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Next Meeting is

10:30 AM - Saturday – 7 Dec 2024

At

Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for Nov 16, 2024

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

November's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, Nov 16th. There were **16** members in attendance.

- **Filling in for Rick, Chaz called the meeting to order:**
 - Chaz re-welcomed some old members that we hadn't seen in a while:
 - William Baumgartel
 - Scott Murphy
 - Scott Vanetten
 - Meeting Focus:
 - New Bi-Laws will be addressed with Phil & Mike pertaining to cash disbursement in the event GSSM should ever dissolve.
 - The primary focus of the meeting was the planning for the Christmas Party & White Elephant Exchange.
 - Original date of 21 Dec was eventually changed to the 7th of Dec, 2024 so that more GSSM members could attend.
 - GSSM should be able to supply sandwiches as the main course.
 - Chaz will supply plates, cutlery, napkins, cups, paper towels, & trash bags
 - Scott Vanetten offered chips/snacks,
 - Jason Boggans will supply beverages
 - Phil Cavender will bring table cloths as well as a vegetable tray.
 - It was suggested that all others should bring a dish/treat to pass.
 - The White Elephant gift exchange will proceed as it has in the past, which includes the ability to steal!! The suggested limit for the gift exchange is \$35.
 - During the meeting, nominations for GSSM Officers was re-addressed.
 - Rick had agreed to retain GSSM Presidency.
 - Phil Cavender retains as Treasurer.
 - Jason Boggans was nominated by Chaz, voted by GSSM members for GSSM VP, and has agreed to take the office.
 - \$480 was spent on raffle prizes during the recent trip to Wings, Wheels, & Waves in Sanford. Many did the road trip and an accidental find of a new and updated Hobby

Town in Fayetteville. GSSM members reported that the business was well stocked with kits and consumables.....

- A new Hayes, W,W,&W, as well as Fayetteville's Hobby Town is being considered for the new year.
- Mike briefed on his trip to Telford England for the model contest. The trip was enjoyable as he brought home a few new kits....as we'll see later.
- In discussions pertaining to the Telford event & EU/GB customs issues, Chaz had heard that Andy's Hobby was opening a facility in Canada to facilitate Canadian orders without all the shipping issues from the US.

- **Other Items**

- January's (2025) Group Build is "**Go Army**". Anything, from any time period, associated with the United States Army. Group build contest is scheduled for the 18th of January, 2025.
- Scott Vanetten's Drybrushing & Weathering Demo was rescheduled for early 2025.

New & Ongoing Business:

GSSM Scheduling: (Note....ALL dates are subject to change due to events or library availability.)

7 Dec 2024	<i>GSSM</i>	<i>Christmas Party</i>	This is the annual Christmas Party & White Elephant event!!
18 Jan 2025	<i>GSSM John Davis</i>	<i>Go Army Group Build & NASCAR Window Nets</i>	Get your realism mojo on!!
2025	<i>Andrew Rasis</i>	<i>Grow Them Trees!</i>	Andrew has agreed to show us all how he makes those fascinating diorama trees. Hopefully, MiniArt will have scale racoons, squirrels, and birds soon....
2025	<i>Scott Vanetten</i>	<i>Dry Brushing</i>	It's all in the wrist!!
2025	<i>Dayne Taylor</i>	<i>Water Effects</i>	I'm sure it'd be a splashing success!!!



We ARE looking or demonstrations for 2024 & 2025!!

Canopy Polishing	Best methods and how to!! You can polish the floors too....
Masking Techniques	Tape, masking fluid, other mediums, and techniques
Weathering	Too general so we would break it up into specific demos.
Figure Painting	Maybe we can get Calvin Tan to drop by....
Vacuum Forming Items	Especially canopies....
Using YouTube for Modeling	Techniques, Tips, & Research. If you're not using it....you SHOULD!
Using Foam Board	Ah, so THAT's why Lowes & Home Depot have that stuff..... Using a good foam cutter .
Making Waves	Ok, how to make water.....and you wonder why we would use the Foam Board demo first....
Adding Electronics to your build.	Andrew has the Ins & Outs!!!



The Veteran's Café

Many of our members attended the re-opening of the Veteran's Café. If you missed the Fox & Friends presentation with Ainsley Earhardt and Rep Fry, you can start right [here](#).

Jordan's Scribing Demo

Though I thought there was plenty of time for Jordan to present ***Scribing*** to us, unfortunately we started it late AND the Library was throwing us out. Apparently, we did NOT have the room until 1:30pm. I think we were all short-changed by this and would like to offer Jordan my apologies and an opportunity for him to repeat his presentation sometime during 2025 if he would like.

A New Kid In Town

All kidding aside, it was good to see a return visit by Gabe Volentine with some of his work. Though I am aware of some younger kids who may just be on the fringes of becoming scale modelers, I am also keenly aware of competing hobbies, sports, and digital diversions. Luckily, in this case, Gabe has found the hobby of Scale Modeling as something he would like to continue to pursue...course it doesn't hurt to have a family member into the hobby as well. In some instances, it is forgotten that Scale Modeling is not all about contests or competitions with special rules and disgruntled attendees....it's about the successful start and completion of taking a bunch of plastic and turning it into a 3d rendering of what was, what is.....or what will be.

This is it chaps.....

I wanted to take a minute to pass my well wishes to Jason Boggans as your new VP and, of course, good health to all the officers as they start a new period. We implemented some neat GSSM group things but, usually due to time constraints, we've had to leave some on the "shelf of doom". Hopefully Jason can pick up where I left off.

As for me....we purchased our condo in 2016 but did not move until Nov 2022. With daily duties, more downsizing, outside projects...and duties, I've rarely had time to finish any kits.... Many started, many at 75%+, and some in between.....but with my schedule opening up, I'm hoping to finish four before the end of the year..... Gotta finish my dad's 63 Impala kit by January for his birthday.

From there....with all the issues when moving resolved, I should be able to spend a lot more time on modeling.....as I too suffer from SABLE!!

I've performed countless experiments and have begun reducing the extraneous items and paint that I have, or tried to, use so that I can streamline my building. The average 60-80 hours per kit is more the norm than outside. I haven't just "built a kit" in some time...but that will change and hopefully, while implementing new changes, I can start producing some stunning examples....if only in my eyes!



Signing Off.....

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping tail.

Show & Tell



Phil starts Show n Tell with another IPMS/USA Review build.

Takom's VK 45.02(H) Draft Blueprint w 1461 that represents the second in a sequence between Tiger I and Tiger II.

Designated VK 45.02(H) in April 1942, discontinued in October 1942, the tank sported a Henschel turret.

This kit has track links with separate guide horns to be glued on. Looks like he finished in the standard dunkelgelb....

Look for the article in his author's [section](#).



Herb brought some guy's awards in.... Donno who's they belong to but there sure are a lot of them.

Herb has been busy over the years and wanted to bring in some awards that he's taken home from a few events. 1982? Did they even have models back then???? Must have been all Monogram...

Nice show Herb!! May you acquire a few more!!





Must be nostalgia month.....

Earl also brought in some relics of days gone by. First, the Roden Fokker D.VII (early) in 72nd scale. Swearing off any further attempts at any other Roden kits, he says he had a rough time at it..... Looks pretty good to me!!

The next images depict that Earl use to rob trains and was one of the first ConAir participants..... Ok, Train Collectors Association (1958!) and he's somewhere amongst all those "zoomies" next to a whale..... A cargo/troop carrier with propellers....

Bet he has some 8-track tapes too....



The new kid on the block, Gabe Volentine, joins his dad, Chad, at the modeling table!

Gabe brought in his 1/25th AMT 2012 Chevy Corvette in a beautiful blue with silver striping. Had some issues with the taping process but pulled it out in the end.

Now he's well underway with an AMT 1967 Shelby GT 350 in the same scale. Lookin' good!

Still new at the sport, his dad thinks Gabe is ready to try some armor..... lol

Look out Mr. Davis!!





Chad Volentine, on the other hand, has a need for speed! Breaking sound barriers with his 1/72 HobbyBoss F-15A (backdated from the C kit) that he remembers when his dad was in "The Force" in the late 70s. Further back still, a 1/72 F-105B T-Bird of Hasegawa descent. He had the hardest time cutting out all those stars to put them on a white painted surface. One of those reasons for the grey hair, perhaps?



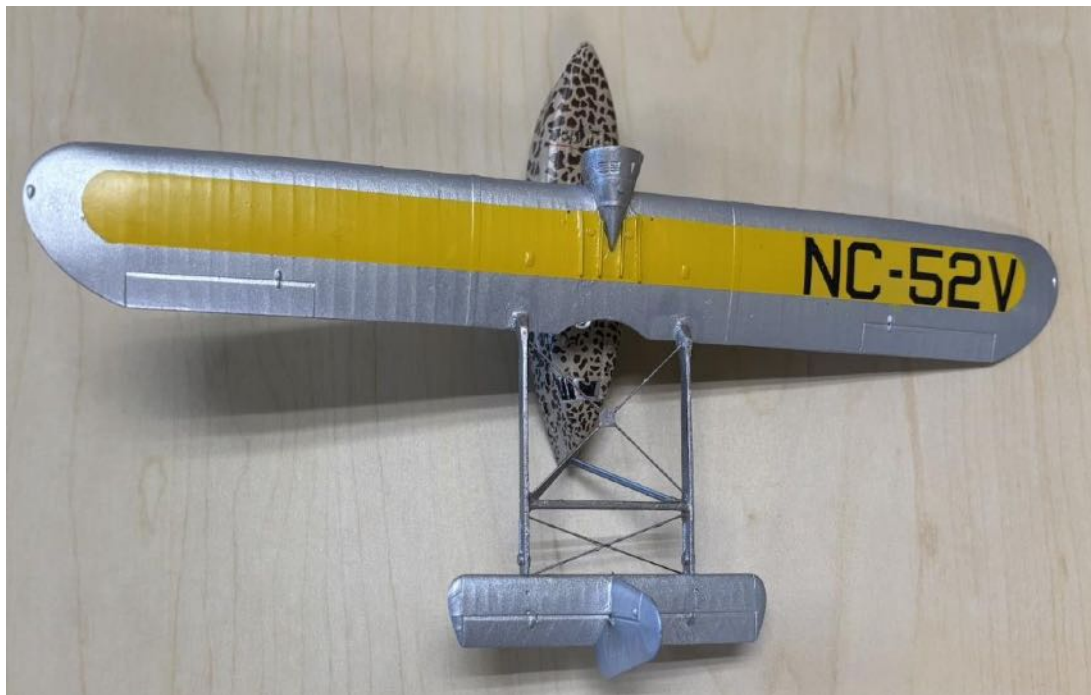


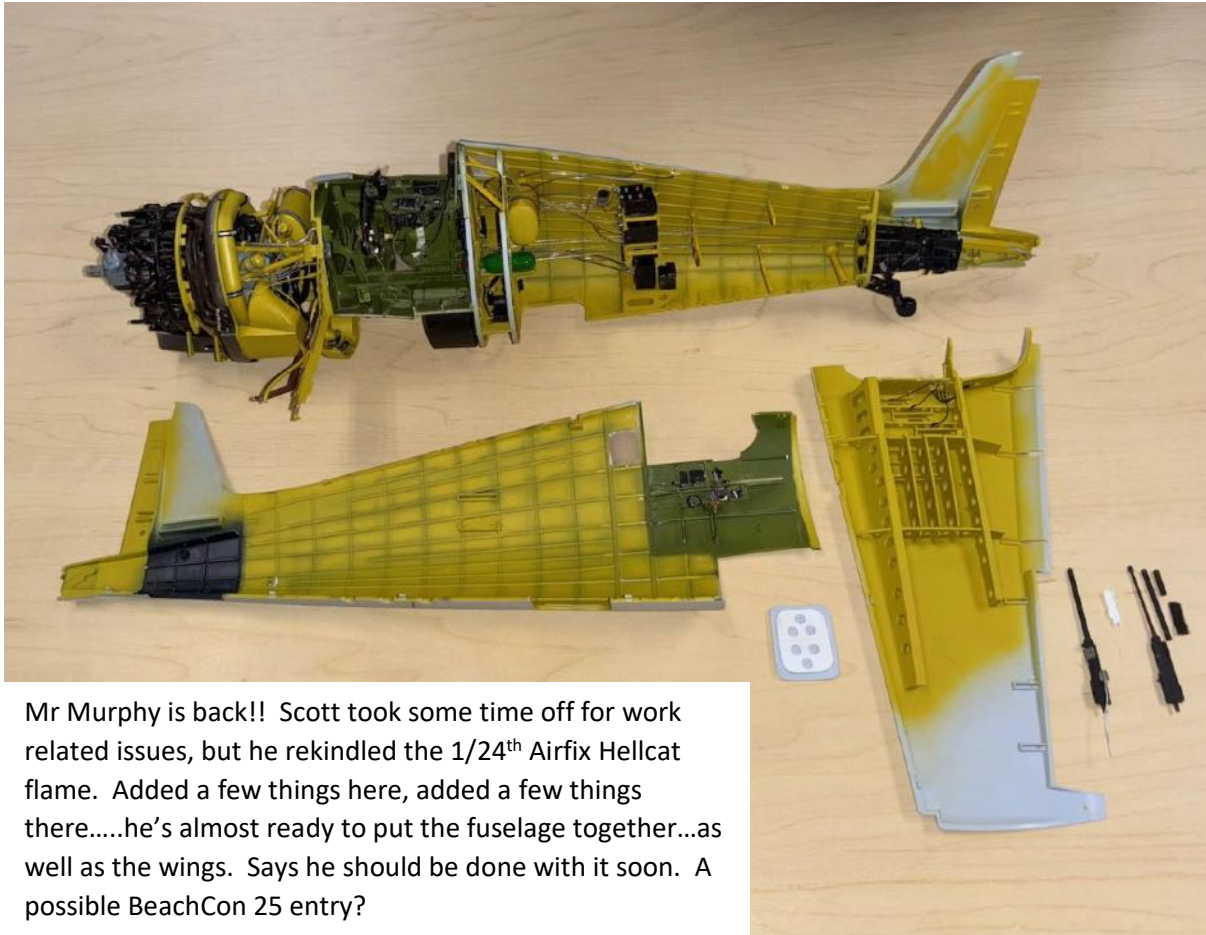
Another missing man appeared.....Scott Vanetten brought in his 1/72 Airfix Nakajima B5N2 'Kate' for review. Did some real weathering on this one. This one is "well done" in two ways..... Nice job, Scott!!





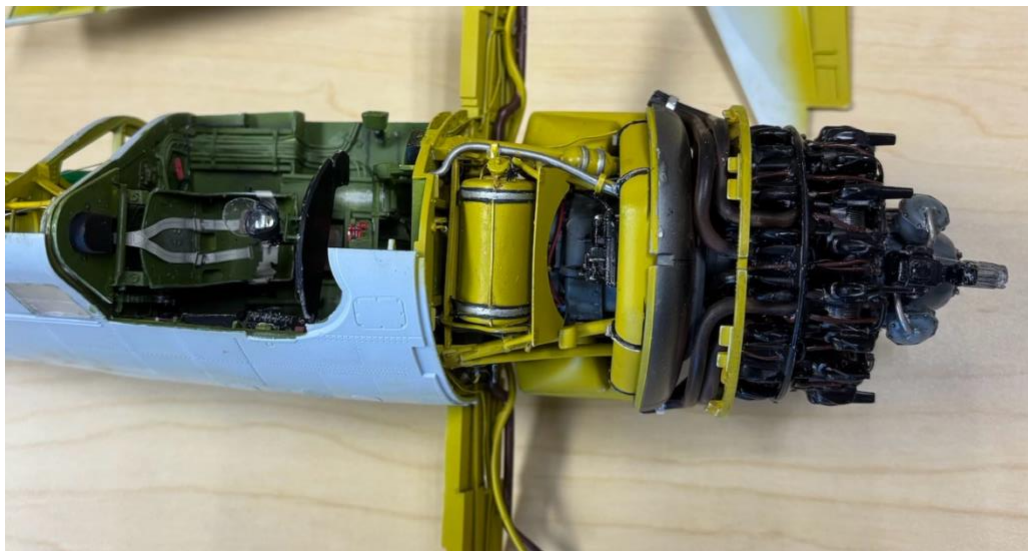
Meanwhile, back in the jungle..... Jordan soldiers on with his 1/72 CMK S-39 Giraffe Craft.... Getting closer he's got the windows in (finally) or made. Spots appear to be all applied and it even has call letters!! Now it just needs an engine and outer pontoons, that don't get knocked off all the time, and he'll be in business!! Lots of scratch-building here.... Difference between someone who sticks glue onto some plastic versus a true builder!! Keep going Jordan, I know we all envy your eventual success!!





Mr Murphy is back!! Scott took some time off for work related issues, but he rekindled the 1/24th Airfix Hellcat flame. Added a few things here, added a few things there.....he's almost ready to put the fuselage together...as well as the wings. Says he should be done with it soon. A possible BeachCon 25 entry?

Keep truckin' Scott!! We're hoping you'll replicate the entire process in 72nd scale!!





Arriving at Tilly-sur-Seulles, France, a 1/72nd IBG Centaur Mk.IV. One of the 1st Royal Marine Armoured Support Regiment tanks depicted here along with some SC Model Trends figures.

Mike Fleckenstein, using his demonstrated foam board carving techniques, was able to complete the bridge scene....including water from Golden Art Supplies.

Adding on some brush and newspaper, Mike covered all the areas of a stunning display!

Perhaps Mike will demonstrate "how to water your model" soon!?!?!



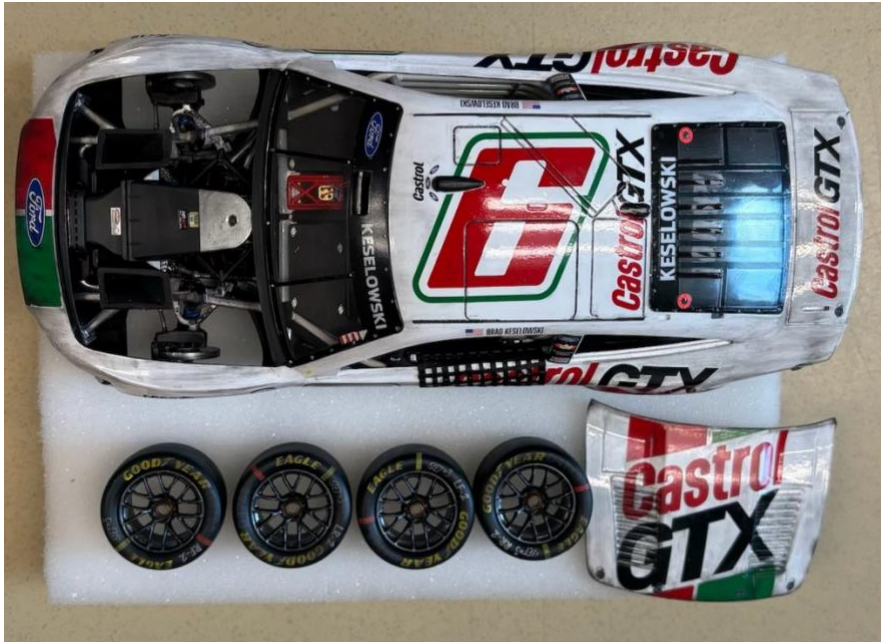


Returning from Telford, Mike brought back some latest trinkets.

I wonder if he'll acquire some scale pigs for a tractor vignette.

Wonder if he'll build the Mustang or just enjoy the box art....





John Davis is trying something different!! Unlike many of his past builds, John is dabbling in the art of weathering. Desiring something different, his depiction of Brad Keselowski's 2023 Ford Mustang is for after the race! Note the dirt & grime all over the car, especially front, hood and rear. He was still working on the tires to give them a little more wear.

Me thinks ole' Johnny boy is pondering that Takom Apache....in 35th scale!! Nice concept...and application!!





Another appearance by Dayne Taylor brings us a 1/144th Bandai HGUC MS-14F Gelgoog Marine.

Designed for the Zeon Marine Corps, the Gelgoog Marine suit went into mass production due to its power-to-weight ratio, mobility, maneuverability, and economy. So you might see quite a few of them around!!

Just another “ass kicker”!

Nice one Dayne!



So a guy comes to a model meeting with his Dong.....

The HobbyBoss 1/72nd Dongfeng-41 or DF-41 ICBM is one of Jason's latest attempts to get an erection out of us all.

Had some issues with his paint selections and didn't enjoy the rubber tires much but....this is one of Jason's IPMS/USA Review builds and you can find it in detail right [here](#).

Course....it does beat a non-fuzzy bear...."Check 6" Rick.....Jason's on your tail!





Last but not least....what looks to be either Capt'n Apollo or Lt Starbuck's ride! If you can remember those days then you were probably more interested in Lt Athena than those other guys....

Jason reaches back....into the future....to present his 1/32nd scale Colonial Viper MkII from Moebius Models. Looks like he spent some time on wear & tear with all that smoke & potholes out there....

Just remember....in space, no one can hear you scream. Sorry.....wrong show....



Upcoming Contest & Events



IPMS/USA National Convention 2025 Information

6-9 August 2025 in Hampton Virginia

Please click on an image to go to the website



Chattanooga ModelCon 2025

January 10th & 11th 2025

Chattanooga Convention Center
Friday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4th p.m.

- Our Popular Gold-Silver-Bronze Format will be used for ALL contest models, Including Automotive
- "Best Of" Awards for Aircraft, Armor, Automotive, Figure, Sci-Fi, Misc. and Dioramas
- Display only models are welcome and are free to display
- Model registration begins on Friday at 1 p.m. and ends on Saturday at noon
- Vendors can be open for business starting on Friday by 1 p.m. A very large number of vendors is expected
- Large raffle drawing on Saturday afternoon
- Once again in a ballroom with carpet and good lighting
- Same weekend as "World of Wheels"
- **This year's theme: SCI-FI**

For additional information, entry forms, judging rules, etc. go to

www.chattanoogamodelers.com

General contact – Ben Gibby bgibby1964@outlook.com

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IPMS RICHMOND

International Plastic Modelers' Society | Richmond, Virginia Chapter Since 1976

2025 Old Dominion Open Scale Model Show & Contest

Saturday, February 22

80 Model Contest Categories
Extensive Vendor Marketplace
Huge Modeler's Drawing
On-site Food Vendor

1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards for each category, plus these special awards:
Judges' Best In Show • Best Junior
Best Aircraft • Best Automotive • Best Diorama • Best Figure
Best Gundam • Best Maritime • Best Military Vehicle
Best Real Space & Sci-Fi

Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

Model Registration:

8:30 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

Judging Starts at 12:30 p.m.



Richmond Raceway Complex
 The Old Dominion Building
 600 E. Laburnum Ave.
 Richmond, VA 23222

Model Entry (cash only): \$20 for up to 20 models
 General Admission (cash only): ages 13 & older: \$10.00 / ages 12 & under: free

General inquiries, please contact Bob Walls: robertwalls@comcast.net

IPMSRVA.org



<p align="center">JAXCON 2025 INFORMATION</p> <p>PIZZA FRIDAY NIGHT! FOOD TRUCK(S) ON SITE SATURDAY! HUGE RAFFLE WITH TOP-DOLLAR PRIZES SATURDAY!</p> <p>JAXCON'S GOLD/SILVER/BRONZE STYLE CONTEST WHERE <i>EVERY</i> MODEL ENTERED CAN WIN, WITH NEW ADDITIONAL DISPLAY ZONES FOR LEGO AND GUNDAM MODELS!</p> <p>FRIDAY 2/16/24- Early vendor set up 5-8pm, contest registration 6-8pm, Free Pizza!, 1 free raffle ticket per person for Friday night prizes</p> <p>SATURDAY 2/17/24- Vendor set up 7-9am, Model registration 9am-noon, Noon a 10-minute devotional, raffle drawings 1pm-4pm, Judging 12:30-4pm, Awards 4-5pm</p> <p>GENERAL ADMISSION: <u>FREE TO LOOK AROUND AND SHOP THE VENDORS!</u></p> <p>CONTEST FEES: ADULTS- \$20 FOR 5 MODELS, \$1 EACH AFTER THAT; IPMSUSA MEMBERS (with card)- \$15 FOR 5 MODELS, \$1 EACH AFTER THAT; JUNIORS (UNDER 18) - \$10 FOR UNLIMITED ENTRIES</p> <p>VENDOR TABLES: \$50/8ft table or space, email Gil Hodges to reserve tables: slowhandshodges@bellsouth.net</p> <p>JAXCON SHOW LOCATION: JACKSONVILLE NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL 8531 N. MAIN ST. (HWY-17), JAX, FL., 32218 (Very near Jax Zoo!)</p> <p>See our website for Contest Rules, our GSB judging criteria, Display Zones, and entry forms you can download to fill out ahead of time: https://ipmsfirstcoast.com/</p> <p><u>MODEL HANDLING NOTICE:</u> JAXCON HAS A POLICY OF HANDLING MODELS AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE FOR THE SHOW AND FOR JUDGING, HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE YOUR MODEL MAY BE PICKED UP OR MOVED IN ORDER TO RENDER THE FAIREST EVALUATION OF YOUR OVERALL CRAFTSMANSHIP. THIS WILL BE DONE WITH THE UTMOST CARE WHEN DONE AND UNDER SUPERVISION. IF THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, PLEASE ASK ABOUT DISPLAYING YOUR MODEL INSTEAD OF ENTERING THE CONTEST.</p>	<p align="center">AtlantaCon 2025 Show and Contest</p> <p align="center">March 15, 2025 IAM Union Hall 1032 S Marietta Pkwy Marietta, GA 30060 9:00am - 4:00 pm</p> <p>Entry Fee: \$10.00 for unlimited models (IPMS Members \$2.00 discount) Public: \$5.00</p> <p>Show Chairs: Kim Elmore, (770) 962-2584 kdmcelmore@gmail.com Buz Pezold, (770) 439-0634 pezo8481@bellsouth.net</p> <p>Vendors: Dave Lockhart, (678) 620-8417 dlock3155@gmail.com</p>
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GRAND STRAND SCALE MODELERS
Presents

Show Theme
The Pacific War

Saturday, March 29, 2025 9am - 4pm
General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center
800 Gabreski Lane, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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<p>General Admission \$5.00 Single Adult (18 and older) \$8.00 Family</p> <p>Contestants \$10.00 <i>Unlimited number of models</i></p> <p>Juniors (17 & under) and Active Duty Military (with ID) FREE</p> <p>On Site Food Concession!</p>	<p>Vendor Tables 6' Table - \$30.00 8' Table - \$40.00</p> <p>Award Sponsorships Category Medallions \$30 Best of Class Trophy \$40 Best of Show Trophy \$50</p> <p>SUPER Raffle!</p>
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Scan for show website

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for more information please visit
www.grandstrandscamodelers.org



Contest Sites (As always....if you find any broken links, or have one to suggest, please let the VP know!!)

IPMS USA Events & Contests	Event Calendar
AMPS (Armor Modeling & Preservation Society)	Events accessible via AMPS Main Page
Model Cars Magazine Forum	Contests & Shows
Cybermodeler Online	Scale Modeling Event Calendar