

The Parting Line

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Enjoying our 29th Year

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From the Presidents Workbench

Summer may be gone but not our club spirit as demonstrated by our August meeting turnout. We extend a big **thank you** to Humberto Garcia for opening his business, MPG Auto Body, for our club meeting. Check out the photos later in the newsletter for a glimpse of the action. Once again, the Algonquin Township Office remains closed to the public for the month of September. As a result we will be holding our September meeting at the home of Doug DeMars. You will find meeting details later in this newsletter. **Thanks Doug!**

Primer makes a difference, choose wisely...

I am hoping that the club members are showing the same spirit with their December contest build. Personally, I'm making progress, though not as much as I'd like. I had been spending more time wrenching on my Corvette.

If you recall from last month's newsletter article, I've been prepping the '72 Nova body for paint. But before I spray it with primer, I wanted to investigate the effects that the primer color has on the color coat and share my finding with you. Some modelers say that it has little or no effect while others claim there is a significant difference. I have referred to Don Yost who is best known for his instructional DVD's on painting and building show quality model cars to get his expert opinion on this question.

Don takes 4 different hoods and paints with black, dark gray, light gray, and white primer (sorry no primer red). He then follows up by painting each of the hoods with Stop Light Red Metallic, a Testors color. The results are significant, yielding four different shades of metallic red.

Since my plan is to replicate my first car, Burnt Orange is my color of choice. Based on Don's and my own experimentation, I will be spraying the body with a light gray primer followed by 10 mist coats of Dupli-Color Orange Mist (which is close to GM's Burnt Orange).



Clearly the primer you use will make a difference in the shade of your color coat. Choose wisely...



Happy Modeling,
Craig

September Show-N-Tell



Fall Regular meeting:
Pure Stock & Drag Racing

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Model Industry News & More from the VP

By Dave Green

Wow here we are into September. Where did the year or summer for that matter go? Really strange with no shows, swap meets or very few club meetings. Really appreciate the use of Kenny's and Joe's homes and Humberto's shop for meetings. It's nice to get out of the house during this Pandemic. Cannot wait until things get back to normal or at least as close as possible.

Well there are some new or rather reissues coming this month and next month. First off, I want to tell you about MPC's much awaited reissue- Bill Grumpy Jenkins Vega Pro Stock. This kit has never been re-issued before now and is getting low on stock at supplier's warehouses. Most hobby shops knew this would be an issue and ordered a large order. But with demand they are running short. Round 2 has started a 2nd order and expect them to sell out just as quickly. This 2nd run is not expected until late October or early November.

For the construction equipment builders the International Payhauler 350 is available. Now for the car builders and show car builders there several new re-issues. MPC has the 32 Chrysler Imperial Convertible coupe with all of the parts restored from the Gangbusters issue. This is available now. Also from MPC is the TIKI Trike show car/bike (?) which also is available now. In the same series is the show rod of the LIL Gypsy Wagon show rod.

Coming in early September is the Deutz D30 farm Tractor from Revel of Germany. AMT has the 69 Ford

Torino Cobra fastback. AMT also has the 1957 Ford T-bird (1/16), and 1995 Mitsubishi Eclipse. From Revel will be a re-issue of the 62 Chevy Impala (formal roof), a 78 Chevy Camino and a new tooling of a 71 Plymouth GTX from the Fast & Furious movie (Dom's car).

Available soon is a 64 Plymouth Belvedere hard top with 2 engines, a slant 6 and a V8 (not a Hemi) This kit was originally released as a Polar Lights kit. Now has been rebadged as an AMT kit. No changes from the Polar Lights version just re badged- AMT.

October will see the 65 Ford Galaxie 3in1 gasser, the "Jolly Green Gasser from AMT. Tamiya is trying to fill the void left by Testors with some new colors. For the US market only is a pearl blue spray TS89, a black rubber spray TS82, a decal set "Mark Fit Strong" decal solution TAM-87135 and a black panel line accent color TAM-87131.

For the book collectors are 2 new books by Tim Boyd; Collecting Drag Racing Model Kits (\$32.90) and Collecting Muscle Car Kits (\$29.90) both due out in early September.

Look for the new paints from Revel at your nearest hobby store. They were due out in the US in August.

So for now stay safe, wear your mask and social distance.

Stay Healthy and Happy Modeling,
your VP. - Dave

Last Month's Meeting Notes...

By Joe Salzburg

- The August Club Newsletter was sent out, so ALL of our Club Newsletter, "The Parting Line" published by Craig Zaplatynsky... made it to all our members, club and manufacturer contacts last month.
- Our 2020 "Mobile Club on Wheels" moved to its THIRD location as we moved South this time... In Algonquin to be specific. Our hosts this time was Humberto and Bibi Garcia, as we met at Humberto's NEW "MPG Body Shop" on Route 62 (Algonquin Road).
- There were several club members there, which maybe FREE pizza lured a few more this past month? And who could pass that up? Humberto and Bibiana provided pizza and drinks for EVERYONE.

We met in Humberto's shop where he rented tables and chairs for the meeting too. Nice touch!

- Mike Marchese and Joe both brought in sides and desserts for everyone as well.
- Three of the four Officers were in attendance, as Craig was on vacation with his family. Dave took over running the meeting for Craig with Ken and Joe assisting.
- We had a bit of Club Business, with some NEW Hobby & Industry News from Dave. Show & Tell was fun with Humberto's Shop counter filled with models!
- Our Monthly Club Raffle finished up a very hot & humid, but comfortable (Inside) August club meeting.

Views from the August meeting...



UPCOMING NEWS & Business for the September C.A.R.S. in Miniature Club Meeting:

• **The club will be mobile again for September as we meet at our 4th NEW, Temporary location at C.A.R.S. in Miniature member, Doug DeMars home in Geneva, IL. Doug's address is 750 Division St., Geneva, IL. 60134**

- Doug can accommodate 8 to 10 people, so we should be good. Doug's wife is going to get Pizza for everyone. We will have drinks as well. If you'd like to, please consider bringing a snack or dessert to pass.
- Club Secretary, Joe will NOT be able to attend due to his dad's 80th birthday that day. All of the other officers will be in attendance.
- We will again feature Club Business, Show & Tell and our Monthly Club Raffle! See you all this Saturday!

Observations from Joe's Workbench

As the seasons change... is the desire building?

And Yes, that is a definite play on words... Typically the change of season for Midwesterners, sparks many of us model car builders to return to building if they've been away from it during the Summer season when the nicer weather pushes us towards outdoor activities. I often write about that around this time of the year. Perhaps what's been different this year has been the COVID-19 pandemic as it has basically squashed many of the "Real" Automotive activities like car shows, cruise nights and other things related. Let's face it, many of us like to visit a local cruise night or go to a car show in the area to see old and newer cars. These types of events help inspire us. Yet there are other things missing too.

The major Auto Shows have been canceled one after another leaving NEW CAR DEBUTS relegated to the internet. We are seeing several NEW car reveals on the internet however... Seemingly the ONLY place you can find the NEW car debuts... Often debuting on Facebook. We've seen the ALL-NEW Ford F-150, the NEW Ford Bronco, Ferrari's F8 Tributo, the NEW Jeep Grand Wagoneer and the badass RAM TRX 1500... Amongst other new cars. With MORE of the International Auto Shows on hold, look for MORE NEW vehicle announcements soon! Including the preview of the ALL-NEW Nissan Z-Car on Sept. 15th! Tune in Online!

Walmart engine paints... This may be known to "Car Guys"... But perhaps NOT to Model Car Guys... I found

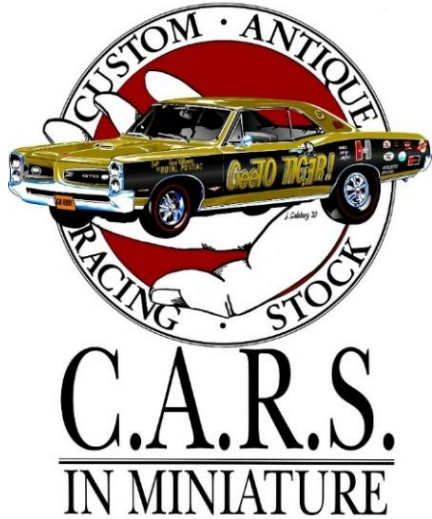
this out recently one of my AMC buddies, but Walmart sells Seymour Martin Engine paints per paint code. You can get them in a quart or in an aerosol spray can. I recently ordered the AMC Blue Caravelle Metallic in aerosol cans, a case of six. Each was about \$7.00 each. A terrific deal totally! Check it out. You DO have to order it ONLINE ONLY... It's NOT sold in stores. I've used the paint on my REAL engine as I recently restored my engine in my '68 AMC Ambassador SST Coupe.



Joe's '68 Ambassador SST with the restored 343 Typhoon 4bbl engine

I also used some on my scale model engine... It works just as well as either model scale or real scale. Check it out for yourself (Photo Below). I'm not sure if EVERY engine color is on there, but you can guess Ford Engine Blue or other manufacturer colors are available as well. Good Luck in your search and get some engine paint laid down!

Happy model building!
Joe



2020 Show-N-Tell Themes



- January** – What's on Your Workbench?
& Past People's Choice Entrants
- February** – Vehicles in Red & cars you LOVE
- March** – Not from here: European & Asian Cars
- April** – My favorite Kit & Cars in Song
- May** – Auction Night
- June** – Odd Scale & Metal
- July** – Build Night - Kit bashing & Customs
- August** – Build Night – Straight Out of the Box
- September** – Pure Stock & Drag Racing
- October** – Big Screen & TV Vehicles
- November** – Auction Night & Nominations
- December** – Gen-X, Vehicles 1967 -1982

The Kit Review Corner...

Revell 1969 Opel GT 1/32 scale vintage kit review, by Joe Salzburg

Skill Level: 3, Number of Parts: 25, Price: About \$17.00 and Up.

News This kit is a re-issue of the original old Revell 1:32nd scale Snap-Together kit from back in the day. The has been reissued by Revell of Germany as a well, Not quite a Snap-Together, but a Glue-Together kit? Well it's a Level 3 Build Kit, so one would guess that this kit SHOULD have some level of difficulty. But really, I don't think so. First off, the level of detail is very minimal.



There is a total of 25 pieces to the kit with a simple, but interestingly waterslide... Not Peel & Stick decals. The body has minimal engraving and not very good engraving. There are NO separate lights or lenses. The

"Pop-Up" headlights are closed with decals for the side marker lights and the tail lamps.



You will also NOT find any chrome in the kit. The bumpers and wheels are molded in a gray. The body, interior tub, dashboard, seats, chassis, inner wheels and axles are all molded in an orange. The front bumper/grill and rear bumperettes, along with the steering wheel are molded in gray. The four tires are molded in a rubber/vinyl and there is a one-piece clear unit for the glass.

The chassis as you might guess is fairly simple, with holes for the large plastic axles and all the usual things (Exhaust, driveshaft, gas tank, suspension, etc.). Thick plastic axles stick through the chassis holes and plug into the rudimentary wheels supplied.



The interior is simply a dashboard, two seats and the tub. All go together relatively easily as you might guess. Yes, again this is based on the old "Snap-Together" kit from '69, but glue of course is best to be used to ensure the interior parts do stay put. Detail in the tub is minimal at best... EXTREMELY minimal. So adding detail of any kind, would certainly help this model with more realism. Seats have NO seatbacks, but the instrument cluster does have some promise as it has a good shape



with some detail AND... AND... there are actually details for the instruments, radio and HVAC controls. Seriously... For some reason, Revell-Hobbico seemed like they wanted to try and make this kit more than what it actually was or is. That being a basic children's Snap-

Together kit. The steering wheel takes you back to what this kit is, as it's a very basic 3-spoke wheel that could have been used for any number of Revell 1:32nd scale snappers of the day.

Assembly is quick and easy, but when it comes to final details, as in the chrome... Remember... There is none. You will have to either spray them a "Chrome" type of paint or Bare Metal Foil them, etc. etc. Otherwise, they are a medium gray color that the parts are molded in. Any detail in the grill or the wheels will have to be done on your own. There are no side view or rear-view mirrors. No tail pipes. No detail like that. However, the decal sheet comes to the rescue again with not only the marker and taillights, but also ALL the emblems and center caps for the minimalist 5-spoke wheels.



All in all, this again is a very simple reissued kit that came out in 2016 from Revell-Hobbico. If you are looking for something more detailed, simply buy the 1:25th scale AMT kit from several years ago. That is a true Level 3 or 4 Glue kit with ample detail, including an engine. But for something of a quick-build, or something small and cute for the shelf. Or if you are "Superfan" of this car... Which let's face it... For many of us, it was like a "Baby Corvette" with its styling way back when. Hardly a Vette, but still a great looking little sports car from Opel.

Get Building!

Joe Salzburg...

Vintage CARS in Miniature Club Shirts

We have several extra club shirts left from over the years. Extras that we ordered back in the day and items we STILL have to sell!

ALL items have been marked down and ALL proceeds go directly to the Club's Treasury to help fund our activities!

Here are the remaining items listed with the quantity, design/color and sizes.

Sweatshirts: (\$12.00)

- (1) White / 10th Anniversary Shirt Md

Polos: (\$10.00) (1) Red / '69 2XL

T-Shirts: (\$10.00)

- (1) Black / '67 GTO 1XL
- (2) Red / '69 Mustang - Sm
- (1) Red / '69 Mustang - M

Hats: (\$5.00) (1) Grey / Black Logo

Kit Reviews

If you have recently completed a kit or opened a kit to evaluate the difficulty, send in your thoughts.

Tech Tip of the Month - provided by Craig Zaplatynsky

Not all of us have a large collection of model car bodies and hoods for performing color test sprays. The use of styrene plastic spoons for this type of testing paint is an easy and inexpensive way to go. The key here is that the spoons should be made of styrene plastic. Though the styrene plastic spoon is not exactly the same material as your model, it's close. Spray both sides of the spoon to get an idea of how the color reflects light.

Be sure to indicate with a sharpie the primer and color you used on the unpainted handle for future reference.

Club Dues are Due

Club DUES are due for 2020, and most have renewed their dues for the year. As of right now with the current situation, we haven't pushed club dues. If you haven't paid your 2020 club dues you can still do so by sending a check made out for \$20.00 to C.A.R.S. in Miniature. Mail it to:

C.A.R.S. in Miniature
C/O Ken Kellner
404 Wimbledon Trail
McHenry, IL 60050-5290

Club Demos

We are looking for modeling related DEMOS for 2020! If you have a technique that helps you with your builds, or a slick trick for detailing your build, regardless of how big or simple, please share it with the club.

Please share what you know! We'll publish it in the newsletter!

The Lil' Swap Meet

Wanted: Revell '67 Corvette 427 convertible kit that anyone would like to sell or trade. Contact Craig Z.



BUILD BETTER MODELS



The Club Event Calendar

September 2020

- September 12th... C.A.R.S. in Miniature Club Meeting
- September 26th... IPMS/Nordic-Con 2020, Veterans Memorial Community Center, Inver Grove Heights, MN robertmaderich69@hotmail.com
- September 27th... Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show, DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL Info contact: (630) 969-1847 or Email: pthpowerinc@aol.com

October 2020

- October 10th... C.A.R.S. in Miniature Club Meeting
- October 18th... Countryside Collectors Classic Show, Park Place of Countryside, Countryside, IL www.uniqueevents.com
- October 24th... Circle City Model Show & Swap Meet

- Oct 31st... Winnebago Area Model Classic at the Hilton Garden Inn, Oshkosh WI WIWAMclassic@gmail.com

November 2020

- Nov 1st... Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show at Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI www.uniqueeventsshows.com
- November 14th... C.A.R.S. in Miniature Club Meeting / Auction Night
- November 14th... Butch O'Hare Model Contest & Swap.
- November 15th... Detroit NNL **CANCELED!**
- 2020 SEMA Show in Las Vegas **CANCELED!**

December 2020

- December 12th... C.A.R.S. in Miniature Club Christmas Party (**UNDER REVIEW, stay tuned for details**)

Hope to see everyone at Doug's place for the September meeting!

For the month of September, the CARS in Miniature meeting will be temporarily held at the home of Doug DeMars.

750 Division St.
Geneva, IL



2020 Club Officers

President, Craig Zaplatynsky
Vice-President, Dave Green
Secretary/Chapter Contact, Joe Salzburg
Treasurer, Ken Kellner
Newsletter Editor, Craig Zaplatynsky

C.A.R.S. in Miniature



Club meetings occur on the second Saturday of each month at 7:00 PM
Algonquin Township Offices
3702 U.S. Highway 14, Crystal Lake IL



On-line Modeling Resources

(please note that some of these businesses may not be operational during the pandemic)

| Business | web site | offerings |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Altered States Models | alteredstatesmodels.com | resin bodies, parts (drag racing only) |
| Bandit Resins | banditresins.com | short track resin bodies, decals |
| Best Model Car Parts | ebay.com/str/bestmodelcarparts | dashboard decals, resin kits |
| Big Donkey Resin | bigdonkeyresin.com | short track resin bodies, decals, parts |
| B-N-L Resins | b-n-lresins.com | resins parts, engines |
| Car Tech Auto Books | cartechbooks.com | automotive reference books |
| Competition Resins | compresins.com | resin bodies, parts, decals |
| Custom Squads | customsquads.com | police and emergency vehicle parts |
| Dean's Hobby Stop | deanshobbystop.com | kits new & old, decals |
| Fred's Model World | fredsmodelworldonline.com | model kits new & old |
| Futurattraction | futurattraction.com | Ford Fairmount bodies & accessories |
| Jimmy Flintstone Studios | jimmyflintstonestudios.com | resin bodies, accessories |
| Kaucher Kustoms | kaucherkustoms.com | resin bodies, references |
| Morgan Automotive Detail | madmodeling.com | resin parts, bodies |
| MCW Automotive Finishes | mcwautomotivefinishes.com | resin bodies, paint |
| Micro Mark | micromark.com | tools, supplies, resin & plastic kits |
| Missing Link Resin Casters | missinglinkrc.com | resin bodies/kits |
| The Model Car Garage | modelcargarage.com | parts, photoetch |
| Model Roundup | modelroundup.com | model kits new & old |
| Motor City Resin Casters | motorecityresincasters.com | resin bodies, resin kits |
| New Century Hobbies | newcenturyhobbies.com | paint, Gofer decals |
| Perry's Resin Replicas | perrysresin.com | resin bodies/parts |
| Polecat Decals | polecatdecals.com | short track decals |
| Resin Realm ??? | resinrealm.net | resin, resin kits, parts |
| Round 2 | round2corp.com | kits - AMT, MPC, Polar Lights, Lindberg, Hawk |
| Slix Decals Inc. | slix.com | decals |
| Southern Motorsport Hobbies | smhracing.com | resins, model kits, decals |
| Speed City Resin | speedcityresin.com | resin bodies, parts |
| Spotlight Hobbies | spotlighthobbies.com | kits, decals, diecast |
| Ted's Modeling Marketplace | tedsmodelingmarketplace.com | kits- new & old, paint |
| TNT Hobbies | tnthobbies.com | Race car resin kits only |
| Whoopie Kat Decals | whoopiekatdecals.com | drag racing decals |