining the Rumrunners “What’s App” video chat group should contact Lonnie Berry at 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 2021 Regional Contest for IPMS Region 11 (Modelfest X 2021) which is being sponsored by Flight 19.

Club Dues: Club dues for 2021 are now payable. The annual dues are \$20 and can be paid at the February 11, 2021, club meeting.

IPMS CHARTER for Flight 19: President East reported that Flight 19 has been successfully re-chartered by IPMS for 2021.

***Upcoming Show Announcements:**

January 2021—Toy Soldier Show has been **CANCELLED**

6/19/2021—Modelfest X 2021 REGION 11 Contest, Pompano Beach FL (TENTATIVE DATE)

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

2021 IPMS Nationals, Las Vegas NV

2022 IPMS Nationals, Omaha NE

2023 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX

Hobby Industry News:

Squadron Mail Order (MMD) has apparently ceased business operations this past week. This is a sad event for the plastic model hobby, because Squadron has been a major mail order retailer since the 1960’s. Fortunately, for hobbyists, there are reputable Internet retailers still operating, although Squadron will be sorely missed by many.

***West Coast Hobby Shops:** Butch Bryan reported that he made a recent “West Coast” trip to visit **Victory Models** at its new location in Fort Myers Beach and **Family Hobbies** in Naples, Florida. (To stem the spread of Covid-19, Family Hobbies has been requiring face masks and has hand sanitizer available for use by customers.) Generally, online purchases are possible if anyone

wants to order models or supplies from these hobby shops. Butch said that **Victory Models** has a new owner and has finally relocated to 17274 San Carlos Blvd., Ste 211, Fort Myers Beach FL 33931 [Telephone (239) 332-0422]. The venue is smaller than its old shop and they are still unpacking stock, but there is a great selection of kits, paints, model magazines and aftermarket goodies. Victory has a split emphasis on modeling with about half the store devoted to model trains and the other half serving plastic model aircraft and related interests. All-in-all, Butch said it is a worthwhile trip if anyone wants to drive over to Victory Models. **Family Hobbies** is also worth visiting if you go over to the west coast. Family Hobbies has plastic kits, and also sells various supplies, including plastic stock such as Evergreen Plastics. While Family Hobbies is a small venue it, too, is worth visiting on any trip to the West coast.

General Discussion:

***Model Contests:** Generally, model contests have been canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It appears that the first contest that *may* be held could be Flight 19's Modelfest X 2021 REGION 11 Contest which is *tentatively* re-scheduled for June 19, 2021, in Pompano Beach, Florida. Hopefully, the Covid-19 crisis will be under control by then so our contest will be able to be held as scheduled. If this materializes there should be a great deal of interest among local and state model clubs and modelers to attend the Modelfest X 2021 REGION 11 Contest in June 2021.

***Modelfest X 2021 REGION 11 Contest:** Progress is being made "behind the scenes" despite the Covid-19 virus restrictions and the lack of a confirmed event date by the City of Pompano Beach. Butch Bryan has previously announced that a 3-D printer has been donated for the Modelfest X 2021 raffle. 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 85th anniversary of the Spitfire fighter plane. Butch Bryan is also working on seeing 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!

***Flight 19 Christmas 2020 Meeting:** Our traditional Christmas meeting where pizza and Buffalo chicken wings are served was, out of necessity, different this year—no food. The church Covid-19 protocols prohibit consumption of food on the premises. Instead, our December meeting substituted as a giant kit swap meet. There were approximately 23 members present and lots of kits/money were happily exchanged. As is traditional, minutes of the December meeting are not prepared, but everyone who attended the meeting had great fun and fellowship.

***Model Expo:** One of our club members, Adam Weinstein, is employed by Model Expo a local hobby retailer that specializes in online catalog sales of hobby kits, tools and supplies. While Model Expo is primarily known for designing and selling wooden ship kits, it has many more hobby lines and options for modelers. In addition to a whole array of tools, Model Expo also sells plastic model kits and supplies. For example, aircraft, armor, and car kits along with wood ship kits are carried for sale online. Brands, include Revell-Germany, Atlantis-Models, Italeri, Tamiya, Airfix, Revell/Monogram kits, as well as Vallejo paints and Model Air paints, among others. The Model Expo website is found at <http://www.modelexpo-online.com>.

***David Kennedy:** David underwent cancer surgery in November 2020 and, happily, reports that the surgery was successful. He is undergoing rehabilitation and is being taught how to use his voice generating apparatus. Hopefully, we will be able to see him at club meetings in the next few months. Keep up the good work, David, and stay safe.

***Show & Tell:**

Jeff East: Jeff brought two models for Show & Tell tonight. The first is his Airfix 1/48 scale Hawker Hurricane RAF fighter from World War II (WW II). He rescribed the kit and had previously painted it, BUT it suffered a minor accident and had to be stripped and repainted. Jeff chose to do it in a Battle of Britain scheme, too. He says it is a good kit, but it gave him one major problem when he attempted to join one of the upper wings with the lower wing. The wing spar, which is molded as part of the lower wing half, was too high on the lower, left wing. That prevented him from joining the wing halves together until he sanded down the top part of the wing spar. The second kit Jeff brought was an experiment for him. He used the PM Models 1/72 scale kit of the German Fock Wolf Ta-183 Huckerbein as a test kit for learning to scribe plastic and for painting. For a 1/72 scale kit, it is sure appears to be large when placed next to his 1/48 scale Hurricane.

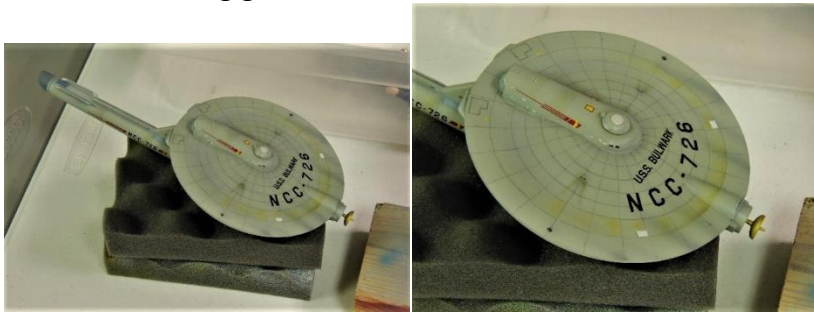


Eric Gonzalez: Mr. Gonzalez is working on a work-in-progress (WIP) that is a 1/6 scale Horizon vinyl model of "Captain America." He brought the figure to the November 2020 club meeting and a photo of it, in its "raw" state after assembly, is shown below. Eric is going to finish Captain America using Tamiya acrylic airbrush paints. It's not quite finished, but he brought it to our meeting. So far, he's managed to airbrush a metallic blue shade of paint over areas that will be

represented by Captain America's costume. We look forward to this figure being finished in the near future. He did comment that vinyl kits take a lot of effort to assemble so that seams do not become noticeable. Eric has done an excellent job putting Captain America together!



Eric is one of our Sci-Fi modelers, and a good one at that! He is presently converting the Polar Lights 1/1,000 scale kit of the Starship Enterprise into a destroyer class starship called the USS Bulwark. Looking good!



Most modelers try to stretch their skills to the limit in order to improve those skills and also produce unique and inspiring models. Eric has done just that. He acquired two Hasbro 1/12 scale pre-painted, figurines and, using acrylics paints, has re-worked their faces to produce much more realistic figurines of two Star Wars characters: Obe Wan Kanobe and Luke Skywalker. Take a look for yourselves:



Mike Skurda: Mike is the president of the South Florida Toy Soldier club, but he brought a very different figure to display this evening. In anticipation of the club "snap-tite" type of kit group build, Mike has assembled and painted a snap together Ban Dai kit of the Japanese character,

“Son Goku.” It is an eye-catching, colorful figure. He said that it was a pretty good kit and a relatively easy build, too.



Butch Bryan: As usual, Butch has brought a Sci-Fi model to the meeting, but he also brought an airplane WIP. He's a glutton for punishment as evidenced by his choice of kit: the AMT 1/650 scale Starship Enterprise kit. This is an old-mold and has tons of errors (at least for Star Trek fans). Butch is modifying and correcting as many of the kit's errors as possible and is making great progress.

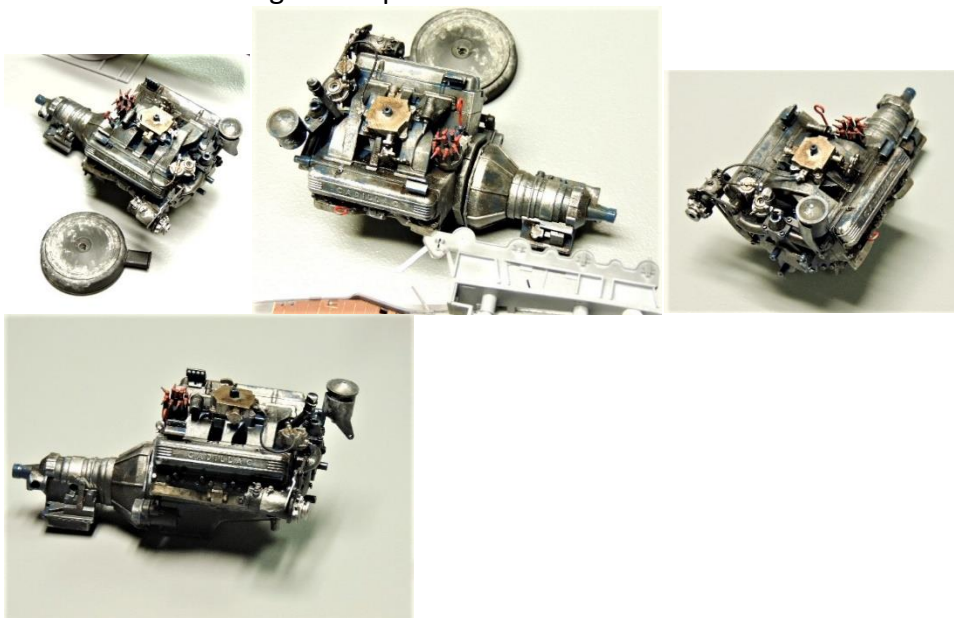


His venture into aircraft modeling is represented by the Academy 1/72 scale Hawker Typhoon. This is a kit that Butch says is great and goes together very well. He's using Vallejo acrylic paints and used Silly Putty to mask the camouflage scheme. Bet you didn't know Silly Putty could still be of interest to us adults!

Mark Mirin: Mark brought two model kits for the club members to see and ogle. The first was Trumpeter's 1/35 scale M1142 Hemitt tactical fire fighting truck. The kit contains over 720 pieces and, according to Mark, is over-engineered. He is actually building the model and has so far constructed some wheel trucks and a chassis frame. Each wheel truck contains about 50 individual pieces and there are at least 60 pieces in the chassis frame. Whew! The second kit was the Academy 1/48 scale MH-53H Sea Dragon mine-laying helicopter. Mark hasn't started this kit, yet, but it sure looks nice in the box.

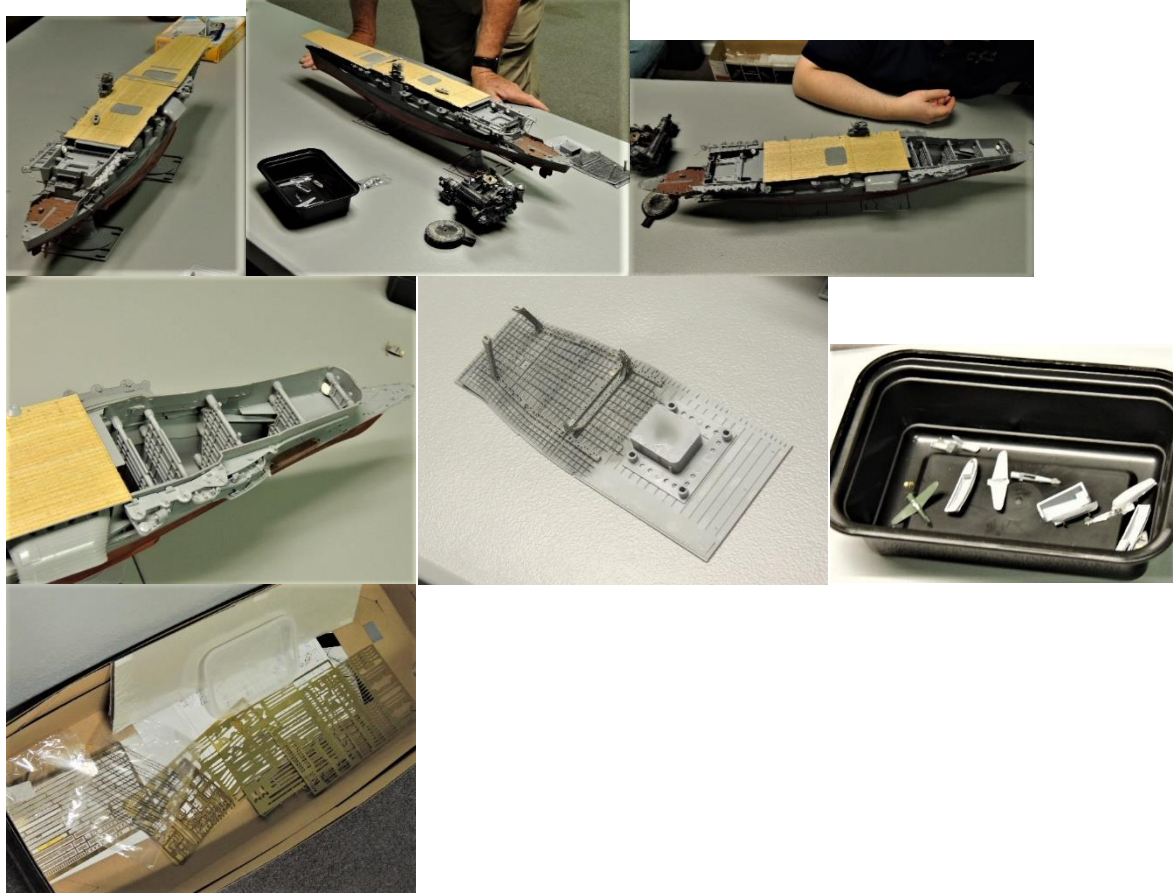


Tim Bryant: Tim, one of our eclectic modelers, brought a couple of interesting WIP models to the meeting. He's subscribed to a mail-order kit of the Eagle Moss 1/16 scale diecast/plastic kit of the ECTO-1 Cadillac hearse from the movie, "Ghostbusters." Over a 24 month period, he will be receiving parts to eventually complete the model. So far, he's received about four months' worth of parts just to build the engine for the hearse. As Tim said, it's mostly a diecast model with some plastic parts, but the engine looks really great. This is due in large part to Tim's masterful weathering techniques.



As we know, Tim likes to build ship models, and his Hasegawa 1/350 scale IJN aircraft carrier, Akagi, is far along in development. He's completed most of the ship and has detailed the interior hull bulkheads and, even, the undersides of the flight deck! The real Akagi was built on a cruiser

hull and has the distinctive flat upper superstructure common to IJN aircraft carriers in WW II. Tim acquired an aftermarket wooden flight deck for the model as well as four aftermarket PE metal sheets (containing about 12 PE sheets, in total). There are probably two dozen 1/350 scale Japanese fighter planes included in the kit and the PE sheets contain parts for the cockpit tubs! Tim better get a good set of magnifying glasses before he tackles the details of his Akagi kit. It will be outstanding when it's completed.



Dillon LeBlanc: Dillon “used” to be one of our junior modelers, but he’s progressing so well that we’ve promoted him to “modeler.” He likes to build aircraft and he brought a couple of real beauties to the meeting. The first is a huge Hobby Boss 1/18 scale kit of a Hawker Harrier jump jet. It is a WIP and it is BIG. Dillon paid about \$150 for the kit and he’s working on detailing the engine and engine bay at this stage of construction. According to him, the cockpit design could be improved since it doesn’t quite fit correctly into its designated spot in the nose of the aircraft.

He modified the cockpit tub slightly so that he could achieve the fit that he wanted. This is one model that will be eye-catching when he gets it finished. Note: That's a 1/48 scale F-4J Phantom II next to the Harrier in the photos below.



Last, but not least, is Dillon's Academy 1/48 scale F-4J Phantom II model in the markings of VF-102, "Diamondbacks." It is also a WIP, but it's pretty close to being completed. Dillon is using the kit decals and said that it is a good kit. At \$50, it's not cheap, but it's worth the money. The cockpit could be detailed a little better right out of the box, but he used the pilot and radar intercept officer figures to cover up any deficiencies. Regardless, it looks fantastic. Keep up the good work.



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



Raffle Prize: Tonight's raffle prize was a shrink wrapped kit of the AFV Club 1/35 scale Achilles Mk.IIc British 17 Pounder Anti-Tank Self-Propelled Gun which was won by a very happy Tim Bryant. Congratulations, Tim.



The next club meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 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 9:40pm.
Minutes recorded by Eric Olson....