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Next Meeting is
10:30am - Saturday – 21 Feb 2026
At
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
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[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for January 24th 2026 Grand Strand Scale Modelers

January's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30am, January 24th 2026.

There were 12 members in attendance.

January 24th meeting agenda:

1. President / Vice President welcome (5 Minutes)
2. Club Treasurer Update (5 Minutes)
3. Member Updates (5 Minutes)
4. Yearly Club Fees (5 Minutes)
5. Wings Wheels and Waves Closure/January trip update (5 Minutes)
6. BeachCon 2026 Updates (15 Minutes)
7. Joe Baxter - Lighting Effects (30 Minutes)
8. Show and Tell - 5 minute beat the gong timing, anyone exceeding time pays for everyone's lunch (1.5 Hour)
9. Monthly Club Raffle (10 Minutes)
10. Any other business (5 Minutes)

- **Welcome/items.** 12 Members joined our meeting today, thanks to everyone who turned up. Phil and Earl are still working on tutoring events at the Veterans Café. (3552 Northgate Dr, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588). We welcomed one new member today, Josh joined us and will hopefully bring along some examples of his work if he rejoins in February.
 - **Call to all members,** if you know local business owners, or people who may be interested, please petition them for sponsorship of some categories in the event, it will help us to rebuild our coffers and add some sponsorship to many empty categories. The sponsorship forms can be found [here](#). Standard award category is only \$30 each. Please help us where you can to gain some additional sponsorship. We have many Best of Category awards available though at \$40 each.
- **Club Treasurer Update:** Club treasurer report – current balance @ \$2441,22. Still some outstanding payments due, table rental, final payment on Beachcon location etc.
- **Yearly Club Fee:** Some fees were collected, anyone negligent on this please ensure you have payment for Phil in February. Only \$20 per year, we are a low-cost location ☺
- **Wings Wheels and Waves Closure/trip:** Some folks took the trip to [WW&W](#) Sanford to visit the store as it continues its closing sale, great bargains to be had, 40% off most kits and still a great selection available. Store will close in mid/late March, so recommend you get there if you can.
- **BeachCon Updates:** We are almost there, everyone get geared up for the big event, March 14th at 9am in the [General Robert H. Reed Rec Center](#). We have the food truck booked, Jeremiah's Lunchbox, Earl will source the hats for the award presenters, Andrew will source the table coverings, Chaz has supplied the category awards, we also have all the medallions, registration will be manned by Harry as chief registration clerk (maybe with Jason/Jordan again?), raffle will be manned by Rick, Chad, maybe Gabe and others required, Phil will handle vendor assignment and positioning, Mike is chief judge, we need a volunteer(s) for the club sale table, we need volunteers for raffle and other misc duties.



- **Demonstration:** Joe Baxter was all set to dazzle us with lighting effects, unfortunately Flu scuppered his plans, next month we will have Joe provide his demo. Hope you are feeling better Joe.
- **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. Some fabulous work, please do check it out, planes trains and automobiles ... well not quite, planes we had, tanks we had, automobiles we had and even a ship! Dayne also finally got his Beachcon 2025 award for best Gundam / Mecha. Congrats!



- *As usual - 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.*
- **Monthly Club Raffle:** No raffle this time round, all kits were auctioned to the highest (or lowest) bidders as we forgot the raffle paraphernalia.
- **AOB:** Let's get set for Beachcon and make it another great success.

New & Ongoing Business:

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

Feb 2026	<i>Joe Baxter</i>	<i>Lighting Effects</i>	Joe will show us how to bring some lighting realism to our tired old dull models 😊
Apr 2026	<i>John Davis</i>	<i>Tires</i>	John will demo how to breath life into those tires, like the proverbial cat out of the bag, John's tires will come out of their warming blankets!
May 2026	<i>Andrew Raisis</i>	<i>Grow Them Trees!</i>	Andrew has agreed to show us all how he makes those fascinating diorama trees.
Jun 2026	<i>Jason Boggans</i>	<i>Inventory Cataloging</i>	Never buy the same kit again (well, unless the price is just TOOOO good to miss) Scalemates and it's uses.
2026	<i>Scott Murphy</i>	<i>TrackLinks</i>	Dirty those treads! A must for the armor nuts out there.
2026	<i>Mike Fleckenstein</i>	<i>Canopy Polishing & Vacuforming</i>	Mike will polish his bits for us and show us how to create our own vacuformed marvels
2026	<i>Some brave soul</i>	<i>Water Effects</i>	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
February 28 th 2026	Old Dominion Open	2 / Virginia
March 14 th 2026	Beachcon 2026	12 / South Carolina
March 14 th 2026	Pelicon 2026	11 / Florida
March 21 st 2026	Atlanta Con	3 / Georgia
April 4 th 2026	MosquitoCon	2 / New Jersey
April 11 th 2026	Model Expo 2026	11 / Florida
April 11 th 2026	Phantom Phlashers	3 / Alabama
April 11 th 2026	Scale Model Expo Villages	11 / Florida
April 18 th 2026	IPMS NV Model Classic	2 / Virginia
April 26 th 2026	NewFlight – Gundam	11 / Florida
May 2 nd 2026	Space Coast Modelfest 2026	11 / Florida
May 30 th 2026	Smoky Mountain Model Con	3 / Tennessee
June 6 th 2026	ScottCon 2026	3 / Georgia
June 27 th 2026	FloTown Model Showdown	12 / South Carolina
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

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