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Next Meeting is  
**10:30 AM - Saturday – 18 Nov 2023**  
at  
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee  
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588  
[Google Maps](#)

## Meeting Minutes for Oct 21, 2023

### Grand Strand Scale Modelers

October's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, Oct 21. There were **13** members in attendance. Officers Rick Reinert & Phil Cavender were out.

- **Chaz called the meeting to order:**
  - A presidential coup d'etat was proposed but no one wanted to be the puppet.
  - After a quick "Make A Phil Face" competition was concluded all members hung around to see what other antics would be encountered.
  - A round-room discussion pertaining to desired demonstrations generated a reasonably good list of proposed demos. These are not in order. If any are missing, please advise. These will be further addressed during the 2024 season.
    - Canopy Polishing
    - Masking Techniques (Tape, Fluid, Bare Metal, Oramask, Liquid Latex)
    - Scribing (Tools & Techniques)
    - Making Tarps (paper, molding putty)
    - Weathering (Armor)
    - Weathering (Aircraft)
    - Figure Face Painting
    - Vacuum Forming Canopies
    - YouTube & ScaleMates for Dummies
    - Electronics – Joe Baxter
    - Forming Explosions with Foam (Andrew – HMS Rodney)
    - Water Displays for Ships & Dioramas
- **BeachCon 24 Updates:**
  - Scheduled Officer's Meeting – Opportunities & Completed Tasks
  - Rectangular table pricing is still under investigation.
  - Planning started on banners & parking/event signs.
  - We need a headcount on GSSM members who wish to sell kits.

- **“Shelf Queen Management”**: Members brought in their started “Shelf Queen” kit for imaging. The “Shelf Queen Group Build” will be documented as an extra publication upon completion of the group build....in January. Mike has the award covered!!
- **Ed’s Hobby Shop**: Moves in mid-November. Rumors abound but confirmed that the move is supposed to start before Thanksgiving and finish up shortly thereafter. No new address was provided.

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

I attended the Region 12 contest in Gastonia a few weeks back. Mike, Lou, and I carpoled there. It is roughly a four-hour drive. While there, there was a Region 12 IPMS meeting with all Region 12 IPMS chapters that were present. The big takeaways were the following: The reshuffle of leadership at IPMS National is for the most part complete. Once complete, there will be a move to get the national contest to be more consistent year over year. With emphasis on judging, running the contest the same way each year along with consistent categories. There will also be more emphasis placed on bringing in younger members that build other genres, particularly Gundam, and other sci-fi/fantasy that attract younger folks. We, as a club, should do the same.



### Just a Couple Things:

**Donated BeachCon Raffle Items**: We owe you tickets!! After discussing with Rick, we determined that the best way to handle raffle tickets for donated kits is to immediately provide you the tickets (both parts) and allow you to use them at ANY meeting raffle. This will alleviate us (old guys) from trying to remember what old guys we need to give tickets to!!

**Purchased BeachCon Raffle Items**: If we owe you money, please see Phil so we can make you whole!!

**A Special Meeting Raffle Item**: We have acquired a crystal glass depicting the Luftwaffe’s JG 21/JG 54 in Poland/France and giving birth to such “experten” as Walter Nowotny, Walter Boerner, Otto Kittel, Hans-Ekkehard Bob, Max-Hellmuth Ostermann, and many others. Later re-designated into the Grünherz (Green Hearts). So, bring yer cabbage, moolah....er cash and get your tickets!!!

**Sell, Sell, Sell!!!**: “Second Place is.....a set of steak knives...” (*Glengarry Glen Ross*). Gentlemen, we did **NOT** sell all our award sponsorships for BeachCon 23 and we’re behind for BeachCon 24! Rick approaches every group at contests, and I’ve managed to move a couple, but we could use some help!! We are in discussions of “restructuring” the current listing of sponsorships and cost structure and “what’s in it



for them". More information will be forthcoming soon but for now we need to start thinking outside the box. These are professionally produced items (depicted below). If you are aware of a local group or organization that would be willing to sponsor an award, do NOT hesitate to work it or pass it on to one of the officers. Note that we will be updating our website's **BeachCon Award Sponsor Form** soon!! Updated links will be sent out at that time. Thanks for your help!!







## Show & Tell (Oct 2023 Edition)

Joe starts us off with a “Black Cat”!! These PBVs took every opportunity to harass and damage the Japanese early and later in the war. This is the Revell Pro Modeler PBV-5A Catalina in 48<sup>th</sup>. Look’n Good Joe!!



Earl continues his museum builds with the old Monogram Helldiver (SB2C-5). Also in 48<sup>th</sup> scale and showing a little age it's easy to remember it on the shelves at your local K-Mart and other discount stores back in the 70s. Nice Job Earl!!

Jason rolled in with his Zvezda 1/35<sup>th</sup> Soviet T-34/85. A little unimpressed with the kit Jason struggled to construct an impressive replica of one of WWII's primary battle-wagons in the East.



That's not a very nice way to make friends.....

This is a 3D printed Thunder Warrior from the Warhammer 40k series. Dayne used some varying techniques to get the Warhammer Gold paint to show variations of sheen and depth.

Course, anyone who ever dated a Red Head knows their wrath.... Wonder what caliber the bullets are in that weapon.....



Mr Mike finished things off with an old RAF station crash foamer..... An ACE Mk.6 Salamander (FV-651) Crash Tender in.....72<sup>nd</sup> scale!! Apparently left by the RAF 50s/60s, the civilian aerodrome (airport for Jason) acquired the actual vehicle, refurbished, and retained it as a primary crash truck.



**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**



**IPMS RICHMOND**  
International Plastic Modelers' Society - Richmond, VA Chapter Since 1976

## 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></p> <p>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></p> <p>Richmond Raceway Complex The Old Dominion Building 600 E. Laburnum Ave. Richmond, VA 23222</p>
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[ipmsrichmond.blogspot.com](http://ipmsrichmond.blogspot.com)  
[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

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

**Confestants**  
\$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

**On Site Food Concession!**

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

**Make & Take FREE for the Kids! (17 & under)**

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

**Vendor Tables**  
\$30.00 per table

**On Site Food Concession**

**Over 50 Contest Categories**  
**Expanded Vendor & Contest Areas!**  
**SUPER Raffle!**

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**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

**General Admission**  
\$10.00 Single Adult (18 and older)  
\$15.00 Family

**Confestants**  
\$15.00  
Unlimited number of models

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



**Super Raffle**

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**On Site Food Concession**

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www.nowaipms.org  
Show Sponsorship & Food Concession  
Fairfax High School  
PTSA All Night Grad Committee

**Contest Sites**

<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>

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

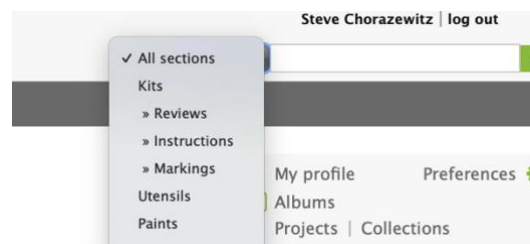
## Resources

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

### 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

On the Bench

Plastic Posse Podcast

ModelGeeks Podcast

Plastic Model Mojo

Sprue Cutters Union

Just Making Conversation



# The Lighter Side



What “Battle Babes” would you rather build?

