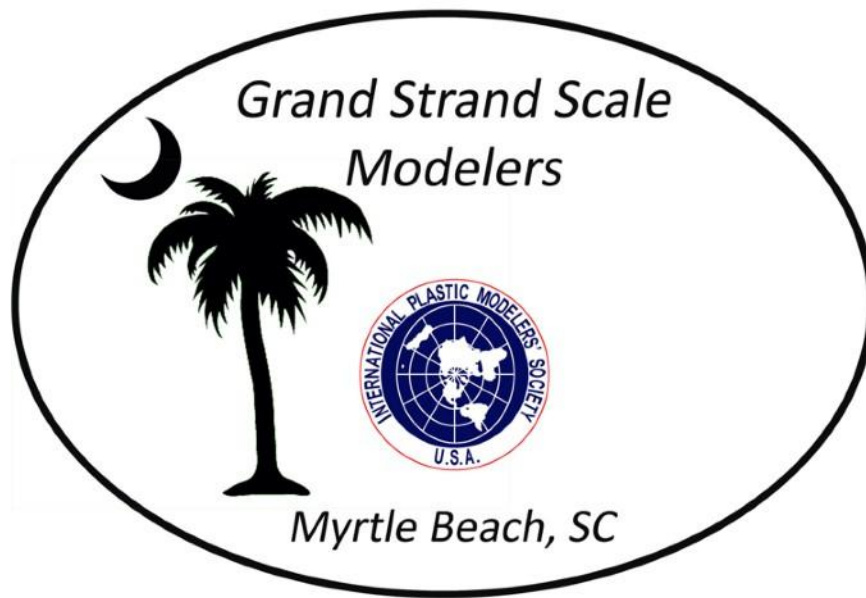




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Next Meeting is
10.30am - Saturday – 25 July 2026
At
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[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for June 13th 2026

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

June's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10.30am, June 13th 2026.

There were 16 members in attendance.

June 13th meeting agenda:

1. **President / Vice President welcome (5 Minutes)**
2. **Club Treasurer Update (5 Minutes)**
3. **Member items, update on any events attended etc (15 Minutes)**
4. **Beachcon 2027 - Permanent agenda item (30 Minutes)**
5. **Group Build - June 2026; British theme. Dayne to judge. (15 Minutes)**
6. **Show and Tell - ~5 minute allotment per person (75 Minutes)**
7. **Monthly Club Raffle (5 Minutes)**
8. **Any other business (5 Minutes)**

- **Welcome/items.** 16 Members joined our meeting today, thanks to everyone who turned up. We welcomed back a few members whom we haven't seen in a while and missed some others, Chaz, Chad and Gabe were back but we missed Herb at the meeting. Everyone had some great work for the British theme and some other excellent work on display from show and tell. A large contingent of the group intended to go to Florence for the PeeDee Scale Modelers show.
- **Club Treasurer Update:** Current balance is \$4440.39. Still awaiting the Robert Reed center to get their s#1t together so we can pay the initial installment for next Beachcon.
- **Member Items:** Joe B took the trip to Wonderfest in KY in June and reported back on what was by all impressions a fantastic show, AND, he got to meet Judy (Martha Kane) again 😊
- **BeachCon 2027 task assignment:** The agreed upon theme, '**Freedom 250 and Beyond**' artwork and poster was completed by Mike, very eye catching poster, thanks Mike! Ask was made as well for members to start campaigning with local business and business owners if they would be willing to sponsor a category or categories for our 2027 show. Prices are as follows:
 - Category winner: \$30,
 - Best of Class: \$40,
 - Best of Show: \$50.
 - Cash or check can be made payable to 'Grand Strand Scale Modelers' and sent to Phil Cavender (his details are present on the [2027 flyer](#).)
- **Group Build (British Theme):** The winner as chosen by Dayne, was Scott V with his Hurricane, a difficult task to pick out a winner considering the exceptional talent on display. We had all sorts on display, Phil with his Pirate Captain, Earl's metal car, John's spitfire, Chad's first ever armor piece!! Chaz completed a wonderful Morris CS9, Andrew had a fantastic diorama with an overrun German position in Tunisia, Joe B had on display the chief blue meanie from the Yellow Submarine, Josh completed a beautiful example of the P-40 in Limey regalia, Lou had a British Universal Carrier, Mike brought along his Fairey Gannet, Harry had a Norton Manx 500cc bike, Jordan produced a fine display with the Matchbox Wellesley, Jason armored up with the Matilda in Tunisian colors, and Rick completed his Kotare Spitfire, well done all, a great display of British themed items, Congrats again to Scott V on his victory!! Next up for group builds is Vietnam theme, planned for Octobers meeting. Following this we will have WWI in January 2027.
- **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. Apart from the models on display for the group build, we did have a few other additions for show and tell. Rick presented his B-2 and an assortment of medals and patches he acquired during his time in the service. Andrew had completed his 1/48 scale T-34, very nicely finished. Dayne had his latest Mecha and Mike was nearing completion of his Israeli Merkava and has already started on his KFIR. Jordan also brought along a nicely finished US Army Air

Corps B-10. Jason had some issues with the decals from the Border models 1/35 Stuka stifling his progress there. He also brought along a Moebius models Cylon Raider in 1/32 scale.

- *As usual - All members are always encouraged to post their 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:** Thanks to all who purchased some tickets and congratulations to the winners.
- **AOB:** Our local neighbors, PeeDee Scale Modelers had their Flotown show on June 27th. Show Details are available here: <https://peedeescalemodelers.org/flotown-model-showdown>. The winners list and some galleries are also available [here](#). GSSM came away with 10 awards! Dayne (3), Phil (1), Jason (1), John (1), Chaz (2), Chad (1), Rick (1). Congrats all on your awards! The competition was tough.
- **Club Apparel:** We will order some new t-shirts and hats in the coming weeks, everyone who responded has now also paid up, Earl is working on the printing.

New & Ongoing Business:

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

Jul 2026	Andrew Rasis	Grow Them Trees!	Andrew has agreed to show us all how he makes those fascinating diorama trees.
Aug 2026	Jason Boggans	Inventory Cataloging	Never buy the same kit again (well, unless the price is just TOOOO good to miss) Scalemates and it's uses.
2026	Scott Murphy	TrackLinks	Dirty those treads! A must for the armor nuts out there.
2026	Mike Fleckenstein/Joe Baxter	Canopy Polishing & Vacuforming	Mike will polish his bits for us and show us how to create our own vacuformed marvels
2026	Some brave soul	Water Effects	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 2026/2027 (Regions 2, 3, 11, 12)		
Date	Show	Region / State
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
September 12 th 2026	PennCon 2026	2 / Pennsylvania
September 12 th 2026	Blue Angel Modelfest	3 / Florida
September 19 th 2026	Head for the Highlands	3 / Tennessee
September 19 th 2026	Fayetteville Swap Meet	12 / North Carolina
September 26 th 2026	Fall Con 26	12 / North Carolina
October 3 rd 2026	Maraudercon 2026	2 / Maryland
October 9 th 2026	Modelpalooza	11 / Florida
November 7 th 2026	Ravencon 2026	2 / Virginia
November 14 th 2026	Middle Tennessee Modelcon	3 / Tennessee
February 27 th 2027	Old Dominion Open	2 / Virginia
March 6 th 2027	Pelicon 2027	11 / Florida
March 13 th 2027	Beachcon 2027	12 / South Carolina
April 2 nd 2027	Chattanooga Modelcon 2027	3 / Tennessee
April 3 rd 2027	Mosquitocon 2027	2 / New Jersey
April 24 th 2027	IPMS Phantom Phlashers	3 / Alabama
April 24 th 2027	Model Expo 2027	11 / Florida

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

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

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
FineScale Modeler	https://forum.finescale.com/	Useful forum full of hints and tips and a large audience to answer questions
Scale Model Addict	https://www.scalemodeladdict.com/	Tips, guides tool and tech.