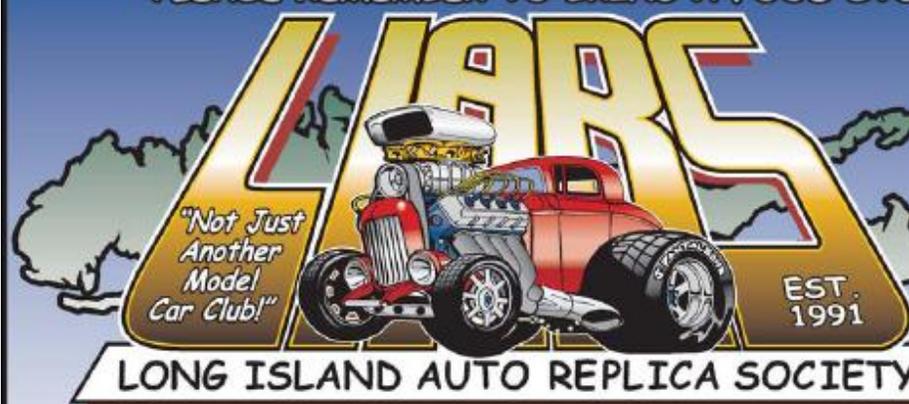


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*Next Real Meeting's theme:
LIARS Auction you & I need one!*



Spring Carlisle: A Swap Meet You Can't Afford To Miss

This year, **Spring Carlisle** runs from April 21 through 25, and that means 2021 offers a return to its normal April time frame. With 8,100 vendor spaces available.

The Trustees of the GSL International Scale Vehicle Championship and Convention have decided to postpone the GSL Finale until May of 2023. (The event was originally scheduled for early May of 2022). This decision was made after consulting with medical sources, the GSL Board of Trustees, the host hotel, and GSL competitors about the impact of the Covid-19 virus. The postponement takes into account the likely time frame in which competitors and attendees feel it would be safe to travel to Salt Lake.

We've started 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...

MCB Contributors: Steve "Big Daddy" Blake, Paul Drago, Ted 'Muddy' Pappacena & Pat Vecchio

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

Hi Everyone ... I'm slowly regaining my strength from a bout with COVID19 - I even had to suspend working on models.

My daughter picked me up at the hospital during the recent snow storm! Thanks Joan -

I can now enjoy the food that I requested vs. the hospital's adventure as to what should we give Rich today?

Looking forward to 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

A message from MAMA

Please checkout the updated MAMA web site

<http://www.mamasboyz.org>

Whenever we can hold live meetings and conducts shows again, I want to see all of MAMA's members and friends there. Please be careful, stay safe, and stay healthy. Tim Powers, President and Web Master, Maryland Automotive Modelers Association (MAMA)

Some Words from the Editor At Large

Your MCB staff wishes to convey our 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 him a speedy recovery!

**First Impressions**

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

POWER. STYLE. BEAUTY. GRACE

CELEBRATING THE DISTINCTIVE HERITAGE OF THE AUTOMOBILE.

Since it is time to escape reality, let's proceed to your reading room...Dr.V has been using this byline since 1997 when he joined the LIARS! That's almost 24 years ago!

What's New

Squadron Hobbies, which opened in 1968 and had been a major supplier, manufacturer and supporter of scale modeling, has shut down.

Based in Texas, they sold kits, had some of their own line of kits, and had their famous Squadron putties. Also they published reference books and decals and at one time had physical hobby stores. They also held their own model contests.

Being primarily an automotive modeler I was not especially knowledgeable about them as most of their product line was focused on military subjects. At one time there were about 100 people employed there, but the loss of their founder years ago, the takeover by an investment firm and recent management issues led to their demise. After an online closeout sale in early January they are no longer open for business, their online sites say closed for renovation but other online sources say the current operation is closed without word on any future plans for either the business or people involved. They apparently were the major distributor for Vallejo paints, let's hope that that does not cause issue with their availability. *(Copied from GTR Feb issue)*

Auto World's first catalog, issued in 1959, was a modest effort, but subsequent releases grew in content and effort. By the third edition, in 1961, full-color printing graced the cover, and when the slot car craze began to take off in 1966, the catalog expanded from digest size to magazine size. Through the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, Auto World offered something of interest for hobbyists of all ages and skill levels, but by the beginning of the 1990s, sales were no longer sufficient to maintain a business. The last catalog, edition 41, rolled off the presses in 1991, though the name and logo were later acquired by a new company specializing in die cast models and slot cars.

Auto World's original surge in popularity and later decline mirrored the growth and death of the slot car and plastic model hobby in the United States. In the 1970s, hobby shops were a common sight in towns across America, but today plastic

model kits are generally sold through craft stores, tucked into a corner between wood-burning supplies and wreath-making material. Slot cars can be even harder to find, with only a handful of specialty suppliers serving the HO and 1/32 scale market.

Kovelski also was involved in *Car Model* magazine, which was published from 1962 to 1975. He was co-publisher with Robert N. MacLeod. The editor was Bill Barnes, and the technical editor was Dave Shuklis. The magazine was first published in July 1962 as a bi-monthly edition, and then switched to a new full sized format when it went to a monthly schedule in September 1963. It continued through May 1975 (*for a total of 51 issues*). Mr. Shuklis died in 1974, and this may have hastened the demise of the magazine.

Contents focused on models cars and custom construction techniques. This was based on feedback received at Auto World from 12-15 year old boys. (*Copied from GTR Feb issue*)

In the January 1997 MCB (issue 77), Dr V. noted "The 23 year run of the premier modeling magazine, *Model Car Journal*, is no more! *M CJ* started out as a 8 page newsletter, whose editors knew the history of promos & kits and were (*and still are*) contributing editors to various car & model publications. In the end only 1647 had paid mail subscriptions with about twice as many purchasing copies at their favorite hobby shop. I learned more about this hobby through *M CJ* than any other publication. What ran a close second for a number of years, was the *Journal (Model Car Collectors Association)* that Dennis Doty..."

Car Modeler magazine comprised 51 issues (last one was released 9/98...

https://www.ebay.com/b/car-model-magazine/bn_7024803927



Car Model Magazine sold for 25 cents in November/December 1962! Not Bad!

MGM Movie Cars to be Highlighted by GreenLight Collectibles

A full range of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio cars will be manufactured as die-cast model cars by GreenLight Collectibles. The deal covers a wide variety of movie and television vehicles, in sizes ranging from 1:12 and 1:18 to 1:24, 1:43, and 1:64 scale. The initial offerings for 2021 include cars from the *Rocky* and *Creed* films, *Fargo* (the movie and television series), *Thelma & Louise*, *Rain Man*, and perhaps more.

"We're ecstatic to be partnering with MGM Studios on this new partnership," said Russell Hughes, president of GreenLight Collectibles. "The depth of the vault at MGM lays the groundwork for some very exciting offerings. We'll have our work cut out for us over the next several years."

Among the standouts to look for include Adonis Creed's 1967 Ford Mustang coupe, finished in matte black, from *Creed* and *Creed II*. It will be available in 1:18 and 1:43 scale, while Charlie Babbitt's 1949 Buick Roadmaster convertible from *Rain Man* will be offered in 1:18, 1:43, and 1:64 scale. For more about GreenLight Collectibles and its entire toy line, visit greenlighttoys.com

Next Item

The sports cable channel NBCSN, which airs many of the top U.S. racing series, is to closed by the end of the year. Parent company NBC Universal has announced that much of the programming will be migrated to the USA network or to the NBC Peacock network. NBC currently holds the broadcast rights to half the NASCAR Cup and Xfinity Series events, which it shares with Fox. It also features the NTT Indycar series, IMSA SportsCars, NHRA and Moto America. It also broadcasts coverage of Moto GP events and the Dakar Rally. (*Copied from GTR Feb issue*)



The long wait is over -Revell Acrylic and Enamel Paints. The enamels are in 14ml tin cans, the acrylics are in 18ml bottles, and the acrylic sprays are in 100ml cans. There are also thinners available for both acrylics and enamels.

I'm very interested to try the Revell paints: as I understand the spray cans are like the Tamiya spray, the 18ml bottles of brush paint is aqua based, and the 14ml tin can brush paint is an enamel.

Mega Hobby has just about every item Revell has to offer, especially thinners and cleaners. Their website is a bit easier to navigate than Hobbylinc.

I (Hammer) did a cost comparison between MEGA HOBBY and HOBBYLINC:
I listed one of each item I'd be interested in: totaled up the final cost less shipping:
MEGA = 46.41
Hobbylinc = 38.11

Hobbylinc has a points thing: the more you spend the more you rack up "points" I thought it was just a gimmick, but I just received a shipment of paints, alclad and two kits and I was able to apply the points that was around 10 bucks. Not bad; it paid for most of the shipping.

Let's keep everyone in the loop when we try out the new paints. I'm especially interested to see how the enamels and aquas do with the airbrush. Have fun, Paul "The Hammer" PS
Revell Paints are now available at Hobbylinc.com
We thought you would like to know....

Please be advised that due to thinking about the Rev's NNL EAST model duster, I spent an afternoon dusting models that were not totally encased in display cabinets!

What do I have to show for it? 2 empty glue tubes, a few missing pieces and the realization that one needs to continuously run a dehumidifier if you have a basement Man (ok model) Cave!

I never realized that moist air ATTACKS model plastic chrome plating. I also noticed that diecast models stored/displayed near windows eventually develop paint pitting ...See "Big Daddy" article below for additional info.

Sounds like a small article for the MCB. Any suggestions? Dr V

PS grapevine indicates Hobby Lobby is going to drop their 40% off coupon...might I suggest stockpile modeling supplies...as noted above places like Squadron are leaving the business...

One Man's Opinion

By Rich "Charlie" Manson

Well hello everyone. I'm hoping that all is well with everyone in plastic land. First of all, I'd like to wish Rich Argus a speedy recovery from his bout with the COVID19 Virus. That damn Virus has me freaked out, along with everyone else. Due to my age (almost 74), and accompanying health issues (High Blood Pressure, Type 2 Diabetes, and having my Triple Heart Bypass surgery a year ago), I'm in what they say is a "high risk category" for Covid. I've actually only left my house 4 times since my surgery last February 26th (3 times for medical checkups and once to vote last November.) Each time I've worn both a face mask AND a clear face shield to stay safe. Between the fear of Covid, and the shenanigans of our former President I've had knots in my stomach which are just starting to go away.

(Dr. V – let's try to keep politics out of the MCB!)

Before last February's surgery I knocked out about 6 models, but since then I've only finished 2. The knots in my stomach just kept me from concentrating on modeling. I still have 2 "in the works" in varying stages of work. One is a '59 Dodge Street Machine that I'm calling "Tunaboat 2". (It will actually have a license plate reading "2NABOAT". The second one is a chopped '47 Chevy coupe custom rod. Hopefully it won't take me the rest of the year to finish them both and then move on to the rest of the TO DO pile.

Unfortunately it's looking like we'll be waiting until 2022 for any model shows to get going again. No more Scale Auto magazines to show up in our mail boxes, and who knows how long it will take Model Cars magazine to get up and running on a regularly scheduled basis again. Nothing for us all to do but hunker down and build a bunch of models.

SOME RANDOM THOUGHTS

By Ted Pappacena

It used to be so easy for me to come up with something each month for the newsletter. Truth be told, I haven't completed a model in 20 years. And not for a lack of trying, though. The urgency just isn't there it seems. I'm still interested and get enthused when the NNL comes around but a bit later reality sets in and excuses form in my head and I go to other things.

The last 2 installments, other things were diecasts and slot cars. Quite a departure, right? So I'm thinking what I can come up with model related next. It isn't easy aside from the fact that both Phil Melfi and Bill Murray told/tell me to write about anything and then this came to me a while ago, so here it is. When I joined the club in the fall of 1993, one of the first things I noticed was that a lot of the members had nicknames. For example, there's Mike "Shaboom" Brennan, Alan "Bushman" Aug, John "The Buzzard" Buzzerio, Greg "Slammer" Lissandrello, and Rich "Charlie" Manson to name a few.

Over time I tried to figure out how these nicknames fit the people they were given to. I still haven't figured out Mike and Alan's but John's is a no brainer and Greg's? Did he build slammers? I don't know. Is Rich a cult leader that picks out people to kill? I hope not. I've actually had 3. Two of them I wasn't keen on at all but accepted them to be a "team player". I went along with it but when circumstances permitted, I dropped them or had them dropped. If you're curious as to what they were just dig out an old newsletter.

Now, as some of you may or may not know, I am a photographer. Actually I'm mainly a drag racing photographer and have been shooting the drags since 1967 and have amassed a very large body of work that's well over 23,000 images. My work has appeared in books, magazines, and of course my website www.dragracingimagery.com. During the last 7 years, I've become the east coast staff photojournalist for Nostalgia Drag News which is an online publication. This year alone over 60 of my images will be in 3 books and 1 magazine. A book on Arnie Beswick, the Hemi Under Glass, and the Fillmore East as well as Nitro Madness magazine. Check them out (except Nitro Madness) on Amazon when available.

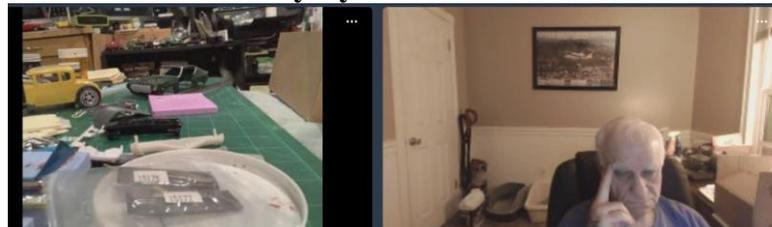
Where is this going you may ask? Well I'll tell ya. Alan "Bushman" Aug and I go to the races together. Alan has become a noted drag racing photographer in his own right and contributes to Nostalgia Drag World as well. During one of our trips in 2019 (last year I didn't do any events due to the virus situation), we were talking and Alan asked me something and added "What do you think, Muddy"? To that I replied "Man I hate that name!" He was shocked at my response and quickly apologized. "No need", said I. Since I never really talk about it, how would one know?

Now, a long time ago when whomever it was that thought up "Muddy" for me juxtaposed my weathered models with my love for blues music and it makes sense and I went with it and never said anything about it. But every time I see it in print or someone says it, it bothers me. It could be because my parents did not see fit to give either me or my brother middle names. And there you have it!

Dr V joined Mickey & Pat for the [Feb 4 LIARS Virtual mtg.](#)

Mickey discussed his 3D printing experiences. CONGRATS on his patience. If I understand the process once you have developed the file to print on your NEW Resin printer, it can take 2 hours to develop e.g., 5 hubcaps with about a 20% failure rate...(Dr. V would appreciate an article to share with fellow LIARS - perhaps we could gain add'l insights)

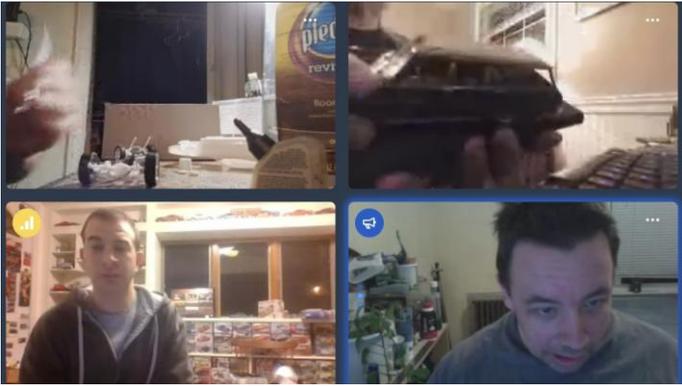
Rich checkout Mickey's yellow hot rod...



Pat kept asking where are the rest of the LIARS!!! Pat gave up waiting for others to connect and then proceeded to describe his new paint technique, then displayed plastic spoon samples. (Stay tune for plastic spoon price increase when stores realize they have other applications.)



Pat used his recently completed 56 NOMAD to show his various accomplishments including GHOST FLAMES, simulated chrome application and interior (which is hard to show. He promised to route pictures...in the interim if you have FACEBOOK you can probably see his work there... Our last Virtual get together was on 2/18:



Wonder what Pat said to get this response?



Please all stay very healthy and well.

So many of us spend our time chasing that elusive barn find that I thought I should share my own discovery with you. OK, so maybe I didn't find it in a barn. More like in my basement. In a box. Where it lay hidden for 50 years or so.

As a child, I loved to play with model cars. I had two collections of different scales: Corgi cars, and then a larger-scale plastic set anchored by several models produced by Ford as part of its promotion of new models. When my dad purchased his 1964 Thunderbird convertible, the dealer sent his son home with his very own T-Bird, scaled to his yet-nonexistent driving skills. I loved the realism of the model and I swear that I put more miles on that car than my dad put on his real-sized one. The holes in my dungarees and unusual wear patterns in our nylon carpets stood testimony to the hours I spent commuting between the kitchen, family room, and living room (with only an occasional rest stop in the downstairs bathroom). Those cars, and it seems my childhood, were put away when I reached my teen years. But my mom figured someday those cars would be important to me and packed them away safely, moving them several times as she and my father changed addresses.

Then, in 1991, my mom seriously downsized after my dad passed away. A moving van appeared in our driveway one day and, overwhelmed by all this extra stuff, I directed the movers to our own basement without even looking at what was coming off that truck. Last week, a family request for some old photos sent me down to the farthest reaches of our basement, where, buried under years of dust,

old report cards, yearbooks, and family photos was this one box that caught my eye. Imagine my response when I opened the door to this "barn" and found that it contained my childhood. Fortunately for my dungarees and carpeting, my knees are no longer up to the tasks of those long "drives" between the family and living rooms. Bram Starr Montpelier, Vermont



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LIARS Bus candidates this month include a real one, as well as an interesting motorhome

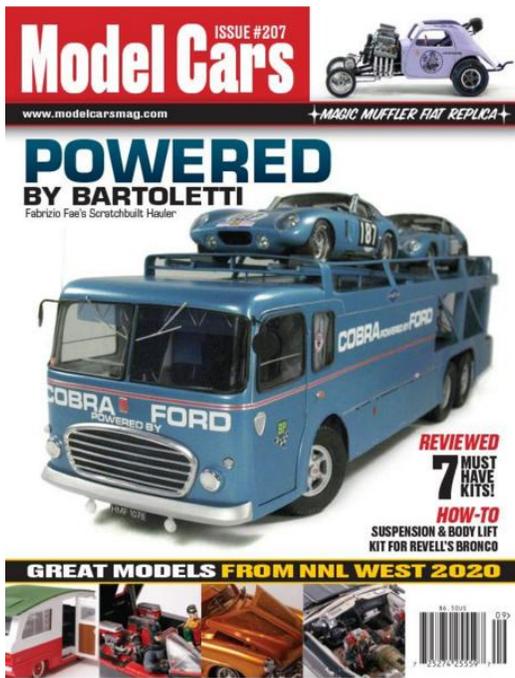


Does Your Camper Van Have Two Floors and an Elevator? This One Does
Can you imagine attending a car show/flea market and be able to view all the goodies from above?



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Issue #207 is on the way



Next we prep the body for the Transparent Hot Rod red color coat The paint lays down semi clear and is a challenge to get right. Wet sanding with 1200 grit to brake the surface so the Krylon cherry red base doesn't craze from the Testor's paint.



Next, take a tack cloth, mine is an old automotive one picked up at a NAPA store, and carefully wipe down the body to get as much dust that may be on it off.



The Devil's in The Details pt4

By Steve "Big Daddy"

Oops, in the last installment (pt3) I attached the wrong pic of the interior. This, is the correct pic of the finished piece. A little fuzzy, but, my old Cannon is a bit jinky.



Prepping the paint by warming the can to give a little more pressure inside to atomize the spray better. This can be done by running Hot water over the can or placing it on a space heater for a short time.



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CAUTION! DO NOT OVER HEAT!!

I did this once; exploding a can of black enamel all over my kitchen. Good thing I wasn't married at the time!



Several quick passes at @ 10ins distance brings out a rich smooth red finish. Now I'll set this aside to allow the paint to "gas out" and cure for a couple of days, to avoid finger prints.

Now to tackle the Detail Master hinge kit for that NASCAR Olds. "This should be fun" ;-)



In regards to model chrome, Dr Veckman and I were talking about chrome parts and how to keep them looking good longer.

Tip # 1; DO NOT CLEAN WITH ANY CLEANING PRODUCT.

Most have agents that attack chrome. Windex has ammonia as do most cleaning products. Don't use anything with alcohol in them. Soap, not dish soap, soap soap and water. Maybe use distilled water.

Tip #2; Do not use any product to clean the cases or surfaces in the room.

THE VAPORS WILL WORK ON CHROME OVER TIME. Remember our models do not have electroplated parts, they are vacuum plated with a sealer.

Tip #3; If at all possible, store kits and parts in a Cool Dry area. Mildew will breakdown chrome

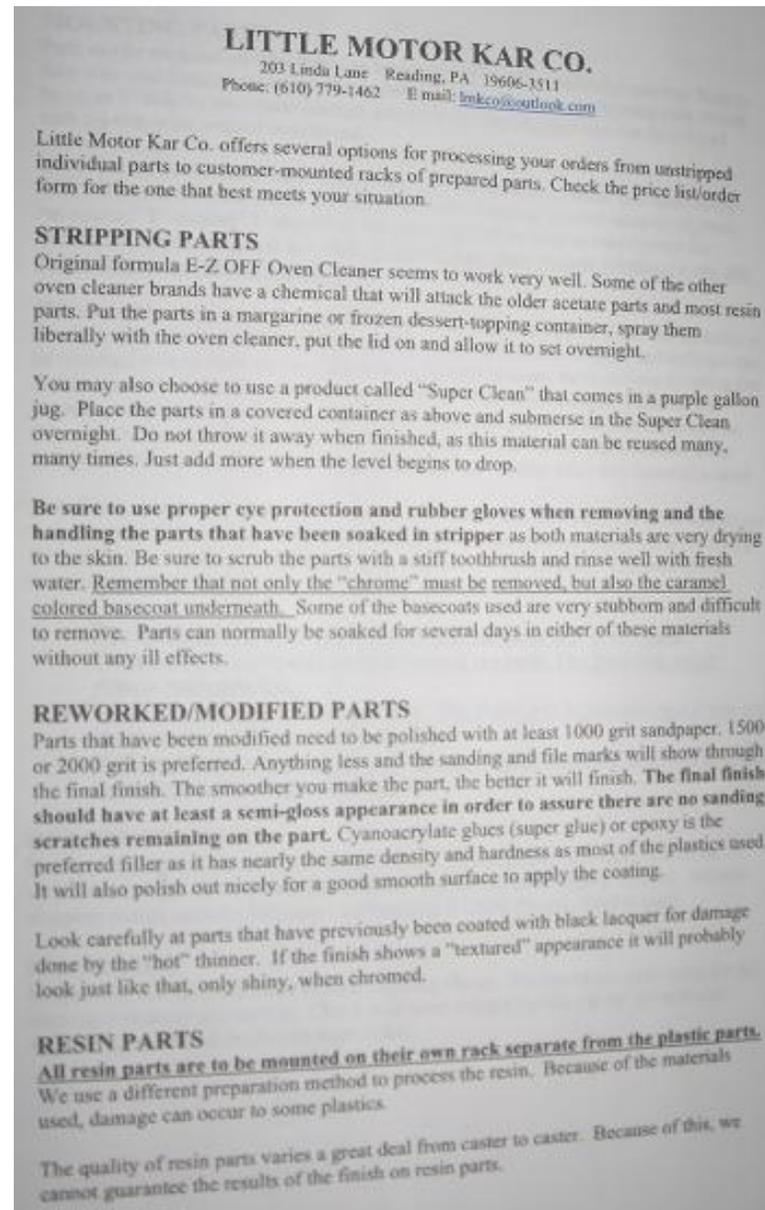
to a blotchy chalky appearance. Not to mention ruining decal sheets.

One of the biggest questions I've had lately is who is doing chrome plating?

The answer is, ONE, Little Motor Car Company in Reading Pa. 610-779-1462, lmkco@outlook.com.

I had a great conversation with Mr. Dale Horner, the owner.

Below is some info he sent us.



MOUNTING PARTS

Parts can be mounted on wire frame no larger than 6" X 8" (outside dimensions). Heavy-duty wire coat hangers are an excellent source of material. The overlapping ends should be on an 8" side for maximum strength and stability. Overlapped area can be secured with zip ties, wire, welded or soldered.

Cross-pieces can be either more coat hanger type material or a plastic structural shape such as Plastruct. Round pieces are acceptable for "stringing" promo bumpers together, but square, "T" shaped, "I" shaped or flat pieces should be used on other pieces for maximum protection against lost parts. Wood or any other porous substances are not acceptable for mounting material.

Wheels and hubcaps are best mounted on parallel rails; fastened on either the backside or an edge where the tire will cover the bare spot when remounted. Wheels and hubcaps can be mounted with as little as one eight-inch separation between them without affecting the finished product. GE Silicone II Household Glue is the recommended material for mounting all parts on your rack. The "tacky" type craft glues are not recommended as they are a water-soluble adhesive. Our experience has shown that parts become loose and fall off the rack as they are being cleaned prior to coating when this material is used.

Bumpers and larger parts should be separated by about one-half inch. An adult size finger makes an excellent and handy spacer. Placing your finger between parts when mounting them will maintain the appropriate spacing required for best results. The ends of the bumpers should be separated at least three quarters of an inch.

- The finished sides of all parts MUST face the same side of the rack.
- Parts cannot be mounted on both faces of the rack. The back side must remain unobstructed.
- Leave plenty of space between parts. The finish will be inconsistent if you try to get too many pieces on a single rack.
- You must leave a one inch space at two corners of one eight inch side in order to secure the rack in the chamber

RETURN SHIPPING

Return shipping will be via U. S. Postal Service. If you prefer UPS there will be an additional charge. See the Order Form/Price List for normal shipping charges. Normal shipping charge includes Delivery Confirmation if USPS Priority Mail is used.

INSURANCE

Insurance is not included in the normal shipping charge. We can insure your order for any amounts you deem appropriate. Check with your shipper for the correct amount and enclose the additional funds with your order.

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Custom Model Chrome Service Price List / Order Form *Effective 3-01-19*

Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Email Address: _____

Mounted 6"X 8" Rack:	Price ea.	Qty.	Total
	\$28.00 X	_____	_____
Parts Stripped:			
Bumper, Bumper/grill, Grill, or Taillight Panel	\$ 4.00 X	_____	_____
Promo Wheel or Hubcap	2.00 X	_____	_____
Individual Small Parts (Headlights, Taillights, Scoops, Ornaments, Etc.)	2.50 X	_____	_____
Parts larger than 1/25 and Truck parts	CALL X	_____	_____
Parts Unstripped:			
Bumper, Bumper/grill, Grill, or Taillight Panel	\$ 3.50 X	_____	_____
Promo Wheel or Hubcap	2.75 X	_____	_____
Individual Small Parts	3.00 X	_____	_____
Return Shipping:	\$12.00 Per Order		12.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____
Orders not processed unless accompanied by full payment
25% Expediting Charge on all RUSH Orders Minimum Charge: \$20. + Shipping
WE DO NOT PROCESS UNMOUNTED MODEL KIT PARTS

Well that's all for now. Outside the snow is flying and I have to wash my masks, what fun. Be safe, stay healthy, Steve Big Daddy Blake



(Filler has anyone tried?)



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LIARS Annual (2021) INPUT SHEET:

Here is your chance to have some input into this club without having everyone know where it came from. If you have a suggestion, an idea, or a problem you would like to discuss please put it in writing on this sheet and it will be discussed at the next meeting. Please bring your filled out sheet with you. ALL subjects and suggestions will be brought up in front of the club.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN THIS SHEET.

LIARS Profile: (name) _____ (Can be your LIARS nickname or ...)

- How long have you been building models? _____
 - How long have you been a member of LIARS? _____
 - What do you usually build? _____
 - Where do you usually build? _____
 - How many models do you have? _____
 - Do you ever take built models and run them around on the table or floor making "Vroom, vroom" noises? _____
 - How many unbuilt models do you have? _____
 - What are your favorite 3 models you have built? _____
 - Have you ever won an award for building a model? _____
 - Did you take your medication today? _____
 - What 3 models should win an all time kit of the (last) century award? _____
 - What 3 models are so horrible that you would buy them just to protect others from having to build them? _____
 - What do you drive now? _____
 - Are you bitter about anything? _____
 - Are you saving your pennies for something fun to drive? _____
 - With an unlimited budget, what 10 full size cars would you have in your garage? _____
 - What (if any) person (living or dead) in the 1:1 automotive world would you like to meet? _____
 - Do you go to model car shows? _____
 - What are your favorite model car shows and why? _____
 - Do you have kids & if so, do they share your passion? _____
 - Did you build models with them? _____
- Essay question: What else should you tell us? _____

PS can you provide DR. V with your overdue 2021 survey responses

That's it for this month (almost)- -Now enjoy St. Patrick's Day and then go build a model



Community Service Bulletin

As a public service announcement, LIARS will henceforth be considerate of the current & future Toy Car Collectors. (Is this name copyrighted?) Guidelines for ruining the collector value of a kit:

- Purchase a case of the desired model (A case could be 6 or 12, so save your pennies) without your name on the shipping label (AKA Original Owner) or throw out original shipping correspondence (You see, everyone knows that foreign kits are worth more. Does "made in Mexico" quality?)
 - Discard original advertisement(s) &/or catalog that contains the prized model (history sells) Remember, "limited edition" status is important, actual quantity, e.g. original Dukes model, produced doesn't count.
 - Proceed to open the shipping box (If you must look at it, contact the kitchen magnet manufacture who will make one up for you with a picture of the model box on it - I'm serious check the model mags)
 - Touch the original packaging wrapper with bare hands (correct procedure is to handle the future collectable with surgical gloves)
 - Leave the model in direct sunlight (your suppose to place new model in trunk and drive directly home)
 - Damage the wrapper &/or box (this is a no-no)
 - Store model boxes on top of each other (over time the weight of all these plastic goodies becomes quite a burden on the little guy on the bottom (as well as, the owner who is contemplating building it))
 - Remove the wrapper (don't you realize it is a work of art that is intended to be admired in it's original state and the manufacturer does not want us to ask for replacement parts, or heaven forbid compare its' lines with a 1:1 version)
 - Remove trees from the box and reinsert them in a different sequence (JOHAN attempted to eliminate this step in the Chrysler Turbine kit, by interlocking the trees such that they wouldn't fit in the box any other way. Since no one could, this kit is rare since everyone ended up building it.)
 - When reinserting the parts back into the box, place the roof over the tires (over time, bulls eyes appear on the roof (see last step below))
 - Open the instruction sheet (Japanese kits help in that most of us can't decipher those strange markings)
 - Remove parts from the plastic tree (your not suppose to play with the parts)
 - Insert foreign objects (i.e., extra goodies) into box (this will really affect the future collector's assessment)
 - Actually start to build it (you see, once your at this stage you might as well build it - Collectors can't figure out what a model is worth based upon the percentage built.)
 - Build it (I don't care that this is why it was purchased)
 - Paint it (and ruin the ozone) Yes, I know some of you LIARS are into water base paint, but still ...
 - Use the decals (and face the wrath of your significant other by using bowels meant for food not decals)
 - Add add'l parts (now really, this will only confuse future collectors after you part with the model)
- Alternative is an affidavit (NYS DMV Bill of Sale form) that identifies all modifications
- Swap a promo or pre-painted resin body (If done right, future Toy Car Collectors in the next century will think this is a limited-limited edition kit. Just think of it, you could be guilty of rewriting history (OK, calm down))
 - Customize it (remember the days of the 3 in 1 kit are over, don't improvise). Remember, OEM parts only.
 - Throw out the original wrapper, box, instructions, &/or give away spare parts (now really)
 - Display it on a shelf that is not in a climate control environment, sealed to air, etc.
 - Handle it!
 - Failure to comply with the original limited manufacturer warranty (e.g., dust removal without utilizing the BLUPRINTER OEM device for ERTL models)
 - Bring the model to a LIARS monthly meeting to let vultures manhandle the future collectable
 - Enter the model in a contest (not the type where you stand on a ladder with a weighted object in your hand. Oh forget it, you were raised in a hostile environment and are not responsible for your actions)
 - OK, you win. Place the model on the floor, climb the ladder, ...

Note, at any of the above devaluation stages, sharing the potential collectable with your other half, off spring or friends for the sake of quality time, does not increase it's value unless you have a notarized statement that the other person is truly famous and therefore, the person's aura enhances the future collectable.

Having a signed "Mr. (The) Assassin" assessment as to the model's true condition shall increase the overall value by 50%.

Please feel free to add to this list. Since LIARS is community oriented, we will now purchase two of each new model. One of which must be kept in pristine condition, preferably in a bank vault; while we proceed to deface the second copy to do what we do best - - ENJOY IT!

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Funny symbols are from PINTEREST
 Next row dedicated to closet queens...or
 where do you hide recent purchases ...
 Can you provide your pictures?



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