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Next Meeting is

**10:30 AM - Saturday – 18 May 2024**

At

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

[Google Maps](#)

## Meeting Minutes for Apr 27, 2024 Grand Strand Scale Modelers

April's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, Apr 27th. 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.
  - Welcome back Chad Volentine!
  - Welcome to a couple of new visitors!
    - Rene Wiles
    - Scott Vanetten
  - Introductions all around!!
- The meeting focused on:
  - BeachCon 2025 (Biennial/Annual) Vote.
  - BeachCon 2024
    - Finance Report/Expenditures (see Financial Report below)
    - Positive/Negative Points of Discussion
    - BeachCon Contest to Committee
    - Raffle Issues
    - Implement Electronic Registration for 2025.

- **Other Items**

- Discussion of "marrying" group members to requested demonstrations.
- **May Group Build:** "Not Another Messerschmidt" – ANYTHING German that is NOT a Messerschmidt! Hope you got your builds done!!
- Rick & Phil reiterated the importance of the [IPMS/USA Review Site](#). If you're interested in becoming a reviewer, check out the site and see Rick or Phil for some pointers!!
- Rick Reinert demonstrated the ins & outs of decaling your model!!! Job well done Rick!!
  - Primary Takeaways
    - Warm the water for decal immersion. Rick uses a coffee cup warmer.
    - Roll out any residual water with a Q-Tip or like device.
    - Don't use any special adhesives or decal solvents unless absolutely necessary so to allow you to rehydrate the decal, with water, if your placement isn't where you want it.

- Air drying is the best, however, using a hair dryer will do in a pinch.
- If you have air bubbles, pierce the decal with a sharp device and either flood with water or a solvent if necessary.

## New & Ongoing Business:

### GSSM July Meeting:

Rick will be conferring with the group pertaining to the July meeting. Presently, the meeting is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> of July which is the same day as the closing of IPMS/USA Nationals and DownEastCon 2024 in Havelock, NC. Stay tuned.....

### BeachCon 2024 Financial Report:

Date	Payee	Expense \$\$	Income Description	Income	8'	6'	# of Sponsorships
			Yellow=Vendor				
9/15/23	Steve Chorazewitz (Awards)	\$405.00					
9/20/23			Kinetic Models	\$80.00	2		
9/21/23			Midway 66	\$120.00	3		
9/26/23			Tim Darrah	\$60.00		2	
10/7/23			HQ72	\$40.00	1		
10/18/23			AOA Decals	\$120.00	3		
10/26/23	Mission Awards	\$822.60					
10/31/23			GT Resin	\$60.00		2	
11/7/23			Tiger Werke Resin	\$60.00	3		
11/14/23	Phil Cavender Copies	\$62.64					
11/17/23			Tiger Werke Resin Sponsorship	\$40.00			1
11/18/23			Steve Chorazewitz Sponsorship	\$70.00			2
11/18/23			Michigan Toy Sponsorship	\$120.00			3
12/6/23			Braxton Usher	\$90.00		3	
12/6/23			Braxton Usher Sponsorship	\$30.00			1
1/16/24			culttvman.com	\$80.00	2		
1/12/24			Bobby Long	\$140.00	2	2	
1/10/24			Dave Brown /IPMS George Preddy	\$100.00			3
1/9/24			NOVA	\$400.00			11
2/16/24			Rising Sun Games & Hobbies	\$120.00		3	1
2/20/24	City of Myrtle Beach	\$605.00					
2/20/24	Rick Reinert	\$243.00					
2/23/24			Eastern Carolina Modelers	\$60.00			2
3/1/24			Robert Cline	\$120.00		4	1
3/1/24			Plastic Model Movers	\$180.00		6	1
3/1/24			Tim Kirkland	\$30.00		1	
3/1/24			Tim Kirkland	\$30.00			1
3/2/24			Sgt. Russell Cavender				1
3/2/24			Mike Fleckenstein	\$30.00			1
3/2/24			Rick Reinert	\$30.00			1
??			Jim's Hobbies	\$80.00	2		
3/4/24	Event Rentals	\$640.16					
3/8/24			IPMS Mid-Carolina	\$60.00			2
3/8/24			Tom Wingate	\$30.00			1
3/8/24	Event Rentals	\$28.60					
3/10/24			Yvonne Salisbury State Farm	\$150.00			5
3/5/24	Phil Cavender Raffle Tickets	\$51.68					
3/12/24			Coastal Carolina Modelers	\$30.00			1
3/20/24			Steve Chorazewitz	\$120.00			3
3/20/24			Family Wellness Center	\$60.00			2
3/22/24	City of Myrtle Beach	\$640.00					
3/25/24			Jason Boggans	\$60.00			2
3/7/24	Steve -Amazon Model Tool Kit	\$31.31					
3/5/24	Steve - Amazon Model J. Wick	\$43.19					
3/23/24	Steve - Uhaul Rental	\$142.25					
3/25/24	Steve - Circle K Uhaul	\$18.80					
3/25/24	Steve- Fast Signs	\$272.54					
3/22/24	Steve Chorazewitz (3 ball caps)	\$20.00					
3/23/24	Petty Cash	\$250.00	Registration	\$1,417.00			
3/23/24	Petty Cash	\$250.00	Raffle	\$1,602.50			
		\$4,526.77		\$5,819.50	18	23	44
			<b>Total Net 2024</b>	<b>\$1,292.73</b>			
			<b>Total Net 2023</b>	<b>\$2,637.34</b>			

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

May 18 2024	<b>Group Build</b>	<i>Not Another Messerschmidt</i> – ANYTHING German that is NOT a Messerschmidt	
June 15 2024	<i>John Davis</i>	<i>Painting/Finishing Automobile Kits</i>	Smoothing out those rough edges to get that special finish!
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 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
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

Planning for BeachCon 25 will start shortly. In order for it to be successful, and to prevent burn out, we need some volunteers to step up to the plate and help with the planning and execution. BeachCon 25 is tentatively planned for the 28th (set up) and 29th of March 2025. That date is currently being coordinated with Tim Kirkland (Region12 Coordinator). Hopefully by the time of the meeting this coming Saturday (18 May), I should have some feedback from Tim.

Immediate items that we need to discuss for BeachCon 25:

- What will the theme be?
- Location - We have made a deposit on The Reed Center for 28 and 29 March. I believe we should examine if other facilities are available to us as well. We can cancel the Reed Center without charge. I would like one or two folks to help spearhead the facilities search with me.
- Other areas where we will need help:
  - Raffle Coordinator (includes collecting items for the raffle)
  - Vendor Coordinator
  - Sponsor Coordinator

Did I miss anything? I am always open to suggestions and feedback.



*Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more.....*

Before ANYTHING else, I would be remiss if I failed to wish Mike Fleckenstein a speedy recovery! It seems that Mike attempted to do some additional weathering to his personal vehicle with a 1:1 scale tree while "ditch jumping". He's doing well, out of rehab, and we hope to see him Saturday, but he did have a couple of surgeries to repair his injuries.

Oh, if you missed the moral of the story.....don't go to "Photo Club" outings with Mike!! :) Godspeed!!

### BeachCon 2025 is ON!

After a very close vote of **13 to 4**, the vote is in! **BeachCon25** is on....so put your work pants on and get ready to chip in....got some chores to do!!! Psst....ok, it really wasn't that close.....

### IPMS/USA Nationals:

We received the following message from IPMS/USA. Please review and if you can help at the nationals, please follow the links and volunteer:



### International Plastic Modeler Society

As key players in your chapter we are asking for your help on two items.

We need to spread the word to IPMS members asking for help (volunteers) for our 2024 National Convention.

We have several opportunities for members to help us. Some of the key areas we need some help with are in the Contest Room, Vendor Room and some Security slots. If you can help, please go to this link and sign up for a position. [Volunteer Link](#)

If you have questions, please contact [Volunteer Coordinator](#)

The second thing we need help with is getting a PNG/PDF picture of your clubs' logo. We need these, as we are using them to give credit for chapters who are sponsoring trophies this year in the presentation. If your chapter has purchased a trophy package, please send the logo file to <mailto:jimcoatney@yahoo.com>

### Parting Shots:

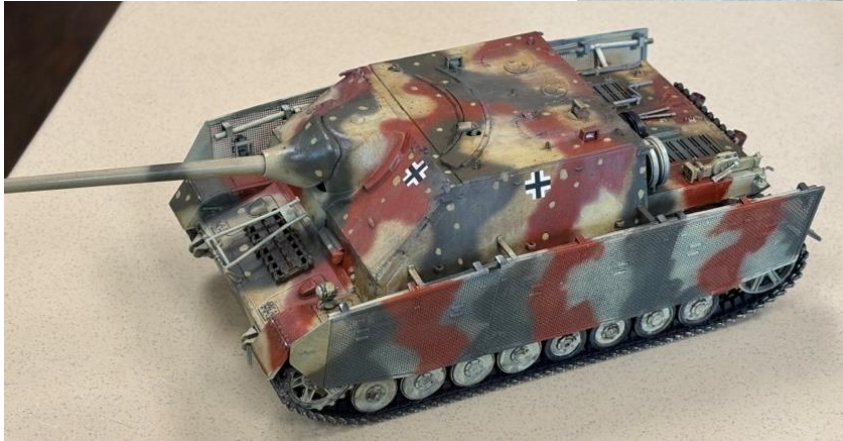
- Again, congrats to John & Phil on they're showing at the **Soda City** competition!! Way to show off the GSSM flag and your personal abilities!!
- I'd like to thank each of you who have stepped up to perform a demonstration this year. If you believe you can perform any of the other demonstrations please let Rick, or myself, know. We'll help you make it happen!!

## Show & Tell

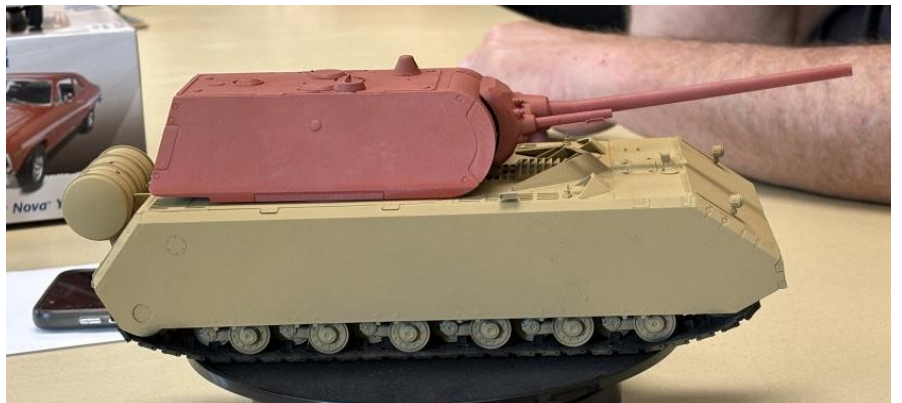
Rick is first off this month with his 48<sup>th</sup> Arma Hobby Hurricane Mk IIb with some 3<sup>rd</sup> party decals. Though built to compare against the Hobby Boss representation but Rick says there is NO comparison.

Then he built a target.... Tamiya's 35<sup>th</sup> Panzer IV/70A. Couldn't quite figure out where the wings go....

What's next for Rick, one of those Hasegawa gals so he can "triathlon" at the next contest?



Jason followed up the armor parade with Shanghai Dragon's 1/35 German Super Tank 'Maus'. Barely getting off the drawing board only a few were built and is believed not to have seen any action.







Harry has been refining his processes on his latest Revell build (1/25) '69 Chevy Nova Yenko Street Burner. He's been working hard at his paint processing to get "that" look.

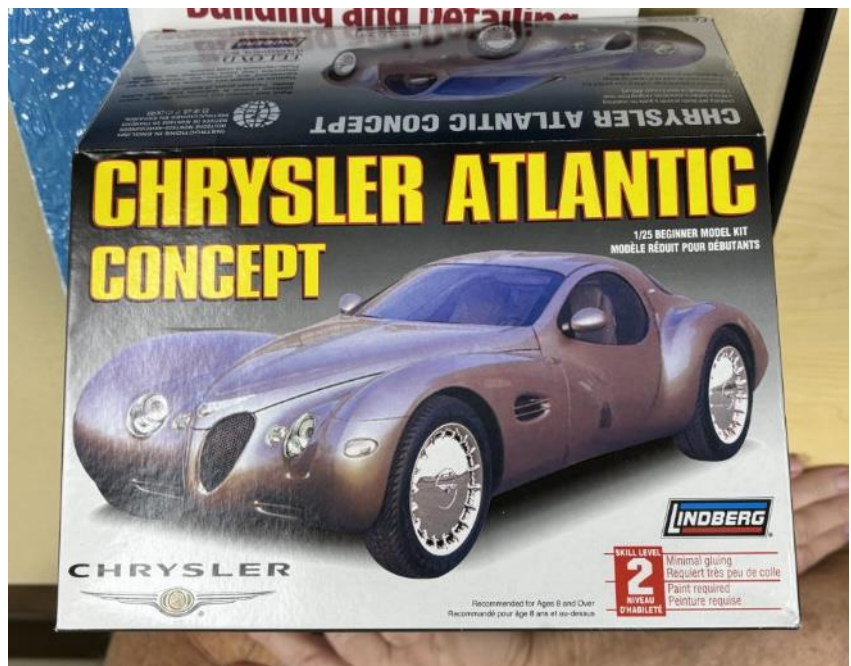
Though he got that license plate just right.....I think he needs to learn to use rust pigments and washes to make the bottom of the car all rusty..... Another nice job Harry!



This is CNN..... Na...just Mike Fleckenstein reminding us all just how old he is.... Tiananmen Square. Beijing PRC, June 5. 1989 when those units leaving the massacre were confronted, stopped, by a lone protester. Every time the tank moved, the protester got back in front of the vehicle. This continued until he was pulled to safety by some friends. Mike started with the Trumpeter T-55/59 kit and went from there.



Jordan is also planning to do some historic modeling as well using Chrysler's 1995 Atlantic concept car. The original vehicle resided in the Chrysler Museum, Auburn Hills, MI, until the museum closed in 2016. Hard to say who owns it now.....wait, Jordan owns it!! Ok, a Lindberg 1/25 scale model of the car. Good luck Jordan!! Maybe you should paint it up in those alien spaceship colors....

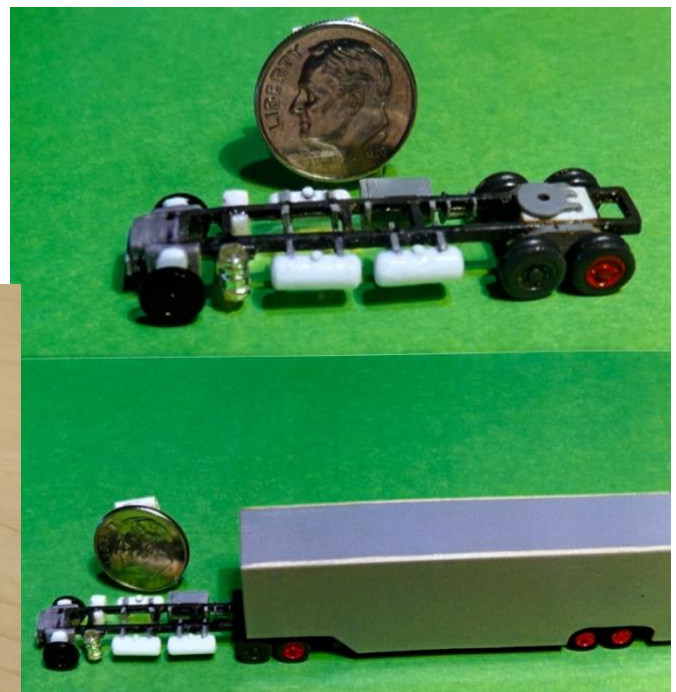




John Davis brought home some nice trinkets from the 2024 Soda City Mid-Carolina contest. Not only a gold but a Best of Automobile award for his 1/25<sup>th</sup> Revell Ford FD-100 Pickup. Not held to a NASCAR mock-up, John was able to stretch his abilities and techniques, with the help of a few Parts By Park & Detail Master details. Nice going John!! You need to learn how to use those rust pigments & washes too....



Something new from a new visitor!! Big welcome to Rene Wiles! Rene works more in the N-Gauge scale constructing semi-tractor trailers as well as the cabs. This is some SMALL stuff as the depictions against a dime prove the scale! Impressive Rene....very impressive!!





Another new visitor to the group; Scott Vanetten. Being an N-VA IPMS long time member, he has moved down our way and brought along some of his builds. Aircraft, Armor, & Rods!!! What's next for him.....perhaps one of those Hasegawa gals too???

Very impressive array of subjects!! Welcome Scott!!



....and Mr Cavender has yet another plaque for his trophy case!! Phil took Best Military vehicle at the Soda City contest as well. Phil took the award for his M50A1 Ontos (below) that he brought for Show & Tell last November.

Phil finished his 1/12<sup>th</sup> Tamiya Honda DAX 125. I believe Phil was evaluating this kit for IPMS/USA.

Nice ride Phil....and Congrats on another big winner!!!



Upcoming Contest & Events



[IPMS/USA National Convention 2024 Information](#)

July 17-20, 2024

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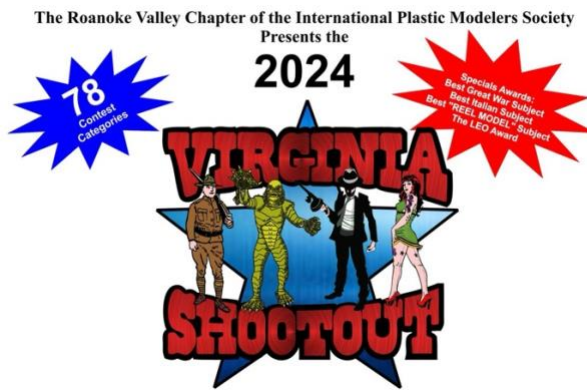
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**Saturday August 10**  
**Salem Civic Center**  
**Salem VA**  
 Vendor Setup 6:30am  
 Doors Open: 9:00am - Awards Start: 4:30pm



Visit [RVIPMS.COM](http://RVIPMS.COM) for rules clarifications, itinerary and other info.

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### Contest Sites

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