



# Newsletter for modelers

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**Grand Strand Scale Modelers** was chartered August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as a chapter of IPMS/USA in the Region 12 Central Atlantic Division. Located in Myrtle Beach, we organized with six exceptionally talented individuals. Our goal is to improve our modeling skills as well as furthering the hobby. Along with these goals we are a social organization where anyone with an interest in hobby modeling can enjoy camaraderie.

## Our Mission Statement

To encourage interest in scale modeling by providing an outlet for the exchange of ideas and cultivation of the modeling hobby.

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**NEW Meeting Location:** Myrtle Beach Vet Center

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Myrtle-Beach-Vet-Center-US-Department-of-Veterans-Affairs/1408061459288976>

**Next scheduled meeting January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11:00AM – 1:30PM**  
**Winner IPMS/USA “Chapter of the Year” Award for 2018**  
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## Minutes from December 14, 2019

- Meeting was called to order at 11:00AM with a short business meeting and raffle before the fun began. Included in this month's get together was a White Elephant Gift Exchange and a plethora of snacks and goodies.
- The tour of the USS North Carolina ("Behind the scenes") is still on to be scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January. Phil Sicard is following up and will let the group know the exact date and time. An email will be sent at that time.
- The decision for our next group build was to have a 200mm Ogre as the subject. Thanks to Jim and Joe Baxter for their input into finding a source for the bust.
- Monies collected from raffle totaled \$114.00.
- Then the fun began.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2:00PM.

Phil Cavender,  
Chapter President

## New Meeting Location

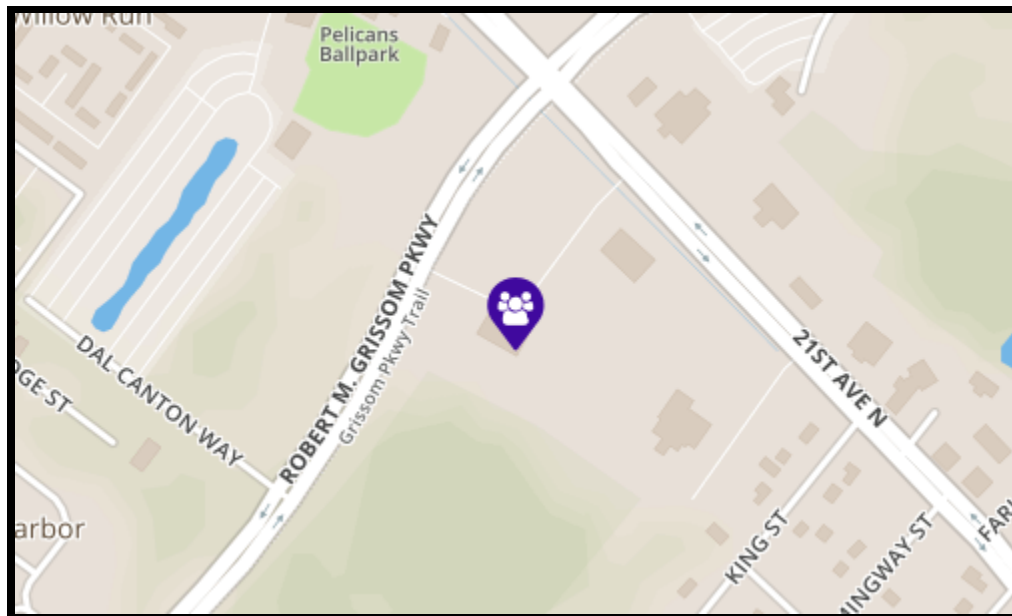
Beginning in 2020, Grand Strand Scale Modelers will start meeting at the Myrtle Beach Vet Center, Department of Veterans Affairs, 2024 Corporate Centre Drive, Suite 103, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. Next scheduled meeting is January 11, 2020.

Chris Aranda with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Myrtle Beach Vet Center gave a presentation to the club in November detailing the information to partner with area Vets. The center provides the following counseling services:

- Individual and group counseling for Veterans, service members, and their families
- Family counseling for military related issues
- Bereavement (grief) counseling
- Military sexual trauma counseling and referral
- Community outreach and education
- Substance abuse assessment and referral
- Employment referral
- Referral of other VA services

The local Red Cross will provide models and supplies.

Our club members will mentor the vets and provide instruction needed to improve their skills. Currently there are 7 Veterans who will participate in this co-partnership program. In addition to mentoring, the Vets will be given the opportunity to participate in the clubs activities.



### Next Group Build Contest

It was decided to have another group build contest and the genre decided upon was bust. The bust the group will be working on is a 200mm Ogre Bust. As last time with our group build, there will be a 90-day time frame with judging by a volunteer not associated with the group.



## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Battle of the Bulge

### The Battle of the Bulge

In late 1944, during the wake of the Allied forces' successful D-Day invasion of Normandy, France, it seemed as if the Second World War was all but over. On Dec. 16, with the onset of winter, the German army launched a counteroffensive that was intended to cut through the Allied forces in a manner that would turn the tide of the war in Hitler's favor. The battle that ensued is known historically as the Battle of the Bulge. The courage and fortitude of the American Soldier was tested against great adversity. Nevertheless, the quality of his response ultimately meant the victory of freedom over tyranny.

Early on the misty winter morning of **Dec. 16, 1944**, more than 200,000 German troops and nearly 1,000 tanks launched Adolf Hitler's last bid to reverse the ebb in his fortunes that had begun when Allied troops landed in France on D-Day. Seeking to drive to the coast of the English Channel and split the Allied armies as they had done in May 1940, the Germans struck in the Ardennes Forest, a 75-mile stretch of the front characterized by dense woods and few roads, held by four inexperienced and battle-worn American divisions stationed there for rest and seasoning.

After a day of hard fighting, the Germans broke through the American front, surrounding most of an infantry division, seizing key crossroads, and advancing their spearheads toward the Meuse River, creating the projection that gave the battle its name.

Stories spread of the massacre of Soldiers and civilians at Malmedy and Stavelot, of paratroopers dropping behind the lines, and of English-speaking German soldiers, disguised as Americans, capturing critical bridges, cutting communications lines, and spreading rumors. For those who had lived through 1940, the picture was all too familiar. Belgian townspeople put away their Allied flags and brought out their swastikas. Police in Paris enforced an all-night curfew. British veterans waited nervously to see how the Americans would react to a full-scale German offensive, and British generals quietly acted to safeguard the Meuse River's crossings. Even American civilians, who had thought final victory was near were sobered by the Nazi onslaught.

But this was not 1940. The supreme Allied commander, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower rushed reinforcements to hold the shoulders of the German penetration. Within days, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. had turned his Third U.S. Army to the north and was counterattacking against the German flank. But the story of the Battle of the Bulge is above all the story of American Soldiers. Often isolated and unaware of the overall picture, they did their part to slow the Nazi advance, whether by delaying armored spearheads with obstinate defenses of vital crossroads, moving or burning critical gasoline stocks to keep them from the fuel-hungry German tanks, or coming up with questions on arcane Americana to stump possible Nazi infiltrators.

At the critical road junctions of St. Vith and Bastogne, American tankers and paratroopers fought off repeated attacks, and when the acting commander of the 101st Airborne Division in Bastogne was summoned by his German adversary to surrender, he simply responded, "Nuts!"

Within days, Patton's Third Army had relieved Bastogne, and to the north, the 2nd U.S. Armored Division stopped enemy tanks short of the Meuse River on Christmas. Through January, American troops, often wading through deep snow drifts, attacked the sides of the shrinking bulge until they had restored the front and set the stage for the final drive to victory.

Never again would Hitler be able to launch an offensive in the west on such a scale. An admiring British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill stated, "This is undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war and will, I believe, be regarded as an ever-famous American victory." Indeed, in terms of participation and losses, the Battle of the Bulge is arguably the greatest battle in American military history.

Courtesy of the U.S. Army Center of Military History





Left) American engineers emerge from the woods and move out of defensive positions after fighting in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium. (Right) Three members, of an American patrol, Sgt. James Storey, of Newman, Ga., Pvt. Frank A. Fox, of Wilmington, Del., and Cpl. Dennis Lavanoha, of Harrisville, N.Y., cross a snow-covered Luxembourg field on a scouting mission in Lellig, Luxembourg, Dec. 30, 1944. White bedsheets camouflage them in the snow.



American infantrymen advance to the front during the Battle of the Bulge. Photo: Bridgeman Images



<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/549938/facts-about-battle-of-the-bulge>

### **10 Things You Might Not Know About the Battle of The Bulge**

- 1. REPORTER LARRY NEWMAN COINED THE NAME “BATTLE OF THE BULGE.”**
- 2. HITLER’S ADVISORS THOUGHT IT WAS MISGUIDED.**
- 3. GENERAL PATTON’S INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SAW IT COMING.**
- 4. BASEBALL TRIVIA WAS SERIOUS BUSINESS AT AMERICAN CHECKPOINTS.**
- 5. WHEN ASKED TO SURRENDER, BRIGADIER GENERAL ANTHONY MCAULIFFE REPLIED WITH A FOUR-LETTER WORD.**
- 6. COLD-RELATED INJURIES HIT EPIDEMIC LEVELS.**
- 7. KURT VONNEGUT WAS CAPTURED IN IT.**
- 8. PATTON SENT OUT THE MOST FAMOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS IN MILITARY HISTORY.**
- 9. DURING THE BATTLE, THE SOVIETS LAUNCHED A MAJOR ATTACK ON HITLER’S EASTERN FRONT.**
- 10. THE U.S. MILITARY EXPERIMENTED WITH INTEGRATION.**

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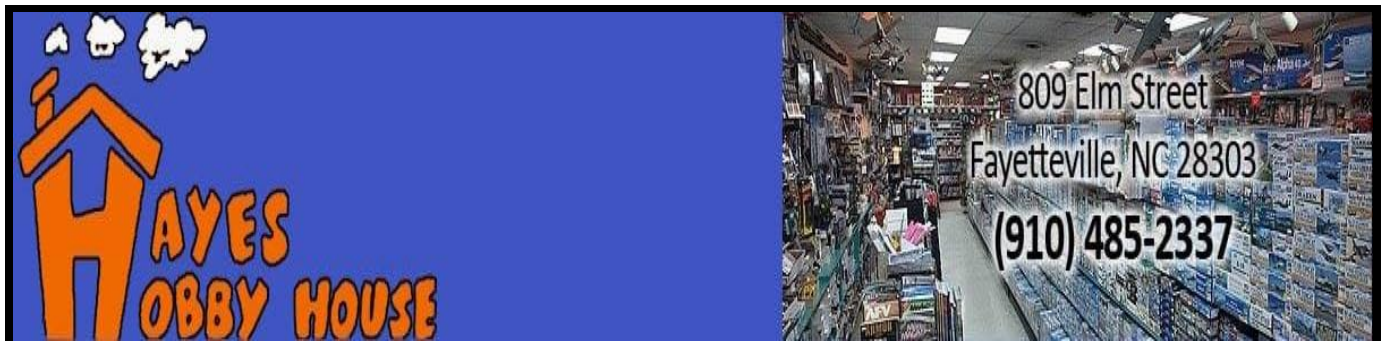
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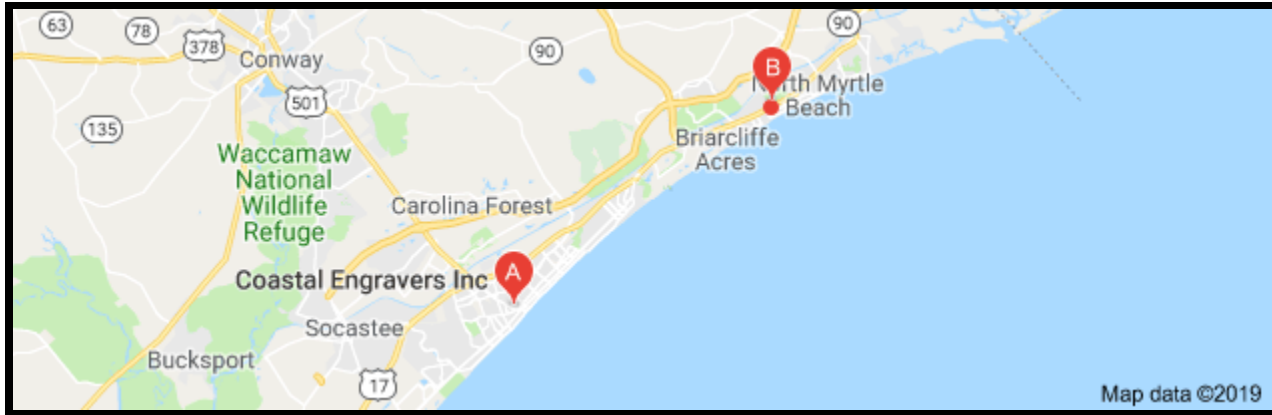
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### Upcoming Events

January 18th, 2020, , 13<sup>th</sup> Annual S.C.M.A “Hope it Don’t Snow” Show and Contest, Marriott Hotel Ballroom, 299 North Church St., Spartanburg, SC Spartanburg, Contact Chuck Cox [Hobby4fun@yahoo.com](mailto:Hobby4fun@yahoo.com)

Feb 29, 2020 Old Dominion Open 2020 - Richmond, VA Chazz Klanian [cskianian@verizon.net](mailto:cskianian@verizon.net), [http://ipmsrichmond.blogspot.com/p/2017-odo\\_1.html](http://ipmsrichmond.blogspot.com/p/2017-odo_1.html)

March 7, 2020 MDA Model Car Contest - Roanoke, VA Dennis Smith [mdamodelcar.com](http://mdamodelcar.com)

**March 28, 2020, SCMA** Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 4990 Dorchester Rd, North Charleston, South Carolina 29418

April 18, 2020 NoVA Model Classic 2020 - Fairfax, VA Tom Henderson [tomhernderson51@verizon.net](mailto:tomhernderson51@verizon.net)

Oct 16 & 17, 2020 IPMS R2 Convention - Salem, VA Tim Ward [twardf86@aol.com](mailto:twardf86@aol.com)

Meeting Photos – 14 December 2019



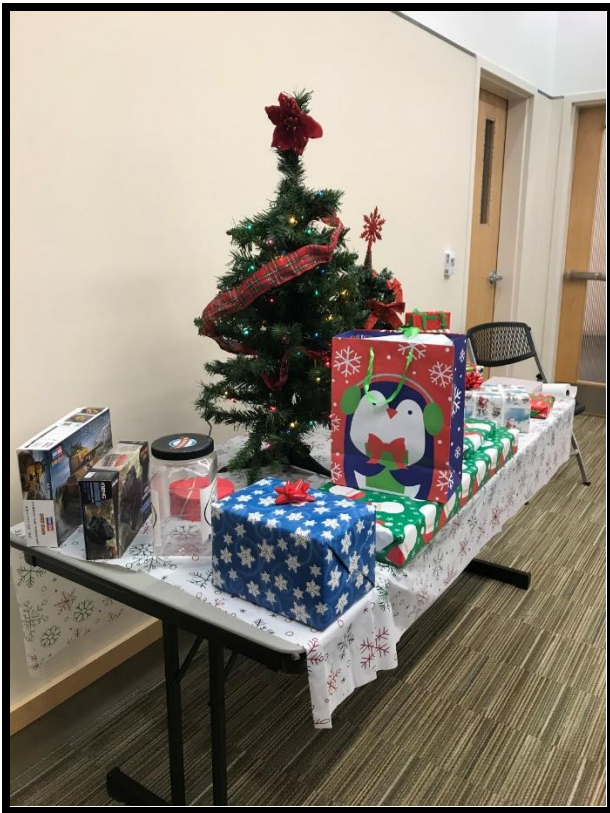
*Raffle Items*

**14 December Christmas Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange Pictures**

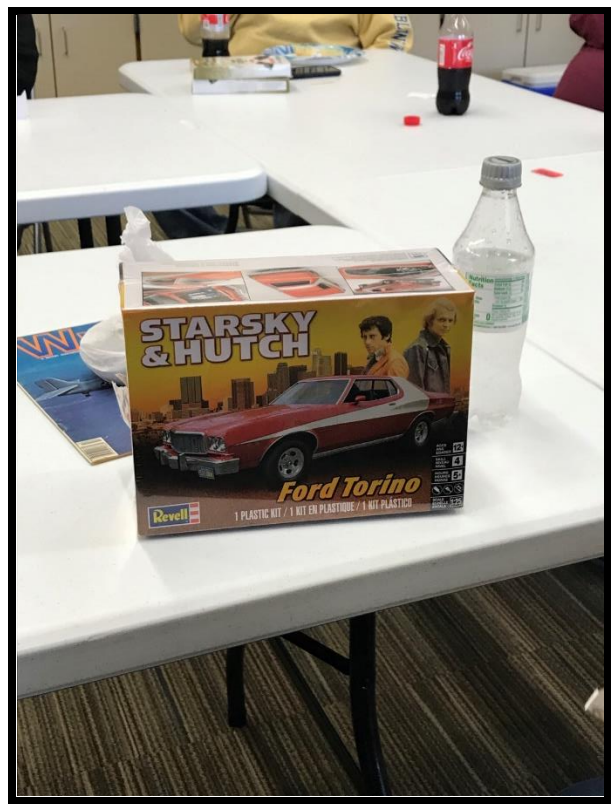
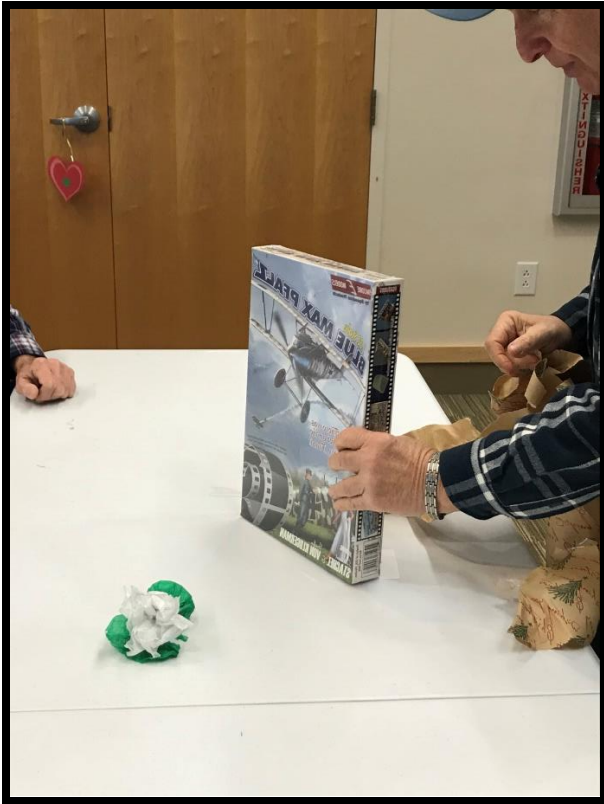




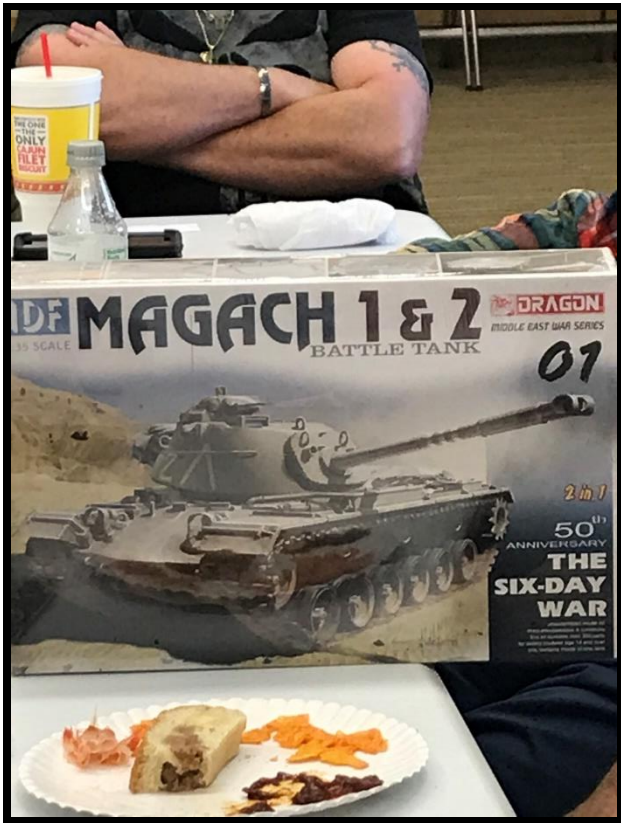




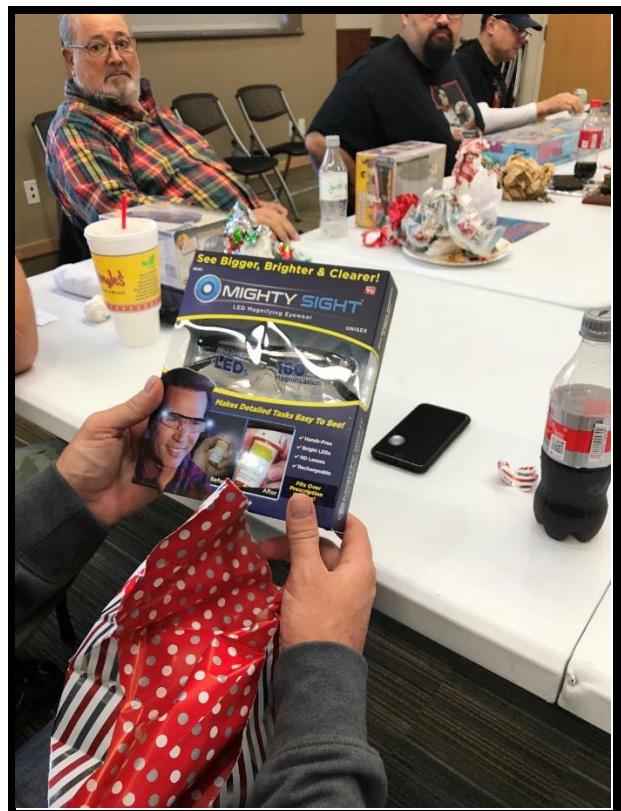
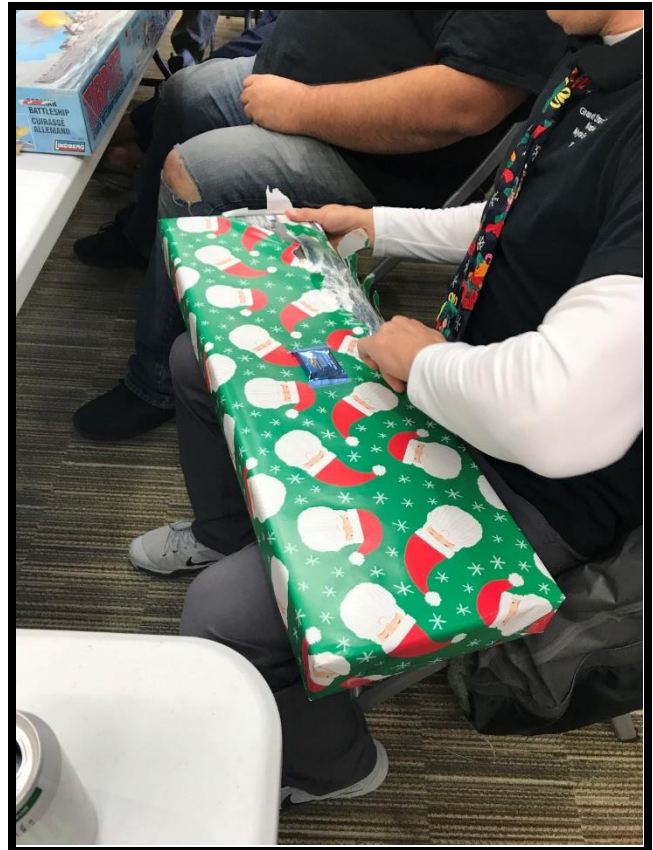




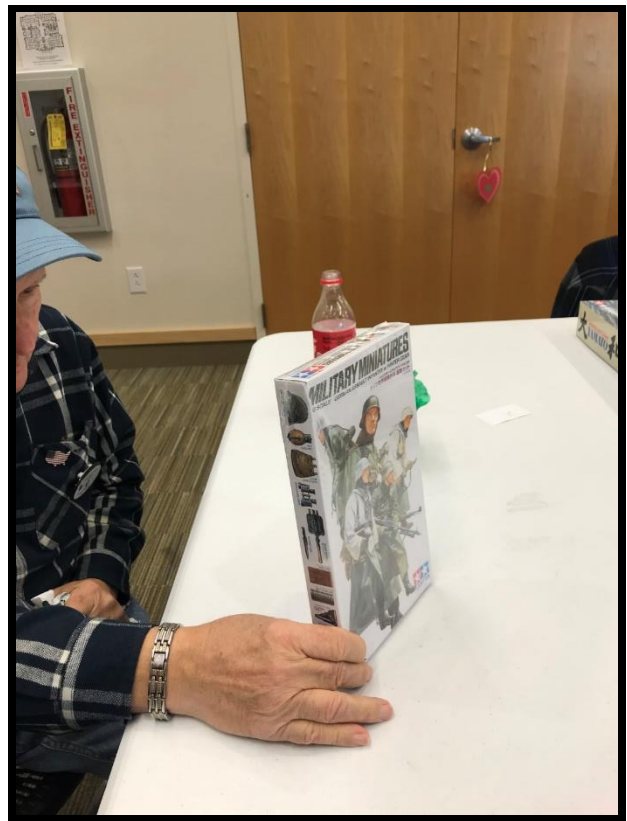




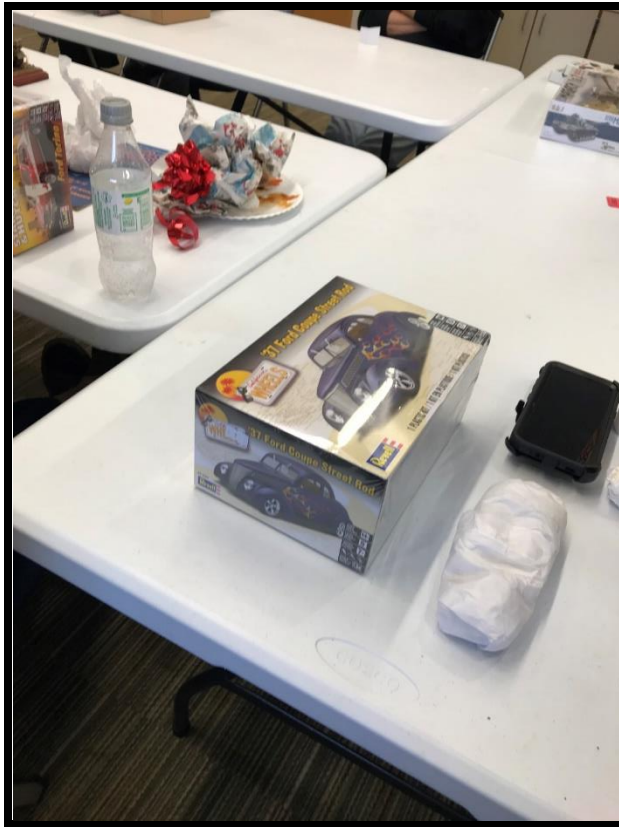














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