

LEND A HAND AND BRING A CAN!



• LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICAS SOCIETY •

Meeting themes:

TV & Movie cars

Discuss 2024 club plan layout 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 3xnd 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/>

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MCB Contributors: Richard Manri, Dominick "Mickey" Gerace, Tim Bernsau & Chuck Vranas (for Hot Rod Magazine), (hopefully our regulars will come around next month...)

From our LIARS Unofficial Official

Hello everybody with the year starting and snow since 2022 incoming, I would like to thank everyone for being a member of the club and doing everything you can to support our committie.

Without you, well, there'd be no club!

Thank you again to everybody who pitched in at the Chirstmas Party. I'm very happy with the way everything turned out. You should be proud of yourselves. Pat .V brought lotsa pizzas and members came over with other goodies and such alongside cool builds!

This month, we will be collecting yearly dues from current members. Still remains at \$30 for now, and there will be a grace period for Feb to pay and the deadline month being March. We are aware of some members that haven't attended the last couple mtgs and we will contact them should they resume their memberships.

We also have trophy packages for our upcoming 2024 show at \$50 should anyone want a spot.

Once Again, as part of rebuilding our club and growing forward, I would like to bring back some of the old standbys that made this club stand out in the beginning. Monthly clinics would be great, even every other month depending on other club events/announcements and such. I'm sure there's a lot of people out there who have things to share on how they do what they do.

Another event could be the annual slam contest. Build a model specifically

for dropping a sledgehammer onto. The person with the part that goes the furthest, wins! We should discuss this now or in Feb.

I understand we'll probably get some snow and freezing temps that may make voyages difficult, but I look forward to seeing everybody this month starting off the New Year with everyone in this great club!

See you all on Thurs!

Dominick "Mickey" Gerace

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.

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 everybody, i hope you all had a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I apologize for my absence in discussions and plans, as I've been very busy with workload and all.

At the Christmas Party, no theme for January was discussed at the time. This month's theme is TV/Movie cars any scale.

I'd like to have A special theme for Feb, titled Double Vision and featuring two of the same cars by the same builder. I'd like to discuss this at the mtg and upon approval see how it goes.

I understand it's post holiday and many of you have been busy with stuff as I, but we our members to provide content weather write ups sent to yours truly or neat articles and written stuff for me to include for the MCB. I can't do everything alone so anything from you all will help.

Otherwise, see you all Thursday the 18th, weather permitting that is!

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.

BUILD SUGGESTION OF THE MONTH FROM YOUR AUTHOR

Got a gluebombed or crappy kit with low detail and molded in yuck? Say the AMT '63-67 Corvettes which also have molded in seats from reheated promo parts?



The guts (ala frame, interior, motor, ect). From the Revell '67 Corvette fit the AMT body with minor trimming, and even better than the AMT molded in promo slabs!



The same swap works for the convertibles, though you'll the Revell '67 Corvette Convertible should you use its interior.

Bargain alerts



Ollies Selden had their 33% off bargain prices until the 7th, yet there were still several Hot Wheels Snap Mustangs and Monogram '32 Ford Roadsters on the shelves. The Mustang is a redundant snap unless one needs something to get out of a build slump. Great Dane Trailer and the Escalade EXT are decent kits so IDK why those still sat there.

Also, those who still shop at Michaels notice they're starting 40% off coupons again but only through the app, and if you're a rewards member you can get \$5 off certain amounts spent. Good for supplies and cheap donor kits to bash with kits that have better bodies but crappy frames and such.

Yours truly is in the process of upgrading what many call a "joke kit (Revell '79 Firebird/John Travolta custom) purchased cheap at Ollies





Luckily yours truly also has a cheap donor Revell Camaro ZL1 with a fooked up body, to use it's guts like motor with the Firebird. If one has the creative skill, and the right parts, you can make lemonaid iced tea from moldy lemons and old soggy tea bags (not that anyone would do exactly that in real life to possibly get sick, but you get the picture)

The Model Cars and Collectibles Man Part 1

By Tim Bernsau, Author Chuck Vranas



Hot rodders love old car stuff. That might be the most obvious statement ever typed on the Hot Rod website, but it's also the truest. And our interest isn't limited to cars—it extends to anything related to the subject, including model cars, old magazines, catalogs, vintage signs, antique car parts, apparel, racing

equipment, toys, and more. Thousands of hot rodders collect these things, and many buy them from guys like Mark Lewis.

You were introduced to Mark, who does business as Lew's Collectibles, by journalist, TV personality, and model builder Steve Magnante. Steve's article on 1960s model car kit box art appeared in *Elapsed Times* magazine a few years back and was recently posted in three parts on this website. We met Mark in person at the 2020 Detroit Autorama, where he was displaying and selling thousands of rare and collectible items in a huge 16x48-foot vendor space. Street Rodder photographer Chuck Vranas aimed his camera at some of the collectibles, and Mark gave us a tour of the "shop."



Mark Lewis sets up an expansive booth at the Detroit Autorama every year. The Autorama, plus the Spring Carlisle and Fall Carlisle flea markets in Pennsylvania, are his biggest events, drawing huge crowds. He also hits a lot of local shows in the New England area—and will be back as these shows take place in the future.



This table holds built and unbuilt model kits. The unbuilt kits on the right are fairly recent (less that 20 years old), while the kits on the left date from the '60s.



This finished model of a 1932 Ford coupe is a 50-plus-year-old survivor, built in the '60s.



Another display of built models, topped by a box of Monroe shock absorbers. These cars are dealer promos, which would have been given out, painted and assembled, by dealerships. The trend goes back to the '40s and caught on in the '50s. Manufacturers would contract model companies to create representations of the new models. A few had friction motors.



Most of these built models were done in the '60s. Mark says that builders are more likely to buy a built survivor model than a mint unbuilt kit from the same era. They prefer to buy a built model, take it apart, strip the paint, and rebuild it than to spend two or three times the money on an unbuilt kit. We especially like the yellow Buick GSX.



This T-bucket is an early Paul Lindberg kit. Lindberg kits were a slightly lower-end product, compared to kits from AMT, Jo-Han, MPC, and other companies. At 1/32 scale, they were smaller and would've sold for less than 50 cents back in the '60s.

allow builders to interchange parts (engines, wheels, suspensions, and so forth) from different kits to build a custom car. The AMT tire kits in the front are a current product, but the Revell kits in the back are from the '50s.



A quartet of 1/32 scale 1932 Ford hot rods (and jalopies, as they called the full-sized oval track cars). Mark says the hot rods are the most desirable of the early Revell kits—these date from the mid '50s and were some of the earliest multi-part hot rod kits produced.

Some toy cars, like this one from the American Hot Rod Company, had a tether located on the driver's side. Some featured a small gas-powered engine. This one, about 10 inches long, doesn't.



These "parts packs" were created by the model manufacturers by repackaging "trees" from model kits to

It's no surprise that these pocket-sized model cars and model racing catalogs from Auto World are sought out by model collectors and enthusiasts. These are from the early '60s. The binder on the right contains numerous early water decals created by

Ed "Big Daddy" Roth. Roth's son, Dennis Roth, drew a monster illustration that serves as the cover art for the binder.



Mark is a model kit enthusiast, collector, buyer, and seller, but as you can see, his interests, expertise, and inventory isn't limited to models. He deals in virtually every type of automotive collectible short of the cars themselves.



Dealer literature has a strong collector following, and the 1968 Plymouth dealer brochure is sought after for many reasons. It is full size and features fantastic psychedelic illustrations.



Visible underneath the Plymouth brochure is an original vinyl 45-rpm Decca record of "Shake Rattle and Roll" from 1954. The sleeve features an illustration of Bill Haley and the Comets riding in a cartoon drawing of a roadster. Behind that is a 1967 Chevy catalog from Nickey Chevrolet, a Chicago dealership well known for dealer-prepped muscle cars, such as 427-powered Camaros.



License plate toppers are extremely collectible. Popular in the '30s, '40s, and '50s, they were made of metal or porcelain and screwed to the top of your plate. Toppers were sometimes given away at gas stations as free promotional items, like these Tydol and Veedol oil toppers. You're not likely to find any for free nowadays.



License plate toppers were also sold at circle tracks at the concession stands, such as these generic examples, identifying the owner as a fan or racer. Sometimes they would have the name of the local track.



The Arlington Garage license plate topper is self-explanatory; it was a promotional item for a local service station. The jewel-eyed devil was a decorative novelty item and might end up on a motorcycle plate.



Whether you're a collector or not, it's cool to have great hot rod art. In addition to the Vertex and Doug Thorley Headers ads, Mark displayed these three posters. On the left is a photo of the famous Ramchargers Hemi-powered Top Fuel drag racer from the 1971 NHRA Springnationals. To the right, another famous Hemi front-engined rail—Don Garlits' Wynnchargers dragster from 1971, painted by Jon Getz. Next to that, a pin-up girl promotional poster for NAPA featuring the artwork of Gil Elvgren, one of the most famous pin-up artists.



These three posters aren't vintage, but they are collectible. The two on the left are illustrations by Jeff Norwell. The well-known New England artist known as Uncle Pete has drawn several

automotive-related Social Distortion posters including this '32 Ford roadster version.



We're glad to know that hot rod automotive magazines, old and new, are still in demand among enthusiasts. Mike always has a healthy selection in his display and says that, after model kits, magazines are his best-selling items. This table also included catalogs, drag racing programs, and other literature.

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.

WANTED: Large diameter wheels, tires, and disc brakes from Revell/AMT/Tamiya/Aoshima/ect. kits. 1/24th and 1/25th scale.

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

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

Contact Richard Manri @ 631-589-6876 or his email picorro93@gmail.com to negotiate price or trade for the three above.

Christmas Party Meeting pictures





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



And food highlights



Works of art from yours truly



Seagraves Bros



Joe Murch Grandpa and Grandson collab build



Happy New Year, Happy motorin' and keep on building!

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.

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

- 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? _____
- Have you ever had any failed builds that were scrapped or recycled for other projects?

- Have you ever parted out old finished builds and recycled their contents for new projects?

- 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? _____
- 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 was the dumbest, most boneheaded mistake you've made in the past? (Can be model or general related)

- Was there any kit you regretted ever purchasing?

- 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? _____



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