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2023-2024 Club Officers

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Next Meeting is

10:30 AM - Saturday - 16 Sept 2023

at

Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee 141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 Google Maps

Meeting Minutes for Aug 19, 2023

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

August'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:

- His experiences at the IPMS-USA National Convention in Texas.
- Upcoming IPMS-USA Elections and why all IPMS members should take the time to elect officers for the coming term.
- o ALL entries have been posted to the IPMS-USA National Convention website.
- Reiterated "Gift A Kit" Rules/Idea Donate a kit for the BeachCon24 Raffle, you get a ticket for the current meeting's raffle!!
- Mike also discussed new issues based off Nationals experiences.

BeachCon 24 Updates:

- Raffle Team was discussed and agreed that three people would be necessary to operate the process appropriately.
- Proposal for rectangular tables as opposed to round tables to be used for the event.
 The layout would be more conducive to the contest however GSSM would incur an additional cost to rent the tables as the venue does NOT have the tables.
- It was voted on that BeachCons should be a Myrtle Beach GSSM event. Others can assist but it presented as a *Grand Strand Scale Modeler's* event.
- Need group members to aid in the "Planning Committee" for the event.
- Should judges each get a raffle ticket? Could help with volunteers. Would it seem as "home cooking"? This subject is pending further clarification & a vote.

GSSM T-Shirts:

 Duncan explained the purchase process and all members were provided the ability to purchase shirts at that point. Hopefully all T-Shirts would be ready by the September meeting.

Group Builds:

 A quick reminder of the "The Right Stuff/Space Race" Group Build is scheduled for the September meeting. Good Luck!! "Shelf Queen Management" Group Build is scheduled for January 2024's meeting. The kit must be partially started and at least two years old to be eligible for the build. Get 'em out boys!!

Coming Air Shows:

- Jason suggested that we plan a group run for <u>JB Charleston Air Expo</u>. Dates are April 20/21, 2024.
- The <u>Warbirds Over Monroe Air Show</u> is coming up. Dates are November 11/12, 2023.
 Again, if anyone is interested in making a joint run let us know and we'll try to make a go of it.
- Ed's Hobby Shop: Anybody got any Updates?

Treasurer's Report – 11 Sept, 2023:

The Treasurer's report was provided by Phil Cavender. Closing balance was \$3040.67

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

There has been a kerfuffle of late in the IPMS Modeling World. There is a push from some corners to change the approach to how judging contests is to be done. The BLUF (or bottom-line up front) is some folks would like to go to a Gold/Silver/Bronze approach, wherein each model is judged against a set criteria, much like the criteria currently in use today. However, instead of awarding the top three models in a category, each model is eligible to win an award if it meets the criteria for a Gold, Silver, or Bronze award. The top three models would still get first, second, or third. What are your thoughts?



• You will find Silhouette Cameo/Portrait information around the Show & Tell section of this newsletter!! Hope it inspires you to "give it a go"!!

Chay!

- Thanks Duncan for taking Show/Tell notes while I readied the demo.
- Group Builds, Good Times, & a Raffle!!
- Sorry guys, that's all I got this month!!

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

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

2023

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:

Oct 2023	Dayne Taylor	Mottling	Hey, the Germans did itwhy not you? Dayne will demonstrate that delicate art of making things disappear by using splotches of paint like grandpa Klaus did
2024	Phil Sicard	Color Theory	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!
2024	John Davis	Painting/Finishing Automobile Kits	Smoothing out those rough edges to get that special finish!
2024	Volunteer	or we will PICK volunteers!	Hey, pick your nose if you want to

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!!



The NEW T-Shirts are here! The NEW T-Shirts are here!!!

The newsletter editor has been informed that those pesky new GSSM T-Shirts have been picked up and should be available for distribution at this Saturday's (19th Sept) meeting!!!

Thanks to Duncan and Earl for taking this one by the horns.....err collar....

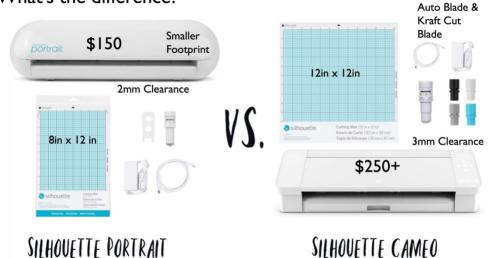
Demonstration Notes

Silhouette Portrait & Cameo Vinyl Cutters – Chaz

More information on both devices can be found at \$\silhouette\$



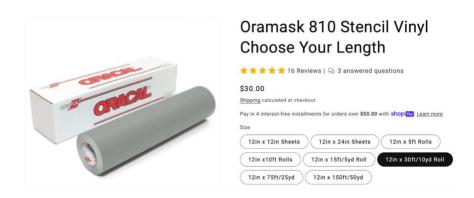
What's the difference?



Both are excellent devices. Though the Cameo has more capabilities, the Portrait sits next to my modeling table and gets more usage due to its smaller footprint.

I cut my feeder sheets in half (length) as I don't do much outside of 6 inches. Keeps down on waste of Oramask sheets.

Even if you don't purchase/use a vinyl cutter, this is still some of the best masking stuff you'll ever find! Many modeling mask companies are moving to this medium due to its cleaner cuts and translucent properties. Available for purchase here: CraftCutterSupply.com



Some Reminders:

- Silhouette (software & cutter) requires Vector based drawings (SVG).
- Silhouette Studio (software) is quite adequate BUT you may want to investigate other vectorbased drawing programs such as Adobe Illustrator, Affinity Designer, Inkscape, and Gimp.
- No direct Silhouette Studio software for iPad but many 3rd party apps are available.
- Learn to Cheat as there is artwork all over the web that can be tailored to your needs. Use Wikipedia's artwork where available.
- Practice & Patience Skills learned here will help with 3D Printing and Lasers!!

Show & Tell (Aug 2023 Edition)

Jason brought in two Bandai Boba Fett figures: One from the original Star Wars trilogy, the other, from the newer (but chronologically older) Mandalorian series.

He also showed off a 3-D printed resin Darth Vader bust done using the NE Cubic Viper.





Dayne brought in his handpainted Warhammer Space Marine. I think he got tired of all those subdued aircraft paint schemes.



Andrew seems to have finished his 1/35 Italeri Pak 40 diorama 'Waiting for Ivan' -showing an early German anti-tank team somewhere in the Soviet Union in 1941 or 1942

...and Duncan is peeking round that lady's hedgerows:

A 1/35 Normandy Hedgerow vignette with two Dragon figures. The hedges were made with twigs, loofah sponge, and Woodland Scenic's mosses and vines.



Harry brought in his Tamiya 1/24 Subaru BRZ. He painted the wheels in Tamiya gold to make them pop.



Rick Reinert brought in a Medal of Honor recipient's F4F-3 Wildcat from the Battle of Wake Island. Capt. Henry Talmage "Hammerin' Hank" Elrod, USMC, was posthumously promoted to Major and awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on 12 Dec, 1941 including the dispatching of two enemy aircraft and the sinking of the Japanese destroyer Kisaragi.

Eduard's 1/48th F4F-3



Lou & Mike both brought there IPMS Nationals Winners in as well. (*Please see July's GSSM Newsletter for visuals.*) Mike also brought in a new kit.....but is it too soon? It is understood that Special Hobby was on the



cusp of releasing this kit when it met it's fatal end. Not making light of the loss, the Titan was a groundbreaking deep-water explorer, a path-finder in the use of newer technologies for undersea exploration.

Though it met a tragic end, hopefully much information can be acquired from its use.

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.

Upcoming Contests & Events, Resources:

New Kits & Tool Resources:

Site

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

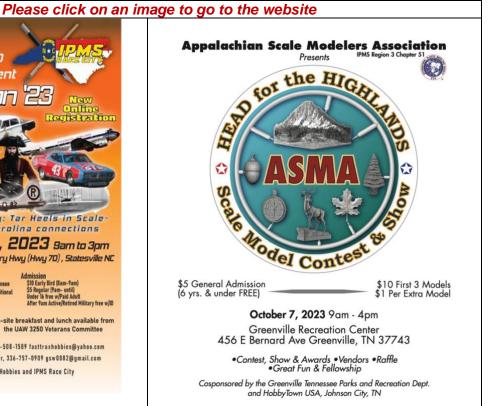
Upcoming Contest & Events



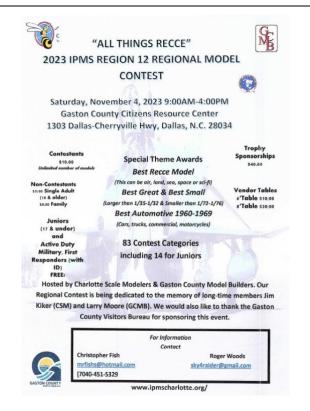
IPMS/USA National Convention 2024 Information

August 14-17, 2024













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

SCALE CONVERSION CHART						
1/76						
.0132	.0139	.0208	.0286	.0312	.0417	

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.culttvmanshop.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

Plastic Model Mojo

Sprue Cutters Union

Just Making Conversation

The Lighter Side

