

**IPMS-Flight 19
March 11, 2021**

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

Members and Guests in attendance

Debby Blok	Eric Gonzalez
Doug Blok	Jeff Kleinhenz
Steve Blok	Dillon LeBlanc
Butch Bryan	Mike Mirin
Tim Bryant	JT Occhialini
Scott Caldwell	Eric Olson
Don Danforth	Mike Salazar
Jim Decker	Mike Skurda
Jeff East	Matt Ziegler
Matt Gerken	

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

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 ten 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 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, 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 INDEFINITELY POSTPONED. Flight 19 will continue to coordinate with the City of Pompano Beach and, when Covid-19 restrictions can be relaxed, a mutually agreeable contest date will be selected and publically announced.

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 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(s) 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 (MMM) hobby shop in South Dade which has also stopped allowing “walk-in” customers due to county pandemic rules. 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 postponed 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, if not already paid, can be paid at the April 8, 2021, club meeting.

***Upcoming Show Announcements:**

Modelfest X 2021 REGION 11 Contest, Pompano Beach FL (*INDEFINITELY POSTPONED*)

April 10, 2021 **JAXCON**, Jacksonville FL

June/July 2021 **Pamscon** Lakeland FL area (**CANCELED**)

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

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

2022 IPMS Nationals, Omaha NE

2023 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX

Hobby Industry News:

***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. Model Expo has **opened a walk-in retail “Vintage Kit and 2nd Hand” superstore in Miami**. The retail store will be open on an ad hoc basis whenever new/old stock is acquired and Model Expo will announce dates when the store will be open—usually on individual Saturdays. [At the present time, the next open Saturday has not been announced.] What is unusual is the pricing: kits are being sold by the ounce (oz.). Kits that have been opened sell for \$1.00/oz. and sealed kits go for \$1.50/oz. Also, NO CASH transactions—only credit and debit cards will be accepted for payment. Club members who attended previous Saturday sale dates reported that they enjoyed the camaraderie, bought some really nice kits at reasonable prices and look forward to attending future open dates at the retail store. Stay tuned for future announcements! For more information, visit: <https://modelexpo-online.com/store.html>

General Discussion:

***Model Contests:** Generally, model contests have been canceled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, although some contests are beginning to advertise contest dates and places. The first 2021 contest in Florida will be the JAXCON which will be held on April 10, 2021, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Our Modelfest X 2021 Region 11 contest has been indefinitely postponed due to the pandemic. The City of Pompano Beach, at this time, is unable to confirm that the Civic Center will be open for business by June 19, 2021, our rescheduled contest date. Flight 19 will maintain its line of communication with the city and will reschedule Modelfest X 2021 when a firm date can be confirmed by the City of Pompano Beach that will not conflict with any other potential 2021 contests in Florida.

***Modelfest X 2021 REGION 11 Contest:** Despite the fact that Modelfest X 2021 has had to be indefinitely postponed because of the Pandemic, progress continues to be made “behind the scenes”. 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!

***HOW TO: “Weathering Panel Lines”:** There was a very lengthy discussion during last month’s club meeting about weathering aircraft models that took place between Jeff East (novice) and Jeff Kleinhenz (expert).

To keep the details short, essentially, they agreed that the base paint, e.g., acrylic, enamel, lacquer, etc., determines what type of paint/thinner to use for the weathering paints. Jeff Kleinhenz likes to use oil paints for weathering panel lines and he uses odorless Turpenoid thinner when using oil paint washes. He also weathers using Payne’s Grey for panel lines when the base coat is a light grey or silver. [Note: Jeff says that Statler pigment liners, available at art supply stores, will not run when the latest iteration of Future floor wax is used as a sealer, for those who wish to use a pen to ink lines.] Both Jeff East and Jeff Kleinhenz use Future Floor Wax, which is acrylic, to seal base color coats when they are either enamel, lacquer or acrylic based paints. Jeff Kleinhenz weathers on top of the sealed base colors with oil paints thinned with Turpenoid. In addition, Jeff says that “less is more” when you are weathering to get the effect of good weathering.

Jeff Kleinhenz graciously agreed to conduct a **“How To Weather Panel Lines”** demonstration at tonight’s meeting. As mentioned above, he likes to use oil paint washes, particularly Payne’s Grey, to weather panel lines on light base colors. He thins oil paints with odorless Turpenoid thinner. Before starting his “demo,” Jeff offered the following observations/recommendations:

- *Washes are “accents” to paint
- *Windsor & Newton is a brand of very good artist oil paints
- *Use Payne’s Grey over light colors such as white, light grey, blue & metallic paints
- *Use Raw Umber (a medium brown color) over yellows, greens and olive drabs
- *Use Sepia for oil stains, engine grills, etc.
- *Caution: Black oil paint comes out of solution too easily
- *The latest iteration of acrylic Future Floor Wax is excellent as a sealer prior to weathering (it reduces the surface tension when used over flat paints), it is also excellent as a sealer when sprayed over weathered panel lines
- *Use Turpenoid brand thinner—it’s odorless

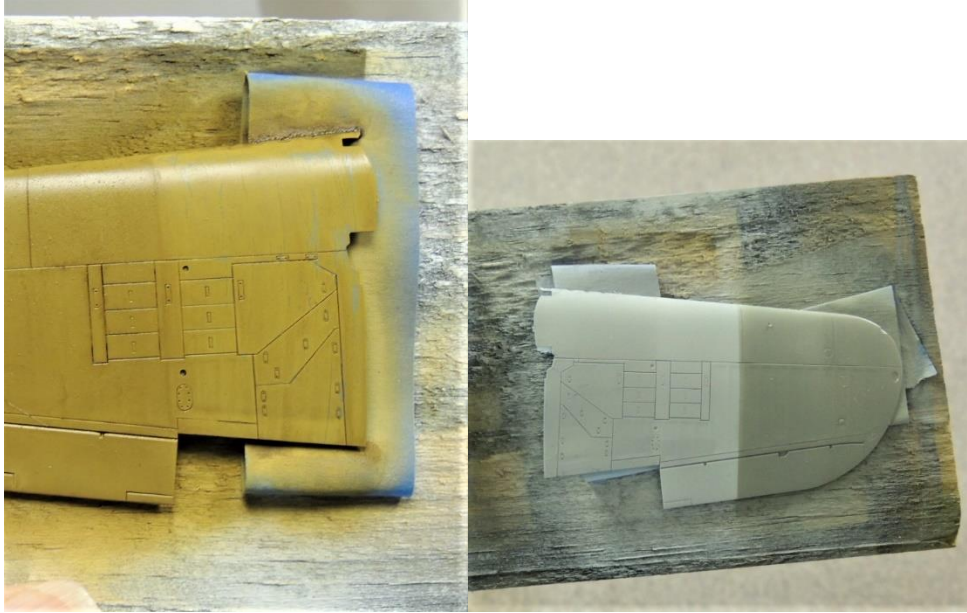
Jeff mixes his washes in a small metal bowl about 2 inches in diameter (he calls it a thimble, but it’s much bigger than a thimble). He uses a fair amount of thinner, probably 2-3 ozs. and just a very little smear of oil paint which he applies to the dry inner part of the metal bowl. A little oil paint goes a long way when mixing washes! Using a paint brush, he dabs it into the oil paint and then swishes it around in the Turpenoid thinner until the thinner has a slight cast of grey color. For practical purposes, the thinner appears to have a light, dirty grey cast, being mostly clear in appearance (especially when using the wash over light colors).



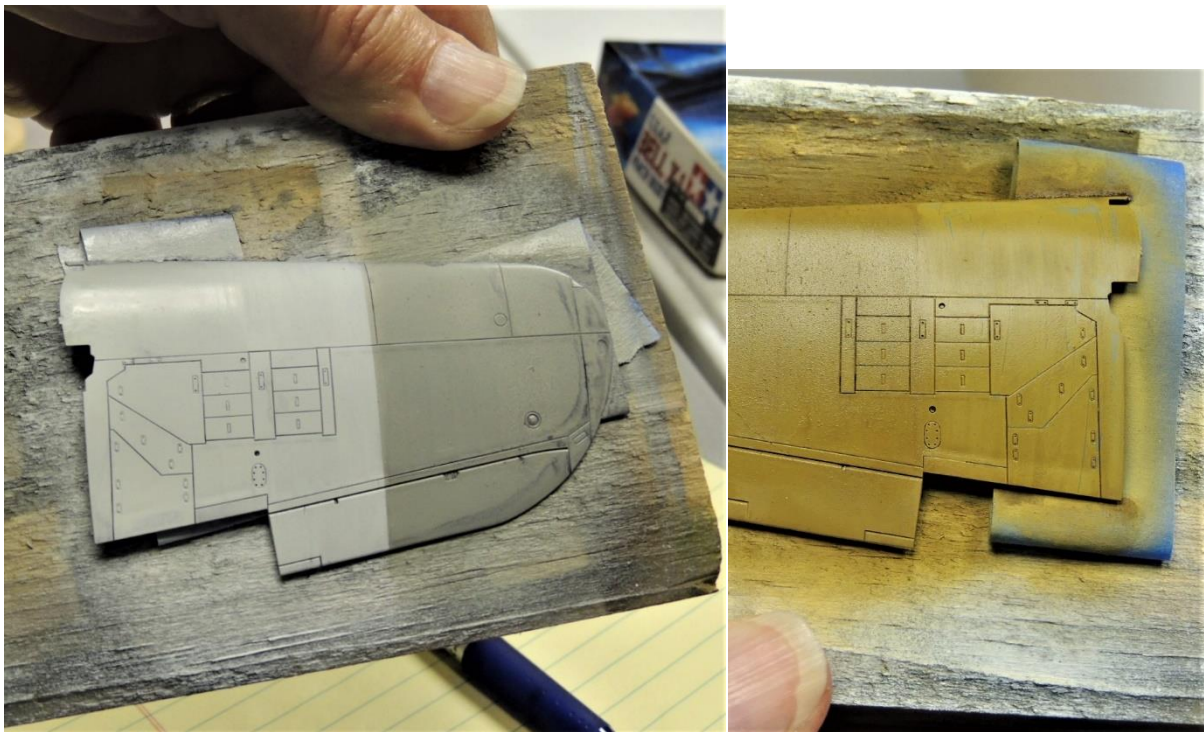


Before getting to the “wash” stage, use Future Floor Wax to overcoat or seal the underlying base paint. In addition, if you are using decals over panel lines, apply the decals “*after*” you’ve sealed the base paint with Future. It’s also a good idea to seal the decals with Future after they have dried, **before** you start to weather the panel lines. Allow time for the Future to dry before you start to do the weathering!

Here are the wing sections to be “washed,” **before** any washes have been applied. Jeff sealed half of each wing section, near the wing roots, with Future Floor Wax to ultimately show the difference in weathering over sealed and unsealed flat painted base coats (hard to see in the photos, but look for the sheen on the wings in the photos to see the Future coated sections).



Here are the wing sections and the panel lines **after** the oil wash was applied and cleaned up with cotton swabs dipped lightly in Turpenoid thinner. You can see that the oil wash has slightly stained the tan, flat painted outer section of the panel lines and those panel lines don't appear to be uniformly stained. It didn't stain the light grey flat painted section as much and those panel lines appear to be much more uniform.



Dip your paint brush in the thinned wash color and generously apply it to the panel lines that are to be weathered on the plastic kit or part and let it dry. Jeff recommends waiting at least an

hour after application of the wash or, you can accelerate the drying time by using a hair dryer on a low heat setting. After the wash has dried, then take a cotton swab and dip it “*lightly*” in clean Turpenoid and lightly swab the dried wash to remove the colored wash from the surface of the part while leaving the color in the panel lines. Beware, however, if you use a swab that is too wet with Turpenoid, you risk losing the panel detail that you’re trying to highlight.

If you don’t use Future to seal flat paints before applying a wash over light colored base paints, the oil wash will stain the untreated flat paint. Jeff recommends using Future to seal the all base colors BEFORE applying washes as a standard procedure.

Once you’ve cleaned up the panel lines with the light swabbing of Turpenoid, leave the model/part to dry overnight. When thoroughly dry the next day, or later, seal the wash and decals (if any were used) with a coat of Future Floor Wax. This is an important step, so don’t forget to do it! With more and more practice, you’ll be amazed at your ability to really get panel lines to “pop” out and look realistic.

Note: You can also look for exotic oil paint colors to use as washes at artist supply stores.

***Show & Tell:**

Jeff Kleinhenz: Jeff brought two armor models for display at tonight’s meeting. They are both camouflaged and weathered using Jeff’s techniques discussed above. The first is a 1/35 scale Dragonkit of a German WW II Panzer IV H in camouflage used during the Normandy campaign. It is Dragon’s second iteration of a Panzer IV H and uses one piece tracks that were easy to work with and look very good on the model. Jeff used Tamiya paint on the model and apologized for the slight damage evident on the model. He had to hit the brakes hard on the trip to the club meeting and the tank went flying. Regardless, it still looks great!





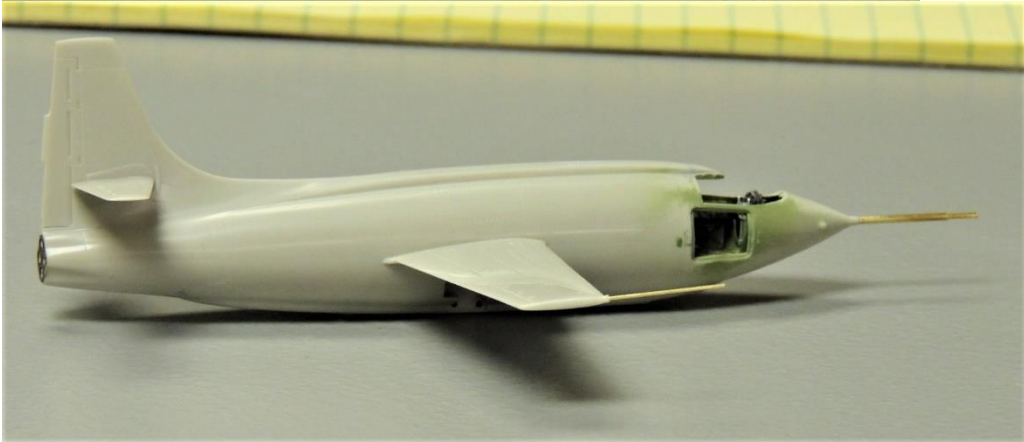
The second armor model by Jeff is a 1/35 scale Dragon kit of a German WW II Sturm G IV in late war (1944) markings. Jeff used MIG paints on this kit which had link-to-link tracks.



Eric Gonzalez: Eric is one of our Sci-Fi modelers and he brought his 1/1,000 scale Fantastic Plastic (Resin) work-in-progress (WIP) kit of the Starship Emmett from the Star Trek franchise. He used Vallejo metallic paints and the model has been sealed with an overcoat of Future Floor Wax, pending application of decals. It's a good looking little modle that will look great when completed!



Mr. Gonzalez's second model WIP was acquired by him during one of his recent trips to the Model Expo "Vintage Kit & 2nd Hand" Superstore in Miami. It's a Tamiya 1/72 scale kit of the Bell X-1 experimental airplane. Eric intends to finish it in the markings when Chuck Yeager first broke the sound barrier flying it on Oct. 14, 1947. So far he has used brass wire for the pitot tube on the nose and test probes on the wing tips. The cockpit has also been detailed with an aftermarket kit to accurately portray the plane on the day Yeager broke the sound barrier. Hopefully, it will be completed in time to display it at next month's club meeting.



Butch Bryan: Butch, while one of other Sci-Fi modelers, also dabbles in other genres. Tonight he brought two models that he's working on that are getting close to being finished. The first is an Academy 1/72 scale RAF Typhoon fighter-bomber from WW II. He masked and painted the invasion stripes, rather than opting to use decals.



His second WIP is a Tamiya 1/35 scale German Panther A WW II tank that has individual link-to-link tracks (always fun to assemble—NOT). Butch is using new weathering techniques with Vallejo paints, which definitely need primer applied as an undercoating. Good looking tank.



Mark Mirin: Mark brought two kits tonight that represent modern civilian turbo-prop aircraft in 1/72 scale. Both models are produced by AModel and look great in the boxes! One is a model of the famous, but now out of production, Beechcraft Starship and the other is a Piaggio P.180 Avanti business and private plane.



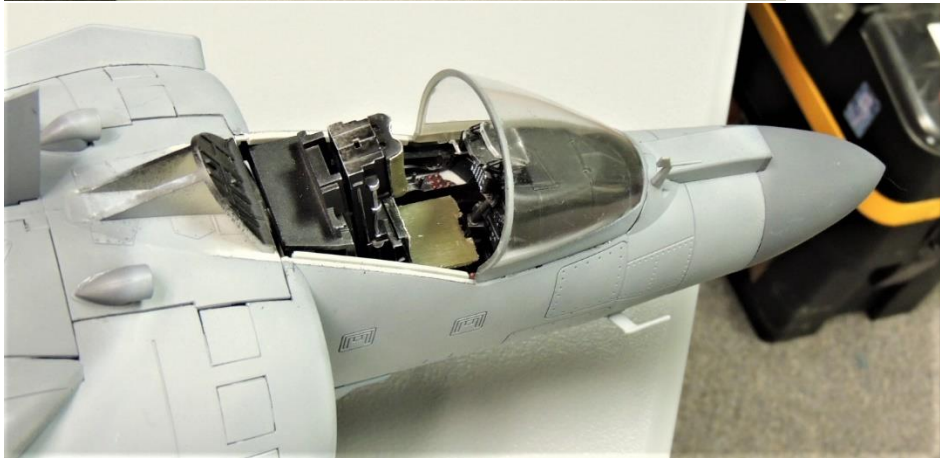
Jim Decker: Jim brought in an ancient 1/24 scale Airfix kit of a German FW-190 fighter from WW II. All the markings are painted on, not decals and Jim scratch-built the wheel wells.

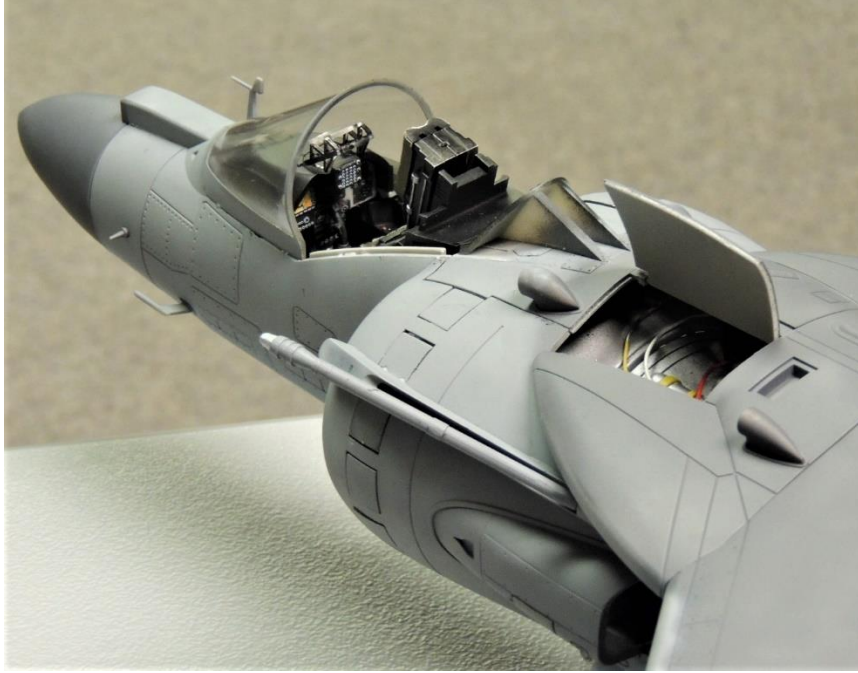


He also brought examples of resin conversion kits produced by Jerry Rutman. One is to convert a 1/24 scale FW-190 into an FW-190-D-9 and the other is a 1/24 scale cockpit conversion kit for the FW-190-D-9. Both very interesting kits, but look like they involve a lot of work.

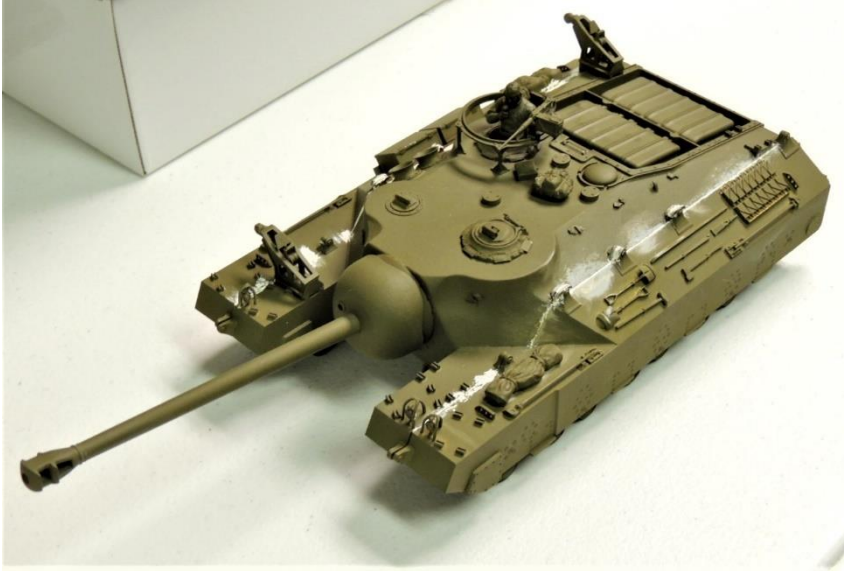


Dillon LeBlanc: Dillon brought his WIP, a Hobby Boss 1/18 scale AV-8B Harrier II in USMC colors. This is his first attempt at airbrushing an entire kit and, boy, did he pick a giant one as a first attempt! He had to modify the cockpit by moving the aft bulkhead rearward by about 3/8 of an inch in order to be able to fit a pilot and get the fuselage sides to match up. Dillon also said that the kit has a number of non-model-like gimmicky features. It is one impressive model and it is a joy seeing it come together.





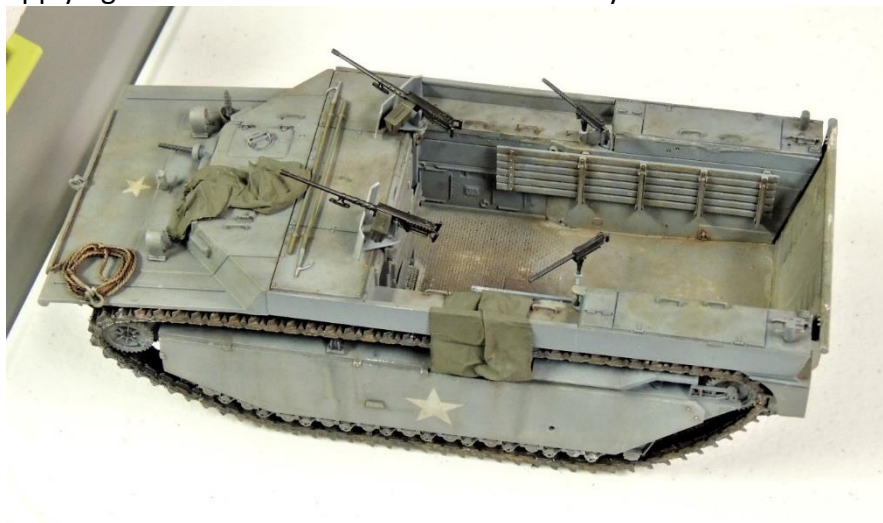
Steve Blok: Steve brought a couple of nice kits to the meeting. One is a WIP—a Dragon 1/35 scale kit of a T-28 heavy Russian tank with double tracks (quad tracks). The outside track covers snapped off and required Steve to repair them using superglue and putty. It is one really massive tank and will look great when completed.

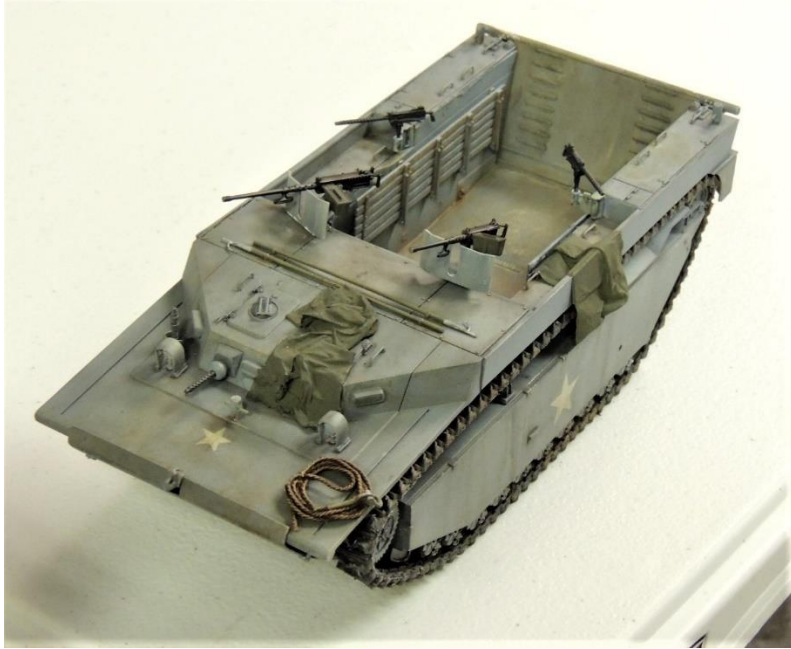


The second model for Steve was a Microscale SD Gundam model that he completed with Testors paint. The model is for his mother, Debby, who really likes how it looks. Creativity in 3-D.



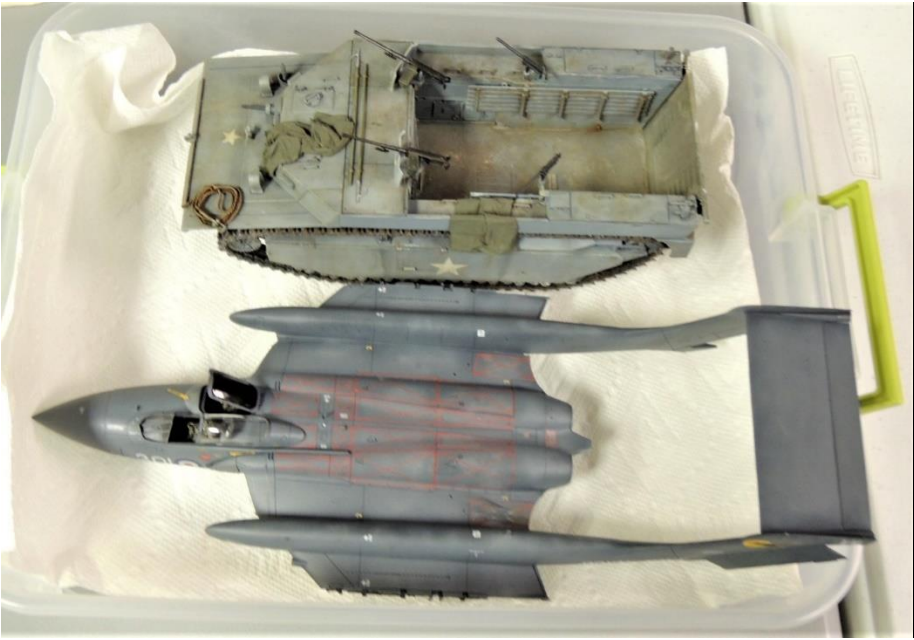
Matt Gerken: Matt's first model tonight was an Italeri 1/35 scale LVT 4. Matt painted all the markings, no decals were used. Being the creative guy that he is, when he lost one of the hatches he used white glue soaked tissue paper to make tarps to cover the missing hatch. Using AK brand thinner he applied oil washes sparingly. Matt, like Jeff Kleinhenz, says to go light, not heavy when applying oil based washes. The effects are very realistic.





Matt's second model is a WIP of the Airfix 1/48 scale Royal Navy Sea Vixen jet fighter-bomber. Sea Vixens were used by the British Royal Navy as nuclear bombers during the 1950's-60's. The model has not yet been weathered and when completed, Matt intends to have the wings folded.





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 consisted of three individual prizes:

A Gundam class modeler's tool kit that was very comprehensive and desirable.



The tool kit was won by a very happy Mike Salazar. Now we've got to wait and see what Mike builds with it!

The second raffle prize, which was won by Tim Bryant, was an Accurate Miniatures 1/48 scale sealed kit of a Russian WW II IL-2 Stormovik fighter/bomber.

The third, and final raffle prize was a Monogram 1/48 scale Pro Modeller kit of a P-40E Warhawk fighter from WW II that was won by Jeff East (he has a year to complete it).

All-in-all, a very successful raffle for the entire club!

The next club meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, 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 9:50pm.

Minutes recorded by Eric Olson....



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IPMS ORLANDO SWAP MEET

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WHEN

Sat. March 27th 2021

9am - 2pm

(Rained out Date April 3rd)

WHERE

**8503 Forest City Rd.
Orlando FL. 32810
(Gravel Lot Behind Building)**



Buy and sell kits & enjoy a nice day out with fellow modelers.

Plenty of street parking.

Bring the kits you want to sell, buy the ones you want to build.



BUY

Show up with cash in hand and work deals with other fellow modelers.

SELL

Want to sell kits? Bring your stash. Setup opens at 9am. Bring your own tables, chairs, pop up tent, anything you need to sell kits. Setup and get sellin!

THE RULES

The space is being graciously made available for free so the owner asks that we follow a few rules.

- No littering. Trash cans will be on premises.
- No entry into main building for any reason.
- Masks over the nose and mouth at all times while on the lot. Follow social distance guidelines as much as possible.
- Bring what you need to sell & stay comfortable. No furniture, wifi, shade, water, food, electric is provided.