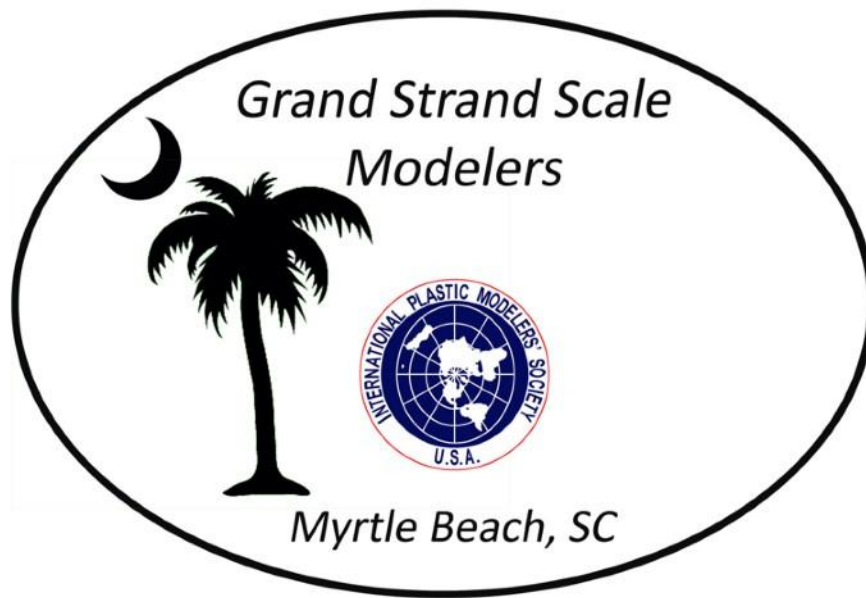




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Next Meeting is
10.30am - Saturday – 17 October 2026
At
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
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[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for September 19th 2026

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

August's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10.30am, September 19th 2026.

There were 13 members in attendance.

Sep 19th meeting agenda:

1. **President / Vice President welcome (5 Minutes)**
2. **Club Treasurer Update (5 Minutes)**
3. **Member items (15 Minutes)**
4. **Beachcon 2027 - Permanent agenda item (30 Minutes)**
5. **Show and Tell - ~ 5 minute allotment per person (75 Minutes)**
6. **Monthly Club Raffle (5 Minutes)**
7. **Any other business (5 Minutes)**

- **Welcome/items.** 13 Members joined our meeting today, great to hear Earl is home recuperating, we wish him a full recovery. Congratulations to Phil Sicard and his Fiancée on his upcoming wedding, Phil allowed us to take his collection off his hands as he makes way for the next step of his life, we wish him all the best and hope he can return to the club when the time is right.
- **Club Treasurer Update:** Current balance is **\$3483.22**. Additional payouts which will deduct from the overall coffers are the table rentals, approx. \$1,000, the balance of the Reed Center, approx. \$900, and the procurement of the trophies and medals for next year's Beachcon, trophies approx. \$550, medals TBD. We have also added to the total of raffle items with Phil's stash which we purchased from him.
- **Member Items:** We had a few make their way to Modelpalooza in Florida, a great show by all accounts, I know Dayne at least finished with best in category for Gundam! On November 7th at the Hangout in Broadway at the Beach, there is an event, Salute our Veterans, a gathering bringing together veterans, first responders and other service personnel and their families. Considering attending and supporting if you can.
- **BeachCon 2027 task assignment:** The agreed upon theme, '**Freedom 250 and Beyond**' artwork and poster was completed by Mike, very eye catching poster, thanks Mike! Ask for members to start campaigning with local business and business owners if they would be willing to sponsor a category or categories for our 2027 show. Preliminary assignments for Beachcon have been shared in the meeting agenda and will be updated there monthly. Prices are as follows:
 - Category winner: \$30,
 - Best of Class: \$40,
 - Best of Show: \$50.
 - Cash or check can be made payable to 'Grand Strand Scale Modelers' and sent to Phil Cavender (his details are present on the [2027 flyer](#).)
- **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. Nice amount of kits brought along to the September meeting, starting with Phil C who completed his sunken Stug, Dayne brought along a couple of well put together Gundams, John shifts his attentions back to the 4 wheelers, Joe continues to work on the Robot and all his interior fixings, Andrew was a busy beaver and had 3 offerings, a tiny 1/76 scale T-34-85 looking splendid as well as a Liberty ship and a 1/35 scale 'Wet' Sherman. Josh completed his Avenger and got on track with a pair of tanks. Mike finished a beautiful Typhoon. This month we had 14 individual models brought in by 11 members. MG is continuing work on his Skyraider and Jordan completed the Bandai Razorcrest. Jason completed the Tamiya RSO and Rick had a pair of kits, the 35th scale Panzer III and a Fokker Eindecker.
 - *As usual - All members are always encouraged to post their 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.*
- **Monthly Club Raffle:** Thanks to all who purchased some tickets and congratulations to the winners.

New & Ongoing Business:

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

Oct 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/Joe Baxter	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 2026/2027 (Regions 2, 3, 11, 12)		
Date	Show	Region / State
November 7 th 2026	Ravencon 2026	2 / Virginia
November 14 th 2026	Middle Tennessee Modelcon	3 / Tennessee
February 27 th 2027	Old Dominion Open	2 / Virginia
March 6 th 2027	Pelicon 2027	11 / Florida
March 13 th 2027	Beachcon 2027	12 / South Carolina
April 2 nd 2027	Chattanooga Modelcon 2027	3 / Tennessee
April 3 rd 2027	Mosquitocon 2027	2 / New Jersey
April 24 th 2027	IPMS Phantom Phlashers	3 / Alabama
April 24 th 2027	Model Expo 2027	11 / Florida

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

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
FineScale Modeler	https://forum.finescale.com/	Useful forum full of hints and tips and a large audience to answer questions
Scale Model Addict	https://www.scalemodeladdict.com/	Tips, guides tool and tech.