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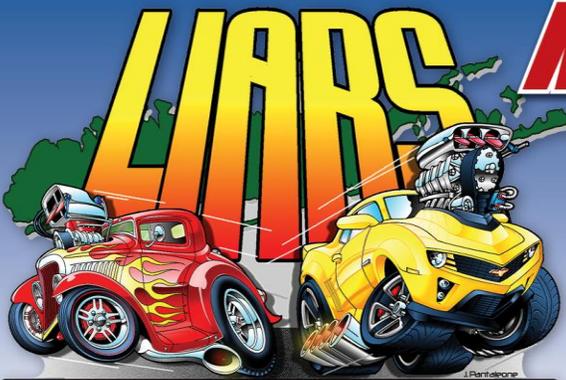
LIARS *MODEL CAR BRIEFS*

Meeting themes:

"Skhool Bus hot rod and other school municipal vehicles"

Annual club auction

Discuss further planning for our club, show, addressing "road bumps"...



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2025

MODEL CAR CHALLENGE

LIARS

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NOVEMBER 8th, 2025
FREEPORT REC CENTER
130 EAST MERRICK RD. FREEPORT NY 11520
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WALK INS - \$5 for ADULTS
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MODEL ENTRY - \$15 (first 5 models, \$1 for each additional model)
Junior catagory - **FREE!**
MORE INFO
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NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY September 18th @7:30 PM

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...

LIARS Web Page <https://www.longislandautoreplicasociety.com/> [LIARS- Car Model Building Club | New York](#)

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MCB Contributors: Richard Manri, Dominick "Mickey" Gerace, Bill "Doc. V" Murray, Paul Drago, Ernie Finamore, Gary Weikert.

From our LIARS Unofficial Official

Hello again and welcome to September! The weather is cooled down considerably these past few weeks, let's hope it stays like this. I for one love it!

Show preparations are moving along swiftly! I cannot thank enough, the members who are pitching in and getting things done! Mike Saccente did a great job selling Vender Tables! Paul Drago created all new club forms and they are beautiful!

Paul also created a preliminary flyer so we could get something out there! Greg Hunt was working on the show flyers also. Pauline and John Pantaleone revamped our new club website. The new site link has been posted in this newsletter as you've seen the first page.

And last but not least, and most importantly our treasurer, Donna Seagraves! She has tirelessly gone

back-and-forth with me on the phone to nail down all of the particulars and get things ordered, like the trophies!

I'd like to thank Joe Salierno for storing the bins from our show containing all the important stuff from our show, like leftover trophies, table, signs, and registering equipment.

And thank you, Lenny Cromwell for updating "The In Memory" of Award plaque.

I spent the last two weeks working 16 hour days, I could not have done this without you all!

If you have an idea or suggestion to make, please inform our committee during meetings or contact our board members via their phones and/or emails. If there are any issues at the meetings or regarding other club matters, please inform us and we will handle them to the best of our extent.

Also, please try to bring a canned good to donate for the center. We've all been guilty for being sporadic about

this, but let's think about those who are much less fortunate than us.

Thank you very much and see you at the club meeting!

Your unofficial official,

Dominick "McMonte" Gerace,



Remember those folks who made a difference in your life in 2024 (good or bad) and use the lessons learned to be a better you. Life is made up of people, events and decisions. 2025 is a time to start fresh. So surround yourself with good people, be active, happy and make remainder of 2025 great. Richie.

Some Words from the Editor At Large

I apologize for any absences in responding to people. I got caught up in many things and work, doing dozens of local dental/orthodontist pickups with my new car which takes time and mileage on lease. I've managed to get a few more builds done, some of which were started and held up since June due to humid hot weather.

As for the MCB and memos, I got everything people have submitted and the flyer PNG from Dave Vhers and John.

I had a few last min submissions that jumbled up the formatting in MS Word and that took time to reformat and correct so no major errors turn up

last min. It seems Word does not like importing from other older word files with pre formats as one of the articles was a major PTA to reline up and organize as every time something was moved or added everything else would badly jumble up and corrupt. Hopefully everything will look fine in vertical view on phones and stuff, but in the future if anyone has a digital article please, only provide text and images and I will format the rest as Word seems to not mess up with manual formatting and spacing.

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Got more people with stuff for the MCBs, thanks to Paul Drago and Gary Weikert! If anyone else have something to contribute or whatever, please do and send it over!

This month, build theme is school municipal vehicles and the Tom Daniels Monogram S'chool Bus.

We're also having our annual auction to raise funds for the club events and MCCs. Paul Drago has made a rules sheet for the auction for those to catch up on what's going down and all. Bring what you can for the auction per the rules set. Try not to have too many Nascar kits for the auction, as those never sell and the committee gets stuck with them for little gain.

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

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LIARS CLUB AUCTION: RULES as of 2025

1. On the day of the auction, absolutely NO SELLING of merchandise between members is permitted.
2. All items are model related and should be things that someone might actually want to buy. No old spark plugs or welcome mats etc...
3. All items will start with a minimum bid. This would be a fair price, but not ridiculously cheap. The person donating the item can place a note with the suggested minimum bid, OR can be determined verbally, by the auctioneer before bidding starts.
4. If the minimum bid is not reached, the item will then be removed from auction and returned to the owner.

5. All winning bids must be paid in full immediately after winning. No IOU's or other BS. Anyone who wins a bid and does not pay, will forfeit the item which will be sent back to be auctioned off again.
6. Additional rules may be implemented before the Auction starts pending a majority vote, or if the President says so.

The rules are binding and all participants agree to abide by said rules when making any bid, offer, or contribution of goods. Rules subject to change. The club president has supreme caprice over any decisions, or conflicts which may arise. All sales / winning bids are FINAL. NO returns. NO refunds. This is done solely to help raise money for the club. Be fair, be a good sport, and please support the club. And above all HAVE FUN!

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They DO exist!

by Paul Drago

I often have dreams of visiting a hobby shop in places I've never seen before. I always wonder if such places really exist. Well, I've found TWO such places, one of which is REAL and the other is NOT. Let me explain.....

In July, I visited family in California, and had the privilege to visit three major car museums. I can write an entire article about these places, but for

purposes of the article I'd like to focus on the hobby shop inside the LIONS foundation drag racing Museum, in Compton, LA. The LIONS Museum is a tribute and re-creation of the famous LIONS drag strip that was in the area and closed in the 70.s Many famous and historic race cars reside there.

They have re-created the starting line of the track which includes the actual guard rails, grand stands, timing tower and starting line Christmas tree. Cars are lined up and look ready to race. The beautifully painted murals on the surrounding walls add the finishing touch making this a very realistic and all-encompassing display. But it doesn't end there. The museum features an entire "main street" including a movie theatre with marquee, Barber shop, Arcade, Music store, and yes, an old-fashioned HOBBY SHOP!



The hobby shop is something out of a dream because upon seeing it, almost everyone (my age) can identify with how it is set up and the items on display. Now this is an "installment" so you cannot enter the store; rather it is designed as if you were walking along main street and happen to see it and look through the window. You can see old wooden shelving. Planes hanging from the ceiling. Model kits everywhere. Rare old kits especially the cars. There is a fully assembled model of the Monogram Big Tee 1/8 scale kit on the counter top. There's a revolving wire rack with almost every Revell "parts Pack" in

the front window. Large 1/8 scale car kits at the top of the shelves. There's a section for vintage aircraft kits; made by Aurora, Renwall, Monogram, Hawk.... the list goes on and on. (I wish I had the key to open the door! Lol)

Later, In August I attended the PGI: Pyrotechnics Guild International, yearly Convention. Yes, this is another hobby of mine and I'm sure it all started back in the day when model cars were blown up with firecrackers, and set on fire. In order to host an international Fireworks convention, it is usually held in remote parts of America, and this year it was in IOWA. To my surprise driving down main street in Ames Iowa, there before my eyes is something out of a dream. A store with a large sign "THE HOBBY SHOP" and yes, this one is REAL!

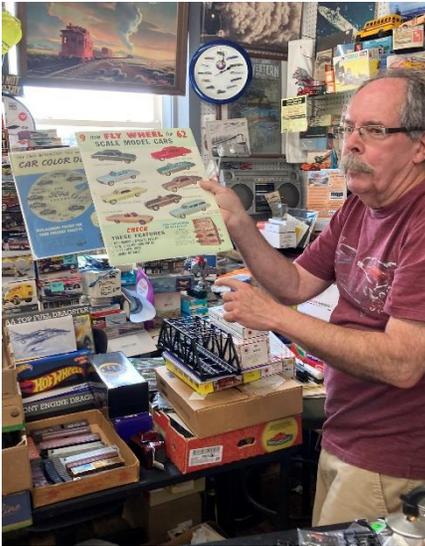
I spent a good amount of time just looking at the front window display before I walked in. There's many planes suspended from the ceiling. The store appeared to have just about everything a hobbyist could want. It literally was a one stop destination. I met the owner; Mr. Mike Templeton and he told me the store was first opened in 1949 by Earl and Zita Noid. A new owner took over in 1979 then sold it to Mike in 2016 After he retired from the Union Pacific Railroad. Since then, he has expanded the selection of merchandise.



This is how the store appears today and the original store front in 1949



Mike is like a historian of the hobby. His passion is obvious, and he speaks from experience of being involved in all phases; ranging from Military planes and vehicles, slot cars, model cars of all years and makes.



artwork that is preserved in excellent condition. The AMT Friction car display was particularly interesting: Back in the day AMT supplied a cardboard stand that would hold all the current year Promo style, friction cars. He also had a Ford car color duplicator card.



Original vintage kits are proudly displayed behind the counter: which was really more like a combination work bench, showcase, and time machine. As we were talking, a train passed by and I saw it through the back window. It was very close to the store. Mike knew the specific information and train history which I found fascinating. It was easy for Mike to remember because he grew up with, and later worked with the Railroad until his retirement. I met another gentleman who was a frequent customer, and the conversation just got more interesting. This is a true Hobby Shop that is real, and I had a great time visiting there.

There's also model rocketry, and a nice selection of publications. He showed me actual advertising

Unique Die cast vehicles



The store front that says it all



One of the Vintage toy vehicles



In addition, Mike mentioned there is an HO Model Railroad group that occupies upstairs, and the train layout pretty much covers the second floor of the building! Next time I visit I will make sure to see it.

Mr. Templeton also buys and sells vintage toys, trains, and diecasts. You never know what you will find.

The store location is 200 Main Street, Ames Iowa 50010. Phone (515) 232-6321.

Email: mike.templeton2016@gmail.com

So, I ask you: How many Hobby Shops do you know that are still in business after 76 years? Owned by a retired Railroader with 37 years seniority, has a Model Railroad covering the second floor, and has the East-West Mainline from Omaha to Chicago a stones throw from the backdoor? Now all it needs is a pot belly stove, a few chairs and IM THERE!

MODEL CAR FUN

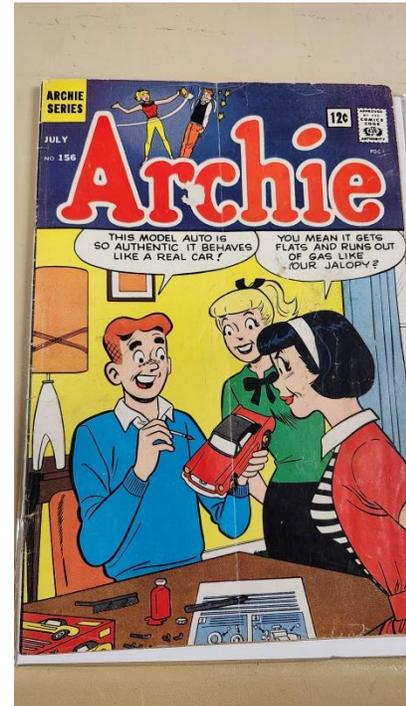
by Gary Weikert



I was a young teenager in 1965 and had a paying after school job. I was a Newsday carrier delivering the daily afternoon paper to 50+ customers in my area. So, with earnings at about \$6 weekly, I could pretty much buy what I wanted without having to ask my parents for money.

And what I liked was Car Magazines, Comic Books, and Model Cars. AMT had the biggest variety of kits and all ranging in price from \$1 for the Craftsman Jr. line of kits, to \$1.49 for most of their lines of kits, with the priciest ones at most \$2.

I also enjoyed reading comic books, then costing a mere 12 cents each. And since comics also had plugs and storylines involving growing popular trends of the time, I found one line of comics that combined two of my best interests.



As an example, check out these 2 comic books featuring Archie and Friends, Americas perennial teenager. On one of the issues, he's building a model of what looks like the then-new Ford Mustang, with commentary from his 2 on and off-again girlfriends Betty and Veronica. On the other Archie issue, he's racing a slot car against Veronica's Father.

It's evident that model building and slot car racing was at it's peek in the mid-1960s. Most of the male students I knew at High School back in the day build model cars, and the luckiest ones had both models and slot car sets of their own.

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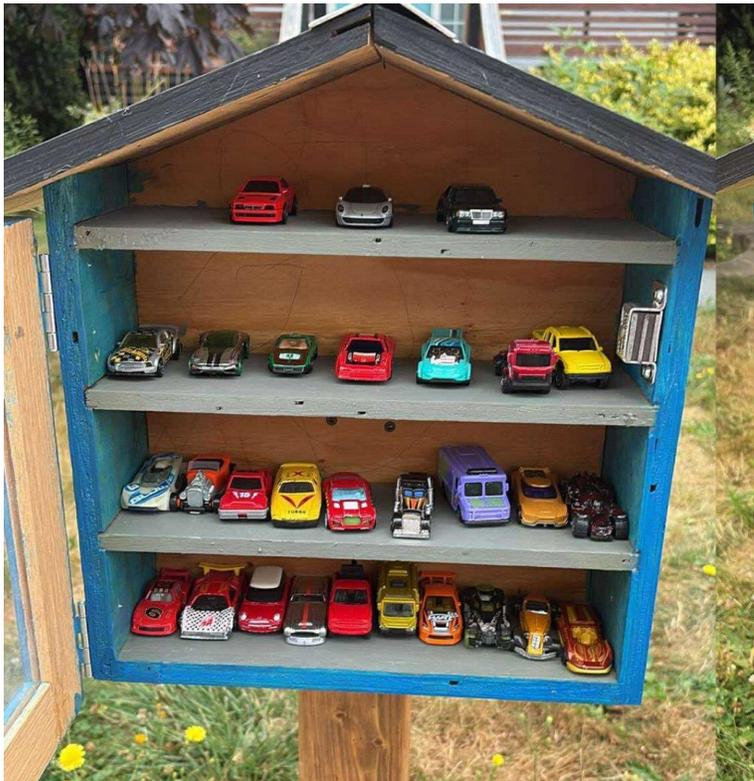
Unfortunately, none of the original model kits and slot cars from my youth have survived to the current day, but I have spent a good portion of my older life and career wealth in getting back most everything I once had back in the day and then some. Overall, I think I'm winning!

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This Hot Wheels Lending Library Is Proof That There's Hope for Humanity

This toy car "lending library" is so elegant that we don't even need to explain the premise.



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You've heard "[leave a penny, take a penny.](#)" The concept is not unique, but that doesn't necessarily make it less compelling, and it's the premise of

this toy car "lending library" in Nova Scotia, Canada. It was a father-son effort put together by [Dads Diecast Den](#), which you can find [just about anywhere](#) on social media.

It's exactly what it sounds like: a small box on a pedestal in "Dad's" front yard, but rather than being filled with books, it's full of diecast cars. What's there to explain, really? Officially, the "[Little Free Library](#)" has existed since 2009, but a rudimentary version of this concept has been around far longer than that; the organization itself attributes the original idea to Andrew Carnegie. That means it officially took 15 years for somebody to come up with this wholesome crossover. It's about time.

And let's be honest: [Diecast](#) cars aren't [just for kids](#). You'd certainly be hard-pressed to find a member of the automotive media that doesn't have at least one scale model car [on their desk somewhere](#). Your author alone has a half-dozen on display at any given time.

As for the library itself? Well, if you don't live in the far eastern provinces of the Great White North, it's probably a bit out of reach. But if you'd like to foster automotive enthusiasm amongst your neighborhood kiddos, the 'Den offered the following advice to those who might be inclined to build one themselves:

To keep it safe from theft, vandalism, and general misuse, here are 10 practical and community minded tips:

1. Keep It Visible

Place the library in a well lit, high-traffic area where neighbors regularly pass by. Visibility discourages bad behavior.

2. Build It Sturdy

Use weatherproof and durable materials.

Reinforce the structure so it can't be easily damaged or broken into.

3. Install a Camera or Dummy Camera

Even a visible fake camera or "Smile, you're on camera" sign can deter theft and vandalism.

4. Get Kids Involved

When local kids feel ownership, they help protect it. Let them help stock or decorate it, they'll look out for it too.

5. Create a Steward or Rotation

Assign a few community members to check on it weekly. A quick check in keeps things tidy and deters misuse.

6. Post Friendly Rules

Clear signage helps:

"Take One, Leave One. Please Be Kind."

Positive messaging often works better than threats.

7. Build Community Awareness

Let neighbors know about it via local social media, flyers, or block chats. More people watching = more protection.

8. Coordinate with Local Patrols

If you have community policing, let them know about the library. It's a good project they might help keep an eye on.

9. Make It Personal and Loved

Paint it with bright, welcoming designs, maybe even have local kids paint it. Vandals are less likely to damage something clearly cared for.

10. Remove Rare/High-Value Cars

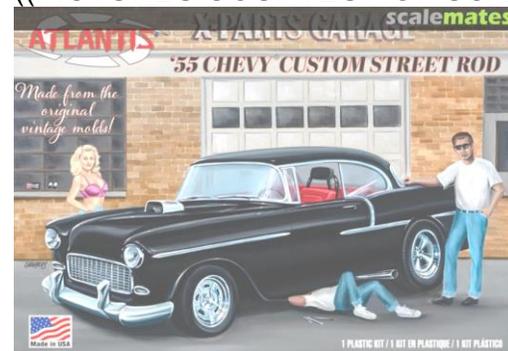
Keep it stocked with fun, accessible

Anyone heard this one is coming out from Atlantis?

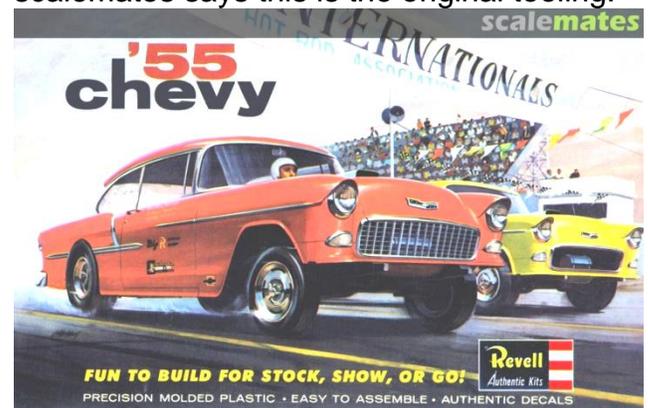
By: [Mike L](#)

Found out about this one on scalemates. Posted on September 3, 2025.

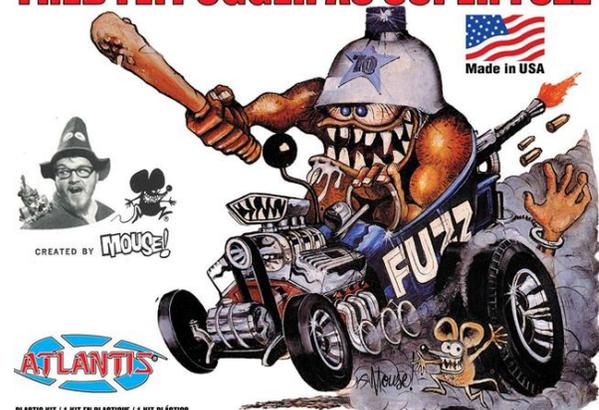
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scalemates says this is the original tooling.



FRED FLYPOGGER AS SUPER FUZZ



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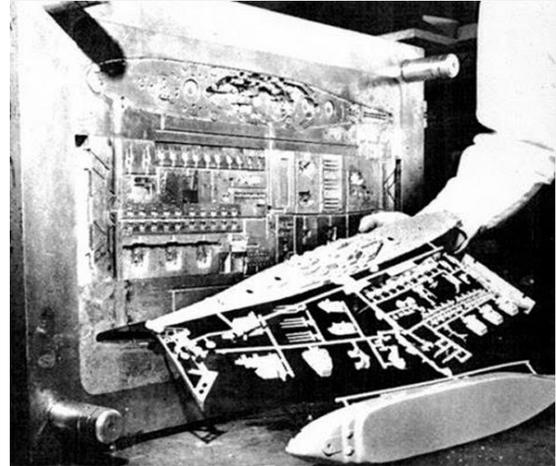
A Historic Rescue Effort After the 2018 bankruptcy of Hobbico and the sale of Revell's assets, many vintage molds faced destruction or indefinite storage. Recognizing the significance of

these molds (many dating back to the 50s and 60s), Atlantis's founders, Peter Vetri and Rick DeFavero, negotiated to acquire hundreds of molds stored in Revell's Elk Grove, Illinois facility. These included tooling from Revell, Monogram, Aurora, and Renwal, covering subjects from aircraft, ships, and cars to military vehicles, figures, and sci-fi themes. This acquisition was far from a straightforward transaction, however. The molds represented decades of history, meaning Atlantis faced some pretty big challenges, including tooling damage, loss, and aging from years of moving and neglect. They were committed to saving these molds from being scrapped for material value, though, eventually preserving a priceless legacy for our modeling community.

Restoring and Modifying the Original Molds

Among the most challenging molds to restore were the original Aurora sets, famous for their monster figures and prehistoric scenes. Many Aurora molds were damaged due to a notable train derailment incident during their transfer to Monogram in the late 70s. Some mold halves were frozen in ice and mud, and many included beryllium copper inserts hardened to extreme levels, making them exceptionally difficult to repair or modify without risk of warping. Restoration required meticulous cleaning, damage assessment, mold base rebuilding, and preservation of original detail. Adding modern surface detail, such as raised panel lines, was often impractical due to the hardness of mold components, with acid etching used sparingly. Some kits benefited from reverse engineering or

retooling when original molds were beyond salvage, such as prehistoric animal models.



Updates

for Modern Builders While keeping original shapes and details intact to satisfy collectors and purists, Atlantis also made thoughtful modifications to improve kit assembly and presentation, including:

- Introducing clear parts for windows and windscreens where none previously existed.
- Upgrading decals with accurate, vibrant images, including collectible cards reminiscent of original packaging.
- Maintaining snap-fit designs for easier building experiences, especially prominent in the Aurora monster series. Notable Reissues and Product Lines Atlantis's portfolio boasts a wide range of re-issued kits from three brands. Aurora: Classic monster figures like the Glow Mummy and Wolfman, prehistoric scenes including Saber Tooth Tiger and Cave Bear, and sci-fi kits. These releases retain the charm and approachable builds that made Aurora famous. Revell and Monogram: Iconic aircraft such as the B-24J Buffalo Bill, classic American cars like the Tri-Five Chevies, and various military vehicles and ships. These kits, often decades old, were refreshed with

modern decals and re introduced with vintage-style box art.

https://bringatrailer.com/listing/ferrari-v-12-colombo/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2025-09-09

No Reserve: Ferrari V12 Wooden Scale Model

This wooden scale model is based on the Colombo V12 engine used in the Ferrari 365 GTB/4 Daytona and was fabricated by the seller over a period of three years. The model is constructed from several variations of wood depicting the carburetors, intake trumpets, valve covers, cylinder heads, engine block, distributors, oil filter housings, and clutch assembly. This wooden V12 scale model is now offered in San Jose, California, with a walnut base.



The scale model was fabricated and assembled by the seller using multiple pieces of wood with varying finishes, cables, and wire joined together with stainless steel hardware to resemble the V12 engine used in the Ferrari 365 GTB/4 Daytona. The model is 1:1 in scale and measures approximately 37" long by 24" wide and 26" tall with an estimated weight of fifty-five pounds. Details include an engine block, cylinder heads, a generator, and a water pump.



The model is topped with six sculpted carburetors along with velocity stacks and throttle linkages. The valve covers are constructed with walnut and feature polished brass trim and Ferrari-style branding.



Dual oil filter housings are mounted at the front of the model, while twin distributors and a scalloped wood block in the shape of a clutch pressure plate are secured at the rear. Decorative fasteners and clamps wear a contrasting finish and are shown up close in the gallery.



The piece is situated atop a walnut base with a hand-rubbed oil finish.



A Certificate of Authenticity will accompany the model.



Ferrari V-12 Colombo Engine Model by Greg Stirling - Front View



Ferrari V-12 Colombo Engine Model by Greg Stirling - Rear View



V-12 Colombo Head Assembly - Time Lapse, by Greg Stirling



Model Mercantile Market

"Wanted or For Sale" section...

WANTED: Stock wheel and tire for AMT '64 Chevrolet Covair annual kit or promo.

Contact John Heyer at oldie383@gmail.com or his cell phone 631-575-6923.

WANTED: CAR MODEL Magazine May 1974 issue. Will pay \$20 for it in excellent condition.

WANTED: AMT 1969 LINCOLN unbuilt kit. Will buy or have many vintage kits available for trade.

Contact Gary Weickart at 631-581-5834 or gweickart@aol.com.

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

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

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

WANTED: Revell/Monogram 1971 Plymouth GTX "Shaker" hood and scoop.

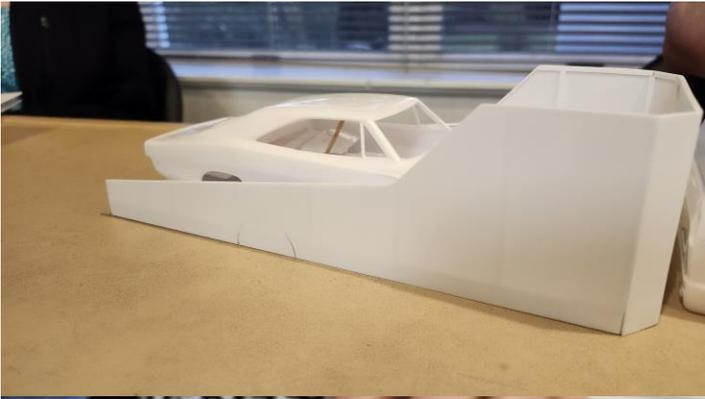
Contact Richard Manri @ 631-589-6876 or his email picorro93@gmail.com to negotiate price or trade for the three above.

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August 2025 Meeting pictures























Maybe we can get some more builds done in between leaves mowing and November show planning!



Fall and cooler weather is here!



LIARS Annual (2025) 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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