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Next Meeting is

10:30am - Saturday – 15 Nov 2025

At

Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
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Google Maps

Meeting Minutes for October 18th 2025
Grand Strand Scale Modelers

July's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 1:30 PM, October 18th 2025.

There were **13** members in attendance.

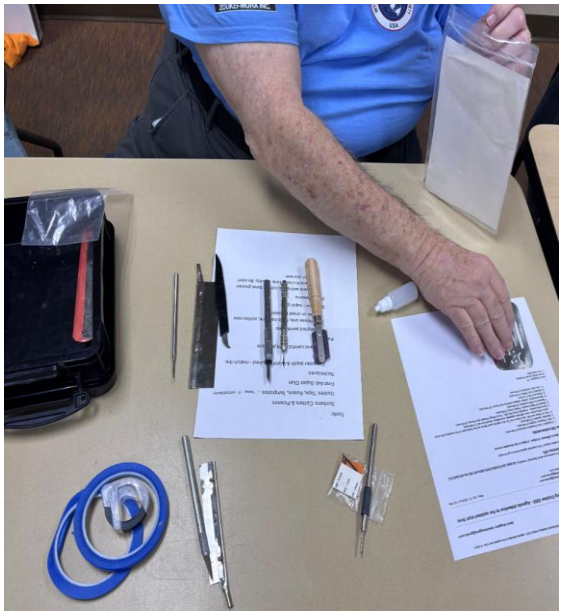
October 18th meeting agenda:

1. President / Vice President welcome (5 Minutes)
2. Club Treasurer Update (5 Minutes)
3. Member Updates (10 Minutes)
4. Vote on Show and Tell - time limit or no? Do the majority want this to be the focal point of the meeting with other topics being taken more offline/to separate committees, BeachCon etc? (5 Minutes)
5. Upcoming events - Charlotte Show Nov 8th, Trip to Wings Wheels and Waves (5 Minutes)
6. BeachCon Merit Awards / Poker Chips (5 Minutes)
7. BeachCon 2026 Updates (10 Minutes)
8. Demonstration: Jordan displays scribing techniques (30 Minutes)
9. Show and Tell (1.5 Hour)
10. Monthly Club Raffle (10 Minutes)
11. Any other business (5 Minutes)

- **Welcome/items**. 13 Members joined our meeting today, down a few from last month. Phil and Herb are working to organize a tutoring event at the Veterans Café, date and time to be confirmed (3552 Northgate Dr, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588). Samples of the poker chips for merit awards were shown around, generally considered acceptable. More will be ordered.
- **Club Treasurer Update**: Club finances stand at **$3,128,52**.
- **Member Updates**: Mike received the Region 12 Website of the year award, great job Mike!

- **Vote on Show and Tell**: Unanimous vote for time limitation of 5 minutes per person to ensure we get through show and tell for everyone. Next meeting we will initiate this rule. 1 minute warning will be given!
- **Upcoming events:** 7 hands for trip to the Charlotte show on November 8th. Some ride sharing will be underway. Also had planned for WW&W trip on January 3rd however their announcement of the store closing ensured some members went on Saturday 25th October, they have some good discounts and anyone with a full or partial card from their store can also get some extra discounts.
- **BeachCon Merit Awards / Poker Chips:** As above, samples were handed around, generally considered acceptable, wheels in motion to order additional for BeachCon and upcoming shows.

- **Demonstration:** Scribing with Jordan, Jordan showed us the ins and out of scribing all sorts of issues away, the tools of the trade were on display and a much appreciated demo was delivered, many thanks Jordan!



- **Beachcon 2026 Updates**: Flyer below (thanks Mike). We already have 4 vendors signed up for next years competition. Contest entries in the back room and vendor / raffle will be in the main ballroom. Award Medals are now all procured and present, Chaz has ordered the Acrylic awards. Category awards will be: **2 Special Awards** (Theme Award – The Big Cats, Founders Award), **11 Best of Class Awards** (Best Junior, Best Aircraft, Best Military Vehicle, Best Figure, Best Gundam/Mecha, Best Ship, Best Civilian Vehicle, Best Space and SciFi, Best Diorama, Best Miscellaneous Art and Collections, Best of Show)

- **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. Lot's of stunning work on display this month, Dayne managed to pump out Japanese finished goods almost as much as the Japanese during the war, awesome work on his subjects. Putting John to shame with his progress on his Zero, however, it is starting to come together nicely. Joe B is working on his competition piece (Robot B-9) which should be a stunner once complete with lights and sounds! Harry has gotten the Gundam bug … the best of both worlds could be established by building a Transformers kit, maybe a Bumblebee Camaro and Robot or Optimus Prime's truck form. Lots of options in this whole genre. Andrew flew in with a beautiful B-17, Mike showed us his Chinese air force mini pew pew, Earl was trucking it up with a nicely done motor gun carriage, Phil 'showed us the money' with his Shelby Cobra engine, mostly metal kit from Agora Models, stunning. Jason rounded it out with half of Earl's M-16, the workhorse M-8 finished in standard OD.

- **Monthly Raffle:** Some nice items in this week's raffle. Well done to the winners.

- **AOB**: Volunteering – Andrew was discussing this with a local Scout leader, we are following up on this potential. Also, May 3rd and 4th 2026, airshow in Charleston AFB. Always a fun weekend. **White Elefant for December's meeting and pot luck food**, limit for the exchange has been increased, $50 suggested limit, don't be dusting off those old Airfix Lancasters and throwing some wrapping paper on there … pony up ya cheapskates! Next month we will have a demo of figure paining from Chaz, I for one will certainly have a lot to learn here 😊
- *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.*

New & Ongoing Business:

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

Oct 2025	*Jordan Matejceck*	*Scribing*	Get them panel lines done right! Jordan will get an opportunity to show us his skills in this department, last attempt was cut short due to room booking issues (we were getting kicked out)
Nov 2025	*Steve Chorazewitz*	*Figure Painting*	How to paint nipples in 72'nd scale.
Dec 2025	*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!
Jan 2026	*Joe Baxter*	*Lighting Effects*	Joe will show us how to bring some lighting realism to our tired old dull models 😊
2026	*Dayne Taylor*	*Water Effects*	I'm sure it'd be a splashing success!!! Dayne doesn't even know he's signed up for this one 😉
2026	*Andrew Raisis*	*Grow Them Trees!*	Andrew has agreed to show us all how he makes those fascinating diorama trees.
2026	*Scott Murphy*	*TrackLinks*	Dirty those treads! A must for the armor nuts out there.
2026	*Jason Boggans*	*Inventory Cataloging*	Never buy the same kit again (well, unless the price is just TOOOO good to miss) Plan to demo Scalemates and it's uses.

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 .
Cataloging your kits and inventory	There are options, Scalemates, eStash, Kitbase, even excel!

Upcoming Contest & Events

Events CALENDAR 2025/2026 (Regions 2, 3, 11, 12)		
Date	Show	Region / State
November 8th 2025	Charlotte Scale Modelers	12 / North Carolina
November 15th 2025	Middle Tennessee Model Con	3 / Tennessee
January 9th 2026	Chattanooga Modelcon 2026	3 / Tennessee
February 6th 2026	JAXCON 2026	11 / Florida
February 28th 2026	Old Dominion Open	2 / Virginia
March 13th 2026	Beachcon 2026	12 / South Carolina
March 14th 2026	Pelicon 2026	11 / Florida
April 4th 2026	MosquitoCon	2 / Virginia
April 11th 2026	Model Expo 2026	11 / Florida
April 11th 2026	Phantom Phlashers	3 / Alabama
May 2nd 2026	Space Coast Modelfest 2026	11 / Florida
June 27th 2026	FloTown Model Showdown	12 / South Carolina
July 18th 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!!)

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

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