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Next Meeting is
10:30am - Saturday – 18 April 2026
At
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
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[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for March 21st 2026

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

March's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30am, March 21st 2026.

There were 14 members in attendance.

March 21st meeting agenda:

1. **President / Vice President welcome (5 Minutes)**
2. **Club Treasurer Update to include fees (10 Minutes)**
3. **BeachCon 2026 post mortem (60 Minutes)**
4. **Demo - Electronics/Lighting with Joe Baxter (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.** 14 Members joined our meeting today, thanks to everyone who turned up. A big thanks to all the club for providing their time and service at Beachcon, to say thanks we are planning a pizza party at the next meeting, make sure you come along to partake! Topic of interest from the group was to initiate perhaps an additional build day where we could get together outside the club meeting and build together, suggestion was made to check with Ed's as they have a section which could be dedicated to builds, I am not sure if we assigned this as a task to anyone who was in Ed's but if nobody claims the task I can drop down during April and ask. We can then perhaps work on 1 weekend day per month where we can convene for some glue sniffing. Vots were cast for a planned group build for June's meeting, the theme was selected as 'British', so dust off your Kraut killers.
- **Club Treasurer Update:** Current balance @ \$5339.40, there are some additional payments to be deducted from that total (around \$1000). The show provided net profit of over \$1450 which was a good turnaround.
- **BeachCon Post Mortem:** We did it, another Beachcon in the books, the 2026 show had over 400 entries, our second highest after our inaugural year. Registration totaled the highest yet at over \$1500 with a strong raffle income of over \$1300. Thanks to everyone who helped with setup, teardown, judging, station manning and crowd control 😊. All in all the show was highly successful, very few complaints and most vendors appeared happy with their days trading. An impromptu vote yielded a vote of 11 – 3 for continuing Beachcon on a yearly basis. So Beachcon 2027 will go ahead, plans will be made to have this show in March likely on 13th or 20th depending on any potential conflicts, Rick will check with Tim on this.
- **Demo (Electronics and Lighting):** Joe Baxter provided us with lots of information on the basics of electronics, current flow in a circuit, voltage, resistance, Ohm's law $V=IR$ Where V is the Voltage in Volts, I is the current in Amperes, and R is the resistance in Ohms. How resistors are added to a circuit to set current values in the circuit per requirement, how the circuit is a combination of electrical components joined by connecting wires where an electrical current can flow. This was all in the context of setting up lighting, and indeed sound, to add realism and fun to your finished models, from Joe's own current project of Robot B-9 from lost in space where he is adding both lights and sounds to this TV series character for an upcoming show, many of our members have already done similar in their own projects, adding interior lighting, sound effects and other realistic effects using electrical kits formulate to provide the right effect. You can build your own, like Joe does, you can purchase some simple kits online or in some hobby stores, or you can go for more professional type kits like those sold on scaletronics.com where a pro starter kit can set you back in the region of \$150 but provides a simple but highly effective lighting and audio system. Many thanks to Joe for the session, very enlightening 😊
- **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. The dreaded 5 minute timer was introduced to great effect ... we had minimal offenders 😊. Rick brought in his Wingnut biplane, Herb is applying the finishing touches to his Japanese bunker in 35th, Earl completed his Phantom, Dayne had some tasty winged treats, John brought in his latest zero along with some examples of his cars from old to new,

comparing his skills back in the black and white days to today's technicolor reality ... a world of difference, though his old efforts were still very nice. Scott whipped up a Typhoon and Andrew had a beautiful example of a Russian Yak, Jordan is getting to grips with his latest winged challenge and MG is completing the finishing touches to the A-10. Joe's in process B-9 and Jason's Eagle Moss Battlestar Valkyrie rounded out those on display. Super work gentlemen, keep it up.

- *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:** Number of nice raffle items this month to add to the club coffers, thanks to all who purchased some tickets and congratulations to the winners.
- **AOB:** Remember! Next month, pizzas on the club! Also, we will discuss Beachcon 2027 theme so we can get the flyer into the IPMS journal asap.
 - Our local neighbors, PeeDee Scale Modelers will have their show on June 27th 2026, I believe a decent contingent of the club are planning on attending. Details are available here: <https://peedeescalemodelers.org/flotown-model-showdown>

New & Ongoing Business:

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

May 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!
Jul 2026	Andrew Raisis	Grow Them Trees!	Andrew has agreed to show us all how he makes those fascinating diorama trees.
Aug 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 (Regions 2, 3, 11, 12)		
Date	Show	Region / State
April 11 th 2026	Model Expo 2026	11 / Florida
April 11 th 2026	Phantom Phlashers	3 / Alabama
April 11 th 2026	Scale Model Expo Villages	11 / Florida
April 18 th 2026	IPMS NV Model Classic	2 / Virginia
April 26 th 2026	NewFlight – Gundam	11 / Florida
May 2 nd 2026	Space Coast Modelfest 2026	11 / Florida
May 30 th 2026	Smoky Mountain Model Con	3 / Tennessee
June 6 th 2026	ScottCon 2026	3 / Georgia
June 27 th 2026	FloTown Model Showdown	12 / South Carolina
June 27 th 2026	PAMSCON	11 / Florida
July 18 th 2026	Americana	12 / North Carolina
August 5 th – 8 th 2026	IPMS USA National Convention	4 / Indiana
August 22 nd 2026	Virginia Shootout	2 / Virginia
August 22 nd 2026	49th Annual HPMS Show	3 / Alabama
August 22 nd 2026	Flight 19 Modelfest	11 / Florida
September 26 th 2026	Fall Con 26	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