

**IPMS-Flight 19  
May 12, 2022**

Meeting Place  
First Church of the Nazarene  
916 NE 4 AVE  
Pompano Beach FL 33060  
7:45pm – 9:30pm

Members and Guests in attendance

Robert Barkoski	Mark Mirin
Butch Bryan	John Montesinos
Tim Bryant	JT Occhialini
Jim Decker	Eric Olson
Jeff East	Danny Price
Eric Gonzalez	Giuseppe Santaromita
David Kennedy	James Wilbanks
Dillon Le Blanc	Matt Ziegler

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff East at 7:45pm

**\*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:**

Financial figures should be finalized and disclosed at the June 2022 meeting, but it appears that the club did have a positive outcome, after all expenses, from Modelfest 2022. Final financial figures are not yet available—some of the expenses have yet to be billed; e.g., the final bill for the trophies has yet to be received. Despite these pending expenses, the club finances remain solvent and it appears that there will also be a positive gain from Modelfest 2022 when final figures are determined.

**Modelfest 2023 Update:**

**Pompano Beach Civic Center:** President East and Butch Bryan report that, at this time, the Pompano Beach Civic Center is still going to implement a 90-day maximum lead time for committing to lease the Civic Center premises for future events. **This limitation is NOT feasible for any future Modelfest contest/show**, because a longer lead time is needed to get such things as commitments from vendors, to have trophies manufactured and to prepare and disseminate advertising, etc. The City of Pompano Beach is willing to offer an alternative venue for Flight 19's future Modelfest contests/shows which will have longer lead times for committing to lease the

facilities, but none of those possible sites is large enough or suitable for holding a regional contest. **Consequently, the club is looking for a different venue that is suitable for Modelfest 2023. President East hopes to announce a new venue by next month's meeting in order to move forward with a Modelfest 2023 contest/show.**

**Book Sale Results:** JT Occhialini reported that the club netted \$119 from the sale of aviation related books donated by Ed Ludwick through sales at club meetings and at Modelfest 2022. JT gave an envelope containing the book proceeds to President East at tonight's meeting. Remaining, unsold books will be donated to the local Plantation City Library.



#### General Comments:

\***Eric Olson** relayed a message from Jeff Selker of the Model Car Creations car model club. MCC recently came into possession of numerous kits, mostly of aircraft, through the generosity of the widow of a long-time modeler. In the near future, Jeff says that MCC will bring various kits to Flight 19 meetings to sell to members at very reasonable prices. More later as this develops....

\***JT Occhialini** brought some books he ordered from Ukraine in response to a plea from the President of IPMS-USA, Dave Lockhart. The title of the primary book is, **Models for Ukraine** and it is extraordinary. Here's a short quote from Dave Lockhart's plea:

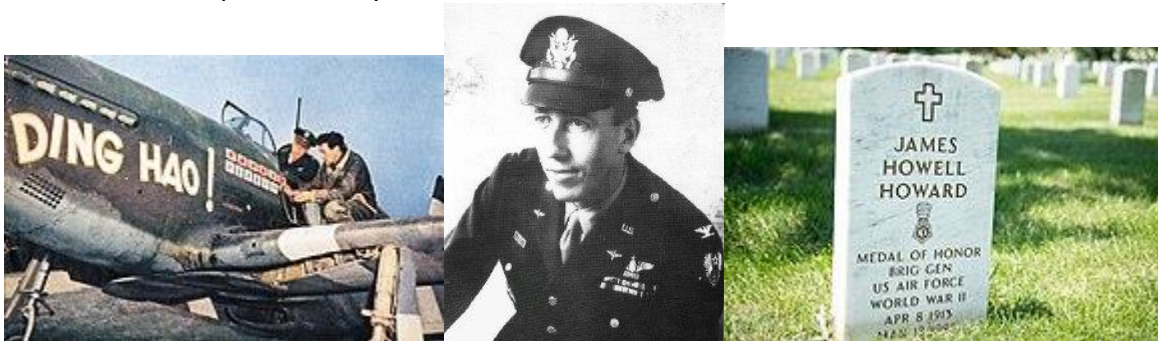
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[A slightly edited version of Dave Lockhart's appeal to IPMS members is attached at the end of these minutes.]

**\*Jeff East** had a couple of things to discuss tonight:

First, his copy of the book, the **Encyclopedia of Aircraft Modelling (Vol. 1)**, by AMMO Mig Publications, still has not been returned to him. Whoever has Jeff's book, please make arrangements to return the book as soon as possible. It will be greatly appreciated by all the club members—especially Jeff.

Second, Jeff had a terrific discussion on a P-51B named “Ding Hao,” which was flown by Medal of Honor recipient, BGen. James H. Howard. General Howard was the only US fighter pilot to receive the Medal of Honor for action in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. It was an interesting subject for the meeting, including the fact that Jim Howard was a resident of Florida when he passed away in March 1995.



**\*Eric Olson** took the time to memorialize a nationally known modeler and long-time member of IPMS-USA: John Ficklen. When Eric was living in Atlanta, Georgia in the early 1980's, he had the privilege of meeting and befriending Johnny, who he first met at a meeting of the IPMS Atlanta club. The March/April 2022 issue of the IPMS-USA Journal had a very nice obituary of Johnny and its narrative is attached to these minutes for those club members who do not receive the Journal. Rest in Peace, John.

[Photo of John Ficklen as a US Navy SH-3 helicopter pilot on active duty.]



**\*Butch Bryan:** Butch Bryan, currently our Okie from near Muskogee, has decided Oklahoma—and the prospect of ultimately relocating to Kansas—are not very appealing to a city boy used to cosmopolitan, diverse south Florida. Accordingly, he announced that he would probably be returning to Broward County within the next 12-18 months. This transition will be facilitated by the fact that Butch has a job that allows him to work from home on the Internet. Common sense prevails, again! Actually, we're all very pleased that Butch will be returning soon.

**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:**

**June 4-5, 2022—Wonderfest, Louisville KY** (Sci-Fi and figures)

**June 25, 2022—PAMSCON, Plant City FL**

**July 20-23, 2022--IPMS Nationals, Omaha NE**

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

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**2023 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX**

**\*Show & Tell:**

**Danny Price:** Danny tends to build cars and planes so it's no surprise that he brought his Hobby Boss 1/72 scale Do-335 Arrow German WW II fighter to the meeting. It's a work-in-progress (WIP), but it's practically finished. He says he built the model as an experiment in weathering aircraft. He used Tamiya paints, painting "dots" then smearing them with enamel thinner before cleaning them up with cotton Q-tips. Danny also used photo-etched parts for the delicate antennae, detailed the gear doors and completed the rather bare wheel wells. Lead weight was glued into the nose with wood glue to keep the Do-335 from being a tail-sitter and he used weighted tires to simulate a heavy airplane. On the way to this stage, Danny had to strip the original paint scheme and found a great paint stripper—totally "awesome," per him, at The Dollar Store. It works well and doesn't harm the plastic. As a side note, it took three years for Danny to get this project to its present stage! Keep up the good work now that it's almost finished!



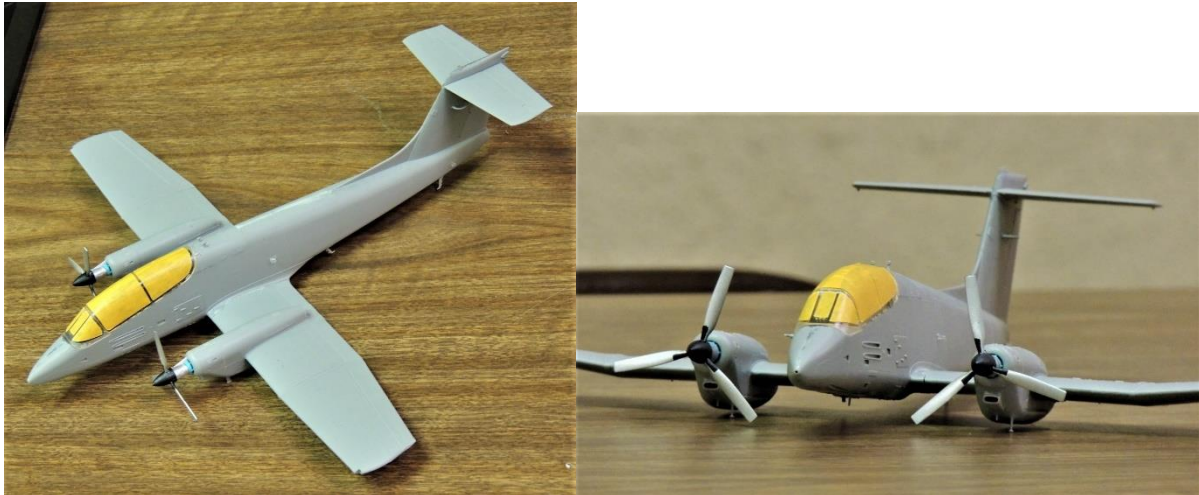
**Giuseppe Santaromita:** Giuseppe is one of our newest members and he brought his Eastern Express 1/72 scale Mig-31 which is at the primer stage. He said it's not a very good kit, because it is hard to build. So far it's taken 18 months for him to get it to the primer stage. Regardless, it looks good, so far, and we look forward to seeing it completed in the near future!



**Dillon LeBlanc:** We've practically seen Dillon grow up since he started coming to Flight 19 when he was a young teenager. One practical benefit is that we've also seen how his modeling skills have improved and evolved as he's matured, too! He likes to build airplanes and tonight he brought two models for display. The first is AFV's 1/48 scale F-5E jet fighter which he did in the markings for US Navy aggressor squadron VFC-111 (NAS Key West). Dillon says it is a nice kit and he added sidewinder air-to-air missiles and an instrumentation pod to the model.

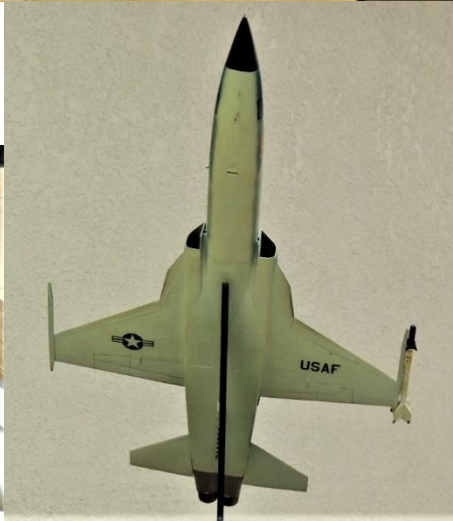


Dillon's second model is the Kinetic 1/48 scale kit of an IA-58 Pucara ground attack fighter used by Argentina during the Falklands conflict in 1982. He says it is a great kit, even at the primer stage, and he's waiting on special paints to arrive so he can paint it in the Falklands war scheme. He intends to "team" the Pucara with a 1/48 scale RAF Harrier GR.3 from the same conflict.





**Jim Decker:** It was good to see Jim at tonight's meeting since he's been recovering from some unforeseen medical issues. He brought what he thinks is a Korean copy of a 1/32 scale Hasegawa F-5E jet fighter that he previously built and mounted in an "in flight" mode. He said the kit copy was not a good kit from a builder's perspective, unlike most Hasegawa kits in this scale. He made the display base out of scrap plexiglass and used epoxy glue for the base. It all came together well and looks great now!



**Eric Gonzalez:** Mr. Gonzalez brought four models for display at tonight's meeting. All of them have some Sci-Fi connection, so here goes! First up is the Polar Lights 1-1000 scale "Star Trek" Shuttle Carrier with additional PNT resin parts. It's ready for decals.



The second of three space ships is the Multi-Verse Models 1-1000 scale Phobos class frigate from the "Star Trek" movie franchise. It has a pearlescence paint finish on the saucer portion of the model.



The final space ship in this trilogy is pretty familiar. It's the C57D flying saucer from the "Forbidden Planet" movie by Polar Lights in 1/144 scale! Eric intends to take this model to the Wonderfest contest/show in Louisville KY in June. He's lighted it and had made the landing legs retractable. Many of us think it will be an award winner!



Eric's figure entry tonight is a depiction of Peter Parker (as played by Toby Maguire) from the "Spiderman" movie franchise. It's a 1/12 scale vinyl figure body with a resin Toby Maguire head that Eric mounted on the vinyl body. Mr. Gonzalez is building this figure for a friend of his who we suspect will be quite pleased with the final product!



**RAFFLE:** Tonight's raffle prize was a choice between two different kits and the happy winner, Butch Bryan, chose the Tamiya 1/24 scale kit of the Nissan Fairlady Z (300ZX 2-seater). Congrats to Butch!



The next club meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 9, 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 9:30pm.

Minutes recorded by Chickey P. Garbonzo....

## Message from Dave Lockhart, President of IPMS/USA:

To All IPMS/USA Members,

Many of us are shocked and saddened by the conflict in Ukraine. Just over a month ago Ukrainians were living their lives in peace and suddenly their cities are being destroyed, fellow citizens are dying, and many are fleeing for safety in bordering countries. Truly tragic and unnecessary.

Ukraine is the home of many great model companies. I've received several emails from IPMS/USA members asking how they can help not only these modeling companies but also those in need in Ukraine.

How can we help? There are many ways. You can contribute individually, as a chapter or in the case of the folks from Red River Modelers, at their RiverCon-2022 show from which they donated 10% (\$532) of their proceeds to Samaritans Purse (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/ukraine> response)

There are many organizations which one can donate to. There's a good article from Forbes highlighting how one can donate to those in Ukraine, <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/personal-finance/donate-relief-to-ukraine/>.

I would highly recommend that one review the organization you want to donate to at this link:

Charity Navigator: <https://www.charitynavigator.org/>. Charity Navigator shows which groups are legitimate and the percentage of each dollar donated that goes to those in need. During a crisis like Ukraine and other natural disasters, the scammers come out willing to steal money of those in need.

No one knows the status of model companies in Ukraine, but many have been warehousing and distributing their products from neighboring countries like Poland and Hungary.

Finally, a UK Publishing Company, Inside the Armor, is publishing a book called "Models for Ukraine". All the models in the book were built by Ukrainian modelers. THE FULL PROFITS FROM THIS BOOK will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal to help refugees and civilians in the Ukraine. <https://www.insidethearmour.com/product-page/models-for-ukraine-book>

We will keep you all updated if we hear any updates. Let's all pray this conflict ends soon and hope those in Ukraine will be able to start rebuilding their country.

Dave Lockhart IPMS/USA President

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**The following is the narrative of the obituary for John D. Ficklen, III, that appeared in the March/April 2022 issue of the IPMS/USA Journal:**

JOHN D. FICKLEN

**John Davenport Ficklen III**, of Griffin, GA, and formerly St. George Island, FL, passed away on February 8, 2022, at Brightmoor Hospice, Griffin, GA. He was born May 20, 1941 to Colonel John D. Ficklen, Jr., and Catherine Copeland Ficklen. John graduated from the University of Georgia in 1963, and entered naval flight training at Pensacola, FL. He flew anti-submarine warfare helicopters during his active duty. Following his naval career, John joined Eastern Airlines, where he flew for 23 years retiring as a captain. During his flight career, John was also recognized as an award-winning model ship and model airplane builder and a member of the International Plastic Modelers Society. John is also known for his detailed aviation art, which included numerous limited-edition prints personally signed by historical pilots, ranging from WW I to the Vietnam era. John's models and his artwork are in private collections and museums throughout the country. John was also known for his restorations of private aircraft, as well as his award-winning wooden boat, "Babe." His final extraordinary creation was his scratch built Pietenpol airplane, which he enjoyed flying while living in Florida.

John is survived by his wife of 60 years, Susan Brown Ficklen; his son, John Davenport Ficklen, IV, (Jennifer), Kennesaw, GA; daughter, Jennifer Elizabeth Ficklen (Brendan O'Connor), Glenmoore, PA; son, Judson Albert Ficklen (Gina), Griffin, GA; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Catherine Davis (Temperance Davis, III), Albany, GA; and Mary Lyon Jarman, Marietta, GA.

IPMS was a huge part of his life and my family's life as he created and built some outstanding and award-winning models over the 50-plus years he was an IPMS member. He and his talent will be greatly missed.

Jennifer Ficklen