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LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICAS SOCIETY

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*April Meeting themes:
Collect Dues & Discuss 2023
LIARS Challenge Assignments*



RepLIcon Winners included

Lenney received a third place award for an Atlantis Fiat dragster in the Competition Open Wheel class and a first place in Motorcycle class



more shots at

<https://public.fotki.com/howardcohen/dragstrip-memories-2023/>

We've started our 32nd year as a Club; let's hope that 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...

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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

Thanks for supporting the LIARS. Please resume supporting the needy at our 2023 monthly meetings!

LIARS Unofficial Official

Greetings fellow club members, I do hope you are all doing well.

My column will return next month, Stay well and God bless America. Pat Vecchio, President.

Some Words from the Editor At Large

Rich Argus recovery at home continues to go well.

Only received one article for this month's MCB. Thus, filler was added!

Have you noticed the cost of models?



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When AMT initially released trucks, you could purchase they for about \$5.!



Relax...
and enjoy this month's
newsletter.

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

Remember those folks who made a difference in your life in 2022 (good or bad) and use the lessons learned to be a better you. Life is made up of people, events and decisions. 2023 is a time to start fresh. So surround yourself with good people, be active, happy and make 2023 great in spite of COVID 19. Dr. V

First Impressions



“Good Day” to my fellow LIARS, former LIARS &/or perhaps somehow was able to access the LIARS! If the later. WELCOME! This is not your typical Model Car club!

The LIARS emphasis is to have fun enjoying our passion for models (that have wheels - OK Dr.V's spin)

SPECIAL NEWS FLASH!

Secret Agent 1/25 has uncovered a new project that REVELL is working on - here's the proposed box art: more details as they come in..... and oh by the way, this is an EXCLUSIVE for the APRIL edition (April fools) wink-Wink



World's Smallest Working Lego V8 Sounds Like the Real Thing

It sort of looks like a Ford 5.0-liter Coyote if you squint.



Lego engines powered by compressed air are always a sight to behold, but sometimes they can be cumbersome contraptions that are too complicated for their own good. This tiny plastic eight-cylinder isn't like that, however. The **engine's builder** claims it's the world's smallest Lego V8, and despite it having a few **3D-printed parts**, I believe him. Heck, it even sounds like the real thing.

The little engine in the video revs as high as 4,350 rpm. Its incredible Lego parts are able to stay intact at those speeds, especially considering the seeming lack of lubrication. Not everything here is **OEM Lego**, though. The creator mentions the crankcase is a 3D-printed part not of his own design, and the crankshaft and valves are custom, too. Interestingly, the valves that control the airflow are from tire valve cores.

This unit is likely a two-stroke. ICE-adjacent compressed air motors like these often do not have a distinct compression or intake stroke, just a combined power/intake and exhaust stroke. That doesn't mean it's functionally any different than a big V8, of course. And since it has a cross-plane crank, it even sounds like the real thing.

Similar Lego engines we've seen before use the brand's sealed pneumatic cylinders as opposed to the actual mock engine/piston sections seen here, which are also factory Lego parts. Those motors are capable of more efficient sustained operation and are even powerful enough for use in a self-contained **air-powered vehicle**. So far, the engine in the video we're seeing today is only driving a flywheel. It looks and sounds a lot more like an actual engine, though, which makes it just as cool in my book.



Why Lego doesn't make a working engine kit based on something like this is one of life's great mysteries.

https://youtu.be/MT_1lhIbSu8

Now to a Ford GT Order Kit that recently sold for \$4500. Reference:

https://bringatrailer.com/listing/ford-gt-order-kit4/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-04-13

No Reserve: Ford GT Order Kit



This Ford GT order kit features a latching carbon-fiber case that contains exterior color samples, interior material swatches, and miniature replicas of wheel and brake caliper options offered for the second-generation Ford GT. The kit was issued by the automaker to assist approved applicants in configuring a custom vehicle. Eight interchangeable body color and stripe samples, six miniature wheel and brake caliper combinations, and five sets of material swatches are stored within a removable drawer. Acquired by the seller in 2022, this Ford GT order kit is now offered in Canada at no reserve in York, Ontario, with a Ford Performance-branded cardboard storage box.



The two-piece carbon-fiber case wears a Ford logo as well as GT Design Spec logotype and is secured with a latch modeled after the units used on the Ford GT LM GTE-Pro race car that debuted in 2016. An open slot below the latch is intended to accept a reproduction VIN plate.

Eight stylized exterior color samples are finished in available exterior paint colors and are accompanied by interchangeable body stripes.



Six miniature wheels are paired with brake caliper replicas.



A sliding removable drawer stored within the case contains a foam insert housing the various components.



Five bound sets of swatches present interior themes comprised of materials including leather, Alcantara, and carbon-fiber.



A Ford-Performance branded box with foam interior padding is included in the sale along with a separate shipping box.

Sales Pitch “This was not an orderable item and it won't be produced again! A very rare piece of Ford history. A true Ford GT Series 2 car will run \$1 million + dollars. This factory Ford GT order kit is as-new”

Fiat 500 Wall Art recently sold for \$666

https://bringatrailer.com/listing/the-front-end-of-a-fiat-500/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-04-13

This wall art was constructed by the owner utilizing a replacement nose panel for a Fiat 500L and features headlights, turn signals, and a chrome bumper with a nudge bar. The piece is finished in black and equipped with 220-volt circuitry for the lights as well as wall-mounting hardware. This Fiat wall art is offered by the seller on behalf of the owner at no reserve in Bari, Italy.



The piece measures approximately 52” wide by 18” tall and was constructed by the owner using replacement components for a Fiat 500L including a metal nose panel, a license plate bracket, headlights, clear turn signals, and a chrome bumper and nudge bar. Overall weight is estimated at 66 pounds.



The headlights and clear turn signals are illuminated by light fixtures connected to a 220-volt power supply with a European-style plug.



A label on the back of the nose panel indicates that it was manufactured in November 2021 by Rhibo S.p.A. of Turin, Italy.

Dr.V wonders what his '26 Buick (spare Radiator/Grille/wired Headlights mancave bar display is worth?

OK, now to model related filler..





Now to the best part...



Ferrari 500 Scale Model - sold for \$5,000 on March 19, 2023

https://bringatrailer.com/listing/toschi-ferrari-f2-500/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2023-03-19

This 1:8 scale model of a Ferrari 500 was produced to commemorate the car driven by Alberto Ascari during his 1952 and 1953 Formula One world championship wins. Reportedly commissioned by Italian distillery Toschi in the 1950s, the model is finished in red with a gray driver's seat. Features include a windscreen, cowl vents, louvered body panels, faux Pirelli tires, and Ferrari badging. The package includes a Toschi hang tag, an instruction sheet, a rubber-band driven motor, a crank, and a glass display case. This Ferrari scale model has been with the seller for

25 years and is now offered at no reserve in Napa, California.



The diecast metal body is finished in red and measures approximately 21" long. Details consist of a windscreen, a grille, left-side cowl vents, louvered body panels, and a fuel-filler cap. Imitation knock-off wire wheels are fitted with faux Pirelli tires. Ferrari badges are affixed to the nose panel and cowl, and the Toschi logo is cast on the underside along with "Made in Italy." Close-up photos can be viewed in the gallery below.



The cockpit features a gray driver's seat, a three-spoke steering wheel, a body-color dash panel, and faux instrumentation. A hang tag looped around the steering column displays the Toschi and Ferrari logos.



The body separates into two pieces, allowing the motor assembly to be installed. Gallery photos show "Fonder Press" and "Bologna Italy" cast on the inside of the case.



A cardboard box houses accessories consisting of a motor assembly, a crank, and rubber bands that show age. The Italian-language instruction sheet describes the steps for installing the motor as well as for powering the car. Users are instructed to “engage the crank and give 30 turns, thus twisting the elastic bands.”



A glass display case accompanies the car.

Winnebago Auto Modelers club meeting for March was held March 14th. The meeting was spent compiling a list of areas that will require new construction on the diorama base. Lighting, paint colors and signage was discussed. Several new components and structural changes were mocked up and final design concepts decided upon.

Plan is to present the prototypes of some of the new components at the April meeting, and we will decide on construction method and materials from there. ...stay tune for updates



So where is the LIARS variant?

Unfortunately no one provide Dr.V with pictures taken at **Mosquitocon 2023** found these 2 links on line
<https://youtu.be/cRVNTckJFAI>

This is the first part of a show report for **Mosquitocon 2023** that took place on April 1, 2023 in Wayne, New Jersey, USA. Part 1 shows a quick edited walk around of the display tables and a slideshow of all the Armor, Gundam's, Sci-Fi and Figures displayed and entered at the show.

Part 2 shows a quick edited walk around of the vendor room and a slideshow of all the Planes, Auto and Ships displayed and entered at the show.
<https://youtu.be/ERmBr1CFcyg>

Now to RepLIcon..

Automotive Categories: 301-307**301: STREET STOCK, (Including Fire and Police), 1:42 to 1:21 Scales****Sponsored: IPMS Wings and Wheels**

3 rd Place	Enzo Ferrari	Paul Piotrowski
2 nd Place	1961 Chevy Impala	Greg Hunt
1 st Place	1969 Dodge Dart GTS	Frank Steffens

302: CUSTOM, 1:42 to 1:20 Scales**Sponsor: Long Island Auto Replica Society (LIARS)**

3 rd Place	1932 Ford 5 Window Coupe	Gram Spina
2 nd Place	1949 Mercury Seagraves	Bob
1 st Place	1965 Chevy Pickup Truck	Greg Hunt

303: Competition-OPEN WHEEL, 1:42 to 1:20 Scales-

3 rd Place	Fiat Dragster	Lenny Cromwell
2 nd Place	1971 VW Beetle	Sergey Nabora
1 st Place	1955 Kurtis Kraft	Greg Hunt

304: Competition-CLOSED WHEEL, 1:42 to 1:20 Scales

3 rd Place	Ferrari 512	Allan Buttrick
2 nd Place	1933 Willys Coupe	Greg Hunt
1 st Place	1940 Willys Coupe	Sergey Nabora

305: Commercial Vehicles and Trucks, 1:42 to 1:20 Scales

3 rd Place	Plumbers Pickup Truck	Tony Asselta
2 nd Place	Tractor	Jim Lisa
1 st Place	Albion # 20 Fire Truck	Ron Lambert

306: AUTOMOTIVE-ALL TYPES, 1:19 Scale & Larger

3 rd Place	1932 Ford Coupe Modified	Joe Seeger
2 nd Place	Lartigue	Paul Drago
1 st Place	NASCAR Buddy Baker race car	Frank

Agugliaro

307: Motorcycles-All Types & Scales

3 rd Place	N/A	
2 nd Place	Harley Davidson	John Matthews
1 st Place	Yamaha Road Star	Lenny Cromwell

"Best Of Awards"

AIRCRAFT McCormick Sponsor - Peter Rottas	F-4 Phantom II	John
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DIORAMA Sponsor - Gene Francis	The Eye of the Needle	Frank Steffens
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2023 Show Theme McCormick 20 th Anniversary of Operation Iraqi Freedom Sponsor- Long Island Scale Modelers	F-14D Tomcat	John
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JUDGES BEST IN SHOW - USS Hornet CV 8 Martin Quinn
"NICK BURO MEMORIAL AWARD"
Sponsor - Jim Boulukos

Motor Trend's 11/57 rear inside cover contained an interesting Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild ad that stated the 1958 competition Junior Division was restricted to boys between 1942 - 1946 & Senior division was restricted to boys born between 1937-1941!

First observation - a girl could not enter?

Second observation - Does anyone have a copy of the "How to build a model car" reference?

IT'S EXCITING TO BUILD a model "Car of Tomorrow" like this winner in last year's Fisher Body Competition.



ARE YOU THE BOY WHO WILL WIN

... 1 of 8 University Scholarships
... 1 of 10 Styling Scholarship Trust Funds

... 1 of more than 1,000 other Cash Awards
bringing the award total to \$115,000

in the FISHER BODY CRAFTSMAN'S GUILD MODEL CAR COMPETITION for 1958

JUST this past year, teen-age boys the country over designed, built and submitted entries typified by the brilliantly styled, beautifully constructed model pictured here.

It was no easy assignment. But to the 1,038 winners, it was well worth all the thought and preparation—all the long hours of careful, patient work. Their reward: satisfaction in jobs superlatively done — and the wonderful awards listed above.

Now, as the '58 competition opens, this same great opportunity is once again open to boys all over America. That means *you*—and any other boy with an original idea about how the Cars of Tomorrow should look—plus the skill to make his idea come alive in a carefully made model.

You may design and build any one of the following types of model cars: hardtop, sedan, convertible, station wagon or sports car. It may be of wood or any other durable material. It may be made with the simplest of household tools. All you do is follow the few simple rules in the free booklet, "How to Build a Model Car" — which also contains some invaluable suggestions.

But don't delay! *Right now* is not a minute too soon to enroll for '58 competition. You'll need every spare second to design and build yourself a winner by competition's close next June. Good luck!

Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild, Detroit 2, Michigan

Please enroll me in the '58 Model Car Competition. Send me my Craftsman's Guild Membership Card and FREE instruction booklet, "How to Build a Model Car."

NAME _____
(Print) First Name Middle Initial Last Name

ADDRESS _____
(Print)

CITY & ZONE _____ STATE _____
(Print)

IMPORTANT: Only boys born in the following years are eligible. Check the year of your birth below:

SENIOR DIVISION

1937 1940
1938 1941
1939

JUNIOR DIVISION

1942 1945
1943 1946
1944

As you most likely know or should us modelers are getting older. We need to instill awareness in our grandkid's generation!

Replicating the Past Cars of My Youth Part 3 by Steve "Big Daddy"

As of my sitting down to write this I was still waiting on the chrome to arrive, well, It's here. Dale and his wife haven't disappointed, it came out beautiful.



Clean no sigh of yellowing a great job. Thanks Dale.

The Miata's interior and bodywork are coming along nicely.



As many of you know, I'm not a fan of clear-coating my paint jobs. They just don't seem scale to

me. A wax job with a good Carnuba wax usually is good for me. This time I felt a coating of Krylon crystal clear was in order.



Now I found on e-Bay a kool new product. One of my many "projects" is a series of Suffolk PD cars. This guy has LED "flashing" lights for lots of different applications.

Single rotating all the way up to 6 strobbing red and blue. I'm gonna try to install the rotating beacon on this 68 fury. Lets see what happens.

All Glory To Glorzo



Well, that's all for now. The weather is warming, the sun is shining and all is good with the world.

And if you believe that I got some swampland for sale. Big Daddy

Group 25 Model Car Builders Club was given this dragstrip display by Mark Dorcas



Next:

Eating a Bugatti for Easter <https://www.prewarcar.com/>



ones rather than the traditional dyed or painted chicken eggs. Milk or dark, filled with caramel or fondant, there are hundreds to choose from, and they aren't the only things made of chocolate that will be given and consumed during Easter. There will be chocolate Easter bunnies, ducks and chicks, as well.

Some people like to take their Easter chocolate gift to a next level and this Bugatti Type 35 is the best example of that. It was made by the French master chocolatier Jean-Luc Decluzeau, who spent 380 hours fabricating it from 400kg of pure chocolate! The piece was unveiled at the 27th edition of the Salon du Chocolat last year in Paris. According to the Salon's organization "Decluzeau is as passionate about his *métier* of Maître Chocolatier as he is about history and the automobile."

His chocolate Bugatti sculpture is now on display at the Musée du Chocolat in Colmar and we guess you'll need a big wallet to take it home to please the wife. But the chocolate museum is in fact situated right in between Bugatti's old factory in Molsheim and the famous Schlumpf Collection in Mulhouse. Maybe that could be a good idea for an Easter outing if you haven't any family obligations yet?

It's not the first pre-war sports-car made from chocolate, either. A couple of years ago the rolling chassis of an Amilcar CGSs was equipped with a body made of chocolate also. Once again, it was a French affair.

Easter and eggs are inseparable, although many of the eggs consumed in the next few days will be chocolate



Please be advised that Tri-State has raised Admission to \$20!

LIARS Annual (2023) INPUT SHEET (attached) and either email it or bring it to the April meeting

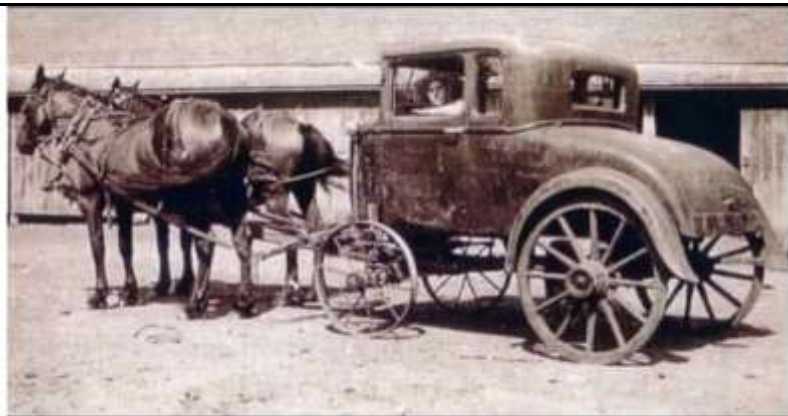
LIARS Annual (2023) INPUT SHEET:

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 righting 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?** _____



Prototype 2 horsepower Model A undergoing field evaluation.

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STRIPPING PARTS

Original formula E-Z OFF Oven Cleaner seems to work very well. Some of the other oven cleaner brands have a chemical that will attack the older acetate parts and most resin parts. Put the parts in a margarine or frozen dessert-topping container, spray them liberally with the oven cleaner, put the lid on and allow it to set overnight.

You may also choose to use a product called "Super Clean" that comes in a purple gallon jug. Place the parts in a covered container as above and submerge in the Super Clean overnight. Do not throw it away when finished, as this material can be reused many, many times. Just add more when the level begins to drop.

Be sure to use proper eye protection and rubber gloves when removing and the handling the parts that have been soaked in stripper as both materials are very drying to the skin. Be sure to scrub the parts with a stiff toothbrush and rinse well with fresh water. Remember that not only the "chrome" must be removed, but also the caramel colored basecoat underneath. Some of the basecoats used are very stubborn and difficult to remove. Parts can normally be soaked for several days in either of these materials without any ill effects.

REWORKED/MODIFIED PARTS

Parts that have been modified need to be polished with at least 1000 grit sandpaper. 1500 or 2000 grit is preferred. Anything less and the sanding and file marks will show through the final finish. The smoother you make the part, the better it will finish. **The final finish should have at least a semi-gloss appearance in order to assure there are no sanding scratches remaining on the part.** Cyanoacrylate glues (super glue) or epoxy is the preferred filler as it has nearly the same density and hardness as most of the plastics used. It will also polish out nicely for a good smooth surface to apply the coating.

Look carefully at parts that have previously been coated with black lacquer for damage done by the "hot" thinner. If the finish shows a "textured" appearance it will probably look just like that, only shiny, when chromed.

RESIN PARTS

All resin parts are to be mounted on their own rack separate from the plastic parts. We use a different preparation method to process the resin. Because of the materials used, damage can occur to some plastics.

The quality of resin parts varies a great deal from caster to caster. Because of this, we cannot guarantee the results of the finish on resin parts.

CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

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 over lapping 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**

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