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Next Meeting is
11.00 AM - Saturday – 15 February 2025
At
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for Jan 25th 2025

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

January's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 11 AM, Jan 25th. There were 15 members in attendance.

- Rick called the meeting to order:
 - Meeting Focus:
 - BeachCon planning. (See next page)
 - Go Army Group Build.
 - John Davis's Nascar window netting demo
 - Show and Tell
 - [GSSM By – Laws](#) have been posted on the GSSM website, thanks Mike F.
 - Show and Tell has been posted to the [facebook group](#). For now, I have also uploaded the pictures to [DropBox](#) for those who do not have facebook access. All members are encouraged to post your work regularly on the GSSM facebook page as well as other groups you may be members of.
 - A new food vendor was sourced for BeachCon thanks to Herb H, he and Phil C ate at Jeremiah's Lunch Box located in Murrells Inlet and enjoyed some nice dogs and chips for a very reasonable price. Thanks guys for rescuing the food vendor situation!
 - BeachCon did not make the January IPMS Journal, suggestion was made to perhaps promote the next event and pay for the space in the Journal. Should make Feb edition.
- Other Items
 - January's (2025) Group Build was "Go Army". Fantastic submissions from all members, ultimately won out by Scott V's M16 Motor Gun Carriage. Congrats Gunney!
 - Lots of honorable mentions but Scott's 32nd scale detailed Apache and 35th scale Humvee's were delightful as well as Chaz's work on making a VERY old 72nd scale M3 Scout Car from ESCI look quite spectacular. 85 pence well spent 😊
 - No demos are scheduled for February meeting. Propose we re-initiate demos following the completion of BeachCon 2025. Rick is planning on attending the Plastic Model Mojo podcast in February to plug the show!

BeachCon 2025 Planning:

Judging:

Head Judge - Mike F	Civilian Vehicles - John D	Sci-Fi - Jason B
Aircraft - Lou C	Military Vehicles - Herb H / Scott V	Gundam – Rick R
Ships - Andrew R	Figures - Trevor E	Juniors – Mike F
Miscellaneous – Dayne T	Dioramas and Vignettes – Mike F?	

Vendor Tables:

Great to see almost all vendor tales sold – only 5 tables left unsold right now. Remaining are 4 8' tables and 1 6' table for sale. Andrew R has sourced ribbon tape and tablecloth material for the event.

Club Sale Table:

Anybody planning on bringing along kits to sell? If so let us know asap so we can arrange a table for this purpose, we would need details of your kit and a min/max price range to allow for some bartering opportunity. If we have one my wife, Beth B will man the table.

Registration:

Registration opens at 9am on Sat 29th March. Table attendants so far are Carol F, Harry C and perhaps Jordan M. There will be some door prizes also made available.

Food Truck:

As sourced by Herb H, we will have [Jeremiahs Lunch Box](#) in attendance.

Raffle:

Agreement in principle to enact the raffle as per last year. Phil C and John D will be the primary organizers, we need multiple other attendees as this is generally one of the busiest stations.

Medals:

All currently accounted for, as are the acrylic category awards including Founders and Pacific Rim theme award. Thanks Chaz.

Photography:

No 'club' photographer is arranged, encourage everyone to take some pictures and post them to the facebook group(s). Jason B will take some pics of each table prior to judging and Mike F will take pics of winners from each category.

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New & Ongoing Business:

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

2025	Andrew Raisis	<i>Grow Them Trees!</i>	Andrew has agreed to show us all how he makes those fascinating diorama trees. Hopefully, MiniArt will have scale racoons, squirrels, and birds soon....
2025	Scott Vanetten	<i>Dry Brushing</i>	It's all in the wrist!!
2025	Dayne Taylor	<i>Water Effects</i>	I'm sure it'd be a splashing success!!!
2025	Jordan Matejceck	<i>Scribing</i>	Get them panel lines done right! Jordan will get an opportunity to show us his skills in this department, last attempt was cut short due to room booking issues (we were getting kicked out)



We ARE looking or demonstrations for 2025!!

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.
Figure Painting	Maybe we can get Calvin Tan to drop by....
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 .
Making Waves	Ok, how to make water.....and you wonder why we would use the Foam Board demo first....
Adding Electronics to your build.	Andrew has the Ins & Outs!!!

Upcoming Contest & Events



[IPMS/USA National Convention 2025 Information](#)

6-9 August 2025 in Hampton Virginia

Events CALENDAR 2025 (Regions 1, 2, 3, 11, 12)		
Date	Show	Region / State
Feb 22 nd 2025	Old Dominion Open	2 / Virginia
March 15 th 2025	AtlantaCon 2025	3 / Georgia
March 22 nd 2025	Replicon	1 / New York
March 29 th 2025	Beachcon 2025	12 / South Carolina
March 30 th 2025	Valleycon 34	1 / Massachusetts
April 5 th 2025	IPMS Phantom Phlashers	3 / Alabama
April 5 th 2025	MosquitoCon 33	4 / New Jersey
April 6 th 2025	BuffCon 40	1 / New York
April 6 th 2025	Downeastcon 2025	1 / Maine
April 12 th 2025	CAN-AM Con 2025	1 / Vermont
April 12 th 2025	IPMS Northern Virginia MC	2 / Virginia
April 19 th 2025	Scale model expo	11/ Florida
April 26 th 2025	Pelicon 2025	11 / Florida
May 31 st 2025	Smoky Mountain Model Con	3 / Tennessee
June 7 th 2025	ScottCon 2025	3 / Georgia
June 13 th 2025	Chattanooga ModelCon 2025	3 / Tennessee
August 6 th 2025	IPMS National Convention	2 / Virginia
August 23 rd 2025	48th Annual Model show	3 / Alabama
August 30 th 2025	Blue Angel Modelfest	3 / Florida
September 20 th 2025	The Forbidden Contest 2.5	12 / South Carolina
September 28 th 2025	Patcon 2025	1 / Massachusetts

October 10 th 2025	Modelaplooza	11 / Florida
October 11 th 2025	Hudson Valley Scale Model	1 / New York
October 19 th 2025	SyrCon 2025	1 / New York
October 19 th 2025	GraniteCon 32	1 / New Hampshire
October 25 th 2025	ACME Southern Nationals	3 / Georgia
November 2 nd 2025	BAYCON 2025	1 / Massachusetts
November 8 th 2025	Charlotte Scale Modelers	12 / North Carolina
November 15 th 2025	Middle Tennessee Model Con	3 / Tennessee

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