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Next Meeting is

10:30 AM - Saturday – 21 Sept 2024

At

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

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Meeting Minutes for Aug 17, 2024 Grand Strand Scale Modelers

August's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, July 27th. There were **12** 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:
 - October's Meeting – Now scheduled for October 12th, 2024 due to library availability. Please make note and Mike has updated the website to reflect same.
 - Mike has transitioned his original September demonstration from **Tarps** to **Engraving Stone Walls**. This can be used by any modeling subject where extra terrain is needed to get "that look"!!
 - Personal / Family issues were discussed.
 - A suggestion that Dayne should consider performing a **Water Effects** demo. We'll see if he's up for the challenge.
 - Upcoming competitions were discussed by Rick.
 - Rick completed the **Wood Effect / Woodgrain** demo using oil brushers from Ammo and demonstrating the techniques he uses. We'll see if we can get Rick to write it up for the next newsletter.

- **Other Items**

- September's Group Build is **Road Rage!!** Cars, trucks, motorcycles.....regular civilian vehicles all the way up to Mad Max cars. NASCAR, NHRA, and Indy stuff works too..... We have an award ready for this one!! Start your engine!!! (...and don't forget your entry...)

New & Ongoing Business:

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

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| Sept 21 2024 | <i>Mike Fleckenstein</i> | <i>Engraving Stone Walls</i> | It's a tad easier than brick & mortar. A lighter option too!! |
| Oct 19 2024 | <i>Scott Vanetten</i> | <i>Dry Brushing</i> | It's all in the wrist!! |
| 2024 | <i>John Davis</i> | <i>NASCAR Window Nets</i> | Get your realism mojo on!! |
| 2024 | <i>Andrew Raisis</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.... |
| 2025 | <i>Dayne Taylor</i> | <i>Water Effects</i> | I'm sure it'd be a splashing success!!! |



We ARE looking or demonstrations for 2024 & 2025!!

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| Canopy Polishing | Best methods and how to!! You can polish the floors too.... |
| Masking Techniques | Tape, masking fluid, other mediums, and techniques |
| Scribing | Tools, techniques, & tips. |
| 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 has the Ins & Outs!!! |

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

September is here, and of course you know what that means. BeachCon 25 is now seven months away. We were fortunate to get a rather large donation of armor kits and a smattering of auto and PT Boats, and trains. All in 35th scale. We still need to get some aircraft, so go through your stashes and see if there is anything you don't want anymore and donate them to the club raffle.

By the way, the F-4E that I mentioned last month, departed controlled flight and somehow ended up into the well of tears. A truly classic class A mishap, as the aircraft was a total loss.



Road Rage!

As a reminder.....course if you don't have it done now....this month's meeting also encompasses another **GSSM Group Build!** Remember, to be eligible, your entry most have been completed between the last group build and this contest. Come one, come all.....but bring your entry with you....

Pinch Hitting

I would be remiss not to thank Jason Boggans for "*Pinch-Hitting*" for me for the August meeting. The Show & Tell section of this newsletter is all his!! Good coverage I'd say!! Thanks again Jason!!!

Vote the Bums Out!!!

No....not those people for Washington.....the **GSSM President & Vice President!** In-fact, ALL offices are up for grab!! Now's your chance to grab the reigns!! November ends the current tenure, and elections will be held so get ready to nominate someone.....perhaps, yourself!

As for me, I'm retiring from public life.....gonna get a little condo @ MYR and.....BUILD MODELS!!!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cray", is written over the end of the text block.

Show & Tell

Herb's offering was the Tamiya KV-1(b) beautifully finished with Friulmodel tracks and excellent work on the diorama base with addition of miniart signs and scratchbuilt fences! Herb informed us that this particular model was omitted from a competition as a 'judge' noticed that a track pin was too shiny! Now THAT is rivet counting at its finest. He also had some other resin displays finished to a high quality, as always from Herb!



Mr Brown brought in a '47 Ford Station wagon, unsure of the brand as this one had been finished some time ago, took a spill from its display shelf and had some damage and a lot of interior detail was knocked about a bit, nice wood paneling. Nice detailing and a well finished model!



Earl completed the Revell 32nd scale ME-110 with his own custom mix to accurately capture the German paint used on this aerial menace. Well finished and paint work looks the part, nice job!



Rene brought us in a selection of N-Gauge items many of which were scratch built or piece built from existing small scale parts, amazing details achieved in these incredibly small units. My eyes are barely even up to looking at em let alone working on them!



Scott was rolling in the TD's in the form of the fearsome Dragon 1/35 scale German STUG III which looks this good and is entirely plastic! No PE in sight here!! All 175 pieces to assemble this Axis menace were beautifully finished with Vallejo acrylics with particular attention paid to the tools in place, superb job! This particular kit is provided with the mounting rail for the side skirts, but the skirts are not part of the kit, go figure.



Harry was back working some automotive alchemy with his Revell Mustang Boss '302. Nicely finished in Calypso Coral with a barefoil window trim (his first time attempting!). Decals were a challenge and fought hard all the way but with the aid of some decal softener they finally succumbed to his will. Ford thought of everything back in the day and even provided a toothpick to keep the hood open 😊



Mr Volentine provided us with a duo of F-16's, each as pretty as the next. Hasegawa kits, he modified the provided 'D' version and opted to build it as a 'B' to emulate birds his father flew in. Beautifully finished and weathered a fitting tribute to his dad. Example deux was the YF-16 Viper with modelmaster paints – very nicely done.



Dayne entered the fray with a Knights of Sidonia Mecha finished to his usual high standard breathing life into this plastic beast with some very lifelike chipping and beautiful finish. Another Mech to add to his growing army.



Mike presented us with an Eduard kit in 72nd scale for a change 😊, the Polish Z-37 Čmelák with spray boom detail added to the bottom of the aircraft (3d printed after market parts). Nice paint work with yellow over a white primer and finished with some light pastel chalks to round out the finish.



Jordan continues to battle valiantly with his resin Sikorsky S-39 floatplane, this Czech master kit once finished will be rounded out with the giraffe print decals to give it that unmistakable look, looking forward to seeing this one pass the finish line.



Rick dabbled in another WingNut Wings kit this time around, the Pfalz D.XII, undeterred by the mind-bending lozenge decal on the wings Rick ploughed away and finished this 1/32 offering with aplomb and a beautifully finished wood effect prop rounded out this example to complement his demo on wood effects. Another fine example of a Wingnut classic. Nice job! He also showed off his latest tool purchase, the needle sharpener for airbrushes, only \$40! Available from all good bookstores ... well no, available only from www.sharpenair.com for the higher price of \$49.99 ... Rick got a bargain!



This month's offering from Jason is the Dragon T-34/76 with commander cupola. A decent build with large part count and an unbelievable amount of extra plastic. Finished with zinc chromate paint over black and green topcoats the build turned out pretty well.



Upcoming Contest & Events



IPMS/USA National Convention 2025 Information

6-9 August 2025 in Hampton Virginia

Placeholders until information confirmed!

Please click on an image to go to the website

The Roanoke Valley Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society

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2024



Keeping History Alive...One Model At A Time.

Scale Model Contest, Show and Swap Meet.

Saturday August 10

**Salem Civic Center
Salem VA**



Vendor Setup 6:30am
Doors Open: 9:00am - Awards Start: 4:30pm



Visit RVIPMS.COM for rules clarifications, itinerary and other info.

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BASH TO THE EIGHTIES

THE MODEL FEST '24

SATURDAY
AUGUST 24TH

ANNUAL SCALE MODEL SHOW & COMPETITION

- FREE TO THE PUBLIC • \$15⁰⁰ COMPETITION ENTRY FEES
- 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE AWARDS FOR ALL CATEGORIES
- BEST IN SHOW AWARD FOR EACH MAJOR CATEGORY
- PRESIDENT'S AWARD & MOST POPULAR AWARDS
- SPECIAL "BACK TO THE 80s" & KIT BASH CATEGORIES FOR ENTRY
- RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWINGS OPEN TO ALL (MINIMUM \$1 PER TICKET)
- VENDOR TABLES & MODEL SALES

Scan To Register
Entries & View
Judging Rules

LOCATION: PBN CHURCH -916 NE 4TH ST, POMPANO BEACH, FL 33060
TIMES: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
PARKING: SELF PARKING (FREE)
WWW.FLIGHT19IPMS.ORG

Huntsville Plastic Modelers Society



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




Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/qj7ZD3JNkp8gKUA>

Show & Vendor Information
 Phone: 256-270-0820
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Online
<http://hsvpms.blogspot.com>
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Friday and Saturday October 4th and 5th, 2024
 Wyndham Southbury, 1284 Strongtown Rd., Southbury CT 06488
 \$129 discount room rates available. Please call 203-598-7600 and ask for the Armorcon room block. Make reservations by 9/3/24.

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| 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 |

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