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Next Meeting is  
**10:30 AM - Saturday – 21 Oct 2023**  
at  
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee  
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588  
[Google Maps](#)

## Meeting Minutes for Sept 16, 2023

### Grand Strand Scale Modelers

September's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, Sept 16. There were **15** members in attendance.

- **Rick called the meeting to order:**
  - Discussed the importance of voting for IPMS elections.
- **BeachCon 24 Updates:**
  - Continued movement on BeachCon 24.
  - Presently some are working on the acquisition of needed rectangular tables.
  - Planning started on banners & parking/event signs.
  - Mike is working on a couple of sponsors.
  - Short discussion on table(s) available for GSSM members to unload....errrr....sell some kits.
- **Group Builds:**
  - ***"Shelf Queen Management"*** Group Build is scheduled for January 2024's meeting. The kit must be partially started and at least two years old to be eligible for the build. Get 'em out boys & bring them to the meeting for a group picture!!
- **Coming Air Shows (Note, these will be moved to Events in next Newsletter):**
  - The [Warbirds Over Monroe Air Show](#) is coming up. Dates are November 11/12, 2023.
  - [JB Charleston Air Expo](#). Dates are April 20/21, 2024.
- **Ed's Hobby Shop** : Moves in November. Awaiting confirmation & new location information.

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

IPMS Gossip #2, or the kerfuffle continues in IPMS land. For those unaware, there was the appearance of some home cooking. For those interested, you can read all about it at the IPMS Facebook page. To make a long story short, it was not handled as well as it could have been. Ultimately, the President of IPMS Dave Lockhart resigned. I think. It was due more to his previous comments than the judging flair up. Stay tuned for the next installment.

I attended Modelpalooza down in Orlando. It is a worthwhile contest with GSB judging. To me, the judging was fair (full disclosure - I won a Gold medal.) However, they only have top level categories: Aircraft, Armor, Ships, Sc-fi, Figures, Diorama, and a new category - 3D printed.

On 4 November, the Region 12 Contest will be held at the Gaston Citizens Resource Center in Dallas, North Carolina. I would like to have a strong turnout from our club. Carpool anyone?



### I told you so!!!

So I'm minding my own business the other week when I noticed something up on [Scalemates](#) as a "New Release".

What got my attention was the verbiage: "**Downloadable files for Silhouette and Cricut cutters**".

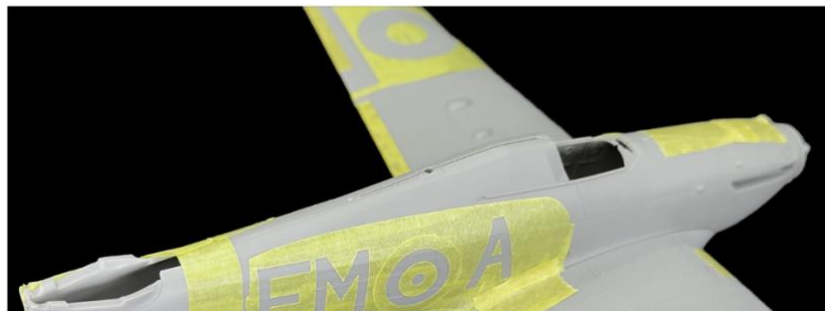
Whether a successful venture or not, I think we're going to start to see a trend in not only available STL (3d Print) files but also SVG files for just such options.

This WILL open the door for 3<sup>rd</sup> party masking options as well. "We'll supply the artwork for a nominal fee, you supply the cutter and output media. We'll email it to you or allow you to download once your payment clears."

The only thing I can think of is how to ensure that the purchaser can NOT send it off to someone else. I have a couple of ideas but..... You may be legally bound (as purchaser) to only use it and NOT share it

### Hurricane Mk. IIc Essential Paint Masks for the Arma kit

Downloadable files for Silhouette and Cricut cutters  
Hawaiian Air Depot | No. HAD48010 | 1:48



amongst others..... Careful!! Remember Uncle Bob went to Federal Prison for copying and passing a copy of that VHS tape to his friend!! LOL!!

In any event....I assure you that this will become the wave of the future. If those, who make such things...be it 3d printed objects or masks, realize that they can make the same, or more, money without all the hassle of packaging, distributing, and shipping their wares.....instant gratification WILL ensure!!



**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SHELF-QUEEN FOR THE GROUP PICTURE!!!**

Oh yea...if you weren't aware....I (Chaz) won "*The Right Stuff / Space Race*" Group Build

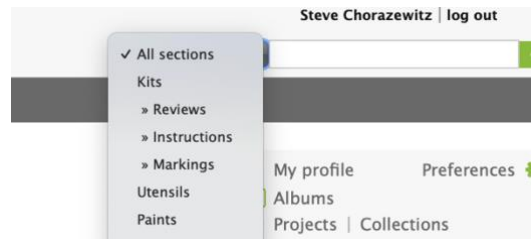
## New & Ongoing Business (Sept/Oct 2023 Edition):

### New Resource:

This will be moved to the appropriate resources page, however, I wanted to illuminate the fact that [Scalemates](#) is a much deeper resource than you may know. Sure, it's a great place to hang out, look at builds, see what's coming down the pike AND store your stash information BUT are you aware that it's an incredible resource for **PAINT** information???

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.....

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

#### 2023

- 21 Oct *Decal Application – Rick Reinert*
- 18 Nov Show & Tell
- 16 Dec Christmas Party & Demo TBD

#### 2024

- 20 Jan White Elephant & *Shelf Queen Management* Group Build Contest
- Feb 2024 *Embrace the Needle!! - Chaz*





## Show & Tell (Sept 2023 Edition)

First off, we want to thank all those that participated in “The Right Stuff / Space Race” group build! Lot of nice stuff on display as well as some other nifty items!



Mike returned from that far off distant land of Canada!! Bringing back treasure. Just released 1/72 AMX Ghibli. We think he's going to offer it up for BeachCon's raffle. (LOL)



...then it was Jason's turn with his newly acquired 1/16<sup>th</sup> German half-track.

Quite a few pieces of plastic!! I'm just surprised he didn't need a hand truck for all that plastic!!

Duncan joined the display with "Space" Nazi's, of course..... He's in the middle of the "construct & paint" process. I'm sure they'll be "out of this world" once he's finished.....







Mr. Cavender was first up in the group build. Presenting his Revell/Monogram 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale Apollo Lunar Module (“LM”)

Phil had to wrangle some extra foil to get the right look for the lower lander section.

Maybe the landing did take place at Phil’s house.....at least that’s the new theory.....



Andrew attempted distant communications with his Hasegawa 1/48<sup>th</sup> Voyager 1 space probe. Working in a space diorama display he beautifully presented the furthest traveled spacecraft that has been “out there” since 1977.

He also presented his Bandai Star Blazers 2199 Yamato Battleship. Weighing in at 1/1000 scale, imagine how many lift vehicles it would take to build that thing!!



**DANGER Harry Chute!! DANGER!!**

So, Harry wanted us all to see his entry topless! Beautiful job overall, but I think he forgot the mobile wet-bar and big-screen TV!!

This is the Lost in Space "Chariot" in 1/24<sup>th</sup> scale by Moebius Models.

Hey, maybe this was one of the first EVs? Probably just a glorified space (golf) cart.....

Nice job Harry!!!







Chaz broke out gallons of orange paint and plenty of gloss coat to reconstruct Uncle Chuck's "*Glamorous Glennis*" as it appeared on Oct 14, 1947. The Tamiya 1/72 Bell X-1 kit was used for the build.

Chaz was overheard later stating that he may have been better off to have used the Hobby Craft kit.



Jordan, on the other hand, spent hours to find just the right white paint for his 1/40<sup>th</sup> Revell Bell X-5!

Jordan was also overheard stating that it was an "experience" in constructing this kit. He's just glad the USAF did NOT move forward with a fleet of these birds.... But, it would probably look great in aggressor colors....



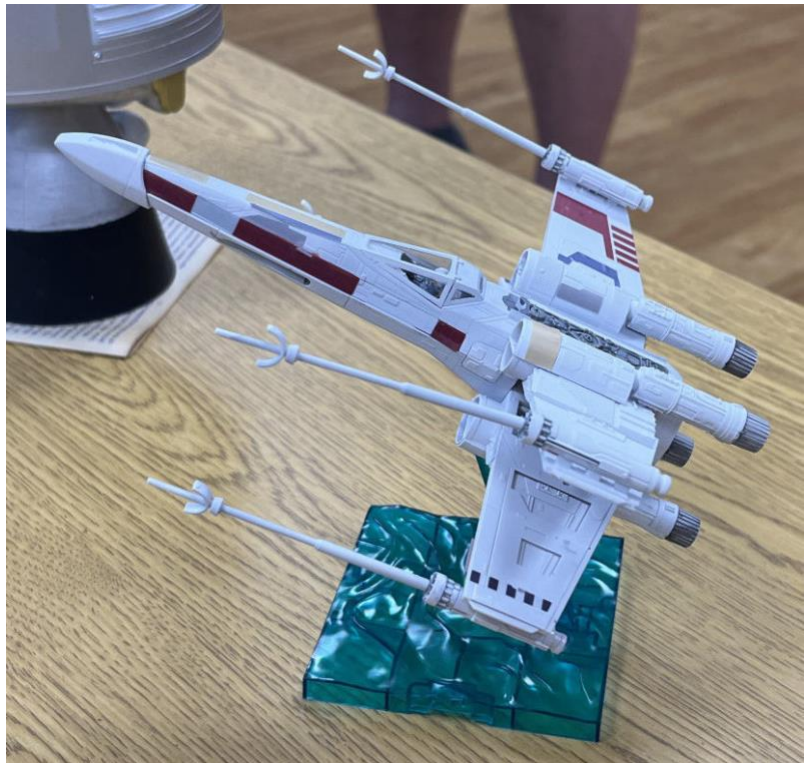
More “Out of this World” art. Wonder if the pilot had to wear one of those SR-71 suits for this one....

Rick weighed in with a.....wait for it.....one more guess..... Wing Nut Wings 1/32 OAW Fokker DVII.

....and you thought only old women wore purple....

Earl, however, wanted to confront the dark side with a 1/48<sup>th</sup> Bandai X-Wing Interceptor!

I think Earl was closing in on Rick’s “Purple Side” .....





Jason should have teamed up with Phil to reach for the stars!! His Monogram 1/32<sup>nd</sup> Apollo Spacecraft turned out very well for it's age. One of the sides being open so you can see what's in it.....I think he left the wet-bar and big screen TV behind as well..... Imagine, 3 guys actually flew in those things.....WITHOUT iPhones!!!

We contemplated docking Phil's LM with Jason's reentry vehicle but couldn't determine just whom would be the "dockee"..... ;)







Joe went “off-world” as (to Ed’s Hobby) and located a most interesting shade for his AMT USS Enterprise from the Next Generation series. Maybe it’s a reflection of a close-by nebula but it’s certainly a stunning example of.....wait, are those engines “suede”?

No rivet counters boys!! Unless you’ve seen a real one up close..... I make that very close to FS15182 or 35180!!

In any event, it “Blue by You”!!



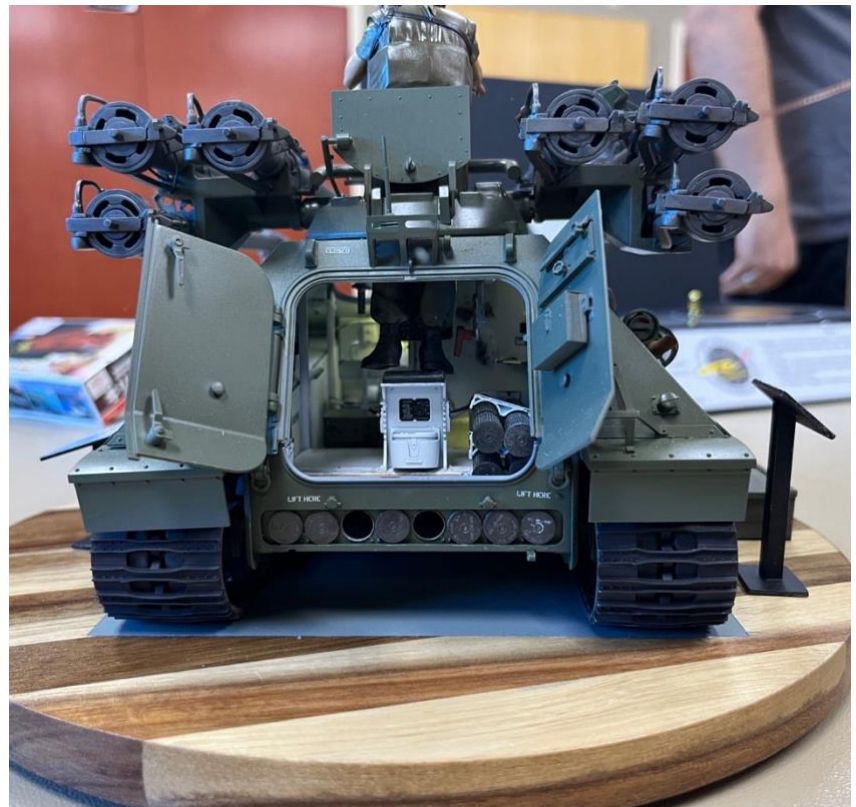
Phil C also brought in a real museum piece known as the *“Chicago Street Sweeper”*.

Ok, not really but his 1/16<sup>th</sup> Takom M50A1 Ontos carries a pretty good punch. Six, yes SIX 106mm Recoilless Rifles.

Primarily designed for Anti-Tank usage it came to fame while being used in Vietnam to take out building walls or other barriers during the Tet Offensive.

Phil also installed lights so that the interior could be seen from the back hatches.

Nice job Phil!!



**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>	<a href="#">News &amp; New Kits</a>
<i>MegaHobby</i>	<a href="#">New Arrivals</a>
<i>Hannants</i>	<a href="#">New Arrivals</a> <a href="#">Future Releases</a>
<i>The Modelling News</i>	<a href="#">Main Page</a>
<i>Cybermodeler Online</i>	<a href="#">Announced Model Kit Releases</a>
<i>IPMS USA Reviews Site</i>	<a href="#">New Kits &amp; Product Reviews</a>

**Upcoming Contest & Events**



[IPMS/USA National Convention 2024 Information](#)

**July 17-20, 2024**



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



**"ALL THINGS RECCE"**



**2023 IPMS REGION 12 REGIONAL MODEL CONTEST**

Saturday, November 4, 2023 9:00AM-4:00PM  
Gaston County Citizens Resource Center  
1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy, Dallas, N.C. 28034

<p><b>Contestants</b> \$10.00 <i>Unlimited number of models</i></p> <p><b>Non-Contestants</b> \$5.00 Single Adult (18 &amp; older) \$8.00 Family</p> <p><b>Juniors</b> (17 &amp; under) and <b>Active Duty Military, First Responders (with ID)</b> FREE!</p>	<p><b>Special Theme Awards</b> <b>Best Recce Model</b> <i>(This can be air, land, sea, space or sci-fi)</i> <b>Best Great &amp; Best Small</b> <i>(Larger than 1/35-1/32 &amp; Smaller than 1/72-1/76)</i> <b>Best Automotive 1960-1969</b> <i>(Cars, trucks, commercial, motorcycles)</i></p> <p><b>83 Contest Categories</b> including 14 for Juniors</p>	<p><b>Trophy Sponsorships</b> \$40.00</p> <p><b>Vendor Tables</b> 4' Table \$10.00 8' Table \$20.00</p>
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Hosted by Charlotte Scale Modelers & Gaston County Model Builders. Our Regional Contest is being dedicated to the memory of long-time members Jim Kiker (CSM) and Larry Moore (GCMB). We would also like to thank the Gaston County Visitors Bureau for sponsoring this event.



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



**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><b>Schedule</b> 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><b>Location (new this year)</b> Richmond Raceway Complex The Old Dominion Building 600 E. Laburnum Ave. Richmond, VA 23222</p>
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[facebook.com/IPMSRichmond](https://facebook.com/IPMSRichmond)

**GRAND STRAND SCALE MODELERS**  
*Presents*  
**BeachCon 2024**  
IPMS/USA Region 12 Convention  
**The Road to Victory**  
80th Anniversary of D-Day  
June 6, 1944  
Saturday, March 23, 2024 9am - 4pm  
General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center  
800 Gabreski Lane, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

**Special Theme Awards**  
Best D-Day - June 6, 1944 Entry  
Best Marine Corps Entry

<p><b>General Admission</b> \$5.00 Single Adult (18 and older) \$8.00 Family</p> <p><b>Contestants</b> \$10.00 <i>Unlimited number of models</i></p> <p><b>Juniors</b> (17 &amp; under) and <b>Active Duty Military (with ID)</b> FREE!</p>	<p><b>Over 50 Contest Categories</b> <b>Expanded Vendor &amp; Contest Areas!</b></p> <p><b>On Site Food Concession!</b></p> <p><b>Award Sponsorships</b> Category Medallions \$30 Best of Class Trophy \$40 Best of Show Trophy \$50</p>	<p><b>Vendor Tables</b> 6' Table - \$30.00 8' Table - \$40.00</p> <p><b>On Site Food Concession!</b></p>
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**SUPER Raffle!**

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for more information please visit  
[www.grandstrandscalers.org](http://www.grandstrandscalers.org)

**Northern Virginia Modelers**  
**Model Classic 2024**  
**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

<p><b>General Admission</b> \$10.00 Single Adult (18 and older) \$15.00 Family</p> <p><b>Contestants</b> \$15.00 <i>Unlimited number of models</i></p> <p><b>Juniors</b> (17 &amp; under) and <b>Active Duty Military (with ID)</b> FREE!</p>		<p><b>Make &amp; Take FREE for the Kids!</b> (17 &amp; under)</p> <p><b>Award Sponsorships</b> Category: \$30.00 Best of Class: \$50.00</p> <p><b>Vendor Tables</b> \$30.00 per table</p> <p><b>On Site Food Concession</b></p>
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**Super Raffle**

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[www.novaipms.org](http://www.novaipms.org)  
Show Sponsorship & Food Concession  
Fairfax High School  
PTSA All Night Grad Committee

**Contest Sites**

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

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



## Resources

SCALE CONVERSION CHART					
1/76	1/72	1/48	1/35	1/32	1/24
.0132	.0139	.0208	.0286	.0312	.0417

### 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.cultvmanshop.com>

<https://www.scalemates.com>

Podcasts (download via iTunes, Spotify or your favorite podcast source)

Scale Model Podcast

On the Bench

Plastic Posse Podcast

ModelGeeks Podcast

Plastic Model Mojo

Sprue Cutters Union

Just Making Conversation

## The Lighter Side

