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Next Meeting is  
**10:00 AM - Saturday – 20 Jan 2024**  
at  
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee  
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588  
[Google Maps](#)



## Meeting Minutes for Dec 16, 2023 Grand Strand Scale Modelers

December's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:00 AM, Dec 16th. There were **15** hungry members in attendance.

- **Rick called the meeting to order:**
  - Rick welcomed all members and asked if anyone had pressing issues to add to the meeting's agenda.
  - Ballot items were briefly discussed and were available for clarification. No issues were raised so voting proceeded. The votes are IN!! (More Later...)
  - BeachCon Flyer – Change was required due to the usage of copyrighted artwork.

- **BeachCon 24 Report**

- Additional acrylic trophy was designed and sent to Michigan for lasering. There will be an award for *Best Art & Collections* for the “Miscellaneous” categories (801-803).
- CyberModeler: We are NOW listed as a contest on their [Event Calendar](#)!!
- Chaz is working on artwork for signage. All signage will be sustainable and can be used for many years into the future.
- Chaz asked for a show of hands of anyone who shops at ScaleHobbyist.com as he plans to pursue them as a sponsor.
- The cost to rent 8 foot rectangular tables is becoming prohibitive. If anyone has access to any 8 foot tables from a church/school we are willing to pay a nominal fee of \$7-8.00.
- Phil Cavender agreed to review the BeachCon layout to integrate both round and rectangular tables.
- Storage and transport could be performed by a loaned van....or U-Haul. May require assistance for pick-up and return.....any volunteers?
- BeachCon GSSM Sales Table – was briefly addressed with at least 4 members interested in selling their unbuilt kits. One or two tables and staffing will be addressed soon. One issue for anyone wishing to sell; please include a Top Price and a Bottom Price for each kit. This will keep staff from having to chase you down for price confirmation.

- **Other Stuff**

- **“Shelf Queen Management”**: Have your **Shelf Queen Group Build** kit ready for January’s meeting (Jan 20, 2024)!!
- **Ed’s Hobby Shop**: is **OPEN**!! [Ed’s Hobby Shop](#) 1804 N Main St, Conway, SC 29527. A couple of GSSM member had visited. There is more room so there may be a possibility of GSSM presenting or performing a build day in the future.
- **Socastee Library**
  - We are planning to have a BeachCon display for the month of February 2024. March is unavailable. Chaz has scheduled (tentavily) the display cabinet in the foyer.
  - It was addressed and agreed that GSSM will make a \$100 donation to the Library’s “Play Ground” fund. GSSM gives back. This will be performed after BeachCon and the coffers are full again.....
- **Next Group Build** will be voted on by GSSM members during January meeting. The on-deck circle contains “*Road Rage*” and “*Not Another Messerschmidt*” as the next ones up (12 votes each). Though the timing is *TBD* (June?) the next Group Build should be one of these.
- **GSSM as a Multi-Media Meeting** - option and logistics will be investigated by Chaz as some GSSM members are now out of state and would enjoy the option. The primary key will be the

library's web communication abilities as well as local equipment. There were no dissenting votes. Stay "tuned".....as this will go into exploratory stage.

- **Dues Month** – Don't forget.....January IS dues month!! Bring your wallet.....with cash in it!!
- **Clear the Shelf Stash Sale** – A quick reminder that all members agreed that GSSM would have a "Clear the Shelf Stash Sale" during the January meeting. We will probably turn this into an annual event with the annual "Shelf-Queen" Group Build. We'll let Phil & Rick determine what percent of the sale goes to the club..... 10...15%?? Any more than that and we'll call it robbery.....errrr....taxes.....
- **Let's EAT!!!** Heartfelt thanks to ALL that brought goodies and acquired the food. Special thanks to Harry & Dayne for their extra efforts!!! Couldn't do it without y'all!!

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

Well, it is January of 2024. Wow, is time going fast. BeachCon24 (March 23rd) is only two and a half months away. We all need to start chipping in to make this another successful contest. This year we are a regional contest. What is the difference between a regional and a local contest? Well, not much really except for the following IPMS rules. If your model receives an award at a regional, then you can no longer enter it into a local IPMS contest in the same region in the following year. I also think we will get a larger turnout than our contest last year. We also need volunteers to man the tables at the entrance for registration, for help with the raffle, helping with set up and tear down, and helping with vendors as required. We have some great vendors signed up including CultTV Man, Kinetic Models, and GTResin. More to follow.



## Happy New Year y'all.....

With all the trials and tribulations of real life, I so enjoy when my Sister-In-Law (SIL) comes to visit over the holidays. This is primarily due to the escapades she, and my Mrs, get into when the SIL is here. Enough about them.....I get 6 days of almost unadulterated model building.....or working at the "Aircraft Factory".

Donno bout you but the "shelf-queen" is being a real nasty witch!! Trying all the new skills I have learned over 2023. Picked up some new tools and some new techniques to make this a little easier, BUT it's still an 35+ year old kit..... The key reason to finish it is to prove to myself that, though life is short, I can still "tough" it out when it's not easy..... For those of you (or a loved one) suffering from ailments and medical issues.....a tip of the hat to you. You have bigger issues.....I'm just trying to build a plastic model..... Remember the important things but take time to enjoy our hobby.

I hope Santa was good to you!! Now get out there and hug your SIL(!!!) and have a happy and healthy 2024!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Dayne", is located in the bottom right corner of the page.

## New & Ongoing Business (December 2023 Edition):

### Gentlemen....The Ballots Were Cast!!!

*Note, if the results don't add up....understand that some GSSM members did not vote or abstained on an issue.... Course, you could blame Phil C....he counted them.... LOL*

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>

#### Issue # 1: BeachCon Contest Entries by GSSM Members

Should GSSM Members be allowed to enter model kits into BeachCon listed categories for the purpose of competing against any/all BeachCon participants? Note that this assumes that the GSSM member will confirm with the BeachCon Head Judge if there is a conflict of interest so that the competing GSSM member can be assigned a different category to judge.

#### Issue # 2: Group Build Competition Winner(s)

Any GSSM Member winning the previous Group Build will serve as judge for the next Group Build as the member will be ineligible to compete.

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>

#### Issue # 3: Founder's Trophy Redesign (Effective BeachCon 2025)

Change the existing "Founder's Trophy" from Rick Davis/Best USMC to a reflect all four GSSM founders (J Baxter, P Cavender, R Davis, & Herb Horvath) and reassess the appropriate implementation of the trophy for each BeachCon Contest as deemed by GSSM President & Vice President.

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>

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

<b>2024</b>	
<b>20 Jan</b>	<b><i>Shelf Queen Management</i></b> Group Build Contest
<b>February</b>	<b><i>Embrace the Needle!! - Chaz</i></b>
<b>March</b>	<b><i>BeachCon 24 Prep, Show &amp; Tell</i></b>
<b>April</b>	<b><i>Decal Application – Rick Reinert</i></b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>Your Demonstration Here!!! Get Signed Up!!</b>



## You asked for Demonstrations.....

We ARE looking for demonstrations for 2024!! Incorporation of requested demonstrations will be scheduled and volunteers will be picked.....

2024	<i>Chaz</i>	<i>Embrace the Needle!</i>	Ok, it's just hypodermic tubing and other ways to add a little realism to your build. Whether it's a pitot tube or barrel of a gun what are your options and how to employ!! A few other tricks as well.....
2024	<i>Rick Reinert</i>	<i>Decal Application</i>	From stencils to a wing full of German lozenge camouflage....Rick's your guy! All the ins & outs of applying those pesky translucent pieces of art that can make, or break, your build!!
2024	<i>John Davis</i>	<i>Painting/Finishing Automobile Kits</i>	Smoothing out those rough edges to get that special finish!
2024	<i>Dayne Taylor</i>	<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.....
2024	<i>Your Name Here!!</i>	<i>Show Us Your Stuff</i>	You're the best at it.... Show us how it's done!!!

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!!

## Show & Tell (Dec 2023 Edition – Merry Christmas)



**Tips, Tools, & Techniques:**

This section is for the discussion of any tips, tools, or techniques that can help in the building of scale models. Any GSSM member may participate simply by writing up a paragraph, providing a picture, or two, and sending it to Chaz for adding to an upcoming newsletter.

**Upcoming Contests & Events, Resources:**

**New Kits & Tool 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>
<i>IPMS USA Reviews Site</i>	<a href="#">New Kits &amp; Product Reviews</a>

**Upcoming Contest & Events**



[IPMS/USA National Convention 2024 Information](#)

July 17-20, 2024



**Please click on an image to go to the website**



Jan 27, 2024  
9am until 5pm

Registration  
closes 12PM

American Legion Post 116  
6400 Johnson Pond Rd. • Fuquay, NC 27526

Sponsored By:  IPMS Eagle Squadron

Join us for another model show & contest!

IPMS Eagle Squadron is proud to present RDUCON2024. The show and contest will feature 2 buildings for the event: building 1 (left) for the main contest and right next door building 2 (right) as a separate space available for vendors.

[www.ipmseaglesquadron.org/rducon-2024](http://www.ipmseaglesquadron.org/rducon-2024)



**2024 Old Dominion Open Scale Model Show & Contest**

**Saturday, February 24**

80 Model Display Categories  
Extensive Vendor Marketplace  
Huge Modeler's Drawing

1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards for each category, plus these special awards:  
Judges' Best In Show • Best Junior  
Best Aircraft • Best Automotive • Best Diorama • Best Figure  
Best Gundam • Best Maritime • Best Military Vehicle  
Best Real Space & Sci-Fi

**Schedule**

Doors open at 8:30 a.m.  
Vendors open all day  
Registration Closes at 12:00 noon  
Judging Starts at 12:30 p.m.



**Location (new this year)**  
Richmond Raceway Complex  
The Old Dominion Building  
600 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

General inquiries, please contact Bob Walls: [robertwalls@comcast.net](mailto:robertwalls@comcast.net)

Find IPMS Richmond online:  
[ipmsrichmond.blogspot.com](http://ipmsrichmond.blogspot.com)  
[facebook.com/IPMSRichmond](https://facebook.com/IPMSRichmond)

**GRAND STRAND SCALE MODELERS**  
*Presents*  
**BeachCon 2024**  
IPMS/USA Region 12 Convention

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

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







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

**General Admission**  
\$5.00 Single Adult (18 and older)  
\$8.00 Family

**Vendor Tables**  
6' Table - \$30.00  
8' Table - \$40.00

**Over 50 Contest Categories**

**Contestants**  
\$10.00  
Unlimited number of models



**On Site Food Concession!**

**Expanded Vendor & Contest Areas!**

**Phil Cavender**  
182 Quail Hollow Rd.  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579  
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for more information please visit  
[www.grandstrandscalemodelers.org](http://www.grandstrandscalemodelers.org)

**Northern Virginia Modelers**  
**Model Classic 2024**  
The Road to Victory  
80th Anniversary of D-Day  
June 6, 1944

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Fairfax High School  
3501 Lion Run, Fairfax, VA 22030

**General Admission**  
\$10.00 Single Adult (18 and older)  
\$15.00 Family



**Make & Take FREE for the Kids! (17 & under)**

**Contestants**  
\$15.00  
Unlimited number of models

**Juniors (17 & under) and Active Duty Military (with ID) FREE!**

**Award Sponsorships**  
Category: \$30.00  
Best of Class: \$50.00

**Vendor Tables**  
\$30.00 per table

**Super Raffle**      On Site Food Concession

**Tom Henderson**  
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[www.novaipms.org](http://www.novaipms.org)  
Show Sponsorship & Food Concession  
Fairfax High School  
PTSA All Night Grad Committee

**Contest Sites**

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

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

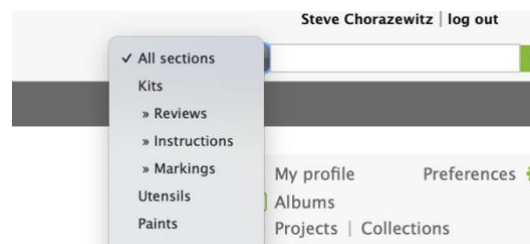
## Resources

SCALE CONVERSION CHART					
1/76	1/72	1/48	1/35	1/32	1/24
.0132	.0139	.0208	.0286	.0312	.0417

### Using [Scalemates](#) as a paint color/research resource:

For example, I was looking for who's paint products would match a color for an upcoming build. The closest color match that I found is FS 32246 (Federal Standard 595a). You'll find a dropdown listbox on the upper right portion of the Scalemates home page. If you depress the list, you will be presented with a myriad of options to choose from. Select "Paints" and enter "FS32246".

The results will present a couple of colors to choose from. If you select Vallejo's 70.956 – Clear Orange the resulting page will show you a larger image of the color, however, keep scrolling. The resulting list covers all the Enamels, Acrylics, Lacquers...etc.. that closely match the color selected.



This should be your "go to" or starting resource for finding that special color that keeps eluding you.....

## 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.culttvmanshop.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

Guess Hasegawa isn't making planes anymore!?!?!?!?

### 12 Real Figure Collection 36 Cat Girl

Hasegawa | No. 52738 | 1:12



### Noriyoshi Ohrai Beauties No.1

Hasegawa | No. SP590 | 1:12

