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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.
 - 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 [JB Charleston Air Expo](#). Dates are April 20/21, 2024.
 - The [Warbirds Over Monroe Air Show](#) 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”!!
- 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!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chaz'.

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 for demonstrations for 2024!! Presently, this is the schedule for the remainder of 2023:

Oct 2023	<i>Dayne Taylor</i>	<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.....
2024	<i>Phil Sicard</i>	<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!
2024	<i>John Davis</i>	<i>Painting/Finishing Automobile Kits</i>	Smoothing out those rough edges to get that special finish!
2024	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>...or we will PICK volunteers!</i>	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!

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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](https://www.silhouette.com)

What's the difference?

SILHOUETTE PORTRAIT

SILHOUETTE CAMEO

Auto Blade & Kraft Cut Blade

2mm Clearance

3mm Clearance

8in x 12 in

12in x 12in

\$150

\$250+

Smaller Footprint

VS.

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](https://www.craftcuttersupply.com)

Oramask 810 Stencil Vinyl
Choose Your Length

★★★★★ 16 Reviews | 3 answered questions

\$30.00

Shipping calculated at checkout.

Pay in 4 interest-free installments for orders over \$50.00 with [shop](#) [Learn more](#)

Size

12in x 12in Sheets 12in x 24in Sheets 12in x 5ft Rolls

12in x 10ft Rolls 12in x 15ft/5yd Roll **12in x 30ft/10yd Roll**

12in x 75ft/25yd 12in x 150ft/50yd

Some Reminders:

- Silhouette (software & cutter) requires Vector based drawings (SVG).
- Silhouette Studio (software) is quite adequate BUT you may want to investigate other vector-based 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 hand-painted 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

culp 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

<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

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-noon)
Under 16 free w/Paid Adult
After 9am Active/Retired Military free w/ID

Scan the QR code for the latest forms, flyers, and info.
Visit us on the web at:
<http://ipmsraceway.com>
or
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/IPMSRaceCity>

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

Vender Rentals & Info: Jamie Shumaker, 704-508-1589 fasttraxhobbies@yahoo.com
Sponsorship and Contest info: George Witter, 336-757-0909 gsw0882@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook: Fast Trax Hobbies and IPMS Race City

Appalachian Scale Modelers Association
Presents IPMS Region 3 Chapter 51

HEAD for the HIGHLANDS
ASMA
Scale Model Contest & Show

\$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

"THE RIGHT STUFF"

- OVER 500 ATTENDEES
- 3 DAYS
- 12K SQ FT
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- ALL AGES WELCOME
- 5 MIN FROM
- ATTRACTIONS
- \$111 RM NIGHTS
- GSB AWARDS
- \$5 GEN. ADMISSION
- VENDOR DEALS
- 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
Gaston County Citizens Resource Center
1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy, Dallas, N.C. 28034

Contestants
\$10.00
Unlimited number of models

Non-Contestants
\$10.00 Single Adult (18 & older)
\$8.00 Family

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

Special Theme Awards
Best Recce Model
(This can be air, land, sea, space or sci-fi)
Best Great & Best Small
(Larger than 1/35-1/32 & Smaller than 1/72-1/76)
Best Automotive 1960-1969
(Cars, trucks, commercial, motorcycles)

Trophy Sponsorships
\$40.00

Vendor Tables
4' Table \$10.00
8' Table \$20.00

83 Contest Categories including 14 for Juniors

Hosted by Charlotte Scale Modelers & Gaston 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 Gaston County Visitors Bureau for sponsoring this event.

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www.ipmscharlotte.org/

GRAND STRAND SCALE MODELERS
Presents
BeachCon 2024
IPMS/USA Region 12 Convention
The Road to Victory
80th Anniversary of D-Day
June 6, 1944
Saturday, March 23, 2024 9am - 4pm
General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center
800 Gabreski Lane, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Special Theme Awards
Best D-Day - June 6, 1944 Entry
Best Marine Corps Entry

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

Contestants \$10.00
Unlimited number of models

Over 50 Contest Categories

Expanded Vendor & Contest Areas!

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

On Site Food Concession!

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

SUPER Raffle!

Active Duty Military (with ID) FREE

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for more information please visit
www.grandstrandmodelers.org

Northern Virginia Modelers
Model Classic 2024
The Road to Victory
80th Anniversary of D-Day
June 6, 1944
Saturday, April 13, 2024
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Fairfax High School
3501 Lion Run, Fairfax, VA 22030

General Admission
\$10.00 Single Adult (18 and older)
\$15.00 Family

Contestants
\$15.00
Unlimited number of models

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

Make & Take FREE for the Kids! (17 & under)

Award Sponsorships
Category: \$30.00
Best of Class: \$50.00

Vendor Tables \$30.00 per table

On Site Food Concession

Super Raffle

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www.novaiipms.org
Show Sponsorship & Food Concession
Fairfax High School
PTSA All Night Grad Committee

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	1/72	1/48	1/35	1/32	1/24
.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.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

Plastic Model Mojo

Sprue Cutters Union

Just Making Conversation

The Lighter Side

