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Next Meeting is
10:30am - Saturday – 20 Dec 2025
At
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
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[Google Maps](#)



Meeting Minutes for November 15th 2025

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

Novembers meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30am, November 15th 2025.

There were **15** members in attendance.

November 15th meeting agenda:

1. President / Vice President welcome (5 Minutes)
2. Club Treasurer Update (5 Minutes)
3. Member Updates/Recent Charlotte Show (15 Minutes)
4. Wings Wheels and Waves Closure/January trip (5 Minutes)
5. BeachCon 2026 Updates (5 Minutes)
6. Demonstration: Chaz plays with his little man (or figure painting, one or the other) (30 Minutes)
7. Show and Tell - 5 minute beat the gong timing, anyone exceeding time pays for everyone's lunch (1.5 Hour)
8. Monthly Club Raffle (10 Minutes)
9. Any other business (5 Minutes)

- **Welcome/items.** 15 Members joined our meeting today, thanks to everyone who turned up. Phil and Herb are still working on tutoring events at the Veterans Café, slow take up but they are trying to move the needle here. (3552 Northgate Dr, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588). 100 poker chips were ordered and secured for any upcoming shows as merit awards from our club, they can be dished out to anyone who is attending a local event and would like to take some along, Currently with Rick for safe keeping. We will provide one to each member at Beachcon to leave beside their favorite kit.
 - **Call to all members,** if you know local business owners, or people who may be interested, please petition them for sponsorship of some categories in the event, it will help us to rebuild our coffers and add some sponsorship to many empty categories. The sponsorship forms can be found [here](#). Standard award category is only \$30 each. Please help us where you can to gain some additional sponsorship. Best of show has been reserved for Andys Hobby Headquarters. We have many Best of Category awards available though at \$40 each.
- **Club Treasurer Update:** Club finances stand at **\$2671.26**. (After payments to Chaz and Jason).
- **Member Updates/Charlotte Show:** Lots of feedback on the Charlotte show, and lots of award winners in the GSSM ranks! Congrats all. The Charlotte Medallions were very nice. Some discussion about the format and perhaps some potential feedback opportunity for us to share with Charlotte and Tim (R12 Co-Ordinator). Would be good to discuss positive and negative topics from the shows, Beachcon / Charlotte and any other local events.



- **Wings Wheels and Waves Closure/January trip:** Some members made the pilgrimage to WW&W in November, the shop will be closing and relocating to online only early in 2026. Rick got some kits for the club raffle some high-end items for \$10 raffle prizes. There is another planned visit on January 3rd anyone who plans to attend please consider the date, I will send an email in December to finalize numbers. Original was planned to depart from Jason's in Conway however Jason will not be going so alternate meet ups can be arranged for ridesharing.

- **BeachCon Updates:** No major updates, planning continues.



- **Demonstration:** Figure painting with Chaz! Chaz has kindly prepared a list of those items demonstrated during the meeting; this will be attached with the mail for November's newsletter. Many thanks for a great session and lots of super tips. Lots of tools involved and lots of patience required.



- **Show and Tell** has been posted to the [facebook group](#). Pictures have also been uploaded to [DropBox](#) for those who do not have facebook access. As usual some spectacular work on display, our Charlotte winners brought in some of their offerings. Phil's 6th scale DAK BMW with sidecar and rider was beautifully done, Dayne killed it in Sci Fi with his Machinenkrieger and John's new Punisher iteration was a big hit, he moved onto a glossy finish not the Nats award winner matt look. Rick also was victorious but chose to display his German Wespe instead this month, he is slowly coming over to the

dark side 😊. John's Zero is coming along well and Andrew brought in a nice display of the Monitor and Merrimac swatting it out at the battle of the ironclads! Scott had a very nice Staghound and Chad has a good start on his latest jet! Chaz brought in an assortment of wingy thingies all moving from his expanding shelf of doom to his shelves of honor. Dayne is still gazing into the rising sun and will have enough to fill up a Japanese carrier soon. Mike brought in his midget sub complete with VERY detailed wildlife, some super detailed 72nd scale seagulls there. He is also working on a Special Hobby Cobra which is coming along well. Jordan was in a galaxy far far away with his Podracer, a dog of a kit from AMT/ERTL but very well finished by him.

- **Monthly Raffle:** Lots of winners at the raffle again, some nice kits to be had.
- **AOB: White Elephant for December's meeting and potluck food,** limit for the exchange has been increased, \$50 suggested limit. For all you rich kids the Perfect Grade Millenium Falcon is on sale right now on [AHHQ at only \\$369.99](#) . Lots of good sales on right now for Turkey week. I bagged myself a few 16th scale behemoths from AHHQ on sale to add to my pile. The [Takom 16th scale Jeep](#) is also on sale there for a cool \$50. Squadron and Spruebrothers are also running some great deals. Time to call the banks for a credit line increase 😊. Keep on sniffing glue folks!
- *As usual - All members are always encouraged to post your work regularly on the GSSM facebook page as well as other groups you may be members of. Get your work out there, it deserves to be seen.*

New & Ongoing Business:

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

Jan 2026	Joe Baxter	Lighting Effects	Joe will show us how to bring some lighting realism to our tired old dull models 😊
Feb 2026	John Davis	Tires	John will demo how to breath life into those tires, like the proverbial cat out of the bag, John's tires will come out of their warming blankets!
Apr 2026	Andrew Rasis	Grow Them Trees!	Andrew has agreed to show us all how he makes those fascinating diorama trees.
May 2026	Jason Boggans	Inventory Cataloging	Never buy the same kit again (well, unless the price is just TOOOO good to miss) Scalemates and it's uses.
2026	Scott Murphy	TrackLinks	Dirty those treads! A must for the armor nuts out there.
2026	Mike Fleckenstein	Canopy Polishing & Vacuforming	Mike will polish his bits for us and show us how to create our own vacuformed marvels
2026	Some brave soul	Water Effects	Water water everywhere, but its resin so don't drink it 😞



We ARE looking for demonstrations for 2026!!

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.
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 .

Upcoming Contest & Events

Events CALENDAR 2025/2026 (Regions 2, 3, 11, 12)		
Date	Show	Region / State
January 9 th 2026	Chattanooga Modelcon 2026	3 / Tennessee
February 6 th 2026	JAXCON 2026	11 / Florida
February 28 th 2026	Old Dominion Open	2 / Virginia
March 13 th 2026	Beachcon 2026	12 / South Carolina
March 14 th 2026	Pelicon 2026	11 / Florida
April 4 th 2026	MosquitoCon	2 / Virginia
April 11 th 2026	Model Expo 2026	11 / Florida
April 11 th 2026	Phantom Phlashers	3 / Alabama
May 2 nd 2026	Space Coast Modelfest 2026	11 / Florida
June 27 th 2026	FloTown Model Showdown	12 / South Carolina
July 18 th 2026	Americana	12 / North Carolina

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

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

Scale Modeler Resources / Sites

Scalemates	https://www.scalemates.com/	Stash management, reviews, genealogy, instructions
IPMS Website	https://ipmsusa.org/	Members Info, events
You Tube	https://www.youtube.com/	Source for how to's, build videos, tutorials and more