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Next Meeting is

10:30 AM - Saturday – 27 July 2024

At

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

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Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2024 Grand Strand Scale Modelers

June's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, June 15th. There were **14** 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:
 - Reschedule of the July meeting to July 27th due to conflicts with Nationals and DownEastCon events/competitions. Regular schedule will return on August 17th.
 - BeachCon 2025
 - Scheduled for **29 March 2025**.
 - Primary Theme : ***The Pacific Rim*** – including conflicts and non-conflict entry options. This includes military and civilian (cars, ships...) items associated with the Pacific hemisphere.
 - Flyer Discussion – Less “noise”...cleaner look. Mike is working on the flyer.
 - Presently, the General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center is still the front runner, however, there is still the table rental issue.
 - 45 rectangular tables are needed for the event.
 - Re-combine contest and vendor areas.
 - Alternate locations are still on the table.....anyone.....Bueller, Bueller?
 - Implement Electronic Registration for 2025 & Payments. (Phil/Rick)

- **Other Items**

- **New Group Build: “Road Rage”** has been selected for the **September 2024** Group Build. Cars, trucks, motorcycles.....regular civilian vehicles all the way up to Mad Max cars. NASCAR, NHRA, and Indy stuff works too..... Gentlemen, start your engines & good luck!! P/s: I think John Davis should judge this one....we don't need a “ringer”....

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!!
2024	<i>John Davis</i>	<i>NASCAR Window Nets</i>	Get your realism mojo on!!
2024	<i>Andrew Raisia</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
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 & Joe Baxter have the Ins & Outs!!!

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

Rick will give us a "Front Lines" report from IPMS/USA Nationals at Madison!! Wonder if anyone came home with hardware!?!?!?!?



GSSM Gives Back

GSSM officers earmarked \$150 to apply toward the Socastee Library Playground Fund. These monies, acquired during BeachCon 24, will ensure that maintenance funds for the playground are available to fix, or rehab, anything associated with the playground. Since we use the library, and they were very helpful in our display, it was decided to pay it back in a small way!!

A NEW player in town.....well, sort of...

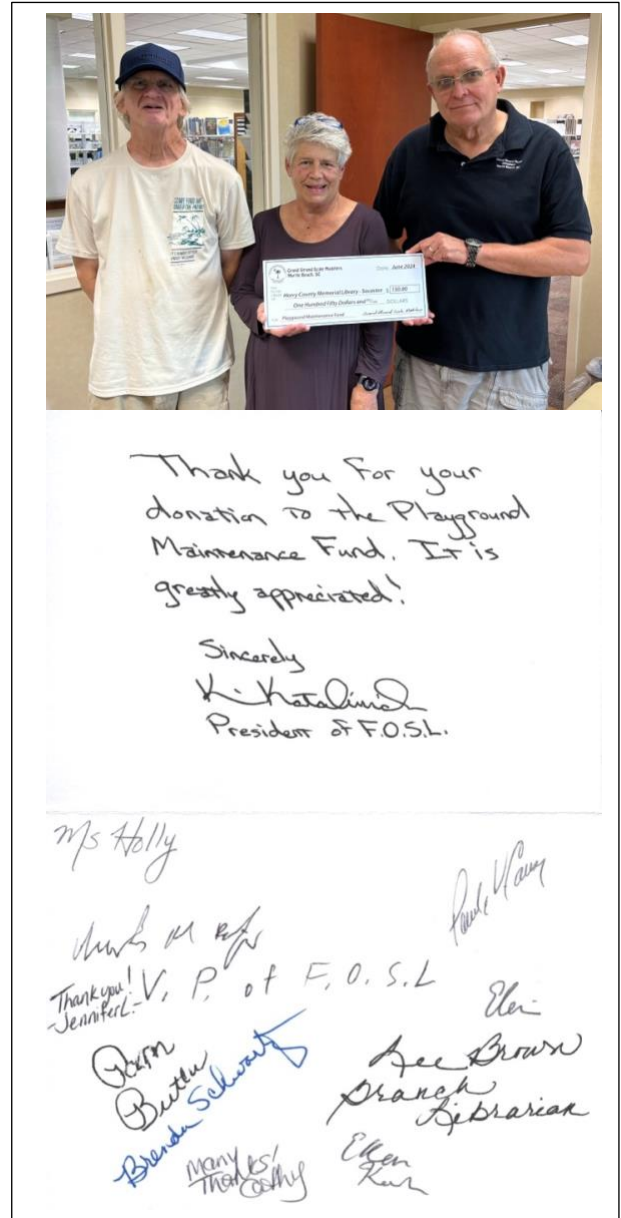


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We, apparently have a new hobby shop player up Wilmington (NC) way. Met Ben & Jamee Carson over the weekend at DownEastCon 24!! No Brick-n-Mortar shop just yet, however, they ship all the time and, in some cases, will **deliver** as far as Calabash!!! I'm sure if we put together a decent order, they may come all the way down to Myrtle every now & then.....

Because I was assisting in judging the event, I didn't get a second time to talk with them AND, I took no photos....however, they were stocked with the latest Vallejo paints, Tamiya, AK paints, supplies, and Tamiya tape!! Of course, what would a hobby shop be with out kits!!! Lots of Takom, Gundam, Tamiya, Hasegawa, & Das Werk.....just to name a few!!! Give 'em a go....it'd be nice to have something a little closer to home....

They'd like to join us for BeachCon 2025 and a couple of meetings so get your orders ready!!



I'd like some additional diorama items, please....

Another vendor hocking his wares was Greg VandeVisser of Red Wild Diorama offers a growing array of scale model kits and accessories for 1:35 and 1:87 scale dioramas and layouts.



Click the image to go to Greg's website

His products are made and sold in the USA and he specializes in laser-cut, resin and plaster kits with attention to quality, detail and innovative ideas.

Some really nice stuff!! **Hopes to join us for BeachCon 2025 as well!!** I'm hoping Red Wild will make 35th scale copies of some of their HO stuff!!!!

Hey Buddy....have I got a deal for you!!!

If you haven't heard, IPMS/USA is offering a sweet deal on 3 years of membership for 60 smackers!! That's \$30 off of the regular yearly membership fee of \$30 or \$90 for three!!! Leaves you some cash for.....say paint, decals.....maybe a model??? *Click on the logo to access the special membership page.....*



Hardware Acquisition

Ok, yes.....I attended and judged at DownEastCon 2024 in Havelock NC on the 20th. Was a good show....nice venue and had about the same number of entries as BeachCon did. Even won a raffle item for Saturday's meeting.

One thing of note was an email from Mark Sandvigen (R12 New Bern rep) after the event; *“As some of you may know who attended, the modeling mix changed considerably – aircraft was the least represented, however figures (Gundam included) and miscellaneous were on the rise. The other great surprise was ships and automotive, again significantly larger than seen in the past.”*



What surprised me most was placing 2nd with a 1/72nd First to Fight Polish TKS.



Show & Tell



Earl starts us off today with his Kinetic 48th scale F-84F in an emergency landing configuration.... Seems he had a tad bit of an issue with the landing gear upon arrival.... Other than that, it's a pretty sharp build!



....guess what Rick brought.....

Yup, a 1/32 scale Bristol F.2b Fighter (Post War) from Wingnut Wings!!

Looking good as always!! Maybe Rick should offer a training session on rigging a bird.....BUT, we'll make him do it in 48th or even 72nd scale to challenge his abilities.....

In any event, nice work Rick!!

Art imitating life, Jason finished his first IPMS USA review. Though there were good and bad points to the ICM collection of Maultiers he finished the build. Jason stated that ICM had combined three original kits into a single offering and a couple of the kits were “showing their age”.

Pretty nice job though....as his finished entries look pretty much like the box art!! Nice job Jason, I look forward to reading the review once it gets published at the [IPMS USA](http://IPMSUSA.com) website!!

....but wait, there’s a straggler!! In his spare time he managed to finish off a Panzer IV from Tamiya.

Overall, a pretty busy build bench for Jason!!





Scott brought in some additional items from his display case.... First up was the 1/25th 55 Nomad offering from AMT. He put in 6 days of detailing to get his 'WOMPIN WAGON just right!!

Then, he called for Revell's 1/25th wrecker. Believed to be the old "Midnight Cowboy" boxing. Scott used the build to "put some time in" without heavy detailing....

An Airfix 1/24th Bf 109E was his next victim.... Suffering only some minor cowling issues, he was pleased with the build overall!!





Chad gave up on his nat metal F-86 (at lease temporarily) and focused on a couple heavy hitters!! Hasegawa's 72nd AV-8B offering was constructed out of the box. Chad spent some extra time on weathering as those things are "dirty birds"!!

Italeri's RF-4C/E kit (also in 72nd scale) was the impetus for a Bergstrom based RF-4E. Reskit burner cans, wheels and cockpit were used to enhance the appearance of this recce bird. Vallejo and Tamiya paints were used on the kits and the results are stunning!!!

Very Nice!!!





Dayne arrived with some friends. Very impressive with the use of Tamiya and Testor's Metalizer paints to achieve the worn appearance on both "soldiers". I think they may be Ukranian special operators.....





A new tooled Airfix Gloster Meteor Mk.8 in Aussie markings was on the ramp for Mike's latest build. Representing a Korea era RAAF AC from 77th Sqn it depicts the kite flown by Sgt George Hale who was credited for 1 & ½ MIG kills in, to date, the last air battle flown by the RAAF.

Of course it's in 72nd scale.....what else would it be in??

Mike also brought a target in for review. Vespud Models 1/72 Russian T-90. Highly detailed, we expect a nice representation soon as he acquired some modern Ruskie crew figures too. I smell a diorama!!





Not to be left behind.....Jordan dragged something out of his stash from many, many, many moons ago!! Straight from the box (as if there was any other way to build a FROG kit...) Jordan made a good representation of the TA-152....but especially the paint scheme. The rolling waves on the leading edge are there. Not easy in any scale....

He used 3rd party decals as well as Mr Hobby Aqueous hobby color paints and clear coat to accomplish the build!

I think the very last time I saw this kit built.....I was in my teens!!!

Demonstration Notes

Just how does John Davis get that super shine on his cars. John gave us about a 40-minute demonstration on how he's able to get such a polished sheen that attracts gold and silver medallions...



John explained that prep time is extremely important. First, prepping the vehicles with Dawn dishwashing liquid.

His tools of the trade consist of 4000 Flex-Pad sanding items, White Putty of both Tamiya and Squadron varieties.

John decants the Tamiya White Primer to prepare the body for painting.

He then uses Tamiya clear lacquer to cover the original paint color. Placing the body in a dust free environment and gives it all two weeks to harden.

Once the finish has hardened, John will re-inspect the finish. He can wash & dry with a fabric softener if desired.

Afterward, he utilizes an old handkerchief (or similar cloth) along with WD-40 (non-penetrating) to polish the finish even further. 8000 sandpaper may also be used after the rub-down.

John continues the process until he feels the finish is just right.

After a non-Ammonia Windex wipe down, it's ready for decals!





Lastly, if anything goes wrong the body, or any part thereof, can be stripped with either Castrol Brake Fluid and/or Castrol Super Clean.

Again, start the entire process over with Dawn Dishwashing liquid....



John also utilizes Ultra-Restore Plastic Polish from [Innovative Hobby Supply](https://www.innovativehobby.com/)

Upcoming Contest & Events



IPMS/USA National Convention 2025 Information

6-9 August 2025 in Hampton Virginia

Placeholders until information confirmed!

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Pricing
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