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Next Meeting is
10:30am - Saturday – 17 Jan 2026
At
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for December 20th 2025

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

Decembers meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30am, December 20th 2025.

There were 13 members in attendance.

December 20th meeting agenda:

1. President / Vice President welcome (5 Minutes)
2. Club Treasurer Update (5 Minutes)
3. Wings, Wheels and Waves Trip January
4. Beachcon Updates
5. Potluck feast. (30 Minutes)
6. Show and Tell - 5 minute limit (1.5 Hour)
7. White Elephant Gift Exchange (30 Minutes)
8. Any other business (5 Minutes)

- **Welcome/items.** 13 Members joined our meeting today, thanks to everyone who turned up. Phil and Earl are still working on tutoring events at the Veterans Café. (3552 Northgate Dr, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588).
 - **Call to all members,** if you know local business owners, or people who may be interested, please petition them for sponsorship of some categories in the event, it will help us to rebuild our coffers and add some sponsorship to many empty categories. The sponsorship forms can be found [here](#). Standard award category is only \$30 each. Please help us where you can to gain some additional sponsorship. Best of show has been reserved for Andys Hobby Headquarters. We have many Best of Category awards available though at \$40 each.
- **Club Treasurer Update:** Club treasurer skipped town with the balance and had a very merry Christmas 😊. Just kidding, we will get an update on finances at January's meeting.
- **Wings Wheels and Waves Closure/January trip:** Postponed until maybe sometime February. To be confirmed.
- **BeachCon Updates:** No major updates, planning continues.

GRAND STRAND SCALE MODELERS
Presents
Beachcon 2026
Show Theme
The Big Cats

Saturday, March 14, 2026 9am - 4pm
General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center
800 Gabreski Lane, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

General Admission
\$5.00 Single Adult (18 and older)
\$8.00 Family

Contestants
\$10.00
Unlimited number of models

Juniors (17 & under)
and
Active Duty Military (with ID)
FREE

New Show Layout
SUPER RAFFLE!
More Traders
More Contest Categories
On Site Food Concession

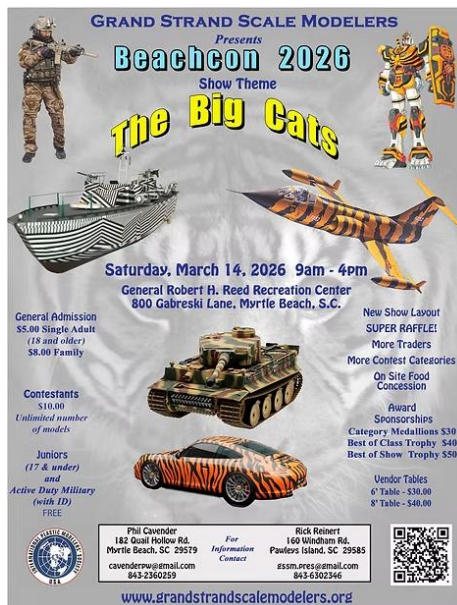
Award Sponsorships
Category Medallions \$30
Best of Class Trophy \$40
Best of Show Trophy \$50

Vendor Tables
6' Table - \$30.00
8' Table - \$40.00

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- **Pot Luck Feast:** Everyone stuffed their faces appropriately, many thanks to all who came prepared. We had Chaz's meatballs, Rick's sausage bites, Jason's shepards pie, Joe's cookies, Harry's cookies and shrimp, Chad's chic fil a nuggets, Scott's veggie plate and lots more, all washed down with Dayne's refreshments. Thank you all for a delicious feast.



- **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. The usual talent on display, items were brought in by Mike, Herb, Joe, Scott, Gabe, Dayne, Harry, Jason and Rick. Some awesome work which can all be viewed on the links above.

Mike's tribute to an old friend, Duane Lockwood, showed his AH-1G Cobra, a fitting tribute to an American Hero. Herb knocked up a super diorama which is just lacking it's final touch, likely a nice German 88 in the street. Joe is killing himself trying to make good on an old Lindberg JU-88 from 12BC. Scott produced a great representation of the Jungle Jim funny car from Atlantis. Gabe is battling with the Dassault Mirage in 72nd scale, coming along nicely. Dayne came good on the latest Japanese instalment, the Nakajima Rufe. Harry got some 'Bad News' with his Chevy Nova, nice looking build Harry! Jason got to work on the Hetzer impressionist, the Swiss G13 tank destroyer. Rick rounded out show and tell with his Wingnut wings FE.2B, another super WWI build!

- **White Elephant Gift Exchange:** Bunch of robbing SOB's. May sweet kits were picked and plundered. A great selection of kits on display, some very nice kits indeed. There were some leftovers which were kept for the raffle in the upcoming Beachcon. Thank you all for making this a fun event.



- *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.*





- **AOB: Happy New Year to all GSSM Members and their families, wishing you all a happy and healthy new year.**

New & Ongoing Business:

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

Jan 2026	Joe Baxter	Lighting Effects	Joe will show us how to bring some lighting realism to our tired old dull models 😊
Feb 2026	John Davis	Tires	John will demo how to breath life into those tires, like the proverbial cat out of the bag, John's tires will come out of their warming blankets!
Apr 2026	Andrew Rasis	Grow Them Trees!	Andrew has agreed to show us all how he makes those fascinating diorama trees.
May 2026	Jason Boggans	Inventory Cataloging	Never buy the same kit again (well, unless the price is just TOOOO good to miss) Scalemates and it's uses.
2026	Scott Murphy	TrackLinks	Dirty those treads! A must for the armor nuts out there.
2026	Mike Fleckenstein	Canopy Polishing & Vacuforming	Mike will polish his bits for us and show us how to create our own vacuformed marvels
2026	Some brave soul	Water Effects	Water water everywhere, but its resin so don't drink it 😞



We ARE looking for demonstrations for 2026!!

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 .

Upcoming Contest & Events

Events CALENDAR 2025/2026 (Regions 2, 3, 11, 12)		
Date	Show	Region / State
January 9 th 2026	Chattanooga Modelcon 2026	3 / Tennessee
February 6 th 2026	JAXCON 2026	11 / Florida
February 28 th 2026	Old Dominion Open	2 / Virginia
March 13 th 2026	Beachcon 2026	12 / South Carolina
March 14 th 2026	Pelicon 2026	11 / Florida
April 4 th 2026	MosquitoCon	2 / New Jersey
April 11 th 2026	Model Expo 2026	11 / Florida
April 11 th 2026	Phantom Phlashers	3 / Alabama
May 2 nd 2026	Space Coast Modelfest 2026	11 / Florida
June 27 th 2026	FloTown Model Showdown	12 / South Carolina
July 18 th 2026	Americana	12 / North Carolina

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