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Next Meeting is
11:00 AM - Saturday – 20 May 2023
at
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes April 15 2023

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

The monthly meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:00 AM. There were 9 members present.

- BeachCon23 was addressed. What we did right, where improvements can be made. The main concern on everyone's mind was judging. Most felt that additional training was needed so that it is easier to perform duties next time.
- Another BeachCon concern/request was a better list of duties by all parties so they know where to be, when.
- GSSM officers will work on making BeachCon24 an even better experience for ALL!! If you have ANY suggestions, bitches, and complaints....please forward them to one of us!
- The remainder of the meeting included discussions on where everyone was along with Show/Tell.
- Requests for Canopy making (vacuforming), canopy framing, and 3D Printing were noted for future demonstrations.
- Rick noted some upcoming shows/contests: New Bern, Charlotte, and IPMS Nationals.

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

We are starting preparations for **BeachCon 24**. What! Again! The contest will be held on March 22 and 23, 2024. I would appreciate any and all feedback from all of you on ways to make it better, whether it be more judging seminars, which I think we should do, to theme awards, to trophies, etc.. Any and all feedback is welcome.

Attending The IPMS Nationals:

I strongly encourage all of you to attend the IPMS Nationals at least once. You will be rewarded. First of all, you always run into old friends, and you can have a beer with them! The seminars are always interesting and for the most part are designed with the modeler in mind. At the San Marcos Nats this year I am attending the following: Airbrush workshop sponsored by Grex Airbrush. Other seminars available include how to design and build dioramas, Navy Camouflage, Stash Management, Figure Painting. Some topics are historical in nature, such as Operation El Dorado Canyon, Fact Based assessment of the Gutless Cutlass, and there was even a presentation of the B2 Flight Test Program one year. I am also going on two field trips, one is the Fredericksburg & The National Museum of the Pacific War and Lewis Air Legends, a private war bird museum. I also recommend that you sign up to be a judge at the Nats. There is no better way to improve your own skills. Oh, and great beer is always to be had.

Rick

Treasurer's Report – 17 May, 2023:

The Treasurer's report was given by Phil Cavender. Closing balance was **\$3344.76**.

Newsletter Blues:

Hey Y'all!! Seems to be some changes round here!! I am working on some layout, as well as content, changes so you will see some new stuff, reworked old stuff, changes pending, and some items left on the cutting room floor so that more focus can be narrowed to what makes our hobby a great one! PLEASE read the entire newsletter as some things have moved around. Stay tuned as more changes and refinement is in store!!



New & Ongoing Business (Apr/May 2023 Edition):

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

2023

- 20 May Standard Show & Tell
- 24 June* **Color Theory**
Note, rescheduled due to [Columbia’s SC Scale Model Mega Show](#).
- 22 July* Group Contest w/Show & Tell – changed due to Library availability.
- 19 August **Silhouette Cameo & Portrait Vinyl Cutters**
- 16 Sept Group Contest w/Show & Tell
- 21 Oct **Mottling**
- 18 Nov Show & Tell
- 16 Dec Christmas Party & Demo TBD

2024

- 20 Jan White Elephant w/Show & Tell



You asked for Demonstrations.....

Starting with the June meeting, we intend to put on a demonstration every other month. Some may be lengthy, some quick & easy!


Presently, this is the schedule for the remainder of 2023:

Jun 2023	<i>Phil Sicard</i>	<i>Color Theory</i>	Ever wonder why your Olive Drab gets more "drab" when you add white paint?" Phil will demonstrate your need to embrace the rainbow by adding the appropriate pigmented color to attain that impressive modeling color you desire!
Aug 2023	<i>Steve "Chaz" Chorazewitz</i>	<i>Silhouette Cameo & Portrait Vinyl Cutters</i>	Chaz will demonstrate the use a Silhouette brand vinyl cutter for making masks, embossing and cutting balsa wood and plastic. Learn some capabilities and see if these devices can work for you.
Oct 2023	<i>Dayne Taylor</i>	<i>Mottling</i>	Hey, the Germans did it....why not you? Dayne will demonstrate that delicate art of making things disappear by using splotches of paint like grandpa Klaus did....
Dec 2023	<i>Christmas Party</i>	<i>TBD</i>	We'll keep it nice & EZ!!

We're looking for willing victims! Found a cool trick or an easier way to do something.....IF you have something to demonstrate, we'd like to see it! If there is something you'd like to see, we'd like to hear about it! PLEASE send your requests to [Chaz](#). GSSM is your group.....let's make every modeler smarter!!

GSSM Group Builds

Life's like a box of chocolates..... OK, it's time to line up some group builds to take us into 2024. Hey, what else were you going to do.....clean gutters? **Pick your TOP 3!!** We will take a count at the upcoming meeting and see if we can come up with something for July! Instead of picking a specific item, we're thinking themes!!! If we forgot something, please let us know and we'll add it to the list!!

At this rate, we'll all be as old as Phil by the time we get through them all..... 

1.	<i>The Right Stuff / Space Race</i>	Rockets, Experimental (X-1, X-15s...etc..)
2.	<i>Not Another Messerschmidt</i>	Something German w/No Messerschmidts (or Not Anther 109...)
3.	<i>Go Army</i>	Anything US Army - Tanks, planes, soldiers....etc
4.	<i>Go Navy</i>	Anything US Navy - Ships, planes, sailors....etc...
5.	<i>Viet F'n Nam</i>	You guessed it!!
6.	<i>Did That Happen?</i>	Skirmishes and Small Wars that came up...and went. Falklands, Suez, 6 Day....etc
7.	<i>Road Rage</i>	Yup....something on two, four, or more wheels. Civilian cars, trucks....cycles.... <i>Note</i> , we can change this to more like a "Mad Max" theme.....and do a Civilian set later as "Road Rage II
8.	<i>Oye Mate</i>	Anything British....or from the Commonwealth where the Sun never Sets on the Empire....right....
9.	<i>Jar-Head</i>	All things US Marines
10.	<i>More Sour Kraut</i>	Anything German, East, West and in between! Anything Germanic, from the Bronze Age up to Current Day
11.	<i>The Russians are Coming!! The Russians are Coming!!</i>	What else needs to be said?
12.	<i>Go Figure</i>	What it says..... Everybody participating does a figure...your pick. Not a bust, however, a figure of any size.
13.	<i>I Like Taffy</i>	Anything associated with the 2nd Tactical AF towards the end of WWII. Includes aircraft, vehicles (security/otherwise), defense guns Quad 50s or 40mm Bofors....etc..
14.	<i>The "GREAT WAR"</i>	Anything from World War I
15.	<i>Aim High (NATO<>OTAN)</i>	All things Air Force.....course, maybe ANY NATO Air Force....
16.	<i>Coasties</i>	From the War on Drugs to rescuing survivors from watery graves, the US Coast Guard are always there!
17.	<i>Damn Yankees!</i>	Something from the North.... Above the "Mason-Dixon" line. NJ-ANG F-16, 10 th Mountain, something out of Norfolk?

Did Somebody Say T-Shirts?



Ok, NOW, it's up to Y'all!!! A run of new GSSM logo'd T-Shirts in Black, Navy Blue, and Dark Grey are available for ordering. Each shirt will be emblazoned with the GSSM logo on the left breast. There is no extra charge for colors so mix and match as desired!!

For an upcharge of \$5.00 you can have the GSSM logo on your backside....of the shirt that is. Check out our Treasurer's T-Shirt.



Length	Sizes	Price (ea)
Regular	S, M, L, XL	\$ 10.00
	XXL	\$ 12.00
	XXXL	\$ 16.00
Tall	S, M, L, XL	\$ 16.00
	XXL	\$ 17.00
	XXXL	\$ 18.00
Large Imprint on Back of Shirt (Add On)		\$ 5.00

Presently, a review is underway for Polo Shirts to be logo'd on the left breast as well. The cost is somewhere between \$17 and \$25 based on material of shirt. Leaning more toward the higher end, some sample material is being obtained. If you have interest in a Polo, please advise Chaz as soon as possible.



April & May are always synonymous with "Spring Cleaning", taking stock of your life, counting your blessings, and...

TAMING YOUR STASH!!!!

Here's the challenge: Sometime before the next (June) meeting, you are to count your stash!! For some this will be easy, for others.....well it's gonna take a while! This includes "shelf-queens", figures, partials...etc. Maybe you'll even want

to turn a couple over to the **Raffle Squad** for **BeachCon24** or for a meeting's raffle pile. In any event, a **\$25 Gift Card** from **Ed's Hobby Shop** (Myrtle Beach) will be awarded to.....hmmmm..... Be TOO easy for the guy with the least...or most.... Maybe it'll be the guy that falls within the average medium, divided by 4, plus 8, minus..... Well, it'll go to somebody!!! To be eligible, however, you have to at least tried to build a kit, or two, over the last year! We have long memories and remember what you brought to Show & Tell so don't even try to pull a fast one!!

Maybe you already have your stash counted and recorded in Excel, Scalemates.com, or some other device. Please share what you use in the "Taming of Your Stash"!

Show & Tell (April 2023)

Last Month we had some late arriving Lancs, aggressors, & ground pounders!

Lou & Joe amazed us with their Airfix Lancaster B.IIs. Both had nothing but glowing remarks about the kit!! Joe's was coded ED*G as Lou's is JI*F. I'm sure we're all sad to see the Airfix Lancaster group build come to an end....



Rick brought in a couple of aggressors....one current, the other....not so much. Both Tamiya, and in 48th Scale....the "Jack" was brought in to address the paint scheme where the F-16.....well, the both "address" a paint scheme!! Now, I got the blues!



Next up was Dayne Taylor with his Tamiya Type 16 JGSDF combat vehicle in 35th.



Jason has been working on something BIG! He shared his Tamiya 1/16th Kübelwagen with us. Looks like a good start, but it also looks as if he has a long way to go. Anyone got a 1/16 HEMI layin' around?



New Kits, Upcoming Contests & Events, Resources:

This has been a regular feature of the GSSM Newsletter, however after careful consideration these “features” have been moved and combined into a more up to date arrangement! I can put pictures of new kits and events here, however, the information is stale and moldy almost as soon as they go to “print”! These are the primary pages I (Chaz) use regularly....but I’m sure you have some as well....please send suggestions to [Chaz](#).

If you need assistance in traversing these Internet links, let Chaz know....otherwise....on with the show!

New Kits & Tools Resources:

Site

<i>ScaleMates Modeling Database</i>	News & New Kits
<i>MegaHobby</i>	New Arrivals
<i>Hannants</i>	New Arrivals Future Releases
<i>The Modelling News</i>	Main Page
<i>Cybermodeler Online</i>	Announced Model Kit Releases

Upcoming Contest & Events



COME AND MAKE IT
 IPMS/USA NATIONAL CONVENTION
SAN MARCOS - TEXAS
 AUG 2ND - 5TH 2023

<http://www.nats2023.com>

Please click on an image to go to the website

GRAND STRAND SCALE MODELERS
Present
BeachCon 2024

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.

Expanded Vendor & Contest Areas!

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

Contestants
\$10.00
Unlimited number of models

Non-Contestants
\$5.00 Single Adult (18 and older)
\$8.00 Family

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

Over 50 Contest Categories
SUPER Raffle!

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2023

SC Scale Model MEGA SHOW

Invites you to...

The Palmetto State

9am – 6pm Saturday, June 17, 2023
Seven Oaks Park
200 Leisure Lane, Columbia, SC 29210
I-26, Exit #104

IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION
www.icrc.net

<https://scmegashow.com>

Contest Sites

IPMS USA Events & Contests	Event Calendar
AMPS (Armor Modeling & Preservation Society)	Events accessible via AMPS Main Page
Model Cars Magazine Forum	Contests & Shows
Cybermodeler Online	Scale Modeling Event Calendar

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

Resources (Update scheduled for next time!)

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

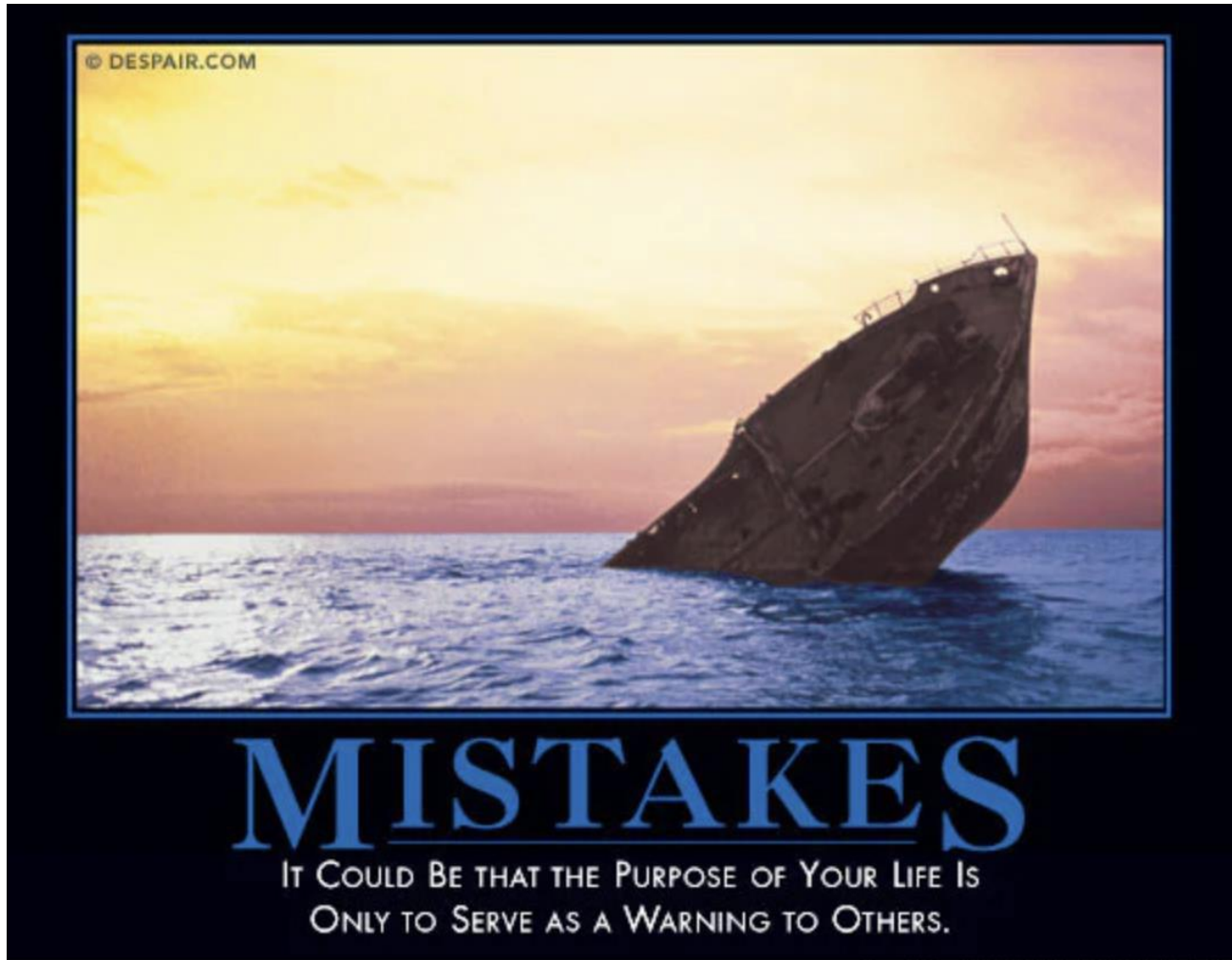
ModelGeeks Podcast

Plastic Model Mojo

Sprue Cutters Union

Just Making Conversation

The Lighter Side



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