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Next Meeting is
10:30 AM - Saturday – 24 Jun 2023
at
Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
141 707 Connector, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes May 20, 2023

Grand Strand Scale Modelers

The monthly meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 11:00 AM. There were **16** members present.

- BeachCon23 & 24 were discussed:
 - Rick advised the group of that BeachCon24 is now the IPMS USA Region 12 Convention!!
 - 80th Anniversary of **D-Day** is the theme for 2024's event!!
 - Flyer was presented by Mike for review as refinements were suggested.
 - Two Rooms will be used:
 - Main Contest Room
 - Rectangular Tables – to be acquired but will be additional cost as they will probably need to be rented.
 - Larger Signage on tables so that the table number is easier for contestants to find.
 - Outside Signage – BeachCon Contest Parking – this way.....etc.... Maybe even signage at the building.
 - Vendor Room
 - Founder's Trophy – Best USMC entry will be retained.
 - Additional Training for Judging : Mike F & Rick agreed to ensure that additional training and discussions will take place during the 2023/24 cycle so we're all ready for the contest.
 - Raffle Discussion Topics:
 - Duncan was added to the Phil Sicard/Dayne team.
 - Phil Sicard will utilize his garage for stockpiling of raffle Items.
 - All going to Columbia contest (17th June) would participate in the raffle for acquisition of kits/items, for BeachCon24 raffle items.
 - Higher-end & additional car models are needed for the raffle as we had almost nothing for BeachCon23.
 - All GSSM members and contest vendors may participate in raffle drawings.
 - GSSM Club Table(s) – For sale of unwanted kits. All members may participate. Needs to be "manned".

- Rick will discuss with Scott Murphy on being BeachCon24's official photographer.
- Name Tags & brightly colored BeachCon24 T-Shirt for members, and sale, options were discussed. Chaz will develop artwork for both (pending further discussion).
- IPMS Nationals:
 - Open discussion....who was planning to attend how were you getting there.
 - Rick spoke on why GSSM members should consider attending Nationals when possible.
 - GSSM is sponsoring an IPMS National's award. **Category 166** – *Airliners, Airliner Types, & Airships - Basic Kit Build*
- Hobby Shop Excursion - Part Deux: Ok, it failed to launch last time due to adverse weather conditions so some GSSM members want to try it again. A trip to **Hayes Hobby** in Fayetteville NC and NOW extended to Sanford NC where you'll find **Wings, Wheels, & Waves!!** They're about an hour apart. We'll work on a sign-up sheet....and "pole-positions" depending on who desires to travel.... Hint, you may want to offer up some gas-cash..... Maybe it should be a "Cannon Ball" run with the winner getting all the Bail Money!!
- Demonstrations: We're still looking for willing victims (er....volunteers) to show off their talents!! Please see Chaz if you have something in mind!! ALL will appreciate it and we'll do what we can to facilitate. Please, no pole dancing demos but super-gluing your fingers to your face is ALWAYS a hit!


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

Summer is upon us!

Rick

Treasurer's Report – 22 Jun, 2023:

The Treasurer's report was given by Phil Cavender. Closing balance was **\$3167.97**.

 **So... What's On Tap At GSSM?** Hey Y'all!! There are still a few of you.....and you KNOW who you are.....that have NOT sent in your top 3 Group Build picks.....nor your stash count. We're warming up a "stash mob" to visit your house and take what we want!!! Ok, not really, but if you want to be eligible for the \$25 Ed's Hobby Shop Gift Card, you have to "play".

Unless something changes, I think we have our next Group Build selection. Rick will announce it at the meeting however, we need a tie-breaker for the second selection. If there are no other entries, we'll have Rick flip a coin!!

Next up is the T-Shirt Order. I'll have paperwork for the July meeting.....and will be sending out a GSSM Flash Update as we get closer to the order date.

Reminder, Phil Sicard will be presenting Color Theory at the meeting!! Phil has worked on handouts and a visual presentation that I know we'll all enjoy...and pick up some pointers!!

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2023 10:00am - 1:00pm. Please check the GSSM website for any updates to the date/time of the meeting.



Lastly, **congratulations** to those of you that made it to Columbia, brought home some medals, and a trunk load of items for BeachCon24's raffle!!

< Duncan took Silver @ Columbia!!

New & Ongoing Business (May/June 2023 Edition):

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

2023

- 24 June** *Color Theory – Phil Sicard*
- 22 July** Show & Tell – changed due to Library availability.
- 19 August** *Silhouette Cameo & Portrait Vinyl Cutters - Chaz*
- 16 Sept** Group Contest w/Show & Tell
- 21 Oct** *Mottling – Dayne Taylor*
- 18 Nov** Show & Tell
- 16 Dec** Christmas Party & Demo TBD

2024

- 20 Jan** White Elephant w/Show & Tell



You asked for Demonstrations.....

Starting with the June meeting, we intend to put on a demonstration every other month. Some may be lengthy, some quick & easy!

Presently, this is the schedule for the remainder of 2023:

Jun 2023	<i>Phil Sicard</i>	<i>Color Theory</i>	Ever wonder why your Olive Drab gets more "drab" when you add white paint?" Phil will demonstrate your need to embrace the rainbow by adding the appropriate pigmented color to attain that impressive modeling color you desire!
Aug 2023	<i>Steve "Chaz" Chorazewitz</i>	<i>Silhouette Cameo & Portrait Vinyl Cutters</i>	Chaz will demonstrate the use a Silhouette brand vinyl cutter for making masks, embossing and cutting balsa wood and plastic. Learn some capabilities and see if these devices can work for you.
Oct 2023	<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....
Dec 2023	<i>Christmas Party</i>	<i>TBD</i>	We'll keep it nice & EZ!!

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

GSSM Group Builds – 20 June, 2023 Update

This is the status of the voting by 57% of GSSM members. There are some members that will be asked at the meeting but presently, it looks as though ***“The Right Stuff / Space Race”*** will be our next group build. Depending on additional votes, either the tied themes will be decided, or we’ll have the president flip a coin for the next one. These are on-going and will be readdressed after BeachCon24.

ID	Votes	Name & Definition	
1.	21	<i>The Right Stuff / Space Race</i>	Rockets, Experimental (X-1, X-15s...etc..)
2.	11	<i>Not Another Messerschmidt</i>	Something German w/No Messerschmidts (or Not Anther 109...)
3.	8	<i>Go Army</i>	Anything US Army - Tanks, planes, soldiers....etc
4.	6	<i>Go Navy</i>	Anything US Navy - Ships, planes, sailors....etc...
5.	8	<i>Viet F’n Nam</i>	You guessed it!!
6.	1	<i>Did That Happen?</i>	Skirmishes and Small Wars that came up...and went. Falklands, Suez, 6 Day....etc
7.	9	<i>Road Rage</i>	Yup....something on two, four, or more wheels. Civilian cars, trucks....cycles.... <i>Note</i> , we can change this to more like a "Mad Max" theme.....and do a Civilian set later as "Road Rage II
8.	4	<i>Oye Mate</i>	Anything British....or from the Commonwealth where the Sun never Sets on the Empire....right....
9.		<i>Jar-Head</i>	All things US Marines
10.	7	<i>More Sour Kraut</i>	Anything German, East, West and in between! Anything Germanic, from the Bronze Age up to Current Day
11.	2	<i>The Russians are Coming!! The Russians are Coming!!</i>	What else needs to be said?
12.	11	<i>Go Figure</i>	What it says..... Everybody participating does a figure...your pick. Not a bust, however, a figure of any size.
13.		<i>I Like Taffy</i>	Anything associated with the 2nd Tactical AF towards the end of WWII. Includes aircraft, vehicles (security/otherwise), defense guns Quad 50s or 40mm Bofors....etc..
14.	6	<i>The “GREAT WAR”</i>	Anything from World War I
15.		<i>Aim High (NATO<->OTAN)</i>	All things Air Force.....course, maybe ANY NATO Air Force....
16.	1	<i>Coasties</i>	From the War on Drugs to rescuing survivors from watery graves, the US Coast Guard are always there!
17.	1	<i>Damn Yankees!</i>	Something from the North.... Above the “Mason-Dixon” line. NJ-ANG F-16, 10 th Mountain, something out of Norfolk?

Did Somebody Say T-Shirts?



Ok, NOW, it's up to Y'all!!! A run of new GSSM logo'd T-Shirts in Black, Navy Blue, and Dark Grey are available for ordering. Each shirt will be emblazoned with the GSSM logo on the left breast. There is no extra charge for colors so mix and match as desired!!

For an upcharge of \$5.00 you can have the GSSM logo on your backside....of the shirt that is. Check out our Treasurer's T-Shirt.



Length	Sizes	Price (ea)
Regular	S, M, L, XL	\$ 10.00
	XXL	\$ 12.00
	XXXL	\$ 16.00
Tall	S, M, L, XL	\$ 16.00
	XXL	\$ 17.00
	XXXL	\$ 18.00
Large Imprint on Back of Shirt (Add On)		\$ 5.00

Presently, a review is underway for Polo Shirts to be logo'd on the left breast as well. The cost is somewhere between \$17 and \$25 based on material of shirt. Leaning more toward the higher end, some sample material is being obtained. If you have interest in a Polo, please advise Chaz as soon as possible.



April & May are always synonymous with "Spring Cleaning", taking stock of your life, counting your blessings, and...

TAMING YOUR STASH!!!!

Here's the challenge: Sometime before the next (June) meeting, you are to count your stash!! For some this will be easy, for others....well it's gonna take a while! This includes "shelf-queens", figures, partials...etc. Maybe you'll even want

to turn a couple over to the **Raffle Squad** for **BeachCon24** or for a meeting's raffle pile. In any event, a **\$25 Gift Card** from **Ed's Hobby Shop** (Myrtle Beach) will be awarded to.....hmmmm..... Be TOO easy for the guy with the least...or most.... Maybe it'll be the guy that falls within the average medium, divided by 4, plus 8, minus..... Well, it'll go to somebody!!! To be eligible, however, you have to at least tried to build a kit, or two, over the last year! We have long memories and remember what you brought to Show & Tell so don't even try to pull a fast one!!

Maybe you already have your stash counted and recorded in Excel, Scalemates.com, or some other device. Please share what you use in the "Taming of Your Stash"!

20 June 2023 Update: We are only at 57% on responses. That's 16 out of 28 members. Over 2300 kits have been accounted for!! If you have not responded with your Stash Count, please bring your number to the meeting so we can update the spreadsheet. Again....you can't win the gift card....if you don't play!!!

Show & Tell (May 2023 Edition)



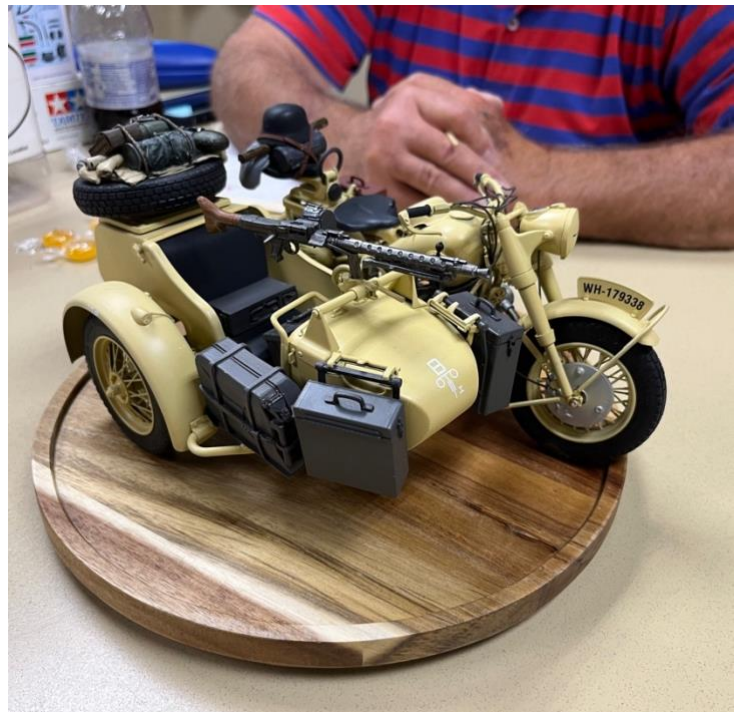
Rick is up first with ICM 1/48 A-20 and Wingnut Wings 1/32 CL2 Hannover.

He did all the masking/painting on the Hannover and an Alclad finish on the A-20

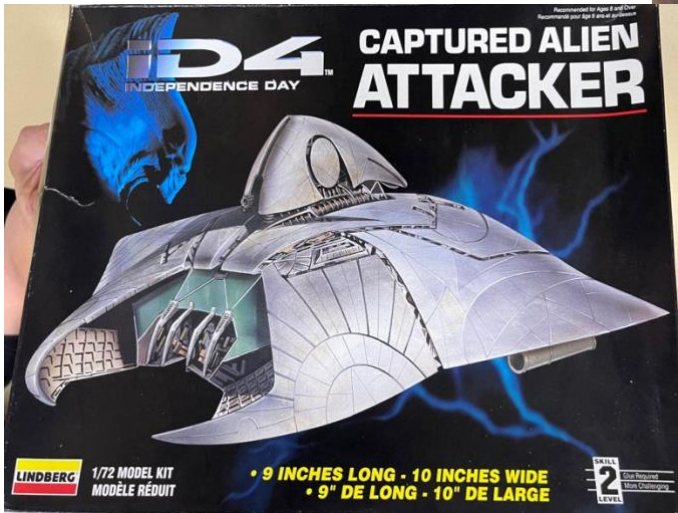
Update: Rick took Silver @ Columbia with his CL2 Hannover!!

Phil is finishing up his 1/9th scale cycle. He intends to take it to Columbia for competition.

Update: Phil took a Bronze @ Columbia!!



Jordan is trying something different. Attempting to make something of the Lindberg Independence Day Alien Attacker. Unfortunately, a poor fit will require some time to make things work. Good Luck!!



Harry is at it again with his Revell 77 "Cuda". Putting in the extra hours on detailing to include internal carpeting!! Unfortunately, I'm old enough to remember these cars.....when they were NEW!

Nice Work!



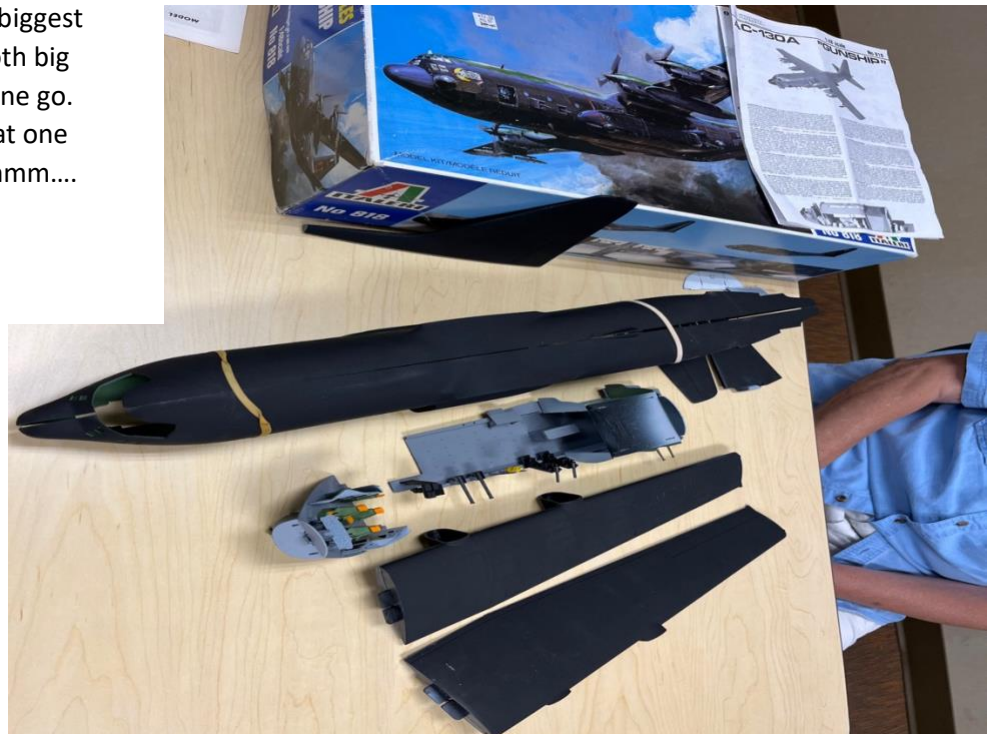


Joe has a lot of projects on the go! A couple of Beatle's Yellow Submarines, a large scale Queen's Guard, and the new Master Box 1/24 Ukrainian soldier, Defense of Kyiv, March 2022. Better get busy! Can't wait to see how he does the fuzzy hat!!

Mr Brown brought in a classic!! I remember these too.....but the metal kits give me the Heebie-jeebies. Very nice, thanks for sharing.....now take it home and put it back on the shelf before we all get lead poisoning....



Earl continues his large-scale builds for a friend's museum with Italeri's 1/48 AC-130. Lots of black paint!! His biggest issue is not having a spray booth big enough to paint the plane in one go. Maybe he should defect to that one "true" scale.....of 1/72. Hummmm....





Andrew was working on a Revell/Italeri 1/35 75mm Anti-Tank Gun when a homemade tree invaded his diorama! Perhaps a demonstration may be in order later this year???? Com'on Andrew.....just do the twist....



Duncan is showing off his new airbrushing techniques on an Airfix 1/76 75mm Stug III. His ongoing Platanenmuster Dragon 1/35 Ardennes Offensive warrior.



Mr Mike continues his CMK based assault on the Airfix TSR-2. It's looking as though it's coming together quickly...and looking well done! We'll give him a Hershey bar then ask him to show off the paint scheme!!



Dayne is "kit bashing" a Trumpter E-100 German Super Heavy Tank with the Takom Flak 40 Zwilling. Both in 35th scale, the pair would make a formidable anti-air platform. Fireworks anyone?

New Kits, Upcoming Contests & Events, Resources:

This has been a regular feature of the GSSM Newsletter, however after careful consideration these “features” have been moved and combined into a more up to date arrangement! I can put pictures of new kits and events here, however, the information is stale and moldy almost as soon as they go to “print”! These are the primary pages I (Chaz) use regularly....but I’m sure you have some as well....please send suggestions to [Chaz](#).

If you need assistance in traversing these Internet links, let Chaz know....otherwise....on with the show!

New Kits & Tools 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

Upcoming Contest & Events



COME AND MAKE IT
 IPMS/USA NATIONAL CONVENTION
SAN MARCOS - TEXAS
 AUG 2ND - 5TH 2023

<http://www.nats2023.com>

Please click on an image to go to the website



GRAND STRAND SCALE MODELERS
Present
BeachCon 2024

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.

Expanded Vendor & Contest Areas!

Special Theme Awards
Best D-Day - June 6, 1944 Entry
Best Marine Corps Entry

Contestants \$10.00
Unlimited number of models

Non-Contestants \$5.00 Single Adult (18 and older)
\$8.00 Family

Over 50 Contest Categories

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

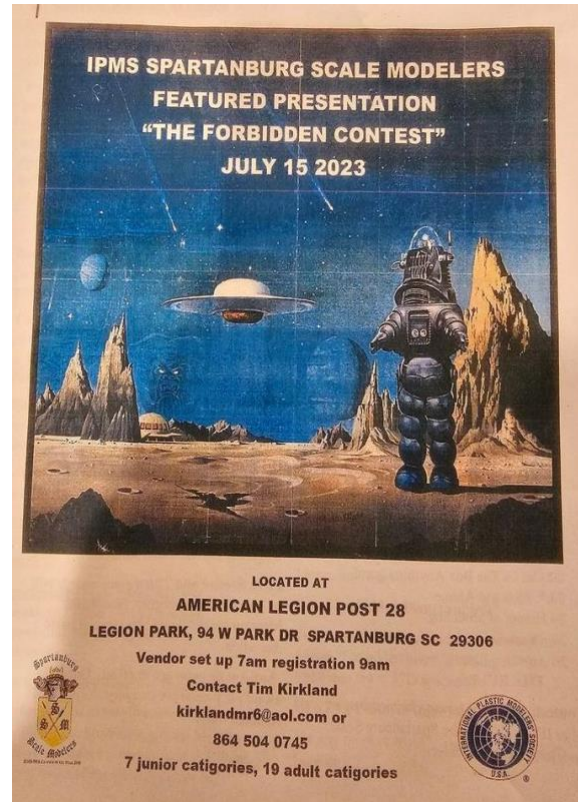
SUPER Raffle!

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

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IPMS SPARTANBURG SCALE MODELERS
FEATURED PRESENTATION
"THE FORBIDDEN CONTEST"
JULY 15 2023

LOCATED AT
AMERICAN LEGION POST 28
LEGION PARK, 94 W PARK DR SPARTANBURG SC 29306
Vendor set up 7am registration 9am
Contact Tim Kirkland
kirklandmr6@aol.com or
864 504 0745
7 junior categories, 19 adult categories

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!!

Resources (Update scheduled for next time!)

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.cultvmanshop.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

