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Next Meeting is
10.30am - Saturday – 15 April 2025
At
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
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[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for March 15th 2025

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

March's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, March 15th. There were **14** members and **1** guest 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](#). Pictures have also been uploaded to [DropBox](#) for those who do not have facebook access. Firstly, welcome back to Jordan! Wonderful to see you back to the group and hoping you get to have more time at the modeling table once feeling better. Also welcome to a new face, Bill Knoth. He primarily builds 32nd scale aircraft but has been known to dabble in other subjects also. Finally – from me – wonderful work on display gentlemen, truly some beautiful subjects with an enormous amount of devotion and care paid to the build and finish, I am proud to be part of a group of such talent and dedication. I have learned personally so much from the members of the group and look forward to seeing what everyone brings to the table each month.
 - 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 by more than the few of us who attend the monthly meetings, **share it**, you all do wonderful work that should be seen!
 - BeachCon was in the Feb edition of the IPMS journal. It was also mentioned in plastic modeling mojo show and Herb and Earl have been advertising it through events ongoing through the veterans café. (Thank you gents!)
 - Herb also plans to drop into the local TV stations and drop off some flyers and see if they have any interest in sending a crew at some stage to the show on Saturday 29th to feature the event. If he gets us a camera crew everyone make sure they wear their best frock and makeup on the 29th, want ya'll looking lovely 😊
 - Rick, Phil and Scott took a trip to a lady (Eileen Bizzigotti) in Ocean Isle who had a large collection of kits to sell as her husband is ill and unable to take part in the hobby any more. They picked up 300-400 kits which will be offered to the members in some manner in the coming months, perhaps like how there was an auction previously, we will discuss more after the show is complete.

- **Other Items**

- No demos were scheduled for February meeting. Propose we re-initiate demos following the completion of BeachCon 2025. (Andrew's trees or Scott's dry brushing depending on availability)
- Next group build will be 'Go Figure' – recommended to do this for May meeting, we can discuss at next meeting. Also recommend having another shelf queen build for July 2025, again any long runner which has been left to gather dust on the "I'll get to that" shelf. Again, we can discuss in April's meeting.
- Next meeting we will complete a debrief from the BeachCon and maybe we can also discuss plans and logistics for the IPMS Nationals in Virginia and who is planning on attending.

BeachCon 2025 Planning:

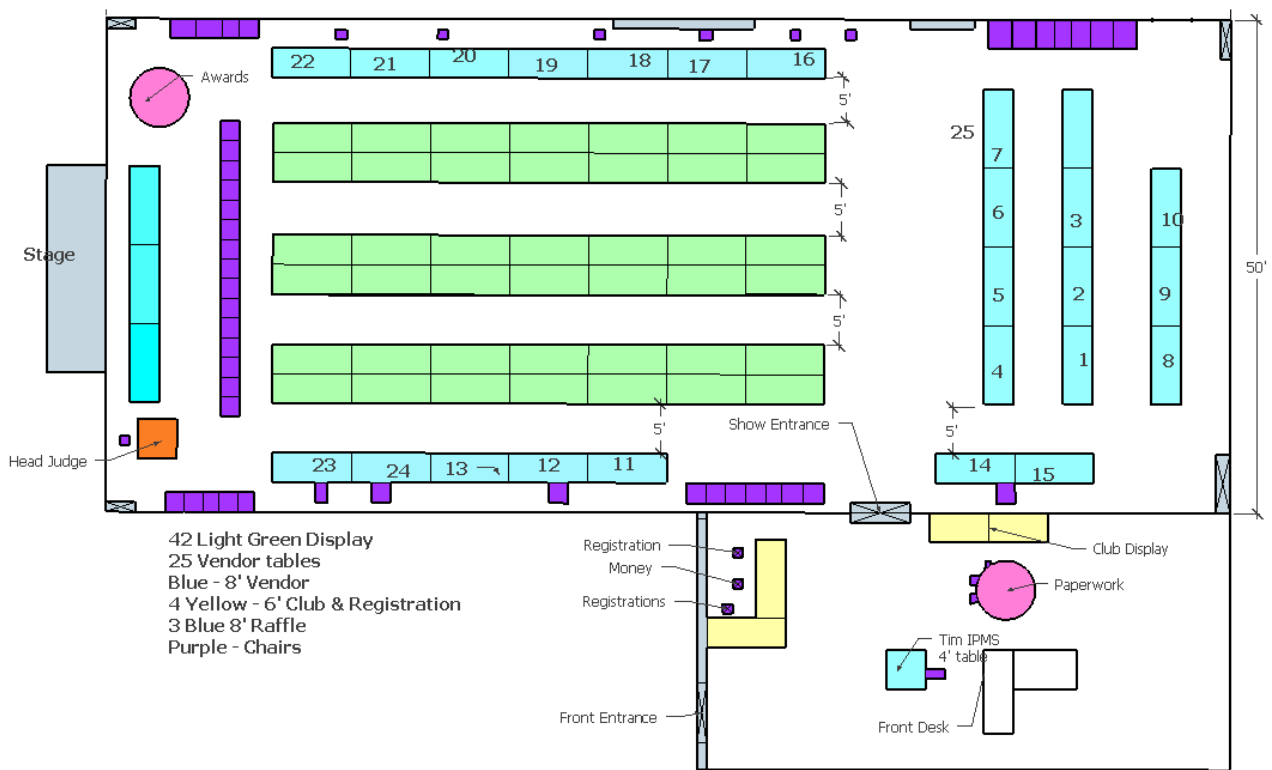
Judging:

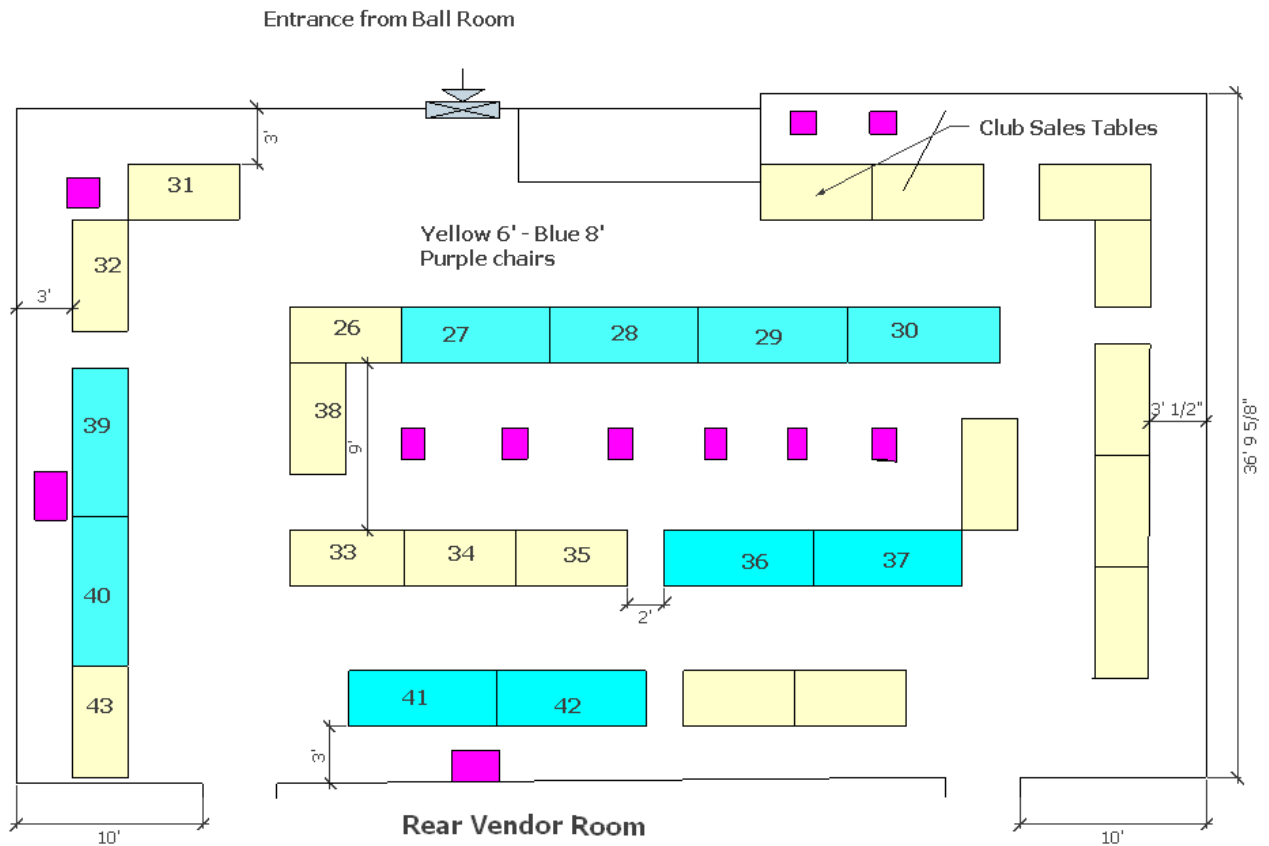
Head Judge - Mike F	Civilian Vehicles - John D, Tom W	Sci-Fi - Jason B
Aircraft - Lou C	Military Vehicles – Herb H	Gundam – Rick R
Ships - Andrew R, Dennis F	Figures - Trevor E	Juniors – Mike F
Miscellaneous – Dayne T	Dioramas and Vignettes – Phil C	Themes – Scott V

Judging starts at 12pm sharp, judges meeting at 11:30am and awards to be delivered at or before 3pm.

Vendor Tables:

All vendor tables in main hall now **SOLD**. Rick secured the back room also for vendors and club sale tables. All 8' tables sold, as of now there are eight 6' tables left before we are completely sold out in both rooms. ***Still available categories if anyone would like to sponsor.*** Floorplan as of today is displayed below (thanks Phil C):





Club Sale Table:

Club sale table will be in the rear vendor room, 2 x 6' tables manned by Scott's sons and my wife as well as others alternating in throughout the day. I will send out a mail requesting that anyone selling provide the details prior to the day to avoid confusion and be best prepared.

Registration:

Registration opens at **9am** on Sat 29th March. Table attendants so far are Carol F, Harry C and perhaps Jordan M. There will be some door prizes also made available. **Club members can bring their entries on the Friday of setup** and we can add them to the registration early to have it done and their entries on the tables.

Food Truck:

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

Raffle:

Raffle to work on a category basis, i.e. there will be numerous categories like Armor 1/35, Aircraft 1/72 etc with corresponding raffle boxes for each category. In this manner it will be easier to find and retrieve prizes from each of the categories making management of the station easier. Phil C, John D and Rick R

will be the primary organizers, we need multiple other attendees as this is generally one of the busiest stations. Everyone should be prepared to support this where possible.

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	<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 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.
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 22 nd 2025	Replicon	1 / New York
March 29 th 2025	Beachcon 2025	12 / South Carolina
March 30 th 2025	Valleycon 34	1 / Massachusetts
April 5 th 2025	IPMS Phantom Phlashers	3 / Alabama
April 5 th 2025	MosquitoCon 33	4 / New Jersey
April 6 th 2025	BuffCon 40	1 / New York
April 6 th 2025	Downeastcon 2025	1 / Maine
April 12 th 2025	CAN-AM Con 2025	1 / Vermont
April 12 th 2025	IPMS Northern Virginia MC	2 / Virginia
April 19 th 2025	Scale model expo	11/ Florida
April 26 th 2025	Pelicon 2025	11 / Florida
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