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Next Meeting is  
**10:00 AM - Saturday – 16 Dec 2023**  
at  
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee  
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588  
[Google Maps](#)

# Meeting Minutes for Nov 18, 2023

## Grand Strand Scale Modelers

November's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, Nov 18th. There were **15** 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.
- **BeachCon 24 Report**
  - We are expanding to 2 Vendor Rooms.
  - We are in the process of acquiring poster board signs of our BeachCon flyer to display at a few different places. If you think of a place where we should post a flyer, or set the sign out for a little while, let us know.
  - "Been some changes 'round here".....yup, we've modified the BeachCon flyer and have included a QR Code so we can post them for others to "beam" off of.....
  - We will be including a place on the entry form that will allow the entrant to state how they learned of BeachCon. This will, hopefully, hone our marketing plan for future BeachCon contests.
- **Chaz related:**
  - Les Young has moved to the Albany Georgia area (closer to kids) due to the health of his Mrs. We wish Les, and his family, better days and hope he can come back for BeachCon.
  - Duncan Bare checked in and related that he is settling into his new job and living on the outskirts of DC (in Maryland). Had made a trip to New York to visit some hobby shops and plans to be at BeachCon to compete and help.
- **IPMS/USA Report/Information**
  - IPMS Support – A quick show of hands revealed that 13 of 15 GSSM meeting attendees are dues paying IPMS/USA members.
  - IPMS/USA Region 12 has a new name: GSSM is now part of the "Carolina's Region."
  - IPMS/USA reports a membership of approximately 5000.
  - Two items continue to plague IPMS/USA generally,
    - Continual lack of younger members.

- Continuity/Consistency in contest judging.
- **Tales of Telford:** Mike & Lou (Correri) Took a trip across the pond to Jolly Ole England to participate in the UK's premier IPMS event at Telford. Mike brought us up to date on the current scale modeling Special Interest Group (SIG) conditions in the UK as Lou filled us in on what he saw, the local cuisine, and other experiences abroad. One of the biggest take-aways was the lack of vendors due to Brexit/EU duties and inspections for import/export items. Mike brought us all copies of the 1/72 Airfix Me 410, but TSA confiscated them! Humm....wonder if one of us will get one during the White Elephant Event!?!?!?
- **"Shelf Queen Management":** Have your **Shelf Queen Group Build** kit ready for January's meeting (Jan 20, 2024)!!
- **Ed's Hobby Shop:** is **OPEN!!** [Ed's Hobby Shop](#) 1804 N Main St, Conway, SC 29527.
- **Merry Christmas, the White Elephant is here.....the White Elephant is here:**  
A reminder that Saturday's meeting (16<sup>th</sup> Dec) is our annual GSSM Christmas Party!!! Food & Soft Drinks will be provided by the club at a cost of **\$10** per person. Please bring a wrapped gift and a tasty dessert! If you don't remember the rules for the White Elephant.....please follow this [link](#) to our web site document!!

### Treasurer's Report – 18 Nov, 2023:

According to Phil Cavender, we're **broke!!** BUT not all the expenses have come due and we're starting to see category (award / coin) purchases roll into the coffers. Presently we are at \$2276. Signage costs, facilities expenditure as well as tables are outstanding.

**BTW: January is GSSM Dues Month!! Phil's cousin "Vito" will help you find your wallet!!**

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

How much are you willing to spend on a model? There is a Facebook group called Scale Model Graveyard that I frequent. I have sold a kit or two there and have also bought one or two. Recently, there was an online auction for a Wingnut Wings Gotha G.IV and the pricing started off reasonable, but eventually ended up being over \$400. This kit, on eBay, has gone for as high as \$900. Really? \$900 for a plastic model kit! My thinking for the auction kit was gee, \$400 is a great deal for this kit. And then, reality struck. \$400 for a kit is a lot of money. When you build it, you better not mess it up. There are some ship models (200 scale Yamato) for \$700 on eBay right now. The Border models 32nd scale Lancaster was over \$600. With these expensive kits, how many have you seen built? What is your limit? Do you have confidence in your skills to build such an expensive kit?



**So...  
What's On Tap  
At GSSM?**

***Hang on y'all....it's gonna be a busy issue.***

***VOTE EARLY....AND OFTEN!!!*** Tis the season.....not just for political junkies!! The *New & Ongoing Business* section of this newsletter contains three items to review and vote on. These are important so please take a minute to review the information and assess the details. There is a printable ballot at the end of the newsletter. Though we will have copies of the ballot at the meeting, please print, vote, and bring to the meeting if you can. It is up to you if you want to put your name on the ballot....no harm, no foul either way. There are also instructions on how to vote "absentee"! LOL

***Oooooopppppsssss!!!***

If you haven't visited the web site recently, we have a NEW and IMPROVED BeachCon 24 Flyer! The original BeachCon 24 Flyer/Brochure has been changed!! Why? We'll leave that up to Rick to explain at the meeting....

***Are we missing an opportunity somewhere??***

Though I think that's from where our flyer woes originated.....I am trying to get BeachCon onto Cybermodeler's web site under their Event Calendar. Hopefully this can be cleared up soon and published. That being said, are YOU aware of any websites we should contact about posting BeachCon information? Please email Rick, or myself, if you have a good recommendation for posting our info.

***Do you want to sell unwanted kits at BeachCon 24?***

We'd like to have an idea of how many members will be selling their wares....at the event. We just need a headcount of how many people are interested so we can have the appropriate number of tables and representatives on hand. Presently we do not need a count of the number of models, however, we want to point out that you should have a top price (what you want) and bottom dollar price for each kit you bring. Please annotate these on a piece of paper so our non-modeling mavens can handle the sale without looking for us.



## New & Ongoing Business (December 2023 Edition):

### Gentlemen....Cast Your Ballots!!!

At Saturday's meeting we need a group vote on three items. Each one mean different things to different members, however, we need input from all GSSM members. The best way to do this is to vote!!

The first pertains to the entry of GSSM models for BeachCon competition judging. We'll come back to that shortly. The second centers around *Group Builds*. As there is no "dedicated judge" for such contests, it should be considered that the winner of the previous Group Build should be ineligible to compete and thus be the designated judge for the next Group Build. This would begin with who takes the award for the *Shelf-Queen Group Build*. This will help to ensure that no single member monopolizes Group Build contests as others get to compete to win.

The last voting item pertains to the "**Founder's Trophy**" for BeachCon 2025. Though this is presently listed as "Best USMC" category with Rick Davis being the "celebrated" GSSM member, it was discussed that all GSSM founding members should be celebrated, both living and passed. These GSSM Founding members are:

- Joe Baxter
- Rick Davis
- Phil Cavender
- Herb Horvath

The "**Founder's Trophy**" could be designated for any category that we determine relevant to GSSM's founding. The primary focus for this vote is to change the current, "Rick Davis/USMC" award, to "Founder's Trophy" with all founder's names on the award and GSSM artwork.

### **BeachCon Entries by GSSM Members**

As promised, returning to the question pertaining to the ability for GSSM members to compete at the BeachCon contest. There have been discussions highlighting both sides of the matter in the past and the issue was brought to the floor during the November meeting. A quick show of hands confirmed that GSSM members wished to vote on the matter.

As with any issue, requiring resolution, there are pros and cons. Note that it was established, prior to BeachCon 23, that any GSSM member desiring to enter a model in a specific category, for competition, would be ineligible to judge the entered category. This was easy to approve as a valid process to keep everything above board. It does NOT, however, ensure that no "home cooking" occurs. That is a GSSM member pushing for a specific entry to place knowing that the entry belongs to another GSSM member, friend.

Some groups restrain members from providing entries into their home contests. This usually ensures the integrity of the contest judging and reminds the local members that they are working the event and are non-participants. On the other hand, this can go against the spirit of the event as an "open" model contest by restraining members from competing especially when this may be the only contest in which they have the opportunity to enter one of their masterpieces.

### **Conclusion**

There is no wrong answer for any one of these votes. The ballot (included at the end of the newsletter) will be available to any, and all, members at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, and still want to vote,

use the ballot provided or email Chaz at [GSSMPres@gmail.com](mailto:GSSMPres@gmail.com) with the Issue Number and your resulting Yes/No vote. These will be tallied, by the Secretary, with the votes at the meeting on Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, 2023.

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

<b>2023</b>	
<b>16 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Party &amp; White Elephant Event</b>
<b>2024</b>	
<b>20 Jan</b>	<i>Shelf Queen Management</i> Group Build Contest
<b>Feb 2024</b>	<i>Decal Application – Rick Reinert</i>
<b>Mar 2024</b>	<i>BeachCon 24 Prep, Show &amp; Tell</i>
<b>Apr 2024</b>	<i>Embrace the Needle!! - Chaz</i>
<b>2024</b>	<b>Your Demonstration Here!!! Get Signed Up!!</b>



**You asked for Demonstrations....**

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

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>Chaz</i>	<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!!
2024	<i>John Davis</i>	<i>Painting/Finishing Automobile Kits</i>	Smoothing out those rough edges to get that special finish!
2024	<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>Your Name Here!!</i>	<i>Show Us Your Stuff</i>	You're the best at it.... Show us how it's done!!!

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](mailto:Chaz). GSSM is your group....let's make every modeler smarter!!

## Show & Tell (Nov 2023 Edition)



Best part of waking up is Folgers in your cup..... John Davis starts out with some fresh grounds as he constructs Mark Martin's #6 Folgers Ford Thunderbird 1/24<sup>th</sup> scale from Monogram.

Herb brought some fresh pickin's from Poland's [Dariusz Miniatures](#) in 35<sup>th</sup> scale. Most of these are from the "Sceneries" series for WWII. Hopefully we'll see some figures on these soon!!





Mr. Mike brought home some fresh goodies from Telford (UK). ICMs 72<sup>nd</sup> scale (of course) “Molch” midget submarine and Airfix’s brand new Me 410...also in “caffeinated” 72<sup>nd</sup> scale. :)

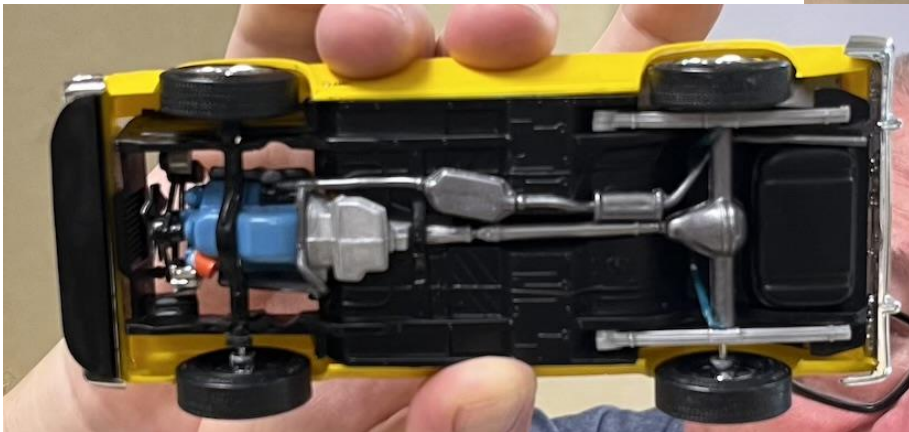
Joe Baxter steams along with his Titanic shelf queen. Will he fire up the boilers and go ahead full to finish on time.....or will he hit bottom...?







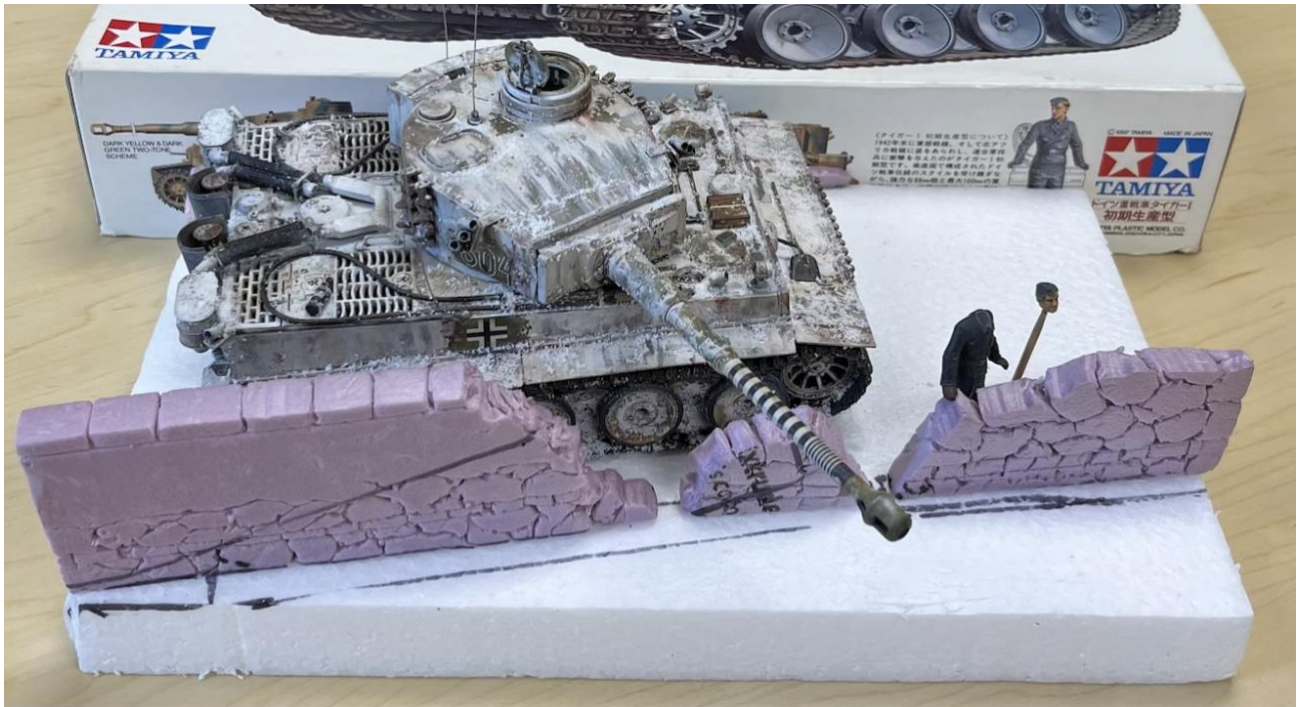
Talk about little furry guys that cause chaos and mayhem wherever they go, Harry arrives in style with AMT's 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale 1974 AMC Gremlin X – **Mini Muscle Car!!!** Nice detail work Harry, ya little fur-ball!!!



Earl with another build for the museum. A 1:426 USS Arizona from Revell. Everything looks ship-shape and ready to get underway! A tad troublesome with the rigging but it's anchors away!! Looks good!!



Not to be outdone by Mike, Jordan built the 1/72 Airfix TRS-2 but as a USAF nuclear delivery vehicle. Sporting the USAF SEA scheme and low vis markings.....it looks more like something that would terrorize Canadians (aka Brits) than anyone else..... All in jest, of course.....pretty funky there dude!!!



Andrew's been busy placing heads onto toothpicks as he works out a winter scene with his Tamiya 35<sup>th</sup> scale Tiger 1. Working the foam wall and awaiting impending road work.....this should be an interesting base for a nicely done Tiger!! Nice "snow job" Andrew!!!



Dayne, and his alter ego – a Premium Bandai PG Unicorn Gundam Perfectibility in 1:60<sup>th</sup> scale. Though it took careful study to determine which was the “Unicorn”, I think I figured it out!!! You really do NOT want to get head butted by that guy.....or Dayne for that matter.





Jason brought some Irish Whiskey.....err.....an Irish Fouga 'Magister' CM.170 from Mistercraft in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale. Obvious this aircraft never operated off of northern roadways.....where potholes would damage the undersides.

Understanding that one is not enough, he also presented Dragon's 35<sup>th</sup> scale M4A3 "Double-Play". Like Jason, it's actually a Flamethrower!!! Smoke 'em if you don't want 'em!!

Good job on both!!

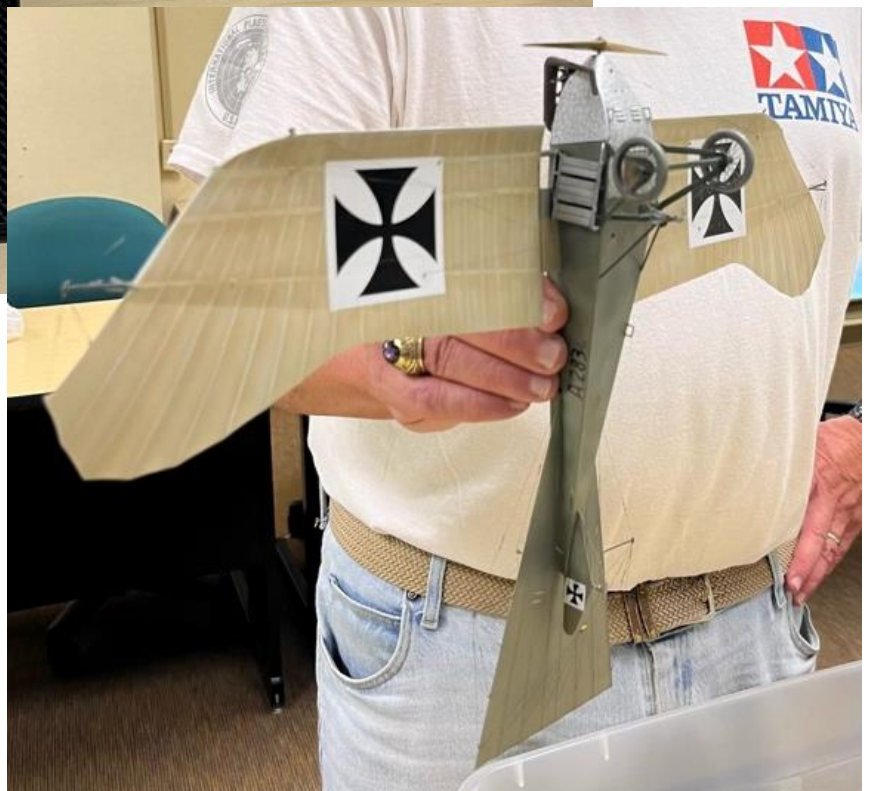


Mr Cavender has been at it again!! Art imitating.... well, art! This time it's AFV Club's U.S. Army Workbench & Tool set in 35<sup>th</sup> scale! The art's on the walls as Phil realistically constructed a personal weapons cleaning & repair station. I can smell the cleaning solvent from here....but he forgot to unload the weapons as the magazines are easily seen in those dog-gone pesky "Assault Weapons"!!!



Rick worked hard to square those decals on the nose of his Tamiya 48<sup>th</sup> scale P-47 Bubble Top! Not visible is his upside-down national insignia on the other side of the plane. Just kidding!!! Very Nice Rick!





Last, but definitely NOT least, is Rick's award winning & Best Aircraft for his Wingnut Wings Jeannin Stahltaube (1914) in 32<sup>nd</sup> scale. He worked hard to get the linen look, metal nose, and all those control wires!

Very, very nice Rick!!! Congrats!!!

**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>	<a href="#">News &amp; New Kits</a>
<i>MegaHobby</i>	<a href="#">New Arrivals</a>
<i>Hannants</i>	<a href="#">New Arrivals</a> <a href="#">Future Releases</a>
<i>The Modelling News</i>	<a href="#">Main Page</a>
<i>Cybermodeler Online</i>	<a href="#">Announced Model Kit Releases</a>
<i>IPMS USA Reviews Site</i>	<a href="#">New Kits &amp; Product Reviews</a>

**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**

80 Model Display Categories  
Extensive Vendor Marketplace  
Huge Modeler's Drawing

1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards for each category, plus these special awards:

Judges' Best In Show • Best Junior  
Best Aircraft • Best Automotive • Best Diorama • Best Figure  
Best Gundam • Best Maritime • Best Military Vehicle  
Best Real Space & Sci-Fi

**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

General inquiries, please contact Bob Walls: [robertwalls@comcast.net](mailto:robertwalls@comcast.net)

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**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 A. 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

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

**SUPER Raffle!**

**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

**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**

**Expanded Vendor & Contest Areas!**

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

**Contestants**  
\$15.00  
Unlimited number  
of models

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



**Super Raffle**

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**www.nowaipms.org**  
Show Sponsorship & Food Concession  
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PTSA All Night Grad Committee

**Contest Sites**

<b><i>IPMS USA Events &amp; Contests</i></b>	<a href="#">Event Calendar</a>
<b><i>AMPS (Armor Modeling &amp; Preservation Society)</i></b>	Events accessible via <a href="#">AMPS Main Page</a>
<b><i>Model Cars Magazine Forum</i></b>	<a href="#">Contests &amp; Shows</a>
<b><i>Cybermodeler Online</i></b>	<a href="#">Scale Modeling Event Calendar</a>

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

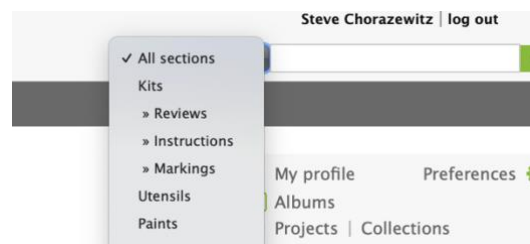
## Resources

SCALE CONVERSION CHART					
1/76	1/72	1/48	1/35	1/32	1/24
.0132	.0139	.0208	.0286	.0312	.0417

### 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

**Have a very Merry Christmas  
&  
A Joyous New Year!!!**



**Issue # 1: BeachCon Contest Entries by GSSM Members**

Should GSSM Members be allowed to enter model kits into BeachCon listed categories for the purpose of competing against any/all BeachCon participants? Note that this assumes that the GSSM member will confirm with the BeachCon Head Judge if there is a conflict of interest so that the competing GSSM member can be assigned a different category to judge.

A YES vote confirms that GSSM members are allowed to participate as a NO vote will preclude GSSM members from entering any kits into any category for competition.

**Issue # 1 - BeachCon Contest Entries by GSSM Members:**

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<i>Please Circle Only One</i>	

**Issue # 2: Group Build Competition Winner(s)**

Any GSSM Member winning the previous Group Build will serve as judge for the next Group Build as the member will be ineligible to compete.

A YES vote confirms that the latest GSSM Member to win a Group Build will not compete in the next Group Build and will only serve as judge. A NO vote will retain the current procedure of allowing all to participate as a non-participating member will be employed as judge.

**Issue # 2 – Group Build Winner Serves as Judge (only) for Next Group Build:**

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<i>Please Circle Only One</i>	

**Issue # 3: Founder’s Trophy Redesign (Effective BeachCon 2025)**

Change the existing “Founder’s Trophy” from Rick Davis/Best USMC to a reflect all four GSSM founders (J Baxter, P Cavender, R Davis, & Herb Horvath) and reassess the appropriate implementation of the trophy for each BeachCon Contest as deemed by GSSM President & Vice President.

A YES vote confirms that the existing “Founder’s Trophy” should be changed to celebrate all four of the founding members of the Grand Strand Scale Modelers group. A NO vote will retain the existing “Founder’s Trophy” celebrating Rick Davis/Best USMC as future trophies may be created to celebrate remaining founding members.

**Issue # 3 - Founder’s Trophy Redesign (Effective BeachCon 2025)**

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<i>Please Circle Only One</i>	