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Next Meeting is  
**11am - Saturday – 16 May 2026**  
At  
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee  
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588  
[Google Maps](#)

## **Meeting Minutes for April 18<sup>th</sup> 2026**

### **Grand Strand Scale Modelers**

April's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30am, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2026.

There were 16 members in attendance.

#### **April 18th meeting agenda:**

1. **President / Vice President welcome (5 Minutes)**
2. **Club Treasurer Update (5 Minutes)**
3. **BeachCon 2027 theme discussion (20 Minutes)**
4. **Show and Tell - ~5 minute allotment per person (75 Minutes)**
5. **Beachcon Appreciation Lunch, pizza. (45 Minutes)**
6. **Monthly Club Raffle (5 Minutes)**
7. **Any other business (5 Minutes)**

- **Welcome/items.** 16 Members joined our meeting today, thanks to everyone who turned up. We welcomed a new member today, recently moved to Myrtle Beach environs from New Jersey we had Joe Stemmler, an avid car model builder who got wind of our little gathering mainly from attending Beachcon 2026. Welcome to the group Joe. A reminder was issued to all members that FloCon by the PeeDee scale modelers takes place on June 27<sup>th</sup> in Florence, please mark your calendars and try your best to attend and support their first show. Beachcon 2027 will take place in the same location as normal, the General Robert Reed Center in the Market Common.
- **Club Treasurer Update:** Current balance @ approx. \$4400, some additional monies from the club coffers were spent to purchase a collection from a local gentleman who was getting rid of models, \$500 was invested in many quality kits which will be for next year's raffle.
- **BeachCon 2027 theme discussion:** Lively discussion on the options presented and the consensus after some conversation was to amalgamate 'Freedom 250' and 'The next 250 years' into one theme, '**Freedom 250 and Beyond**'. This theme is wide enough to allow many different possible entries, the theme details have still to be formulated but it will be along the lines of anything American/Stars and Stripes, American Revolutionary, US themed, anything futuristic or fantastical. Entrants will choose themselves whether they wish to be included in the judging for this contest by selecting the check box on the entry form, they must select this to be considered.
- **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. Some nice models on display again, keep up the great work all and don't forget to get moving on your British themed entries for the group build in June.
- *As usual - All members are always encouraged to post their 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.*
- **Pizza Party:** Members in attendance enjoyed some pizzas and soda from the club, pizza was from Palmetto Pointe Pizza and was delicious! Many thanks again to all for their help at Beachcon.
- **Monthly Club Raffle:** Number of nice raffle items this month to add to the club coffers, thanks to all who purchased some tickets and congratulations to the winners.
- **AOB:** Our local neighbors, PeeDee Scale Modelers will have their show on June 27<sup>th</sup> 2026, I believe a decent contingent of the club are planning on attending. Details are available here: <https://peedeescalemodelers.org/flotown-model-showdown>
- **Club Apparel:** We will order some new t-shirts and hats in the coming weeks, anyone who wants some please respond to the mail from Jason and I will collate and share with Earl for printing. Prices are \$16 per shirt and \$14 for hats.

## New & Ongoing Business:

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

May 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!
Jul 2026	Andrew Raisis	Grow Them Trees!	Andrew has agreed to show us all how he makes those fascinating diorama trees.
Aug 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/Joe Baxter	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 2026 (Regions 2, 3, 11, 12)		
Date	Show	Region / State
April 11 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Model Expo 2026</a>	11 / Florida
April 11 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Phantom Phlashers</a>	3 / Alabama
April 11 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Scale Model Expo Villages</a>	11 / Florida
April 18 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">IPMS NV Model Classic</a>	2 / Virginia
April 26 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">NewFlight – Gundam</a>	11 / Florida
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Space Coast Modelfest 2026</a>	11 / Florida
May 30 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Smoky Mountain Model Con</a>	3 / Tennessee
June 6 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">ScottCon 2026</a>	3 / Georgia
June 27 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">FloTown Model Showdown</a>	12 / South Carolina
June 27 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">PAMSCON</a>	11 / Florida
July 18 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Americana</a>	12 / North Carolina
August 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">IPMS USA National Convention</a>	4 / Indiana
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Virginia Shootout</a>	2 / Virginia
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2026	<a href="#">49<sup>th</sup> Annual HPMS Show</a>	3 / Alabama
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Flight 19 Modelfest</a>	11 / Florida
September 26 <sup>th</sup> 2026	<a href="#">Fall Con 26</a>	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 &amp; Contests</i>	<a href="#">Event Calendar</a>
<i>AMPS (Armor Modeling &amp; Preservation Society)</i>	Events accessible via <a href="#">AMPS Main Page</a>
<i>Model Cars Magazine Forum</i>	<a href="#">Contests &amp; Shows</a>
<i>Cybermodeler Online</i>	<a href="#">Scale Modeling Event Calendar</a>

## Scale Modeler Resources / Sites

<b>Scalemates</b>	<a href="https://www.scalemates.com/">https://www.scalemates.com/</a>	Stash management, reviews, genealogy, instructions
<b>IPMS Website</b>	<a href="https://ipmsusa.org/">https://ipmsusa.org/</a>	Members Info, events
<b>You Tube</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/">https://www.youtube.com/</a>	Source for how to's, build videos, tutorials and more