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Next Meeting is
10:30 AM - Saturday – 27 Apr 2024
At
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for Mar 16, 2024 Grand Strand Scale Modelers

March's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, Mar 16th. There were **12** members in attendance.

- **Rick called the meeting to order:**

- Rick welcomed all members and asked if anyone had pressing issues to add to the meeting's agenda.
- The meeting focused on:
 - BeachCon roster/duties for GSSM personnel and spouses.
 - IPMS Judging techniques (Mike).
 - *Embracing the Needle* demonstration (Chaz).
 - Show & Tell.

- **BeachCon 24 Report**

- Everything is GO!!
- Tables, and U-Haul, acquired/rented.
- Additional bodies will be available for teardown.
- All were reminded to bring their entries, and payment, on Friday as well as their muscle to help set-up.
- Duty roster was discussed.
- This year there would be door prizes with tickets to help with traffic count (entrants vs visitors).
- Floor was open to anyone having questions or concerns pertaining to any aspect of BeachCon. Some points of judging were readdressed and discussed.
- Andrew provided a copy of his spreadsheet for supplying pricing details for the GSSM sales table. The spreadsheet was modified slightly and emailed to all GSSM personnel.
- Lanyards would be supplied by Phil for all GSSM personnel.
- ***ON WITH THE SHOW!!!***

- **Other Stuff**

- A quick Old Dominion contest report was given by Rick. "Decent" contest with good vendors but more of a "closet clean-out" for raffle items.

- GSSM will be donating \$100 to the library's "Play Ground" fund. GSSM gives back! This will keep us in good standing with the library! 😊
- Reminder, "**Not Another Messerschmidt!**" group build is scheduled for the May meeting. Again, this can be **ANYTHING** (planes, armor, cars, figures....) German.....just not any kind of Messerschmidt!!

New & Ongoing Business:

Voting: BeachCon Contest Scheduling - The group will vote on moving BeachCon to every other year (biennial) or to continue as an annual event. This vote will take place during the April meeting.

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

2024	
Apr 27 : 1030	<i>Decal Application – Rick Reinert</i>
May 18	Group Build – Not Another Messerschmidt – ANYTHING German that is NOT a Messerschmidt
2024	Your Demonstration Here!!! Get Signed Up!!



You asked for Demonstrations.....

We ARE looking for demonstrations for 2024!! Incorporation of requested demonstrations will be scheduled and volunteers will be picked.....

April 2024	<i>Rick Reinert</i>	<i>Decal Application</i>	From stencils to a wing full of German lozenge camouflage....Rick's your guy! All the ins & outs of applying those pesky translucent pieces of art that can make, or break, your build!!
2024	<i>John Davis</i>	<i>Painting/Finishing Automobile Kits</i>	Smoothing out those rough edges to get that special finish!
2024	<i>Andrew Raisis</i>	<i>Grow Them Trees!</i>	Andrew has agreed to show us all how he makes those fascinating diorama trees. Hopefully, MiniArt will have scale racoons, squirrels, and birds soon....
2024	<i>Rick Reinert</i>	<i>Wood Simulation</i>	Whether it's WWI propeller's or P-51 plywood cockpit floors, Rick's can help you get your wood.....effect to be closer to realism.
2024	<i>Your Name Here!!</i>	<i>Show Us Your Stuff</i>	You're the best at it.... Show us how it's done!!! GSSM is your group.....let's make every modeler smarter!!

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

Well, BeachCon24 has come and gone. The show was a success, and the feedback that I received from the vendors and those that attended was overall good. As usual, some vendors did better than others. I am looking forward to hearing your feedback and your views at the next meeting. Here are the counts...

Total attendees consisted of 86 entrants and 114 visitors.

Again, I want to thank all of you for helping and participating in the show.

Category	2023	2024
Juniors	13	13
Aircraft	75	62
Military Vehicles	96	42
Figures	53	70
Ships	18	28
Civilian Vehicles	101	77
Space & Sci-Fi	13	14
Diorama & Vignette	33	20
Miscellaneous	15	9
Totals	417	335



Gonna be some changes 'round here.....

First things first.... Unfortunately, personal events precluded me from following up on some things for the newsletter. One of these are supplemental documents pertaining to my hypodermic tubing (needle) demonstration. I have come up with a couple more techniques to add as well as a tools listing. I also followed up on one of Mike’s suggestions and I found a supplier for the very slender pin-vise at a reasonable price. For brevity sakes, I will start a two-page addendum and will get it out by EARLY next week (29th Apr week). Sorry, but it seems I have less control of my schedule the more I am “retired” I’m sure you have the same issue(s).

Yet another vote to cast....

At the end of this newsletter, you will find another ballot proposing a change to the BeachCon cycle from an annual (yearly) to a biennial event. A YES vote will move our BeachCon contest to every other year (biennial) where a NO vote would retain BeachCon as an annual event. Please cast your vote accordingly. I will also send it out as a single file that you can print and bring to the meeting on Saturday (27th of Apr). If you cannot attend, please advise of your vote and/or send back a completed ballot.

Resources Page(s) & Other IPMS/USA Group Newsletters

To keep the newsletter as lightweight as possible I will be moving the “Resources” section to the website in the not-too-distant future. The Resources section will be retained in PDF format for easy modification as well as

viewing and downloading. Some effort will be made to make the Resources page a tad more user friendly as well. The contests listing will be retained within the newsletter.

Some of these changes will be reflected while the newsletter is moved to an appropriate desktop publisher so that all the glitz and glamor can be applied. This will also make the newsletter a little easier to modify and enhance in the long run. Stay tuned.....

I've had a couple requests to add sections or pieces of other group's newsletters to ours. There for a while we were getting many of the newsletters sent to some of us....or at least links....but that has seemed to have stopped. To try to quell the requests, I, personally, went out and scoured the IPMS/USA website but was unable to find ANY reference on how to sign up....or even an access point to ANY of the existing newsletters. Due to time constraints, I have NOT contacted Mark Young (an ole' mate from Wright-Patterson days) to see what the deal is and/or if there IS a way to sign up.

Though I know quite a few groups (or at least it has been said) have a newsletter I'm not so sure it's not going the way of manual transmission.....ok, buggy whip. As a former IT guy, I completely understand that "newsletters" are usually outdated before they go out the door. That being said, however, many like to have something that reminds them of the prior meeting....or what's coming up. This is one of the reasons why I'm looking at "moving" as much as possible to the GSSM web site except for meeting "minutes", notes, and show & tell. There is already quite a bit of duplication of efforts between the newsletter and the website so why not use the "bits" more effectively. Stay tuned, I...or moreover "we"....are trying to determine the most effective use of both mediums without it becoming "busy work" for anyone. Stay Tuned!!!

Late Note: Please notice that there has NOT been a "[Newsletter of the Year Award](#)" at the IPMS/USA website since 2022!! Hummmm.....

Demonstration Requests

Well, here we are again..... If you recall, we had a brief discussion pertaining to some “wants” and “like to see” demonstrations. PLEASE send me any other items you would like to add to the list!! I hope to make our group a Demo HQ for our purposes and to entice others to drop by!! This is what I have from that discussion:

Canopy Polishing	Best methods and how to!! You can polish the floors too....
Masking Techniques	Tape, masking fluid, other mediums, and techniques
Scribing	Tools, techniques, & tips.
Making Tarpsfor aircraft too!!!
Weathering	Too general so we would break it up into specific demos.
Figure Painting	Maybe we can get Calvin Tan to drop by....
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 (Andrew & Chaz)
Making Waves	Ok, how to make water.....and you wonder why we would use the Foam Board demo first....
Adding Electronics to your build.	Andrew & Joe Baxter have the Ins & Outs!!!

Yes comrade, your GSSM score matters!!

Ok, NOT to ruffle feathers, but to bolster maybe a little more participation some groups assign merit points to group members based on “achievements”. Bringing in something for Show & Tell gets you a couple, participating in a Group Build gets you so many points, showing the “GSSM” flag at a contest and reporting, maybe with some photos, gets you a few more!! An IPMS/USA product evaluation or attending the National Contest nets you some big cabbage.... Bringing in a new interested party.....performing a demonstration.....MEGA points!!! You get the idea!!

Someone would keep score....ahhhh....a “leader board” of sorts.....and at the end of the year...or beginning of the next, the **GSSM MVP Trophy** would be ceremonially handed off to the MVP (guy with most points) for the prior year. The award would, of course, transfer to the next MVP the following year. Maybe we’d do something so your name could be put on it....kind of like the Stanley Cup of GSSM. Shall we discuss in an upcoming meeting?? Maybe implement in 2025???

P/S: Heard we had some winners in Columbia!!! I’ll let THEM bring in their prize winners and recount their stories!!! Hint, Hint!!

Show & Tell

Winging in at 48th scale....Earl brought in his Modelcraft Noorduyn UC-64A Norseman. Done up in requested markings and camo of a friend who's parent operated the aircraft.

Another fine job in making other's happy to have a piece of their loved-ones history.



Talk about a blast from the past.... Earl also brought in a return from a previous project that included this 48th scale Monogram TBD-1 Devastator. Everybody remembers this classic kit as it was on the shelf in every five & dime store way back when!! Once again, nice job Earl!





Going for a more modern transport, Joe rotates in with his Italeri 48th scale USMC V-22 Osprey. Having a few issues with the lower seams, and overall length of the darn thing, Joe managed to pull off a pretty snazzy representation of the modern-day pick-up truck!! Looks good Joe!!! Really good!! Anybody need a ride? Unlike the previous two, I'll bet this one has power steering.....



Andrew has finished his Eduard's ProfiPack 1/48th He 280. No longer a "shelf-queen", it's ready for prime time..... Surely, he'll put it into the BeachCon24 ring!!

Of course he will, and stop calling him Shirley..... ;)

Very nice Andrew, very nice!!



Upcoming Contest & Events



IPMS/USA National Convention 2024 Information

July 17-20, 2024

Please click on an image to go to the website

<p style="text-align: center;">SAVE THE DATE!!</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;">   </div> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Model FEST 2024</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday May 4, 2024 9:00am-5:00pm At The Azan Shriners Center 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne, FL. 32935</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presented by...</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>IPMS SPACECOAST Building Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow International Plastic Modelers' Society</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">This Years Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May the 4th be with you... Any Star Wars related model! • "4" the heck of it... Any Aircraft, Armor or Automotive model with a 4 in it.. (Examples.. F4 Phantom, M4 Sherman, 442 Oldsmobile... etc..) This theme award will be awarded in each of the Aircraft, Armor and Automotive categories! <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; gap: 10px;">    </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold, Silver and Bronze awards in all categories! • Packed Vendor Room for all of your modeling needs! • (Admission: Adults \$5 - Kids Free) <p style="text-align: center;">Schedule of Events:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">6:30 am - 9:00 am</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Vendor Set Up..</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Open to Public.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9:00 am</td> <td>Judging..</td> <td>Judging..</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1:00 pm - 3:00 pm</td> <td>Model Registration..</td> <td>Model Registration..</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9:00 am - Noon</td> <td>Awards..</td> <td>Awards..</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4:00 pm - 5:00 pm</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">For more Information:</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Rick Ostman - 321-890-7666 rickostman@yahoo.com Chuck Smith - 321-639-8475 bcsmith@cfl.rr.com Andy Caldwell 321-633-4541 426hemiterp@gmail.com IPMS Space Coast Website www.ipmsspacecoast.com</p>	6:30 am - 9:00 am	Vendor Set Up..	Open to Public.	9:00 am	Judging..	Judging..	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Model Registration..	Model Registration..	9:00 am - Noon	Awards..	Awards..	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm			<h2 style="text-align: center;">41st Annual Smoky Mtn Model-Con</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Presented by the Knoxville Scale Modelers Association</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <h1 style="color: red;">I WANT YOU TO COME TO THE SHOW</h1> <p style="color: blue;">Show Theme:</p> <h2 style="color: green;">"1946-1955"</h2> <p style="color: blue;">VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> WWW.KNOXVILLESCELEMODELERS.COM </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p style="color: red; text-decoration: underline;">Saturday May 25, 2024</p> <p>9:00 am to 4:00 pm</p> <p>KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC H.S. (in the gymnasium) 9245 FOX LONAS RD. NW KNOXVILLE, TN 37923</p> <p>MODEL CONTEST aircraft, armor, autos, figures, sci-fi/fantasy, ships, dioramas and more</p> <p style="color: red;">Contest entry forms & judging info available on our website.</p> <p>HOBBY VENDORS RAFFLE DRAW (with great prizes)</p> <p>Contestant Admission: Adults - \$10.00 for first 3 models and \$1.00 for each additional model. 18 and under - FREE</p> <p>General Admission: Adults - \$5.00 18 and under - FREE</p> <p style="color: red;">SEE BACK FOR SHOW CONTACT INFORMATION AND CATEGORIES.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"></div> </div>
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 <p style="text-align: center;">(2022 was a great show & we're BACK!!) Early <i>discounted</i> registration now available Same great venue! Same fun event! More categories to enter! Pre-Register and save here: https://www.ecpmod.com/model-entry.html</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Roanoke Valley Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society Presents the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2024</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>78 Contest Categories</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>VIRGINIA SHOOTOUT</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Special Awards: Best Great War Subject Best Italian Subject Best "REAL MODEL" Subject The LEO Award</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Keeping History Alive...One Model At A Time. Scale Model Contest, Show and Swap Meet. Saturday August 10 Salem Civic Center Salem VA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vendor Setup 6:30am Doors Open: 9:00am - Awards Start: 4:30pm</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Visit RVIPMS.COM for rules clarifications, itinerary and other info.</p> <table style="width: 100%; font-size: small;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Contest Chairman & Vendor Contact Greg Clower 540-650-1552 gclower@aol.com</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Co-Chairman & Club Contact Rocky Sink 540-580-2023 snkchevcol@aol.com</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Raffle Donation & Sponsor Contact Tim Ward 540-353-2177 twardf86@aol.com</td> </tr> </table>	Contest Chairman & Vendor Contact Greg Clower 540-650-1552 gclower@aol.com	Co-Chairman & Club Contact Rocky Sink 540-580-2023 snkchevcol@aol.com	Raffle Donation & Sponsor Contact Tim Ward 540-353-2177 twardf86@aol.com
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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!!

Issue # 1: Change BeachCon Contest to a Biennial Event

Should the BeachCon Contest be moved to an event that occurs every other year (biennial) or continue as a yearly (annual) event?

A **YES** vote agrees to the moving of BeachCon Contest to a biennial (every other year) event. A **NO** vote constitutes retention of the BeachCon Contest to an annual (yearly) event.

Issue # 1 – Move BeachCon to a Biennial Event:

YES**NO***Please Circle Only One*