

Hobby Skills/Interests

Scale(s): Circle all that apply:

HO N O G Z Other _____

Road Name(s) Modeled:

Primary Interests:

- _____ Scenery
- _____ Electrical
- _____ Structures
- _____ Painting
- _____ Decaling
- _____ Weathering
- _____ Other: _____

Join the Fun!

The club is typically open Saturdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The current hours are posted on the club website.

<http://www.gsmrrc.org/>

Grand Strand Model Railroaders, Inc.

Membership Application

_____ Full Time: Year-round residents

_____ Part Time: *Pay dues only for the month's when you reside locally.*

Date Joined _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Information

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Grand Strand Model Railroaders

Myrtle Beach Mall

Store # F 02

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Myrtle Beach, SC 29577



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Grand Strand Model Railroaders, Inc.

exists to further the hobby of model railroading by providing an environment where members can enjoy construction and operation of *model railroad* layouts, while displaying their work in a public venue to inform and inspire potential future model railroaders.

Our home road is the Grand Strand Western, a freelance railroad centered in the Carolinas. The GSW provides track-age rights to all US Railroads, so you will see a mixture of equipment in operation. The layouts run both diesel and steam equipment, with facilities for both.

The **Club** was started in 1986 above Ed's Hobby Shop in downtown Myrtle Beach, SC with six members. By 2011 the Club had grown to over 50 members, moved into the Myrtle Beach Mall in July of that year, and built three new layouts in **HO**, **N**, and **O Scales**. More recently, a **Z Scale** layout and an overhead **G Scale** loop have been added.

Annually in late autumn, we set up a 6' by 16' **Christmas Layout** in the mall corridor in front of the Club.

We also have an *N-Scale modular* layout, built to **N-Trak** standards, which we take to train shows to join with other Clubs in the assembly of large, complex layouts for the entertainment and education of the public.

Membership

Initiation fee is **\$25.00**. *Dues* are **\$15.00 per month, paid quarterly**. **It is the Member's responsibility to keep their dues current!** Part-time memberships are available to those who *do not* live locally, year-round. Lockers, when available can be rented for an additional cost.

The Club provides a **name badge** for each *new member*. Iron-on logo patches are available for **\$2.00** each to apply to shirts and/or caps to be supplied by the member. The wearing of logo shirts at the Club and public events is encouraged.

Operations

The Club is open to the public at the *Myrtle Beach Mall* normally on **Saturdays 10AM to 4PM**. Other days may be scheduled, especially during the pre-Christmas season. The current hours are displayed on the club website.

Members are needed to be present on a reasonably regular basis during Club open hours to operate trains and talk with our visitors. No one is expected to be there for all the time the Club is open, but are welcome to do so if desired. Members may also come to the Club to run trains, maintain equipment, work on layouts, etc., whenever the Myrtle Beach Mall is open.

Work Sessions

Day or evening work sessions may be scheduled from time to time for special activities such as

layout maintenance, building new modules, and setting up the Christmas Layout.

Electronics

The Club uses the *Digitrax Digital Command Control System* to operate the HO and N Scale layouts. The O Scale layout runs on standard AC current. The G and Z scale layouts are powered using analog DC current.

Mentors

Mentors may be assigned to new members to familiarize them with the Club operating procedures and orient them to the layouts.

Attention: Any Full-Time Member who doesn't pay dues for two consecutive quarters, or Part-Member who misses a dues payment for an entire calendar year, will be dropped from the Club roster and have to reapply for membership.

Applicant's Initials _____



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