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Next Meeting is  
**10:00 AM - Saturday – 22 Jul 2023**  
at  
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee  
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588  
[Google Maps](#)

## Meeting Minutes June 24, 2023

### Grand Strand Scale Modelers

The monthly meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM. There were **15** members in attendance.

- **IPMS Nationals:**
  - Good Luck to all that are attending. Safe travels & bring back some hardware!! Remember, GSSM is sponsoring an IPMS National's award. **Category 166 – Airlines, Airliner Types, & Airships - Basic Kit Build.....**if you happen to see the winner, please take some pictures for the August newsletter. Please route any pictures to Chaz.
- **Hobby Shop Excursion** – A new trip to **Hayes Hobby** in Fayetteville NC as well as **Wings, Wheels, & Waves** in Sanford NC. Jason Boggans ([jasonboggans@gmail.com](mailto:jasonboggans@gmail.com)) has taken the lead on this. Presently the trip is scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, 2023. Departure time is scheduled for 8am. Please confirm with Jason by, or on, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. Two stops & lunch is on the agenda.
- **Group Build & Stash Counts** – Both items were discussed as some numbers were acquired at the meeting. A final tally put **The Right Stuff / Space Race** as the next Group Build. You should have your entry ready for the September meeting. Again, this group build can consist of Rockets, Satellites, anything associated with the “Space Race” as Experimental aircraft during that period (X-1, X-15s...etc..) is also highly prized....and acceptable!!
- **Demonstrations:** We’re still looking for members to show off their talents!! Please take this opportunity to volunteer a demonstration for 2024. Likewise, if you have a request for a demo, please let us know.....we’ll see what we can do!!
- **Treasurer’s Report** – The Secretary will provide monetary information quarterly. The next update will be in September.
- **GSSM T-Shirts** – Topic was briefly discussed. Chaz will provide final details and a sign-up sheet during the August meeting. Stay tuned! Some details will be sent in Flash Traffic sometime prior to the August meeting.
- **Shake Those Trees** – We are still looking for kits acceptable to be included in BeachCon 2024’s Contest Raffle. If you, or someone you can steal from, has a kit that you would be willing to donate.....please don’t hesitate!!

## The View from the Top / GSSM's President's Perspective

At the time of this writing, August is just a few days away and you know what that means. Before you know it, it will be March of 2024. And that means of course BeachCon24. We will soon be pre-paying for the contest starting in September. The contest has expanded as we now have a separate vendor's room so that we will have more room for the contest. One of things we will need is kits for the raffle. I am asking each of you to consider donating some kits for the raffle. I have a few that I have already earmarked from my collection.

Rick

## Treasurer's Report:

The Secretary will provide monetary information quarterly. The next update will be in September.



July is rapidly dissipating!! I must get my act together so I can present the utilization of a Silhouette Cameo & Portrait devices at the August meeting. I have a couple tricks up my sleeves that will inform as well as entertain. Utilization of technical processes and equipment for modeling has become a love/hate relationship as a lot of time is expended on experiments that succeed, fail, or warrant further investigation to get the right result. Returning to the hobby, after many years, results in the constant consumption from the firehose.... YouTube, and the web, can be your best friend.....and worst enemy as there seems to be so many ways to build and finish a kit. Your best bet is to go with what works for you and refine your practice with some suggestions from friends, YouTube, or.....experiments. It's the only way to learn. Sometimes it even seems that basic techniques are elusive. The best you can do is keep trying new things. Aircraft make me a better armor modeler, armor, a better aircraft modeler. Who knows where the figures come in.....

In any event, here we go:

- **NEW eMail Addresses:** Please note NEW email addresses (top of newsletter) for both Rick (President), and myself (VP). We are trying to keep some emails "contained" within GSSM bucket so that those of you who follow us will enjoy a flawless transition to your post(s). We hope to incorporate additional emails where it makes logical sense. We will establish a couple additional addresses to handle incoming/outgoing, for BeachCon as well as IPMS. The email addresses will become official on Aug 1, 2023. A Flash Traffic Broadcast will be sent as a reminder.
- **Group Builds:** We would have liked to have had 100% participation, but we got what we needed. *The Right Stuff / Space Race* is the Group Build scheduled for presentation during our September meeting. If you have ANY question pertaining to what is acceptable, please address it with Rick or Chaz. We have some space themed kits available and will have them at the meeting.
- **A New Tradition, Perhaps?** – Since there are a couple of ties for future group builds, it was suggested that the Jan 2024 Group Build be titled "*Shelf Queen Management*"! Dono why it

didn't come up before, but Nov-Jan would be a perfect time to eat some chili, sit by the fire, and pull down one of those ole' kits that has been mocking you for at least two years. Just finish the damn thing already!!! We'll rework/revise the list after the first of the year.

- **Stash Winner:** – SOMEBODY is about to win a \$25 Gift Card for Ed's Hobby Shop! Wonder who it will be..... Guess you'd better attend the meeting....
- **Da-gone Upstarts:** Ok, now it's Phil & Rick that are showing off..... Ok, Phil's an "old hand" but Rick is engaged now as well..... IF you are unaware, IPMS USA has a Review process that any IPMS USA member can participate in. Gee....another reason to join. IPMS is always receiving items for review AND IPMS is always looking for reviewers. This is where you (as Phil & Rick have) come in..... Request a product, write a review. Simple as that, aye Phil? Here are their latest. I have added the link to the IPMS USA Review page in **Resources**.....go take a look!!

Click on an image for the link.....



### Bf 109 G14/U4 Part 1

**Review Author:** Rick Reinert  
**Published on:** July 9, 2023  
**Company:** Zoukei-Mura  
**Scale:** 1/32  
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### 7TP Tank

**Book Author(s):** Przemyslaw Skulski  
**Review Author:** Phillip Cavender  
**Published on:** July 19, 2023  
**Company:** Mushroom Model Publications - MMP Books  
**MSRP:** \$11.90

- **A Big Thanks:** I would like to give a big shout out here to Mr Young!! Thank you, Les, for your



generous gift to GSSM President & VP. For those of you that don't know, I asked Les if he could make a couple of gavels based on the stand he used for his recent bust of Sean Connery....er....was it a Knight Templar? A set of "made to order" devices showed up on our desk at the last meeting. These are wonderful and will ensure Mr Reinert always has his with him.....I know I will. These will be passed onto future GSSM Pres & VPs. Thank you again Les!!

**New & Ongoing Business (June/July 2023 Edition):**

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

**2023**

- 22 July Show & Tell
- 19 August **Silhouette Cameo & Portrait Vinyl Cutters - Chaz**
- 16 Sept **The Right Stuff / Space Race** Group Build Contest w/Show & Tell
- 21 Oct **Mottling – Dayne Taylor**
- 18 Nov Show & Tell
- 16 Dec Christmas Party & Demo TBD

**2024**

- 20 Jan White Elephant & **Shelf Queen Management** Group Build Contest
- Re-sched **Color Theory – Phil Sicard**



**You asked for Demonstrations.....**

Presently, this is the schedule for the remainder of 2023:

Aug 2023	Steve "Chaz" Chorazewitz	<i>Silhouette Cameo &amp; Portrait Vinyl Cutters</i>	Chaz will demonstrate the use a Silhouette brand vinyl cutter for making masks, embossing, and cutting balsa wood and plastic. Learn some capabilities and see if these devices can work for you.
Oct 2023	Dayne Taylor	<i>Mottling</i>	Hey, the Germans did it.....why not you? Dayne will demonstrate that delicate art of making things disappear by using splotches of paint like grandpa Klaus did.....
Dec 2023	Christmas Party	<i>TBD</i>	We'll keep it nice & EZ!!
2024 Rescheduled	Phil Sicard	<i>Color Theory</i>	Ever wonder why your Olive Drab gets more "drab" when you add white paint?" Phil will demonstrate your need to embrace the rainbow by adding the appropriate pigmented color to attain that impressive modeling color you desire!

We're looking for willing victims! Found a cool trick or an easier way to do something.....IF you have something to demonstrate, we'd like to see it! If there is something you'd like to see, we'd like to hear about it! PLEASE send your requests to [Chaz](#). GSSM is your group.....let's make every modeler smarter!!

## Did Somebody Say T-Shirts?

No movement on this, will have a plan for August.



Ok, NOW, it's up to Y'all!!! A run of new GSSM logo'd T-Shirts in Black, Navy Blue, and Dark Grey are available for ordering. Each shirt will be emblazoned with the GSSM logo on the left breast. There is no extra charge for colors so mix and match as desired!!

For an upcharge of \$5.00 you can have the GSSM logo on your backside....of the shirt that is. Check out our Treasurer's T-Shirt.



<i>Length</i>	<i>Sizes</i>	<i>Price (ea)</i>
Regular	S, M, L, XL	\$ 10.00
	XXL	\$ 12.00
	XXXL	\$ 16.00
Tall	S, M, L, XL	\$ 16.00
	XXL	\$ 17.00
	XXXL	\$ 18.00
Large Imprint on Back of Shirt (Add On)		\$ 5.00

Presently, a review is underway for Polo Shirts to be logo'd on the left breast as well. The cost is somewhere between \$17 and \$25 based on material of shirt. Leaning more toward the higher end, some sample material is being obtained. If you have interest in a Polo, please advise Chaz as soon as possible.

## The Great Stash Count Results:

The results are in! 57% of GSSM members responded with their stash number resulting in over 2000 kits!

Jordon Matejcek	561
Jason Boggans	388
Steve Chorazewitz	261
Lou Correr	225
Mike Fleckenstein	217
Phillip Sicard	209
Rick Reinert	138
Dayne Taylor	60
Duncan Bare	54
Andrew Rasis	48
Harry Chute	45
Earl Wanklin	45
Phil Cavender	21
Leslie Young	12
Joseph Garforth	11
Scott Murphy	10



## Show & Tell (June 2023 Edition)



We start with a collaboration between Phil C & Lou. This is Phil's 1/9<sup>TH</sup> scale award winner. For scale, Lou's new 1/48<sup>th</sup> cycle is just in front. Not to be outdone, Mike also presented his 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale SSR kit. Looks to be a little more detailed than the old Hasegawa kit!!

Nice job Phil & Lou! Mike, get on it!!



John will be attempting to build something as good as BeachCon 23's Best of Show. He's got the right kit.....and decals to boot! Good Luck John!!



Jordan, on the other hand, has labored to finish his iD4 Alien Attacker craft. Quite a bit of filling and sanding but the result speak for itself. Even spent some time weathering the docking assembly. It's truly, out of this world!!







Dayne is taking a break from his usual large scale fighters and spacecraft to spend some time with a 3d printed “Emperor of Mankind” figure.

The Warhammer “Death Guard Champion” allows him to hone his figure skills and build up an army.

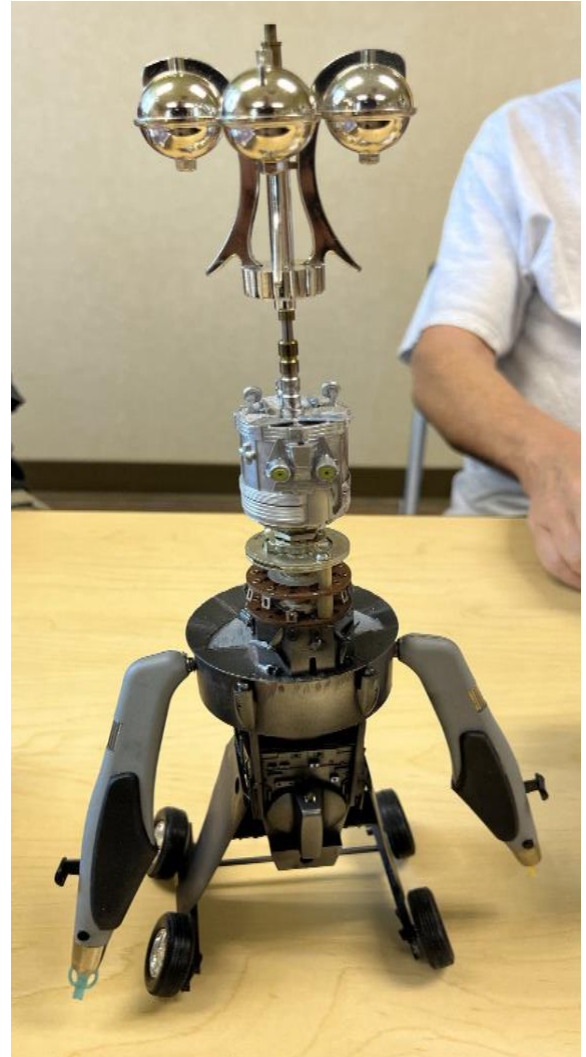
Dayne continues to astound us in his wide-ranging builds/paintings!



In an attempt to get out more.....and find a hobby, Joe and his Mrs went to Wonderfest 2023 in Louisville KY. A cross between a sci-fi-modeling contest and a chance to test your skills, Joe brought in two pieces of “art” made from various items that were made available to his team. They had to work within a period of time to produce what they could! Great use of imagination and skills!!!

**Link to 2024 Event:** [Wonderfest 2024](#) Make your plans!!

Below is his “rag-tag fugitive fleet” that he discovered as he was counting his stash! He never actually disclosed his stash count.....wonder why....???



Jason broke away from tanks.....well sort-of, with an older MPC/ERTL Imperial Walker. He does have the snow speeder to go with it and intends to Dio it wrapping around the legs!! Nicely weathered....I'd put a bottle opener on it and keep it as art.... ; )



Duncan continues to work in that one true scale (72)! He's just about finished his Airfix Stug complete with foliage and a cobblestone road too! A few figures are underway as well.....but wait, is that Darth?? Stay tuned!!





Andrew has been hard at work with his 75mm Anti-Tank gun. Quite a bit of foliage, fence....and don't forget about the tree! Remember, he first brought this in and showed us the tree he was working on. It started as wrapped wire as I recall. The gun looks menacing from the front, nicely camouflaged....sure to make a hit!!

Andrew also brought in some of the items he used in the diorama. These are Model Scene items. Visit their web site [here](#).



Mike finished his labor of love...the Airfix BAC TSR-2!! He too took some time away from his usual builds to paint Kate and the rest of the crew to Star Trek Voyager....and a shuttle. This (last image) is a ***Cozmic Scale Models*** kit and can be found [here](#).

Pssst, Please, no Hershey bars around his TSR-2!!



**New Kits, Upcoming Contests & Events, Resources:**

**New Kits & Tools Resources:**

**Site**

<i>ScaleMates Modeling Database</i>	<a href="#">News &amp; New Kits</a>
<i>MegaHobby</i>	<a href="#">New Arrivals</a>
<i>Hannants</i>	<a href="#">New Arrivals</a> <a href="#">Future Releases</a>
<i>The Modelling News</i>	<a href="#">Main Page</a>
<i>Cybermodeler Online</i>	<a href="#">Announced Model Kit Releases</a>
<b><i>IPMS USA Reviews Site</i></b>	<a href="#">New Kits &amp; Product Reviews</a>

**Upcoming Contest & Events**



**COME AND MAKE IT**  
 IPMS/USA NATIONAL CONVENTION  
**SAN MARCOS - TEXAS**  
 AUG 2<sup>ND</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> 2023

<http://www.nats2023.com>

Please click on an image to go to the website

**FAST TRAX** AND **IPMS RACE CITY** Present

**More New Categories!** **Fall Con '23** **New Online Registration**

**Special Theme Category: Tar Heels in Scale - Models with North Carolina connections**

**September 30th, 2023 9am to 3pm**  
 UAW 3520 Hall Gym, 2280 Salisbury Hwy (Hwy 70), Statesville NC

<b>Scale Model Contest</b> Vendors Raffles Display Only Area	<b>Model Registration</b> Model Registration 9am -12noon \$5 First Model, \$1 each additional No Fee for Junior Entires	<b>Admission</b> \$10 Early Bird (9am-9am) \$5 Regular (9am - until) Under 16 free w/ Paid Adult After 9am Active/Retired Military free w/ID
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Scan the QR code for the latest forms, flyers, and info  
 Visit us on the web at:  
<http://ipmsnorcarolina.org>  
 or  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/IPMSRaceCity>

On-site breakfast and lunch available from the UAW 3250 Veterans Committee

Vendor Rentals & Info: Jamie Shumaker, 704-508-1589 [fasttraxhobbies@yahoo.com](mailto:fasttraxhobbies@yahoo.com)  
 Sponsorship and Contest info: George Witter, 336-757-0909 [gsw0882@gmail.com](mailto:gsw0882@gmail.com)

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**"ALL THINGS RECCE"**

**2023 IPMS REGION 12 REGIONAL MODEL CONTEST**

Saturday, November 4, 2023 9:00AM-4:00PM  
 Gaston County Citizens Resource Center  
 1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy, Dallas, N.C. 28034

<b>Contestants</b> \$10.00 <i>Unlimited number of models</i>	<b>Special Theme Awards</b> <i>(This can be air, land, sea, space or sci-fi)</i> <b>Best Recce Model</b> <b>Best Great &amp; Best Small</b> <i>(Larger than 1/35-1/32 &amp; Smaller than 1/72-1/76)</i> <b>Best Automotive 1960-1969</b> <i>(Cars, trucks, commercial, motorcycles)</i>	<b>Trophy Sponsorships</b> \$40.00
<b>Non-Contestants</b> \$5.00 Single Adult <i>(18 &amp; older)</i> \$8.00 Family	<b>83 Contest Categories</b> including 14 for Juniors	<b>Vendor Tables</b> 6' Table \$10.00 8' Table \$20.00
<b>Juniors</b> <i>(17 &amp; under)</i> and <b>Active Duty Military, First Responders (with ID)</b> FREE!		

Hosted by Charlotte Scale Modelers & Gaston County Model Builders. Our Regional Contest is being dedicated to the memory of long-time members Jim Kiker (CSM) and Larry Moore (GCMB). We would also like to thank the Gaston County Visitors Bureau for sponsoring this event.

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[www.ipmscharlotte.org/](http://www.ipmscharlotte.org/)

**GRAND STRAND SCALE MODELERS** Present

**BeachCon 2024**

**The Road to Victory**  
 80th Anniversary of D-Day  
 June 6, 1944

Saturday, March 23, 2024 9am - 4pm  
 General Robert B. Reed Recreation Center  
 800 Gabreshi Lane, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

**Expanded Vendor & Contest Areas!**

**Special Theme Awards**  
 Best D-Day - June 6, 1944 Entry  
 Best Marine Corps Entry

<b>Contestants</b> \$10.00 <i>Unlimited number of models</i>	<b>Vendor Tables</b> 6' Table - \$30.00 8' Table - \$40.00
<b>Non-Contestants</b> \$5.00 Single Adult <i>(18 and older)</i> \$8.00 Family	<b>On Site Food Concession!</b>
<b>Juniors</b> <i>(17 &amp; under)</i> and <b>Active Duty Military (with ID)</b> FREE	<b>Award Sponsorships</b> Category Medallions \$30 Best of Class Trophy \$40 Best of Show Trophy \$50

**Over 50 Contest Categories**

**SUPER Raffle!**

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for more information please visit  
[www.grandstrandmodelers.org](http://www.grandstrandmodelers.org)

**Contest Sites**

<i>IPMS USA Events &amp; Contests</i>	<a href="#">Event Calendar</a>
<i>AMPS (Armor Modeling &amp; Preservation Society)</i>	Events accessible via <a href="#">AMPS Main Page</a>
<i>Model Cars Magazine Forum</i>	<a href="#">Contests &amp; Shows</a>
<i>Cybermodeler Online</i>	<a href="#">Scale Modeling Event Calendar</a>

As always....if you find any broken links, or have one to suggest, please let Chaz know!!



## Resources

### Websites

For kits and supplies:

<https://spruebrothers.com>

<https://www.kitlinx.com>

<https://www.hlj.com>

<https://www.eduard.com>

<https://spraygunner.com>

Modeling Reviews, Forums, and How To's:

<https://ipmsusa.org>

<https://hyperscale.com>

<https://largescaleplanes.com>

<https://doogsmodels.com> <http://umm-usa.com>

<https://forum.ww1aircraftmodels.com/index.php>

<https://www.themodellingnews.com>

<http://www.zone-five.net>

<http://www.plasticmodelsworld.com>

<https://www.cultvmanshop.com>

<https://www.scalemates.com>

Podcasts (download via iTunes, Spotify or your favorite podcast source)

Scale Model Podcast

On the Bench

Plastic Posse Podcast

ModelGeeks Podcast

Plastic Model Mojo

Sprue Cutters Union

Just Making Conversation

## The Lighter Side

