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LIARS May Theme: Chevrolet related car items / models – plus 3D Intro.



We are well into our 31st year as a Club; let's hope that we all stay healthy during this COVID-19 & beyond presumed to be crisis and that we can still attain some measure of prosperity. Then perhaps we can build a new Club display... (Unpaid LIARS political announcement)

MCB Contributors: Rich Argus, Mike Brennan, Paul Drago, Ernie Finamore, Pat Vecchio, & ...

... Hopefully you all will add your monthly contributions (as part of your New Year's Resolutions!)

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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

Stay well my friends and enjoy model car building

On 4/14/22 the LIARS shared (at least to us a new) meeting room with the LIMTC 1:1 Car club.

Yes, there were/are problems but I at least am trying to actively resolve! (You be the judge)

Cover page contains an April Mtg. picture along with Richie Rich's latest models that he displayed at the April mtg.

The following Preliminary section needs your concurrence @ May mtg.!

LIARS MEETING MINUTES:

Thursday April 14, 2022 P. Drago Notes:

AGENDA:

- a) First official meeting at the new Massapequa location that the LIARS SHARE WITH THE LIMTC 1:1 Club!
- b) Discuss having LIARS show in November 2022

LIARS meeting portion started at 8:20 pm with the pledge of 21 members (who attended) – while LIMTC attended members did not have a chance to offer their position - Shall be addressed at future mtgs.!

1. from the LIARS President:

Pat Vecchio gave the financial statement

- We owe the town \$50 for the current 2022 permit.
- We have an offsite member who paid \$50 to the club: (\$30 yearly membership plus \$20 donation) Thanks “Big Daddy”!

2. New Business:

- We have a new (John Engle) member at the meeting tonight- please welcome
- Bill Murray was requested to look into starting meetings earlier. However, Pat V. requested that we keep 8 - 10 PM time period – thus no action
- Just about everyone who attended found the new location easy to get to.

3. Show related business: Discussion about our show in November. LIARS spent 90 minutes to cover

- Our current contract with Freeport Rec. – has LIARS paying ½ down – typically due in August, and the balance on the day of the show.

- Rich Argus has a copy of the contract from 2019 that we may need to have updated and rewritten for the current year.
- Insurance policy is needed from IPMS - we need to notify IPMS that LIARS monthly meeting has moved to the 2nd Thursday for Jan. thru June/ then from Sept.-Dec. each year!
- Bill Murray stated that members are required to support the Model Car Challenge – this includes show set up, supporting various show commitments, etc. –NO EXCEPTIONS!

4. Show related subjects: Paul Drago (VP) discussed considerations that need to be resolved before we plan our show. The following is a re-cap of subjects and outcome. *(a copy of the original list is available upon request from Paul Drago)
 - 4a. Raffle: A vote was carried to have a 50/50 raffle at the show. Kathy Vecchio was volunteered. Pat will tell her as soon as he gets home.
 - Admission Pricing was voted on: \$20 to enter show and contest with unlimited models / \$10 for spectators only / Kids under 12 are free. We will use our discretion when admitting Veterans.
 - Lenny Cromwell has volunteered along with his lovely wife to handle the admissions and collecting money.
 - Registration duties shall be handled by Bill Murray and Rich Argus.
 - Pricing for vendors will be \$40 for one table (6 ft long) and \$30 each for additional tables. There will be no charge for helpers - but they must have a wristband. Deadline to pay is OCTOBER 15. It was discussed but not decided on if Vendors could pay ½ by October and balance day of the show. This can be decided at a remote executive meeting.
 - Trophy packages: Rather than decide on cost of trophy packages, a motion was carried or the executive committee to meet and decide on the number of classes, adding or deleting other classes; then based on a final count, a price for trophy packages can be determined. The Executive committee plans to meet at our great spiritual adviser's house within the next week.
 - Door Prizes and Raffle: Although there was some debate, a motion was made to investigate feasibility of having door prize(s) and/ or a raffle. The issue appears to be a lack of

contributions. This will be discussed and decided upon by the executive committee and reported back to the membership at the May 2022 mtg.!

5. **Model Hospital:** Paul Drago volunteered to supply the model hospital and all contents including signage. This will be available at the registration tables. It can also be mentioned on the new show flier.
6. **Make and Take table: and coloring book:** Once again we will thank John the Artist for volunteering to run the make and take and supply the coloring pages for children. He will need help in setting up and possibly other helpers during the day. We do not know exactly how many left over Make-n Take models are available. When we meet at Rich Argus's house and someone will take an inventory. Paul Drago made up a page that was copied from ATLANTIS models website: additional make and take kits are available for a reasonable price. This can be used as a backup if needed.
- 7 **Security: (two minimum) Volunteers** are needed in front and back room security. Both are granted permission to discharge anyone who is deemed an *AH. Additionally it is most important that security help to keep the noise down when the awards are given. Enough said about rude vendors.
- 8 **Show set-up:** will take place on Friday afternoon as compared to the traditional Friday night. Friday is Veterans Day, and the center will close early at 5pm.
- 9 **ADDITIONAL show related business:** We should ask Freeport Rec to put up signage announcing our show a week prior. This is done for other shows and no reason they can't do it for us.
 - **PA System:** the Rec center does not have a working PA system. Paul has been bringing his portable PA and mic: it does an OK job but not strong enough to reach people at the back of the room. We may need our security volunteers to quiet down people during important announcements.
 - **Judging:** Paul Drago prepared a statement about a judging policy. This was shelved in favor of discussing the matter with the executive committee first.
Bill Murray shall proceed with the LIARS normal yearly approach
 - **Food sales:** A discussion about food availability came up: to recap: Freeport Rec will not have any food service with the exception of a candy and soda vending machines. We may need to have this printed on the fliers and website as to alert vendors and spectators.
 - **Small room availability:** The Rec center has a small room on the opposite side of the lobby. Other clubs rent this room (COSTLY) and it was proposed we look into renting this as additional space. It can be used as a judges meeting room and perhaps serve refreshments.
10. **LIARS WEBSITE:** Paul Drago asked that the new website have provisions for clicking onto an UPDATE Bar of sorts and it will take viewers to a page with up to the minute info about the show: Additionally there should be a way to upload all forms and fill out on line, then print or E-mail the completed forms. This will help with model registration and cut out the need for a handwriting expert to decipher what is written. John mentioned it can easily be done and will look into it.
11. **Show Fliers:** After the fliers are completed, and proofed it will need to be printed. We unanimously elected Ernie Fennimore to handle the printing of the fliers. He will use a source that has been making fliers for his slot car shows and the printer understands the needs. He will have both color and black and white versions made up. We will meet on a final count when the time gets near.
12. **Other Business: LIARS Copyright.** It was brought to the clubs attention a former member is using the LIARS logo, name, and likeness on his personal Facebook page. We believe our name and logo are not copyrighted. Ted Pappacena has experience with copy writing with his photography business and volunteered to look into it. Thanks Ted.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm; respectfully submitted
Paul Drago: Vice President

PHOTOS from April mtg.

Does the LIARS on the left look annoyed?



Here are his models COOL!
So what is Alan sharing with Rich (& it's not x rated?)



Pat then presented his goodies



On the left is our NEW MEMBER JOHN ENGLE!



Lenny's display included these two:



Then Bill G reviewed his models for sale Any Takers?



significant other - - See there are other demented modelers out there besides me &/or other LIARS You be the Judge...



Dodge Colt

Steve “Big Daddy” Blake’s “The Devils in the Details” hopefully will resume next month.

- Both Steve and his bride were recently hospitalized AT THE SAME TIME! due to COVID – even though they reside off the PA path on a dirt road!

Please add them to your LIARS related prayers that include Rich A, Erne F. ... please get well! LIARS list is not intended to be growing – but is!

This month the LIARS are highlighting our recently Life Member “The One & Only Leader of the Pack”

Here Rich was captured in his’ modeling area:



Yes, Rich builds his “Works of Art” in a closet so he can display more of his models and extensive Hot Wheels/other goodies in the attached room.

The following 2 pictures depict models on display on one wall of the attached room.

Future updates shall address Rich’s other walls– for no other reason then I shall explain to my



Here’s Rich showing how his Shifter operates – you have to hear it as you shift gears! Dr. V wants one!



Engine & body shakes as you open this card...



The next set of pics presents Rich’s latest diorama...

Note: you’ll need to expand to see all the details...



WOW! Dr.V is truly impressed with Rich's ability to realistically duplicate in miniature! – no it has nothing to do with Rich loaning me Model Car issue 213 to read...Does anyone want to sell me issues 207 – 213?

Now to some of his recent rebuilds...



Rich is also working on his Beach Hut diorama that will contain 3 huts - here are some parts...



Then there is Rich's Rat Packer



More rebuilds on top shelf, plus GTO Camino





Chevelle Wagon resin turned into a GTO variant



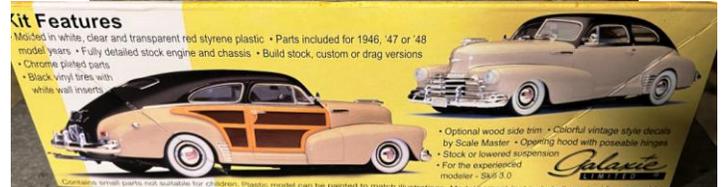
Back to Our Roots
 By Pat Vecchio (our leader)

Greetings Fellow Modelers, I trust that everyone is doing fine. This month I am going to write a kit review on the Galaxie 1946,1947,1948, Chevrolet Aero sedan. But before I write about this kit, I would like to bring you all up to date on the new website and the plans for our future show. John and his wife Pauline are doing an amazing job on the website.

John will bring us all up to date at our next meeting, which is on Thursday evening May 12th, at 8 pm sharp.

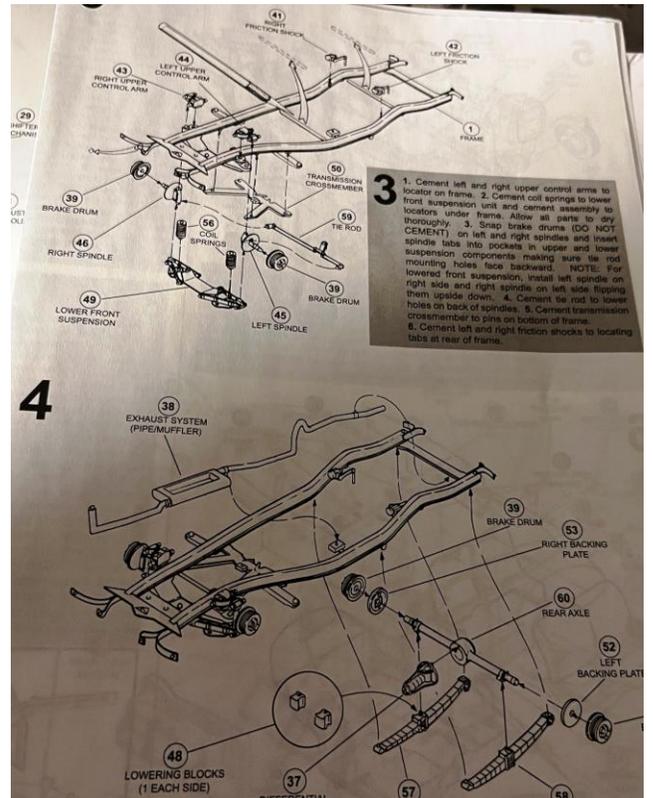
We will be discussing at the meeting our duties and responsibilities regarding our model car show. There is plenty to be done and with half our membership gone this work will fall on fewer people than in previous years. I am asking each one of you members to contribute your time. It is a difficult task but with all of us working together we shall see this thru. Hopefully, the show will be a success.

Well enough said on that subject. Now back to this kit. I have been building model kits since 1958. The first kit was a 1958 Pontiac by AMT. That got me hooked on model car building. Over the years, the details on the kits became better. I always liked the Chevy Aero sedan. As with other kits, I purchased this kit a few years ago and never built it. Last month I finally opened the box and decided to build it. I was so impressed with the level of detailing that I just purchased another kit. I ordered from Model Roundup a chopped resin body for this kit. It will make a Kool custom.

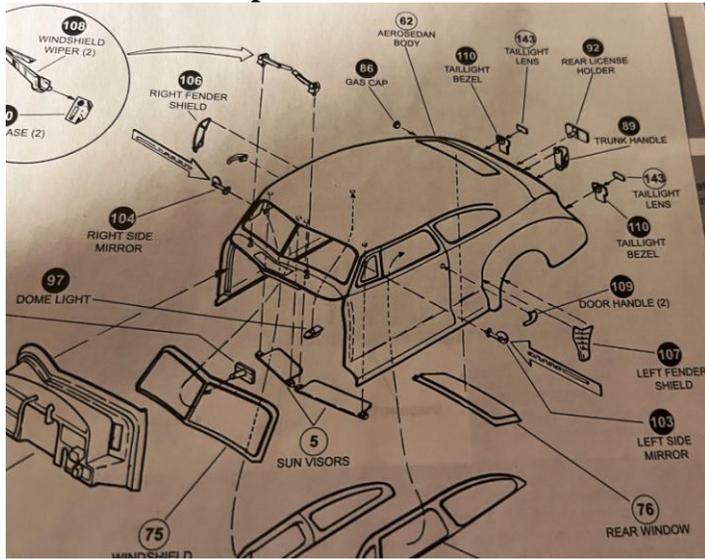


This kit is rather pricey, around \$47.00, (*Dr.V initial release price was \$27*) but if you are a serious model builder, it's well worth the price. Every detail is fresh and crisp. I was so impressed with the 6-cylinder engine, which can be built stock or custom.

The chassis can be built as either stock or custom. It has lowering blocks for that low rider look.



The interior is just as detailed as a high-end diecast. The engraving on the seats and door panels is so detailed that once completed it is hard to believe that it is a plastic kit.



Every guy who builds models will experience a model building slump. I'm in one now. Last year I built 50 model kits and this year I've only completed six so far. I usually have four or five kits almost done. Right now I have none but the one kit I'm currently building for the museum. My latest build, a 1/48 Monogram Special Experimental 5a was also done for the museum. This is a good thing as if it wasn't for the museum builds I wouldn't be building anything right now. I have several other kits to build for the museum which is forcing me to work on a model.

There are a few kits today that are being reissued using the same tooling that was used years over fifty years ago. They give you new decals and pad-printed tires. That same kit when purchased new back in the day was around \$1.49, today \$30.00 is not uncommon.

Next month I will be reviewing the newly issued Nova wagon with the trailer and all the goodies that are included. I built just the Nova wagon last year. It's a fun and simple build.

Well, I have to get back to the workshop and work on the wagon and start preparing for our upcoming model show.

Hopefully, I will see you all at our 5/12 meeting. Many important issues will be discussed regarding our show. Please try to be there.

Until then please be safe. God bless America. Pat Vecchio.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Pat Vecchio

I have been building models since I was a teenager and I have experienced model slumps before so I know how to get out of them. Here's what I do.

1. Get another hobby and work that for awhile. I have several other hobbies so I'm fortunate in this case. Right now I am working on two other hobbies. One is building and flying RC balsa airplanes. The other is Leathercraft. I also have Woodworking and motorcycle riding. I'm getting too old for my big Harley Davidson Road King so that's just sitting in the garage on a battery minder. So the plan here is to work your other hobby whatever it is and to enjoy it completely with no guilt about modeling.

2. Don't get rid of your modeling stuff. I've seen guys in a slump sell or give away all their models because they aren't interested anymore. Some years ago I built up my model car collection to 70 kits. I got bored with car models and sold them to club members for \$5 each, remember? Well several years later I had a giant desire to build an old Ford truck and Joe had one for sale for \$10. I had a blast building and painting that kit so now at last count I have over 100 car/truck kits including a fire engine and a Semi tractor truck.

3. Do continue to attend Model meetings even if you don't have a kit to display. After all the main reason for the meetings is fellowship with other modelers.

4. Watch movies with subjects in it that you wouldn't mind modeling. And watch YouTube videos of in box reviews and model builds.

5. You will discover that after some period of time your interest in model building will return. I would suggest that you build a kit out of your comfort zone.

6. When you return from your slump pick a model that should be a quick build and not something that has 300 pieces and will take months to complete. Well that's it for this article. Good luck if you go into a slump. Work with it and have fun in whatever hobby you have.

Dave Henk, "Just Glue It" Newsletter Editor of Model Creations Unlimited or IPMS-USA.

Dr. V routed this Auto world ad to Ernie

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'68 Cougar, '71
Corvette, '53 Studebaker
- Auto World H.O. Scale

etc.

Ernie Finamore <slotbeat@gmail.com> response:

Yeah, I was looking at this email yesterday. Getting tired of the Auto World rehash using the same bodies repeatedly with the ridiculous cartoon graphics. They really aim at the toy market there, not the hobby segment. Prices are getting out of hand, too. The chassis are still sloppy fitting, non-precision pieces that are an insult to HO slot car hobbyists. Even keeping them stock and just running them for fun, almost every car needs to be torn down before use. Then, clean out the gunk lubricant they smear on at the factory, reassemble, lubricate with quality oils, and tweak the pickup

shoes so they will track properly. Then there's always the chore of getting the motor brush tension right, and dealing with out of round wheels, tires, and bent axles. These cars are supposed to be ready to go out of the box, how are casual users supposed to gain any interest in the hobby if they're starting out with pieces like these?

I'm glad they're manufacturing these cars, believe me, but it sometime seems they take one step forward and two steps back. They release nice replicas of vintage Trans Am racers, and both vintage and modern drag racers. Then bang out things like Scooby Doo vans and the like from whatever TV/movie licensing deals they can get. I understand, those deals draw in money from the newbie's and collector public.

Many of the newer racing replica bodies Auto World has released are very nice, but as for use in club racing competitions, are often run on chassis made by other manufacturers involved in the HO slot car hobby. Yet, as I said earlier, I'm still glad to have them involved with the HO slot car hobby. And, of course, they are bringing back the model kit tools from AMT, MPC, Lindbergh, Hawk, ect., leaving the manufacture of newly tooled kits to the more modern model kit companies.

So, in the big picture, thanks to Auto World and Round 2 for their efforts in the model car hobbies was a whole.

This was way too much to be typing on my phone! Enough said... Ernie
PS it looks like Auto World is definitely getting maximum mileage from their "Snake vs. Mongoose" licensing! I'll admit, I've bought my share, but there are plenty of customers buying up at least one of every related car and set that has been released in the series. Hey, if it helps keep Auto World/Round 2 in the business, that's a good thing for all of us in the model/slot car hobby.

BTW... that Don Schumacher "Wonder Wagon" 'Cuda Funny Car looks interesting. Maybe one of those ends up in my HO drag box!

We'll see what's up next from AW/R2. Ernie
<https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2022/05/01/better-than-simulators-how-the-slot-car-hobby-has-evolved-since-its-sixties-heyday>

Better Than Simulators: How the Slot Car Hobby Has Evolved Since its Sixties Heyday



It's a good bet that nobody reading this doesn't still have some muscle memory of squeezing the trigger of a slot car controller just enough to power their car through a turn but not so much that the car goes flying off the track. Maybe it was the neighbor kid's track that you raced on after school. Maybe your childhood track is still in a cardboard box up in the attic. Or maybe you took slot car racing more seriously than that by scratchbuilding thingies, winding your own motors, and setting up entire dioramas. Whatever the case, while slot car racing remains a distant memory for some, it's still capturing enthusiasts' attention and creating serious gearheads nowadays.

How serious? Let's start with a 2016 profile of [Frank "Buzz" Perri](https://youtu.be/IRnMAfljHyo) of Brooklyn's Buzz-a-rama, which unfortunately [closed earlier this year](#). Despite the ultimate fate of Buzz-a-rama, the profile is a timeless tale of exactly what it is about the hobby that can draw in youth and that can keep one man involved in it long after his contemporaries gave it up.



<https://youtu.be/IRnMAfljHyo>

Speaking of using slot cars to get youth interested in cars, Casey Putsch of Genius Garage discussed not only the 1/24-scale slot cars he's built over the years, which show how the cars progressed from entry-level hobby items to all-out aerodynamic javelins, but also how he's [used slot cars to teach STEM to his students](#) and build pathways for them to study automotive engineering and race car fabrication.



<https://youtu.be/3JIA6iOzKIQ>

As Putsch noted, 1/24-scale slot cars are where the serious handiwork takes place, and Michael Niemas is one of the few professionals [dedicated to making highly accurate 1/24-scale slot car reproductions](#) of vintage race cars.



<https://youtu.be/2hkpdQu9UZo>

There's an entire subculture on YouTube dedicated to slot car racing, so we could go on for days, but we'll wrap up today's focus with a short [documentary on Jimmy Attard's Detroit-area track layout](#). While there's a good deal of hobbyists who add dioramas to go with their slot car track layouts - and there's even one or two companies that build custom layouts for hobbyists who don't have the time or skill to do so themselves - Attard's layout is a singular pursuit with spectacular results.



<https://youtu.be/3TIExU8j984>

Dr. V accept all criticism regarding the above slot car goodies. The point is that although you may not be a Slot Car Junkee, we can learn from other hobby facets – embedded scenery/techniques are impressive.

Due to the ridiculous gas prices, I will no longer be stopping at stop signs or red lights. I can't afford to idle.
Thank you for your understanding and stay safe!

The above applies to all those crazy Long Island folks traveling our byways! **IT'S SCARY OUT THERE!**

Paul routed a 62 Rambler, that he stripped to near perfect unbuilt condition! (More next month) Strange that both Pat (noted above) & Hammer stripped Ramblers ... You be the judge.



Paul "The Hammer" also provided this "modified variant" version from the attached old car ad.

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HAMMER (Paul Drago) SUGGESTIONS for MAKE AND TAKE



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Please note-- we do not want these showing up on eBay or anywhere else being sold individually. Once purchased, an email will be sent to you to verify the usage or register the event that is scheduled to take place. If possible, we would help promote your event on our website or thru social media.

We can ask Atlantis to stamp "NOT FOR RESALE on package"

Now to the Mosquitcon (2022) show...

Paul "the Hammer" & Dr. V travelled together to the show - we actually got along all day! Show attracted over 500 models from 150 modelers!

Dr.V has finally realized that one can attend a show remotely while saving travel time & \$\$, simply by watching show videos. You can access Stryderprime Present - Mosquitocon 30 Hobby Show

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEYxH-nDFJo>

Here's one by David Chin:

Extremely crowded but nice to browse the offered kits to gauge market price & demand for future purchases.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOC16g4se7E>

by David Chin - This is the full length video coverage of all the displayed models on the table. It's lengthy, enjoy!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1FBz-a_ZFM

Now to some show pictures:

We'll start with the Hammer's side job (well gas & tolls continue to increase...enough said)



Checkout the numerous auto, trucks & bikes entered...*(Masks were optional – you be the judge)*





One modeler not only included his wife's picture on his truck model but brought her along to pose!



Another view of entrants...



Hammer captured a win with:



Dr.V plans on bringing a laptop to the mtg. if you wish to see Dr.V /Hammer's show pictures...

OK. Modelers, so who is going to develop a model variant? Could it be Dave Vehers who has a 1:1 variant?



Is this Dr.V's model room...or his driveway...



combo?

Post mtg. 4/22 Get-together – Hammer's Notes

Rich Argus: Host

- Pat Vecchio
- John Pantaloons
- Paul Drago

The following topics were discussed and decided: in no particular order: to be discuss @ 5/12 general mtg.

1. Show rules must include a statement "All models must be made by the entrant" unless it is a group effort or club build and stated so.
2. Suggestion for a NO SWEEPS RULE came up again. We should vote on this once and for all and put it to rest.
3. Each class of entries will have THREE JUDGES. First place win by a 2/3 vote and second place winner by default.
4. If a "guest judge" is used: that judge will be placed with TWO LIARS Member Judges: this will prevent a bias and Rule 3 as above will also apply.
5. The food situation can be a deterrent: we will look into renting the small room and see if we can sell food or refreshments or offer pizza.
6. Competition classes will remain the SAME as year past. A final review will be done to make absolutely sure the classes are represented.
7. TROPHY- PLAQUES: we discussed alternate sources and pricing: Rather than adding more burden to the show workload we decided for this year will be purchased from the same vendor we have been using for years. A final

count and review will be done before an order is placed: including a review of the wording for each plaque. (also the memorial plaque unfortunately will have new names added)

8. In addition to any leftovers from the hospital box: Paul Drago will supply all the needed materials for the model hospital: including signage.
9. In attempt to have co-existing clubs we will be sure to have the original format set up in place as agreed originally: We do not wish to insult any LIMTC members by appearing to take up the entire meeting: Therefore we will have two banks of tables set up on opposing sides of the room to allow each club to have their respective meetings without interfering with teh other. Of course there will be ample time for co-mingling before and after the business meetings.
10. Paul will reach out to Will Seagraves,, Patricia Zuroswski, Andy, etc. to establish their status regarding the club:/ in /out / We still have more business to discuss and will plan to have more meetings (Weekly if necessary)

Dr. V adds: Meeting Facility is available from 8PM to 10PM - Thus we need to agree on ground rules in sharing. Let's start with each club having the "floor for 1 hour each" in e.g., 15 min. alternate increments.

The 1st increment to state respective club's mtg. goals/agenda – this will accommodate club members to address amongst themselves (for the next 15 min window) while the other club has the floor...THIS IS YOUR CLUB! PLEASE CONTRIBUTE/SUPPORT!

Dr. V believes that us modelers would love to have a model(s) of our (favorite 1:1)

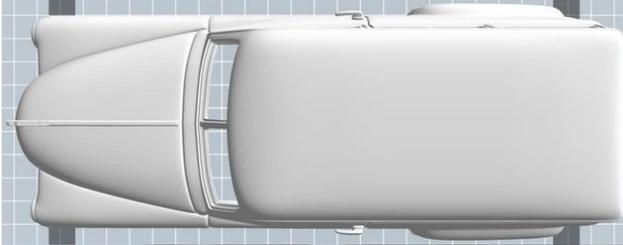
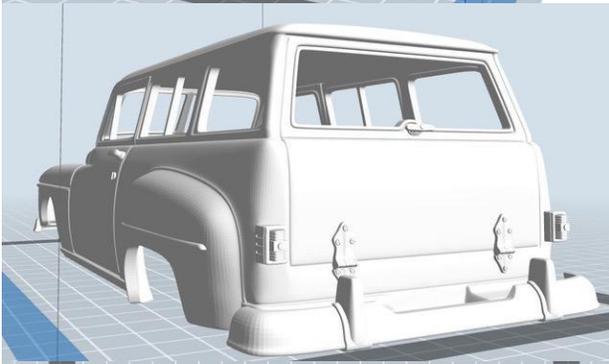
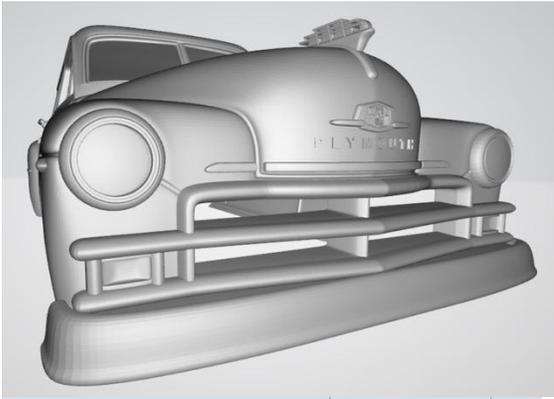
Mike B. responded with:

1950 Plymouth 3D printed project Mike Brennan

These are Pictures of my 1950 Plymouth station wagon; the first few are the CAD art for the 3D Printer. Followed by the first print from the printer. The last few are the final Prints of the car. I hope to have them at the next meeting....

Background:

- Ted P has developed various Model King box cover artwork.
- Ted somehow was able to connect Mike B with another Model King supplier who develops kit decals, as well as, CAD development including printing
- Mike then had his daughter take detailed pictures of his wagon ...ask him at the May meeting to explain how they captured the top (picture 4) More next month ...



Sorry to report that another Hobby Entity has decided to close – but not to be forgotten...

Thanks and Farewell: Dean's Models Closes its Doors

By Dean Sills

MY NAME IS DEAN SILLS and I have been an avid model builder since 1961 when I built my first kit. It was an Aurora F-104. I can still remember building it on a TV tray while watching the *Alvin and the Chipmunks* show!

Model building was in my family. My dad was in the Army Air Forces at the end of WWII, and I guess that's where I got my fascination with aircraft. He and my two brothers were all model builders. Growing up in Flint, Michigan, we would usually take one weekend a month and visit all the Detroit-area hobby shops. It was a great time enjoying a family hobby. My dad suffered a heart attack at the age of 41 in 1968 and was told by his doctor he could no longer paint houses for a living, so he opened up the Canopy Hobby Shop in Davison,

MI. That lasted all of two and a half years and he went back to painting anyway, and lived to be 81 years old.

Fast forward to 1993. I had been making a living playing in a band for many years and figured it was time to do something a little more secure. I decided to open up my own hobby shop but specialize in out-of-production kits and do mail order. On April 8, 1994, I opened Dean's Hobby Stop in Flushing, MI. After a year and a half, that store suffered a fire and I was fortunate to find another, larger location right across the street. I was at that store until 2013, when I moved to my current location in Owosso, MI.

One bright spot in my career was supplying the Apollo Saturn V Rocket model for the Tom Hanks movie *Apollo 13*. The rocket model used in

the scene where Tom Hanks explains to his son how the LEM would land on the moon came from me. It was the Revell 1:48 1967 issue.

I work on a model every day, usually early in the morning before I come to work. I do primarily aircraft, but I have been known to build a car every now then. I currently have over 1000 built-up kits in glass cases and on display in my basement.

After 28 years I have decided to close the store and retire. August 31, 2022 will be the last day. I have made many new friends from this hobby over the years, and they will still be able to find me on eBay (username dhs8) and at the model shows. My wife and I will be doing some traveling and enjoying our hobbies of motorcycling, classic cars and pet rescue. ■

A look around Dean's Models in Owosso, MI, the culmination of Dean's 28-year ownership of the shop.



Customers' models get a prominent place in the shop, filling several cases with cars, armor and aircraft. Seeing his customers – and friends – is the thing Dean will miss most.

