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10:00 AM - Saturday – 15 April 2023
at
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
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Meeting Minutes March 18 2023

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

The monthly meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:00 AM. There were **20** members present.

- Rick led the discussion on the pending BeachCon 23 event on the 25th of March. Planned and final assignments were discussed as were registration processes. All were asked to help setup on Friday (24th) after 2pm, be at the venue on the 25th by 8am and asked to help tear-down after the event.
- All GSSM BeachCon entrants were asked to bring their entries on Friday to test documentation and placement within the venue.
- Dayne & Phil S. presented the primary times (10am, 11am, and 1pm) for raffle pulls. Further pulls would be performed as it becomes necessary.
- The remainder of the meeting included discussions pertaining to BeachCon 23 and Show/Tell.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was given by Phil Cavender. Closing balance was **\$1534.56**.

The View from the Top / GSSM's President's Perspective

First off, BeachCon 23 was a great success. We had 87 entrants and 417 models on the table. I found the quality of the work on display astounding. Some really top-class models. For next year, we will set up the contest a bit different. We have already reserved an additional room at the Reed Rec Center so we can place the vendors into their own dedicated room as well as having dedicated space for the model display area. IF anyone has any more recommendations, please bring it up. The feedback has been good so far. We were mentioned on the Plastic Model Mojo podcast as being a good show. With good vendors. Race City IPMS used our show as a comparison for theirs (in a positive way).

Some other things I would like to see is more demonstrations on how to do various modeling techniques. Some things that come to mind are cleaning up seams, black basing, dealing, wood grain. If you would like to see a demo please speak up.

New Discussion Topics for April:

T-Shirts with Options:

Earl & Chaz have been focused on a new T-Shirt/Polo purchase with options. The plan is to have T-Shirts available in black, navy blue, and charcoal grey. Likewise, the large logo (modeled here) is planned be available as an add-on to any colored shirt. Polos are expected to be adorned with a screen printed GSSM logo on the left breast. Stay tuned.....a PDF pricing flyer should arrive in your email in the very near future. Final orders will be taken at the May meeting.



Demonstrations:

As stated in Rick's "View from the Top", we are planning more demonstrations starting this June. We hope to perform a demonstration every other month so to allow for show/tell, contest, on the opposite month. Again, this is in the preliminary planning stage so if there is ANYTHING you want to see, do not hesitate to ask. Someone is experienced (trial & error) in the technique or process you're looking for. You have your own expertise too!! Don't hesitate to volunteer as we'd like one more to close out the year!!

Present Demonstrations (in planning stages/not in order):

- Chaz will demonstrate the use of a Silhouette vinyl cutter for making masks and its other capabilities.
- Phil Sicard to present Color Theory demonstration.
- Dayne Taylor will retry his Mottling demonstration.

Group Contests:

We are working on some new group contest ideas. If you have any ideas don't hesitate to offer them for consideration. In keeping with our every-other month, we are considering "The Great Space Race" campaign for July 2023. Dayne was given some extra kits and we're sure you have something in your stash that can match the theme. Please see Dayne on Saturday and/or inquire to whether your idea of a kit will suffice.

Show & Tell:

Show & Tell will be moved to the opposite (non-demo) month so that enough time is allowed for presenting your current build and for demonstrations. Group contests will replace a regular Show & Tell month as applicable.

BeachCon 2024:

Bitches, gripes, and complaints!!! Actually, we'll take "well done's" too. Any critiques are welcome as we want BeachCon 2024 to be even better than 2023. Some have already offered their thoughts and suggestions. Please add yours!! We'd prefer something written, but we'll take it verbally. A consolidated list will be constructed, reviewed, and voted on....as necessary....so we add new and refined ideas into the 2024 mix!!

Show & Tell

Phil Cavender - Revell 1/9th BMW R75

Phil continues to progress with his "Beamer Chariot". Based in Africa I can just feel the scratches, wear, and grime about to collect on this monster.



John Davis - Tamiya GT4

John takes us out to the track with his latest racer! The Old Dominion Prize Winner looks fast standing still. Nice Job!!



Earl Wanklin – Revell B-24D

Earl continues his large-scale museum bird builds. Decorated in a Mission Model's desert pink hue (Desert Sand) he has encountered some paint issues while using decal solvents. Hopefully the discussion gave him some ideas on how to solve the issue(s).



Les Young – 1/10 Young Miniatures Templar Knight in Jerusalem

Les starts his own figurine Crusade with Sean Connery as a Knight's Templar. Shaken, but not stirred, Les turned the base on a lathe. Nice job all around.



Harry Shute – 1/24 Tamiya Mazda RX-7 R1

Harry takes us back on the road with a canary yellow RX-7 that looks road worthy!! Pedal down, hear those horses roar! Ok....we're ALL old enough to remember these all over the streets!!



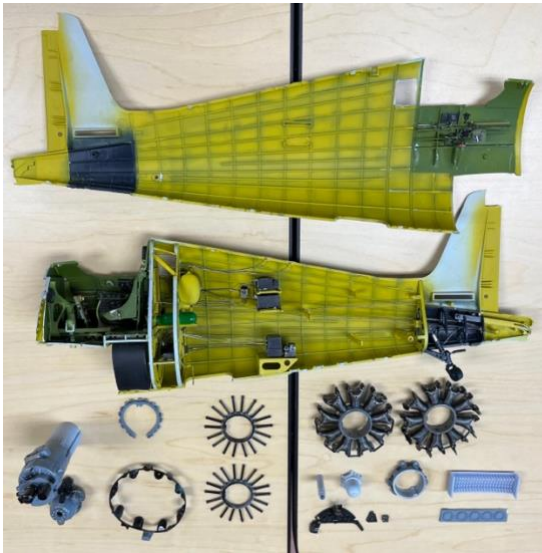
Jason Boggans – 1/16 Stuart & 1/72 Go 229

Jason double-dips with a Classy Hobby M5A1 Stuart and a Revell Horten Go 229. Expert Class!!



Scott Murphy – 1/24 Airfix Hellcat

Scott has been putting in the hours on his Hellcat! The constructed engine picture is from a short while ago, but thought you'd like to see it from pieces to constructed! Again, you can always follow his progress on-line at his [Hellcat Blog](#). Look'n Good Scott!!



Andrew Rasis – 1/48 Tamiya T-34-85

Andrew has been laboring away at this well-known war horse! Looks like there's some damage on some of those track covers. Must have been double-parked downtown.



Mike Fleckenstein – 1/72 BAC TSR-2

Speaking of the Russians.....they wanted this one too, but Mike got it first! Still in the “test-fit” stage but Mike’s got all the CMK add-ons and any other trimmings that are available. Good Luck with that one!! (Just not enough Vodka for me!)



Dayne Taylor – 1/48 ZVEZDA SU-57

Ah....some more digital camouflage comrade! Another beautiful piece of work! Just don't tell him his stars are upside down.....just kidding!! Exhaust/engine areas are very well done!! Vodka all around.....Nice Job!!



Rick Reinert – 1/48 Tamiya F4U-1D Corsair & Messerschmidt Bf 109E-3

Rick doubled up with a couple single wing aircraft from the second of the World Wars. A couple offerings from different theaters of operations. Maybe we'll see them at BeachCon 23?

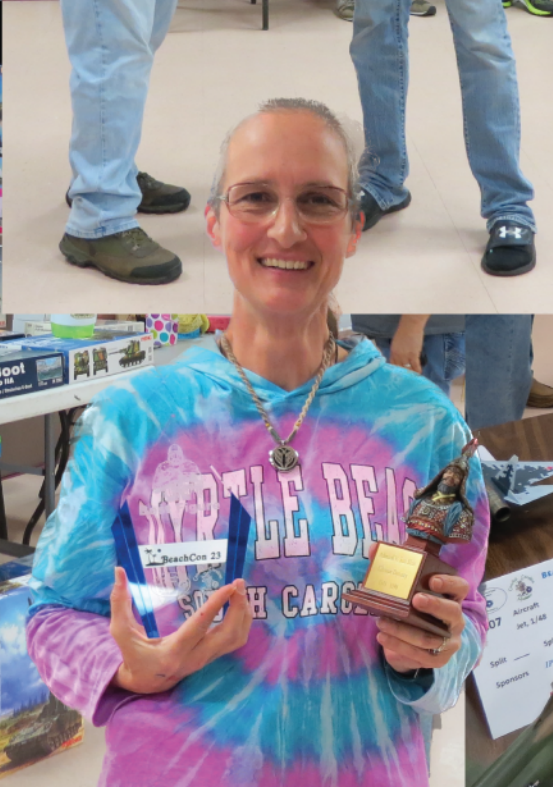


Lastly, but definitely not least, congrats to anyone lucky enough to score some of these beauties from the prize locker!! Hope you saved some cash for the BeachCon Raffles!!!





BeachCon 2023



On The Road!



Beach Con '23

by Alan Welch

BeachCon '23
March 25, 2023
800 Gabreski Lane
Myrtle Beach, SC

I was greatly looking forward to this event because due to a number of reasons, (Covid cancellations, illness, other entanglements), this was the first large con I had been to in several years.

Before I left I was able to use the information filled website to get all pertinent info I needed and fill out and print my paperwork. That meant once I arrived all I had to do was fill in one number on each page and pay my entry fee.

On arrival I found this is the first con these guys have put on and having gone through a similar experience in 2022 I say well done, guys. You did a fine job.

The number of entries were high and, interestingly, the build mix favored automobiles heavily. As would be expected the quality of models displayed was extremely high and it was a delight to see excellent new models mixed in with familiar builds from our show last year.

I was certainly impressed with the fact that builders had come in from as far afield as St. Augustine, Florida and West Virginia. And three of the winning builders were women!

I volunteered to help with the judging and was on Rick Reinert's



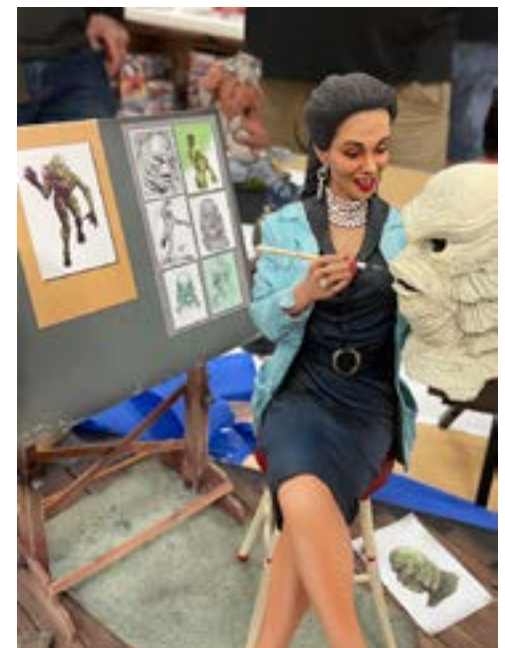
The main hall where the contest was held. The stage was at the far end and vendors lined all three other walls of the room

team, judging sci fi and space. It was gratifying to follow the logical process Rick led us through to pare down the field to an easily handled number. We could then rationally and fairly compare the build quality and finish of each remaining entry to come to a final decision. If this was indicative of the overall contest system then I feel strongly that the judging was done on fair and equitable terms.

There was a goodly number of vendors with a fine variety of product on display. Prices were good and from the feedback I have gotten from the vendors I have spoken to they were happy with how the show treated them. There were even some reps from manufacturers on hand.

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One of the many wonderful figure builds on display.



Beach Con '23

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The venue was lovely, albeit rather small and cramped due to the layout. The deep stage ate up a lot of space that could have been useful for the chapters to space the table out a bit more. Also, round tables, in our experience, do not use the floor space as well as rectangular ones do but I am sure I am not telling the guys anything they have not already learned.

There were a few glitches in the raffle and a few more during the awards ceremony but these are to be expected during any live event. But overall the show was well planned and executed and it was an enjoyable experience for almost everyone.

Well done guys. See you at your next show. ■

- Alan Welch

(top right) A great Porsche 935 build in 1/12 scale dominates the table in one of the automotive divisions.

(middle right) Judging is never an easy job in these competitions, especially in a category loaded with beautiful builds, such as aircraft.

(lower right) The winner of the raffle grand prize collects his prize, a 1/200 scale Arizona by Trumpeter.

(There are some more photos on our facebook page)

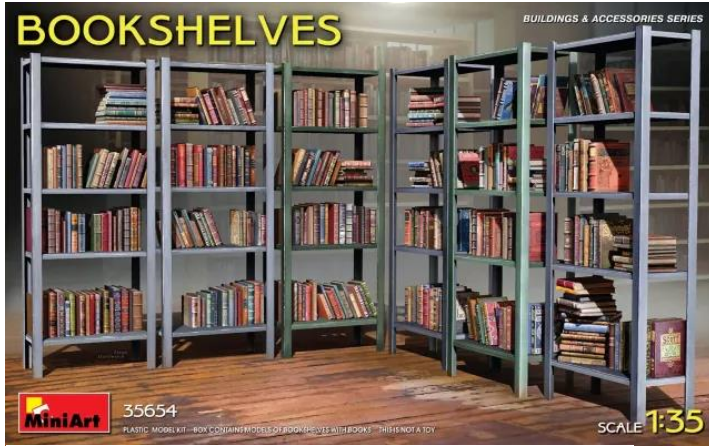


Hobby News

New Releases

This month we have some Hot Babes, Birds, Cars, and Guns!! Hasegawa has never looked better!!





Cool, now you can build a diorama of your model stash!!



The Lighter Side

This month's lighter side comes from out west and points to a movie star. He's within our midst!! Can you guess who he is, and what movie he's in? As Brandon would say....."it's no joke, man"!!



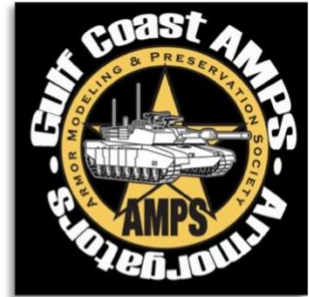
Hint: It's Rick Reinert in The Right Stuff

Contests & Events

Click any item below for additional information.....



The Panhandle Miniature Figure Society (PMFS) and the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Armor Preservation and Modeling Society (AMPS) present an



Armor Model & Miniature Figure Contest

- **When:** From 9AM to 5 PM on 15 April 2023 (Saturday)(Vendor set up from 4-8 PM on 14 April and starting at 8AM on 15 April)
- **Where:** Santa Rosa County Auditorium (4530 Spikes Way, Milton, FL 32583)



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May 20, 2023

Knoxville Catholic High School
(in the gymnasium)
9245 Fox Lonas Rd. NW
Knoxville, TN 37923

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2023 IPMS REGION 12 REGIONAL MODEL CONTEST



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1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy, Dallas, N.C. 28034

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Websites

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