

IPMS-Flight 19
March 14, 2019 Meeting

Meeting Place: First Church of the Nazarene
916 NE 4 ST
Pompano Beach FL 33060
7:35pm – 10:05pm

Members in attendance:

Steven Blok	Bill Koster
Butch Bryan	John Occhialini
Tim Bryant	Eric Olson
Jeff East	Chuck Patterson
Dennis Fanning	Ralph Severino
Peter Frearson	Galo Terrazas
David Kennedy	James Wilbanks

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff East at 7:35pm.

Annual Flight 19 club dues for 2019, \$20 per year, are now due. Members present who paid their dues have received membership cards. If you weren't able to pay dues tonight or you were not present, please pay your dues at next month's meeting.

***Upcoming Show Announcements:**

3/30/2019—Wings, Wheels & Keels, Venice FL
4/6-7/2019—Pelicon'19, sponsored by the Pelikan Model Club of Largo, N. Largo FL
4/27/2019—The 33rd NNL-East Car Show, Wayne NJ
5/4/2019—IPMS Pensacola Show, Pensacola FL (Home of the USN Blue Angels)
5/11/2019—14th Semi-Annual Southlandz Model Car Swap Meet & Contest, Largo FL
6/15/2019—PAMSCON 2019, sponsored by the Polk Area Model Society, Plant City FL
6/22/2019—So. Carolina Scale Model Mega Show, Columbia SC (<https://scmegashow.com>)
8/7-10/2019—2019 IPMS Nationals, Chattanooga TN
9/1/2019—18th Annual Table Tops NNL Car Show, Orlando FL
10/18-20/2019—Modelpalooza 2019, Kissimmee FL
7/29 – 8/1/2020—2020 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX

Flight 19 Model Fest VIII (2019):

The Flight 19 Model Fest VIII took place on **Saturday, March 2, 2019**, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Pompano Beach, Florida. Jeff East and Peter Frearson led a group discussion regarding Model Fest VIII.

***Contest:** The consensus was that the contest went well, in particular, the scoring was completed in a timely manner and was without error or drama. There were minor physical problems with the “tents” identifying the contest categories on the display tables, but there were no overall significant complaints from contestants or club members.

***Food:** There were no issues regarding the food or the cost of the food items; however, there was a bit of rumbling in the morning when coffee had not been brewed early on. The church youth group had been advised to have coffee ready early in the morning, but there was an apparent miscommunication. Coffee, however, was made available by mid-morning.

***Raffle:** President East feels that Flight 19’s Model Fest raffles are “world famous,” and that we should strive to maintain that status. The club will manage to acquire 40-50 really good kits for each Model Fest raffle, now and in the future. To this extent, we will be purchasing raffle kits throughout the coming year in order to properly stock the next Model Fest raffle.

***Display Table:** While we didn’t advertise that there would be a “display only” table during the Model Fest VIII show, there was one set up in the aircraft competition room. This was a popular idea and there will be a “display only” table set aside in all future Model Fest contests/shows.

Club members and local vendors were approached by participants and visitors alike during Model Fest VIII who offered very positive comments about the contest/show. In general, they felt the show was better organized this year and they really liked the fact that all the tables were rectangular; i.e., no round display tables. In addition, they appreciated the speedy raffle announcements which saved a lot of time along with a very efficient contest winner/announcement segment. All of these were factors that contributed to the success (and future success) of Model Fest VIII and its successor contests.

WILL THERE BE A “MODEL FEST IX” IN 2020? President East posed this question to the club members who were present, many of whom volunteered their time, efforts, energy and money to make Model Fest VIII a success. He qualified his question by insisting that we only consider a 2020 contest/show if Peter Frearson (Chairman) and Butch Bryan (Vendor Manager) agreed to head the effort, as they did for Model Fest VIII. Fortunately, both Peter and Butch graciously agreed to work together again for Model Fest IX. **The answer is YES, there will be a Model Fest IX in 2020.** The date is tentative, but we will strive to have it scheduled for the first Saturday in March 2020. Butch is already exploring the possibility of a new, larger venue in Pompano Beach which will allow for more vendor and contest tables along with better lighting. Details will be forthcoming once the date and location are secured.

***Group Build:** President East is seriously considering having the club participate in a future group build. Possible subjects/themes will be discussed at the April 2019 meeting.

***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.

***Show & Tell:**

Dennis Fanning brought what may be the most unusual modeling related object to our club meeting. Dennis is a prolific modeler who, after many years of modeling, is downsizing. Consequently, he's selling off some of his model kit collection and giving away many of his built up models. In order to memorialize his collection of built kits, Dennis used www.shutterfly.com to self-publish a book of his collection of built model kits that he has given or will give away to charitable organizations such as museums and the Civil Air Patrol. He said that it was very easy to use the software at www.shutterfly.com to submit photos of his models and to compose the book. By taking advantage of seasonal discounts (50% discounts each spring), he was able to put together his book of model photos for approximately \$45, which is incredibly reasonable based on the end product. Check out the photos below for yourself.



Tim Bryant brought two tanks and an airplane to tonight's meeting. The airplane was his Accurate Miniatures 1/48 scale TBF Avenger which he was trying to finish in time for Model Fest VIII. It wasn't ready for the contest and is now "almost" finished. Tim did it basically out-of-the-box with added seat belts. Unfortunately, in his words, he messed up the placement of the fuselage stars and bars, which now need to be re-aligned. Regardless of what Tim feels, the model looks very good and he will see it through rehabilitation.



Tim was especially proud of his Dragon 1/35 scale Panzer III tank in winter camouflage. This was his first attempt at applying winter camouflage using the "hairspray" method where you apply hairspray before painting the white winter camouflage color. After spraying the white color, you take a brush and brush away areas where you want the underlying colors to show through. Tim was particularly effective in portraying a true German winter camouflage scheme to his tank.



His second tank is a work-in-progress (WIP) Takom 1/35 scale Panther D that has a full interior provided in the kit. Tim said that it has a lot of parts that need to be properly aligned which makes it a kit that is NOT for beginners. According to him, the hardest part is painting the kit, because it is a paint as you go kit. If you completely assemble it before painting, you can't get to areas that need to be painted. It is a kit, in Tim's hands, that has a lot of potential.



James Wilbanks, as noted in last month's minutes of our club meeting, is endeavoring to do a diorama of a Russian KV-1 tank being taken out by a German Nashorn. This month he brought in the Eastern Express 1/35 scale KV-1 WIP in an experimental foam depiction of an explosion. Obviously, this is nowhere near finalized and we need to try to visualize the foam being painted to represent the instant after an explosion has taken place, but James is making good progress on this piece.



James also brought in his diorama and display base of his 1/35 scale Panther #501 so new members could see what took him over 6 years to build. He completely scratch built an interior for this model based on photos of an actual Panther tank from WW II. What is really interesting is his use of ordinary household items to fabricate scratch built items for the diorama. Just look closely at what he was able to achieve!



Steven Blok is kit-bashing a 1/60 scale Ban Dai M9 Gernsback robot. It is similar to a Gundam figure and has Steven being as resourceful as a squirrel getting ready for winter! According to him, it is a real chore putting this figure together, but he's enjoying the building experience.



Galo Terrazas made a late, though gallant entrance to tonight's meeting, somewhat surprising Jeff East. LOL He brought a collection of three 1/48scale German Luftwaffe aircraft from WW II. They included a Monogram Do-335 Arrow and another Monogram kit of a Me-110G as well as a Hasegawa Me-109G. He started the Do-335 in 2004, set it aside, and finally picked it up and finished it in the last five months. He left it "clean" and applied a lighter green than most expect. The Me-110G has the gun nose and took about 6 years, off-and-on, to finish out-of-the-box. The Hasegawa M-109G is finished in camouflage that was applied at the Russian front. Galo said the Me-109G kit had fit problems with the canopy, but came out looking good!





Butch Bryan also brought three models to display tonight. The first is his WIP Trumpeter 1/32 scale TBF Avenger which he intended to complete in time to enter in the Model Fest VIII contest— NOT. He made the wise decision not to rush completion of the kit, especially since he had to drive over to Ft. Myers to buy paint from Metro Trains & Hobbies to complete the kit. It's pretty close to being done now.



His second kit was a DML 1/350 scale USS Zumwalt WIP in a waterline configuration. The kit gives the option to do either a full hull or waterline version. It also comes with a 1/350 scale HH-60 Sea Hawk helicopter as well as a 1/350 scale drone. As a side note, the captain of the real USS Zumwalt is named James Kirk! The ship certainly looks the part of a Star Ship!



The third kit Butch brought was a resin Ugh Models 1/1,000 scale star ship, USS Swift. It is Butch's first attempt at using acrylic paints which has proven to be somewhat of a challenge, despite the fact that the model looks great.



Chuck Patterson is a long-time member of Flight 19 who has not been able to attend meetings for quite some time, so it was a real treat to see him at tonight's meeting! He brought a 1/6 scale (estimated) Action Hobbies resin kit of the Creature from the Black Lagoon wrestling with a giant alligator. He painted it with acrylic paints and it took approximately a month and a half to complete the dynamic diorama. Chuck did a great job and everyone in attendance was suitably impressed.



Jeff East, last but not least! Jeff is in a self-flagellation mode in 1/700 scale (as usual). He's set on doing a 1/700 scale Fletcher class destroyer as modified to carry an aircraft catapult to launch scout planes during WW II. The basic kits he's planning to use are the Tamiya and Pit Road kits, which average about \$10-\$12, each, along with the FStar Photo-etch aftermarket kit, which costs about \$50. According to Jeff, six destroyers were scheduled for the conversion, but only three were completed. They were obsolete upon completion and all were eventually converted back to their original destroyer configurations. He should be released from the institution shortly after completing the kits.



Here are a few random photos of the members attending tonight's meeting.



There were two items raffled off tonight: A new Airfix 1/72 scale kit of an FGR.2 Royal Air Force Phantom II, which was won by Jeff East; and the February 2019 edition of "Scale Aircraft Modelling" magazine from the UK, which was won by Butch Bryan!



Next meeting will be on **April 11, 2019, SAME PLACE, STARTING AT 7:30PM!**

The meeting concluded at approximately 10:05pm.

Minutes recorded by Eric Olson....