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Next Meeting is  
**10:30am - Saturday – 25 March 2026**  
At  
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee  
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588  
[Google Maps](#)

## **Meeting Minutes for February 21<sup>st</sup> 2026**

### **Grand Strand Scale Modelers**

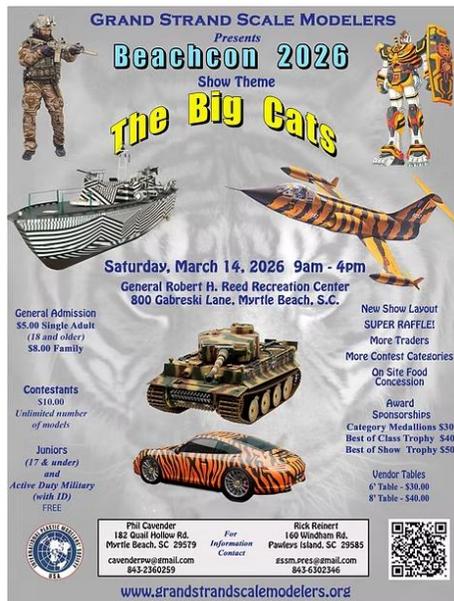
January's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30am, February 21<sup>st</sup> 2026.

There were 13 members in attendance.

#### **February 21st meeting agenda:**

1. **President / Vice President welcome (5 Minutes)**
2. **Club Treasurer Update to include fees (10 Minutes)**
3. **BeachCon 2026 Updates (75 Minutes)**
4. **Show and Tell - ~5 minute allotment per person (75 Minutes)**
5. **Monthly Club Raffle (10 Minutes)**
6. **Any other business (5 Minutes)**

- **Welcome/items.** 13 Members joined our meeting today, thanks to everyone who turned up. Herb and Earl are still working on tutoring events at the Veterans Café. (3552 Northgate Dr, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588). We welcomed one new member today, MG joins us and is a MB native, his primary passion being the Warthog but he is open to other plastic persuasions also. Josh also joined again so we are happy to see some new members attending. The group who made the pilgrimage to Jaxxon did very well, cleaning up again on medals, they said overall the show was good and worth the trip down.
- **Club Treasurer Update:** Current balance @ \$2,031.97. Anyone who has not yet paid your yearly dues (a measly \$20) get that handed over to Phil asap. Phil also detailed out estimates of the finances post Beachcon based on last year’s numbers, all going according to plan the club coffers should be close to \$3.5k post Beachcon.
- **BeachCon Updates:** We are almost there, everyone get geared up for the big event, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the [General Robert H. Reed Rec Center](#). Details below on topics.



**BeachCon Setup Date:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center; 800 Gabreski Ln, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. Bring along your competition entries, any raffle items you are storing for the club, your club sale items and any other Beachcon related items you may have. Rental company will arrive to setup the contest and vendor tables. We will utilize the facility tables to complete the setup as laid out by Phil C at the meeting. All vendor setup will be in the main hall, contest entries will be primarily in the back room accessible through the door to the right of the show entrance. We will need a repair station, Jason will bring along some items for this to be kept out near registration. Dayne has offered to bring along some soda, diet soda and water for club members to be consumed during the event.

**Registration Table:** Registration will be staffed from 8am – 12pm, contest registration expected to begin from 8:30am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Staffing for the registration can be made up of Harry C, Jordan M, Carol F, Jason B. All hands on deck to begin, registration will likely trickle off from around 10:30am, no entries are allowed after 12pm as judging will begin. Registration tickets will be handed to both attendees

and entrants. There are separate tickets for both. Please retain the additional stub in the registration box for final counting after the show. Fees are as posted on the Flyer; \$10 for entrants, unlimited entries. General admission \$5 per person or \$8 for a family. Juniors (under 17) and Active Military free. Stamp is provided to stamp entrants for re-entry. All registrations should be added to the registration ledger which will detail registration number, name, category(s) and paid indicator. Harry has also offered to provide cookies for sale at the registration table to add to the club funds.

**Raffle:** Raffle will be handled by Rick R. Raffle items will be laid out on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the show on the 14<sup>th</sup>, all items will be sorted and categorized prior to the contest. There will be 3 price categories, \$10 items, \$5 items and \$1 items. Items shall be sorted into sub categories below this, Rick R will socialize on the setup day. For raffle we plan to have Rick R, Chad V, Gabe V, Phil C, Dayne T and John D with Carol F also coming in where needed.

**Club Sale Table:** Bring along all kits you are planning to sell on Friday where possible, the club sale table is located right in the middle of the vendor tables so we have 'prime real estate'. Label all your items clearly with your name and actual asking price, keep it simple. Table can be manned by Chaz, Earl, Joe, Herb and Andrew alternating. An envelope will be kept for each member selling and funds will be distributed to the sellers at the end of the show.

**Food Truck:** Herb has arranged for Paulie's NY Italian Sausage, he serves a variety of delicious treats including Italian sausages, cheeseburgers, hotdog, cannoli's etc. You won't go hungry.

**Contest Tables:** Andrew has the table coverings, paper coverings as per last year, club has supplied tape and crepe dividers. These will all be laid out on Friday once the tables are setup. Mike will print and place table cards. The great news is that so far we have almost 80% of all categories sponsored, a big thank you to all the members who offered up sponsorships, it is truly appreciated. We only have 13 (53 or 66 assigned) unassigned categories left to date. All special categories are assigned and accounted for.

**Judging:** Head Honcho is Mike F. Head Judge table will be located inside the main hall on your right as you enter the main hall. Just beside the entrance to the contest room corridor. Judging will begin at 12pm, Judges meeting will be at 11:30am either in the contest room or in the rear of the main room near the toilets. Mike will confirm on the day. Head Judge will assign Best of Show based on agreement with category judges. Awards are presented at 3pm. Show should begin wind down by 4-4:30pm.

Category Judges are:

- **Juniors:** Mike F
- **Military Vehicles:** Herb H
- **Sci-Fi:** Jason B
- **Civilian Vehicles:** John D
- **Gundam/Mecha:** Rick R
- **Ships:** Andrew
- **Aircraft:** Lou C
- **Dioramas:** Phil C
- **Miscellaneous:** Dayne T
- **Figures:** Dennis
- **Theme:** Scott V
- **Founders:** Herb H, Phil C, Joe B

- **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. Always some great stuff on display. We had armor from Jason, ships/boats from Andrew and Mike, Aircraft from John, Andrew, Josh, MG, Scott and Rick. Dio's from Herb and even an F1 car from Phil. Joe is still battling with an old Lindberg pig of a kit! Beautiful work gentlemen, I am looking forward to seeing what you present at Beachcon and what you bring along to the next meeting the week after. There was even a whisper, just a whisper, from John D that he may dabble in an armor kit ... maybe one with 'Monster' NASCAR markings may be nice! Some examples below, see the lot on facebook or dropbox. We will reinstate our 5 minute timer next meeting to ensure we get through everyone.

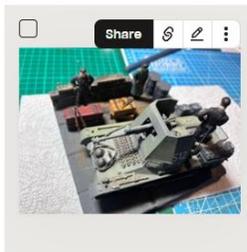


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- *As usual - All members are always encouraged to post your work regularly on the GSSM facebook page as well as other groups you may be members of. Get your work out there, it deserves to be seen.*
- **Monthly Club Raffle:** Number of nice raffle items this month to add to the club coffers, thanks to all who purchased some tickets and congratulations to the winners.
- **AOB:** Let's get set for Beachcon and make it another great success.



## Upcoming Contest & Events

Events Calendar 2026 (Regions 2, 3, 11, 12)		
Date	Show	Region / State
February 28 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Old Dominion Open</a>	2 / Virginia
March 14 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Beachcon 2026</a>	12 / South Carolina
March 14 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Pelicon 2026</a>	11 / Florida
March 21 <sup>st</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Atlanta Con</a>	3 / Georgia
April 4 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">MosquitoCon</a>	2 / New Jersey
April 11 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Model Expo 2026</a>	11 / Florida
April 11 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Phantom Phlashers</a>	3 / Alabama
April 11 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Scale Model Expo Villages</a>	11 / Florida
April 18 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">IPMS NV Model Classic</a>	2 / Virginia
April 26 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">NewFlight – Gundam</a>	11 / Florida
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Space Coast Modelfest 2026</a>	11 / Florida
May 30 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Smoky Mountain Model Con</a>	3 / Tennessee
June 6 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">ScottCon 2026</a>	3 / Georgia
June 27 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">FloTown Model Showdown</a>	12 / South Carolina
July 18 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Americana</a>	12 / North Carolina
August 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">IPMS USA National Convention</a>	4 / Indiana
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Virginia Shootout</a>	2 / Virginia
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2026	<a href="#">49<sup>th</sup> Annual HPMS Show</a>	3 / Alabama
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Flight 19 Modelfest</a>	11 / Florida

**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