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Next Meeting is at the Socastee Library  
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC  
11:00 AM - Saturday - 20 November

## Minutes Grand Strand Scale Modelers

October 16, 2021

The Grand Strand Scale Modelers monthly meeting was called to order at 11:00AM at Phil's house due to Socastee Library closed for meetings. In attendance were 9 members. I will make the call to the library and follow up when they will reopen. Other locations will be looked for. Joe mentioned his HOA's club house. He will follow up.

The Christmas party was discussed and it was decided to continue the tradition of the White Elephant Gift Exchange. Food will be potluck and I will provide beverage. Date of the party will be at the December meeting at 11:00AM. December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Location to be announced.

It was decided to include an in-house Swap Meet during the November meeting. Date: November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 11:00AM. Bring any model related items and price accordingly. Location to be announced. Time will be allotted for members to buy and sell.

It was voted on to have another "Club Build". This time 1:700 scale ships was the category. Dayne gave the group information on the build. Each person buys their own and build anyhow. Time decided for completion would be 6 months due to the holidays. March 19, 2022 would be judging date. Winners and how many trophies will be decided on later.

The show planned for next year in conjunction with the Charleston Chapter of IPMS/USA is still in the planning stage. Andrew updated the group. So far, no prices have been given for building rental. Rick to follow up with the recreation center. Once a location is decided on a Show Committee will be formed along with members of the Charleston Chapter.

Next on the agenda was the newsletter. Rick had no updates to the group. A big shout out for an excellent September newsletter.

Mike, webmaster, updated the group on the nationals in Omaha next year. Mike will include a link on our club website for accommodations. Date is July 20-23, 2022. Get your reservations now as the rooms are selling out fast.

Joe Baxter gave an update on the USS Yorktown. It was decided to build just a portion of the flight deck. Joe will be the point person and the build will be on a voluntary basis. No time frame for the build was indicated.

Next was the treasurer report by Rick Reinert.

October was the judging of our group build and contest. Gundam models were obtained by Dayne. Mike pondered over the entries and named the winners. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to Andrew for his Gundam diorama and 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to yours truly. Thanks Mike. Dayne took pictures for submission to the sponsoring vendor.

The Show & Tell portion of the meeting took place with excellent models completed and some still in progress.

Next on the agenda was our new section, "Kit Reviews" added to the monthly meeting agenda. Earl gave a presentation on a kit he will be working on. The ICM JU 88A-14 WWII German Bomber kit # 48234 in 1:48 scale. Along with the kit he is using Tamiya Kit # 32412, German Luftwaffe Crew w/ Kettenkrafrad as accessories in a winter scene.

Following the presentation was the raffle. Also, a big "Thanks" to the members who provided kits and items for the future raffles. Monies collected from the raffle totaled \$58.00. This amount increased the club's bank account to \$2121.32

Adjournment was at 1:30PM.

Phil Cavender

President & Contact

### Treasurer's Report

Current Balance is \$2081.37

There was one charge for \$29.95 for new checks

And one check (#151) made out to Phil Cavender for reimbursement for IPMS National Membership dues.

## Hobby News

### New Releases of Note

Continuing the thread of big box Lancaster's, HK models is releasing a 32 scale Grand Slam. Due to be released around Christmas. About \$330. Gee, only about half the price of the Border's Wingnuts Lancaster. Speaking of which, Peter Jackson sent a cease and desist letter to both borders and distributors world wide to stop release of his intellectual property. Of course Border's disagree, and wrote up a diatribe on the Border's website explaining why they can steal Jackson's IP. More to follow. Wonder how many US distributors will carry it now?



### Eduard Dual Boxing A6M2 Zero

In the first of many releases for all of the A6MX Zero's is the Tora! Tora!Tora! Boxing of Pearl Harbor Zero's. Eduard will release all Zero types similar to the Spitfire releases.



Minart Pz.Kpfw.IV Ausf, H. A mid production variant from August 1943. No interior with this kit, so should be a fast and simple build.







Continuing in their Battleship Turrets, Takom is releasing a USS Missouri Number 1 turret.

Last, A 48 scale Tamiya F-14A Tomcat with a Launch set, which includes a carrier base and launch crew member along with other details in the kit. \$67 is a very good price for this kit.



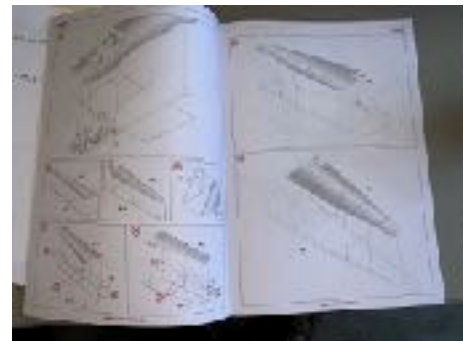
## The Tool Crib

N/A

## Kit Review

Ju-188A-14 by Earl W. Wankin III

Most of us have a stash of unbuilt models in a closet or on a shelf somewhere in the house. The problem is not the size of the stash it's which one to build next! With 30 some kits in my closet. So, I'm making two of them to be on one diorama. The first is my ICM Ju 88A-14 with a German Luftwaffe Crew (Winter) w/Kettenkrafrad by Tamiya. These are in 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale I plan to make this a winter display. I just have to learn how to make snow! I have aftermarket photoetch parts and Masks from Eduard. I also acquired winter decals from Eagle Ltd. This is number 3 on my "A" list of things to build. Hope to have it done by next June.





## Build Review

N/A

## Club Demos

The following is from an IPMS Club Member Richard Tucker at the Coastal Carolina Chapter

Since the Great War (WWI), nations camouflaged their aircraft, either, to make them hard to see in the air or to conceal them on the ground. All these different and varied schemes make military modeling interesting and varied. For the beginner, however, these patterns can be downright intimidating. There is no magic trick, just basic application of three techniques. Generally, you'll need masking or drafting tape, heavy paper, rubber cement, soft lead pencil, replacement hobby knife blades, and a piece of glass. (Glass??!!!!, yep, go to Wal Mart and buy a Three dollar 8.5 x 11 certificate frame; take the glass pane out of it.) Oh! You need a pair of SAFETY GLASSES or GOGGLES!

**1. HARD MASK METHOD:** Cover the glass pane with masking tape. To match the color scheme accurately, on a copier, reduce or enlarge to scale a drawing of your subject. (For example, use a technical drawing from a reference or even the kit painting instructions.) Cut out the planview (top) and profiles of the copy and tape them to tape covered pane. Now, put on your SAFETY GLASSES on and trace the pattern with your hobby knife; be sure to cut through the tape to the glass. Always pull the blade; when the cut starts look ragged, replace the blade. Cut narrow strips of tape to help fill in the pattern when you place a 2D pattern on a compound curve (fuselage). Paint the model with the lightest camouflage color and let it dry. Take masking tape in the pattern of the color you just painted and apply it to the proper location in the model. Be sure to burnish down the tape edges. Paint the next darkest color; mask it. Go to the next color. When



finished your model will be covered with tape. Remove the tape: presto! camouflage. This technique is, especially, good for complicated schemes, camouflage with a "hard" edge, or "splinter schemes". This method works well for brush painting, spray cans, and airbrushes.



**2. SOFT MASK METHOD:** This method is a variation of method 1 and will give a tight "feathered" edge between colors. This method is good for very basic airbrushes and is moderately successful for spray cans. It's a complete flop for hand brushing. Instead of cutting the pattern out of tape, use heavy paper or light cardboard; an index card is perfect. Whatever you use, be sure it's heavy enough to prevent the paint from soaking through. Copier paper is suitable if you're careful not to soak it; this gives you the advantage of cutting out the pattern and not having to transfer it to heavier paper. On the other hand, you can draw the pattern on the paper free hand. Cut out and attach the paper mask to the model with the rubber cement or folded masking tape sticky side out. The bigger the blob of glue or wad of tape, the larger the gap between the model and mask, hence, the softer the edge. Spray perpendicular to the mask, so the paint doesn't run under the mask. If you used rubber cement, when you take the mask off rub your finger across it and it will ball right up. (Now, try and get that booger off your finger! I'm sure that's what cats are for.)

**3. FREE HAND:** Most airplanes are painted with spray guns. Where the colors meet is a soft line of over spray. If you look at a real plane, you have to get very close before you see the feathered edges. Nevertheless, we modelers like to replicate this soft edge. It makes the model interesting and people "ooh" and "awe" at our "realistic" finish. More important: IT'S FUN!! So, forget the masking. Break out the adjustable airbrush! To get an accurate scheme, lightly draw the color pattern of the lightest color on the model, or paint the whole model with the lightest color. Now, draw in the pattern of the next color; paint. Work from lightest color to darkest. When all that is dry, load up the airbrush with the darkest color, and set the spray to as fine as you can get it. Go back, now, and

touch up any mistakes and cover up the over spray. Work from darkest to lightest. Repeat until exhaustion. TADA, No more mystery!

**Tip of the Month:** If you have masking or scotch-tape on your model for a long time, the adhesive might leave a residue on your masterpiece. Chill out! No, really, put the model in the freezer for 1015 minutes. Then run your finger across it, and it will bead right up or flake off. (Now you know what to do....here, kitty, kitty, kitty.)

**BONUS TIP!:** If you have to paint a lowviz camo scheme that requires precise reproduction because the decals are of opposite/split colors and are placed on the camo demarcation lines, Xerox your decal sheet. Paint the base color of the scheme. Cut out the paper decal and place it on the model with rubber cement or masking tape. Paint the remainder of the camo scheme. With a new xacto blade, cut through the paper decal at the demarcation line and highlight the line with a sharp pencil. Remove the rest of the paper decals and cut in the areas with your airbrush following the pencil line. Now your decals will go on the correct location with the correct contrast.

## GUNDAM Model Contest

These are the Gundams entered for the Gundam model contest.



And the Winners are:





Other Kits and Photos











