

**IPMS-Flight 19  
August 11, 2022**

Meeting Place  
First Church of the Nazarene  
916 NE 4 AVE  
Pompano Beach FL 33060  
7:45pm – 9:55pm

Members and Guests in attendance

Kaitlynn Cooper	Giuseppe Santamarina
Jim Decker	Jeff Selker
Ness Gomez	Mike Skurda
Eric Gonzalez	Kit Viola
David Kennedy	Dave Wallace
Dillon LeBlanc	Courtenay Wangs
John Montesinos	Matt Ziegler
Eric Olson	

The meeting was called to order by Eric Olson at 7:45pm [President East was unable to attend tonight's club meeting.]

**\*SPECIAL NOTE: The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IPMS Flight 19 is 2023. Our Modelfest 2023 contest and show will honor the club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and, according to Butch Bryan, will also serve as the IPMS Region 11 contest for 2023. The tentative date for Modelfest 2023 is Saturday, March 4, 2023. Butch Bryan, the wayward Okie from near Muskogee, will be handling the model raffle for Modelfest 2023. He will also be coordinating with IPMS-USA for such things as regional contest requirements, etc., in connection with Modelfest 2023.**

**Modelfest 2022 Update:**

President East was unable to attend tonight's meeting so the final Modelfest 2022 update is postponed until the September 2022 meeting.

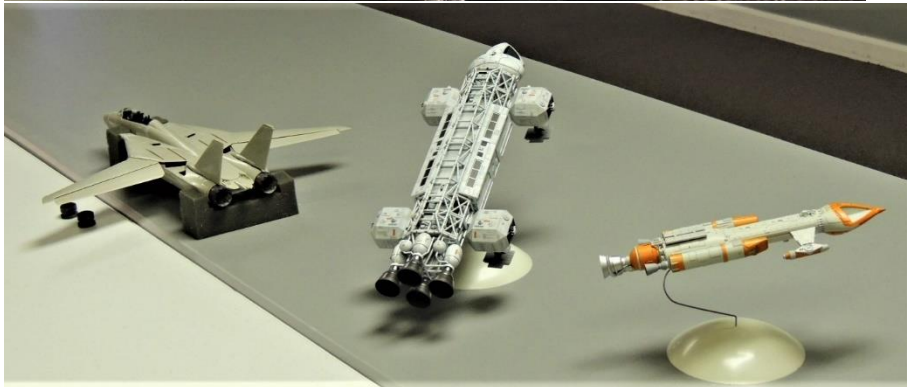
**Modelfest 2023 Update:**

The club is looking for a different venue that is suitable for Modelfest 2023, because Pompano Beach cannot commit to renting the civic center premises more than 90 days prior to any scheduled events. President East announced that there appears to be a possible future site at a charter school located on Sample Road, but there would be no separate rooms for display and vendor areas, and the club would have to rent tables. (The additional expense for table rentals would impact any future income.) President East did relay information tonight that the charter school would now prep the site for set-up and would clean up the premises as part of any rental. He also relayed that he would pay a minimum deposit [approximately \$100] to the charter school to hold the premises for the Modelfest 2023 show/contest. More details at next month's meeting.

**General Comments:** There was a general discussion about recent contests, e.g., the IPMS Nationals, etc., as well as some model kit news. The discussion was kept short so members could participate in the Show & Tell session.

**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](mailto:C46A@aol.com) for details.

**Model Car Creations IPMS Club:** 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. Richards Hardware Store, which is located at the southwest corner of the shopping center parking lot, has created a small hobby section in the store that stocks hobby supplies. 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.

**\*Upcoming Show Announcements:**

**October 7-9, 2022—Modelpalooza, Kissimmee FL**

**November 19, 2022—Southland Model Car Show, Largo FL**

**January 14, 2023—Harbor City Modelers Guild, Swap Meet, Cocoa FL**

**March 18, 2023—Pelikon Show #23, Oldsmar FL**

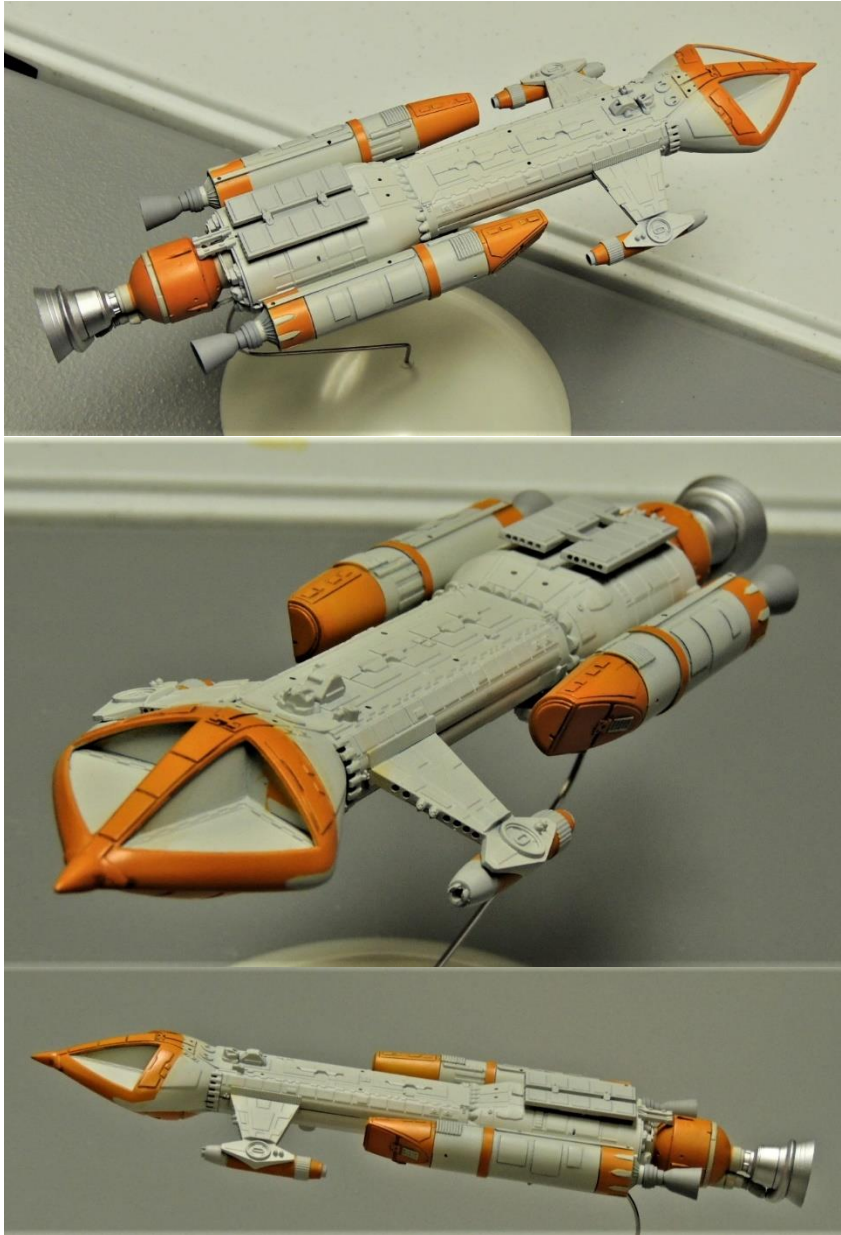
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**2023 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX**

**2024 IPMS Nationals, Madison WI**

**\*Show & Tell:**

**Eric Gonzalez:** Mr. Gonzalez continues his “space” quest modeling. Tonight he brought two MPC 1/72 scale models of vehicles from the old “Space 1999” TV series. What was surprising was how large the models were in 1/72 scale—big enough to have some significant detail, but still small enough not to overwhelm a display case. The first vehicle is the Space 1999 Hawk. Eric sanded down the panel lines and used darker colors to try to give more depth to the cockpit area.



His second model is the Space 1999 Eagle Transporter. He created a magnetic attachment for the nose cone which is lighted and inserted an orange backboard which is similar to the real movie model. The kit was further modified with brass tubing for the landing gear. Looking good!



**Dave Wallace:** Dave is one of our most eclectic modelers—you never know what he’s going to bring to the meeting! Tonight is no exception. He’s been participating in an online build using a Tamiya 1/35 scale Panzer IV H in a diorama set in the north Africa theater of World War II. The tank has an *all female crew* populated with cast resin figures from a Chinese company (of course). Dave took one month to create the diorama and used acrylic paints, experimenting with chipped paint effects. He was emphatic that he dislikes (translation: hates) tank treads, which were plastic in the Tamiya kit. Regardless, the diorama is fantastic.







Up next are a couple of Gundam subjects from Ban Dai in 1/100 scale. They are both bi-pedal war machines and the first one is the GP01 full burner Space Thruster. Dave used after-market, turned aluminum thrusters to replace the plastic parts and painted the figure as a pristine factory fresh subject with no weathering.



The second Gundam war machine is a strike Gundam in an atmosphere jet pack. Dave pre-shaded the model, but it came out darker than he wanted, but it still looks great! After-market decals were used, too.



**Ness Gomez:** Ness is a creative, dynamic person. For her marriage to Dave Wallace about 6 years ago, she and Dave decided on a Pirate themed wedding. Since you can't generally go shopping for off the hanger pirate clothing, Ness designed and sewed both her and Dave's pirate attire. She brought the pirate Great Coat that Dave wore on their wedding day. It is decorated with brocade and weighs about five pounds! Dave "thinks" he might still be able to fit into it, too. The coat has held up well over time and looks as good as it did at their wedding! Dave's a lucky guy!



**Jim Decker:** Jim is probably the most senior member of Flight 19 based on time in the club. Tonight he brought his Revell 1/32 scale P-38J diorama for display. It's fully wired with #28 fibre optics and completely lighted. Two small electric motors power the engines and spin props at variable, controlled speeds, too. Unfortunately, the batteries that power all of these things were dead, so no action tonight. The diorama was on display in the old Warrick's hobby shop for years and many of us saw it in action on display there. Jim modified the figures and substituted aluminum tubes for the gun barrels as well. The nose wheel was completely scratch built and the model is fixed to the base which hides all the wiring, switches and battery pack.







By the way, the name plate on the base reads as follows: "Der Gableschwanz Teufel" [German for "Fork-Tailed Devil"], P-38J, 338 F.S., 55 F.G., Wormingford, England, July 1944.

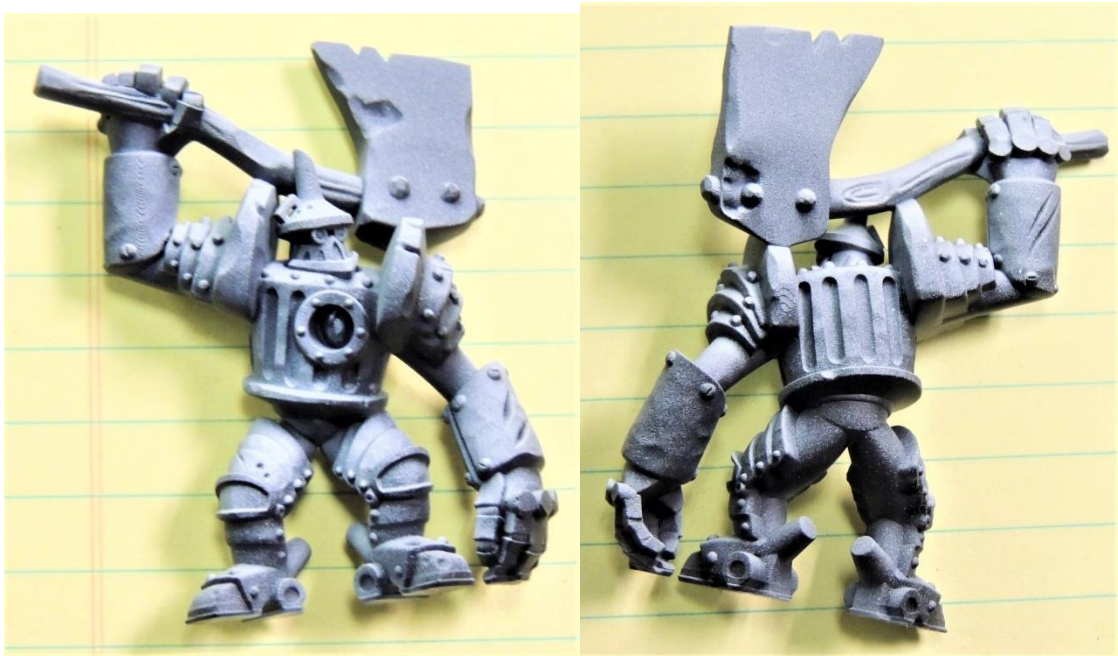
**Dillon LeBlanc:** Dillon managed to snag last month's raffle prize, the ICM 1/72 scale Mig-29 "Ghost of Kyiv," away from Dave Wallace so he could build it in an in-flight configuration. It's a work-in-progress (WIP), but it's pretty far along at this stage. Dillon says it is a nice kit, but he modified the cockpit so it would fit better in the model. He also added a miniature Ukrainian flag having it draped over the instrument coaming in the cockpit. It'll be gear-up when it's completed. Hopefully, we'll see it again at the September club meeting.



**Kit Viola:** Kit is a friend of Ness Gomez and Dave Wallace and came with them to tonight's club meeting. She brought her diorama in 1/35 scale of a resin hazmat future apocalyptic figure standing near a damaged wall. The resin wall kit was purchased off of Ebay. Kit used acrylic paints after substituting plastic barrels for the diorama. Everything was hand-painted except for the figure's eyes which Dave airbrushed for her to achieve the "glowing" eyes effect.



Kit's next venture required her to purchase small, 3-D printed resin figures from Etsy on the Internet. She wanted to do a "dark" themed "Wizard of Oz" experiment utilizing figures of Dorothy (a mere 1 ½ inch tall figure) and a futuristic Tin Man. Acrylic paints were used principally as a painting exercise. See the results, below.





**John Montesinos:** John is in the process of building a Hasegawa 1/48 scale F-14A+ Tomcat from a kit issued about 1990. The plastic parts are basically OK, but he's needed some after-market items to bring it up to today's quality standards. First to be replaced was the decal sheet, although he didn't elaborate on which markings he intends to apply to the finished kit. More importantly, he has purchased Quick Boost resin replacements for the cockpit, including the ejection seats, and resin exhaust nozzles. John is also using an after-market vinyl tinted windscreen applique which he affixed to the kit windscreen with Future acrylic floor wax. John always does a great job building and converting his kits and this Tomcat should be a beauty when it is completed.



**Mike Skurda:** Mike is one of our premier figure modelers and he brought two of his master pieces to tonight's meeting. The first is a Pacific Gift Ware 90mm Greek Winter Figure, a historical figure more like a myth. He used acrylic paints with oil washes to achieve the delicate look of a Greek maiden. It took him 4-5 months to build and complete the figure, but it also won a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award at a national figure show/convention in Louisville. Not bad for Mike!



Mike's second figure is a bit more futuristic and green at the gills. It's an Ironwood Miniatures metal 54mm fantasy figure. He also used acrylic paints to complete the figure. It won a 3<sup>rd</sup> place award at a national figure show/convention in Louisville. This dragon-like figure also took about 4-5 months to complete.



**Jeff Selker:** For two years, Jeff has been working on a 1/24 scale diorama depicting a van that he drove and painted in his relative youth back about 1981. As many of you know, Jeff is an artist who did a lot of airbrush painting and detailing on motorcycles and vans “back in the day.” He’s doing the diorama to show his “wanna be” garage along with his “wanna be” van interior with a 3-D printed figure of him actually painting his old van. Jeff has even done 3-D printed airbrushes and paint jars in 1/24 scale to become part of the diorama! When he’s done, the interior of the van will also be lighted. Whenever the final product appears, it will be outstanding and an inspiration to all modelers, artists and car and van buffs. Enjoy this fantastic work-in-progress.





**RAFFLE:** Tonight's raffle prize was to be a brand new 1/48 scale F4F-3 Wildcat kit by Eduard; **HOWEVER**, there was no raffle tonight. Why? We had everything ready except **NO TICKETS**. No tickee, no prize! So...the Wildcat kit will be raffled off at the September 2022 club meeting. Bring money (and tickets).



**The next club meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, 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 9:55pm.

Minutes recorded by Chickey P. Garbonzo....