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Next Meeting is  
**11.00 AM - Saturday – 25 January 2025**  
At  
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee  
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588  
[Google Maps](#)

## Meeting Minutes for Dec 7, 2024 Grand Strand Scale Modelers

December's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. There were **13** members in attendance.

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

- Meeting Focus:

- Change of Vice-President, Jason takes over from Chaz.
- The primary focus of the meeting was the Christmas Party & White Elephant Exchange.
  - Jimmy Johns was ordered and collected by Chaz, a whip around for 10 bucks per person was quickly arranged to offset the cost and the funds were distributed to Phil C.
  - Chaz supplied plates, cutlery, napkins, cups, paper towels, & trash bags.
  - Many members brought in snacks and sweets to satisfy anyone needing a little more than the sandwiches and chips. Nobody went hungry!
- The White Elephant gift exchange proceeded as it had in the past, Mike F managed to get the best pick picking #13 which left him with the last 'steal' opportunity. He stole a nice P-47 Tamiya Bubbletop in, you guessed it, 72<sup>nd</sup> scale. Lots of nice kits were there to be had, hopefully everyone left satisfied with their gift!
- From this issue on, Show and Tell will be posted to the [facebook group](#). The newsletter will be trimmed down in size. All members are encouraged to post your work regularly on the GSSM facebook page as well as other groups you may be members of.
- One point of note is that we will meet as a planning committee on December 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at River City Café, near the Socastee Swing Bridge, for Lunch and Beachcon 2025 planning. Bring your thinking caps and appetites. Jason has mailed the group to gauge interest in attendance. Also planned to send a meeting invite for those who respond positively.
- Little else was discussed as everyone was having too much fun eating and heckling the new VP (mostly from the crotchety old VP). Order shall be restored in the new year!

- **Other Items**

- January's (2025) Group Build is "**Go Army**". Anything, from any time period, associated with the United States Army. Group build contest is scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.

- Scott Vanetten’s Drybrushing & Weathering Demo was rescheduled for early 2025.
- John Davis netting for Nascar windows is scheduled for January’s meeting.

## New & Ongoing Business:

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

25 Jan 2025	<i>GSSM John Davis</i>	<b>Go Army Group Build &amp; NASCAR Window Nets</b>	Get your realism mojo on!!
2025	<i>Andrew Raisis</i>	<i>Grow Them Trees!</i>	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	<i>Scott Vanetten</i>	<i>Dry Brushing</i>	It’s all in the wrist!!
2025	<i>Dayne Taylor</i>	<i>Water Effects</i>	I’m sure it’d be a splashing success!!!
2025	<i>Jordan Matejceck</i>	<i>Scribing</i>	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!!

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.
Figure Painting	Maybe we can get Calvin Tan to drop by....
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 .
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

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



**Chattanooga ModelCon 2025**

**January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Chattanooga Convention Center  
 .....Friday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
 .....Saturday 9 a.m. - 4<sup>ish</sup> p.m.

- Our Popular Gold-Silver-Bronze Format will be used for ALL contest models, Including Automotive
- “Best Of” Awards for Aircraft, Armor, Automotive, Figure, Sci-Fi, Misc. and Dioramas
- Display only models are welcome and are free to display
- Model registration begins on Friday at 1 p.m. and ends on Saturday at noon
- Vendors can be open for business starting on Friday by 1 p.m. A very large number of vendors is expected
- Large raffle drawing on Saturday afternoon
- Once again in a ballroom with carpet and good lighting
- Same weekend as “World of Wheels”
- This year’s theme: SCI-FI

For additional information, entry forms, judging rules, etc. go to

[www.chattanoogamodelers.com](http://www.chattanoogamodelers.com)

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**IPMS RICHMOND**  
International Plastic Modelers' Society | Richmond, Virginia Chapter Since 1976

**2025 Old Dominion Open Scale Model Show & Contest**

**Saturday, February 22**

- 80 Model Contest Categories
- Extensive Vendor Marketplace
- Huge Modeler's Drawing
- On-site Food Vendor

*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

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Model Registration: 8:30 a.m - 12:00 p.m. Judging Starts at 12:30 p.m.		Richmond Raceway Complex The Old Dominion Building 600 E. Laburnum Ave. Richmond, VA 23222
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Model Entry (cash only): \$20 for up to 20 models  
 General Admission (cash only): ages 13 & older: \$10.00 / ages 12 & under: free

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

[IPMSRVA.org](http://IPMSRVA.org)



**JAXCON 2025 INFORMATION**

**PIZZA FRIDAY NIGHT! FOOD TRUCK(S) ON SITE SATURDAY!  
HUGE RAFFLE WITH TOP-DOLLAR PRIZES SATURDAY!**

**JAXCON'S GOLD/SILVER/BRONZE STYLE CONTEST WHERE *EVERY*  
MODEL ENTERED CAN WIN, WITH NEW ADDITIONAL DISPLAY ZONES  
FOR LEGO AND GUNDAM MODELS!**

**FRIDAY 2/16/24-** Early vendor set up 5-8pm, contest registration 6-8pm,  
Free Pizza!, 1 free raffle ticket per person for Friday night prizes

**SATURDAY 2/17/24-** Vendor set up 7-9am, Model registration 9am-noon,  
Noon a 10-minute devotional, raffle drawings 1pm-4pm,  
Judging 12:30-4pm, Awards 4-5pm

**GENERAL ADMISSION: FREE TO LOOK AROUND AND SHOP THE VENDORS!**

**CONTEST FEES: ADULTS- \$20 FOR 5 MODELS, \$1 EACH AFTER THAT;  
IPMSUSA MEMBERS (with card)- \$15 FOR 5 MODELS, \$1 EACH AFTER  
THAT; JUNIORS (UNDER 18) - \$10 FOR UNLIMITED ENTRIES**

**VENDOR TABLES:** \$50/8ft table or space, email Gil Hodges to reserve tables:  
slowhandshodges@bellsouth.net

**JAXCON SHOW LOCATION:**  
JACKSONVILLE NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL  
8531 N. MAIN ST. (HWY-17), JAX, FL., 32218  
(Very near Jax Zoo!)

See our [website](https://ipmsfirstcoast.com/) for Contest Rules, our GSB judging criteria, Display Zones, and entry forms you can download to fill out ahead of time: <https://ipmsfirstcoast.com/>

**MODEL HANDLING NOTICE: JAXCON HAS A POLICY OF HANDLING MODELS AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE FOR THE SHOW AND FOR JUDGING, HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE YOUR MODEL MAY BE PICKED UP OR MOVED IN ORDER TO RENDER THE FAIREST EVALUATION OF YOUR OVERALL CRAFTSMANSHIP. THIS WILL BE DONE WITH THE UTMOST CARE WHEN DONE AND UNDER SUPERVISION. IF THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, PLEASE ASK ABOUT DISPLAYING YOUR MODEL INSTEAD OF ENTERING THE CONTEST.**

**AtlantaCon 2025  
Show and Contest**

March 15, 2025

IAM Union Hall

1032 S Marietta Pkwy

Marietta, GA 30060

9:00am - 4:00 pm

Entry Fee: \$10.00 for unlimited models (IPMS Members \$2.00 discount)

Public: \$5.00

**Show Chairs:**

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**Vendors:**

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**GRAND STRAND SCALE MODELERS**  
*Presents*

**Show Theme**  
*The Pacific War*

**Saturday, March 29, 2025 9am - 4pm**  
General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center  
800 Gabreski Lane, Myrtle Beach, S.C.  
*Map next page*

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

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

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

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

**Award Sponsorships**  
Category Medallions \$30  
Best of Class Trophy \$40  
Best of Show Trophy \$50

**On Site Food Concession!**

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**Scan for show website**

**SUPER Raffle!**

[www.grandstrandscalemodelers.org](http://www.grandstrandscalemodelers.org)

**Contest Sites** (As always....if you find any broken links, or have one to suggest, please let the VP know!!)

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