

IPMS-Flight 19
March 12, 2020 Meeting

Meeting Place: First Church of the Nazarene
916 NE 4 ST
Pompano Beach FL 33060
7:35pm – 9:25pm

Members in attendance:

Gene Beadle	Bill Koster
Debbie Blok	Dillon LeBlanc
Steven Blok	Eric Olson
Butch Bryan	Danny Price
Tim Bryant	Mike Salazar (guest)
Don Danforth	Jeff Selker
Jim Decker	Mike Skurda
Jeff East	Adam Weinstein
Eric Gonzalez	Matt Ziegler
David Kennedy	

Absent: JT Occhialini (sick), Matt Gerken (work), Peter Frearson (self-quarantine), Ralph Severino (not feeling well), Lynn Delacroix, Chuck Patterson.

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

****President Jeff East** announced that, after many years as President of IPMS Flight 19, he is stepping down, effective, January 2021. 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 a year to help someone decide to take over the presidential mantel in 2021. Jeff's not leaving, just going back to being a modeler and a member! January 2021 will be here before we know it, so let's all rally around our future club presidential candidates! **Officer elections are tentatively scheduled for September 2020!**

Only dues paying members of Flight 19 will be eligible to run for office or to vote for club officers during the September 10, 2020, club meeting. We need to elect officers in sufficient time to list the new officers when the club files our IPMS chapter renewal with the national IPMS headquarters in December 2020. Jeff East said that even though he is "retiring" as club president, he is willing to continue planning and organizing the annual club Christmas party and is willing to remain as treasurer for IPMS charter purposes. He volunteered Peter Frearson to continue to head up future Modelfest contests and urged Butch Bryan to continue with the sales/advertising/sponsorship duties related to future contests. No objections from either one of them, but Peter Frearson was not able to attend tonight's meeting. (That ought to teach him a lesson or two. LOL)

General Discussion:

Modelfest IX 2020 Update:

CONTEST SPONSORS:

The following individuals and organizations graciously sponsored various model categories at Modelfest IX 2020. Their support and generosity are greatly appreciated by IPMS Flight 19 and the local modeling community! (In alphabetical order)

Cars and Coffee of the Palm Beaches
Ms. Lynn Delacroix
Family Hobby Center, Naples FL
FARA Racing
Flight 19 Restaurant
IPMS Rum Runners
K & K Hobby Shop, Punta Gorda FL
Meguiers (as in "the" wax company, they sent samples)
Molinium Model Truck Parts
Sawgrass Ford
TLM Racing

There is consideration being given to presenting plaques along with related contest photos to each of the above sponsors in gratitude for their sponsorship during Modelfest IX 2020. Details will be finalized in the near future.

General Contest Discussion:

There were 79 entrants who displayed 351 models in the contest. In addition, all 48 vendor tables were sold for the event. While the precise revenue/expense figures have yet to be finalized, Modelfest IX 2020 was a financial success, due in large part to the dedication of members of Flight 19 and the efforts to secure numerous sponsorships. The general contest theme was "Cats," but there was a table set aside for Lindberg models entered in the contest (which was won by Chuck Patterson's terrific Lindberg paddlewheel riverboat) and a "Glory Days" display table for past contest winners which proved to be popular. President East mentioned that the aircraft and armor contest categories appeared to be a bit "weak" this year, but that the car category was extremely well populated. Hmm...wonder what folks are going to build to enter in next year's contest?

As part of a debrief, members had a couple of helpful suggestions for future contests to be held at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center. There will be adjustments made in the vendor area to allow more cross traffic between the rows of vendor tables. That will eliminate the need to go all the way to the end of a row to cross to a different vendor table row. Members also felt that there is a need for more external roadside signage directing patrons to the civic center and the

club will look into acquiring signage to accomplish those goals. Driving directions will also be included in any publication about future contests at the civic center. Apparently, there were a number of complaints from attendees that their GPS units, despite having entered the correct physical address, directed them to locations other than the civic center. By including written directions to the venue, any GPS confusion should be easily overcome by drivers. We might also consider mentioning the fact that some GPS units can guide drivers to an incorrect location even when the correct address is entered into a GPS unit.

Incidentally, the venue—the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center—has been tentatively booked by Flight 19 with the City of Pompano Beach for March 2021 and prospectively for March 2022.

2021 REGIONAL CONTEST FOR IPMS REGION 11:

Flight 19's Modelfest X 2021 will be the 2021 Regional Contest for IPMS Region 11. It will be a one day contest held on Saturday, MARCH 6, 2021, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, Pompano Beach, Florida. First on the agenda will be selecting a theme for the contest which will be discussed at our club meeting on April 9, 2020. Details regarding the Regional contest will be worked out over the next year, so stay tuned for updates!

West Coast Hobby Trip:

Everyone that participated had a blast on the January 2020 trip to visit the west coast hobby shops (Family Hobby Center; K&K Hobby Shop; and Victory Hobbies). **The next trip is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020.** There is serious consideration being given to renting a larger vehicle so a greater number of Flight 19 club members can attend the Caloosacon (formerly Wings, Wheels & Keels) contest in Venice, Florida on March 28, 2020. Contact Butch Bryan if you're interested in going on the Caloosacon trip!

GROUP BUILD: Butch Bryan reminded everyone that the club is engaged in another group build. This time there is lots of room for creativity. There is no modeling subject specified for the build. Instead, participants will build 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" diorama base. The participants will display their completed masterpieces at the Flight 19 club meeting on April 9, 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.

***Upcoming Show Announcements:**

3/28/2020—Caloosacon (formerly Wings, Wheels & Keels), Venice FL
4/4/2020—Hobby Show & Swap Meet at K&K Hobby Shop, Port Charlotte FL
4/4-5/2020—NSRA Model Car Show, Tampa FL
4/18-19/2020—Modelfest 2020 IPMS Space Coast, Cocoa FL
5/9/2020—Southlandz Model Car Show, Tampa FL area
5/29-31/2020—Wonderfest (Sci Fi & Figures), Louisville KY
6/27/2020—PAMSCON, Plant City FL
7/29 – 8/1/2020—2020 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX
10/16-18, 2020—Modelpalooza, Kissimmee FL
11/14/2020—Southlandz Model Car Show, Tampa FL area

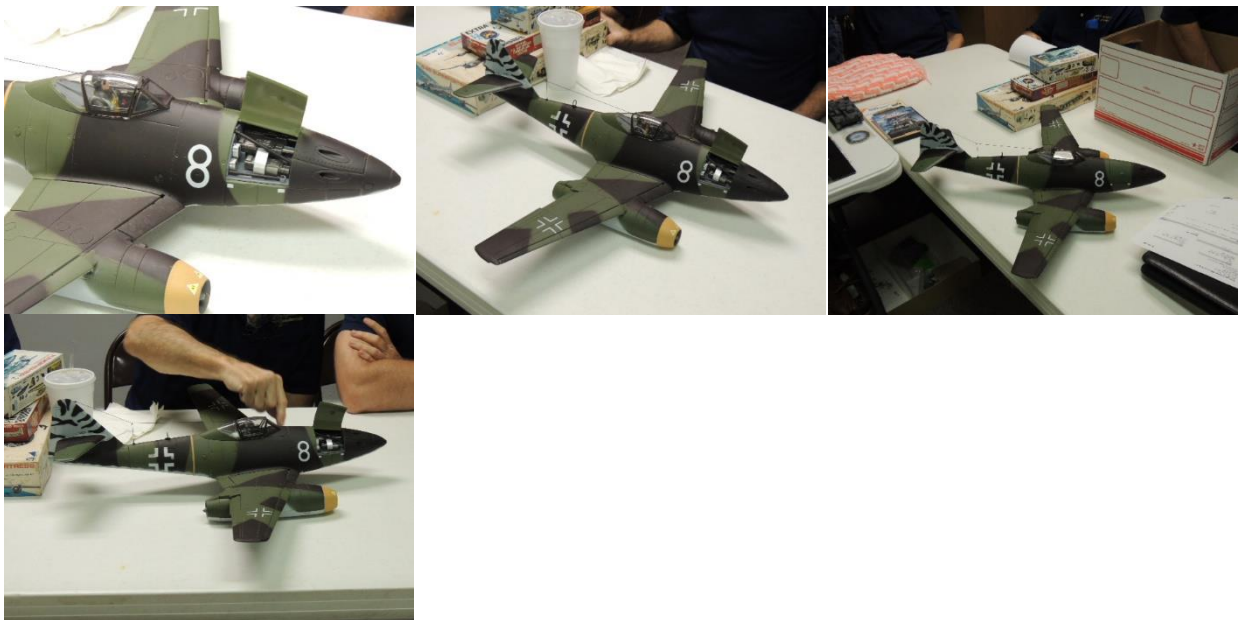
2021 IPMS Nationals, Las Vegas NV
2022 IPMS Nationals, Omaha NE

***Show & Tell:**

Dillon LeBlanc: Dillon brought two models tonight, both in various stages of completion. His Heller 1/72 scale Lockheed L1049 Constellation is missing the clear parts. He needs some assistance in locating or fabricating the cockpit roof and windows and some of the club members offered helpful suggestions. The second model was a Monogram 1/48 scale US Navy F-4J Phantom II in the markings of VF-96's ace, Randy Cunningham. He purchased the kit TWO WEEKS AGO at our Modelfest IX 2020 contest and it is practically completed NOW! Dillon likes to mount his aircraft models as if they are in flight, so he "retracted" the landing gear on the Phantom. As you can see from the following photos, he did a nice job!



Jeff Selker: Jeff purchased an Admiral Toys 1/18 scale Me-262 from Dwight Douglas after last month's club meeting. It is a toy-like model and Jeff intends to clean it up, modify and add various parts to turn it into a real model instead of a toy. He will probably modify or change the paint scheme, too. It is one BIG impressive model and Jeff will do it justice.



Debbie Blok: Debbie built a Dragon 1/35 scale Panzer tank after being inspired by an anime movie, “Girls in Panzers.” That got everybody’s attention! She did a really nice job in construction and detailing of her model as can be seen in the photos below.



Steven Blok: Steven brought a Bandai 1/100 scale Verkop (sp?) Gundam model to the meeting. It was a First Place winner at our recent Modelfest IX 2020 contest, but it is a very fragile model. Steven said that it comes in a zillion delicate pieces and that it is molded in clear plastic. Each piece has to be painted by the modeler! He said that it sometimes appears that just jiggling the table would be enough to make some parts fall off. Regardless, he did an excellent job and it is an impressive model—sort of reminds people of the movie, “Transformers.”



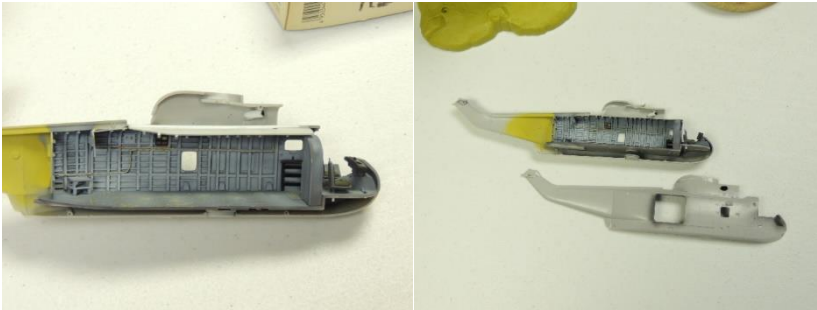
Gene Beadle: Gene displayed a Grenadier Miniatures 25mm Green Dragon metal figure. He started it 18 years ago and let it “mature” until a week ago when he dug it out and finished it just before tonight’s meeting. The figure was first primed with flat black paint and then Gene used simple craft paints obtained from a “going out of business” sale at a local arts and crafts store to finish the dragon. While we don’t have any significant hobby shops in Broward County anymore, Gene reports that there are at least three businesses still operating here that cater to the dungeons and dragons crowd with metal figures and supplies. The dragon looks really nice!



Butch Bryan: Butch brought his current work-in-progress (WIP) model to the meeting. He also belongs to the Model Car Creations car club (MCC2) and is working on an AMT 1/25 scale 1957 Chrysler 300 with a Hemi engine. The real Chrysler 300's only came in one of five factory colors, but due to difficulty in locating economically priced alternatives, Butch has opted to paint his model in a factory white paint scheme instead of his original choice (a variation on a shade of factory red used in 1957).



Eric Gonzalez: Eric displayed three models tonight, one being a WIP Fujimi 1/72 scale SH-3D Sea King helicopter that he is finishing as "Old 66," the helicopter that picked up the Apollo 11 astronauts after their successful moon landing in 1969. He is detailing the interior sections of the helicopter and it is progressing very well.



Eric likes to do Sci-Fi figures, too! He brought his completed Mobius 1/8 scale Creature From the Black Lagoon which he has done in different shades of grey. This is the second release by Mobius and includes resin cast arms for more realism. It is an eye-catching figure, especially in grey, since most modelers paint the Creature in shades of green. Scary, but nice!



An eclectic modeler would be a good description of Mr. Gonzalez. His third model on display was a Tamiya 1/35 scale Daimler Mk. II scout car. It is actually quite small in 1/35 scale which was a bit surprising, and it was very well done!



Here are a few random photos of some members (not too scary) attending tonight's meeting.



Raffle: There was no raffle at tonight's meeting, although the kit to be raffled off at the next club meeting will be an AFV Club 1/35 scale Achilles Mk.11c. (AFV kit no. Af35039)



Next club meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2020. STARTING AT 7:30PM!

Tonight's meeting concluded at approximately 9:25pm.
Minutes recorded by Eric Olson....