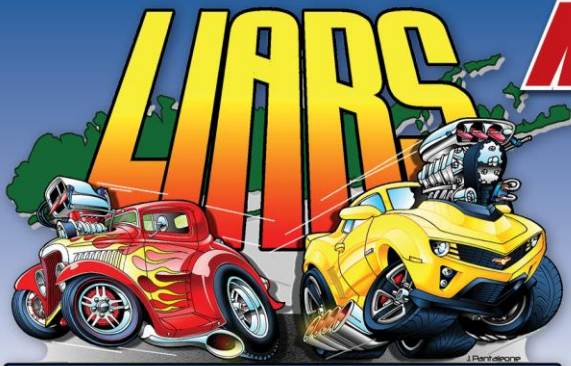


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• LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICAS SOCIETY •

Meeting themes:

"Cars painted orange and spooky rides, E.G, Munsters Koach, Carl Casper's Undertaker, ect. "

Discuss further planning for remainder of year, Model Car Challenge, ect...

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Scenes from the September mtg...

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...

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From our LIARS Unofficial Official

First, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the auction last month! Special thanks to Ernie and John for handling the auctioneering! You guys did a great job! As far as auction totals and stats go, I believe we did OK considering the low item count at the auction table, yet a few of our guys were fiercely bidding out what they saw fit. Pat V. will lay out further details as he has exact numbers and all.

At this month's meeting, we'll be discussing the show and setup plans, which is only a few short weeks away! If you have the means to purchase a trophy package, it would be greatly appreciated! Anything helps!

One of my friends from work sent me a text with a picture of our flyer for the show. He said he picked it up at a car show. I'd like to thank the members that are going out there and getting these distributed! Great job!

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.

That's it for now; The holidays are approaching fast! 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

October is here, leaves have fallen and its back and forth between seasonable days and warm humid

ones. Oh, well, gotta plan them paint days between them all... The weather has still been favorable for the past couple weeks. My heart goes out for those including fellow modelers in Florida and Tennessee, who were deeply affected by the devastating Helene and Milton Hurricanes. Got some things dun par usuale, but between everything in life going on its hard to keep a consistent run.

The MCB show is less than one measly month away. The committee will have further discussions about setup and sorting out those willing to help and supply. If anyone wants to put money down for a trophy package and have their name in the class, please do so as it helps out the clubs finances and spending for such.

Also, as mentioned last month I have pre-chosen a theme for October this month, being cars painted orange and ghoulish rides (E.G, Munsters Coach, Undertaker).

I'm sure most will be fine with this pre-set theme, but if any of you have a better suggestion for the future please do speak up.

That is all for now, see you all on Thursday!

Dr V's column

Although you may be considered a Senior Citizen (simply implying you have lived thru multiple (same) kit releases (some of which may contain improvements, to which you may have been exposed to related (replacement

part ... perhaps add'l) releases. Or you are a youngster who happens to know how to surf the Internet (beyond DR.V expertise at times) ...

Yes these (updated) releases include folks (or companies) who know how to develop updates &/or figure out how to actually release their goodies!

... some of us senior citizens relied on filling our want list with perhaps a PROMOTIONAL, or diecast or ...

Side Note: Dr.V lived through the time period where one could purchase items via the mail by simply responding to "Items for Sale" mailings!

In his case, this included being on the (e.g., one of Franklin Mint's outlets') mailing list...long before the Internet!!!

Another Side Note: Dr. V's wife, would take a deep breath when the mail included an update "Items for sale" listing ...Dr. V would then most likely take e.g., his two oldest offspring on local NY,NJ, &/or PA trips...this way, he could perhaps have his son's cover for his purchases...another story...

Now back to this theme...

A modeler today simply (Dr.V must be kidding...) needs to access what is available?

This aspect includes finding tools, glues, building material, etc. that will help the modeler pursue his or her goal!

Another side note (Dr.V you, have too many side notes...) Dr..V built a few wooden aircraft models (some of which he was able to fly) which were crude as compared to the basis of this Bentley article!

Point is, better than 99% of the time there are other modelers out there that can build better than us ...please check out their building techniques, suggestions, etc.

WE MODELERS CAN ONLY LEARN FROM OTHERS, as in the attached article!!

Please continue to enjoy our shared hobby! Dr.V



This 1:1 scale model of a second-generation Bentley Continental GT was acquired by the seller, Bentley Indianapolis, out of Belgium in 2024, and it has since been displayed on their showroom floor. The model features a sculpted body and interior constructed from wood, and it rolls on two steel axles with steerable front wheels. Highlights of the build include opening doors, three-dimensional emblems, diamond-patterned grille carvings, and acrylic windows. This rolling sculpture is now offered in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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The doors pivot on exposed hinges, and the windows and headlight covers are fabricated from acrylic. A contrasting finish was applied to the grille and exhaust outlet inserts as well as the headlight and taillight bezels. Cracks are visible along some of the glued seams.

The second-generation Continental GT debuted in 2011 and was styled by Dirk van Braeckel. Updates for the 2020 model year included an enlarged primary grille, oval taillights, and revised side contours. This scale model is said to have been assembled from thousands of pieces of reclaimed marine-grade teak sculpted over the course of more than 3,000 hours. Total weight is estimated at 2,000 pounds.



Wheels, tires, lug bolt heads, and brake discs are also constructed from wood, and they are mounted to steel supports with rotating hubs. Tread patterns have been carved into the outer circumference of the tires.





The interior features four individual seats, a dashboard, a full-length center console, and door panels that mimic the appearance of the Continental's cabin. Controls, gauges, vents, speakers, and pedals are represented by multiple pieces of wood, and the floors were constructed from plywood panels. Wear and deterioration on the interior finish can be viewed in the gallery.



The wood steering wheel is linked to the front wheels through a rack-and-pinion steering linkage.



Steel axles are bolted to two wood beams to form the main support structure for the model. Additional underside photos are shown in the gallery.

Hemmings piece about vintage AMT Levacar from 1959...

Lost & Found //
BY TOM COMERRO

LEVACAR FOR THE TOYBOX

Ray Otto from Foley, Minnesota, reached out to us after our writeup on Ford's Levacar-inspired Aeolus project (HCC #239). Ray dug up this old promotional model that he's had for years that he thought was a random made-up toy.

He wonders if a real version of the Levacar was ever made or if the promotional photo was doctored to show a driver behind the canopy. As far as we know, Ford did make one for demonstration purposes, but it is said to have been destroyed in the Ford Rotunda fire of 1962. As for how many of these scale models were made and distributed, it's unknown, but this is likely a rare find. If you see one at a swap meet or an automotive toy show, it might be worth a buy.

"It has a small tube in back that you put an inflated balloon around, or a small rubber hose for lung power, and the toy would hover. The canopy is hinged to open, but the hinge is broken, likely due to a young kid's playtime," Ray says.

 A collage of six photographs showing a red toy car. The main image shows the car from a side profile. Other smaller images show the car from different angles, including the canopy being open, the wheels, and the rear of the car.

And what an example for sale at the evil bay looks like...

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Earlier today, in the holographic video-conference dome where we conduct all daily *Jalopnik* business, someone threw up a holo-JPG of a model kit. It was a *Magnum PI*-themed kit, but instead of the expected Ferrari, it was the striped Vanagon that had some role on the show. This kit got me thinking about car model kits — specifically, terrible ones.

Suggested Reading

A Super Clean Dodge Dynasty And A Frankenstein Mercedes In This Week's Car Buying Roundup
Crashed McLaren, Hurricane Milton And GM Drops Ultium In This Week's Car Culture Roundup
Fisker Leaves A Mess And Elon Musk Gifts Hurricane Victims In This Week's News Roundup

I'm talking about model kits that *nobody* wanted, no matter what. Ones that make you wonder just why the hell anyone thought they would be a good idea in the first place. I wanted to know more.

So I did some digging. I was able to get access to MODLbase, a subset of the Lexis-Nexis law database system that's dedicated to tracking model car kit sales. It's hard to get access, but I found someone at a local modeler's bar, *Gluesniffer's* in Durham. Eleven drinks and one awkward kiss later and I had a password!

I was amazed at what I found. There were links to actual pictures of the model kits, so it was even better than I thought. I'm delighted to now share with you the five worst-selling car model kits of all time. You should note that they're *all* tie-ins to something — TV shows, public figures, whatever — so that should be a hint to the model companies about what doesn't work.

Here we go:

5. The ALF Ferrari 328 GTS

This one was based on some ALF episode where the alien puppet gets (and seemingly trashes) a Ferrari. I guess ALF just didn't have the sort of draw you'd expect

in the Italian sportscar-enthusiast community.

4. Bob Newhart’s Olds Delta 88

I feel a bit bad about this one because I actually like Bob Newhart — but I’m not really surprised. The 1976 Olds Delta 88 model isn’t exactly the most exciting thing in the world, and I don’t think there was a lot of overlap between Newhart fans and people willing to tediously assemble a model of an Oldsmobile.

3. Morley Safer’s Monster Dragster

I actually remember reading about this one years ago. For a while in the 1980s, CBS really wanted to push *60 Minutes*’ audience younger, since I think they were skewing towards the died-three-years-ago crowd. In a woefully misguided attempt to do this, they tried making the reporters on the show appealing to kids, like suggesting that Morely Safer had a dragster he’d drive around. Unsurprisingly, no one bought into this, though Andy Rooney’s Rocket Sled did sell respectably in the Northeast.

2. L. Ron Hubbard’s Talking Impala SS

The Church of Scientology tried a lot of novel outreach programs in the early ‘90s,

including this L. Ron Hubbard-themed model kit that included a small voice chip that played 32 Hubbard quotes when you pushed down on the car’s hood. It’s not known if there was any ties between Hubbard and the Impala SS, but over 70,000 of these were made. Most are still in a Van Nuys warehouse to this day.

1. The Bureau of Labor Statistics Chevy SSR

In 2005, there was a program where lesser-known government agencies attempted to gain a higher public profile, and this model kit, commissioned by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, is from this program. It was an abject failure. None were sold, and 10,000 given away across the country at county fairs and post offices were almost exclusively left behind or otherwise discarded.

Interestingly, the Bureau of Weights and Measures model kit of a Ford Aspire GT sold quite well, and can still command good prices on eBay today.

UPDATE: I may have made all this up. We’re still looking into it.



Five model kits to avoid like the plague! Or not?



As model builders, we've all had times where we've looked at the model kit and thought – "that is gonna be awesome" – only to be disgusted with the build later on. Well, here is a small list (probably one of many to come) of models that are HIGH on my do-not-buy list. There are in no numeric order, but are a must pass... I think?



#5 — AMT Ford Mustang Mach 1

This is one of the worst kits I've ever built... and when I say *built*, I really mean "*put together in the best way possible, only to throw it away soon aft*". And there is a lot of reason to hate this one. The suspension is rubbish; the plastic is very cheap feeling; there is more flash than needed; the engine is small for the engine bay; the mach one scoop/shaker doesn't work with the hood; and the decals, IMHO, are terrible. It was like they had ZERO quality management in the production of this one and it shows with each step.

OPTIONS : Revell makes a 69 Mach 1, but it can be pricey. It IS worth the extra to buy it, however. You can also buy the Revell Boss 302 which is very similar to the Mach 1 CHEAPLY at Hobby Lobby.

INVESTMENT : This one has been around for a while, but it does have a few iterations, so for now, it is only a medium level investment. However, it is a better investment than a build by leaps and bounds!



#4 – AMT 1971 Ford Mustang

Mustang again, huh? Yup. This one is truly an abomination. I'll start by saying that the front end is all wrong. If you look at the pics below, the light housing looks more like a '73 (left) and so does the grille shape, while the directionals look like the '71. The grille is also too small; disproportionate to the directionals; and the symbol isn't quite right.



Add to that an engine bay that is a cavernous hole with the small block; a poorly detailed interior; and an awful decal set, and you have a model that isn't worth the price to advertise it. All of this would be enough, but the rear taillights and grille setup (yeah, the 71-73 Mustangs had a "grille" of sorts in the rear) is also oddly shaped, positioned incorrectly, and flat-out ugly to look at. About the only good thing about this one is that there aren't many '71-'73 model kits out there (Revell has none). That said, it is also a shame not to have a better example of this killer 'Stang.

Options : Really... none. The '73 made by MPC/AMT has front issues too and the rear-end is just as bad (see pics below) – the valance is too thin; the lights aren't curved enough; and the gas cap looks as big as the taillights (give credit to [Randy](#) for making the best – and best I've seen – of this garbage model kit). There just aren't any others to find out there. I would give good money for anyone who knows of a spot-on kit for the '71-'73 Mustangs.

Investment : Well, the fact that it is a sham of a car means nothing to non-auto enthusiasts, so the '71s becoming more and more scarce should make for an "ok" investment. The '73s were just reissued recently and unfortunately they didn't change any of the problems with the poor design quality – so not a good investment either.

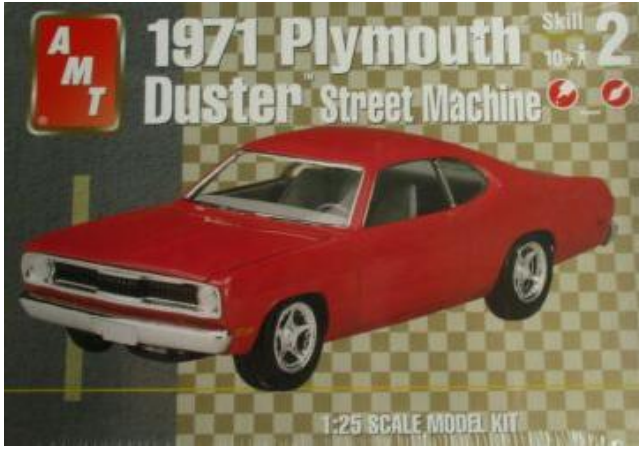


#3 – Revell 1968 Pontiac Firebird 400

You will not find too many Revell model kits on my list of "not-buys", but this is one I'd stay clear of if possible. The biggest reason is the rear taillights. They are shaped COMPLETELY wrong for the scale and I've tried to get it right for years with no luck. They made the holes so they have to be trimmed to fit the red inserts and when done, they are just TOO big for the rear panel. On top of that, I've had problems with missing pieces (on open kits), hoods with improper fit, rims being too small, and overall quality. It is a shame as there are few Firebird kits to choose from anymore, and this is a heck of a car IRL.

Options : There aren't any. If you want a model of this car, you are stuck with this "fair" kit. I've seen worse, but it really doesn't look right when done. I'd recommend the 1969 AMT Firebird over this one for an authentic look.

Investment : Giant win here. There just aren't that many left AND there are only 2 or so versions produced. Right now they are \$25 or better and I'd wager they'd be in the \$40s or more in the next 5 years (unless there is a reissue). They are just *that* rare.

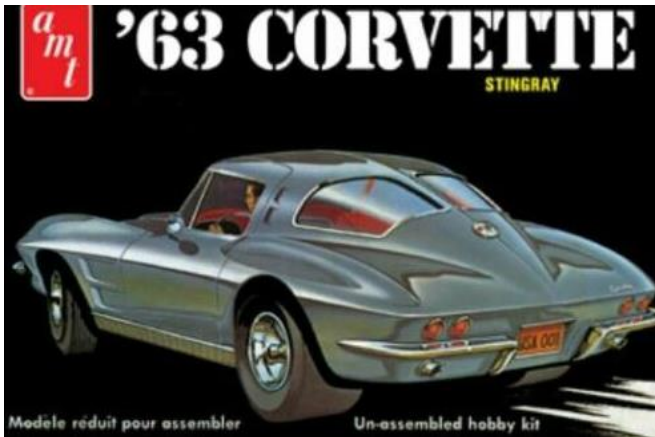


#2 – AMT 1971 Plymouth Duster Street Machine

This one is a *bit* different than the other kits. The kit itself is a relatively good facsimile of the 1971 Duster 340 kit made by AMT. However, this kit has a fun surprise to it. Most “street machine” kits have add-ons to stock pieces, but for the most part, you can build the stock vehicle. This one does not. It has a 488ci Dodge Viper motor, Viper rims (which look terrible), 90’s era tires (which look truck-like), and so on. This is a FUN kit if you are looking for something different and super custom, but for stock... this is a lemon.

Options : Obviously just buy one of 4 AMT ’71 Duster 340 kits. They are everywhere and at reasonable prices (Hobby Lobby will sell ya one for \$18 with coupon).

Investment : The good news for this one is that I believe it is a great collector item. There aren’t many of them and they made only one “run” of them. I can’t see them not being collector items in the future.



#1 – AMT 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray

This one is a piece of crap in sheep’s clothing. One of *THE* most coveted Vettes in history, the ’63 split-window, is a gorgeously awesome ride. This is NOT an gorgeously awesome model kit, however. The one above, a recent reissue, is worse than the original. The plastic is cheap, full of ruts and flash, and its overall fit and finish is near bottom rung. I’ve had issues with the chrome, the wheels, the tires, and the glass too.

Options : My choice was to buy the 1965 non-split-window with the 396ci V8. It is NOT as cool, but because it is a Monogram, it is a really decent kit. The ’67 427 coupe by Revell is also fantastic. The AMT ’63 Convertible is a shade better, but not by a mile. It seems to have a few less flaws with glass fit and finish and has easier overall fit. If you **HAVE** to have a great copy of this year, you may want to look for a dealer promo or a die cast.

Investment : POOR. They just reissued this car recently and they are like spiders in Australia – EVERYWHERE. Between the poor quality and numbers, it just isn’t good right now. What it IS, is a super cheap build if you need one.

So there you have em... five kits I think you can stay away from building. Some ARE good investments, but I think they are terrible builds – such that they will not been seen on here. I have other kits I’ll mention in the future and I’ll be posting other reviews for kits that ARE terrible, but are good enough to build just the same.

Comments or questions, just let me know!

David

Icons of Scale: The Coolest Chevy Model-Car Kits of All Time

Plus some blooper and blunder kits released along the way.

Steve Magnante Dec 16, 2019



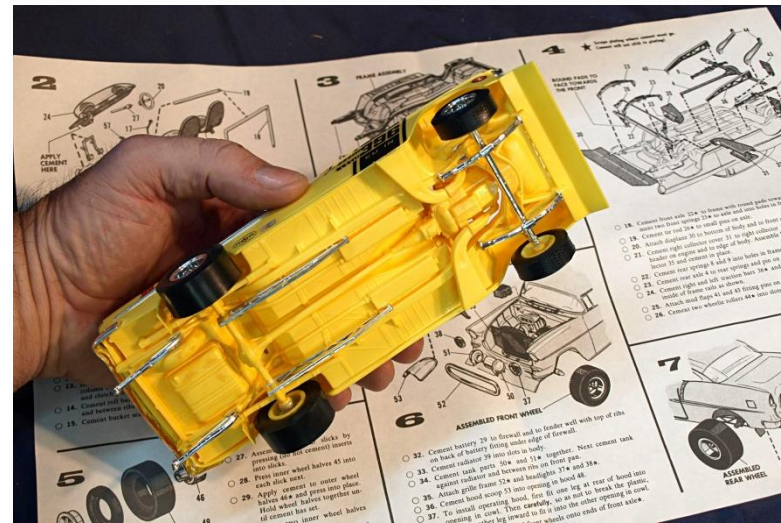
For enthusiasts of a certain age, building a model-car kit—or multiple kits—was a rite of passage. But regardless of when you were born, it's a fact that many car fanatics from Detroit designers to local mechanics still slap together scale versions of their favorite cars. They're often a first point of entry into enthusiasm for a brand, and they're also an excellent way to exercise car-tinkering instincts when we're otherwise unable to do so. I've been a model-car fanatic for nearly half a century, and my very first model car kit was a Chevy (as mentioned below). Though I've built models of plenty of other machinery, here I've conjured a humble list of what I consider to be the five most influential Chevy-themed model kits. Read on to rekindle fond memories, learn about some models you've perhaps never heard of before, or maybe even trigger a model-car purchase.

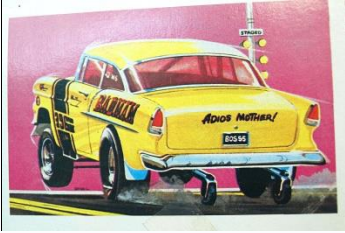
Badman '55 Chevy Gasser by Monogram

As if its bright-yellow plastic parts, Boss 302-inspired "vertagonal" fender graphics, mile-long traction arms, front beam axle, wheelie bars, and chromed in-grille Moon tank weren't enough to bend my 10-year-old mind when I first saw it in 1974, the 1:24-scale Badman gasser's key features were its translucent red windows and hood scoop. Taken together, the finished kit tickles the retinas without the need for paint.

Like most Monogram custom car kits of the early 1970s, the Badman was designed by [Tom Daniel](#), one of the team that ["put the hot in Hot Wheels" a few years earlier at Mattel](#). Though mature eyes now see the kit's many inaccuracies—its 6-71 supercharged V-8 is connected to an incorrect three-speed manual transmission and the "396" engine has conjoined exhaust ports like a small-block—none of it takes away from the Badman's overall cool factor. I've purchased at least 10 of them over the years.

The original box art (on right in the top photo) featured brightly colored illustrations with a fictional Winternationals cover showdown against another '55. Around 1977, kit photographs replaced the box art illustrations as President Jimmy Carter's administration bolstered truth-in-advertising laws. The goal was to crack down on misleading packaging in toys and other items targeted at kids. Moving forward, kit makers were forced to show the actual contents of the box—for better or worse—thus the photographic depiction on the newer box that's on the left.

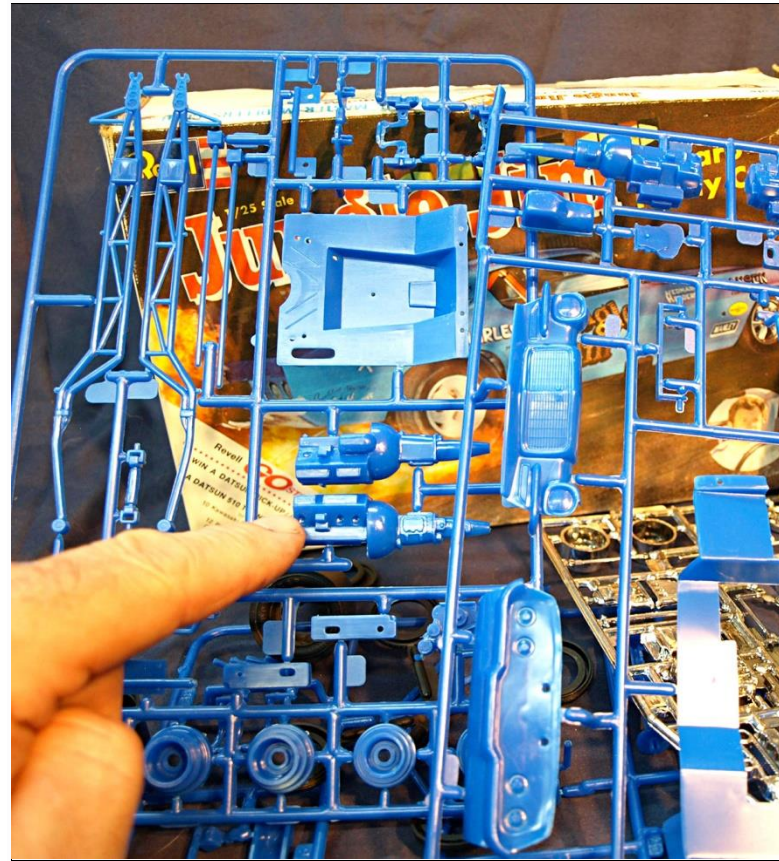
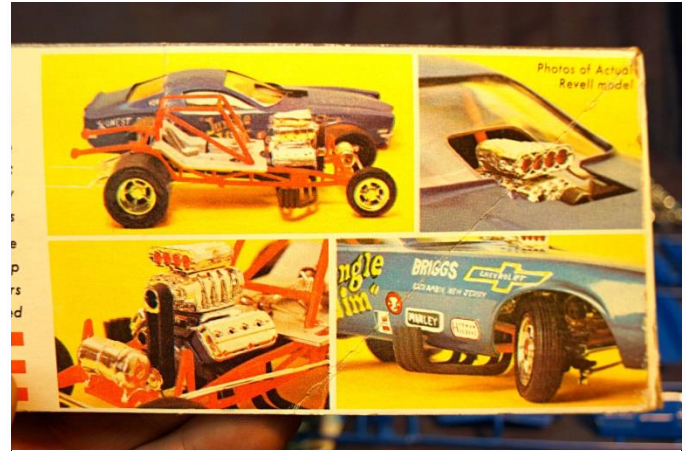




Jungle Jim Camaro Funny Car by Revell

Revell was already well known for dozens of highly realistic plastic model-car kits by 1971 when the very first of many Jungle Jim Funny Car kits was released. But unlike the exquisite Skippers Critter Anglia gasser, Mooneyes Dragster, and Mickey Thompson Challenger land-speed record kits from the mid-1960s, the Jungle Jim Camaro Funny Car is not one of them. Seemingly designed by Revell's B-team—or at least less-skilled apprentices—it suffers from heavy-handed details, chunky workable steering, and a poorly proportioned Camaro body shell. Worst of all are the super wide, cartoon-like slicks and flash-encrusted five-spoke chrome wheels.

So why is this abomination one of my top five? Simply because it time warps me back to the very first day I ever wore corrective eyewear (glasses). I was 12, and after years of shirking a proper eye exam (I knew I needed glasses since I was eight, but I feared the geeky stigma that came with them), Mom finally cornered me. To ease my unhappiness, she bought me this very Jungle Jim Camaro kit on the way home from the optometrist. Thanks to my new glasses, I fully enjoyed the fire burnout box art. In the years since, glasses have served me very well, of course. Thanks, Mom!



Twister Chevy Nova Altered Wheelbase Funny Car by AMT

I'm a few years too young to have seen AMT's groundbreaking altered-wheelbase Twister Chevy II Funny Car as a new model on the hobby store shelf. When these things were the hot deal in the 1967-69 period, I was still pushing Matchbox cars through piles of mashed

potatoes. But that hasn't stopped modern-day reproductions and re-releases from setting things right.

When new in 1967, AMT whipped up a simple pan-type chassis with a shortened wheelbase to suit reworked (with altered wheelbases and hood scoops) body shells of its '66 Mustang, '65 Falcon, '66 Mercury, '63 Tempest, and '65 Chevy II. After plugging in a suitable Ford, Pontiac, or Chevy engine, AMT had something for Funny Car fans to build without spending a ton on multiple chassis and suspension tools.

The Twister isn't an exact replica of any particular real-life race car, but with its stubby wheelbase, Hilborn eight-stack injected Rat, front beam axle, and gutted interior, its less-is-more vibe captures the Match Bash aesthetic perfectly. I got my first Twister as a built-up parts car at a model-car swap meet around 1981. But after Model King re-released the once-rare kit around 1999, anybody with \$30 could build their very own Match Bash Nova with factory fresh plastic.



Funny Hugger II Camaro Funny Car by AMT

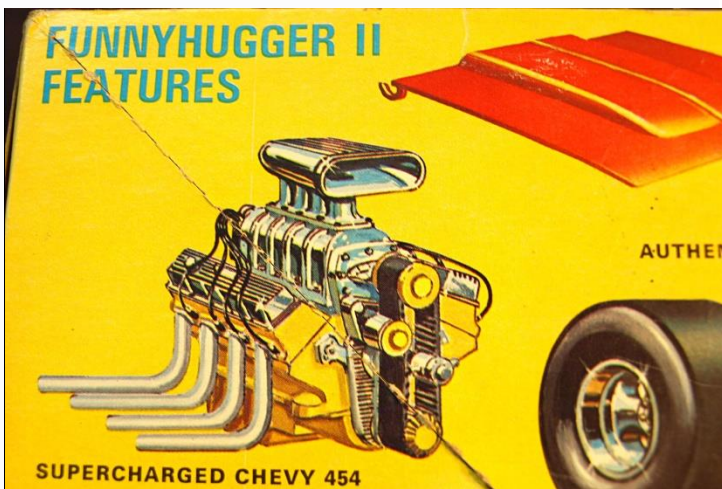
With the successful launch of the hastily rendered Twister Nova and others, AMT decided to spend some real money on fresh Funny Car subjects. Among them were the Funny Hugger, a 1967 Camaro flip-top kit released around 1970, and the Funny Hugger II, the 1969 Camaro flip-top featured here, which was released around 1972.

I bought my first Funny Hugger II in 1973 at the local drug store and remember being mesmerized by the exciting box art illustrations. Then again, without a single photographic image of the kit hiding inside the box, it took a leap of faith to make the purchase. But me and my model building friends generally knew the AMT brand logo—as well as MPC, Revell, Monogram, IMC, and JoHan—was trustworthy from past experience. Lesser brands—Palmer, Hawk, and Lindberg—had to be approached with caution. Their fanciful box-art illustrations often concealed terrible model kits and sometimes showed components that weren't included in the box.

Like virtually all AMT kits (and many from MPC), the Funny Hugger II required paint, but with a twist: While its body shell was rendered in pure white polystyrene and needed coloring, the tube chassis was molded in metallic silver. It was something I'd only seen in AMT's huge fire truck and military model kits of the day. But



when the re-release hit the scene around 2005—once again courtesy of Model King—the gray was gone, undoubtedly to simplify manufacturing.



1970 Chevy Monte Carlo by AMT

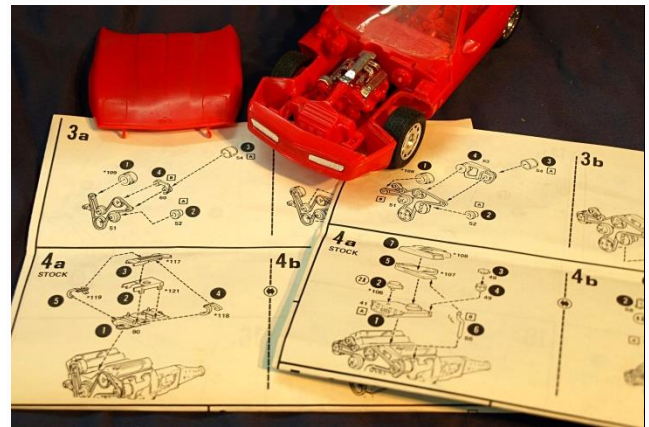
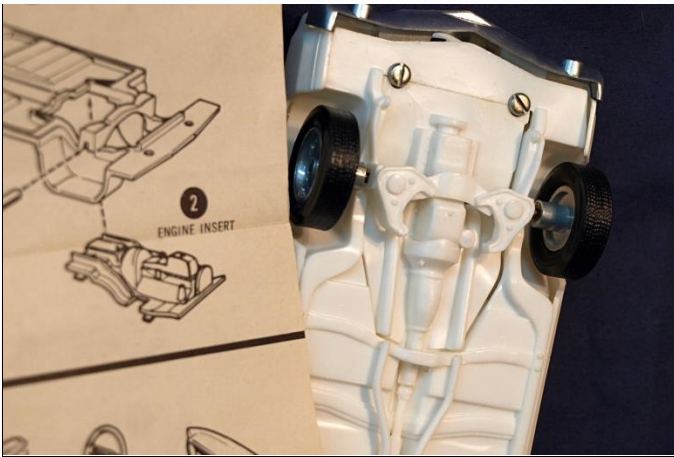
This was my very first 1:25-scale plastic model kit—ever. The year was 1972, I was eight years old and Mom wasn't convinced I was ready for stinky (and toxic) model cement just yet. AMT's screw-together 1970 Monte Carlo was part of its short-lived Motor City Stocker Series (which also included simplified replicas of five other American cars from the 1970 model year). Priced at \$1.00, the Motor City Stockers combined the external realism and detail of a \$2.25 glue kit with the simplicity of a snap-together dealer promotional toy.

As soon as I pulled its big 1:25-scale body from the box, the pre-assembled 1:64-scale Hot Wheels, Matchbox, and Corgi cars I'd been playing with, collecting, and trading with my friends suddenly seemed so lame. I remember examining the kit's Rally Wheels and marveling at how they looked just like the real ones I saw in traffic every day. The same held for the grille, speedometer, and dual exhaust system.

The only downsides were the sealed hood and engine plug between the front wheels. But they only served to make me even more curious about the world of glue-together model kits where miniature replicas of just about every Chevy ever made seemed to be available at the local hobby shop. It all started with this kit!



found in specially marked boxes, while the normal run was molded in black plastic. I remember being amazed by the crisp detailing of the suspension and chassis.



Honorable Mention: C4 Corvette by MPC

Despite taking a beating from the video-game arcade boom of the late 1970s, the domestic model-kit industry continued to hobble along into the 1980s. One of the bright spots was MPC, who doubled down with a series of strong model offerings that reflected popular tastes. One of MPC's best kits of the time was the C4 Corvette.

Not only was the real-life motoring world excited by America's totally renewed sports car, MPC reignited model builders' curiosity with new levels of detail and accuracy. To help fan the flames, MPC released a limited run of 1984 Corvette kits molded in metallic gold. They were



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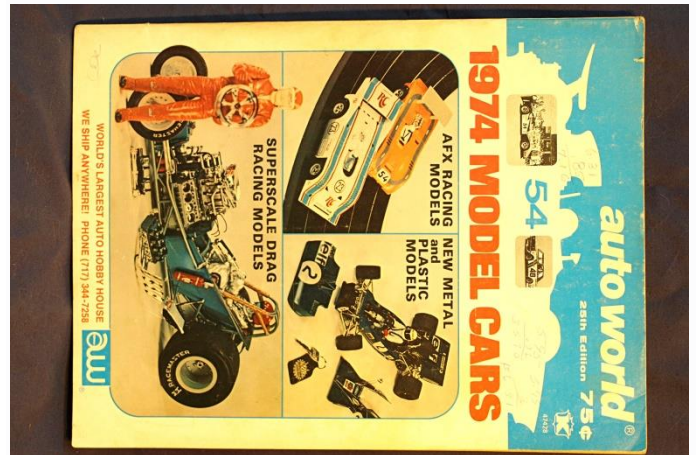


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Chevy Chevette by MPC Since it takes roughly the same amount of money and resources to take a model-car project from idea to reality no matter the make or model—about \$500,000 in modern funds—you'd expect modelmakers to shoot for the stars every time. When MPC released this Chevette kit in 1978, plenty of hobbyists complained that the effort should have been expended on literally any other Chevy product.

Whether this model kit was a knee-jerk hangover from the days when MPC automatically released yearly kits of significant annual models or a brave experiment to put some mpg in MPC, we're sure the project wasn't a grand slam like MPC's 1978 Pontiac Firebird Special Edition or *Dukes of Hazzard* General Lee Charger—both of which broke the million-unit mark.

We have to ask, was the Bear Bait graphics and decal theme a shrewdly calculated tie-in to the big rig/CB craze of the mid-1970s or was it a last minute "think of something—*anything*!" Hail Mary so the kit wouldn't bomb on its own terms? While the resulting kit is a very decent replica of Chevy's T-car, MPC management took a huge risk green-lighting such a mundane kit during the rocky road that was the kit industry of the 1970s.



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Model Mercantile Market
"Wanted or For Sale" section...

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: Dave V. left a bag of rims on the table for Virgil, but he wasn't there took them. Dave forgot to take them back with him and is still lookin for them. If anyone finds or found a Ziploc baggie with wheels and tires on the meeting tables, contact Dave @ 516-381-4874

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.

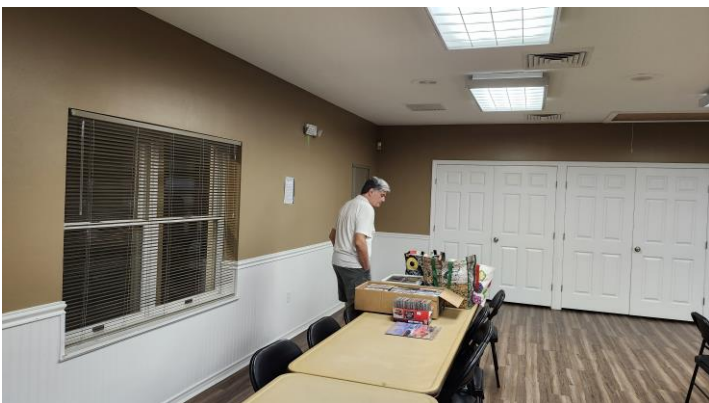
WANTED: Vortech style superchargers, blower superchargers from 2007/2010 Shelby GT500 and Revell Ford Mustang Mach III concept car, and turbochargers. 1/24th and 1/25th scale.

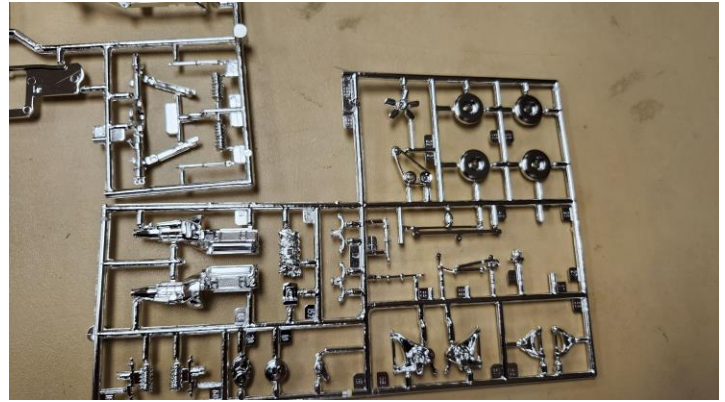
WANTED: Revell/Monogram '82-91 Firebird/Trans Am front hood, front glass, 2x rear glass, and rear taillight. Need these to restore recently acquired parts kits missing these pieces. If you have a full kit or 2 I'll take that too.

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

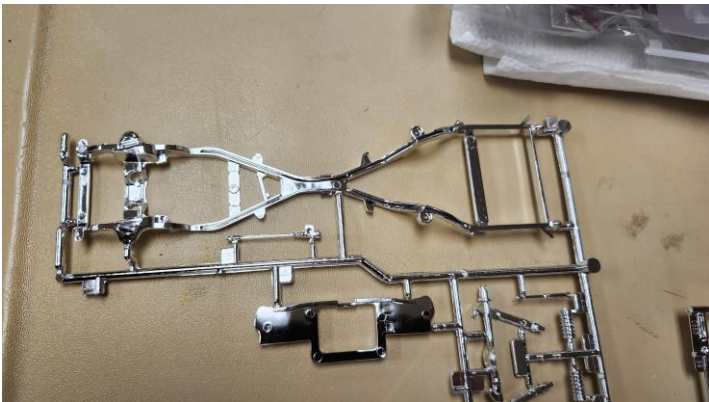
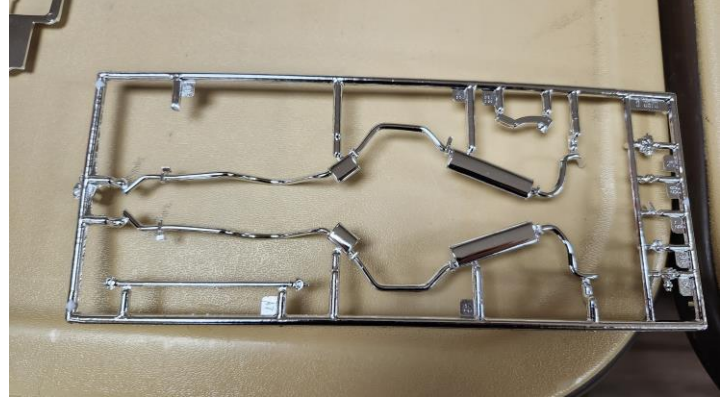
September 2024 Meeting pictures







One of our guys plunked down on a LE of the Revell 64 Impala, with additional chrome plated parts sold exclusively at Spotlight Hobbies



Annual auction





L.I.A.R.S leadership going over things like MCC plans and financial status





Works of art from yours truly





Seagraves Bros



And the rest of our crew





And now... to cap it all off with spooky classic rods:

BOOT HILL EXPRESS Monogram quality hobby kits

1/24 scale hobby kit/wild hearse custom show car with skeleton, six-gun and 10 gal. hat



And the absolutely horrifying rides you wouldn't want to be seen dead in...



See you all at the mtg!

LIARS Annual (2024) INPUT AND PROFILE 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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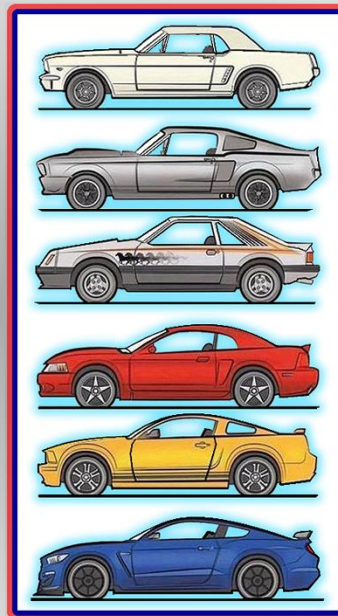
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AGENDA:
 7:00 AM - VENDOR SETUP
 9:00 AM - CONTEST REGISTRATION
 AND
 VENDOR TABLES OPEN
 12:30 PM - REGISTRATION CLOSSES
 3:00 PM - AWARD CEREMONY

**MODEL REGISTRATION
 and
 ADMISSION FEES:**
ADULTS - \$15.00 FOR FIRST 5 MODELS
 - \$1.00 EACH ADDITIONAL MODEL
JUNIOR - (12 AND UNDER) **FREE**

GENERAL ADMISSION FEES:
ADULT SPECTATOR \$5.00 ADMISSION
JUNIOR SPECTATOR - (12 AND UNDER) **FREE**

★ **SUB-THEME** ★
TRI-FIVE CHEVROLETS
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 LIARS website - (www.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com)

★ Please refer to our web page for show rules, vendor applications,
 and to download our show registration forms.