

**IPMS-Flight 19**  
**January 10, 2019 Meeting**

Meeting Place: First Church of the Nazarene  
916 NE 4 ST  
Pompano Beach FL 33060  
7:50pm – 9:55pm

Members in attendance:

Butch Bryan	John Occhialini
Tim Bryant	Eric Olson
Chuck Davis	Bill Palmer (Guest)
Jim Decker	Ralph Severino
Lynn Delacroix (Guest)	Mike Skurda
Jeff East	Norm Summey
Peter Frearson	Galo Terrazas
Matt Gerken	James Wilbanks
David Kennedy	Matt Ziegler
Dillon LeBlanc	

Excused members: Don Danforth (working)  
Bill Koster (bronchitis)

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff East at 7:50pm.

There was a brief discussion of club finances which are essentially unchanged with positive balances after paying expenses for the 2018 Christmas Party. President East said there were 47 attendees at the Christmas Party and there was fun had by all. There was plenty of food, with little left over, and lots of horse trading and selling on the model tables. All in all, a very successful party for everyone who was able to attend!

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

**NEXT MONTH'S MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019.** This was in deference to Valentine's Day which would have been the regularly scheduled meeting date.

There was a general discussion about military history documentaries that are regularly broadcast on local public television channels (PBS). If these types of programs are of interest to members, they are broadcast on WPBT-Channel 2, WLRN-Channel 17 and BECON TV-Channel 63. Check local TV schedules for program broadcast times.

### **\*Upcoming Show Announcements:**

1/27/2019—South Florida Toy Soldier Club Show, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Lake Worth FL,  
includes model contest sponsored by So. Florida Scale Model Consortium  
1/27/2019—Florida FAST Expo 2019, Miami Airport Convention Center, 10am-4pm, Miami FL  
2/9/2019—JAXCON, Jacksonville FL  
3/2/2019—FAST Billetproof, Ocala FL  
**3/2/2019—Flight 19 Model Fest VIII, Pompano Beach FL**  
**3/3/2019—31<sup>st</sup> Florida MOPAR Nationals, Davie FL**  
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  
5/11/2019—14<sup>th</sup> 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  
8/7-10/2019—2019 IPMS Nationals, Chattanooga TN  
10/18-20/2019—Modelpalooza 2019, Kissimmee FL  
7/29 – 8/1/2020—2020 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX

### **\*Flight 19 Model Fest VIII:**

The Flight 19 Model Fest VIII will take place on **Saturday, March 2, 2019**, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Pompano Beach, Florida. We need the “usual suspects” to step up and volunteer for set-up and break-down duties. As always, we want and need volunteer judges and encourage other clubs and their members to be volunteer judges at our contests. Flight 19 members each need to donate one nice “new” kit to the club for the Model Fest VIII contest raffle. Flight 19 Model Fest contests are renown across the state as probably having the best contest raffles in Florida!

Peter Frearson, the Model Fest VIII contest chairman, gave a brief update on the status of contest preparations. All is progressing well in a timely manner, but Peter acknowledged that there is a need to better advertise Model Fest VIII on social media, e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc., as well as on the Flight 19 webpage. Peter also said that contest flyers are going to be placed at the Felix Hobby shop in Broward County and at Micro Macro Mundo in Miami-Dade County.

**\*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:**

**Butch Bryan** brought two models to the meeting. The first was his Hasegawa 1/32 scale F6F-3 Hellcat which we've seen in various stages over the past two meetings. For practical purposes, it's finally done and looks every bit the part of a WW II naval fighter. Butch replaced the plastic exhaust stacks with scratch built aluminum stacks and he also made the drop tank look more accurate than the standard kit part. Good work, Butch!



The second model was a work in progress (WIP) that Butch is scratch building/kit bashing for one of his friends. It is going to be a 1/537 scale (that vaunted 1/537<sup>th</sup> scale!) "Estell" class Starship from the classic Star Trek series. The USS Estell will bear the NCC-1987 serial number and name in honor of the wife of Butch's buddy. This will be another outstanding depiction of a space craft when completed.



**Tim Bryant** is known as one of our most prolific modelers. He brought three models to the club meeting—a 1/350 scale Tamiya IJN Yamato battleship, a 1/350 scale Hasegawa IJN Yukizaki destroyer and his Accurate Miniatures 1/48 scale Flight 19 TBM-1C Avenger.

The IJN Yamato is a WIP that is progressing very nicely (see the photos)! This is Tamiya's newest tooling of the IJN Yamato that comes with photo-etched (PE) parts in the kit. Tim has also incorporated an after-market PE detail set that includes another 5 PE sheets! He also has acquired some EZ Line for rigging purposes. The kit practically looks like it's completed at this stage. Members expect to see it in all of its completed glory in time for Model Fest VIII.

Here are some photos of Tim's collection with an emphasis on the IJN Yamato battleship.



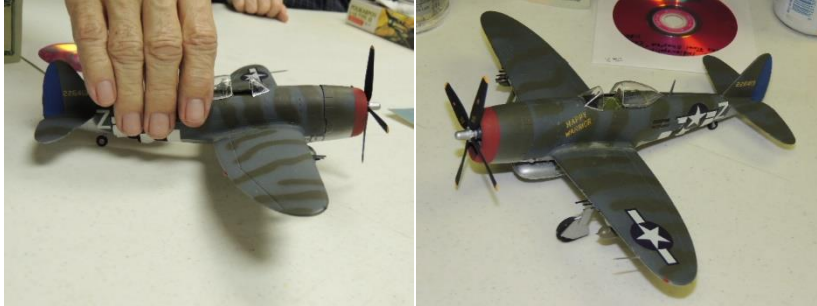
The second kit he brought to show off was an Accurate Miniatures 1/48 scale TBM-1C Avenger that has decals for Flight 19 when they went missing on December 5, 1945. This kit will be built as an out-of-the-box (OOB) example when completed. Tim says his target completion date for this kit is March 2, 2019, in time to be entered into Model Fest VIII.



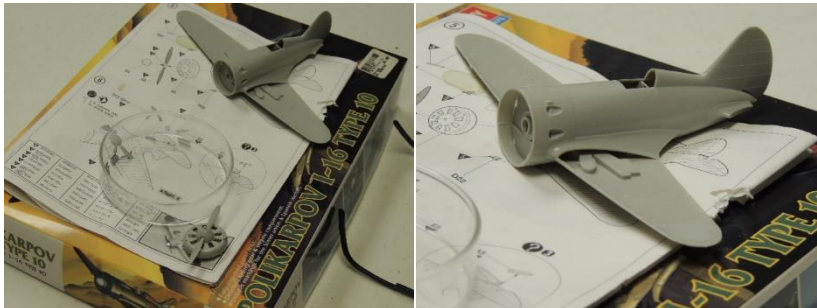
Tim's third kit was the Hasegawa 1/350 scale IJN Yukizaki destroyer. It makes a good comparison when placed next to the IJN Yamato battleship in the same scale! According to Tim, the Yukizaki is about 99% complete at this stage—primed and waiting for final paint.



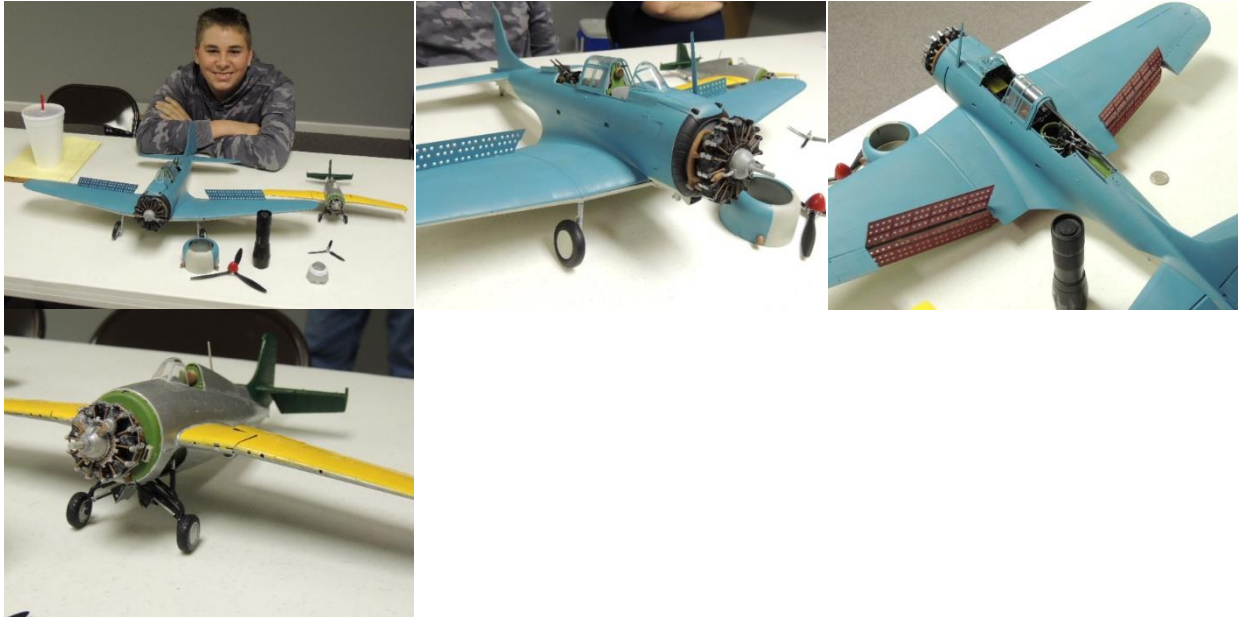
**Jim Decker** brought in an old Monogram 1/48 scale “pre-painted” kit of a P-47D Bubble-Top USAAF fighter plane. Jim thinks the Monogram paint job is not too good, but it sure photographs well. He also said the major drawback to pre-painted kits is that you can’t really clean up seams or do much touch up without destroying the manufacturer’s pre-painted scheme. Here are some photos of the completed model.



**Matt Ziegler** had an Academy 1/48 scale I-16 Type 10 Russian WW II fighter on display as a WIP. He said that the Academy and Hobby Boss kits are the exact same molds and that the Eduard I-16 kit is better than the Academy/Hobby Boss kits. He is experimenting with building techniques on this kit and had some interesting observations. For example, the number of engine cylinders and the engine exhaust stacks (supposedly one per cylinder) do not match. He is NOT going to correct that error. LOL He also managed to spill some liquid glue on one of the undersides of the wing. (Who hasn’t already done that?) With a little light sanding and polishing, he’s fixed that homemade problem. This should be a stunning little model when Matt gets it finished.



**Dillon LeBlanc** is our most prolific junior modeler and he usually brings in some very interesting models. He didn't disappoint us tonight! He brought the biggest model of a Dauntless dive bomber that anyone in the club has ever seen. He thinks it was made by Meritor and it's a 1/18 scale SBD Dauntless. It is a WIP, but looks like it will turn out to be a great model. The second model that Dillon brought was a Trumpeter 1/32 scale F4F Wildcat. He did it in a pre-war paint scheme during a really quick build. He said the kit wing fold feature leaves a lot to be desired since the wings, when unfolded, droop. This defect can be easily corrected if the wings are permanently glued in either the folded or unfolded position.



**Norm Summey** drove down from Daytona Beach where he now lives to attend tonight's meeting. He brought four 1/32 scale models for show and tell, too!



These included a scratch built/kit bash Piper Pawnee crop duster which will use wings from a Revell Germany 1/32 scale Piper Super Cub with a cowling from a Monogram 1/33 scale Piper TriPacer kit along with scratch built details and fuselage done by Norm. He also brought an

almost completed Revell Germany Piper Super Cub that he intends to finish as an aerial application spray plane. It's completed, except for the spray bar apparatus (he's already installed a tank in the rear seat area to represent an insecticide hopper—see photo below). The Super Cub has custom decals done for Norm by a friend.



The other two models were gliders by Revell Germany. One was an LSA-18 and the other was a Duo Discus glider. These were unusual in that they have long, thin wings. As simple as the gliders appear, they do have detailed cockpits. Norm also brought a copy of a painting that depicts an incident that occurred during WW II. A USAAF C-47 was heading to land at a Japanese held airfield and the crew was unaware of their error. Apparently, there was also a radio failure and a following P-51D pilot's warnings went unheeded. Consequently, the P-51D shot the C-47 down rather than have it and it's crew/passengers fall into enemy hands. According to Norm, all crew members and passengers survived the crash and avoided capture.



**James Wilbanks** has started on another of his incredible WW II diorama concepts. He is going to depict a Russian KV-1 tank by the side of a road after having been knocked out by a German Nashorn. To accomplish this, James will do the diorama using an Eastern Express 1/35 scale KV-1 (a kit with terrible fit problems according to James) along with a Dragon 1/35 scale Sd. Kfz.164 Nashorn kit. In fact, the box art on the Dragon kit shows what James intends to model for the diorama.



**Galo Terrazas** brought two 1/72 scale kits to the meeting. One is the Airfix Do-17E and the other is the Monogram Do-17Z. He intends to do both as OOB kits and is practicing weathering techniques on the two models.



Here are a few random pictures of club members from tonight's meeting enjoying the modeling fellowship!







Tonight's raffle prize was the excellent Tamiya 1/48 scale Supermarine Spitfire Mk.I kit with both pre-war and Battle of Britain markings, which was won by a very happy Butch Bryan (for the second meeting in a row!).

**REMINDER: THE FEBRUARY 2019 CLUB MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019.** This was necessary to give free rein to marital and romantic bliss since the meeting was originally scheduled to take place on Valentine's Day. Next meeting **FEBRUARY 21, 2019, SAME PLACE, STARTING AT 7:30PM!** See you there!

The meeting concluded at approximately 9:55pm.

Minutes recorded by Eric Olson....