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Next Meeting is  
**10.30am - Saturday – 15 March 2025**  
At  
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee  
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588  
[Google Maps](#)

## Meeting Minutes for Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 Grand Strand Scale Modelers

January's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 11 AM, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. There were **13** members in attendance.

- **Rick called the meeting to order:**

- Meeting Focus:

- BeachCon planning. (See next page)
- Show and Tell has been posted to the [facebook group](#). For now, I have also uploaded the pictures to [DropBox](#) for those who do not have facebook access. All members are encouraged to post your work regularly on the GSSM facebook page as well as other groups you may be members of.
- BeachCon was in the Feb edition of the IPMS journal.
- Discussions also centered around peoples build habits, how many kits on the go at one time etc, most would appear to have several builds on the go, not too many focusing on one only.

- **Other Items**

- No demos were scheduled for February meeting. Propose we re-initiate demos following the completion of BeachCon 2025. Rick is planning on attending the Plastic Model Mojo podcast in February to plug the show!
- Club members had some great success in the Old Dominion Open in Virginia in late February. Also, some great vendors and prices were reported with lots of people leaving with significantly lighter wallets.

## BeachCon 2025 Planning:

### Judging:

Head Judge - Mike F	Civilian Vehicles - John D	Sci-Fi - Jason B
Aircraft - Lou C	Military Vehicles - Scott V	Gundam – Rick R
Ships - Andrew R	Figures - Trevor E	Juniors – Mike F
Miscellaneous – Dayne T	Dioramas and Vignettes – Herb H	

### Vendor Tables:

All vendor tables in main hall now **SOLD**. Still lots of available categories if anyone would like to sponsor.

### Club Sale Table:

Anybody planning on bringing along kits to sell? If so let us know asap so we can arrange a table for this purpose, we would need details of your kit and a min/max price range to allow for some bartering opportunity. If we have one my wife, Beth B will man the table.

### Registration:

Registration opens at 9am on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March. Table attendants so far are Carol F, Harry C and perhaps Jordan M. There will be some door prizes also made available.

### Food Truck:

As sourced by Herb H, we will have [Jeremiahs Lunch Box](#) in attendance.

### Raffle:

Agreement in principle to enact the raffle as per last year. Phil C and John D will be the primary organizers, we need multiple other attendees as this is generally one of the busiest stations.

### Medals:

All currently accounted for, as are the acrylic category awards including Founders and Pacific Rim theme award. Thanks Chaz.

### Photography:

No 'club' photographer is arranged, encourage everyone to take some pictures and post them to the facebook group(s). Jason B will take some pics of each table prior to judging and Mike F will take pics of winners from each category.

## New & Ongoing Business:

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

2025	Andrew Rasis	Grow Them Trees!	Andrew has agreed to show us all how he makes those fascinating diorama trees. Hopefully, MiniArt will have scale racoons, squirrels, and birds soon....
2025	Scott Vanetten	Dry Brushing	It's all in the wrist!!
2025	Dayne Taylor	Water Effects	I'm sure it'd be a splashing success!!!
2025	Jordan Matejceck	Scribing	Get them panel lines done right! Jordan will get an opportunity to show us his skills in this department, last attempt was cut short due to room booking issues (we were getting kicked out)



We ARE looking or demonstrations for 2025!!

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.
Figure Painting	Maybe we can get Calvin Tan to drop by....
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 .
Making Waves	Ok, how to make water.....and you wonder why we would use the Foam Board demo first....
Adding Electronics to your build.	Andrew has the Ins & Outs!!!

## Upcoming Contest & Events



### IPMS/USA National Convention 2025 Information

6-9 August 2025 in Hampton Virginia

Events CALENDAR 2025 (Regions 1, 2, 3, 11, 12)		
Date	Show	Region / State
March 15 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">AtlantaCon 2025</a>	3 / Georgia
March 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2025	<a href="#">Replicon</a>	1 / New York
March 29 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">Beachcon 2025</a>	12 / South Carolina
March 30 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">Valleycon 34</a>	1 / Massachusetts
April 5 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">IPMS Phantom Phlashers</a>	3 / Alabama
April 5 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">MosquitoCon 33</a>	4 / New Jersey
April 6 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">BuffCon 40</a>	1 / New York
April 6 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">Downeastcon 2025</a>	1 / Maine
April 12 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">CAN-AM Con 2025</a>	1 / Vermont
April 12 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">IPMS Northern Virginia MC</a>	2 / Virginia
April 19 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">Scale model expo</a>	11/ Florida
April 26 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">Pelicon 2025</a>	11 / Florida
May 31 <sup>st</sup> 2025	<a href="#">Smoky Mountain Model Con</a>	3 / Tennessee
June 7 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">ScottCon 2025</a>	3 / Georgia
June 13 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">Chattanooga ModelCon 2025</a>	3 / Tennessee
August 6 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">IPMS National Convention</a>	2 / Virginia
August 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2025	<a href="#">48<sup>th</sup> Annual Model show</a>	3 / Alabama
August 30 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">Blue Angel Modelfest</a>	3 / Florida
September 20 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">The Forbidden Contest 2.5</a>	12 / South Carolina
September 28 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">Patcon 2025</a>	1 / Massachusetts
October 10 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">Modelaplooza</a>	11 / Florida

October 11 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">Hudson Valley Scale Model</a>	1 / New York
October 19 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">SyrCon 2025</a>	1 / New York
October 19 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">GraniteCon 32</a>	1 / New Hampshire
October 25 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">ACME Southern Nationals</a>	3 / Georgia
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2025	<a href="#">BAYCON 2025</a>	1 / Massachusetts
November 8 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">Charlotte Scale Modelers</a>	12 / North Carolina
November 15 <sup>th</sup> 2025	<a href="#">Middle Tennessee Model Con</a>	3 / Tennessee

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

<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>

## Scale Modeler Resources / Sites

<b>Scalemates</b>	<a href="https://www.scalemates.com/">https://www.scalemates.com/</a>	Stash management, reviews, genealogy, instructions
<b>IPMS Website</b>	<a href="https://ipmsusa.org/">https://ipmsusa.org/</a>	Members Info, events
<b>You Tube</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/">https://www.youtube.com/</a>	Source for how to's, build videos, tutorials and more