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Next Meeting is
10.30am - Saturday – 13 June 2026
At
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
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[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for May 16th 2026

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

April's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 11.00am, May 16th 2026.

There were 16 members in attendance.

May 16th meeting agenda:

1. **President / Vice President welcome (5 Minutes)**
2. **Club Treasurer Update (5 Minutes)**
3. **BeachCon 2027 task assignment (10 Minutes)**
4. **Demo: Tires by John Davis (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.** 16 Members joined our meeting today, thanks to everyone who turned up. We welcomed a new member today, Paul Paris, mainly interested in Air Force theme, an ex bomber pilot, he is very interested in RC topics. Welcome to the group Paul. A reminder was issued to all members that FloCon by the PeeDee scale modelers takes place on June 27th in Florence, please mark your calendars and try your best to attend and support their first show. Beachcon 2027 will take place in the same location as normal, the General Robert Reed Center in the Market Common in March 2027. Next months group build will be judged by Dayne Taylor as he was our last winner.
- **Club Treasurer Update:** Current balance is \$4441.39. Initial monies will have to be paid at the beginning of June to secure the location for Beachcon 2027.
- **BeachCon 2027 task assignment:** The agreed upon theme, **‘Freedom 250 and Beyond’** artwork and poster was completed by Mike, very eye catching poster, thanks Mike! Ask was made as well for members to start campaigning with local business and business owners if they would be willing to sponsor a category or categories for our 2027 show. Prices are as follows:
 - Category winner: \$30,
 - Best of Class: \$40,
 - Best of Show: \$50.
 - Cash or check can be made payable to ‘Grand Strand Scale Modelers’ and sent to Phil Cavender (his details are present on the [2027 flyer.](#))
- **Demo:** Tires by John Davis – John showed us how to prepare the vinyl/rubber tires provided with most automotive kits and apply the relevant decals with ease and professional finish. Coming from a NATS winner we know its good advice 😊. Many thanks John for the demonstration and passing on of the wealth of knowledge.
- **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. As usual, a wealth of talent on display, Phil is working on the ICM Model T for IPMS, Herb is putting the final touches to some super dioramas, Earl is applying final touches to his chopper, Joe S brought in some super scratch builds he had worked on over the years, very impressive. Joe B is feverishly working to complete his robot prior to Wonderfest. Enjoy the show Joe! Andrew took a break from wingy thingies and got some armor on ... his 1/48 scale T-34 85 looked great and he used a set of snap tracks from a company called QuickTracks. MG was reliving old times with his Zoids Blade Liger. Josh is working hard on his Thunderbolt looks like it’ll be from the 56th FG, Mike is working on a Merkava along with some various 3d printed figures. Looking very nice. Dayne has been on a German kick, two beautiful examples of German aerial menace on display. Harry did a super job on the 66 Malibu, Jason had some 3d printed items, Yoda and a Skeleton King, along with is latest review on IPMS for the Hummer Avenger from AFV Club. Rick had a pair of German fighters, the FW-190 and the BF-109 beautifully finished.
- *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:** Thanks to all who purchased some tickets and congratulations to the winners.
- **AOB:** 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>
- **Club Apparel:** We will order some new t-shirts and hats in the coming weeks, anyone who wants some please respond to the mail from Jason and I will collate and share with Earl for printing. Prices are \$16 per shirt and \$14 for hats. So far we have had orders from Scott*, Jason*, Jordan, Phil, Josh*, Joe B and Andrew. (*Paid Orders)

New & Ongoing Business:

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

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
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 12 th 2026	PennCon 2026	2 / Pennsylvania
September 12 th 2026	Blue Angel Modelfest	3 / Florida
September 19 th 2026	Head for the Highlands	3 / Tennessee
September 19 th 2026	Fayetteville Swap Meet	12 / North Carolina
September 26 th 2026	Fall Con 26	12 / North Carolina
October 3 rd 2026	Maraudercon 2026	2 / Maryland
October 9 th 2026	Modelpalooza	11 / Florida
November 7 th 2026	Ravencon 2026	2 / Virginia
November 14 th 2026	Middle Tennessee Modelcon	3 / Tennessee
February 27 th 2027	Old Dominion Open	2 / Virginia
March 6 th 2027	Pelicon 2027	11 / Florida
March 13 th 2027	Beachcon 2027	12 / South Carolina
April 2 nd 2027	Chattanooga Modelcon 2027	3 / Tennessee
April 3 rd 2027	Mosquitocon 2027	2 / New Jersey
April 24 th 2027	IPMS Phantom Phlashers	3 / Alabama
April 24 th 2027	Model Expo 2027	11 / Florida

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
FineScale Modeler	https://forum.finescale.com/	Useful forum full of hints and tips and a large audience to answer questions
Scale Model Addict	https://www.scalemodeladdict.com/	Tips, guides tool and tech.