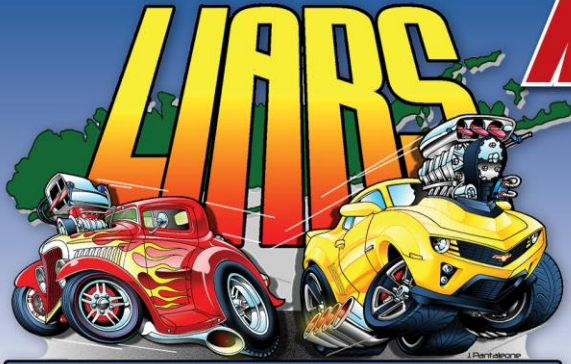


**LEND A HAND AND BRING A CAN!**



**• LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICAS SOCIETY •**

# **MODEL CAR BRIEFS**

*Meeting themes:*

*"Saint Patrick's day theme - Any vehicle painted green"*

*Discuss distributing flyer, further 2024 club plans and Model Car Challenge...*

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**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.**

**Were in our 33rd year as a Club; let's hope we all stay healthy during this post COVID-19 crisis and that we can all attain some measure of prosperity. Then perhaps we can build a new Club display in memory of Rich Argus...**

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

**LIARS Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/people/LIARS-Long-Island-Auto-Replica-Society-Model-Car-Club/100057442748403/>**

**MCB Contributors: Richard Manri, Dominick "Mickey" Gerace, Tim Bernsau & Chuck Vranas (for Hot Rod Magazine), Lenny Chromwell, Bill Murray/Doc. V.**

*Please remember the needy and bring can goods to the monthly meetings*

## ***From our LIARS Unofficial Official***

**Hello everyone! Thank you to the second batch of club members who renewed their dues for 2024! It was great to see some familiar faces I haven't seen in a while return to the club in February. I hope y'all decide to stay.**

**I would also like to take a moment and thank Pauline Pantaleone for her tremendous work on our LIARS website. She does a fantastic job! Also, John Pantaleone doing beautiful work on our LIARS challenge flyer. I hope to have some samples printed out for the March meeting. Also, thank you to everyone who contacts me throughout the month with suggestions and helpful information. I appreciate you all!**

**If you have an idea or suggestion to make, please inform our committee during meetings or contact our board members via their phones and/or emails. If there are any issues at meetings or regarding other club matters, please inform us and we will handle them to the best of our extent.**

**Also, please try to bring a canned good to donate for the center. We've all been guilty for being sporadic about this, but think about those who are much less fortunate than us.**

**See you at the meeting!**

***Your unofficial official,***

***Dominick "McMonte" Gerace,***



**Remember those folks who made a difference in your life in 2023 (good or bad) and use the lessons learned to be a better you. Life is made up of people, events and decisions. 2024 is a time to start fresh. So surround yourself with good people, be active, happy and make remainder of 2024 great.  
Richie.**

***Some Words from the Editor At Large***

**Greetings fellow members. I apologize for being quiet with activities, been very busy with things as usual.**

**This month's theme is Green vehicles in part of Saint Patrick's Day. Not sure how many of us have green cars, but going by the last few times with this theme I'm sure the table will be super full and have to expand it.**

**The committee will have further discussions on what to do for flyers/advertising, arranging vendors and tables, planning out payment insurance and things with the Freeport Rec Center ect. We should have our printed flyer ready to distribute at the IMPS show in Freeport March 23<sup>rd</sup>, or by no later than April for shows like NNL East. Time flies and things do come up fast (how long was it when your editor broke up with his ex GF... anyway!).**

**Speaking of Noreastcon, details and date**  
<https://ipmsusa.org/event/noreastcon-52>

**Event Date:**

March 23, 2024 - 9:00am to 5:00pm EDT

**Location**

**Name:**

Freeport Recreation Center

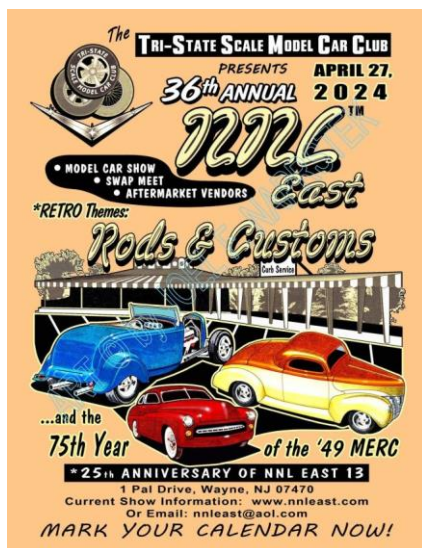
**Event Address:**

130 E. Merrick Road

Freeport, NY 11520

United States

**And NNL East**



**We should also discuss NNL East plans as that will come up sooner than you can say chit! Like who's going, how many of our guys will vend and ect.**

**I understand many of you have been busy with life things as I, but we need our members to provide content such as write ups and/or neat for your editor to**

include for the MCBs. I've had several provide me content for March, thanks Mikey and Dr. V, lots of it actually. But otherwise I can't do everything alone so anything from you all will help.

That's all the main bits I got here. See you all Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

For those who haven't received the recent MCBs or wish to view past ones, they can download them here

<https://www.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com/newsletters>

If you have a suggestion, an idea, or article submission you would like to bring up in the newsletter, please inform Richard "Richie Rich" Manri via his email or at mtgs.

Keep in mind that article submissions close on the 2nd Friday of the month, so that MCB delivery can take place the Saturday or Sunday prior to the MTGs.

If you forward any articles written by other sources, the original writer will be credited. Any submissions and/or input are a valued treasure.

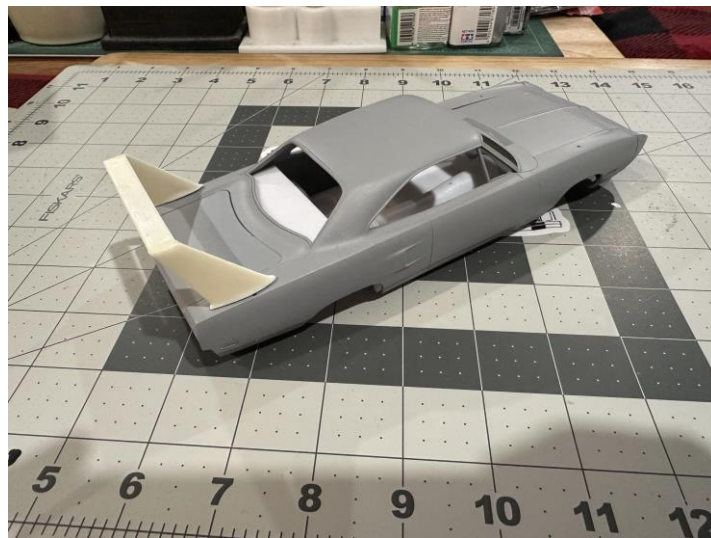
New in Model Cars and Trucks from AMT and MPC:







***I started with a Jo-han Superbird body I had laying around. I also had a destroyed 1970 GTX promo to source the back window from.***



***Many years ago, I resin cast all of the parts for the Superbird in 25th scale. I found that the Monogram nose fit right on the Jo-han kit, with slight tweaking. I also cast the wing and scoops from the Jo-han kit.***

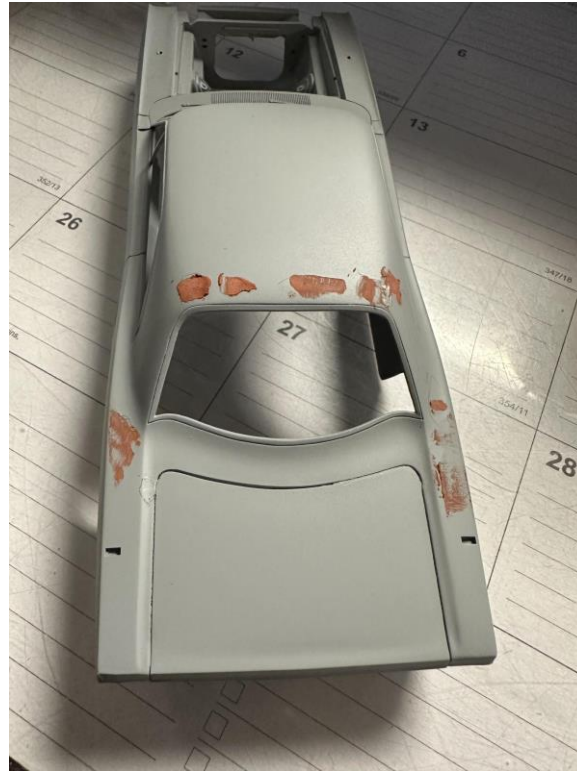


***Believe it or not, the Jo-han wing actually scales out better for the monogram kit, then its own wing does!***

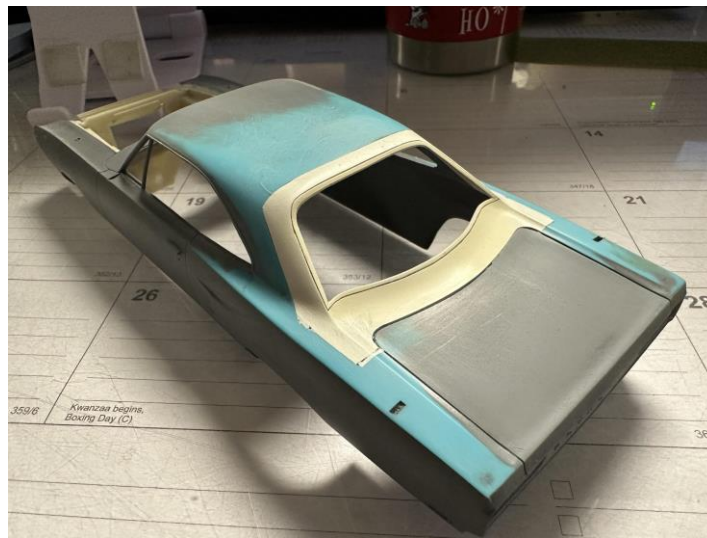
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***"Mickey",***

## ***Dr.V's Colum***

***Hi There... I have a few items for March 2024 MCB consideration:***

***Since I have been a model car enthusiasts, I could push (e.g., a Matchbox (or counterfeit car) across the floor, I progressed to win an AT&T 3 legged race with my best friend back in 1958...how was I to know that after 65+ years later, I still have the passion/interest?***

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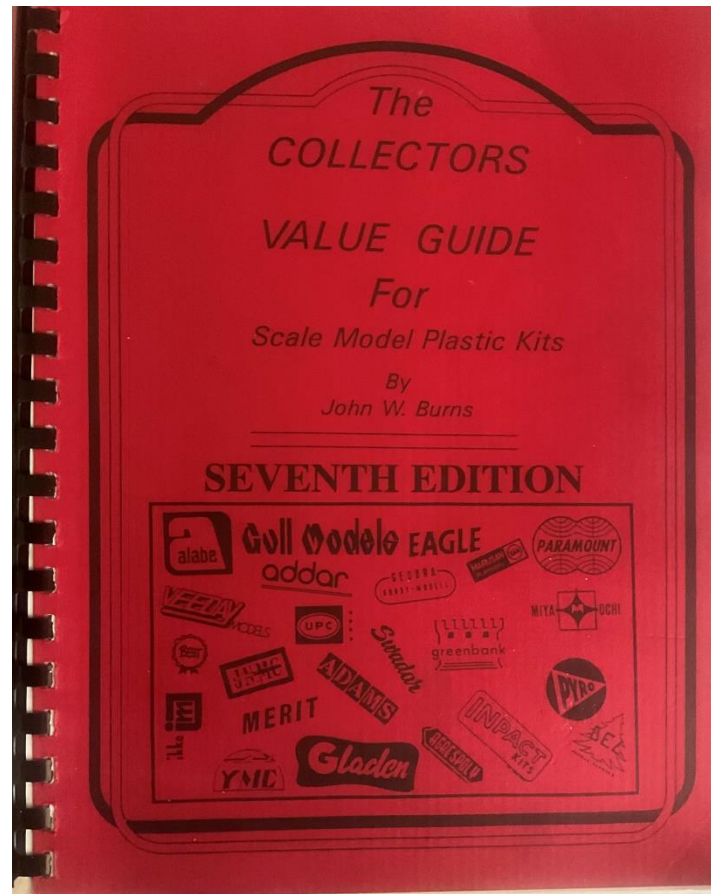
***One item deals with suggested monthly inputs...***

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***This month, Dr V is supporting:***

***(1) the establishment of the 2024 LIARS Ghost Writer  
LIARS Ghost Writer is going on a STRICT DIET***

- NO new kits***
- NO mail orders***
- NO paint***
- NO publications***
- NO MORE BUYING***

***Why? Oh, LIARS Ghost Writer is saving all his money for the future shows, North East Conn, NNL East.... I***

***think it is time to go back to CHURCH... (WOW...is Dr V allowed to state this you be the judge & remember  
LIARS Goal is to have fun!)***

***LIARS Ghost Writer wonders how many LIARS members will try this equation:***

***Level 1: basic build: theoretically speaking;***

***If you can build a model from the box with good results such as paint, minor details .... Let's say it will take you a week or 7 days.***

**Take the amount of unbuilt kits times 7 and you have a total # of days: if it's more than 365 (a year) divide by 365 to obtain the total in YEARS**

**HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE YOU???**

**Level 2: Advanced:**

**Let's say you have several kits, parts, aftermarket parts and plan to build a rather detailed version. Now there's bodywork and more advanced building. Let's say the entire project will take a month, 30 days to complete.**

**Take the amount of PROJECT BUILDS and times by 30 (days) and divide by 365 and the total amount in years.**

**Now add the sum of levels 1 and 2 and be prepared to sell your soul to the Devil, become a vampire, or just shoot yourselves now!**

**As for the Latest LIARS Ghost Writer:**

**Level 1 = 17 years**

**Level 2 = 10 years**

**Total is 27 years and forget about seeing your family and friends!**

**ADD: another 1 to 5 years to sell off all residuals (more on this topic in a future MCB)**

**ADD: another 2 to 5 years if you EAT, DRINK, or SLEEP!**

**Results will vary but basically, LIARS can be assured we all have a serious problem?**

**Please report your results at the LIARS March 2024 meeting, as well as, routing a summary to your MCB editor &**

**Dr.V. Thanks (PS LIARS organization MOST LIKELY WILL NOT PROVIDE ANY GUIDANCE...)**

**Next topic:**

**(2) How does one know which BUILT models requires updating...**

**To address this aspect, you need to know how many models you have! Then identify how many need updating...**

**Oh Oh...LIARS membership needs your help!**

**Next topic:**

**Since Dr. V needs new reading material (hint), he started reading his current car/model car book collection!**

**Wow, he did not realize what he has ... Do You?**

**Dr. V recently started to reorganize where he has stored goodies in his basement &/elsewhere (Never realized how heavy books are...!)**

**If he was to read one book per day, he does not think he will live long enough to read them all...but his mind set is to try... he has over 1500 books!  
Plus 1300 Model car books/magazines**

**The average life expectancy in the United States is roughly 77 years, but about one in every 5,000 people lives to celebrate 100. (WOW, Dr. V has passed this milestone!)**

**Women account for 85% of these centenarians and 90% of supercentenarians (those who live to at least 110),**

**and some scientists believe their longevity is partially connected to having two X chromosomes.**

**Other research suggests that having a happy and giving personality and strong social connections could also contribute to longevity. (Dr.V believes this applies to him.)**

**Next topic: What should your master list contain?**

**Dr.V utilizes EXCEL computerized spreadsheets. Columns include Year (e.g..1930), Description (e.g., FORD**

**Model A 4 door), is it a HT or Conv or PU, etc., e.g., Scale, Category (Stock, Customs, Spare, ...), MFR(including kit #),**

**List Price, what I paid for it, current value...subject of a future MCB article & ID of parts needed.**

**Over to my fellow modelers for their spin.**

**Have a great day...I will now return to reading the COLLECTORS GUIDE Value GUIDE For Scale Model Plastic**

**Kits Seventh Edition ...all 456 (including over 50 auto) pages... well at least peruse the non-Auto sections to car/truck goodies!**

**John W. Burnes issued the 1 st edition in 1977. He continued updating through 1999 (7<sup>th</sup> edition). 279 companies & 4,680 kits are listed! Author states that there are thousands of cars and trucks missing from this book!**

**How is that for honesty? I would recommend John to be the GODFATHER OF SCALE MODEL PLASTIC KITS!**

**Comments really wanted...Bill**

**Future MCBs will cover:**

- collections, including e.g., one collector who had 22,000 models when he died!**
  - Top level assessment as to how one could utilize other documentation including price guides (YES UGLY WORD)**
  - LIARS suggestions for articles**
- Bill (Dr.V) Murray**

**Dr.V,**

## **Model Stuff**

**By Lenny Cromwell**

**So now that we're closing in on April I can start to think about model car projects. I don't build cars during the winter months because I have to paint outdoors. Cold, wet weather is not conducive to smooth, shiny paint jobs. Gloss paint just goes flat under these conditions. But I don't stop building models, I just build models that are meant to have a flat finish. Tanks. I build a lot of tanks and military models during the winter months, but around this time of year I start looking forward to getting back to cars.**

**The first car kit that I will build this Spring will be the AMT 1960 Corvette.**



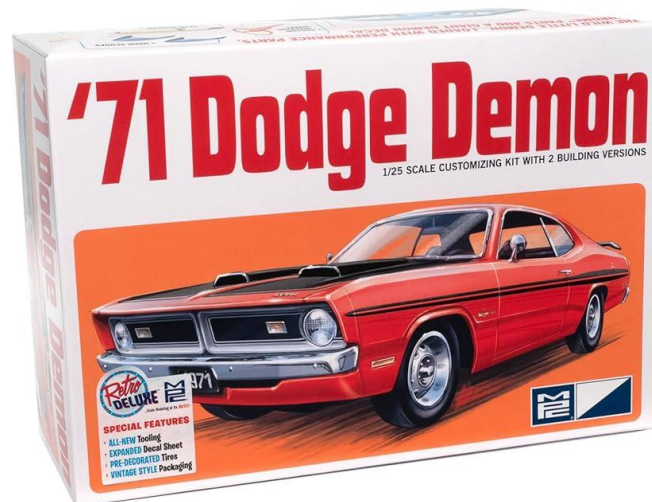
***This is a very simple kit from way back in the day. It's basically the same kit as the original 1959 Corvette, but for 1960 they added an engine. It's a very simple engine with only a small number of parts, but it does have fuel injection. The interior is only four pieces and the chassis is only one piece with everything molded on. One interesting thing about the AMT 1959 and 1960 Corvettes is that at some point in their reissues they shared identical box art with only the model year being changed. With it's small number of parts and ease of assembly, this is a good beginner's glue kit.***

***Until next time...***

***Lenny,***

***BUILD SUGGESTION OF THE MONTH FROM YOUR AUTHOR***

**If one has a (not very expensive anymore) original, the rare (but not so much now) resin repop, or managed to get the retooled reissue at your retailers...**



# The Model Cars and Collectibles Man Part 3

By Tim Bernsau

Author Chuck Vranas

Jan 27, 2021



## This Antique Automobilia Dealer Sells Cool Classic Model Cars So He Can Collect His Own.

When it comes to model cars, we can't think of anybody more enthusiastic and knowledgeable than Mark Lewis of Charlton, Massachusetts. One exception might be our friend Steve Magnante. Steve is the automotive journalist and TV host who first told us about Mark through his *Elapsed Times* magazine article on vintage model kits, recently posted on this website. Mark is a model car kit collector and dealer. He's also the man behind *Lew's Collectibles* and displays and sells vintage model car kits and practically every other type of small automotive-related items. We told you a little bit about him and showed you numerous collectibles from his enormous inventory in [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) of this story recently.

"Years ago, after I had moved to Massachusetts, I joined a model car club and learned about model car and vintage toy shows in the New England area," Mark told us recently. "I went to a couple shows and was totally blown away. After that, I realized that if I was going to be able to do what I really wanted—which was to build a big model kit collection—I was going to have to become a dealer. Even in the '80s, some of these model kits were like \$100 apiece or more. I realized that in order to get my pocketbook big enough to be part of it, I had to start going to shows and buying a selling. Now I have a vendor space at the Detroit Autorama and permanent indoor spaces for the spring and fall shows in Carlisle, Pennsylvania."

Chuck Vranas was covering the 2020 Detroit Autorama for *Street Rodder* magazine where he photographed the model cars and many other collectible automotive items in Mark Lewis' expansive vendor booth. This is the third and final installment of our coverage of this Massachusetts model cars man.





*Annals (models of new cars introduced at the same time as their full-sized counterparts) first appeared around 1958. This display includes models from that era right up through the '80s and includes factory cars, dragsters, classic trucks, and early 3-in-1 kits (which can be built three different ways).*



*In the early '60s, the Pactra model paint company sponsored model building contests. Model builders could send their finished models to Pactra to be judged and, hopefully, earn a trophy. Or they could wait 60 years and buy a trophy, like the metal and wood specimen on the left, still with the original tag from 1963.*

**Related: Classic '60s Model Car Box Art**



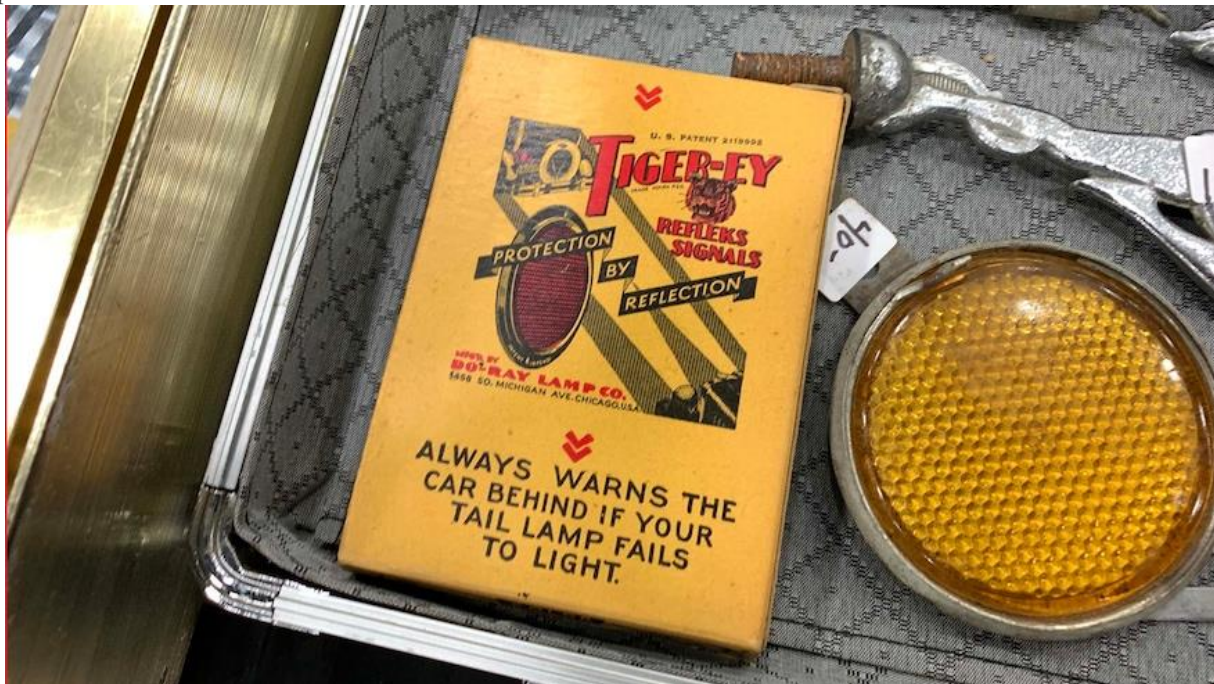
*Some collectors focus on oil cans, and smaller cans called "oilers" are sought after by many. The cans with metal tops, aka lead tops, are especially desirable. These examples are from the '30s, '40s, and '50s. There are guys who just collect those. Sunoco and Esso brands are very collectible, according to Mark.*



*There is some rare treasure in this display of vintage oil cans. Of particular interest is the pair of Gulf oil containers front and center. These brown glass bottles with paper labels replaced metal cans during the war. The price label reads \$70; these are desirable.*



*This skull shifter knob is reminiscent of the one originally created by Norm Grabowski for his famous Kookie Car Ford T-bucket in the '50s. This one came from the L.A. Roadsters Show swap meet and was created by a guy in his 90s. It's made from resin and painted with glow-in-the-dark paint.*



*These Tiger-Ey Reflects Signals reflector turn signals from the Do-Ray Lamp Company have never been used.*



*Mark identified this radiator cap ornament with blue glass in the center as a one-year option available for 1935 Fords. We've seen them with red glass, as well.*



*This aftermarket turn signal light dates from the '30s. The switch mounts on the steering column, and the light mounts on the deck or roll pan.*



*With the resurgent popularity of traditional rods in the last 20 years, club plaques from the '50s and '60s have seen a rise in popularity. To the right is an original Moon gauge panel, which has since gone to Japan.*



*It's not a parade without a classic car adorned with parade flags on the front bumper, splayed like a fan. These kits come with the holder and five 48-star flags.*



*Vintage plates enjoy similar popularity to plaques. The McGuire Pontiac plate represents a historic Motor City dealership. The Felix plate is from the '70s, but the Felix Chevrolet dealership in central Los Angeles started in 1921 and is something of a landmark. Mark said that Felix items are popular with West Coast collectors.*



*Here are collectible Cal Custom shifter knobs, dating back to the late '60s or early '70s.*



*Here are some Sun tachs and a Sun tach transmitter, still in the box with the factory manual. Below the transmitter is a plastic and metal Rosco motorcycle light with reflectors. Made by the A.W. Rosen Company, this one dates from the 1920s. Mark told us that riders would mount these on the fenders so drivers could see them, or on the handlebars so they could see their speedometer.*



*Glass and plastic reflectors have become popular with hot rodders as well as with motorcyclist enthusiasts who add them to their license plates frames.*



*An assortment of spark plugs in the boxes, as well as a vintage Eveready voltmeter (from the American Ever Ready Works of National Carbon Company) dating from the '20s or '30s.*



*Two of the eye-catching items from this case are the trading cards and the vintage wooden printer's blocks. Topps and Fleer were the primary trading card companies. The cards at the top date from 1965. The stack of drag race cards below is from the early '70s.*





*The cloth Harley-Davidson cap with a white celluloid visor is from the '50s. Below it is a box of never-used 1949 Buick vent ports.*



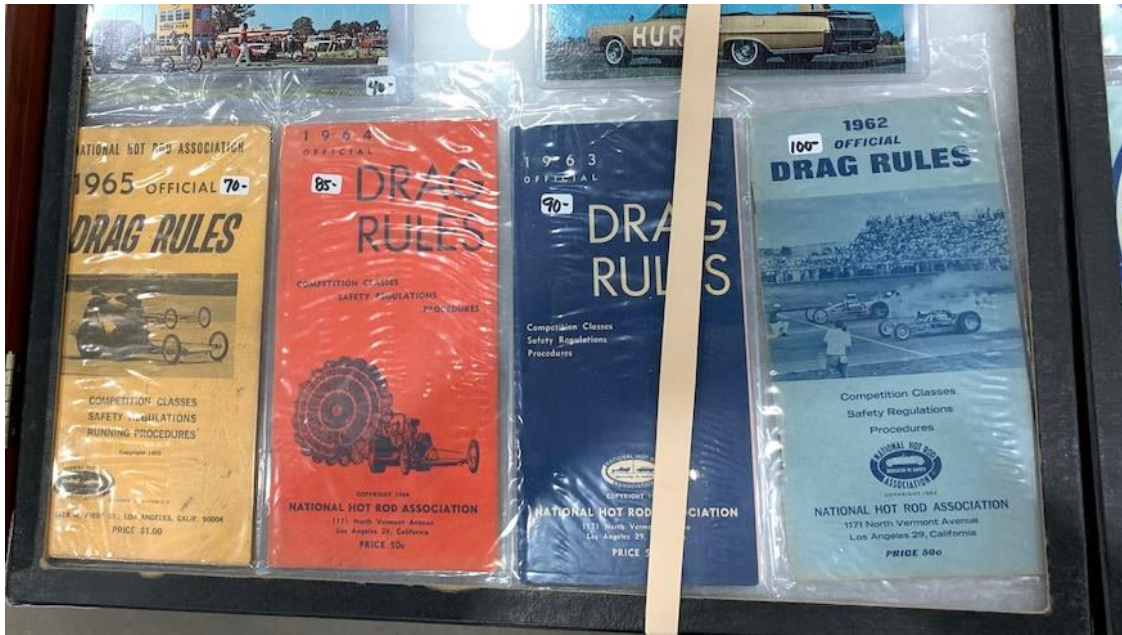
*Collectible stop lights are displayed here along with a trio of custom racing helmets. The his-and-hers pair features graphics inspired by Robert Crumb's iconic Mr. Natural character from underground comics in the '60s.*



*On the left is a Cal Custom air cleaner scoop from the '60s. To the right, an assortment of lighters, mostly from the '50s and '60s. Lighters were a component in virtually every car from that era but frequently disappear from cars, so replacements are popular with restorers. Several of these feature Bakelite knobs.*



*The 1968 Yenko Corvair patches and the Ed Roth business card, displayed among these track passes, timing slips, and business card, got our attention.*



*These National Hot Rod Association drag racing rule books from the early '60s are in great condition. They offer a history book of what NHRA drag racing was like in its early years.*

For more information, email Lewis Collectibles at [hotrodlew2@charter.net](mailto:hotrodlew2@charter.net)



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### **Gary's Find of the Month**



### **And goodies for sale (mostly gone now)**



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### **Model Mercantile Market**

#### **"Wanted or For Sale" section...**

**WANTED:** Rear bumper for 1963 AMT Falcon.

**WANTED:** CAR MODEL Magazine May 1974 issue. Will pay \$20 for it in excellent condition.

**WANTED:** AMT 1969 LINCOLN unbuilt kit. Will buy or have many vintage kits available for trade.

Contact Gary Weickart at 631-581-5834 or [gweickart@aol.com](mailto:gweickart@aol.com).

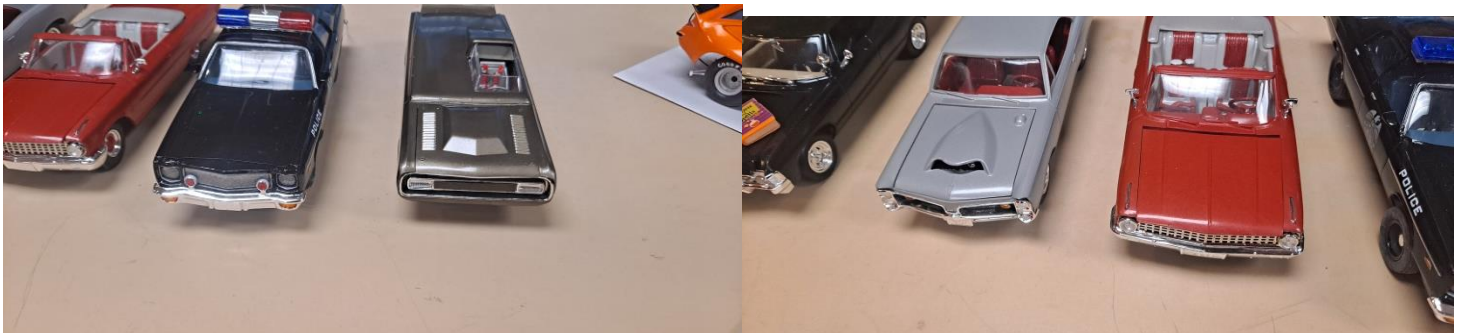
**WANTED:** Large diameter wheels, tires, and disc brakes from Revell/AMT/Tamiya/Aoshima/ect. kits. 1/24<sup>th</sup> and 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale. (Thanks to Jeff for hearing the call last month!)

**WANTED:** Modular and modern motors like LS1s, HEMIs, DOHC 5.4 Cobra motors, import motors like Toyota 2JZ and Nissan Skyline RB. 1/24<sup>th</sup> and 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale.

**WANTED:** Vortech style superchargers, blower superchargers from 2007/2010 Shelby GT500 and Revell Ford Mustang Mach III concept car, and turbochargers. 1/24<sup>th</sup> and 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale.

Contact Richard Manri @ 631-589-6876 or his email [picorro93@gmail.com](mailto:picorro93@gmail.com) to negotiate price or trade for the three above.

### *Feb 2024 Meeting pictures*





***L.I.A.R.S committee discussing important tasks and future planning...***





**February Double Vision theme**





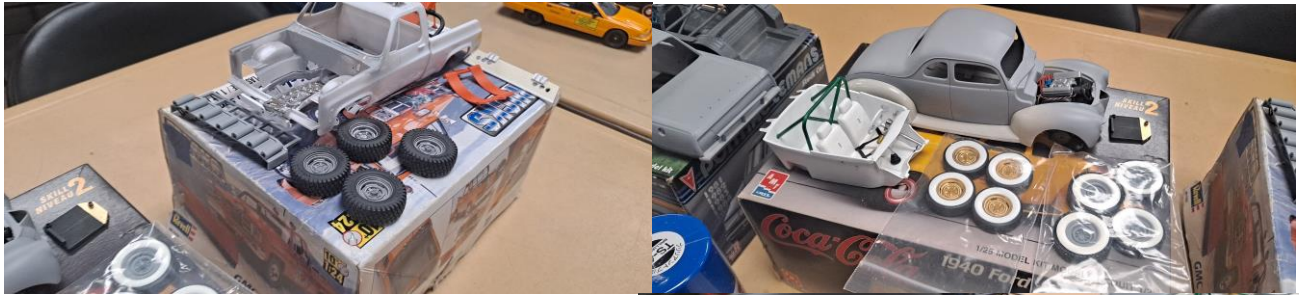




***Works of art from yours truly***



**Seagraves Bros**



**Superbird Dominck's Monte Trio**





***Some works from our new and returning members***





***Happy motorin', stay safe, and enjoy the  
Corned Beef n' Cabbage and booze of your  
choice (safely).***

***Spring time is here , and so are wild hot  
rods and Mopars!***



### ***This page contains the LIARS Annual (2024) 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, or you can email it to your editors email address on the first page header. ALL subjects and suggestions will be brought up in front of the club.

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN THIS SHEET.**

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**LIARS Profile:** (name) Dominick "Mickey" Gerace (Can be your LIARS nickname or anonymous panhandle...)

- o How long have you been building models? 51 years non-stop
- o How long have you been a member of LIARS? Founding member
- o What do you usually build? Muscle cars
- o Where do you usually build? Bedroom
- o How many models do you have? Last count over 700
- o Have you ever had any failed builds that were scrapped or recycled for other projects?  
Plenty of times
- o Have you ever parted out old finished builds and recycled their contents for new projects?  
Definitely
- o How many unbuilt models do you have? 600 plus
- o What are your favorite 3 models you have built? Monogram 53 Corvette, 70 Superbird, 70 Monte Carlo
- o Have you ever won an award for building a model? Yes
- o What 3 models should win an all time kit of the (last) century award? Revell 68,69 Chevelle 71 Olds
- o What 3 models are so horrible that you would buy them just to protect others from having to build them?  
57 Nomad
- o What was the dumbest, most boneheaded mistake you've made in the past? (Can be model or general related)  
Glued interior and chassis in place, forgot steering wheel
- o Was there any kit you regretted ever purchasing?  
Not that I recall
- o What do you drive now? 2019 Civic, 1970 Superbird tribute, 1970 Monte Carlo
- o Are you bitter about anything? Till death do you part
- o Are you saving your pennies for something fun to drive? Just got it! Superbird Tribute
- o With an unlimited budget, what 10 full size cars would you have in your garage?  
Superbird, Daytona, GSX, 70 Monte, 53 Corvette, 58 Impala conv, 77 Datsun 200SX, 64 Impala, AAR, 77 Monte
- o What (if any) person (living or dead) in the 1:1 automotive world would you like to meet? Earnhardt Sr
- o Do you go to model car shows? Yes
- o What are your favorite model car shows and why? LIARS Challenge, NNL East
- o Do you have kids & if so, do they share your passion? Daughter, yes a little - Son, model trains
- o Did you build models with them? Yes with both of them on occasion.



# L.I.A.R.S MODEL CAR CHALLENGE 2024 COMING SOON!

**Main theme: Ford Mustang**

**Subtheme: Tri-Five Chevy 1955-57  
More details TBA!**