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Next Meeting is
10:30 AM - Saturday – 17 Feb 2024
at
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for Jan 20, 2024

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

January's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, Jan 20th. There were **12** 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.

- **BeachCon 24 Report**
 - Cost study was made on hiring the number of tables necessary to complete the contest display area and some vendors. It was found to be cost prohibitive due to the Saturday pick up, after the contest. A conclusion was derived by a hybrid solution. Vendor will deliver the tables on Friday, but we will return them on Monday. Keeps the cost down!
 - Storage and transport will be performed by use of a U-Haul. Chaz will be acquiring the U-Haul but we may need assistance for return.....any volunteers?

- **Other Stuff**
 - **Monthly Meeting Raffle:** Unless otherwise posted, all GSSM members should assume that there will be a raffle.....so bring your cash!!
 - **Socastee Library**
 - GSSM is taking over the foyer display starting on 1 Feb!! Git yer kits ready!! Chaz will be available from 10am until approximately 1pm to aid. Note that we need to remove ALL items from the display during the 28th/29th timeframe. Chaz will be available to assist during that period as well. More to come.
 - 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 coffer are full again.....
 - **Next Group Build** was voted on and the chosen theme was "**Not Another Messerschmidt!**" Also in agreement was it's **May** meeting completion so get 'em started!! Again, this can be **ANYTHING** (planes, armor, cars, figures....) German.....just not any kind of Messerschmidt!!

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

BeachCon24 (March 22nd & 23rd) is fast approaching. A list of tasks follows. If you see something missing, or you're interested in a position, please let me know. We need volunteers! We also need **everyone** to help with set up and tear down. Tear down is particularly important because we are renting tables and need to get them into a rented U-Haul truck for storage until we can return them to the rental company on the following Monday.

BeachCon 2024 Task Roster

Set Up: Everyone on 22 March

Tear Down and Clean Up: 23 March after contest - Everyone

Position(s)	Name(s)	Notes
Registration Table: Early		3 Positions / Times:
Registration Table: Late		2 or 1 Position(s) / Times :
Raffle Chief	Dayne Taylor	
Raffle Aid	Aaron Roland (CCS)	
Raffle Ticket Sales		Phil Sicard or Duncan Bare if available.
Photographer	Caroline Roland (CCS)	
Show Runners / Ushers		Directing entrants to their category tables, answering questions, and helping all when possible.
Vendor Oversight	Phil Cavender	
Vendor Assist		
GSSM Club Sales Table	Cheryl Chorazewitz, CCS Volunteer	Will go down to 1 staffer as time goes forward.
Floaters	Rick, Chaz, Braiden Roland (CCS)	
Announcer	Rick Reinert	
Best Of Presenter	Chaz	Acrylic Awards

Award Presenter(s)	TBD – Ladies!?!?!?	Gold, Silver, & Bronze Coins
Awards Photographer	Caroline Roland (CCS)	

Judging Teams

Category	Position(s)	Name(s)	Notes
000	Head Judge	Mike Fleckenstein	
1000	Head Judge		
Junior	Judging Staff		
1001	Head Judge		
Aircraft	Judging Staff		
1002	Head Judge		
Mil Vehs	Judging Staff		
1003	Head Judge		
Figures	Judging Staff	Chaz	
1004	Ships Head Judge	Marion	From Coastal Carolina
Ships	Ships Judging Staff		
1005	Automotive Head Judge	John Davis	
Civ Vehs	Automotive Judging Staff		
1006	Head Judge	Dayne Taylor	If available...
Sci-Fi	Judging Staff		
1007	Head Judge	Chaz	
Diorama	Judging Staff		
1008	Head Judge		
Misc	Judging Staff		

**So...
What's On Tap
At GSSM?**

Saddle Up!! The BeachCon 24 whirlwind is coming our way!!

Next BeachCon....looking for a theme!!

Yup, we could come up with the next BeachCon theme, but we're looking for your involvement!! Last year's theme was "Best of the Beach", this year's is "The Road to Victory – Best of D-Day".....so what should we do for the next **BeachCon**?

Do YOUR Homework!!

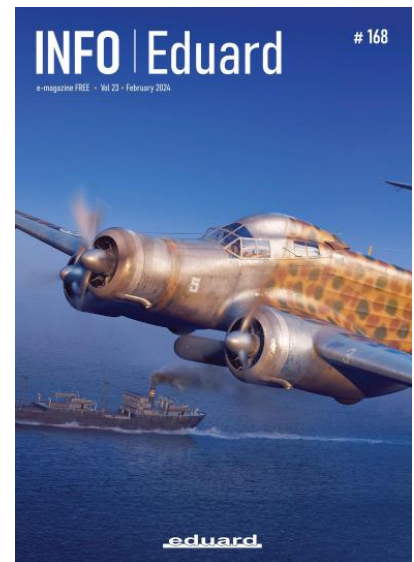
As a reminder, for anyone wishing to sell at the GSSM Sales Table, please include a **Top Price** and a **Bottom Price** for each kit. Information on paper would be helpful and will keep staff from having to chase you down for price confirmation.

The **Shelf-Queen** results are this newsletter's Show & Tell!! Congrats to the winner, but congrats to all of us who participated and dusted one off for completion!! Maybe we'll do it again next January???

A new resource....well sort of....

It was brought to my attention that Eduard has a good article on photo-etched application techniques and that the article should be included in the GSSM newsletter. Though I have been a reader of these "magazines" for a few years, unless you are aware of them, you'd never know they're out there. I have added a link to the location where you can locate **ALL** of the magazines....current and back issues. There is a lot of great information out there!! Go take a look, learn something....and enjoy!! Thanks Lou!!

[Current edition of the Eduard Info Magazine \(English\)](#)



New & Ongoing Business:

BeachCon Scheduling: It has been discussed that the annual BeachCon contest should possibly move to a biennial, or every other year, contest. The group will vote on this BeachCon change during the April meeting, after BeachCon 2024.

Socastee Library Display: To showcase GSSM, as well as BeachCon, we took over the library’s display case in the foyer of the main entrance. All were invited to bring in their best built, or partially constructed, kits for the display. We had a good showing but there are still some holes in the display. If you would still like to show off your builds, please bring them to Saturday’s (17th of Feb) to add to the display. A recent photo of current contents: Note: We CAN add more shelves, just advise Chaz! GREAT Job to ALL!!!

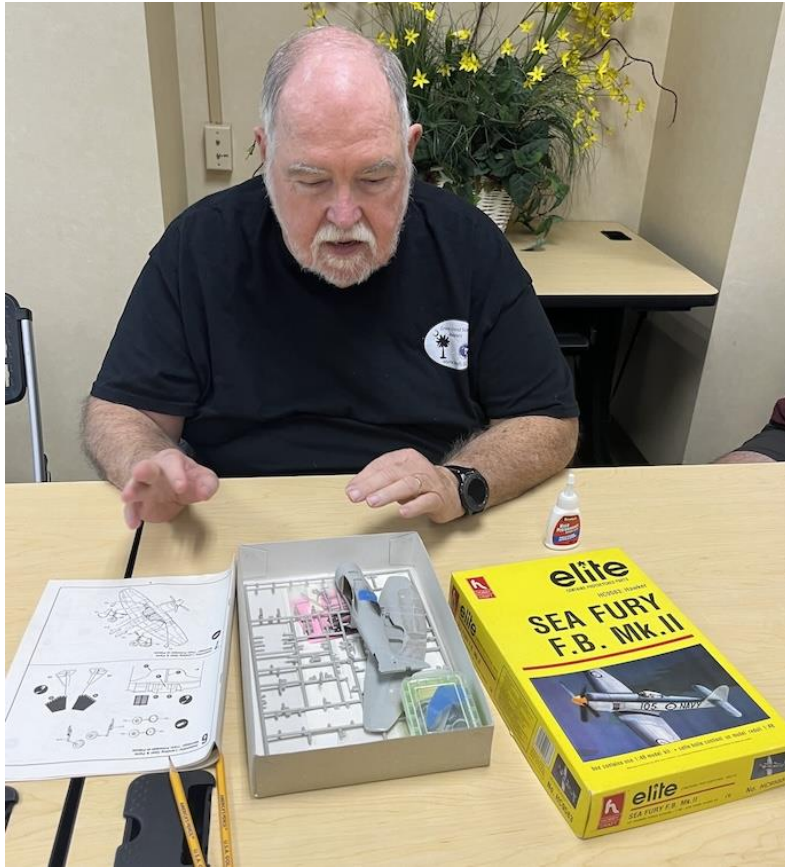


GSSM Scheduling: (Note....ALL dates are subject to change due to events or library availability.)

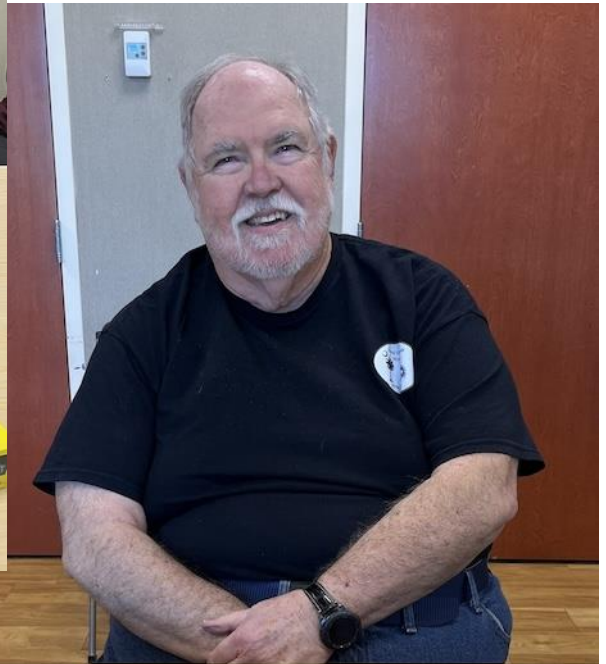
2024	
Feb 17 : 1030	<i>BeachCon 24 Prep, Show & Tell</i>
Feb 28/29	<i>Library Display Case Clear Out!!</i>
Mar 16 : 1030	<i>Embrace the Needle!! - Chaz</i>
Mar 23	<i>BeachCon 2024</i>
Apr 20 : 1030	<i>Decal Application – Rick Reinert</i>
May 18	<i>Group Build – Not Another Messerschmidt – ANYTHING German that is NOT a Messerschmidt</i>
2024	<i>Your Demonstration Here!!! Get Signed Up!!</i>

Show & Tell

SHELF-QUEENS



In October 2023, Jordan introduced us to his dreaded shelf-queen...an "Elite" HobbyCraft 1/48 scale Sea Fury Mk II. He started it a couple years back and gave up due to fit issues. In January 2024, however, he's all smiles and giggles since he finished the bird!! Very Nice job too!!!



Being from up east, Lou pulled a fast one on us. He tempted us with a trio of unfinished Me 109s in October but switched to some figures in January. In any event, some nice work on some new items Lou!! I just don't remember any of the figures being under one of the 109s.... Perhaps a new nickname....."Three Messerschmidt Lou"??





Chaz feels much lighter after getting a 35+ year old monkey off his back. Building it in honor of Kate, whose husband use to fly them, he basically started from scratch as the old glue gave way as he restarted. Hey, it's done.....FINALLY!!!





Another long-term fight was plaguing Jason as he pushed through his Star Wars Star Destroyer. Always up for a challenge, there were some lighting issues that had to be resolved as well as the general build and weathering. It's been said, in space, no one can hear you scream!! How 'bout it Jason?



Rick "Boom Boom" Reinert deployed his Tamiya 88! Not being a complete fan of armor, Rick tried his hand at the kit a few years back and decided to give it a rest. Resurrected in October, it now sports additional painting weathering, and many "kill" bands on the barrel!! Must have seen some heavy action "mit einem Expertenteam!"





....and the WINNER is..... Andrew and his 1/400 scale Titanic! It's been a labor of love over a period of years. Look close, he's done the lighting, even some curtains!! Quite a few PE and extras added on for good measure. Course, he could've taken an axe to it and laid it onto a bed of sand to represent the Titanic's current state, but.....

Job well done Andrew!! Well done!!!



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>	News & New Kits
<i>MegaHobby</i>	New Arrivals
<i>Hannants</i>	New Arrivals Future Releases
<i>The Modelling News</i>	Main Page
<i>Cybermodeler Online</i>	Announced Model Kit Releases
<i>IPMS USA Reviews Site</i>	New Kits & Product Reviews

Upcoming Contest & Events



[IPMS/USA National Convention 2024 Information](#)
July 17-20, 2024

Please click on an image to go to the website



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

<p>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.</p>		<p>Location (new this year) Richmond Raceway Complex The Old Dominion Building 600 E. Laburnum Ave. Richmond, VA 23222</p>
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IPMS/USA Region 12 Convention

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June 6, 1944

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General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center
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Sponsorship/Contest info: George Witter, 336-757-0909 gsw0882@gmail.com
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or on the web: <http://ipmsracecity.epizy.com>

Northern Virginia Modelers
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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

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

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

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<p>Tom Henderson 15491 Albemarle Rd. Woodbridge, VA 22193 (703) 680-9354 tomhenderson51@verizon.net</p>	<p>For Information Contact jon.etherton@outlook.com</p>	<p>Jon Etherton 6902 Britton Ave. McLean, VA 22101 (702) 445-4190</p>
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www.novaiipms.org
Show Sponsorship & Food Concession
Fairfax High School
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Contest Sites

<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

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

Resources

Eduard's Info Magazines



Eduard's Info Magazines are a very good reference pertaining to their kits, kit markings, and their add-on products. These "magazines" always have some type of article that will help you with your modeling and hone your techniques.

You can access the [English](#) version of these magazines [here!](#) Just make sure you scroll down to see all that are available.

Enjoy

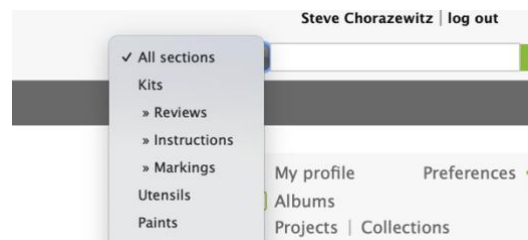
SCALE CONVERSION CHART

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

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The Lighter Side

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