

**IPMS-Flight 19
May 13, 2021**

Meeting Place: First Church of the Nazarene
916 NE 4 ST
Pompano Beach FL 33060
7:40pm – 9:30pm

Members and Guests in attendance

Steven Blok	Dillon LeBlanc
Butch Bryan	Mark Mirin
Tim Bryant	John Montesinos
Scott Caldwell	JT Occhialini
Jim Decker	Eric Olson
Lynn Delacroix	Chuck Patterson
Jeff East	Mike Skurda
Eric Gonzalez	Adam Weinstein
David Kennedy	Matt Ziegler

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff East at 7:40pm.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

****President Jeff East** announced that, due to the disruptive effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, he has decided to delay his “retirement” as President of IPMS Flight 19; he is now stepping down, effective, January 2022. 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 about seven months to help someone decide to take over the presidential mantel in 2022.** Jeff’s not leaving, just going back to being a modeler and a member! His gesture in delaying his “retirement” is generous and will alleviate some of the pressure on the club regarding future officer elections and IPMS charter renewal.

CHURCH COVID-19 PROTOCOL: The First Church of the Nazarene has adopted face-to-face and social distancing protocols while the Covid-19 virus is still rampant in our community. **The club is now meeting in a different room at the church**—it is much larger and has better lighting than our traditional meeting room. The new room is on the east side of the church, next to the gymnasium. Many club members will recognize it as a spill-over room used for aircraft model displays during our previous contests held at the church. The new room makes it much easier and more comfortable to comply with the church’s Covid-19 protocols. **It is possible that the church will relax its Covid-19 protocols in light of recent Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations, BUT until we are notified by the church of any changes, the current face mask and social distancing protocols will remain in effect.** The club meetings have been designed to conform with the face-to-face protocols as follow:

*All members will be required to wear face masks during the meeting, except when presenting their models during “show and tell”

*Long tables will be set up, sufficiently separated from seated club members, so members can set up and display their models for “show and tell” and maintain social distancing

*Member seating will be spaced apart by at least 6’ and, if we are using an exceptionally large room, seating in separate rows will be staggered in order to maintain social distancing without obstructing anyone’s view of the model table while they are seated

*No food allowed, but sodas and snacks such as candy bars can be consumed on premises

2021 REGIONAL CONTEST FOR IPMS REGION 11: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Flight 19’s Modelfest X 2021 was to be the 2021 Regional Contest for IPMS Region 11 to be held on Saturday, MARCH 6, 2021, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center in Pompano Beach, Florida. However, as previously announced, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, **Modelfest X 2021 HAS BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.** Flight 19 will continue to coordinate with the City of Pompano Beach and, when Covid-19 restrictions can be relaxed, a mutually agreeable 2021 contest date will be selected and publically announced; **however, at this time, there is no guarantee that Modelfest X 2021 will take place in 2021.**

NEW MODELFEST 2022 FLIGHT 19 CONTEST/SHOW: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Regardless of whether Modelfest X 2021 takes place during 2021, IPMS Flight 19 will host **MODELFEST 2022 on March 5, 2022**, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center in Pompano Beach, Florida. MODELFEST 2022 will NOT be the 2022 IPMS Region 11 contest/show; that honor falls to IPMS Spacecoast on April 29, 2022, through May 1, 2022 (see contest listings, below). Presuming that there will not be a Modelfest X 2021 contest/show in 2021, all those contest themes, categories and special awards will flow over to MODELFEST 2022. Watch for future Modelfest contest announcements on the IPMS Flight 19 Facebook page.

GROUP BUILD: Flight 19's first 2021 group build display took place during the April 2021 club meeting where participants displayed their 8" X 10" dioramas and subjects. There were many interesting and creative models and displays to be seen! The second 2021 group build involves Snap-Tite kits. All participants need only build any Snap-Tite type of kit and try to make it look as good as possible. Participants are advised to choose their subject kit(s) and start building as soon as possible since the second group build display is now scheduled for next month's club meeting which will be held on June 10, 2021. We are looking forward to seeing some really nice Snap-Tite type models on display. PARTICIPATE!

Also, please feel free to suggest topics/models for future group builds. They provide an opportunity to model something different without the expense and stress of competition. Let's make modeling fun, again!

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 Rumrunners: IPMS Rumrunners have recently decided to resume 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 (see below) and on the Rumrunners "What's App." Anyone interested in joining the Rumrunners "What's App" video chat group should also contact Lonnie Berry at C46A@aol.com for details.

Club Finances: President East highlighted expenses which consisted primarily of reimbursing Butch Bryan for out-of-pocket disbursements that Butch made in conjunction with our successful Modelfest IX 2020. After all expenses, the club finances remain solvent and sufficient to fund anticipated future expenses regarding the postponed Modelfest X 2021 and the newly scheduled MODLEFEST 2022.

***Upcoming Show Announcements:**

Modelfest X 2021 Contest, Pompano Beach FL (*INDEFINITELY Postponed*)

June/July 2021 Pamscon Lakeland FL area (**CANCELED**)

Aug. 18-21, 2021 - IPMS Nationals, Las Vegas NV

10/22-24, 2021—**Modelpalooza**, Kissimmee FL

11/13/2021—**Southlandz 16th Semi-Annual Show/Contest**, Largo FL

March 5, 2022—IPMS Flight 19 Modelfest 2022, Pompano Beach FL

April 29 – May 1, 2022—IPMS Spacecoast Model Fest 2022/ IPMS Region 11 Contest,
Cape Canaveral FL

2022 IPMS Nationals, Omaha NE

2023 IPMS Nationals, San Marcos TX

Hobby Industry News:

***Model Expo:** Model Expo is primarily an online retailer of wood ship model kits, plastic model airplane, ship and car kits, and supplies and accessories. A couple of months ago, Model Expo hosted a couple of local Saturday “walk-in” sales in Miami for vintage and over-stocked kits. While those events were very successful, they have apparently been placed on hold for the foreseeable future. For more information, visit: <https://modelexpo-online.com/store.html>

General Discussion:

***Model Contests:** Generally, model contests have been canceled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, although some contests are beginning to advertise contest dates and places (see listing, above). The first 2021 contest in Florida was the JAXCON which was held on April 10, 2021, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Our Modelfest X 2021 Region 11 contest has been indefinitely postponed due to the pandemic.

The City of Pompano Beach, at this time, is unable to confirm that the Civic Center will be open for business by June 19, 2021, our rescheduled contest date. Flight 19 will maintain its line of communication with the city and will reschedule Modelfest X 2021 when a firm date can be confirmed by the City of Pompano Beach that will not conflict with any other potential 2021 contests in Florida. However, there is no guarantee that Modelfest X 2021 will be held during 2021.

***MODELFEST 2022 Contest:** Despite the fact that Modelfest X 2021 has had to be indefinitely postponed because of the Pandemic, IPMS Flight 19 will host MODELFESt 2022 on March 5, 2022, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center in Pompano Beach, Florida. Progress continues to be made “behind the scenes” such that all the preparations in place for the postponed Modelfest X 2021 will spill over to MODELFESt 2022. Butch Bryan has previously announced that a 3-D printer has been donated for the Modelfest X 2021 raffle and that will be shifted to MODELFESt 2022. THAT should generate a lot of interest in the contest by itself! He also said that he is making good progress in getting sponsors for the contest. A “**Koster**” **Category** has been added to the contest to honor our late member, Bill Koster. Any model designed by Bill while he was at Monogram Models or through his Koster Aero Enterprises (KAE) vac-formed model company will qualify for consideration in the “Koster” category. The overall **Contest Theme** will be anything to do with “**Comics.**” There will also be a special contest category for Supermarine Spitfire models due to 2021 being the 85th anniversary of the Spitfire fighter plane. Butch Bryan is also working on seeing if we can get a speaker from the Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Station Museum to make a presentation on the history of Fort Lauderdale International Airport and its relationship to the US Navy, particularly during World War II. (President George H.W. Bush received some flight training at NAS Fort Lauderdale before deploying to the Pacific in WW II.) Details to follow in subsequent club meetings!

***Victory Models:** Butch Bryan recently took a road trip over to Fort Myers Beach to visit the new Victory Models location, among other things. He reports that they are still in the process of moving into new quarters, but they have a good supply of aftermarket items and pre-owned kits. Presently, they do not have new plastic model kits on display but, ultimately, they will be stocking new kits, too. (Family Hobbies in Naples is a west coast source of “new” plastic kits.) Unfortunately, Victory’s paint stock is not what it used to be. We all know that it is extremely expensive for any hobby shop to maintain an inventory of hobby paints, particularly if they carry more than one brand of paint. Butch was not sure what future paint plans may exist at Victory, but we will continue to support them in the hobby!

***Jeff East:** Jeff is still looking for someone to return his \$100 book on aircraft modeling. As you may recall, it was being circulated among various club members, but it hasn’t appeared in a number of months. Whoever is in possession of Jeff’s book, please get in touch with him to make arrangements to return it.

***Show & Tell:**

Jeff East: President (possibly for life) East brought a work-in-progress (WIP) to tonight’s meeting. It was the AMTech 1/48 scale kit of the German Focke Wulf TA-183 Huckbien fighter concept from WW II. While it never flew, it is a unique and interesting airplane. Jeff calls it a “6 foot” model, meaning it looks good from six feet, but don’t get any closer. [Guess we can call that social distancing for models in the pandemic.] He managed to create some problems for himself when constructing the kit. First, he installed the main landing gear bays backwards. Major problem: the landing gear struts should be at the rear of the bay, NOT at the front. So...Jeff

managed to split the fuselage after he had glued it together, wiggle out the individual gear bays, reposition the struts and glue the bays in their correct positions. Problem solved—mental health shot. Second, on top of the main gear self-made problem, the clear canopy developed stress cracks, too. Several members, tonight, gave Jeff some hints and tips about polishing out the canopy and using the current iteration of Future acrylic floor wax to fill in the cracks and make them disappear. He's going to try that trick after he gets home. Hopefully, he won't break or damage anything else and will be able to bring the repaired model to next month's club meeting. Looking forward to seeing the completed Huckbien (or pieces thereof) then!



Eric Gonzalez: Mr. Gonzalez brought a couple of examples of his sci-fi Star Trek space ship models/conversions to the meeting. They all appear to be in 1/1000 scale and the first is a solid resin UMM kit designed by Bill Crouse of the battle cruiser USS *Illustrious*. Very nicely done!



His second model is a kit-bash of Polar Lights and P&T kits to convert them into a Soryu class space ship (battle cruiser?). This conversion looks like it should be a separate model kit and not a kit-bash conversion. Great work, Eric!



Dillon LeBlanc: Our junior modeler has grown up and is doing excellent, prolific work. He brought four models, all in 1/48th scale, typifying his interest in WW II aircraft: a Hawk P-51D Mustang in Tuskegee Airman markings; a Monogram OS2U Kingfisher; a Tamiya F4F Wildcat and a Tamiya version of a Luftwaffe Do-335 Arrow. All the models were built with their landing gear retracted, with the Kingfisher in its float plane configuration. According to Dillon, all the kits were pretty good models, although the Hawk Mustang landing gear doors did not fit very well for a model with retracted landing gear and the wing-to-fuselage fit was tricky to get right. Rattle can paints were used on all of the models. Looking good, kid!





Steve Blok: Steve is in a sci-fi mood and brought his WIP Bandai 1/144 scale kit of a full armor Unicorn Gundam figure. It's at the very early stages of construction, but he wanted the club members to see what the end product will look like when he's done. It should be a great looking model [and pretty sizable] when it's completed.



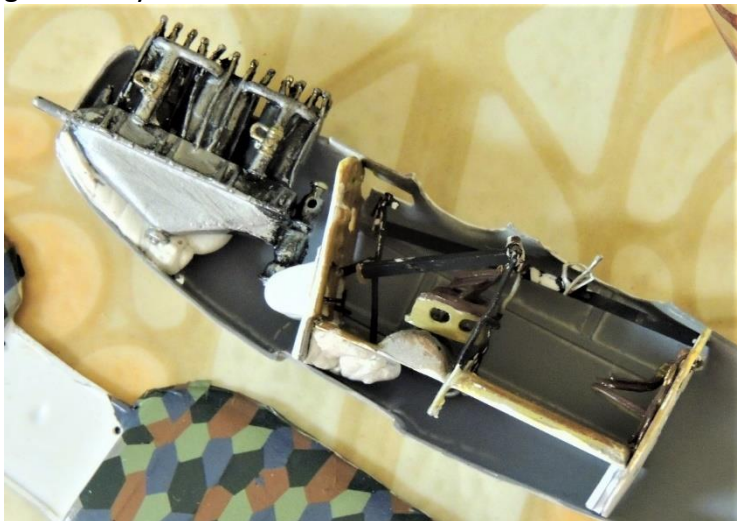
John Montesinos: John is one of our modelers who likes to tackle huge concepts and conversions. His current modeling project is to convert a 1/32 scale Revell Mirage III French jet fighter into an Israeli Kfir C-7. This is actually a pretty involved project, but John is knee deep in the conversion. He's going to use the 1/32 scale resin Kfir C-7 conversion kit from TAC Scale Dynamics along with some photo etched (P/E) components for incredible detail. In addition, he's in the process of re-scribing the Revell Mirage using a Trumpeter scribing tool, which he personally prefers. He's using a 1/48 scale Kfir kit as the basis for getting the panel lines, rivets, and general shapes correct on the 1/32 scale kit that is the basis for his conversion project. Ultimately, the Kfir will be painted in the three color Israeli Air Force camouflage scheme and will be armed with Israeli Python air-to-air missiles along with fuel tanks taken from the Revell 1/32 scale Mirage kit. He's using P/E templates to generate pencil line panel lines before he scribes them into the plastic. Ever hear of the term: glutton for punishment, John? Knowing how John works, his finished Kfir C-7 should be a stunner!

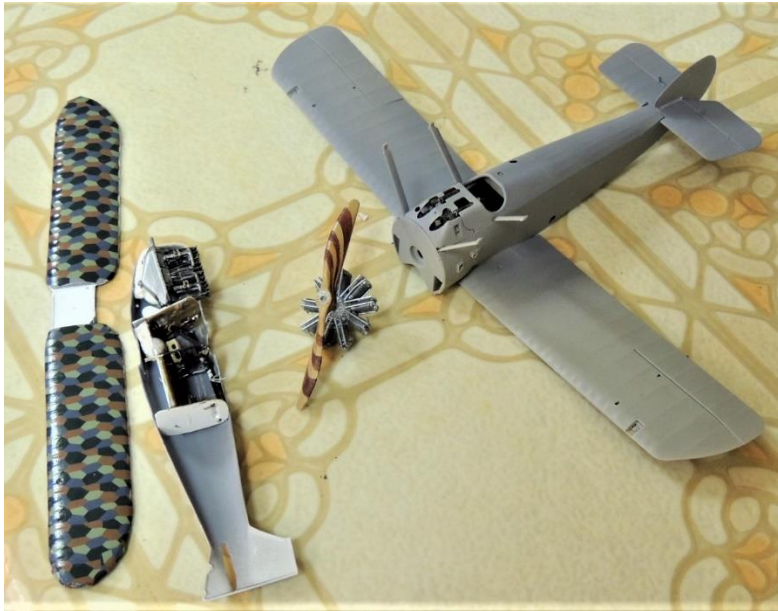


Tim Bryant: From a 1/350 scale Battleship Yamato, to Sci-Fi subjects, to...World War I aircraft, Tim is eclectic if there ever were an eclectic modeler in Flight 19. Tonight's treats from Tim are World War I aircraft kits under construction. The first is a 1/32 scale Wing Nuts kit of a US Air Service Sopwith F.1 Camel with aftermarket P/E parts. Tim has completed the interior and the engine and propeller, both of which look great. Wing Nut kits are superlative and very comprehensive and that is Tim's opinion of the kit. It will look fantastic when he gets it done.



The second model WIP on display is a 1/48 scale vacuform Koster Aero Enterprises kit (No. 17) of a Hanover C.IIIa. Tim is backdating the Hanover kit to an earlier version. He has completed the interior and engine compartments and applied wing camouflage decals, too. It will be a great entry in our Modelfest 2022 contest under the Bill Koster kit category, too!





Adam Weinstein: Adam's philosophy seems to be go big, go strange or just go! In keeping with that theme, Adam brought three really interesting kits/conversions to tonight's meeting. The strangest was a box scale Atlantis Models TR-3E Electronic Surveillance Jamming UFO. The new Atlantis Model box art cover has the UFO hovering over Machu Picchu in Peru. It had a minimal number of parts and he tackled the kit as a form of mental relief. It was a quick build and was completed in record time with no stress at all. He used Tropical Glitz rattle can paint "coral reef" color over black primer that was then clear coated. The paint actually sparkles in sun light! Bare metal foil was used for the landing gear chrome shock struts and upper fuselage panels. It's probably one of the UFO's recently spotted by US Navy fighter jocks!





Adam brought two 1/24 scale truck models tonight, both of which were heavily modified/converted. The first was a NYPD Swat Team Command & Control vehicle. He used a Trumpeter kit of a pumper fire engine as the basis for his conversion. An aftermarket aft body was utilized and was a good fit on the fire engine chassis. Adam scratch built everything forward from the cab onward and used custom made decals for the NYPD scheme. All the lights on the vehicle are Swartowski crystals purchased at a local Michael's craft store.





The second 1/24 scale truck is a work-in-progress based on the Moebius kit of an International Lonestar truck. Everything from the cab, forward, is out-of-the-box which means, in Adam's case, everything else is scratch built. He's super-detailed the interior, which is also typical of his truck models, and the engine is wired, too. The color is Pink Lemonade with pearl overcoat. Also, displayed is a 3-D printed figure of someone Adam calls "Iceman." All-in-all, a great model that will look even more outstanding as Adam gets closer to finishing the kit.





Group Photos: Here is a selection of group photographs to brighten (or frighten) your day! Most of the member photos show the consistent use of facemasks, in accord with church Covid-19 protocols. You can also see how the club is practicing social distancing during the meeting. You'll also see the birthday cake that Lynn Delacroix brought to celebrate the recent birthdays of Butch Bryan (April 10th) and Eric Gonzalez (May 10th). It was a carrot cake, tasted great and didn't last long on the table. Enjoy the photos.





Raffle Prize: Tonight's raffle prize was a brand new kit from Tamiya in 1/24 scale of a McLaren Senna—What a beautiful car! It was won by a very lucky Matt Ziegler who promptly donated it back to the club so it can be one of the raffle prizes at our MODELFEET 2022 show which is scheduled to be held on March 5, 2022. Be there!



The next club meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021, starting at 7:30pm at the First Church of the Nazarene, 916 NE 4 ST, Pompano Beach FL 33060.

Tonight's meeting concluded at approximately 9:30pm.

Minutes recorded by Eric Olson....