

IPMS-Flight 19 July 11, 2019 Meeting

Meeting Place: First Church of the Nazarene
916 NE 4 ST
Pompano Beach FL 33060
7:45pm – 10:15pm

Members in attendance:

Steven Blok	Mark Lemanski
Tim Bryant	Eric Olson
Butch Bryan	Chuck Patterson
Jeff East	Mike Skurda
Timothy East	Norm Summey
Peter Frearson	Galo Terrazas
David Kennedy	JamesWilbanks
Bill Koster	Matt Ziegler
Dillon LeBlanc	

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

President East gave a brief summary of club finances which are positive and solvent.

The club meeting date for August has been changed to the 3rd Thursday of the month, AUGUST 15, 2019, in order to accommodate members who will be attending the IPMS National Convention in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Not only will attendance at our monthly meeting be enhanced, we will be able to have first-hand reports of what happened at the National Convention from our own club members!

There followed a general discussion of the upcoming IPMS National Convention which is slated for August 7-10, 2019, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. At least three club members (Jeff East, Peter Frearson and Galo Terrazas) will be going to Chattanooga. President East gave an extended overview of what to expect, based on his attendance at past national conventions.

Jeff East described a recent trip to the Florida west coast to visit some hobby shops. Butch Bryan (driver extraordinaire), Don Danforth and Tim Bryant were also along for the trip. They visited Metro Trains & Hobbies in Ft. Myers and were very impressed with the models, supplies and paints for sale. The trek continued south, to Naples, where they visited the Family Hobby Center. The consensus was that both are very good hobby shops and also a good source of hobby tools. Unfortunately, such a trip report only highlights the absolute lack of any decent hobby shops in Broward County since Maniac's closed almost two years ago.

Group Build: At least seven members have agreed to a “**Build a Lindberg Kit Group Build**” and will bring a completed Lindberg kit to the Flight 19 October 2019 meeting. There are no restrictions on subject matter—just that it has to be a Lindberg kit. There was a short discussion of progress by participants with some commenting that they were impressed with the fit of the old Lindberg kits despite some weaknesses such as non-existent cockpit details, etc. There should be some interesting models at the October 2019 club meeting!

***Upcoming Show Announcements:**

7/27/2019—SuperCruise Model Car Contest, Melbourne FL

8/7-10/2019—2019 IPMS Nationals, Chattanooga TN

9/1/2019—18th Annual Table Tops NNL (**N**ational **N**ameless **L**uminaries) Car Show, Orlando FL

10/11-12/2019—40th NNL (**N**ational **N**ameless **L**uminaries) Nationals Toledo OH (Model Car Show)

10/18-20/2019—Modelpalooza 2019, Kissimmee FL

11/2/2019—ACME Southern Nationals, Smyrna GA (Model Car Show)

11/9/2019—Southlandz Show, Tampa area (Model Car Show)

2/29/2020—**Modelfest IX**, Flight 19, Pompano Beach FL

7/29 – 8/1/2020—2020 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX

“MODELFEST IX 2020”: **YES**, there will be a Modelfest IX in 2020. **Modelfest IX** will take place on **Saturday, February 29, 2020**, at the **Emma Lou Olson Community Center in Pompano Beach**. The contest theme will be anything related to **“CATS.”** Butch Bryan is involved in marketing the contest and is actively soliciting corporate sponsors! Food will be available at the contest venue, but details are still being worked out. More information will follow as it develops in coming months, but start building your kits in anticipation of entering the competition at Modelfest IX 2020.

***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 Rum Runners: Some members of IPMS Rum Runners apparently meet informally in South Miami each Saturday at 10am at the Micro Macro Mundo hobby shop which is located at 7564 SW 117 AVE, Miami FL 33183. In addition, Rum Runners also holds a monthly formal meeting there, usually on the last Saturday of the month. Members of Flight 19 are welcome to visit at either occasion and the side advantage is that Micro Macro Mundo stocks excellent kits (e.g., Tamiya, Revell, etc.) at reasonable prices. So...if you go for the fellowship, you can also buy nice plastic kits at good prices! P.S.—be sure to bring your passport, remember, it is South Miami. LOL

***Show & Tell:**

James Wilbanks, as noted in prior minutes of our club meetings, is endeavoring to do a diorama of a Russian KV-1 tank being taken out by a German Nashorn armored vehicle. This month he brought in the Dragon Model 1/35 scale Sd.Kfz. 164 Nashorn work-in-progress (WIP). He reported that the kit contained some “short shot” parts on the sprues, but that he was able to correct the deficiencies, although he was surprised to find defective parts in the kit. His Nashorn will sport a unique camouflage scheme based on “trees.” We look forward to seeing how James depicts that scheme! Regardless, he will do a fantastic job—he always does!



Mike Skurda brought a piece of personal modeling history to tonight's meeting. He won his first award, a 2nd Place, in March 1982 in Berkley, Michigan with a 35mm Armored Balrog figure. While rearranging some items at his house, Mike found the Armored Balrog figure AND the 2nd Place award certificate! He brought both to our meeting tonight. What a blast from the past! Needless to say, Mike has won a ton of awards for figures, ships and airplanes over the last 37 years. Keep up the good work!



Dillon LeBlanc, our premier junior modeler, brought three models to display tonight. The giant among them was his Merit 1/18 scale Douglas SBD dive bomber. He's done a great job detailing it, particularly the cockpit--it is most impressive! The next project on his work bench is a diorama of a crashed German Ju-87 Stuka dive bomber work-in-progress (WIP) using a Revell 1/48 scale kit. It's going to be on the ground and show signs of a major fire after the crash. He used Testors glue to light the fire under controlled conditions in order to simulate fire damage. Guess Dillon is catching the disaster diorama bug from James Wilbanks! It should be a most interesting project when finished. The final model displayed by Dillon was a Monogram 1/48 scale Mig-29 Fulcrum with the landing gear retracted. Everyone commented on how sleek the Mig looked and on the good job he did on completing it. He commented that the kit did not fit well and it had lots of gaps that needed to be filled. On the other hand, he said the cockpit was very good right out of the box. It's always fun to see what he brings to the meetings.



Butch Bryan is progressing well with his build of a giant 1/350 scale Polar Lights Enterprise Star Trek Star Ship. He has highly modified it to depict a Lynch class light destroyer, the USS Shau ("Shark" in Chinese). He cut down the disk, lighted it with stobes, flashing lights, a lighted hangar deck and lighted engines. This is a massive electronic project for Butch, but he's doing a fantastic job incorporating the lights into the model. He acknowledged that he got the navigation lights reversed (the red should be on the left and the green on the right), but he's not going to correct the error. For him to do that he'd have to break the model apart and that's not going to happen. Based on this error, he said that future navigation lights on his models will be built with clear, white lights that he will paint with Tamiya translucent red and green paints. Ever the modeler, he learned from his mistake. Incidentally, as we know, Butch likes to mask his Star Trek models for painting rather than using decals. This kit requires a very detailed masking job and involves six different paints for essentially a white paint scheme! One of the photos below is NOT depicting a yellow/green flower patch: it's a huge pile of used masking tape that was removed after painting. Don't know who the figure is pushed up into the corner by the pile of tape. Capt. Kirk?

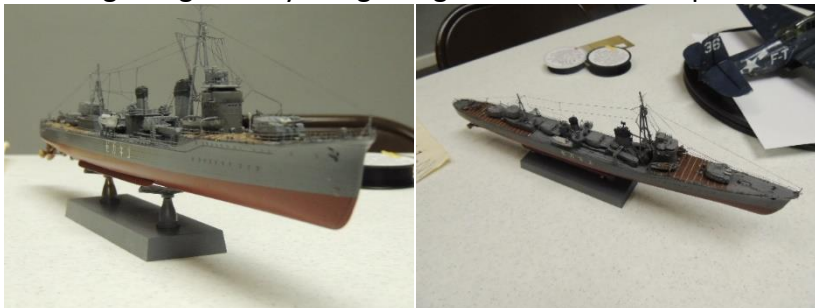


Mark Lemanski was able to make tonight's meeting, the first he's been able to attend in quite a while. He brought an unusual subject: a Metal Earth photo-etched (P/E) model of St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow, Russia. These relatively inexpensive kits are becoming more readily available at such outlets as Hobby Lobby and even Barnes & Noble bookstores. Mark wanted to paint the model since the the domes are multi-colored and very attractive on the real cathedral, but doing so would require the parts to be painted as they are assembled. This is pretty difficult to accomplish due to the small size of the model and the fact that you need to do a lot of bending of the P/E metal parts to complete the kit. The model cannot be painted after it is assembled, so it's a major decision for a modeler to make before starting to build the kit. Mark said that he

used different sized nails as forms to bend any P/E metal pieces into round objects. The P/E is hard and is difficult to file. He stated that when removing parts from the P/E backing, make sure not to leave any nibs on the removed part. It is very difficult to file off the nibs if they are left on the part after being cut from the backing plate. Regardless, he did a great job completing St. Basil's as seen in the accompanying photos.



Tim Bryant continues to work in 1/350 scale! He brought in his 1/350 Hasegawa Japanese destroyer, the Yukasaki. It is looking good, but there is a lot of photo-etched brass that is on this smallish ship model. Tim has now installed/glued brass deck striping after removing and re-installing plastic railings. This was after he sanded down raised plastic sections to get the deck ready for the P/E deck striping! He used Easy-Line flexible string for the rigging which looks very realistic. One negative comment about the kit concerned the Hasegawa decals. They were overly thick and did not lay down well even with applications of decal softener and solvent. That's also the same comment a lot of aircraft modelers make about older Hasegawa kit decals in addition to Hasegawa generally not getting the color "red" to print accurately on its kit decals.



Tim also brought in his Accurate Miniatures 1/48 scale TBM Avenger in Flight 19 markings from December 1945. He had hoped to complete the kit in time for our Modelfest VIII contest in March 2019, but the best laid plans of mice and men....The Accurate Miniatures kit of the Avenger is one

of the most accurate (no pun intended) kits of the Avenger and it looks great. Tim should be proud of this accomplishment!



Chuck Patterson, one of our long time members who's back in the fold, brought his converted/scratch built diorama of King Kong log rolling the explorers who were out to capture him. It's based on a Kobiyashi 1/24 scale resin model of Kong and the log/figures, but to accurately depict the scene, which was mostly cut from the original 1932 movie, Chuck had to include a giant tarantula beneath the log. He ended up using an AMT kit of a tarantula and built up some boulders to support Kong on one end of the gap and the end of the log on the other boulder. What sets this diorama apart is the painting. Chuck managed to enhance the effect of the diorama with his expert painting of Kong and the scenery. He used Peter Jackson's version of King Kong as the basis for his painting of the figure. A very creative and inspiring diorama!



Galo Terrazas was late to the meeting, as usual, but it was worth the wait. He brought three models to the meeting, one completed and two WIPs. The completed model was his Special Hobby 1/48 scale Fairey Firefly in Korean War colors. This model was built for the IPMS Rum Runners award winning Korean War group display at the IPMS National Convention held in Columbia, South Carolina. It's not an easy kit to build, but Galo did a great job!



Galo's other two models are WIPs. One is a Tamiya 1/48 scale Japanese Ki-61 Tony fighter from World War II. He's building it for another IPMS Rum Runners group build. It's in an all silver finish using Testors Metalizer paint. He said the paint didn't set up well, so he rubbed it all off and resprayed and came out with a great finish. The model really looks like it's made of metal. The other kit is the Tamiya 1/48 scale AD Skyraider which Galo intends to build in USMC markings. It is also being done for the IPMS Rum Runners group build. We look forward to seeing both of these kits when they are completed—they'll be great!



Norm Summey, as usual we leave the best for last, and Norm takes the cake this time. Norm moved a couple of hundred miles north to the Daytona Beach area a couple of years ago, so it's a real treat when he makes the trek down to south Florida and comes to a Flight 19 meeting. Normally (no pun intended), he builds 1/48 scale airplanes, but this time he surprised us with two 1/35 scale Italeri models of Elco 80' PT boats. These are not going to be your run of the mill PT Boats, either. Norm is converting them into gun boats—no torpedoes—as seen is some reference material. It's an expensive project since he has to use a lot of aftermarket parts on the rather pricey Italeri kits. He's had to order aftermarket 40mm guns, 20mm guns, machine guns

and other goodies. All-in-all, Norm figures he's already got almost \$500 sunk into this project and it's still not completed. Doesn't matter to us, they look fantastic already. He doesn't have a time line for completion, but will keep us updated.



Here are a few random photos of some members (not too scary) attending tonight's meeting along with some general photos showing models on display.



Raffle: Tonight's raffle prize was the 1/35 scale TAKOM kit of the German Pz.Abt. 505 King Tiger tank with a Henschel turret, Zimmerit and a complete interior; it was won by Jeff East who builds ships—go figure!

Next meeting will be on AUGUST 15, 2019, SAME PLACE, STARTING AT 7:30PM!

NOTE: Remember, the August meeting date has been moved to the THIRD week in August to accommodate members who will be attending the IPMS National Convention in Chattanooga TN.

Tonight's meeting concluded at approximately 10:15pm.

Minutes recorded by Eric Olson....