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Next Meeting is

10:30 AM - Saturday – 16 Mar 2024

At

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

[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for Feb 17, 2024 Grand Strand Scale Modelers

February's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, Feb 17th. There were **10** 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.
 - We wish to welcome Chad Volentine to the group! Always nice to see a new face!!
- **BeachCon 24 Report**
 - We're almost there!! With more vendors, sponsors, and the library display, Rick is expecting an increase in entrants as well as visitors to BeachCon! Flyers were handed out or posted at many regional IPMS contests/events and BeachCon 23 was a great contest!!
 - Group discussion pertaining to available positions to be filled and manned by GSSM members and their other-halves.
 - We need "all-hands" on Friday, starting at 1pm, to assist in setting up.
 - Assistance is also needed after the event to tear-down and clean-up. Hopefully y'all can stay around and assist. Greatly appreciated!!
 - As a reminder, for anyone wishing to sell at the GSSM Sales Table, please include a **Top Price** and a **Bottom Price** for each kit. Information on paper would be helpful and will keep staff from having to chase you down for price confirmation.
 - Reminder, we want your input for the next BeachCon theme!! This will become a discussion topic for our April meeting. Try to come up with 2 to 3 ideas.
 - Last, but NOT least, do your entry paperwork and bring your contest entries in on Friday!!
- **Other Stuff**
 - 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! 😊
 - **Next Group Build** was voted on and the chosen theme was "**Not Another Messerschmidt!**" Also in agreement was it's **May** meeting completion so get 'em started!! Again, this can be **ANYTHING** (planes, armor, cars, figures....) German.....just not any kind of Messerschmidt!!

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

Reminder: BeachCon24 (March 23rd) is here. We need everyone at the contest, and as many as possible at the Reed Center on Friday, 22 March, to help with set up. We need everyone to help with set up and tear down. Tear down is particularly important because we are renting tables and need to get them out of the facility and into the U-Haul Saturday, after the contest.

Oh, and since it is a model contest, and we voted to allow ourselves to enter it, please bring along some of your kits to be judged. The more on the table, the better it is for us. Also, bring some cash for the raffle items, and for the vendors. We have a lot of great vendors this year. And we have some really great kits in the raffle.



Nice Job!!!

Gentlemen, Rick, and I can NOT thank you enough for your participation in making the library display a big success! We had many comments from library employees as well as patrons; even as we were clearing it. Hopefully this exposed GSSM to some potential visitors. Visitors are always potential members!!

Outreach

I struggled this month with what I was going to put here. Truth be told I've been preoccupied with personal concerns that have taken my thoughts away from GSSM...and modeling. It's hard to believe that we moved to Myrtle less than two years ago, yet it seems like we've been here longer. That COVID thing changed a lot about society and personal relationships. This includes the reaching out to other likeminded modelers and turning them into prospective GSSM, and IPMS/USA, members.

Operation Southern Exposure

During Feb's meeting Rick produced Chris Aranda's business card from VA Outreach. GSSM, as a group should discuss this during the April meeting. I am not fully aware of what is entailed, however, those of you who are need to help lead the way. We should establish a period, perhaps every two months, where we descend onto the VA and do what we can. This, however, takes coordination and dedication. You game??



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Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Likewise, we are devising a plan to aid a couple of hobby/game shops in having very small contests with GSSM putting on "all-day" demonstrations. These would be one day events, probably on a Saturday, scheduled 6-8 months out, and setup would be the responsibility of the participating shop. Hopefully we can drive more/new customers to the store and new prospects to GSSM. Win-Win!! Again, these prospective challenges would only be successful as GSSM group wide events.

You up for these challenges? Hopefully, you are willing to help.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chay", written in a cursive style.

New & Ongoing Business:

BeachCon 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 in April.

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

2024	
Mar 16 : 1030	<i>Embrace the Needle!! - Chaz</i>
Mar 23	<i>BeachCon 2024</i>
Apr 20 : 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....

March 2024	Chaz	<i>Embrace the Needle!</i>	Ok, it's just hypodermic tubing and other ways to add a little realism to your build. Whether it's a pitot tube or barrel of a gun what are your options and how to employ!! A few other tricks as well....
April 2024	Rick Reinert	<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	John Davis	<i>Painting/Finishing Automobile Kits</i>	Smoothing out those rough edges to get that special finish!
2024	Andrew Rasis	<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	Rick Reinert	<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	Your Name Here!!	<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!!

Show & Tell

Harry is first up as he was early with his “crotch-rocket”. Trying some new painting and assembly techniques, he’s really come up with a winner! His Tamiya 1/12 Suzuki GSX1100S Katana is ready to ride. Hopefully it’ll ride itself right into BeachCon 24!!



Rick brought in two of his latest. He was very fond of Hobbycraft's representation of a Hurricane IIc "Night Intruder" in 48th scale. It was a solid as the kit's gunsight and missing panel lines. He said he'd rather build Airfix's Lancaster.

He also brought in yet another Wingnut Wings 32nd scale Halberstadt Cl.II in a unit hand-over "repaint". Rick went to great lengths to ensure the prior unit's markings remained visible. Nice job Rick!!

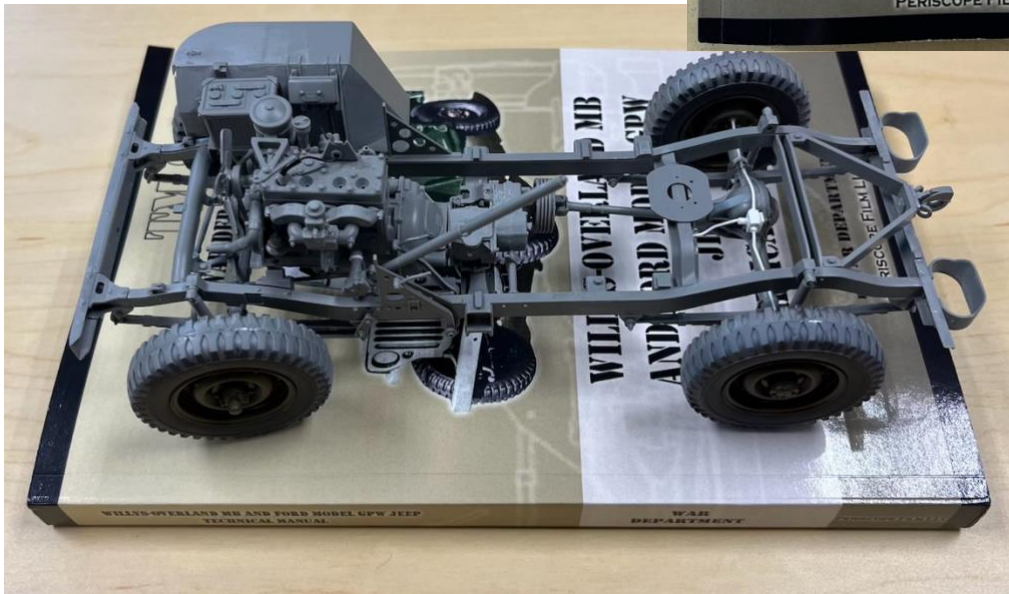
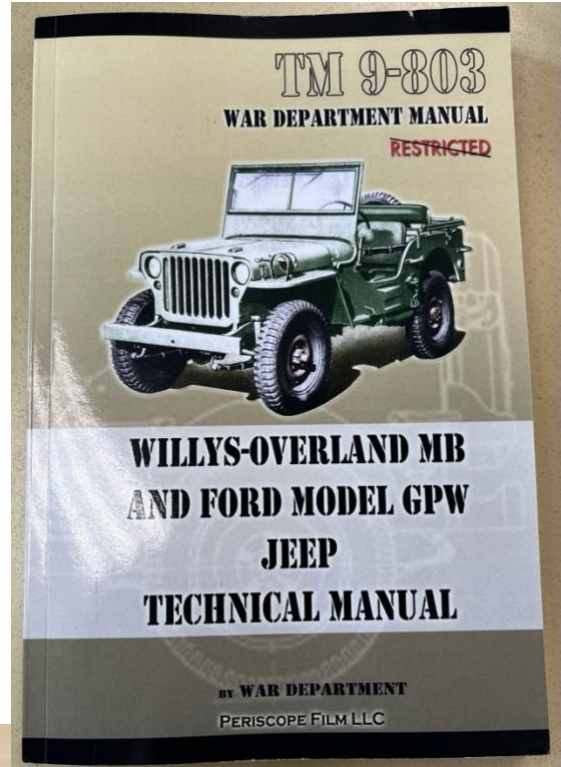




Jason's Show & Tell entry for this month consists of Testor's 35th scale Sturmtiger. Wonderful example of mid to late war camouflage. Nice job, "boomer"!!



Mr. Cavender's at it again!! Starting another of his one-of-a-kind works of art. Phil's knowledge is bolstered by his study of the appropriate documentation associated with his build. This time it's Takom's 1/16th scale ¼ ton Utility Truck....aka Jeep. He's already got some wiring going and other structural adjustments.

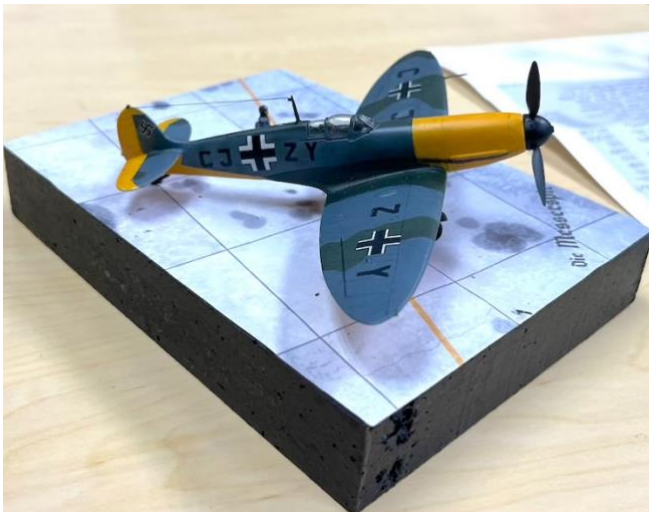


John Davis rolls in with Revell's (Danica Patrick's #10 Aspen Dental) Ford Fusion in 24th scale all dolled up in Monster Energy markings! Way to many accurate details to annotate here but let's just say.....it's gonna be another big winner!!



Andrew Rasis is attacking Eduard's 1/48th He 280! Says the fit is a bit cumbersome but he's trying to finish off the ProfiPack that he has had for many a years. Sounds like another "shelf queen".

He's also started his "Messerspit" collection from both sides of the channel. Both are modified aircraft using engines and/or framework from the other's design.





Living up to his moto of “building what he buys” Mike Fleckenstein finished his Italeri AMX Ghibli in.....well, 72nd scale, of course. He says the fit is great, even on the canopy. Weathering with only pastels, Mike enjoyed the build and said that it’s “new Italeri”! Considers it a really nice kit...high praise from Mike!



Earl should've taken up golf!! Says the fit of his IBG Ju 88 is tough to deal with. Notice the figures and new decals (in the box). I think Earl has a sneaky plan to win the BeachCon contest!! Well, at least it's started! 😊 Keep going Earl!!



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](#)
July 17-20, 2024

Please click on an image to go to the website



2024 Old Dominion Open Scale Model Show & Contest

Saturday, February 24

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Schedule
Doors open at 8:30 a.m.
Vendors open all day
Registration Closes at 12:00 noon
Judging Starts at 12:30 p.m.



Location (new this year)
Richmond Raceway Complex
The Old Dominion Building
600 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

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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.

General Admission
\$5.00 Single Adult (18 and older)
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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
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IPMS/MID-CAROLINA PRESENTS: SODA CITY MODEL CON

April 20th 2024
289 Leisure Lane, Columbia SC 29210



IPMS Standard 1-2-3 Contest
Not Affiliated with SC Megashow

Contest Sites

<i>IPMS USA Events & Contests</i>	Event Calendar
<i>AMPS (Armor Modeling & Preservation Society)</i>	Events accessible via AMPS Main Page
<i>Model Cars Magazine Forum</i>	Contests & Shows
<i>Cybermodeler Online</i>	Scale Modeling Event Calendar

As always....if you find any broken links, or have one to suggest, please let Chaz know!!

Resources

Eduard’s Info Magazines



Eduard’s Info Magazines are a very good reference pertaining to their kits, kit markings, and their add-on products. These “magazines” always have some type of article that will help you with your modeling and hone your techniques.

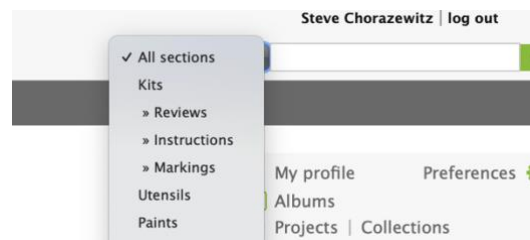
You can access the [English](#) version of these magazines [here!](#) Just make sure you scroll down to see all that are available.

Enjoy

SCALE CONVERSION CHART					
1/76	1/72	1/48	1/35	1/32	1/24
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Using [Scalemates](#) as a paint color/research resource:

For example, I was looking for who’s paint products would match a color for an upcoming build. The closest color match that I found is FS 32246 (Federal Standard 595a). You’ll find a dropdown listbox on the upper right portion of the Scalemates home page. If you depress the list, you will be presented with a myriad of options to choose from. Select “Paints” and enter “FS32246”. The results will present a couple of colors to choose from. If you select Vallejo’s 70.956 – Clear Orange the resulting page will show you a larger image of the color, however, keep scrolling. The resulting list covers all the Enamels, Acrylics, Lacquers...etc.. that closely match the color selected.



This should be your “go to” or starting resource for finding that special color that keeps eluding you.....

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

Something....is seriously wrong with Hasegawa!!!

