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# MODEL CAR BRIEFS

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*LIARS Christmas Party  
Next Real Meeting's theme:  
Convertibles*

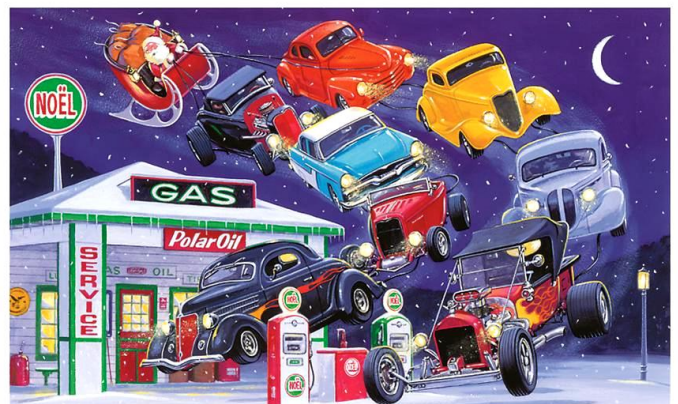
*Welcome to the 2021 Year End Edition*



*Arriving at LIARS party in Days Of Olde*



Happy Holidays



*We've started our 31<sup>st</sup> year as a Club; let's hope that we all stay healthy during this COVID-19 & beyond crisis and that we can all attain some measure of prosperity. Then perhaps we can build a new Club display...*

*MCB Contributors: Paul Drago, Lenny Cromwell, & Pat Vecchio + Comments Bobby G & John the Artist*

*...Hopefully you all will add this to your New Year's Resolutions!*

*LIARS Web Page <http://www.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com/>*

*The LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICAS SOCIETY (L.I.A.R.S.) Model Car Briefs is dedicated to bringing you the best and most up to date information about our great hobby of model building*

*Hammer notes "...And then he said "there shall be model kits for all the children this year..."*

*Wishing you & your family a Happy Hanukkah and a very Merry Christmas*

*Thanks for supporting the LIARS. Please continue to support the needy by donating a wrapped gift for a deserving child*





## **LIARS Unofficial Official**

### **HOT STUFF**

#### **Old & New**

**Hello everyone. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!**

**I have paid the 5 memberships for next year. Also paid the 2022 Charter Fee.**

**The Christmas Party will be held @ SERGIO'S 5422 Merrick Road Massapequa NY 11758 @ 6pm!**

**There will be no meeting at the Rec. Ctr. this month.**

**Next month we will begin collecting our dues. Also, if you are part of the in house build (64 Olds) please bring your parts in.**

**Remember the food pantry. See you at the party or next month. [r.argus@juno.com](mailto:r.argus@juno.com)**

### **11/18/21 Mtg Highlights**

- **IAW Nov mtg/ MCB request to consider our Yearend Party, 7 members voted to continue using our Mtg Center - but no one volunteered to order, pickup, etc. the goodies vs. 10 who voted for Sergio's Sit-down (in other words in lieu of spending \$600 for a buffet type vs. \$22. (per member for a sit down; wherein all we have to do is show up! (To Dr. V this was a no brainer!)**
- **Bottom-line: at least 12 will attend 12/16/21 @ Sergio's - LIARS will pay for these 12 members who stated they would attend. Pat. V hopefully has list. Of interest, no one wishes to bring their significant other/guest!**
- **The majority of the Suffolk County residents will not attend an event in Nassau County ...hopefully they will support future Model Car Challenges... We'll see...**

- **Jan 2022 DUES ARE DUE @ the Jan.20 '23 mtg. Rich A. stated that 2022 dues ARE \$30. – & are intended to cover the mtg. hall rental *Unless we conduct a 2022 auction &/or Model Car Challenge, LIARS shall need to cover insurance, Website charges, & other items) out of our reserves...***
- **Please provide your position to Rich A./Pat V.(our treasurer)**
- **Jan. 2022 Theme – Convertibles**
- **The Rev reviewed/distributed the Club's 64 Cutlass HT kit parts (donated by Hammer) to following builders:**
  - **Chassis - Bob Seagraves**
  - **Interior - Mickey**
  - **Body (including paint)– Pat V.**
  - **Engine – Rich A.**
  - **Tires/Rims – Ernie**
  - **The Rev shall collect related parts for assembly into one model at/for the Jan. mtg.**
- **Next step shall be an internal (Feb.'22?) Auction of the composite without members reviewing the combined pieces – interesting...**
- **In response to *Please bring your Christmas/year end gifts to the Nov. mtg.***



**4 gifts were provided!**

**THIS IS YOUR CLUB! PLEASE CONTRIBUTE/SUPPORT!**

**DR. V SHALL HENSEFORTH LIMIT LIARS EMAILS &/or MCB MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION TO PAID MEMBERS IN 2022.**

**PHOTOS from Nov. mtg. (What a night!) is a composite of Hammer's & Dr. V's"**  
**Dominic's display included 3 C8 die casts that he repainted still no plastic kit!**



**The Rev built the MOON ...**



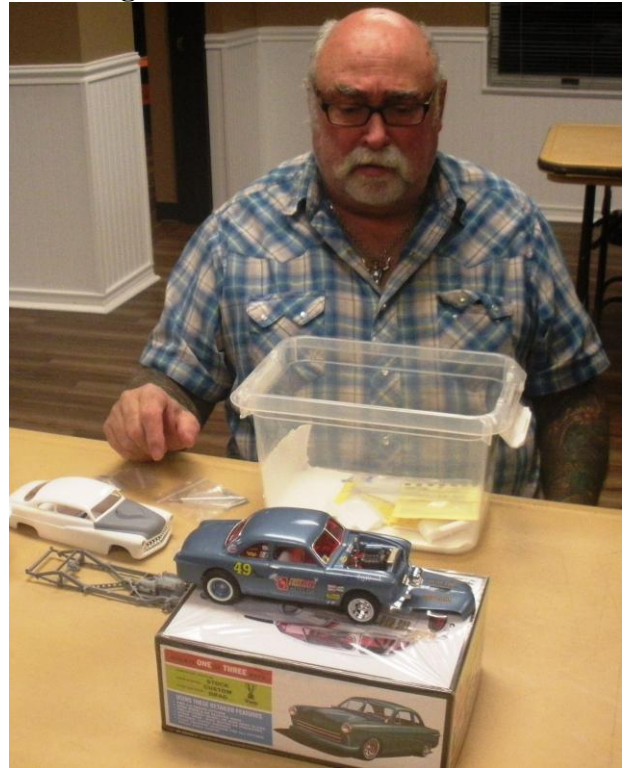
**Richie's fast cars**



**Our Prez displayed a Johan rebuild**



**Bob Seagraves**



**From John the Artist' vault**



**Bob's 1/18 metal PU & Panel**







Do you remember, great kits such as...



Then there were discussions



Here's the REV explaining how he built Ted's!!!



Now that's the holiday spirit!

**Some Words from the Editor At Large**

Dr. V elected to re-use last year's cheerful cover.

Good day to my fellow LIARS/friends - Dr. V (OK, Bill Murray) wishes to share latest insights...but needs your inputs...



**First Impressions**

**POWER. STYLE. BEAUTY. GRACE**  
 CELEBRATING THE DISTINCTIVE HERITAGE OF THE AUTOMOBILE.

There have been numerous he said she said discussions related to e.g.:

- MAMA reported
  - Regarding recent items about kit price increases due to a combo of product and container shortages—both shoes dropped—*hard*. Sources confirm a 10% “Ocean Freight Surcharge” will be added to the cost of all AMT kits (i.e., AMT, Lindberg, MPC and Polar Lights)—Assorted sources ☹
- NNL East admission is now be \$20.
- **John The Artist: LET'S FACE THE REALITY OF IT FOLKS.** We have all been doing this hobby for way too many years not to realize that as time goes by, our generation, the one that grew up building models, is slow riding off into the sunset, and as we fade away, so does participation in the hobby, and not just this hobby. I have been doing this for well over 25 years and have watched the steady decline in participation and attendance at model shows, that's the hard truth. Add to this the continual rise in the cost of running these shows, (as well as everything else), and it is not hard to understand the reasoning behind rising the admission. Buy a pizza and a couple of pin wheels, or go to Burger King and buy food for a family of 4, sit down at a diner and have breakfast with your wife, you're not leaving without spending \$40 to \$60. So WT\_ is \$20 to do something you love and to support the life of model car shows?
- **Bobby G:** agree with you John & others. But I had a rant to my family last night about the

price of real Christmas Trees. One of my family members said the guy that sells on Merrick Rd. by me is charging stupid prices. So I went to check it out last night and found out they are. So I asked the guy helping me “why are prices doubled? He started double talking which I could barely hear what he was saying except at the very end he added “Covid you know”. So I know when someone is full of crap. I just had to take this opportunity to express how I felt as his customer, by saying something just as stupid as he was saying to me. I replied “you are kidding me, the trees got infected, and they got Covid? Wow I didn’t know that was possible.

- I just wanted to drive a point home so he could tell his boss that the customers think the trees got Covid. I started to leave and said nicely, “damn you may be stuck with all these trees. Then I left. I usually pay \$90 from him and I don’t mind because he sold quality. But now they were \$180 to \$200 depending on the size, which I always try to get 6ft to 6.5 ft. I can’t stand when businesses start price gouging. Oh I usually buy a Fraser Fir. Went to Home Depot and bought a Balsam Fir (Freeport) for \$60.00.

- Hope everyone is doing well.

Here’s another twist...

Dr. V attends numerous model 1:1 car /or other events each year in search of items that appeal to him – as in cheap &/or to fill in a missing item in his collection.

Recently he attended a Bellmore LI Sunday flea market. One (new to Dr.V) vendor had about 100 Danbury/Franklin Mint boxed models for sale - WOW! So what if a rental truck was parked next to the \$70. Rental Market slot...

- Dr V. asked “what do you want for this early 1900 engine model? Response was \$100. Oh well, there goes today’s great buy...Dr.V had purchased one like it for \$25 years ago...
- As Dr. V was looking through about 100 box labels, Seller was actively checking in real time Internet values for the items folks were asking prices – what has Flea Markets come to? You be the judge... should Dr.V stay at home and simply check internet prices & forgo driving to flea Markets &/or events? As John noted above, part of the hobby enjoyment factor is socializing including what do others have to offer, how did they build a model, etc.

**REMEMBER BUY IT NOW – INFLATION & GREED WILL ONLY INCREASE FUTURE COST**

## **Long Island Miniatures Show: Saturday Nov 20 Paul Drago**

I'd say vendors were down about 25%. I had a chance to talk with many attendees and it seems there's about a 20% drop in members within the past year, sadly due to COVID, Age, or both.

As a side note, if (you) think car guys have a problem dealing with their collection after we go to heaven, the military guys have it worse! At least there are young people who can spot a Corvette or 57 Chevy, for example. There are military guys who have amazing figures ranging from roman gladiators to desert storm and their kids don't know what to do with them. What do you expect from a generation who thinks PATTON was a former US President, CHURCH-HILL was the guy who built the Notre Dame cathedral, and President Kennedy freed the slaves. (OK I'm exaggerating here but just wanted to make a pint)

The amount of entries for the show were about the same. A few new classes were made by the club. None of which will interest any car guy. Some attendees traveled from Italy, Canada, and Las Vegas.

I did meet up with several people who asked about the LIARS Show and the club in general. Our friend from Arkay Tools was there with a table. I was happy to see two dear friends (Al and Sandy) from Alsands toy soldiers plus. However they went to walk the show and meet up with friends, rather than vend.

I picked up a few goodies, including a complete model kit for two bucks, a diecast metal 1/25 mechanic with creeper, and car ramps; and a generic replacement head for the Aurora guillotine model. Let's face it, anyone who owns a guillotine will tell you the guy's head almost always goes missing unless you glue it, but then again, what's the point of having a guillotine if it doesn't work!

It was a nice day out overall. HAMMER

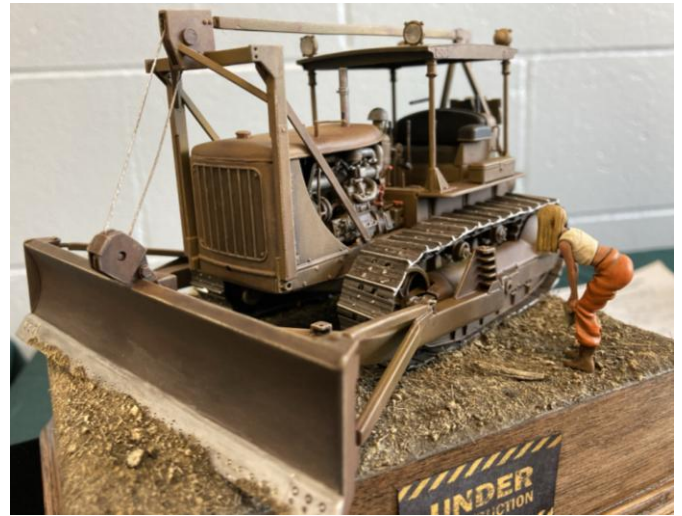
Well as we said in the past, military shows and the IPMS really don't understand cars; and it holds true when the only class to enter is "Civilian Vehicles"

Therefore street cars, stock and custom, competition, trucks, jeeps, motorcycles and scooters all get thrown in ONE CLASS.

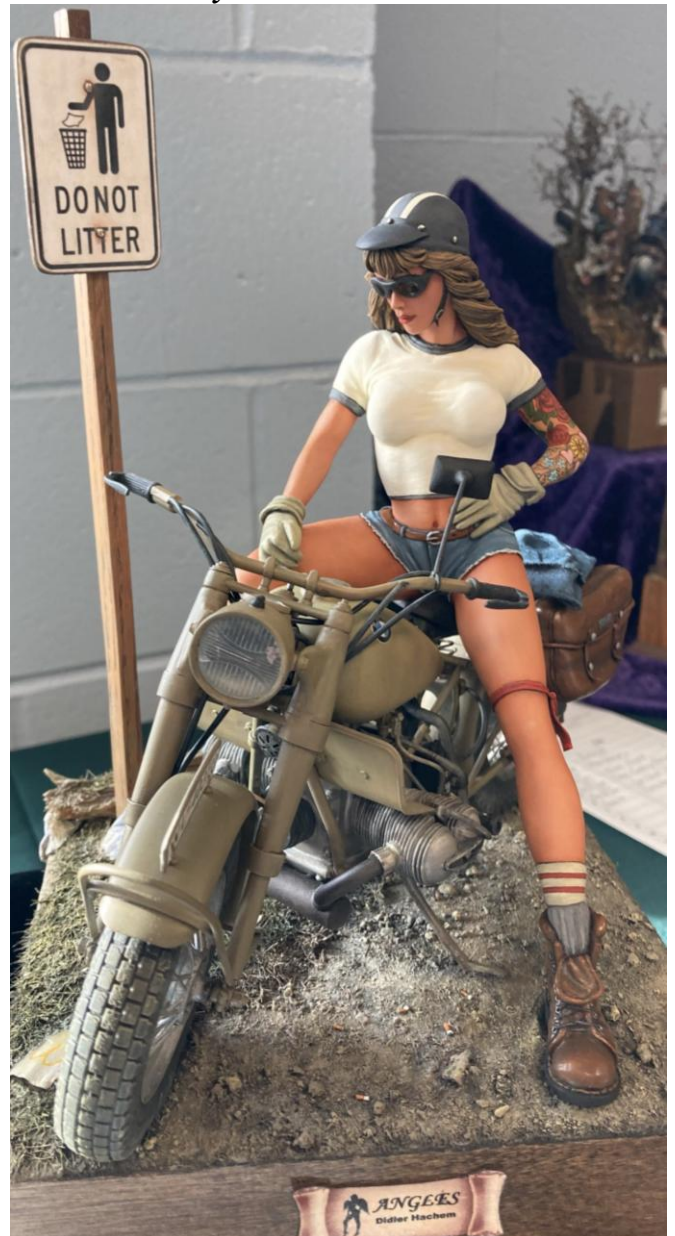
One photo suggests the judges didn't know what to do with my Garlits dragster, so they put it in the BOAT CLASS. (LOL)



Hammer didn't mind; at the end of the day I took a GOLD for "civilian vehicle" Paul  
*Dr.V's spin: ships happened to be next to Civilian...which did not appear to have sufficient room for Paul's entry - comment should be why are military vehicles in Civilian?*



*Next one is for Bob Seagraves!  
 Well they both have Tattoos!*







## MODEL STUFF

By Lenny Cromwell

So now we're into the Holiday Season. The season of miracles and wonder. Well, here's a miracle I wonder about. Why haven't any of the model companies seen fit to offer the 1965 Olds 442 in scale? We've had all of the other significant years, 1964, 1966 through 1972, yet no 1965. Why is that? Personally, I think the '65 is the best looking one of all, both the hardtop and convertible.



The '65 is also the first year the 442 was its own model. Each year at NNL East Revell has a couple

of tables displaying their new models along with a list where you can write in kits you would like to see them offer and each year, I write in the 1965 Olds 442, and yet it never comes to pass. Maybe I'll try asking the folks at Moebius.

### *Dr V related Trivia*

- The 1965 Oldsmobile 442 is one of the original GM A Body Muscle Cars. The original product selling information book touted as "Police Needed It-Olds Built It-Pursuit Proved It". The formula was in the name,
- 4 Barrel Carburetion, plus high lift cam, and Ultra High-Compression V-8 to 310hp, 20hp more than the standard Cutlass.
- 4 On-The-Floor stick shift synchromesh transmission (This would later become to mean 400 cubic inch V8 once they introduced automatic 442's)
- 2 Dual Exhaust, complete dual exhaust system features less back pressure for better performance (and aluminized for longer life.) So the brochure goes!

But enough about that. Let's talk about paint. Ever since ModelMaster sprays were discontinued I've been looking for a replacement for their Ultra Gloss Clearcoat lacquer. Tamiya makes a nice clear gloss, but it cracks easily if you try to tweak a part to fit, such as a hood, after it has dried. You get lots of little stress cracks that seem to catch the light at certain angles. I don't like clear gloss enamels because they tend to yellow over time. I tried this stuff called Upol that went on very smooth and shiny, but about two months after I painted a car with it, it cracked so horribly that I had to strip it off. Lesson learned. With all the clears I use, I always make sure the base color coats are thoroughly dry, so I don't know why this happens. While we're on the subject of clear coats, I have yet to find one that doesn't attack Slix decals. I've had no problem with any other brand of decals, only Slix. I don't know why this happens either. I have not used any of the two-part automotive clears because I like to use spray cans (I don't want to clean the air brush) and I don't feel I should have to use automotive products on my little plastic cars.

I hope everybody has a good Holiday and I hope that all the volunteers who volunteered to build a subassembly for our group build Cutlass remembers to bring it to the January meeting.

*The Rev*



# Back to Our Roots

By Pat Vecchio

Hello fellow modelers.

I do hope that everyone had a good holiday. I cannot believe how fast time flies.

This month I would like to show you three models that I have purchased on EBay. These three kits were produced by the AMT CORP. The first one is a 1962 Buick Wagon.



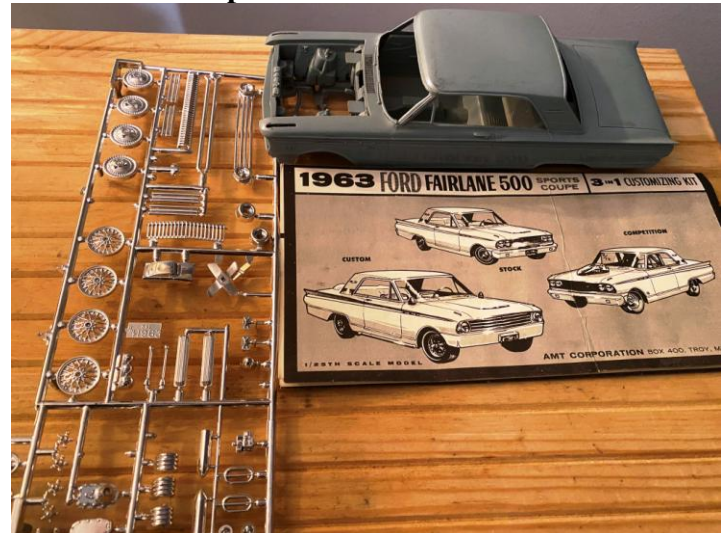
All the parts were included except the trailer. The body is pristine. The chrome tree looks like it was made yesterday. Price of this kit was \$135.00.



The second one is a 1962 Mercury Meteor hard top. Again all parts were included and the chrome is in excellent condition. The cost of this kit was \$105.00.



The third one which I purchased was a 1963 Ford Fairlane hardtop.



Again all parts were included and the chrome is in pristine condition. The price was 95.00.

Some of you may be asking yourselves, why would he pay this much for a kit that was around a dollar when it was brand new? Well when these kits were issued I did build them but like so many of us did, they saw their demise on 4th of July. Who knew back then that sixty years later, that these kits will be in demand by us fellow modelers? I have been building since 1958. I am an only child and there were times that I had to keep myself occupied. I always and still do have a love of cars. When I see these kits on EBay, I get such a nostalgic feeling that I give into my feelings and bid on them. I plan on building these kits in the very near future.

I look upon this hobby as an old friend that never left my side. Thank the Good Lord that my hands are still steady and the eyes with the help of cheaters are still suitable for model building. I have to be honest with you all, that currently I am not building. I am in the process of redoing my HO





train layout. I will be including pictures in the next newsletter.

I would like to give Bill Murray a big shout out for setting up our Christmas get together. You cannot beat the price. It is much better than breaking our aging rumps to bring all the items into the rec hall. I do hope you enjoy the pictures of the kits that I purchased.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

God bless you all and God Bless the USA.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

Pat Vecchio

Hammer provided some interesting tidbits

1. Anthony Cairo called me tonight to tell me he saw the video from Doug Whyte, and I'm one of the interviewed people.

The video is about 15 minutes long but worth watching! I copied the link here:

<https://youtu.be/SvRcpTFSjCk>

BUT in case you don't connect go to you tube / the model car muse /

"The Most Important Scale Model Show to Attend to Help You Become a Better Modeler

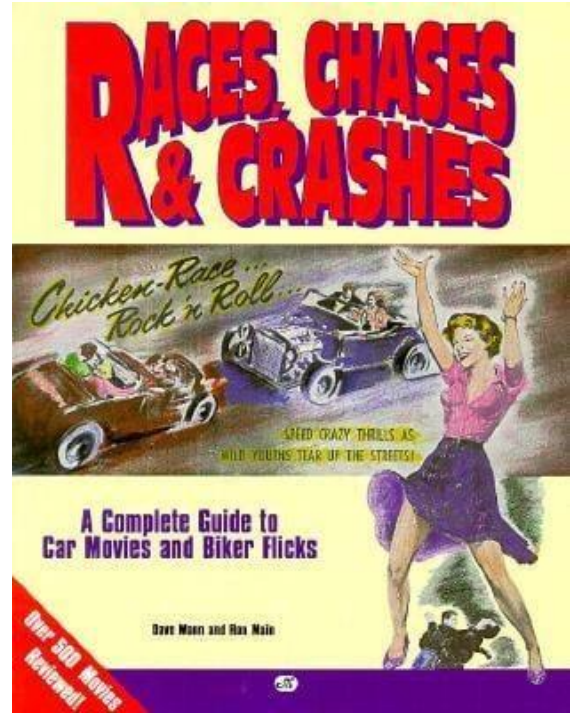
2. HERE'S THE BOOK WE TALKED ABOUT

- Races, Chases and Crashes: A Complete Guide to Car Movies and Biker Flicks by [David Mann](#), [Ron Main](#), [Dave Mann](#)
- Paperback Book, 144 pages

**Description**

- Races, Chases & Crashes Dave Mann & Ron Main Subtitled: A Complete Guide to Car Movies and Biker Flicks. Hot wheels that make the movies great! A guide to more than 5 movies featuring cars, trucks, motorcycles, crashes, chases, and races.

Includes descriptions of the films, notes about their stars, and plenty of information about the vehicles that capture the moviegoers attention. Movies are listed chronologically as well as by title in a cross-reference index. Sftbd., 8 1/4x 1 5-8, 144 pgs., 119 b&w ill.



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Doug Whyte <[doug@modelcarmuse.com](mailto:doug@modelcarmuse.com)>, routed a new Model Car Muse video link : <https://youtu.be/gUzr8zLwWc>



4 Vintage Race Car Models, a Gluing Tip, and a Rat

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303 DISLIKE SHARE SAVE ...





Vince LoBosco and Paul Drago take us on a visit through racing history, detailing their superb models of the Pure Heaven II Altered (in honor of Jim Devine), the Back-up Pickup wheel stander exhibition car, the #28 Fred Lorenzen Galaxie, and the Don Garlits Wynn's Jammer dragster. Stories of race tracks, the 1964 World's Fair, and the Aurora Guillotine. Plus a gluing tip! Recorded in October, 2021 at the HVHMG-IPMS show in Poughkeepsie, NY.



Dr. V captured Rich checking his stash...



Dear Santa,  
I've been good  
all year.  
Most of the time.  
Once in a while.  
Never mind,  
I'll buy my own stuff.

In memory of our recent addition to the Great Modelers that now reside above...



Submitted by Retired Soldier  
"FROM BEHIND THE SPOTLIGHT" Official picture of the upcoming Moebius Ford Ramp Truck  
By: Spotlight Hobbies/Matt and Dawn  
Remember, this is just a picture of the box. The kit will be coming soon.



*Dr V uncovered the following site*  
<http://www.motorlibrary.com/> which contains info related to "Auto Antiques, Rochester, Signs, Model Cars, Diecasts, Hot Wheels, Matchbox, Auto World, Greenlight, Johnny Lightning, Books, Muscle Cars, Plastic Models, Magazines, Ads".



The next 3 pages contain related write-ups.



Mark Theobald holds a very detailed model of a Shelby Daytona Coupe, one of thousands of diecast model cars he has in stock, along with magazines, books, advertising, videos and clothing at Auto Antiques in Palmyra.



# Car-loving gearhead? This is your store full of treasures

By John Addyman

PALMYRA, Jan. 17 – It's a gearhead's trip to Nirvana.

Stop at the intersection of Rts. 21 and 31, glance south, and you see flashing red and green lights in a shop up a small incline. That's Auto Antiques.

Inside, Mark Theobald, sells memories in large and small doses. He has thousands and thousands of car models. And so much more.

For instance, Hot Wheels and Matchbox cars are on display and in bins. "Customers are welcome to come in and spend a couple of hours looking through them," Theobald said.

The majority of the cars are larger diecast models in various scales – 1/24, 1/8, 1/43, 1/64 and others.

Walk in the door turn left, and go all the way to the wall. There, stacked to the ceiling are diecast cars beginning with 'A' – Audi, Alfa Romeo and AMC. Come in the door and go all the way to right, and you're looking floor to ceiling at Zimmers and Willys cars.

Higher up around the store are specialty models – famous drag racing cars and NASCAR racers and military vehicles and police cruisers and ambulances. Some of them cost over \$150, but most of the cars in the store are from \$20 to \$60.

And they're beautiful, because the

store's owner is fussy. Very fussy. We should all have garages as neat and orderly and organized as the Auto Antiques store.

Pick an interesting car, and Mark Theobald, who owns the store, will take you to models of it.

"Adults in this area are totally averse to anything foreign," Theobald said, "even though they may be driving a Kia. In their collections, they're American 100 percent all the way, and primarily they want muscle cars, Mustangs, Corvettes." TV and movie cars are also good sellers – he can't keep models of the A-Team van in stock.

If you're looking for a Maserati or Lamborghini or MG or Triumph or 240Z model...he has plenty of those.

Theobald, 60, got involved with cars when he was 4 years old and managed to drive his dad's car down the driveway and across the street without hurting anything or anyone. An exemplary musician and bookish historian of coachbuilders and cars, he's written an encyclopedia about coachbuilders who made some of the most beautiful cars every produced. He's been a car wholesaler. He's worked on cars. He played in the Syracuse University jazz ensemble.

And a few years after marrying a psychiatrist, Sarah, whom he met while

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working at Strong Memorial Hospital, he opened a store in his father-in-law's barn in Wells, VT.

That store sold only automobile books but had a humming market.

Today, in Auto Antiques in Palmyra, he has 5,000 car books – 80 Ferrari books, 70 Mercedes books, 60 Porsche books, 60 Rolls-Royce books, books on Corvettes, Mustangs, Camaros, Mopar, Ford...you name it, he's got it.

And most are half-price.

In Vermont, Sarah had stopped working, to take care of her mom. After five years, Sarah needed more, and took a job with the state of New York, and the Theobalds moved to Holland Patent, NY, near Ithaca. The second store, a converted 1875 country store, sold books and cars, with a huge NASCAR collection.

Coming back to the area last year (he was raised in Greece), Theobald looked at 10 properties east of Rochester and found Palmyra. The intersecting highways and traffic light were perfect, al-

though he'd like a much bigger store.

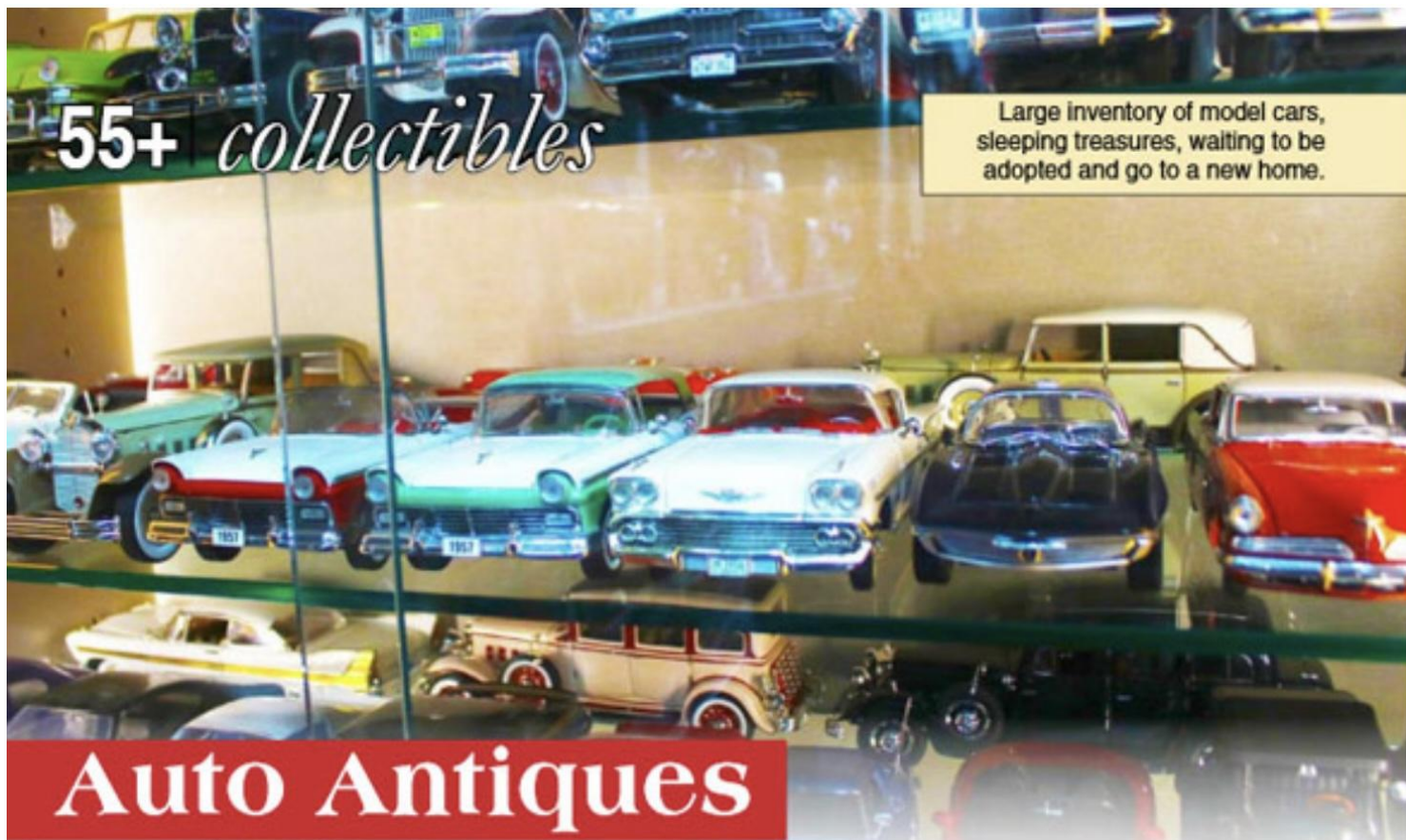
Auto Antiques sells cars and books, yes. But also magazines – many complete sets from the first edition to the last, like *Sports Car Graphic*. He'll sell you two vintage *Hot Rod* issues for \$6. Not too many years ago, they were \$20 apiece.

He sells automobiliana signs. Oil signs. Gas signs. Car brand signs. Oil filter signs. Some start at \$12. He sells the literature you used to find in car dealerships. He has press kits. Advertisements. Brochures. Photographs. DVDs. Posters. Model kits. And everything is neatly arranged and alphabetized. It's easy to come in for one thing and leave with several.

And then there's Mark, who is conversant with just about anything automotive. Start talking to him for a couple of minutes and asking questions, and pretty soon an hour has flown by.

If baseball fans have a hot stove to gather around, gearheads have Auto Antiques. It is a unique place, a rewarding experience.





**55+** collectibles

Large inventory of model cars, sleeping treasures, waiting to be adopted and go to a new home.

## Auto Antiques

# It's All About Model Cars, Memories

*A visit to the Palmyra store is a chance to be reacquainted with one's youth*

By John Addyman

**T**he store is remarkably quiet, except for the murmurs of customers who have found a memory.

You hold it in your hand. And in nanoseconds, stories about your youth — or last summer — suffuse within you, taking you to another place.

In your mind, the memory is vapor. Vivid, but vapor. But you're holding something in your hand now, something bright and shiny and rich.

A model car: A Ford Thunderbird. A Mustang. A '57 Chevy. A Shelby Cobra. A Camaro Z/28. A Dodge Viper. An Audi TT or Alfa Romeo 4c.

It's detailed. Real rubber. The steering works. The engine is in detailed splendor. A car you dreamed about is in your hands. A car you

drove is here to share with friends. A car that you and your wife made out in — right there in that tiny back seat — is a memory you can take home and put on a shelf.

Auto Antiques, a very special store at routes 21 and 31 in Palmyra, has thousands of die-cast cars just like the one in your hand. And books and sales literature about the car. And drag race versions of it. NASCAR models, too. Special TV cars and trucks and motorcycles and ambulances.

Mark Theobald, 60, is the owner, curator and collector who softly greets clients. He has years of experience as a car wholesaler, is a nationally known expert on coachbuilders (the companies that made special bodies for high-end cars), has created successful websites that compared

crash-test data for car buyers, and has accumulated a museum's worth of stuff for Auto Antiques, his third store.

For gearheads, a visit to the store is to be reacquainted with your youth, with everything from \$2 Hot Wheels up to \$600 rare drag racing cars (Grumpy's Toys, for instance). Theobald is in constant touch with the market, selling below eBay prices, with an inventory you don't have to wait for the Postal Service to deliver — you walk out of the store with it.

Collecting model cars is a male preoccupation, mostly, and sometimes it's not easy.

"Guys may have a collection, but it's not on display in their house," he said. "They may have a cool man cave where their wife lets them keep the stuff that she doesn't want to see. One thing I noticed, just coming into the store — a guy will coerce his wife into driving up to the store. They will sit in the car and argue for a few minutes. Sometimes the guy will come into the store and sometimes they will leave. Many wives are averse to it because it's money that could be spent on them, as simple as that, or on something she wants."

Ouch.

That's half the problem. The other



part is sadder.

"Very few people collecting anything today are under the age of 50," he said. "Ten years from now, if I'm alive, you might see this store still open. I may make a little money. If I weren't as well off as I am, I could not do it. Friends of mine who are antiques dealers have the exact same problems I do.

"The stuff will go away when we die. Very few people come into the store under the age of 40. There are teenagers who come in here, who have been exposed through video games. Most of them are just content to play the video games, but there are a couple of kids who come in here who are thrilled to be in here. When we were kids, you were either into sports, cars or music. I was into cars and music."

Theobald and his wife, Sarah, a psychiatrist, were living in Vermont when he opened his first store, Motor Library, offering only books, yet it was successful. A second store, in Holland Patent, near Utica, sold fewer books but a lot of die-cast cars, with a huge NASCAR selection.

Now, in the Palmyra store, Auto Antiques has books for sale, thousands of them. But he's still waiting for the market to return — most of them are half-price.

"I love automotive books," he said. "I'm an automotive historian. I need books to do my research. I started off as a rare automotive book dealer 25 year ago. Books were popular then. I would buy three or four copies of a popular title because I would sell them. Virtually every book in the store is half-priced because I last marked them 10 years ago. And they're still not moving and I probably have 5,000 books in the store. That's kind of sad."

Want a book about Ferraris? He has 80. And 60 Porsche books. 70 Mercedes books. And lots of Ford and Chevrolet and, well, you name it.

The store answers a lot of, "Do you have?" questions.

Looking for a dealership sales piece on a particular car? Ask Mark.

A Pirelli tire sign? Ask Mark.

Old issues of Hot Rod magazine, say from the 1960s? Mark has them, and a lot of other popular publications from inception to demise. "They're really cheap," he said.

Magazine ads for cars? He'll sell



Mark Theobald, owner of Auto Antiques in Palmyra, shows a highly detailed model of a Shelby Daytona Coupe.

you the whole magazine. "It breaks my heart to tear up an old magazine to get the ads out," he said.

The selection of die-cast cars extends in racks from the floor to the ceiling. Walk in the door and turn left and in a few steps you're looking at the "A's" — Audi, Alfa Romeo and AMC. At the opposite end of the store are the "Z's" — Zimmers, for instance. Most of the cars in the store are from \$20 to \$60, and in many cases, he has different years and colors available. Theobald will school you on the quality models and point out the details of each.

He has Franklin Mint and Danbury Mint-issued cars in special cases and more are in storage. "The market for them is dwindling," he said. "Most of them were \$100 - \$125 when they were new. With some exceptions, they're \$40 now, but they are beautiful cars. Nobody is ever going to make cars this detailed again."

Theobald also stocks a few air-

planes and boats and even has material on electric trains, but quickly adds, "That's another dead subject. Railroad fans are dropping like flies. I also have tons of inventory of Mack trucks and snow plows, but people don't care about them anymore. That's the story of my store...I have lots of stuff for old men."

What he stocks in the store has changed a little with the new location in Palmyra, where he's still in his first year of operation. He now has DVDs, race clothing, piles of photos and posters.

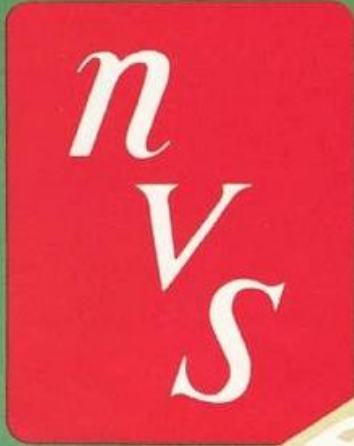
On this day, two men came in. One was in his 60s, the other in his 30s. Father and son. A few minutes in one of the aisles and Theobald heard a familiar conversation begin.

"Look at this," the younger man said. "Do you remember this car?" And the men started a talk, jogged by a memory.

There's so much more to a model car than holding it in your hand.



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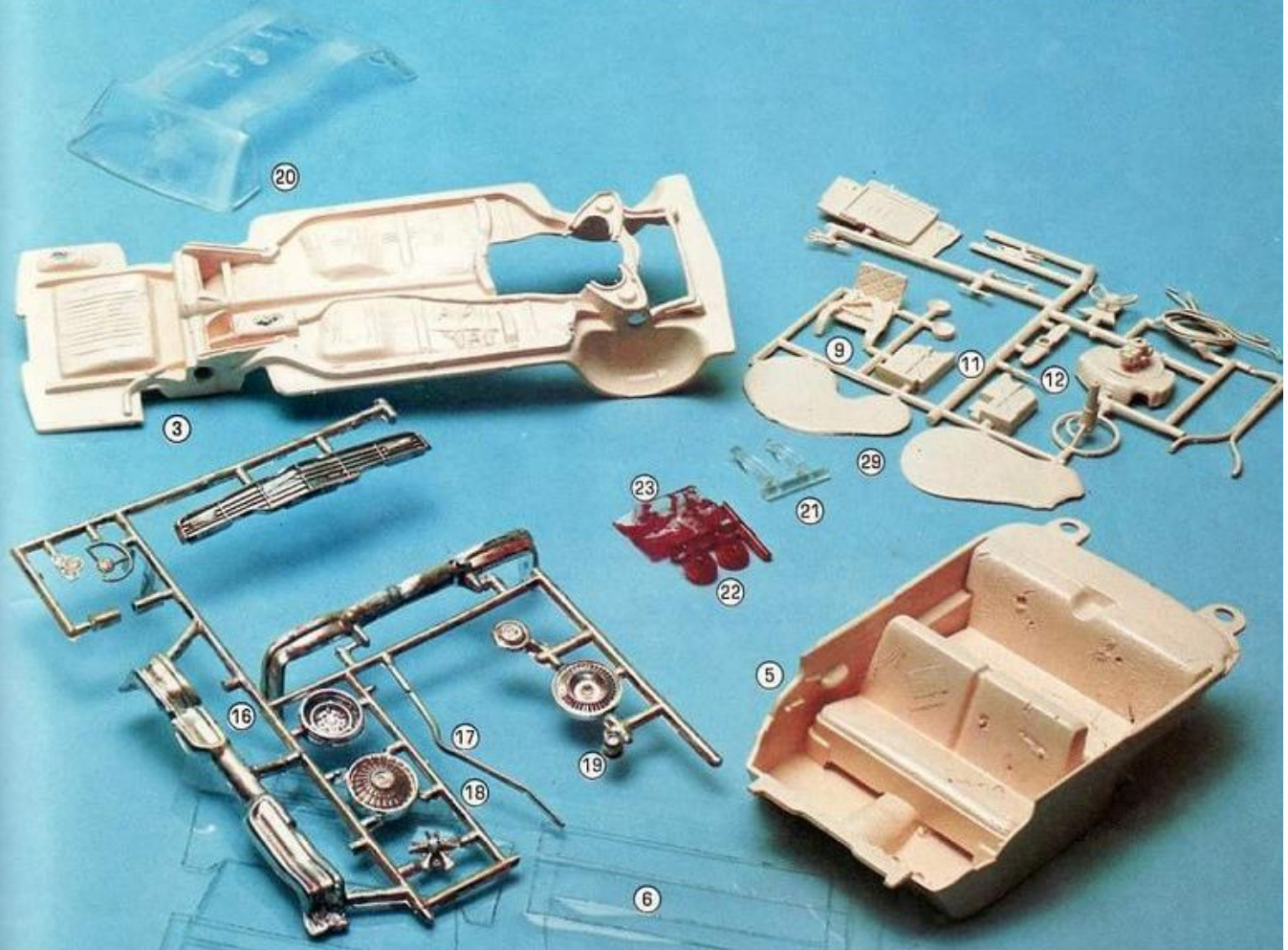
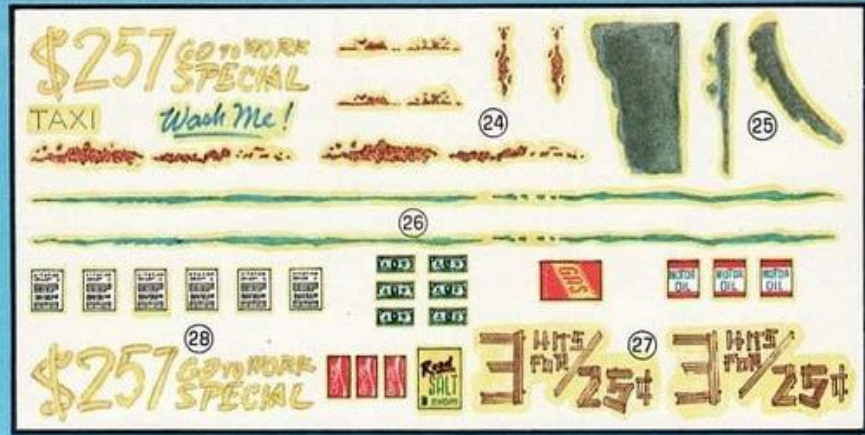
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# FIRST CAR MODELS

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illustrated and constructed by Alan Rose and Marc Arceneaux





gasoline (11)—just assemble lawnmower (12) before detaching spending money (13).

Maybe it's in your Dad's name but they're your "wheels" (14); at least you're responsible for their interesting shape *and* there's a different tire (15) for every rim, all specially molded for that "low-riding" look.

"Corroso-Fleck" metal plating gives chrome finish parts realistic scaling, realistic pitting, and realistic discoloration. You get a variety of bumper shapes (16)—something new every time you park. Plus pop-off chrome strip (17), several exciting hub caps (18), and bolt-on speed accessories like this "real boss" crankcase ventilator cap (19).

NVS kits also come complete with extensively tested safety glass windows (20) and bottles to go back to the store (21), plus taillight lens pieces (22) and plenty of extra red cellophane (23).

Put the finishing touches on your model with the NVS decal sheet, adding colorful rust (24), primer (25), and massive scrapes (26) to your paint job. Then place completed model in a show car setting—show it donated to the Senior Stunt Day Car Smash (27), for instance, or show it for sale (28), or just sitting in the garage over a big puddle of oil (29) while you take down the screens and wash the storm windows.





Photo of actual model engine—paint not included



NVS Citation Series FIRST CAR MODELS are "3-in-1" style model kits. That means you can build your 1957 Ford Lunchline 200 three different ways—a first car for you, a second car for Mom, a meal ticket for your local garage mechanic.

Exclusive single piece body shell(1) has more than enough authentic detailing,with right door from an expensive Fairlane 500, fashionable "auto-sculpture" fenders, and oxidized ventilation from nigger louvers in rocker panels, doorposts, and headlight bezets. Plus you can create styling of your own with the NVS "Shape of Things to Come" bodywork kit (2) which gets the same results on your plastic model as a ball peen hammer and a can of Bondo® do on a real car.

Completely detailed chassis (3) shows exhaust "gut-outs" for all that glasspack sound with none of the expense and slots for custom wobble blocks (4) with three holes to let you select shimmy, drift, or dramatic pull to the right.

Interior (5) options include plastic seat covers (6) with the popular "colored" look and floor mats (7) to match plus back seat "coverings" (8), and performance accessories like baby brother's safety seat (9) and Mom's groceries (10), that measure your performance as a helpful child in a close-knit family.

Speaking of performance, what could make your Smoke-Thrower 6 "mill" (inset) run better than the addition of power-packed

**That's it for this month - - - Now enjoy the holidays and then go build a model**