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Next Meeting is

10:30 AM - Saturday – 17 Aug 2024

At

Horry County Memorial Library – Socastee
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Meeting Minutes for July 27, 2024 Grand Strand Scale Modelers

June's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, July 27th. There were **11** 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:

- **IPMS Nationals Reporting:**

- Mike, Lou, & Rick gave their testimonials to how the event proceeded.
- Computer based entry processes. Most entrants processed their entries via the Nationals web entry system, however, there was ability to enter, via computer, at the venue. GSSM members related that the entire process was smoother than their travels!!
- Judging went very well according to all GSSM members that attended and participated in judging duties.
- Banquet and awards dinner started a little late and was long but expected.
- There was a hint that turn out was slightly less than prior years.
- Mike brought home a couple of medals so GSSM showed their stuff!
- 2025 in Hampton Roads, VA, should be well attended and is expected to be even smoother for enterants.
- There is a possibility that IPMS/USA will allow the use of entry processing for regional contests. (Pending)
- Discussions of offering electronic (PDF) IPMS USA Journals as an alternate to printed material.

- **DownEastCon 2024 (Havelock NC):**

- Chaz attended DownEastCon to assist in judging and was an enterant.
- Good show overall, nice venue with food options and plenty of vendors.
- Turn out was about the same as BeachCon and although there were more aircraft entries than BeachCon, there were still fewer than in prior years.

- **BeachCon 2025:**
 - Flyer has been posted on the GSSM’s website and sent to IPMS/USA for IPMS Journal placement.
 - Though prior venue has been retained, GSSM is still reviewing other establishments for 2025 and future contests.
- **Scheduled Demonstrations Update:**
 - Additional demonstrations by Scott, and Jordan were added to the list of upcoming demos.

New & Ongoing Business:

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

Aug 17 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.
Sept 21 2024	<i>Mike Fleckenstein</i>	<i>Tarps</i>	Not just for armor....but for aircraft too!!
Oct 19 2024	<i>Scott Vanetten</i>	<i>Dry Brushing</i>	It’s all in the wrist!!
Nov16 2024	<i>Jordan Matejcek</i>	<i>Scribing Lines</i>	Scrape, Scratch, Repeat.....
2024	<i>John Davis</i>	<i>NASCAR Window Nets</i>	Get your realism mojo on!!
2024	<i>Andrew Rasis</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....



We ARE looking or demonstrations for 2024 & 2025!!

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.
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!!!

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

Gee, just a few weeks ago I was talking about it's June already. It's August already!. In June I will have completed 6 models. As of 12 August, I am at 7. My pace has slowed down somewhat as I have a number of started kits, aka, shelf queens, that are languishing on my shelf of doom. Including the previous mentioned Spitfires, the ZM F-4E, and the Tamiya P-38. They are all looking at me and asking how come you are ignoring me. All this while I am trying to determine what is the best number of kits to be on the workbench at any given time. Currently, I have two in work, with some dabbling on the shelf queens. So guys, how many kits do you have in work at any given time?



Bit in the Backside.....Again!

Well, here I am again.....running late and bit in the backside by technology. I have been traveling a little more than usual but upgraded to a new iPad Pro due to its capabilities over my old iPad Mini and should replace my MacAir when mobile. "Should" being the optimal word!!! Actually, it's not the iPad Pro that had provided some roadblocks but more some of the 3rd party

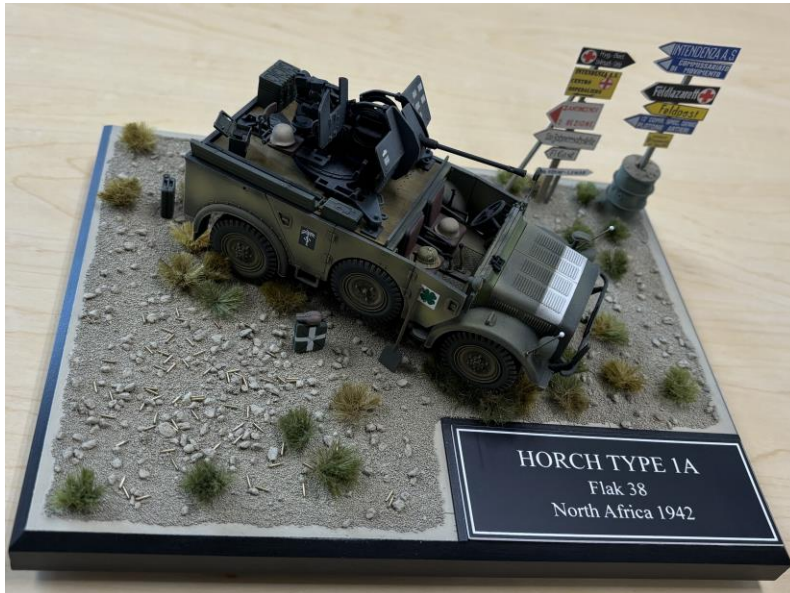
software. I won't bore you with the details but suffice it to say that I'll be upgrading some of my apps in the very near future! Oh well, life as a "high tech, high speed, airmobile warrior".

Of course I have been away from the modeling table for a little while but had a few solid days in which to get myself into a little more trouble. Have another four on the starting line with five almost at the finish line. I had to stop on my original DownEastCon 24 Korea Conflict entry due to some metallurgy issues similar to those suffered by Chad. SO...I'm in the process of experimenting with different black "primers" for different metal paints. This is holding up the finishing of 3 kits presently. I also think that Carolina humidity may be at play even in a controlled interior environment!!

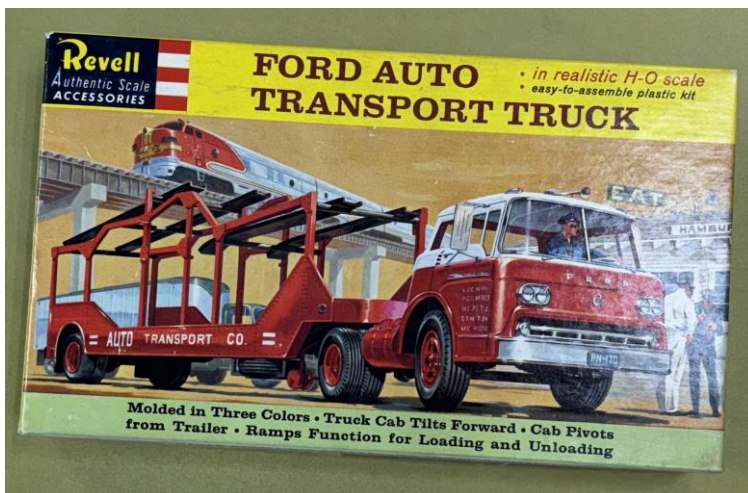
This leads me to another point. I was very successful, and surprised, when I constructed one of Tamiya's 72nd scale P-51s in a natural metal scheme. This was a few years ago so I had not thought about being able to retrace my steps. Today, however, and due to our move 18 months ago, I had to take notes to remember what paint I used here....there....and had planned to finish a kit in. Too many chances to lose the train of thought or plan. I now document what works and, more importantly, what doesn't so that I only repeat successful builds!!! I've recently had many new successes....wish I had documented what I used on that P-51!!!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chad', is positioned to the right of the main text block.

Show & Tell



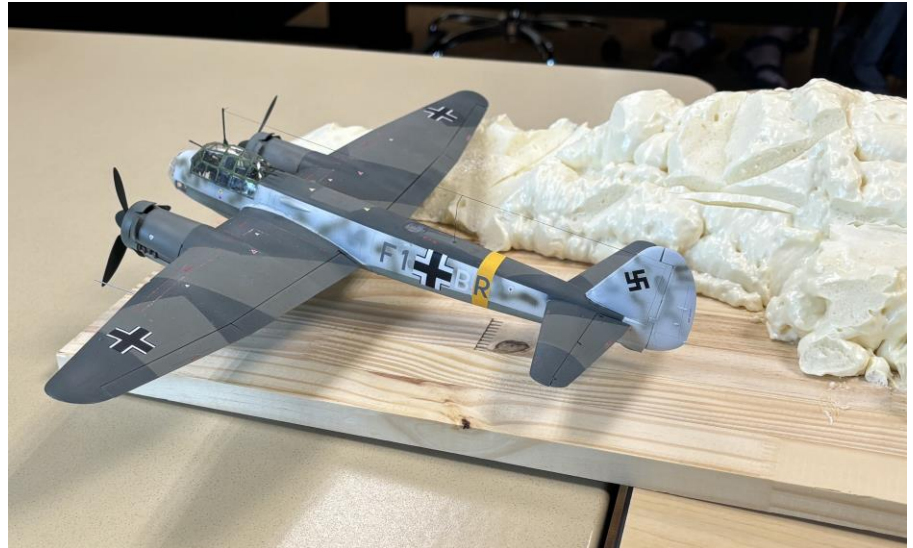
Parched, dry, and running short on ammunition.....Herb is first up with his Tamiya Horch humping a Flak 38 for personal protection..... With all that spent ammo, it's surprising that they didn't hit any of the signs. Perhaps this would be considered an "OG" of "Technical"? Definitely an urban cruiser..... Nice rocks Herb.....now police up that brass!!



Mr Wiles brought in a blast from the past!! A HO scaled Revell kit of a Ford Auto Transporter. Mike and Rene spent a few minutes researching and found that the item would fetch a tidy sum in today's market. Somewhere between a quart of Scotch and a Maserati. Don't quit the day job just yet Rene!!

Earl got a little crazy with some Great Stuff Gaps & Cracks Spray Foam..... Attempting a snowy look he created an avalanche that only the “Black Men” would be able to clear. Those poor “little” people. Good job on the Ju-88, however!! Nice mottling to go with the splinters!

FYI: “Black Men” was a common term for Luftwaffe ground personnel due to their black overalls were usually stained with grease and whatever else they could find on the airfield to wallow in.



Scott continues to build his Panzerwaffe to include ModelCollect’s “What If” rendition of a German E-60 Sturmpanzer mit 12.8cm Zwilling. Also sporting a splinter scheme and night fighting optics, you could say his lock, stock, & two smoking barrels are ready for action!!! Just a tad too late, fortunately!!



Commander Boggans contemplates his next move as the Soviets close in on his Italeri Jagdpanzer IV L/70. With Tamiya’s SU-122, SU-85, and a T-34/85 staring at you, you too would be nervous! Jason wanted to just build some tanks while he had some free time. Not a lot of weathering or special painting.....just some good hard steel between his hands!!! Some additional “toys” for the display case!! Pretty heavy, a dude?



Andrew is still finger pointing at the pilot that “pranged” his 1/72 IBG PZL P.24G..... Andrew is in the middle of a special project of which he will demo and document upon completion.....won't you Andrew!



Jordan has started a Czech Master Resin kit depicting a Sikorsky S-39 "Spirit of Africa".

Maybe biting off a little more than he can chew, he is looking forward to straightening the model and artistically applying the giraffe paint scheme.

Good luck on both!!



Lou was at it again!! Took a few items to Nats but had no joy. :(

We'll start with the 1/48th Tamiya Japanese 4x4 Light Vehicle Type 95 Kurogane. Nice ride!!

Following up, Lou has been working on 1/48 scale figures as well. Not only with the Tamiya kit but with a couple Dartmoor Military Models pilot figures, also in 48th scale. Both representing allied fighter pilots during the Big War. Once again, nice job Lou!!!





Mr. Mike brought home some Madison hardware!! Taking a Bronze with his Mid-East Technical diorama and a Silver for his AMX. His ICM German Midget Submarine (“Molch”) is mounted upon a ModelCollect flat car topped by a scratch-built English Intel officer inspecting it.

Mike is also starting down the crop-dusting road with the 1/72 Eduard Servus Chlapci (Z-37A Čmelák) with a few BRASSIN extras.



Upcoming Contest & Events



IPMS/USA National Convention 2025 Information

6-9 August 2025 in Hampton Roads Virginia

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 TIMES: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 PARKING: SELF PARKING [FREE]
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47th Annual Model Show

24 August 2024 • 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 Huntsville Jaycees Bldg • 2180 Airport Road • Huntsville, AL

No Theme!

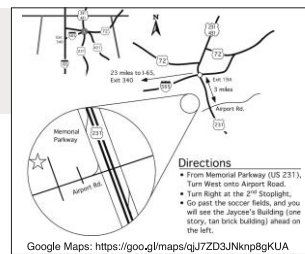
Just bring your models and yourself!

Schedule

8:00 AM - Vendor Set-up
 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Contest Registration
 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Judging
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Results Announced
 5:00 PM - Show Closes

Pricing

General Admission - Free
 Contest Entry - \$10 for the first five models,
 \$1 for each additional
 Junior Entry Fee - \$1 per model, up to \$3
 Vendor Tables - \$25 each



Show & Vendor Information

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Show Theme



Saturday, March 29, 2025 9am - 4pm

General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center
 800 Gabreski Lane, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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General Admission
 \$5.00 Single Adult
 (18 and older)
 \$8.00 Family

Contestants
 \$10.00

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 of models

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 (17 & under)
 and
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Model Cars Magazine Forum	Contests & Shows
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