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Next Meeting is

10:30 AM - Saturday – 12 Oct 2024

At

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

[Google Maps](#)

Meeting Minutes for Sept 21, 2024 Grand Strand Scale Modelers



**Congratulations Chad Volentine
2024 Road Rage Group Build Winner!!**

September's meeting was held at the Socastee County Library starting at 10:30 AM, Sept 21st. 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:
 - Reminder of October's Meeting being scheduled for October 12th due to library availability.
 - Mike Fleckenstein was at the meeting and performed his **Engraving Stone Walls** demonstration. Excerpt is included in this newsletter.
 - Personal / Family issues were discussed.
 - Nominations for GSSM Officers was discussed. Looking for volunteers, however, Rick is available for a second stint as Chaz nominated Jason/Jordan to serve as VP. Elections are forthcoming.

- A Gundam/Sci-Fi contest at Ed's in Conway is being considered. Herb and Phil C will talk with Ed for initial discussions.
- John Davis briefed on the auto contest in Simpsonville SC. He advised that there seemed to be a lot of "Home Cooking" in play so be aware.
- GSSM Treasury was recorded at **\$3345.47** on the meeting's date.
- **BeachCon 2025**
 - It was agreed to (via hand vote) that a lot of 24 unboxed Atlantis P-39s (1/46th) would be purchased for give-a-ways and BeachCon raffle. Pricing is \$1.99 per copy plus shipping for the entire lot.
 - Rick is calling for raffle donations. Aircraft are needed as the donation of kits were primarily armor.
 - It was agreed to reduce the number of contest tables to a total of 38 and to bring ALL vendors back into the main venue. This is due to communications issues between the rooms and the reduced number of kits that were entered into the contest.
 - We are looking for GSSM members to take on some BeachCon responsibilities. We need to spread out non-contest day jobs so we have a smooth implementation.
- **Other Items**
 - September's Group Build contest was **Road Rage!!** John Davis was elected to judge all entries.
 - Kit Auction netted a total of **\$137** to add to GSSM's coffers!! Way to go guys!

New & Ongoing Business:

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

Oct 2024	Scott Vanetten	Dry Brushing	It's all in the wrist!!
2025	John Davis	NASCAR Window Nets	Get your realism mojo on!!
2025	Andrew Rasis	Grow Them Trees!	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	Dayne Taylor	Water Effects	I'm sure it'd be a splashing success!!!



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 has the Ins & Outs!!!



Flash Traffic: Rumbblings of a Model Road Trip!!

Jason pinged the Wings, Wheels, & Waves owner (Sanford) and talked with him about a group discount if we arrange a trip up there. He has said he would give us a 20% discount on retail prices and 10% on yellow sticker items if we identify ourselves as GSSM. He was thinking either the Saturday 26th or November 2nd but would need to ride with someone.

Bottom Line: If you're interested in carpooling up to WW&W please see Jason and Mr. Cavender. I believe the Nov 2nd is the target date, but it'll be discussed during the meeting. Just a heads-up!!

Show & Tell Info

Ok, I'm pretty good at ferreting out the details of the kits that y'all bring in for the meeting. That being said, it still takes more time/effort to get the details than it should.....especially for whomever will be taking this on next. To make this job easier, PLEASE start bringing the box, instructions, or anything that can be imaged that will aid in the identification of the kit your brought.

Next Group Build – A Real Quandary.....or Quagmire....

With "***Road Rage***" finished.....we need to determine the next Group Build subject. The next ones (original list with 11 votes each) are ***Go Army*** and ***Go Figure***. ***Go Army*** was anything associated with the US Army. This could include US Army Air Corps as well....I guess. ***Go Figure*** requires ANY figure from ANY time....etc.. Even those new sexy babes from MiniArt's Urban Travelers or Holiday Makers sets. BUT....we could schedule another "***Shelf Queen***" or "***Shelf of Doom***" kit build!! Maybe begin a tradition?? What, you don't have any old, partially built, kits?? (Yes Mike, we know.....that's why you'll judge!!). In any event, mull this over for January's Group Build and we'll take a vote!!

Sign Up Time!

At the end of this newsletter is the ***BeachCon 2025 Task Roster*** for the day of the show. Now's your chance to sign up. We will be taking names on Saturday. I know that Rick is ready to form a committee of GSSM members that can help get the preliminary tasks started/completed. Though we did do a lot of extra stuff last year to make this year easier.....some things always need to be worked. Please see Rick to sign-up for pre-contest tasks. Again, we appreciate your assistance!!

Elections!!

Remember, ALL GSSM officer's are open for replacement. If you want to continue to torment.....err....keep existing members, nominate them (except Chaz!). On the other hand, if you think you can do some cool stuff and are willing to put in some extra time/effort for the group, stand up and nominate yourself!!! We'd love to have you take one of the leads!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Chaz", is written over the bottom right portion of the text.

Demo: Engraving Stone Walls w/Mike Fleckenstein



Mike is planning a vignette for his newly acquired 1/72 scale MiniArt StuH 42 Ausf. G.

He begins with a resin stone road for the primary item attached to wood and foam but then he needed a facade for a bridge side to finish the terrain display.

Mike's tools consist of:

- Straight edge
- X-Acto knife
- Toothpick
- Various sandpaper
- Textured Items (rolled up tape, aluminum foil, plastic)

Mike likes to start with some foam core board. He usually picks his up at the dollar store and isn't really picky on the "newness" of the item as he's going to cut it up and peel off the paper layer to access the foam.



Mike's stone bridge sample for an upcoming vignette.

Mike defines his rows by use of a toothpick and a straightedge. He then rotates the straightedge 90 degrees so to draw/define the individual bricks/blocks. Take care to remember that constructed walls are usually staggered for strength and stability. Check your references accordingly.

Once he has the wall defined, he “textures” the façade by use of items that can give the wall a grainy effect. Rolled up tape, aluminum foil are perfect candidates to roll over the newly defined wall.

Using a straw, or other tools, he pushes some of the bricks inward to enhance the wall with lost bricks/blocks. Using an X-Acto blade, or other tools, cracks can be put into the blocks as well.

Color the facade any way you’d like. Again, refer to your references but usually a grey or brick red color will suffice. Remember to color the mortar lines in a different (tan or grey) paint color and don’t forget to wash.....the wall with your favorite weathering products.

Thanks Mike, we appreciate the demonstration!!!



Show & Tell



We would like to thank all for participating in the Kit Auction that we held at the September meeting!! These funds will either go towards raffle items for **BeachCon 25** OR towards our annual Christmas Brunch!!!

The best part is that everyone who won on a bid got a good deal for the kits that were available.

We may do this again but it will depend on what's remaining and if you have any cash left..... :)

Raffle Bid 13700

✓ Jordan 8.00	→ Tamija Matt
✓ Phil 8.00	Lox
✓ Claz 16.00	Battle of Bulge
✓ Earl 5.00	Tamija Halftrack
✓ Emil 8.00	M16 Tamija
	Rail Car T
✓ Claz 8.00	Chieftan Tank
✓ Jordan 9.00	PT Boat Itali
✓ Brian 20.00	Train Trumpeter
✓ Claz 20.80	Merkava
✓ Payne 26.00	M40



We start this Show N Tell with hardy congratulations to Chad Volentine for his **Road Rage** entry. Chad worked overtime to add wiring, interior enhancements, and a beautiful paint job on his 1970 Corvette LT-1/ZR-1. He used Bare-Metal Foil for the Chrome and [MCW's](#) Mulsanne Blue for the car's finish. This is AMT's 1/25 scale representation of this classic vehicle. Nice Job Chad!!!



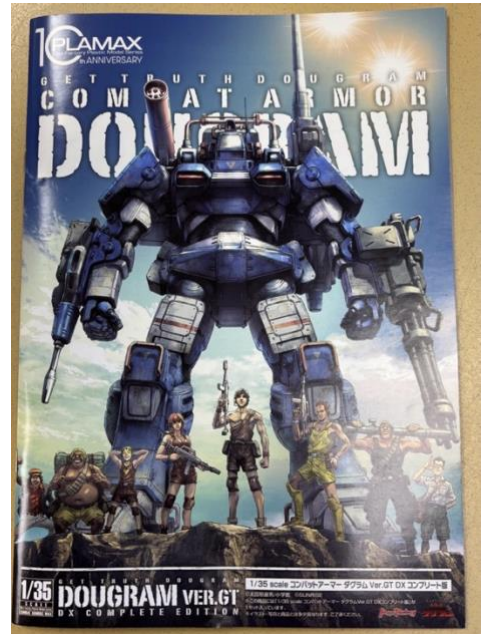


Another AMT (1/25) offering is this classic White-Freightliner SD/DD tractor cab that was Earl's **Road Rage** entry.

Beautifully attired, painted, and detailed, Earl has some personal attachments to this build.

Keep 'em rollin' Earl!!





Dayne brought in his latest in 35th scale.

The Dougram Combat Armor Dougram Ver. GT DX (Plamax) complete with this monster and associated infantry figures (not shown). Being “in scale”, it would look good next to a flak gun.....or a King Tiger.....

Donno what caliber the big gun is, but I wouldn't want to have a run in with this fellow.....anywhere.....

Now he'll have to build that 1/35 windmill and solar panels to power up this beast.....





Talk about “kickn’ it old school”..... Speed Racer’s Mach 5 in 25th scale from Polar Lights was Andrew’s **Road Rager**. Said he had a bit of issues with the paint on this one but the beautiful lines of this classic brings back memories. Can even remember the sounds it would make when it jumped large gaps in the road. Nice one Andrew!!



OK, we let John bring in his **Road Rage**....but only for Show n Tell. Using [Salvino’s](#) Denny Hamlin’s 2023 Toyota Camry Mavis Winner as the donor kit, John changed the vehicle to represent Monster Reddick/Gibbs 2023 Toyota #45 by using Powerslide Decals (#392). John do luv those MONSTER decals & schemes!!! Bound to be a prize winner for this season’s contests!!!



Harry picked up on Aoshima's RN80 Hilux Custom 4x4 in 24th scale for that **Off-Road Rager!** Doing some nice accents and "rhino-lining" in the bed, he's now ready to pick up some furniture from Ikea!!

Harry decked it out with racing stripes and Tamiya's Metallic Orange for the top color. Nice colors and shading for the undersides as well!!! Yea, boulders too.....

Now.....maybe he, and Herb, could mount a 20mm Flak gun in the bed.... That would certainly raise some eyebrows on Ocean Drive....on a Friday night.





Jordan's **Road Rage** entry consisted of Barney's car..... Actually Lindberg's 25th scale Chrysler Atlantic Concept vehicle. In the same concept as Chrysler's Viper and other styled vehicles, Jordan said it was not the easiest build, but it does build up to a really intriguing ride! If only.....if only..... Nice Job Jordan!! Love that paint scheme (Tamiya's Lavender)!!

John thought it'd look better in black, with Monster decals..... Of course he would.....





NOT to be outgunned..... Phil Cavender brought in his latest IPMS Review build. This is the VK. 100.01(P) K3382, in 35th scale, from Takom. A "paper tiger", it began development in 1942, by Porsche, sporting a 128mm main gun. Weighing in at roughly 100 Tons, this beast is finished in "Siegfried Line" markings.

Though not a Road Rage build.....Phil's build would certainly be ALL the rage if it was on the road! Look for his write up at the [IPMS/USA Reviews](#) page.

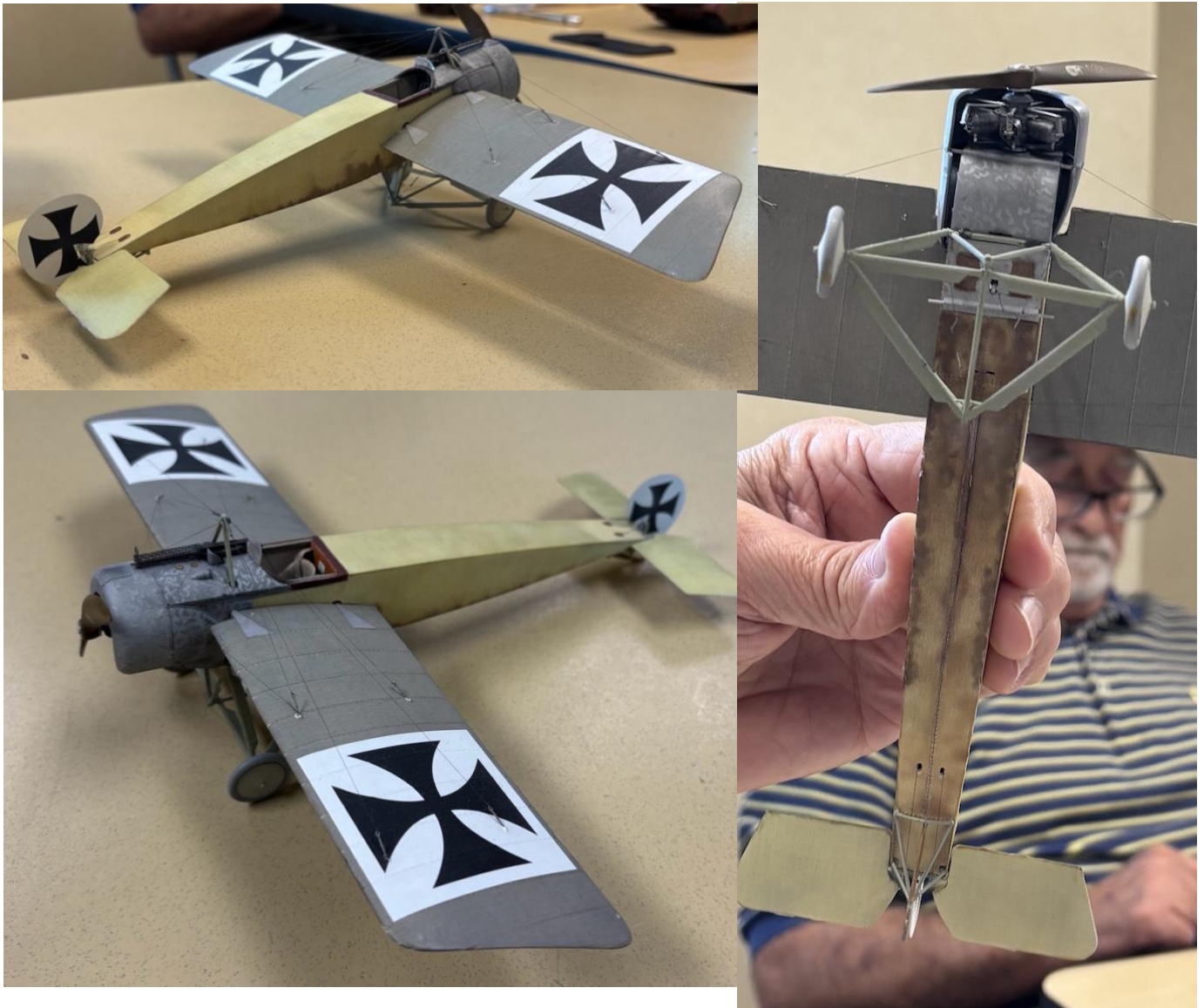
Another Blast from the Past, Herb trucked in his Deutsches Afrikakorps 88mm (Tamiya 35th scale) IPMS winner at both Charleston & Chattanooga (Nationals).

Just like the people who used these in the Western Desert.....Herb could clear some roads too.....



A quick call for Air Support conjured up this dirty little mono-winged thing!! Rick spent some extra time weathering his latest; 1/32nd Wingnut Wings Fokker E.1 (Early). Impeccably detailed and dirtied up, to boot, this one is sure to net Rick some acknowledgements at upcoming contests.

Nice wires.....errr lines Rick!! Hey, is that a real wooden prop..... ;)





Mike brought in a couple of newly acquired kits. Many of us have heard really nice things about the MiniArt 72nd scale StuH G. as well as the L-39 kit. If the StuH is anything like MiniArt's 35th scale kit....it'll be a treat....in a smaller portion.

Mike is also in the midst of finishing up a Special Hobby Whirlwind....in 72nd scale as well. Look for some details on this in the future.

Got Cinderblocks?

Lou tried to get his Revell 2001 Corvette (Z06) ready for **Road Rage**, but just ran out of time.

Maybe now he can finish it off in time for our next "**Shelf Queen**" group build.....



Upcoming Contest & Events



IPMS/USA National Convention 2025 Information

6-9 August 2025 in Hampton Virginia

Please click on an image to go to the website



**Murfreesboro, TN
November 9**

9:00am - 4:00pm CST
Judging starts at 12:00 Noon

Rutherford County Agricultural Center
315 John Rice Boulevard • Murfreesboro, TN 37129

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ModelCon 2025**

January 10th & 11th 2025

Chattanooga Convention Center
.....Friday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.
.....Saturday 9 a.m. - 4th p.m.

- Our Popular Gold-Silver-Bronze Format will be used for ALL contest models, including Automotive
- "Best Of" Awards for Aircraft, Armor, Automotive, Figure, Sci-Fi, Misc. and Dioramas
- Display only models are welcome and are free to display
- Model registration begins on Friday at 1 p.m. and ends on Saturday at noon
- Vendors can be open for business starting on Friday by 1 p.m. A very large number of vendors is expected
- Large raffle drawing on Saturday afternoon
- Once again in a ballroom with carpet and good lighting
- Same weekend as "World of Wheels"
- **This year's theme: SCI-FI**

For additional information, entry forms,
judging rules, etc. go to

www.chattanoogamodelers.com

General contact – Ben Gibby bjgibby1964@outlook.com

Vendor Contact – Jeff Mattheiss jeffmattheissfamily@gmail.com





2025 Old Dominion Open Scale Model Show & Contest
Saturday, February 22
 80 Model Contest Categories
 Extensive Vendor Marketplace
 Huge Modeler's Drawing
 On-site Food Vendor

1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards for each category, plus these special awards:
 Judges' Best In Show • Best Junior
 Best Aircraft • Best Automotive • Best Diorama • Best Figure
 Best Gundam • Best Maritime • Best Military Vehicle
 Best Real Space & Sci-Fi

Doors open at 8:30 a.m.
 Model Registration:
 8:30 a.m - 12:00 p.m.
 Judging Starts at 12:30 p.m.



Richmond Raceway Complex
 The Old Dominion Building
 600 E. Laburnum Ave.
 Richmond, VA 23222

Model Entry (cash only): \$20 for up to 20 models
 General Admission (cash only): ages 13 & older: \$10.00 / ages 12 & under: free

General inquiries, please contact Bob Walls: robertwalls@comcast.net

IPMSRVA.org



JAXCON 2025 INFORMATION

**PIZZA FRIDAY NIGHT! FOOD TRUCK(S) ON SITE SATURDAY!
 HUGE RAFFLE WITH TOP-DOLLAR PRIZES SATURDAY!**

JAXCON'S GOLD/SILVER/BRONZE STYLE CONTEST WHERE **EVERY** MODEL ENTERED CAN WIN, WITH NEW ADDITIONAL DISPLAY ZONES FOR LEGO AND GUNDAM MODELS!

FRIDAY 2/16/24- Early vendor set up 5-8pm, contest registration 6-8pm,
 Free Pizza!, 1 free raffle ticket per person for Friday night prizes

SATURDAY 2/17/24- Vendor set up 7-9am, Model registration 9am-noon,
 Noon a10-minute devotional, raffle drawings 1pm-4pm,
 Judging 12:30-4pm, Awards 4-5pm

GENERAL ADMISSION: FREE TO LOOK AROUND AND SHOP THE VENDORS!

**CONTEST FEES: ADULTS- \$20 FOR 5 MODELS, \$1 EACH AFTER THAT;
 IPMSUSA MEMBERS (with card)- \$15 FOR 5 MODELS, \$1 EACH AFTER THAT;
 JUNIORS (UNDER 18) - \$10 FOR UNLIMITED ENTRIES**

VENDOR TABLES: \$50/8ft table or space, email Gil Hodges to reserve tables:
slowhandshodges@bellsouth.net


JAXCON SHOW LOCATION:
 JACKSONVILLE NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
 8531 N. MAIN ST. (HWY-17), JAX, FL., 32218
 (Very near Jax Zoo!)


See our [website](http://www.ipmsfirstcoast.com) for Contest Rules, our GSB judging criteria, Display Zones, and entry forms you can download to fill out ahead of time: <https://ipmsfirstcoast.com/>

MODEL HANDLING NOTICE: JAXCON HAS A POLICY OF HANDLING MODELS AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE FOR THE SHOW AND FOR JUDGING, HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE YOUR MODEL MAY BE PICKED UP OR MOVED IN ORDER TO RENDER THE FAIREST EVALUATION OF YOUR OVERALL CRAFTSMANSHIP. THIS WILL BE DONE WITH THE UTMOST CARE WHEN DONE AND UNDER SUPERVISION. IF THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, PLEASE ASK ABOUT DISPLAYING YOUR MODEL INSTEAD OF ENTERING THE CONTEST.

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 IPMS Atlanta, Inc.
 IPMS Marietta Scale Modelers
Saturday, March 16, 2024
 IAM Local 709 Union Hall
 1032 S. Marietta Pkwy
 Marietta, GA 30060

IPMS Marietta Scale Modelers




For more information visit our website at:
www.ipms-atlanta.org

Admission & Contest Entry

- General Admission - \$5
- Contest Entry - \$10 for unlimited model entries, \$5 for ages 13-17. \$2.00 discount for IPMS/USA members
- Youth 12 & Under - Free Admission and Free Contest Entry

Show Schedule
 Open to the Public:

- 9:00 to 4:30
- Competition:
- Registration - 9:00 to 12:30
- Judging - 1:00 to 4:00
- Awards - 4:30

General Inquiries:
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GRAND STRAND SCALE MODELERS
 Presents

Show Theme
The Pacific War

Saturday, March 29, 2025 9am - 4pm
 General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center
 800 Gabreski Lane, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Map next page







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

Confestants
 \$10.00
 Unlimited number of models

Vendor Tables
 6' Table - \$30.00
 8' Table - \$40.00

Award Sponsorships
 Category Medallions \$30
 Best of Class Trophy \$40
 Best of Show Trophy \$50

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 843-6302346

Scan for show website



for more information please visit:
www.grandstrandscalers.org

Contest Sites

IPMS USA Events & Contests	Event Calendar
AMPS (Armor Modeling & Preservation Society)	Events accessible via AMPS Main Page

<i>Model Cars Magazine Forum</i>	Contests & Shows
<i>Cybermodeler Online</i>	Scale Modeling Event Calendar

As always....if you find any broken links, or have one to suggest, please let Chaz know!!

BeachCon 2025 Task Roster

Gen. Robert H. Reed Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Friday Set Up: Everyone on 28 March @ 1pm

Saturday Set Up: Everyone on 29 March @ 8am – 9am

Tear Down and Clean Up: 29 March after contest - Everyone

Position(s)	Name(s)	Notes
Registration Table: Early		3 Positions / Times:
Registration Table: Late		2 or 1 Position(s) / Times :
Raffle Chief		
Raffle Aid		
Raffle Ticket Sales		
Photographer		
Show Runners / Ushers		Directing entrants to their category tables, answering questions, and helping all when possible.
Vendor Oversight	Phil Cavender	
Vendor Assist		
GSSM Club Sales Table		Will go down to 1 staffer as time goes forward.
Floater		
Announcer	Rick Reinert	
Best Of Presenter		Acrylic Awards
Award Presenter(s)	TBD – Ladies!?!?!?	Gold, Silver, & Bronze Coins
Awards Photographer	Chaz	

Judging Teams

Category	Position(s)	Name(s)	Notes
000	Head Judge	Mike Fleckenstein	
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Junior	Judging Staff		
1001	Head Judge		
Aircraft	Judging Staff		
1002	Head Judge		
Mil Vehs	Judging Staff		
1003	Head Judge		
Figures	Judging Staff		
1004	Ships Head Judge		
Ships	Ships Judging Staff		
1005	Automotive Head Judge		
Civ Vehs	Automotive Judging Staff		
1006	Head Judge		
Sci-Fi	Judging Staff		
1007	Head Judge		
Diorama	Judging Staff		
1008	Head Judge		
Misc	Judging Staff		

Pacific Rim & USMC Judging performed by: