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Next Meeting is
10.30am - Saturday – 17 May 2025
At
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
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[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for April 26th 2025

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

March's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, April 26th. There were **12** members in attendance.

- **Rick called the meeting to order:**

- Meeting Focus:

- BeachCon post mortem. (See next page)
- **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. Lots of talent on display, we had punishers, Stug's, SAS dio, mustangs, JU-88, bradley, Porsche and maschinen kriegers! Super work on display, go fish at the links above for all of those in their glory.
- All members are always encouraged to post your 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.
- Rick, Phil and Scott took a trip to a lady (Eileen Bizzigotti) in Ocean Isle who had a large collection of kits to sell. Scott brought those along to the meeting for a giant firesale! Many kits were picked up but there are plenty left for anyone with a serious plastic fetish. We made approx. \$540 in sales which goes some way to recoup the money invested. Remaining kits were distributed to the club members as we have no one central source of storage.
- Rick has also obtained another group of kits which he will offer at a discounted rate to the group shortly, just must get the details together.
- Vote was taken on hosting BeachCon 2026, unanimous decision to go ahead with the yearly event. Democracy in action!

- **Other Items**

- No demos were scheduled for April meeting. Propose we re-initiate demos following the completion of BeachCon 2025. (Andrew's trees or Scott's dry brushing depending on availability, we can discuss at May's meeting)
- Next group build will be '**Go Figure**' – this will take place on May 17th so bring your little people along.
- We are also contemplating a group trip to the Wings Wheels and Waves location in Sanford in June 2025. We may also be able to stop by the HobbyTown location on the way there or back. Recommend going on **June 14th** (we can discuss again at next meeting)
- IPMS will bring back a special edition of the IPMS Journal for the Convention this year, they are offering advertising pricing in the journal, ¼ page @ \$50, ½ page @ \$100 and full page @ \$200. We propose to advertise Beachcon 2026 on a ¼ page spread, so we will need to start working on the next flyer shortly. Let's talk themes!!

BeachCon 2025 Post Mortem:

Judging:

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

Vendors:

We sold out vendor tables across the venue, the ballroom was full as was the back room. We received mostly positive feedback from vendors, some complaints were raised from vendors in the back room that they were not receiving the traffic they would have liked. On this basis we are considering only hosting Beachcon 2026 in the main hall, no use of the back room. For vendors, we will have a similar setup to this year, but once they are sold out, they are sold out. Some excellent vendors were present, lets hope they return next year!

Club Sale Table:

Club sale table was in the rear room, some kits were sold but based on the amount sold and impending lack of space for next year's event, we will not host a club sale table in 2026..

Registration:

Great job done by all our registration crew, they took in a cool \$1300.

Food Truck:

As sourced by Herb H, we had [Jeremiahs Lunch Box](#) in attendance. Feedback on the food was very good, only complaints were no glizzies ... their chicken salad sandwich was excellent!

Raffle:

Raffle was very well managed by all and was again a very popular part of the day, I believe most people who speculated were overall pretty happy, a good selection of kits were there with something for everyone. Let's look to replicate again next year.

Medals:

Some medals were left over and can be recycled for next year. Remaining are 11 Gold, 17 Silver and 24 Bronze. The category acrylic awards were very nicely done, thanks Chaz!

Photography:

Pics were taken and uploaded [here](#). Mike also added category and best of winners to the [website](#).

Finally ... again a HUGE thank you to all the members for your dedication and support of this yearly event WE KNOW it is tough, we know it is demanding but your support is invaluable to make the events a success, and you all pulled through, thank you all!

New & Ongoing Business:

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

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| 2025 | Andrew Rasis | Grow Them Trees! | 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 | ? | Figure Painting | With this as one of our group builds, would be nice to get this done. |
| 2025 | Scott Vanetten | Dry Brushing | It's all in the wrist!! |
| 2025 | Dayne Taylor | Water Effects | I'm sure it'd be a splashing success!!! |
| 2025 | Jordan Matejcek | Scribing | 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!!

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| 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 . |
| Cataloging your kits and inventory | There are options, Scalemates, eStash, Kitbase, even excel! |
| 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) | | |
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| Date | Show | Region / State |
| 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!!)

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| <i>IPMS USA Events & Contests</i> | Event Calendar |
| <i>AMPS (Armor Modeling & Preservation Society)</i> | Events accessible via AMPS Main Page |

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| <i>Model Cars Magazine Forum</i> | Contests & Shows |
| <i>Cybermodeler Online</i> | Scale Modeling Event Calendar |

Scale Modeler Resources / Sites

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| 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 |