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Next Real Meeting's theme:

LIARS Auction you & I need one!



Hammer's incredible 30 30 30 (or otherwise, Don Garlits tribute model)

We're in our 30th year as a Club; let's hope that we all stay healthy during this COVID-19 crisis and that we can all attain some measure of prosperity. Then perhaps we can build a new Club display...

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Keep Building, Keep Improving, Push the Envelop (in memory of Skip)

LIARS Unofficial Official**HOT STUFF****Old & New****LIARS Unofficial Official****HOT STUFF****Old & New**

Hi Everyone ... I'm still regaining my strength.

Dr. V loaned me the MCB collection that Joe Lupo recently gave him. I spent an entire afternoon reading them WOW the number of contributing authors (including Krazy Kevin Argus) was amazing. Everyone had a nickname! And we did things together! Let's resume being "Not Just Another Club"

Looking forward to warmer weather to resume painting & driving my 27 T...

Stay well, hopefully we'll be back to meeting at the Rec Center.

Rich - That's it for now. Keep building!! Hope to see everyone soon. Rich r.argus@juno.com

Some Words from the Editor At Large

Your MCB staff wishes to convey our continued vote of confidence to our esteem Unofficial Official for the thankless job he's doing for us ingrates either directly or assisting the other board members. We wish to develop pearls of wisdom to share with us all...

**First Impressions**

Since it is time to escape reality, let's proceed to your reading room...

Dr.V is routing the original MCBs that J. Lupo was gracious to transfer to Dr. V. The goal is to allow

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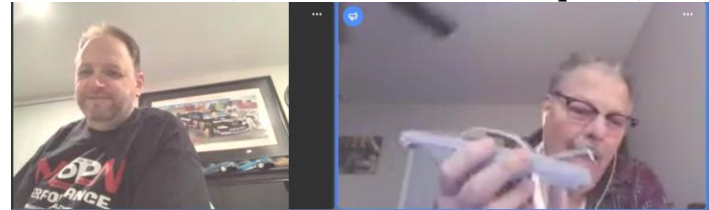
you all access to our modeling roots. Please return when done...

Upon re-reading these pearls of wisdom, Dr. V realizes that amongst other aspects we have lost our MCB humor/spirit. So please provide items to allow us in spite of the current Covid-19 BS to enjoy this great hobby that we share/enjoy so much!

Pat V. has now become a monthly contributor – WELCOME! Superbird provided the 3D article mentioned at one of our Virtual Sessions. Hammer is trying to figure out how to access FCM articles without subscribing, & I, Dr. V have an interesting spin on bidding – that might keep you, if you were the bidder, up at night!

Well perhaps next month these editors will be back

- One Man's Opinion By Rich "Charlie" Manson
- Ted Pappacena who no longer wants a LIARS' nickname...(Should we honor his request?)



Dr V joined Mickey, Bobby & others for the **March 4th LIARS Virtual mtg.** top level summary:

- Our leader attended!
- Bobby G continues to locate kits in his stash really fast – is this a ploy to embarrass DrV?
- John the Artist tried to explain painting techniques – prime example for clinics...
- Ernie will connect with Bob B to obtain pics of his collection/ then develop Conn show report
- Pat presented one of his recent (St Pat) builds (included herein)
- Please route your spin - thanks for supporting Dr V

3/9: All is well here at the Drago house. Wife is doing real good..... Got to go now, my wife just laid down for a nap! You know what THAT Means!!!! – DOWNSTAIRS TO THE WORKSHOP! Hammer

- Mickey discussed his 3D printing experiences. CONGRATS on his patience...read on...

3D printing

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Hello everybody! Hope you're all staying safe.

It's been a while since I've written anything for the MCB. But I've jumped into something new and I figured a lot of you might be interested in this aspect of model car building. Actually 3-D printing.

My interest in 3-D drawing goes back quite a ways. One night Greg Lissandrello was working on his laptop, and when I looked over his shoulder, I saw he was drawing a Mustang II in what I believe was a 3-D drawing program. It peaked my interest at the time. This was many years ago, and 3-D printers we're not even on the horizon; at least not for the hobbyist.

Those of you who attend our virtual meetings, which is only about 5% of the club, know that I've been trying to print my 3-D drawings with limited success. When I would try to print the file I would get the back half of the print and the left side would be hanging off and printed skewed.

Let me backtrack a little bit and tell you, I loaded a version of Fusion360 onto my MacBook Pro, which is a 3-D drawing program. I started off trying to draw a hubcap for a 77 Datsun 200 SX. I poked and prodded my way through with limited success. When the trial period ended, I lost the file. To subscribe to the program is a little on the pricey side. Fast forward about six months, and they were running a sale on Fusion360. It worked out about a dollar a day. Time for a reboot! At the same time, Salvinos Jr models was talking about hiring people to do piecework in the future. I figured there would be an opportunity in the future to offset the cost of the program. I bit the bullet and jumped in.

I found Lars Christinson on YouTube giving basics lessons for Fusion360. I followed along with a number of his projects before moving onto my own.

My first couple of projects were hubcaps. Geometrical shapes are pretty easy to work with. Having a background in drawing decals for many years helped immensely! I have been using MicroGrafx 2000 for almost 20 years. A lot of the tools in both programs are the same. I've never taken a course in CAD programming so I don't know if this is common in computer based art.

Satisfied with my first five or six drawings, it was time to print! Six months earlier I had purchased a Photon 3-D printer that was liquid resin-based. Basically what you have is a vat of liquid resin at the bottom of the printer, and a print platform above. The print platform lowers into the liquid resin and UV light cures the resin where the first layer of print will be. That sticks to the print platform which is then pulled out of the liquid resin and then lowered back in for the next layer of printing. This is not a fast process, a 1/2 inch tall

print takes about two hours. The thinner each layer, the better the detail. I'm printing at .025 mm per layer.

My first few prints were missing parts of the print. For instance if I was printing 10 hubcaps, five across the back and five across the front of the platform. The back five would come out but the fifth one would be hanging off the platform. Setting up the printer is a little bit tedious. The trickiest part is leveling the platform. They tell you to remove the vat and lower the platform to the UV screen. You place a sheet of paper, kind of like a feeler gauge, in between the platform and the screen. Lower lower the platform .5 mm at a time until the paper moves but with resistance. I did this many times in between prints to try and get the printer to work correctly. Failed every time. I resigned myself to the fact that I would only get half of my print in every session. The other problem that presented itself was that some of my prints were too big to print on half of the build platform.

I was in contact with a friend in Connecticut who has 10 of these printers and uses them for a living. He was trying to help me get my issues straightened out. Nothing was working unfortunately. One of the times I was following along with a YouTube videos on how to level the platform, I noticed when I put the vat back in the printer and pressed print, the platform went all the way down into the vat but then made a torqueing sound. I did that again and noticed when I heard the torqueing sound, the print platform arm would make contact with the wall of the vat. When that happened the front of the print platform kicked up. There was no way to mechanically keep the arm of the platform from hitting the vat. My friend in Connecticut said he had never seen such a thing and thought it to be impossible. He gave me other things to try and adjust, but none of that worked. After another couple failed prints out of desperation, I decided to grind a notch in the wall of the vat. I ran another dry print and guess what? No torturing sound! It was time for the moment of truth! I loaded a program that filled the entire platform. I ran the print and two hours later I had a perfect print!

I have since printed about 10 prints and everyone of them has come out perfect. I even downloaded a drawing of Freddie Mercury and printed that!

I consider myself a fairly decent mechanical guy, plus being a semi-decent electronics guy. And I knew there had to be something I was missing that was going on here. It turned out to be mechanical. Never give up! I have the ability to print out parts that were never available in kit form for projects that are near and dear to me. I drew the factory twin stripe G-78-15 tires that came on my Monte Carlo plus both hubcaps that were available. I printed them in both 1/25 and 1/18 scale.

If any of you are interested in getting into 3-D drawing and printing, feel free to give me a call if you have any questions. Keep on modeling guys and enjoy the pictures!



Now to the hubcaps...

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Next...

John The Artist routed these on-line pictures -



This modeler has great eyesight....next...

1963 NOVA WAGON

Pat V purchased this model kit last month. He enjoys building wagons. This is a very basic kit that

was released for the craftsman series kits. Basically they were promo kits for the junior modeler.

The engine bay was open but they did not include an engine, they did however supply a bottom engine filler - I decided to install an engine used the Chevy 265 ci engine that was supplied with the 1956 Chevy Nomad kit. I added two 4 barrel carbs and headers to the model. I lowered the height of the car and added Pegasus 19 inch wide oval tires with chrome rims I also installed 4 wheel disc brakes with cross drilled rotors. It gives the car the modern day look.

I used Tamiya white primer then I gave it 3 coats of Tamiya flat brown paint. I then added pearl ex pigments mixed with two part automotive clear. The color that I choose for the pearl ex pigments was mink and golden bronze. After the paint dried for a few days, I used automotive polish to bring out the crisp detail. It was a fun build and added it to my collection.



Good morning,

I hope you are doing well. Today I want to quickly review my build. The kit is a Revell 1929 Ford Roadster. The parts fit very well and it gives two choices of builds. The first choice is a High Boy and the second is a Channeled body. I chose the second this time. However I did not care for the wheels and tires supplied with the kit. For the front wheels I used the tires and wheels from the 1957 Ford Del Rio. For the rear I used the slicks from the AMT PARTS PACK. I like the white lettering on these tires. For the rims I used came from the 1939 Ford Sedan kit which was the latest reissue. I think this kit must have been reissued at least a hundred times. Same casting as it was back in the sixties.

The color chosen was Testors Metallic green mixed with Pearl Ex pigments which was Emerald Green. This gave the pearl effect that I was looking for. I wired the engine and used the chrome fire wall from the Ala Kart kit. I had to modify it to fit properly on the 29 body. The interior was done in a flat tan which is a nice contrast with the Green body.



I built the Roadster version a few years ago and used all the parts that came with the kit. I do enjoy these builds because of the quality and fit of the parts. (Dr. V. Re: - used all the parts – this can be a dangerous statement as it implies all the decals, spare parts, etc...)

Revell has come a long way over the years and most of the kits that I now purchase are Revell. (Dr.V & Revell is not paying Pat ...)

I will keep posting my future builds/my review(s). (Dr. V thank you from the bottom of my MCB heart!)

Hopefully we will be having meetings in the near future. Until then please join us for our Zoom meetings. Stay safe and stay healthy.

God Bless America. Pat Vecchio.

PS



Gary Get It On Paper Shop Visit

Our Gary Get It On Paper provided a short follow up to Hammer's Hobby Shop article Hi Bill, While I never had the pleasure of visiting EASTLI Hobbies, I had been very good friends with one of the 2 partners who purchased said business in 1971 or 1972. He had plenty of fun recollections and observations on the hobby and the industry. Sadly he succumbed to the COVID China Virus last year at age 88. I had the distinct pleasure of visiting him, bringing him to vend at local Toy and Train shows and treating him to dinner before the monthly L.I. Scale Model Club meetings at the Levittown Library for the past 11 years.

His name was Duane Yorke and was a wealth of information on plastic model airplanes, HO trains, and vintage slot cars and I really miss enjoying his good company.

I can provide more recollections and photos of cool stuff I acquired from Duane over the years. If you can come over and photograph some items, I'd be glad to write some descriptive texts to accompany same.

Stay well and thanks for all you do for the hobby.

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Here's Gary at the entrance to his shop. Dr V had not visited Gary's in quite a number of years. Yes, there are additions as one would expect for a

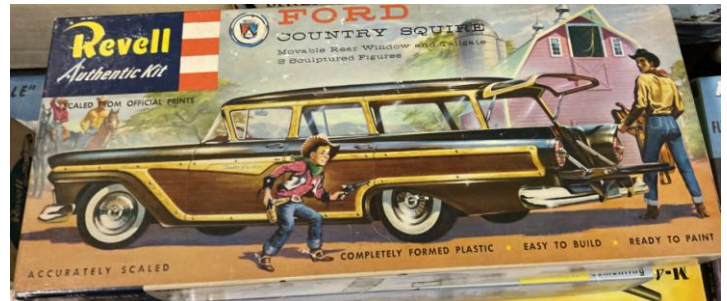


model car enthusiast.

As you enter the shop, the 1st thing you might see is



Now that I have your attention, here's some early issued kits



Early Craftsman kits which are unassembled promos...



This pic presents Revell's yearly (1962) annual releases, as well as, early model railroad releases.

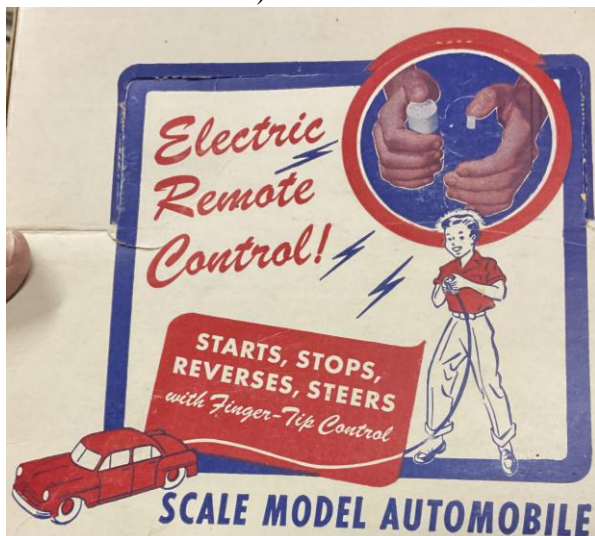


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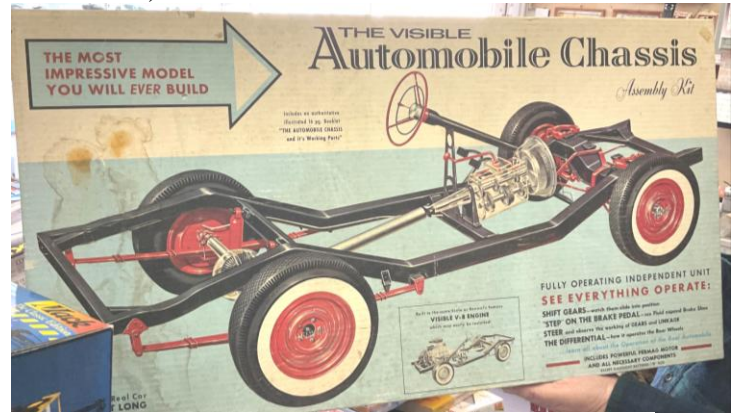
Next is a Danbury Mint gas station with a Buick diecast, '62 Ford promo, a 50s era pot metal release...



In the mid 50s, one could purchase a battery powered with crude steering acetate plastic 1/25 model (This one sold for \$6.95 – pretty expensive since kits could be had for about a buck.)



To be cont'd next month ...Perhaps in Gary's words...
Well one more....Ask Gary for the story behind



Next is a picture of this kit assembled with the V8!



Composite creates a great display
What's New



From the first show in 1985, NNL West has grown into the largest model car show on the west coast with over 1,000 models on display! To keep the tradition alive, NNL West has teamed up with FineScale Modeler to bring you the 34th annual NNL West Online Model Show.

News release! **Latest Ripoff** - Copied from FSM



news release ...

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AMT '64 Oldsmobile F-85 Cutlass Convertible Customizing Kit

Expanded build review of a 1/25 scale car kit not available since 1964 - but you have to be a FSM subscriber to read it! By [Tim Boyd](#) | March 8, 2021



The Triumph Bonneville bike and the Streamliner Kart are rebops from Norm Veber's Replicas and Miniatures Company of the kit premiums in AMT's original 1963 Chevy and Ford pickup kits.-Boyd pic

FineScale Modeler reviews the 1/25 scale plastic model car kit. Round 2 has now perfected a kit "cloning" technique that allows them to tool new kit parts to pair up with the original unaltered molds for kits such as the 1964 Cutlass. In addition to the main body, the grille, bumpers, clear and tinted red parts, and seats are all newly tooled. These combine flawlessly with the engine, chassis, and interior from the original molds. The result is a complete copy of the original 1964 annual kit, including all the parts for its 3 'n 1 versions, plus a much-improved decal sheet.

Hammer's spin: As of this article: There's No Information on ROUND 2 website with the exception of the March news video. Auto World website is shut down for inventory. Model Roundup does have it listed to be available in March 2021. MEGA HOBBY website is a real trip! If you're looking for CARS in the "new arrivals", you have to scroll through random planes, boats, parts, decals, Pokémon, kitten paint by number sets, to find any CARS thrown into the mix.... After a few pages I got sick and stopped searching. Not listed in HOBBYLINC. Happy Hunting!

Next interesting topic

MODEL RELATED COLLECTIBLES

There are advantages to collecting miniatures

- No letters from the DMV reminding you it's time to re-register (as Dr.V has to deal with...)
- Also consider the relatively minimal transportation costs needed, even worldwide,

- No need for registration plates and titles from e.g. NY (Dr.V owns his '26 &'29 NYS plates...)
- Come to think of it, no titles and registrations at all, thereby freeing up room in your safe deposit box – Sure rub it in-Dr V has to do this ea. yr!
- Best of all NO Insurance! (except maybe a codicil (rider) to your homeowner's insurance, under the listing....."Collectibles").
- Just think- no gasoline to buy, no parking/garage to pay for, no risk of someone else hitting or vandalizing your car.

- And you become an active LIARS member!

Maybe this is a better way to collect cars, after all – Per Dr. V your enjoyment is only limited by your imagination – whether it be: 1:1, 1:25 or

Next aspect is how to deal with the current increase in value of your collectibles. The collectible market has gone crazy – just like the Stock Market!

Obviously the 1st step is how to best to determine if your collectibles have increased in realistic value...

- *Let's start with a modified download from Spotlight Hobbies... hopefully you will think this is more interesting than the on-going DC soap opera...*

WOW!!! Over \$1,000 for a Johan Rebel kit on that auction site.....maybe real AMC's are on the way up!!!!

(Apparently) a seller had about 60 kits and almost all of them sold in the \$800 to 1200 range... including a Johan Rebel (stock, custom and full on funny car kit parts).

But....this is crazy (\$1200) for 1 kit. Obvious question... how is it that they are all factory sealed? How could anyone come up with all these factory sealed kits?

- Unless you are a "Gary Get it on Paper" or someone like Dr. V...(Who once purchased a 200 piece Franklin/Danbury Mint collection)
- Would you trust factory sealed at that price that could have missing parts, short shots, broken parts, glass, etc.
- Johan kits were not packaged in the best of care (except the Turbine)
- It's easy to get a shrink wrap machine if you're a devious kind. If it's Johan, open kit only for me. *

Of interest, Dr. V accessed https://www.ebay.com/b/Johan-Automotive-Models-Kits/2580/bn_1927677

Part B deals with a 200 Piece Corgi Model

Collection (Start here) This is mindboggling...

https://bringatrailer.com/listing/complete-car-collection/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2021-03-09



The Corgi Toys range was introduced in 1956 by Mettoy Playcraft Ltd., who manufactured a line of die-cast vehicles in Swansea, Wales for the ensuing 27 years. The earliest offerings consisted exclusively of British makes, with European and American cars added to the lineup in 1957 and 1958 respectively. Cars were produced in 1:43 scale until the mid-1970s, with increasing levels of intricacy including opening panels, detailed interiors, spring suspension, and figurines.

This collection of Corgi die-cast vehicles was accumulated by the seller over the course of more than 35 years, and features over 180 models manufactured between the late 1950s and the mid-1970s. The toys – most of which are accompanied by their boxes – include cars, trucks, vans, and other vehicles encompassing themes such as film and television icons, the circus, agriculture, emergency response, competition, and transport. Also included are models from the Corgi Major range in addition to gift sets, 15 Corgi catalogs covering years ranging from 1957 to 1973, and five non-Corgi models. The collection is documented in a 15-page spreadsheet compiled by the seller and is offered in Vancouver, British Columbia.



The list is arranged to reflect categories such as the Chippersfield Circus above, which is highlighted by a Scammell Menagerie Transporter (1139).



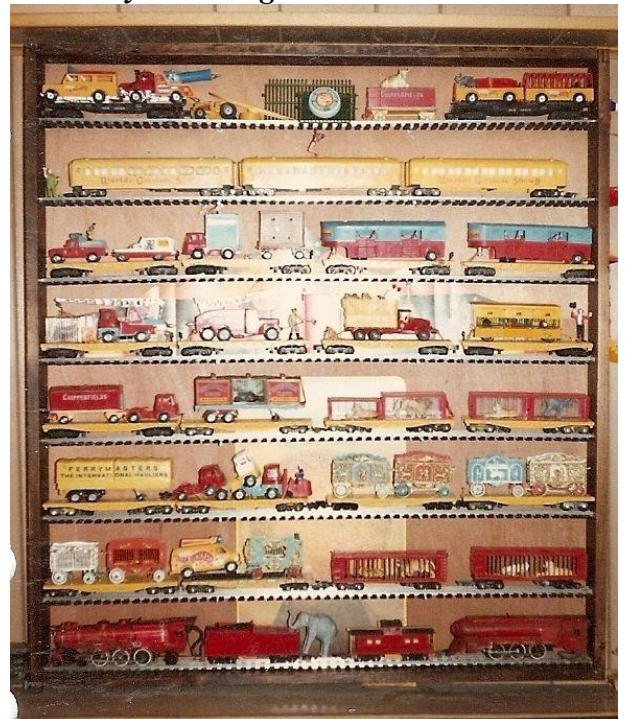
Opening bid was \$3600. Dr. V's interest was to see how bidding progressed

It moved up to \$4200. (WOW) then proceed to \$6899 (no clue as to how this bid was determined – then 5 hours later moved again up to \$7300.

Are you sitting down? on 3/13 @6:42AM went to \$75,261 by Tombo62! Dr. V believes that Tombo62 is in Trouble – somehow he typed a bid 10X too high - - *Unbelievable! Yes, auction site dumped this bid ... eventually sold for \$23,797! (Seller resides in Vancouver, BC – now buyer faces import duty...)*

Trivia on Dr. V's Bermuda honeymoon, he purchased the majority of these Corgi Circus toys for between 2 or 3 dollars each; then brought them home in his wife's luggage! (What better way to keep your bride involved in one of your hobbies...)

Dr. V combined these & other circus items with his American Flyer S-Gauge Circus & homemade set...



Does Dr. V need a house insurance rider?

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Next display is intriguing - Dr V could envision motorizing this lazy susan...



Hi Dr. V just wanted to send you my latest build for the newsletter. I built it from the Double Dragster kit with a 409 from my parts box.

Thanks Bill Gonsowski

Dr. V Spin – Bill how about some pics of your fabulous diorama?



OK, LIARS who can provide information relating to the LIARS TV show that was shown upstate but not on LI?

Hopefully the next page will bring back memories...what is known is that:

- *When the TV crew filmed a LIARS meeting, the membership just sat there! No one was enthusiastic/animated...sounds like a 21st century typical LIARS meeting...fill in the blanks*

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NEW TV SHOWS IN THE WORKS FOR THIS FALL

A local Long Island cable TV Station has decided to produce several episodes of the following programs to promote untapped local talent. Further announcements will be made as soon as local sponsors can be obtained.

Who Wants to be a LIAR

This game show is to be hosted by Joe "Shecky" Lupo, with Alan "Bushman" Aug scheduled as the first contestant. Can't you just *hear* the question and answer sessions that those guys will be having...??

This Old Modeler

Jerry "Da Gimp" Lotz stars as a hobbyist torn between playing with trains and trying to build car models. His jobs at various hobby shops is hampered by his inability to count to 21.

Skippy the LIAR Sprayer

George "Skippy" Vita is featured in this show about a hobbyist who fights off "modeling demons" with an airbrush, a dremel, and other weapons that strangely resemble balloons.

French Modeling with Slice N Dice

Tony shows everyone the proper way to cut up Citroens, Renault's and Peugeot's using French cutlery. His specialty is expertly removing trim and door handles with a vegetable peeler.

The New LIARS Workshop

A how-to show, hosted by Mike "Shaboom" Brennan, about making your own aluminum model detailing parts. Mike never actually *finishes* a model on the show, however.

Ted's "Mack's" Amateur Hour

"Krazy" Kevin Argus's Custom Terms

Nose Job - NOT : Cesmetic surgery
 Decked- NOT : Knocked out in a bar
 Frenched - NOT : The kiss
 Raked - NOT : A Saturday chore
 Dago - NOT : Italian slang
 Continental Kit - NOT : A new marketing tool by the big three
 Tuck and Roll - NOT : A fire safety device
 Chopped Top - NOT : A buzz cut
 Skirts - NOT : What your wife, girlfriend or punk rockson wears
 Pink Slip - NOT : Something under that skirt
 3-2's - NOT : A math problem
 Pancaked - NOT : Saturday morning breakfast
 Rolled pans - NOT : What kids do in the kitchen

"Muddy" hosts a show for modelers on the finer points of prepping and weathering old truck models, and, he ends each show by announcing the lone and winning entry in his latest trivia contest, while Blues classics play in the background.

The "Tuna" Boat

"Charlie" shows assorted famous guest modelers the right way to "flock up" their models. His long-range ambition is to figure out a way to use fish scales to upholster a model car.

Long Island Vice

Jay Ruiz heads up a team of Hobby Police who drive around in a cool '63 Chevy lowrider, busting rip-off hobby shops for overcharging modelers on detailing parts and price-gouging on the latest new kit releases.

Buzzard's Bay

This primetime sitcom would have John "The Buzzard" Buzzerio in the lead role of a modeler whose dreams of someday rebuilding his workshop finally come true at the end of each show. But, then he always wakes up to find out it was all just a dream.

Clopse

Not what you think. It's actually sort of a "Twilight Zone" type thriller wherein Dave Dickash stars as a modeler who is abducted by aliens from "Outer Spaise" when they see his strange models. He spends the rest of tyme making only "non-inspired" models of Fords and Chevy's, while trying to convince them that he is normal, and to bring him back home.

The Magic Bus

A group of modelers go on a yearly quest to a strange land, each to find his own special treasure. Their travels in a "Magic Bus" take them across raging rivers, thru uncharted islands, only to find a place called Joisey. Their experiences while on the bus border on the bizarre.

Blonde House Painter...

This blonde decides one day that she is sick and tired of all these blonde jokes and how all blondes are perceived as stupid, so she decides to show her husband that blondes really are smart. While her husband is off at work, she decides that she is going to paint a couple of rooms in the house. The next day, right after her husband leaves for work, she gets down to the task at hand. Her husband arrives home at 5:30 and smells the distinctive smell of paint. He walks into the living room and finds his wife lying on the floor in a pool of sweat. He notices that she is wearing a ski jacket and a fur coat at the same time. He goes over and asks her if she is ok. She replies yes. He asks what she is doing. She replies that she wanted to prove to him that not all blonde women are dumb and she wanted to do it by painting the house. He then asks her why she has a ski jacket over her fur coat. She replies that she was reading the directions on the paint can and they said....

FOR BEST RESULTS, PUT ON TWO COATS.

The above is from a MCB 1998 newsletter...now go play with your models

...OPPS Here's Hammer's article...

Please note that Hammer & Dr. V are trying to establish the best medium (/format) to allow you LIARS who do not have Microsoft Word on their computer...suggestions will be reviewed...Dr. V

Please be safe, enjoy your model collection of built, unbuilt & more in importantly in work variants

HAMMERS 30-30-30 (or otherwise, Don Garlits tribute model)

The following build is based on collecting **30** years worth of oddball parts to be used someday on a car model / **30** seconds to conceive and plan the entire project / **30** weeks to build.



The display case is about 8 x 14. I added a sturdy wood base to give some weight. The surface is laminated masonite painted gray to look like a concrete floor. The display cover has the photo from Hot Rod magazine that the model was based on. I also included the news clip from Island Dragway,

NJ, where the record was set.



As seen without cover

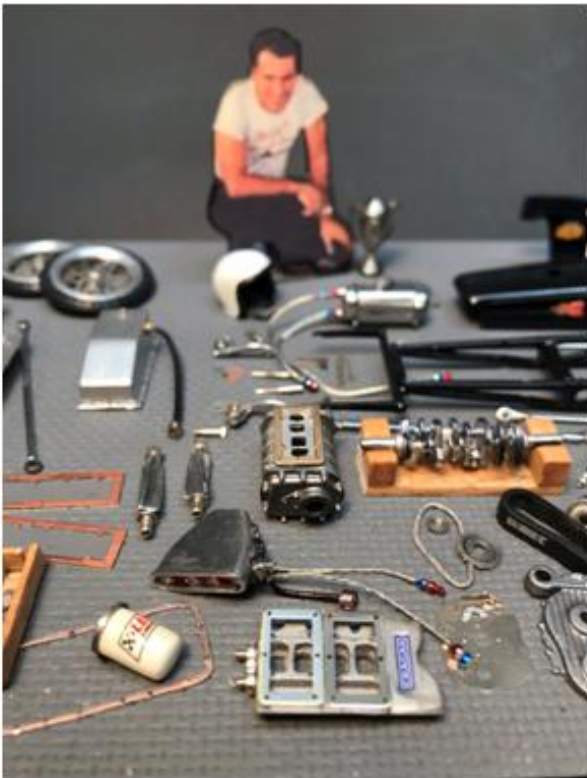


Many parts came from the Garlits kit which in itself is unique. It has many Internal parts that, when assembled are not otherwise seen. The kit has blower rotors, Crankshaft, detailed heads, rocker arms, and drum brakes. Although the early Hemi block was nicely detailed, I used a JO-HAN hemi instead. The real secret is the extensive use of tiny watch parts. The flywheel, clutch assembly, front steering, are a few examples of many parts made from these. Micro threaded rods make a realistic distributor, and wheel mounts. Valves were made from tiny pins. I had to cast the pistons. The only full aftermarket parts used are the front wire wheels, and the upper part of the distributor.



It's great to have such good friends! When seeking advice, Daryl Romain (model car zone) suggested I use HO scale gears for the differential. Ernie Finamore came to the rescue and supplied the gears! The rest of the rear end is made with modified watch parts.

This project has pushed me to explore new building techniques. The majority of plastic parts were airbrushed with various ALCLAD Lacquers to achieve more realism. I also used "Rub-n-buff" metal wax and real metal pigments. I also had to learn to use CA adhesive because it just couldn't be done with other adhesives and cements. I did take a few artistic liberties, so the model really doesn't match the photo 100%. However, I feel very satisfied with the final layout. Head gaskets, oil filter, and all steering linkage is scratch built. The helmet and trophy add a nice touch. Lastly, I had to do *something* in the tradition started by Rich Argus. Many of Rich's dioramas have an element of surprise. Since Don Garlits' nickname is "the swamp rat", guess what I added somewhere among the parts? Hint: you can only see the rodent when you view the display at a certain angle, LIVE.

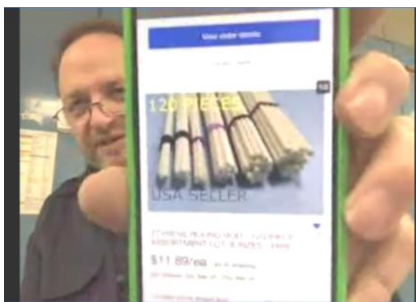


On March 18, LIARS conducted the latest Virtual get together.



Top level summary:

- Our leader briefed us on his current recovery process. (Sounds like he may be able to drive the '27 in two weeks)
- Ernie displayed his notes for the overdue Conn show report
- Richie Rich presented his Charger Builds
- Pat had us in stitches while Bobby tried to help him get his camera working
- Superbird presented his 1/18th reworked Monte Carlo
- Superbird also presented his recent plastic strip purchase. Bobby will route add'l info)
- We had a former member (last seen 2 years ago at the LIARS show) Welcome back
- Please route your spin - thanks for supporting Dr V



Pat showing his frustration



Visitor

Happy belated St Patrick's Day!

Please be safe, enjoy your model collection of built, unbuilt & more in importantly in work variants



To all the days
here and after -
May they be filled
with fond memories,
happiness, and laughter.

~Irish toast