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Next Meeting is
10:30 AM - Saturday – 19 Aug 2023
at
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes July 22, 2023

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

July's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM. There were **14** members in attendance.

- **Rick started the meeting by calling order and discussing:**
 - IPMS/USA Reviews web site and invited anyone interested to take on a project. Rewarding....and you get a free item!!
 - Fantasy Con Contest in Spartanburg.
 - IPMS/USA Nationals upcoming trip.
 - **"Gift A Kit"** – Donate a kit for the BeachCon24 Raffle, you get a ticket for the current meeting's raffle!! Win-Win..... All attending members concurred.
- **Group Builds:**
 - The Right Stuff group build is upcoming for the September GSSM meeting...get busy!
 - "Shelf Queen Management" group build was agreed to by all attending members. It was agreed that the January 2024 meeting would include a Group Build that consists of only an unbuilt kit of two years of age....or older! This is member's chance to finish off that ole' kit! This may become a GSSM yearly tradition.
- **BeachCon 24 Updates:**
 - **Reminder: Shake Those Trees** – We are still looking for kits acceptable to be included in BeachCon 2024's Contest Raffle. If you, or someone you can steal from, has a kit that you would be willing to donate.....please don't hesitate!!
 - Acrylic awards have been acquired. Artwork updates are started, or complete. Lasering awards will take place in late August.
- **Other Items:**
 - **Hobby Shop Excursion** – The trip to *Hayes Hobby* (Fayetteville NC) and *Wings, Wheels, & Waves* (Sanford NC) took place on the 29th of July. A few members took the run with Jason! We'd love some pictures of the "roadies"but nobody took any pictures of them.....just the inside of the hobby shops!! A good time was had by all.....and some cash spent too!!

- **IPMS Nationals:**

- **Category 166 Results**

166. Aircraft; Airliners, Airliner Types, and Airships; Basic Kit Build

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1st • Boeing 737-800 — John Kizer, Spring Texas

2nd • American Airlines Fokker 100 — Bill Engar, Bountiful Utah

3rd • Braniff 727 Flying Colors of the United States — David Green, Sugarland Texas

Unfortunately I have NOT been able to get ANY pictures from attendees or the web.....

Treasurer's Report:

The Secretary will provide monetary information quarterly. The next update will be in September.

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

I thought I would give a quick trip report about the Nats. A Thorns and Roses approach follows:

Roses:

1. The kits on the table were for the most part very well done. I personally thought that the best of show was a scratch built motorcycle, that in one word was stunning. But, the judging team saw that differently and chose a WWI howitzer that was installed on a tractor transport. This kit was also very well done.
2. Judging was, I thought, mostly fair, at least with my team. Although there are a lot of complaints about the judging on Facebook, I think it is better to take these criticisms with a grain of salt. As some of the complaints sure seemed like sour grapes to me. I judged a few categories, one in particular was late war Me-109 G6's or later. Talk about a specific category! It was easy to eliminate most of the 109s based on wonky gear or an alignment issue. But it was very difficult selecting the best three. Although we ultimately chose what I thought were the correct winners. I am convinced that if we judged those same models on a different day, or if a different judging team were to look at them, a different set of winners would be chosen. Just goes to show how subjective judging is. If you want to improve, the best way to do so is by judging.
3. I took the airbrush class offered by Grex airbrushes. This class is really for beginners and I would recommend it if you are a beginner or think you could brush up on the basics. Otherwise, your money is better spent in the Vendors Rooms (all three of them). Grex had some great swag, including a great deal for an airbrush/air pump set up.
4. Pacific War Museum in Fredericksburg. Definitely worth a visit. Remind me to talk about Admiral Nimitz and Admiral Togo at the meeting. They were acquaintances prior to the war.
5. Lewis Air Legends - all flyable aircraft here, and F3F-3, two Tigercats, an F-86, a P-39, a Huey Cobra (Vietnam), a few Bearcats, and the P-38 Glacier Girl.
6. Vendors - Some vendors were reasonably priced, I picked up an HK Models B-25J (48th scale) for \$99, including a Squadron walk around book at Squadron Hobbies. Yes, it looks like Squadron is making a comeback and is priced to be competitive.

Thorns:

1. Upon entering the event hall, there were a fewer registration tables. Although there were folks ushering us into one of many lines. The process was a bit slow, mostly due to all of the attendees arriving at once. The thorn is that although I was registered, there was no registration package there for me. Although this eventually got straightened out, it was a pain waiting for closure. Not exactly sure what caused this, but it may have been due to the fact that Gary from Coastal Carolina registered me as assisting him as a vendor.
2. The modeling tables were too close together. It was difficult to navigate, especially during judging.
3. Some folks don't listen. The judges briefing was pretty straightforward. "Don't pick up the models!" And yet, you see it often. Also, some judge dropped a flashlight onto a kit breaking off a propeller on a beautiful A-20G Havoc.
4. Vendors - Some vendors were very expensive, and there were very few deals to be had on Wingnuts. Did I say very expensive. One Hobby Shop vendor there was stepping on the prices

unto 40%. I was in line to buy a HK Models B-25J (48th scale). On sale for \$140. I fortunately went to the Sprue Brothers web site and saw it for \$99 before I purchased and walked away. They would not match prices.

5. Covid



**So...
What's On Tap
At GSSM?**

- **Re-added** *Tips, Tools, & Techniques* section to the Resources section of the newsletter.
- **Stash Winner:** Each member that supplied their count of unbuilt kits got a raffle ticket!! Anyone who was not at the meeting had a ticket pulled by Chaz. All were put in the bucket and the winner of \$25 Ed's Hobby Gift Card was **Andrew Raisis!!** Congrats Andrew!!!
- Jordan notified me that the noted American modeller Mike Fleckenstein has graced the back page of September's **Airfix Model World** magazine with his Libyan Land Crusier diorama!! Wonder what Mike does for fun?? Congrats again!!!
- LAST, but NOT least.....keep reading.....and congratulate the winners....





John Davis won Best Automotive Model award from *The South Carolina Scale Model Mega Show* held in June. Nice work John!!



Mike Fleckenstein placed **FIRST** at the IPMS/USA 2023 Nationals in Texas! Category 247: Armor; Basic Kit Build; 1/72 Armored Cars, Halftracks, and Soft-skinned Vehicles for his BMW R-7R.





Lou Corrieri scored at Nationals as well!! Taking **SECOND** in Category 245. Armor; Basic Kit Build; 1/48 Armored Cars, Halftracks, and Soft-skinned Vehicles for his German Motorcycle/side car and **THIRD** in Category 300. Figures; Dismounted and Mounted; 53mm and smaller for his D-Day Screaming Eagle.



New & Ongoing Business (July/Aug 2023 Edition):

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

2023

- 19 Aug **Silhouette Cameo & Portrait Vinyl Cutters - Chaz**
- 16 Sept **The Right Stuff / Space Race** Group Build Contest w/Show & Tell
- 21 Oct **Mottling – Dayne Taylor**
- 18 Nov Show & Tell
- 16 Dec Christmas Party & Demo TBD

2024

- 20 Jan White Elephant & **Shelf Queen Management** Group Build Contest
- Re-sched **Color Theory – Phil Sicard**



You asked for Demonstrations.....

We ARE looking or demonstrations for 2024!! Presently, this is the schedule for the remainder of 2023:

Aug 2023	Steve "Chaz" Chorazewitz	<i>Silhouette Cameo & Portrait Vinyl Cutters</i>	Chaz will demonstrate the use a Silhouette brand vinyl cutter for making masks, embossing, and cutting balsa wood and plastic. Learn some capabilities and see if these devices can work for you.
Oct 2023	Dayne Taylor	<i>Mottling</i>	Hey, the Germans did it.....why not you? Dayne will demonstrate that delicate art of making things disappear by using splotches of paint like grandpa Klaus did.....
Dec 2023	Christmas Party	<i>TBD</i>	We'll keep it nice & EZ!!
2024	Phil Sicard	<i>Color Theory</i>	Ever wonder why your Olive Drab gets more "drab" when you add white paint?" Phil will demonstrate your need to embrace the rainbow by adding the appropriate pigmented color to attain that impressive modeling color you desire!
	John Davis	<i>Painting/Finishing Automobile Kits</i>	Smoothing out those rough edges to get that special finish!

We're looking for willing victims! Found a cool trick or an easier way to do something.....IF you have something to demonstrate, we'd like to see it! If there is something you'd like to see, we'd like to hear about it! PLEASE send your requests to [Chaz](#). GSSM is your group.....let's make every modeler smarter!!

Did Somebody Say T-Shirts?

Duncan & Earl have been volunteered to take up this project. We're expecting a minor price change but don't panic....yet!!! They will have sign-up sheets soon so have your cash ready!!!



Ok, NOW, it's up to Y'all!!! A run of new GSSM logo'd T-Shirts in Black, Navy Blue, and Dark Grey are available for ordering. Each shirt will be emblazoned with the GSSM logo on the left breast. There is no extra charge for colors so mix and match as desired!!

For an upcharge of \$5.00 you can have the GSSM logo on your backside....of the shirt that is. Check out our Treasurer's T-Shirt.



<i>Length</i>	<i>Sizes</i>	<i>Price (ea)</i>
Regular	S, M, L, XL	\$ 10.00
	XXL	\$ 12.00
	XXXL	\$ 16.00
Tall	S, M, L, XL	\$ 16.00
	XXL	\$ 17.00
	XXXL	\$ 18.00
Large Imprint on Back of Shirt (Add On)		\$ 5.00

T-Shirts first....we'll look into Polos in the fall.

Show & Tell (July 2023 Edition)



Earl kicks it off this time as he continues to build for his friend's museum. Work on the 48th scale Italeri AC-130 continues and he introduced a 48th scale Monogram C-47. Both are looking sharp and will be welcome additions to the museum!!

Jordan finishes off his iDay 4 Alien Spacecraft. It's been a labor of love (and hate) with fit issues.... Lots of work on that paint job!! Looks.....out of this world.....



Well, we've seen this one before!! Jason picked up where John Davis left off and is in the process of finishing the 70s Tamiya kit. It's "shot up" in the back end.....a hole in one!! It's gonna be a "cook-off".



NOT another Messerschmidt!?!?
Rick's at it again with his Zoukei-Mura 1/32nd Bf 109 G14/U4 that he reviewed on the IPMS/USA web site.



Les rolled in with Tamiya's Easy Eight Sherman in 35th! It may not be "Fury" but I'm sure it could kick some butt!! Nice work Les!!



Major "King" Kong never looked so good!!
Dayne rode this one in from the Dr Strangelove movie depicting Slim Pickens' wild ride. A nice break from Dayne's usual aircraft art.



Herb railroaded a French Panhard into an Eastern Front Spähwagen!

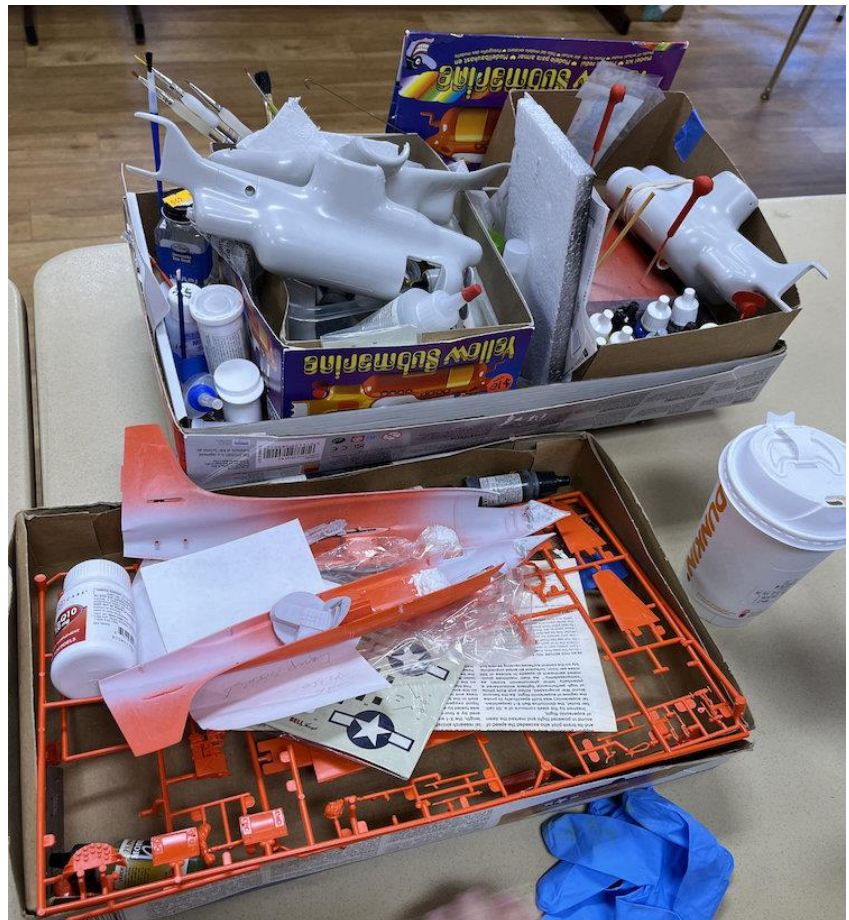
Some modifications were necessary to take the standard ALBY Panhard 178 Draisine to ride the rails!!





Joe is next with a Tamiya 48th scale Mitsubishi in Japan Naval colors! Hey, what are those guys doing in that box? Can't wait to see the result!

...and then there's the OTHER Joe (Baxter) banging on some plastic projects! Yellow Submarines are continuing but wait.....is that his "Right Stuff" (X-1) entry in process. Looks like a 1:1 scale aspirin bottle.... It's making my head hurt too....

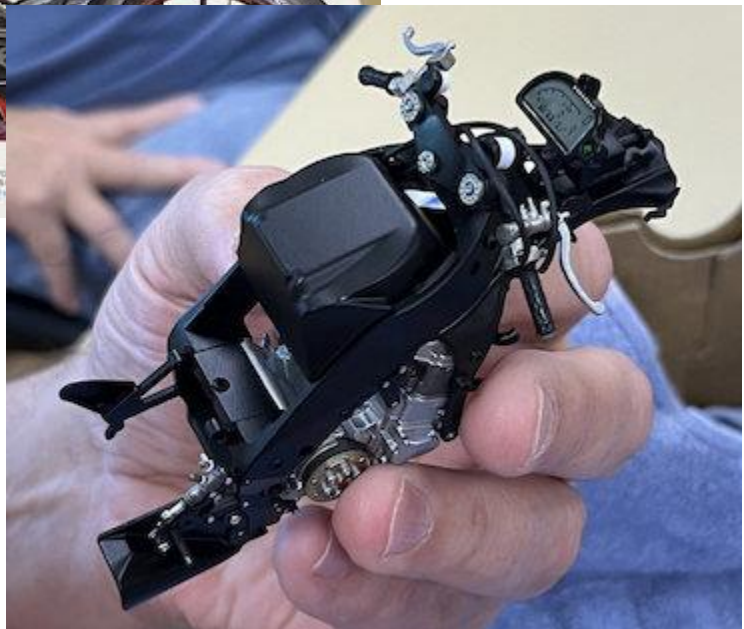




Mike found time to build the 72nd BMW R75 (pictured right) into Rommel's ride! Nice work!!



John is pressing forward with his latest automotive gem!! Showing us his present position on the map and where he intends to go with this build. Maybe we'll have to have a judge off between John's and Phil C's builds!!!
What's with all the motorcycles lately?



Tips, Tools, & Techniques:

This section is for the discussion of any tips, tools, or techniques that can help in the building of scale models. Any GSSM member may participate simply by writing up a paragraph, providing a picture, or two, and sending it to Chaz for adding to an upcoming newsletter.

SCALE CONVERSION CHART					
1/76	1/72	1/48	1/35	1/32	1/24
.0132	.0139	.0208	.0286	.0312	.0417

If you've never seen this before you can utilize this conversion chart to scale a full-size item to an appropriate scale. Might want to keep it in your back pocket or computer for future use!!

Simply.....Amazing!!!

Most of us are aware of using Oven Cleaner, or Brake Fluid, to remove enamel paint....or that crappy chrome that comes on the car kits....BUT, what about acrylic paints?



I recently acquired a pretty rare kit but the thing (completely unbuilt) was covered in acrylic paints!! Not wanting to use gallons of rubbing alcohol I happened to read how Simple Green could be used to easily remove acrylic paint from plastic parts. It was assumed that the sprues had no hard primer, so I gave it a go. In a short amount of time the acrylics dissipated off the sprues as hoped. A soft toothbrush handled the rest. The tracks were painted in enamel paint, so some Oven Cleaner was needed as well but ALL the paint was removed from the kit sprues!!

AS a bonus, it's been said that Simple Green is handy in cleaning your airbrush of acrylic paint as well. Ya really can't beat the price!! Give it a go!! Just make sure you dilute the concentrate.

Upcoming Contests & Events, Resources:

New Kits & Tool Resources:

Site

<i>ScaleMates Modeling Database</i>	News & New Kits
<i>MegaHobby</i>	New Arrivals
<i>Hannants</i>	New Arrivals Future Releases
<i>The Modelling News</i>	Main Page
<i>Cybermodeler Online</i>	Announced Model Kit Releases
<i>IPMS USA Reviews Site</i>	New Kits & Product Reviews

Upcoming Contest & Events



[IPMS/USA National Convention 2024 Information](#)
August 14-17, 2024

Please click on an image to go to the website

FAST TRAX AND **IPMS RACE CITY** Present
More New Categories! **Fall Con '23** **New Online Registration!**

Special Theme Category: Tar Heels in Scale Models with North Carolina connections

September 30th, 2023 9am to 3pm
 UAW 3520 Hall Gym, 2290 Salisbury Hwy (Hwy 70), Statesville NC

Scale Model Contest
 Vendors
 Raffles
 Display Only Area

Model Registration
 Model Registration 9am -12noon
 \$5 First Model, \$1 each additional
 No Fee for Junior Entries

Admission
 \$10 Early Bird (8am-9am)
 \$5 Regular (9am-until)
 Under 16 free w/Paid Adult
 After 9am Active/Retired Military free w/ID

On-site breakfast and lunch available from the UAW 3250 Veterans Committee

Vendor Rentals & Info: Jamie Shumaker, 704-508-1589 fasttraxhobbies@yahoo.com
 Sponsorship and Contest Info: George Witter, 336-757-0909 gsw0802@gmail.com

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Appalachian Scale Modelers Association
 Presents IPMS Region 3 Chapter 51



\$5 General Admission (6 yrs. & under FREE) ————— \$10 First 3 Models
 \$1 Per Extra Model

October 7, 2023 9am - 4pm
 Greenville Recreation Center
 456 E Bernard Ave Greenville, TN 37743

- Contest, Show & Awards •Vendors •Raffle
- Great Fun & Fellowship

Cosponsored by the Greenville Tennessee Parks and Recreation Dept. and HobbyTown USA, Johnson City, TN

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- HUGE RAFFLE
- SEMINARS
- AWARD CEREMONY
- MODELS ON DISPLAY
- COSPLAY
- MINI CAR SHOW
- CLUB SHOOTOUT

VENDORS CONTEST EVENTS

BOOK - ENTER - RESERVE:
WWW.MODELPALOOZA.ORG

"ALL THINGS RECCE"
 2023 IPMS REGION 12 REGIONAL MODEL CONTEST

Saturday, November 4, 2023 9:00AM-4:00PM
 Gastón County Citizens Resource Center
 1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy, Dallas, N.C. 28034

Contestants \$10.00 <i>Unlimited number of models</i>	Special Theme Awards Best Recce Model <i>(This can be air, land, sea, space or sci-fi)</i> Best Great & Best Small <i>(Larger than 1/35-1/32 & Smaller than 1/72-1/76)</i> Best Automotive 1960-1969 <i>(Cars, trucks, commercial, motorcycles)</i>	Trophy Sponsorships \$40.00
Non-Contestants \$5.00 Single Adult (18 & older) \$0.00 Family	83 Contest Categories including 14 for Juniors	Vendor Tables 4' Table \$10.00 8' Table \$20.00

Juniors (17 & under) and Active Duty Military. First Responders (with ID) FREE!

Hosted by Charlotte Scale Modelers & Gastón County Model Builders. Our Regional Contest is being dedicated to the memory of long-time members Jim Kiker (CSM) and Larry Moore (GCMB). We would also like to thank the Gastón County Visitors Bureau for sponsoring this event.

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www.ipmscharlotte.org/



Contest Sites

IPMS USA Events & Contests	Event Calendar
AMPS (Armor Modeling & Preservation Society)	Events accessible via AMPS Main Page
Model Cars Magazine Forum	Contests & Shows
Cybermodeler Online	Scale Modeling Event Calendar

As always....if you find any broken links, or have one to suggest, please let Chaz know!!

Resources

Websites

For kits and supplies:

<https://spruebrothers.com>

<https://www.kitlinx.com>

<https://www.hlj.com>

<https://www.eduard.com>

<https://spraygunner.com>

Modeling Reviews, Forums, and How To's:

<https://ipmsusa.org>

<https://hyperscale.com>

<https://largescaleplanes.com>

<https://doogsmodels.com> <http://umm-usa.com>

<https://forum.ww1aircraftmodels.com/index.php>

<https://www.themodellingnews.com>

<http://www.zone-five.net>

<http://www.plasticmodelsworld.com>

<https://www.cultvmanshop.com>

<https://www.scalemates.com>

Podcasts (download via iTunes, Spotify or your favorite podcast source)

Scale Model Podcast

On the Bench

Plastic Posse Podcast

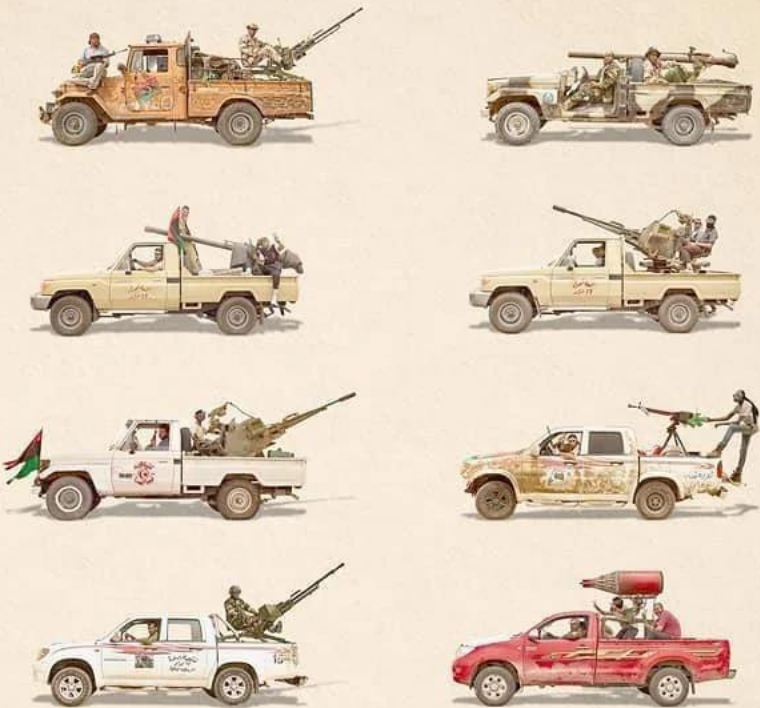
ModelGeeks Podcast

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Sprue Cutters Union

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The Lighter Side




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