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Next Meeting is
10.30am - Saturday – 21 June 2025
At
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
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[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for May 17th 2025

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

March's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, May 17th

There were **14** members in attendance.

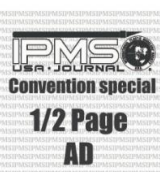
May 17th meeting agenda:

- President / Vice President welcome (5 Minutes)
- Club Treasurer Update (5 Minutes)
- Add debit card to club checking account (5 Minutes)
- IPMS National Convention Journal Advertisements (5 Minutes)
- Beware! Achtung! Spam mails for GSSM (5 Minutes)
- Rick's kit sales (5 Minutes)
- BeachCon 2026 Room Update. Vote for/against 2 rooms (15 Minutes)
- BeachCon 2026 Theme and Flyer (30 Minutes)
- May Group Build (Go Figure) Scott V judging (Last Winner) (30 Minutes)
- Show and Tell (1 Hour)
- Monthly Club Raffle (10 Minutes)
- Any other business (5 Minutes)

- **Welcome/items.** Reminder that in general meetings will be held on 3rd Saturday of each month, there will be some exceptions but generally this will be the preferred timing.
- **Club Treasurer Update:** Club finances stand at \$3,599.33. Some additional expenses will be potentially incurred for booking the back room for the BeachCon contest.
- **Debit Card:** Proposal was made to add a debit card to the club account, card to be held by club treasurer and can be used by President and Treasurer. Debit Card policy has been applied as an addendum to the end of this newsletter and will be added to the website for reference also.
- **IPMS Journal Advertisement:** IPMS has advertised that they will have a special IPMS National's edition of the Journal and are offering advertisement opportunity, ¼ page @ \$50, ½ Page @ \$100 and Full Page @ \$200. Full page ads are out of stock already!



[2025 National Convention
Special Journal 1/4 Page Ad](#)
\$50.00



[2025 National Convention
Special Journal 1/2 Page Ad](#)
\$100.00



[2025 National Convention
Special Journal Full Page Ad](#)
Out of stock

- **SPAM mails for GSSM:** Be on the lookout for spam mails spoofing GSSM renewals or purchases, if in doubt if a mail is received please contact and of the Club Officers for confirmation, we will never ask you for money out of the blue over mail, if that happens, it is likely SPAM.
- **Ricks kit sales:** Rick has offered up one bunch of models are lower than retail/sprueborthers prices, this collection as purchased and the aim from Rick is to cover approx. half the overall cost, approx. \$450, and then donate the remaining kits to the club raffle. He will send out the next iteration of kits shortly for anyone interested.
- **BeachCon Room Update:** A vote for adding the back room into the contest was tabled, a majority vote for adding this additional room was cast. The suggestion was to move the entire contest into the back room and save the main/ball room for Vendors and Raffle. Phil C was tasked with validating if that was indeed possible, after some rejigging it was observed that it is indeed possible to add the contest tables ALL into the back room, therefore leaving the main hall entirely for raffle and vendors. Club officers will verify we can indeed also rent the back room this week and add additional deposit to retain for BeachCon.
- **BeachCon theme and Flyer:** In order to satisfy the requirement to place the ad into the IPMS Journal we needed to come to consensus on a show theme and flyer. Some various themes were bandied about but a vote for 'Big Cats' as the theme was cast. In terms of Founders Award the decision was also cast to leave this award to the remaining founders, no theme was considered, really just a decision between Founders of their favorite work from the contest. Mike F also worked remarkably quickly to come up with a show flyer which looked excellent. This will be finalized and shared shortly with IPMS for Journal entry!



- **May Group Build 'Go Figure':** Many thanks for the entrants to the May group Build, some very nice figures on offer, Scott V got to vote as last winner of our group builds, Congrats to Chaz on his Verlinden 120mm USAF WWII Fighter Pilot, beautiful work and a deserving winner. Pics on the website and Dropbox.
- **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. Some very nice kits on display as usual, great job all. Keep em coming!
- **Monthly Raffle:** Jason won pretty much everything 😊
- *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.*

- **Other Items**

- No demos were scheduled for April meeting. Propose we re-initiate demos following the completion of BeachCon 2025. (Andrew's trees or Scott's dry brushing depending on availability, we can discuss at June's meeting)
- We are also contemplating a group trip to the Wings Wheels and Waves location in Sanford in June 2025. We may also be able to stop by the HobbyTown location on the way there or back. Recommend going on **June 14th**. Jason to send a mail to the group assessing interest.

New & Ongoing Business:

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

2025	Andrew Rasis	<i>Grow Them Trees!</i>	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	?	<i>Figure Painting</i>	With this as one of our group builds, would be nice to get this done.
2025	Scott Vanetten	<i>Dry Brushing</i>	It's all in the wrist!!
2025	Dayne Taylor	<i>Water Effects</i>	I'm sure it'd be a splashing success!!!
2025	Jordan Matejcek	<i>Scribing</i>	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 for 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.
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 .

Cataloging your kits and inventory	There are options, Scalemates, eStash, Kitbase, even excel!
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
May 31 st 2025	Smoky Mountain Model Con	3 / Tennessee
June 7 th 2025	ScottCon 2025	3 / Georgia
June 13 th 2025	Chattanooga ModelCon 2025	3 / Tennessee
August 6 th 2025	IPMS National Convention	2 / Virginia
August 23 rd 2025	48th Annual Model show	3 / Alabama
August 30 th 2025	Blue Angel Modelfest	3 / Florida
September 20 th 2025	The Forbidden Contest 2.5	12 / South Carolina
September 28 th 2025	Patcon 2025	1 / Massachusetts
October 10 th 2025	Modelaplooza	11 / Florida
October 11 th 2025	Hudson Valley Scale Model	1 / New York
October 19 th 2025	SyrCon 2025	1 / New York
October 19 th 2025	GraniteCon 32	1 / New Hampshire
October 25 th 2025	ACME Southern Nationals	3 / Georgia
November 2 nd 2025	BAYCON 2025	1 / Massachusetts
November 8 th 2025	Charlotte Scale Modelers	12 / North Carolina
November 15 th 2025	Middle Tennessee Model Con	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 & Contests</i>	Event Calendar
<i>AMPS (Armor Modeling & Preservation Society)</i>	Events accessible via AMPS Main Page

<i>Model Cars Magazine Forum</i>	Contests & Shows
<i>Cybermodeler Online</i>	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

Grand Strand Scale Modelers — Debit Card Policy

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the authorized use of the club's debit card to ensure proper financial management, accountability, and transparency.

2. Authorized Users

- **The club's debit card is issued under the name of Grand Strand Scale Modelers.**
- **Only the Treasurer and President are authorized to use the card.**
- **No other members may use the card unless formally approved by both officers and documented in meeting minutes.**

3. Permitted Uses

The debit card may be used only for official club expenses, including but not limited to:

- **Website domain and hosting (e.g., Wix.com)**
- **Event registration fees or venue deposits**
- **Printing or marketing materials**
- **Club supplies (if pre-approved)**

All expenses must be pre-approved at a club meeting or by consensus of both authorized officers.

4. Prohibited Uses

The debit card may not be used for:

- **Personal purchases of any kind**
- **Cash withdrawals or ATM use**
- **Alcohol, tobacco, or non-hobby-related items**
- **Any expense not discussed with and approved by the club leadership**

5. Receipts and Recordkeeping

- **A receipt or confirmation must be obtained for every purchase.**
- **The Treasurer will maintain a monthly ledger of all card transactions, to be reviewed during club meetings.**
- **All statements are to be kept on file for at least 3 years.**

6. Loss, Theft, or Misuse

- **Any suspected loss or unauthorized use of the card must be reported to the bank and club officers immediately.**
- **Misuse of the card may result in removal of access and disciplinary action, including reimbursement of funds to the club.**

7. Transition of Officers

Upon change in Treasurer or President:

- **The outgoing officer shall surrender any card in their possession.**
- **The bank and club account records will be updated accordingly.**