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2025-2026 Club Officers

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Next Meeting is

10.30am - Saturday – 21 November 2026

At

Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
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Google Maps

Meeting Minutes for October 17th 2026
Grand Strand Scale Modelers

August's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10.30am, September 19th 2026.

There were 13 members in attendance.

Oct 17th meeting agenda:

1. **President / Vice President welcome (5 Minutes)**
2. **Club Treasurer Update (5 Minutes)**
3. **Member items (15 Minutes)**
4. **Beachcon 2027 (including new theme award review) - Permanent agenda item (30 Minutes)**
5. **October Group Build (Vietnam) - Judging and discussion, Mike F will judge (30 minutes)**
6. **Show and Tell - ~ 5 minute allotment per person (60 Minutes)**
7. **Monthly Club Raffle (5 Minutes)**
8. **Any other business (5 Minutes)**

- **Welcome/items**. 13 Members joined our meeting today, we were all delighted to see Earl in attendance looking good, great to have you back with us Earl. We were in a small room today so things were a little difficult to manage but we made do. Next month we will have nominations for club officer elections, the current administration have served their time 😉 Anyone interested please let me know and we will have votes for a new administration to be installed in January 2027.
- **Club Treasurer Update**: Phil was unable to make the meeting due to illness, he will update us at the next meeting with treasury details.
- **Member Items**: We had a few make their way to Modelpalooza in Florida, a great show by all accounts, 555 entries in total, Dayne walked away with best Gundam/Mecha, great achievement well done Dayne! Mail was sent out for Christmas party food options, looks like Pizza is the winner. More to come at the meeting in November.
- **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 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. Preliminary assignments for Beachcon have been shared in the meeting agenda and will be updated there monthly. 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.)

- **October group build (Vietnam):** Congratulations to Andrew R for his group build winner, a beautifully finished A7D Corsair II. There were many superb entries, Mike F had a tough time in deciding on the overall winner, but Andrew's Corsair pipped Herb at the post. Herb produced a nice vignette of a Vietnam sniper excellently finished. Thanks to all the entrants for their submissions, we have the winners trophy for Andrew which unfortunately was not ready on time for the meeting but will be presented to him during Novembers meeting.



- **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. Nice amount of kits brought along to the October meeting, Mike F has a couple of 72'd scale offerings in the works. Andrew also had been working on an exploding sub as he delved into the resin abyss. Rick had a couple of builds including a Gundam (gasp), Dayne continues his current Gundam kick and Herb also had his 'Pure Evil' vignette complete with spooky vampire (well it was almost Halloween). Jason brought along the evil Maximillion from the Black Hole, John was working his magic on his latest nascar and Joe is nearing completion with his Starfighter. Jordan and Bill rounded out events with a well armed Canberra Night Hawk and a 55 Chevy Bel Air.
    - *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:** No raffle this month.

New & Ongoing Business:

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

Jan 2027	*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.
2027	*Mike Fleckenstein/Joe Baxter*	*Canopy Polishing & Vacuforming*	Mike will polish his bits for us and show us how to create our own vacuformed marvels
2027	*Some brave soul*	*Water Effects*	Water water everywhere, but its resin so don't drink it 😟



We ARE looking for demonstrations for 2027!!

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
February 27th 2027	Old Dominion Open	2 / Virginia
March 6th 2027	Pelicon 2027	11 / Florida
March 13th 2027	Beachcon 2027	12 / South Carolina
April 2nd 2027	Chattanooga Modelcon 2027	3 / Tennessee
April 3rd 2027	Mosquitocon 2027	2 / New Jersey
April 24th 2027	IPMS Phantom Phlashers	3 / Alabama
April 24th 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.