

LEND A HAND AND BRING A CAN!



• LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICA SOCIETY •

Meeting themes:

"Annual Auction"

Discuss further planning for our club, 2026 show, addressing "road bumps"...

MCB NEWSLETTER

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**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY
September 17th @7:00 PM!**

**Henrietta Acampora
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Scenes from the August 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 34th 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**

LIARS Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/people/LIARS-Long-Island-Auto-Replica-Society-Model-Car-Club/100057442748403/>

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From our LIARS Unofficial Official

Hello everybody! Things have been kind of busy lately and I don't have too much to report this month. First off, I would like to thank everyone, Donna, Dave, Lenny, among others, who filled in for leadership duties due to my absence from the August meeting.

As of dictating this newsletter article into my phone, we are exactly 2 months away from the LIARS Challenge! Joe Salierno gave me an

updated list of our current supplies and what is needed. Mike Saccente has been working on selling out our tables. We have sent out letters to various entities and shops regarding sponsoring for trophy packages. If anyone is still interested in purchasing a trophy package, please inquire within. There are plenty of class selection slots left.

For the October mtg, we will likely do a show tally up list of things that are done, need to be done, and how

many members will attend and roles they may be given.

If you have anything to donate for the club auction, bring it on down. Try not to bring too many Nascar kits (these still don't sell or can't be given away at show raffles) and keep the item offerings automotive or model car themed. If you have nothing to put on the auction table, then bring some cash and buy some stuff! Main thing is have fun!

I hope you are all working on your Monte Carlo for the club build! Mine is moving near the finish line! Our show will be here before you know it!

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.

That's it for now! Thank you again to everybody! I could not have done this without you all! See you Thursday!

Your unofficial official,

Dominick "McMonte" Gerace,



Remember those folks who made a difference in your life in 2025 (good or bad) and use the lessons learned to be a better you. Life is made up of people, events and decisions. 2026 is a time to start fresh. So surround yourself with good people, be active, happy and make remainder of 2026 great. Richie.

Some Words from the Editor At Large

Unlike last month, I will have some builds finished by the time this MCB goes out. Once again, got swamped with stuff and life, yet as usual, have 100s of builds lined up and still buying more deals and parts projects.

This issues on the lighter side and a bit late due to lack of suppliers and waiting on a corrected submission or two. Hopefully next month will be different...

Now that things are finally cooling off and the wretched summer humidity waning down, optimal days for building and getting long in the tooth projects done?

AFAIK, we still have slots open for those who want to purchase a trophy package. I'll probably be putting in a package or two like I did last year. The year's going by quick!

From what I understand, Donna Lee and Will Seagraves are moving to another state. We will likely need to scout out a new treasurer soon as

there's rec center and renewal stuff coming up.

If anyone else has something to contribute or whatever, please do and send it over before to the second Saturday of the month!

Don't forget the auction!

See you all Thursday!

This Week in Scale Car Modeling: A Wild Digger and Some Very Tiny Hood Pins

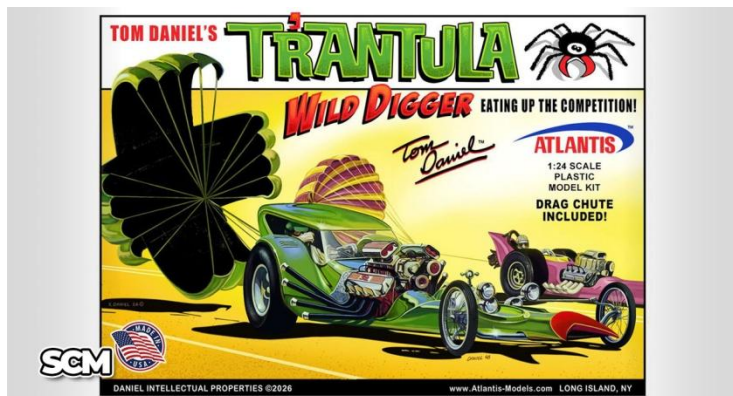
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Not every week brings a brand-new supercar kit or freshly tooled racing legend. Sometimes the hobby hands us a spider-themed dragster from 1968 and 48 extremely small hood pins.

Honestly, that is difficult to complain about.

Here is what caught our attention in 1/24 scale for the week ending September 11, 2026.



Tom Daniel's Tarantula Wild Digger Returns

Atlantis Models is bringing back one of the stranger creations from the golden age of American show-rod kits: the Tom Daniel Tarantula Wild Digger.

The newly listed 1/24 kit is scheduled for release in January 2027. It is a reissue of the Monogram model first released in 1968 rather than completely new tooling, but this is one case where familiarity is part of the appeal.

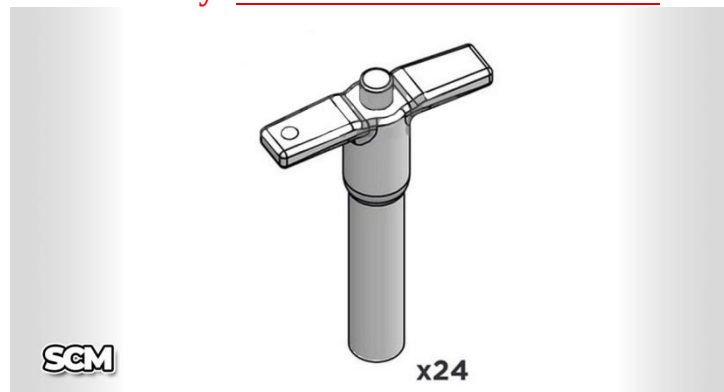
Tom Daniel designed some of the most memorable fantasy vehicles ever turned into plastic kits. His creations were not concerned with practical matters such as trunk space, fuel economy or whether a human being could safely see over the engine.

The Tarantula Wild Digger follows that philosophy nicely.

Its centerpiece is a front-mounted, supercharged 427-cubic-inch Ford V8. Spider-leg exhaust headers extend from the engine, giving the dragster its distinctive arachnid appearance. The kit also includes a deployed drag chute, which opens the door to a more active display instead of another perfectly clean car sitting quietly in a parking space.

AMCM6737 Atlantis Model Tom Daniels' Tarantula Wild Dagger Dragster Show Rod

Where to Buy: www.BrookhurstHobbies.com



Tiny Hood Pins Get the 3D-Printed Treatment

At the other end of the size spectrum, Decalca has introduced two universal quick-release hood-pin sets for 1/24 and 1/25 race cars.

The first recreates PIP-style quick-release hood pins. Each set contains 24 3D-printed pins with handles measuring approximately 1.6mm.

The second offers T-handle quick-release hood pins. These also come in sets of 24, with handles measuring approximately 2.4mm.

Both sets are scheduled for October 2026.

These parts may be tiny, but they can make a noticeable difference on racing models. Molded-in hood pins often look soft or oversized. Replacing them with separate pieces adds depth and creates more convincing shadows around the fasteners.

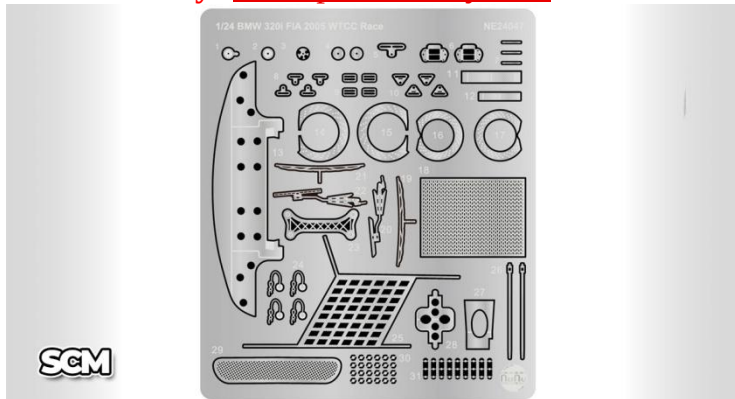
Because the sets are universal, they can be used on touring cars, rally cars, endurance racers, drag cars and other competition builds. You are not limited to one manufacturer or one specific kit.

DCL-PAR189 Decal Cast Quick Release Push Pip Pin

Where to Buy: www.platz-hobby.com

DCL-PAR188 Decal Cast Push Button Quick Release Pin

Where to Buy: www.platz-hobby.com



NuNu's BMW 320i Receives the Full Detail Treatment

Platz added the NuNu BMW 320i E46 WTCC detail-up set to its latest product feed on September 10. The package was released in August, making this an availability update rather than a new product announcement.

Designed for NuNu's 2005 BMW 320i E46 WTCC kit, the set includes photo-etched brake discs, wipers and seatbelt hardware. It also supplies fabric belts, a metal antenna and carbon-pattern decals.

This is a useful combination because it targets several areas where molded plastic has limitations. Thin metal works well for brake and wiper components, while fabric provides a more convincing seatbelt texture. The carbon decals add visual interest without asking the builder to reproduce a microscopic weave pattern by hand.

The set is best suited to an intermediate builder. None of the individual upgrades is unusually complicated, but photo-etched parts demand careful removal, bending and attachment.

NE24047 Nunu BEMAX BMW 320i 2005 E46 WTCC Detail-Up Parts

Where to Buy: www.platz-hobby.com

Review Build: Salvinos JR Models Richard Petty 1980 Chevrolet Monte Carlo

MARCH 25, 2026



Model Kit: Richard Petty 1980 Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Manufacturer: Salvinos JR Models

Part #: RPMC19800

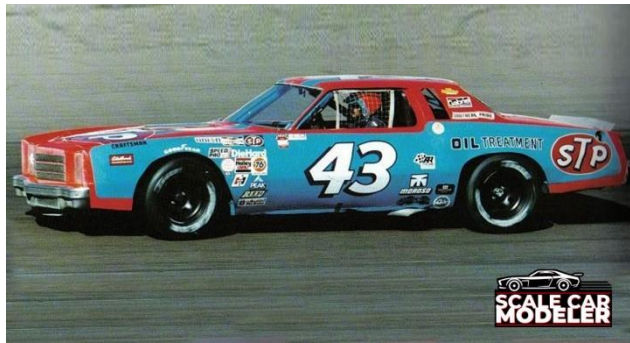
Scale: 1/25 Scale

Price: \$40.46

BUY NOW: [Salvinos JR Models Richard Petty 1980 Chevrolet Monte Carlo](#)



Vehicle History



The **1980 Chevrolet Monte Carlo** stock car driven by Richard Petty marks an important shift in his career and in NASCAR history. After years with Chrysler, Petty transitioned to General Motors platforms, with the Monte Carlo becoming a top choice thanks to its solid aerodynamics and handling. Running the iconic No. 43 in STP red and Petty Blue, Petty remained competitive in 1980 and scored a notable win at Nashville—adding to his legendary career total and reinforcing the Monte Carlo's place in early-1980s NASCAR competition.

That same car is captured in the **Salvinos JR Models** 1/25 Richard Petty 1980 Monte Carlo model kit, giving builders a chance to recreate a real piece of racing history. Salvinos designed the kit with accuracy in mind, featuring detailed parts and authentic decals that reflect how the car appeared on track. As you build it, you're not just assembling a model—you're bringing to life a pivotal moment when stock cars were evolving rapidly while still closely resembling their street car roots.



Kit Overview

This project captures a bunch of 'firsts' for me - it is my first kit from Salvinos JR Models and also my first NASCAR / Stock Car build. The kit, this time around, is the 1980 Chevrolet Monte Carlo driven by Richard Petty and, I have to say, I was pretty excited to give this a go.

Finding the kit at [Brookhurst Hobbies](#), my local hobby shop, I thought it would be a great kit to start with in this genre - it's iconic and, more importantly, the box was VERY heavy (for a plastic model), which means lots of parts and tons of detail! Yes, I'm easily swayed into purchases. After purchasing, I brought it home, did the unboxing video (see down the post a bit) and immediately started separating the parts for paint.

:: Chassis, Suspension and Engine



Since it's a race car, the chassis, suspension and engine are all business - no frills, just a flat chassis pan and some bracing. The chassis is a two-piece unit that has adjustable wheelbase, probably for use with different Stock Car kits. Once joined, you would never know it's multiple parts. Doing my research, I found that the 1:1 car was all about the (baby?) blue - everywhere. This actually made painting easy - everything is blue. Everything.

The suspension seems minimal as well - lower crossmember that acts as a contact point for the springs and multi-shock setup (2 per corner). The standard parts are included - anti-roll bars, steering parts and steering link. Everything fits together well, however there are a few tricky parts - mainly the steering link. It's incredibly thin and delicate - I broke it cutting it from the tree. During the assembly process, I found it was a tick to short now resulting in quite of bit of front toe out. When the car is sitting flat, it's all good. When it's on the side, well, it's quite noticeable. Just be careful with this piece.

The engine was a fun build with plenty of parts to create for some great detail. Everything went together well and dropped right into the chassis when complete. The only thing I would suggest is, after painting, pre-fit EVERYTHING. Almost every hole for something is slightly undersized, including the holes in the valve covers for the breathers. Add a touch of paint and these part will no longer fit, requiring you to bore them out slightly. Not a big deal but becomes a hassle if you've already started gluing everything together. The only other tricky assembly is the headers. There's no real spacing given, so Salvinos suggests using the exhaust (attached later in the build) to properly space them when gluing. It's not perfect, but it does work. I VERY LIGHTLY tack glued the exhaust into place so I could remove it after the headers dried.

:: Interior



Again, race car. This means the interior has been reduced to the bare minimum - dashboard, gauges, steering wheel, driver's seat, fire bottle and roll cage. Everything here gets the blue treatment as well with a dash of paint to set things off - like the flat black added for the roll bar padding. The dash is

scarce of detail save for the included decals. I added a little extra paint and added the 43 on the dashboard to give it a little flair.

This was all easy until it came time for the roll cage. I have yet to build a kit with an easy-to-assemble cage - and this Salvinos kit didn't check that either. It wasn't overly difficult, but it's hard to build the cage outside of the interior bucket and then try and fit it where it's supposed to mount, so I had to get a little creative - taping it all together, fitting it to the chassis and then touching it with glue - and it worked. Thankfully.



Here's my one other 'thing to look out for' - the installation of the rear firewall. There doesn't seem to be a 'right' location for this - it's sort of up to where you place it - and that can cause an issue later on in the build. When installing the body, it can come in contact with this rear firewall and not sit down far enough. If you look at the exterior pictures of my build, you'll see the rear is much higher than the front - that's the contact with the firewall. Since there is no 'for sure' way to know how to mount the firewall, my suggestion is to remove a little off the edges (mainly the top), making it slightly lower. This should cure the problem.

:: Exterior

Up front, the exterior finish is quite easy - attach the front and rear clips (which don't quite fit perfectly - some hand fitting is required), paint fluorescent red, add some detail to the window surrounds (chrome bare-metal foil) and apply the decals. Everything is cool until you get to the decals - that blue area on the side of the car - one BIG decal. It's easy to position, but getting all the bubble out and contouring to the body, not so much. It took a bit of patience and if I can do it, anyone can. Just be gentle during this process - I ripped it a couple times trying to be aggressive

with my bubble removal. Thankfully I was able to fix it.

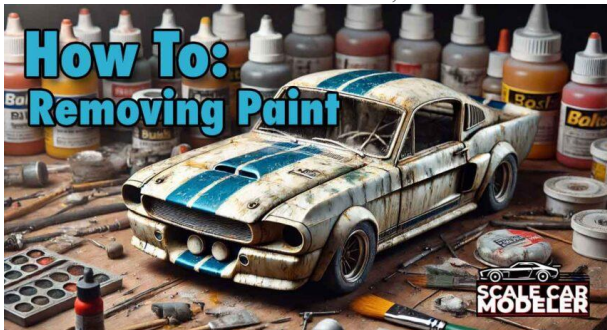


:: Final Thoughts

I've always wanted to try a NASCAR / Stock Car / Indy Car build and have heard that anything from Salvino's JR Models is the one to get for his genre of kits. While it's not quite perfect (what kit is), there's a surprising amount of detail and a healthy parts count, making it a fun and satisfying process. I enjoyed it, a lot, and will be adding more Salvino's kits to my build queue!

Beginner's Guide – How to Remove Paint from a Model Car Kit

MARCH 20, 2025



Painting a model car is one of the most satisfying parts of the hobby, but sometimes mistakes happen, or you might want to redo an old build with a fresh coat of paint. In these cases, stripping the existing paint is necessary. This guide will walk you through the reasons for removing paint, the best products to use and the most effective methods for safely stripping paint from your model car kit.

Why Remove Paint from a Model Car Kit?

There are several reasons why you might want to strip paint off a model kit:

- **Fixing Painting Mistakes** – If the paint job turned out uneven, has runs or developed an orange peel effect, stripping it gives you a clean slate.
- **Repainting an Older Build** – Over time, paint may fade, crack or you may simply want to change the color.
- **Restoring a Vintage Model** – If you've bought an old model or inherited a built kit, repainting can give it a new life.
- **Removing Factory Paint** – Some model kits come pre-painted and you may want to customize them with your own colors.

Recommended Paint Stripping Products & Safety Gear

Different types of paints require different stripping solutions. Here are some of the best products for removing paint from model cars and the necessary safety precautions:

1. Isopropyl Alcohol (91% or Higher)

- Works on: Acrylic-based paints
- Safe for: Most plastics
- Safety Gear Required:
 - Gloves (Nitrile or Latex) – Protects skin from irritation
 - Goggles – Avoids accidental eye contact
 - Mask (Optional) – Helps reduce inhalation of fumes in a closed space



2. Brake Fluid (DOT3 or DOT4)

- Works on: Enamel and lacquer paints
- Can be harsh on: Some plastics; test before use
- Safety Gear Required:
 - Chemical-resistant gloves (Nitrile or Neoprene) – Prevents skin irritation.
 - Goggles or Safety Glasses – Protects eyes from splashes.
 - Respirator or Mask – Avoids inhalation of fumes.
 - Long-sleeve clothing – Protects skin from prolonged contact.
 - Well-ventilated workspace – Avoids toxic fume buildup.



3. ZEP Purple Degreaser

- Works on: Acrylics, enamels and lacquers
- Safe for: Plastic
- Safety Gear Required:
 - Nitrile gloves – Protects against skin irritation
 - Goggles – Prevents splashes in the eyes
 - Mask (Optional) – Reduces exposure to strong fumes



4. Simple Green

- Works on: Acrylics (may struggle with enamels and lacquers)
- Non-toxic and biodegradable
- Safety Gear Required:
 - Gloves (Optional) – Safe for skin but can dry it

out

- Goggles – Protects against accidental splashes



5. Tamiya Paint Remover

- Designed for: Hobby use
- Safety Gear Required:
 - Gloves (Nitrile or Neoprene) – Protects against chemical burns
 - Goggles – Prevents eye irritation
 - Mask or Respirator – Reduces inhalation of strong chemical vapors



Step-by-Step Guide to Removing Paint from a Model Car Kit

Step 1: Prepare Your Work Area

- Work in a well-ventilated space or outdoors.
- Cover your workspace with newspapers or plastic sheets.
- Have running water or a sink nearby for rinsing.
- Wear all necessary safety gear based on your chosen stripping method.

Step 2: Disassemble the Model

- If possible, separate the model into smaller sections.
- Remove delicate parts like windows.
- If working on a diecast model, separate plastic parts from metal ones.

Step 3: Choose Your Stripping Method

Method 1: Soaking in Isopropyl Alcohol

1. Place plastic parts in a container filled with 91%+ isopropyl alcohol.
2. Let them soak for 4-24 hours.
3. Use a soft toothbrush to scrub off loosened paint.
4. Rinse with warm water and dry.

Method 2: Using Brake Fluid

1. Pour DOT3 or DOT4 brake fluid into a plastic container.
2. Submerge the model parts for 24-48 hours.
3. Scrub with a toothbrush to remove paint.
4. Wash thoroughly with soap and water.

Method 3: Using Super Clean or Simple Green

1. Fill a plastic tub with Super Clean or Simple Green.
2. Soak for 12-24 hours.
3. Scrub off paint with a toothbrush.
4. Rinse with warm water.

Method 5: Using Tamiya Paint Remover

1. Fill a small tub with Tamiya Painter Remover.
2. Soak parts for about ten minute, then gently scrub with a toothbrush to remove paint.
3. Rinse with warm water and dry.

Step 4: Dry and Inspect

1. Let all parts air dry completely before repainting.
2. Inspect for any leftover paint and repeat the process if needed.

Wrap Up

Stripping paint from a model car kit will require some patience and the right materials. Prioritize safety gear when working with chemicals and always work in a well-ventilated space.

Hopefully this guide will help you when restoring a classic build or fixing a painting mistake!

Happy modeling!

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.

WANTED: Price lists for X-EL repro promo cars. Need lists from 1977-79, 1982, 1983, 1985-87, and 1990-1992.

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, Hellcat, 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: MPC/AMT Dodge Charger/Daytona parts, parts kits,

started/gluebombs, whatever you don't need I'll trade or pay reasonable price!

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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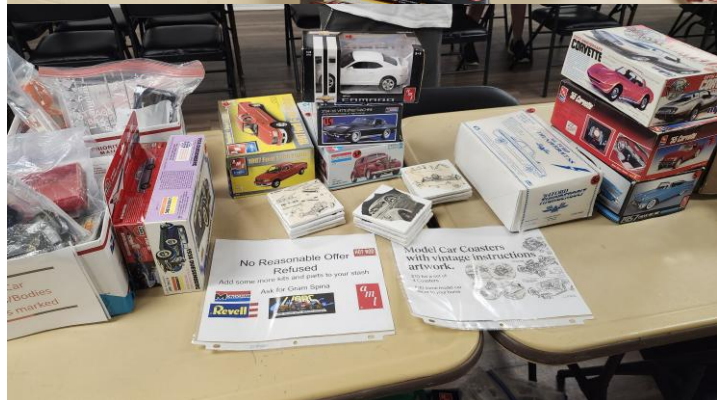
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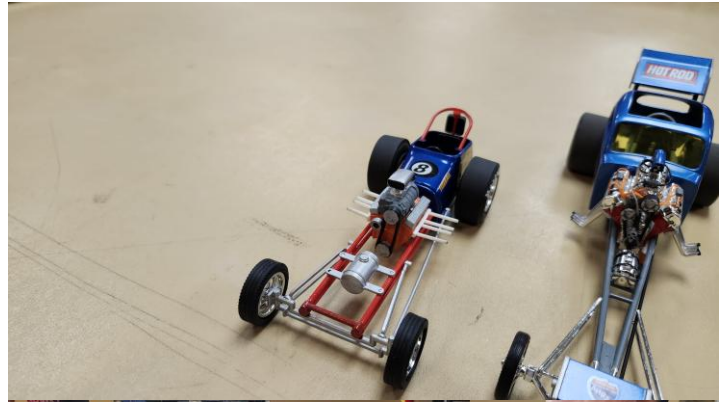


















Happy buildin!

LIARS Annual (2026) 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

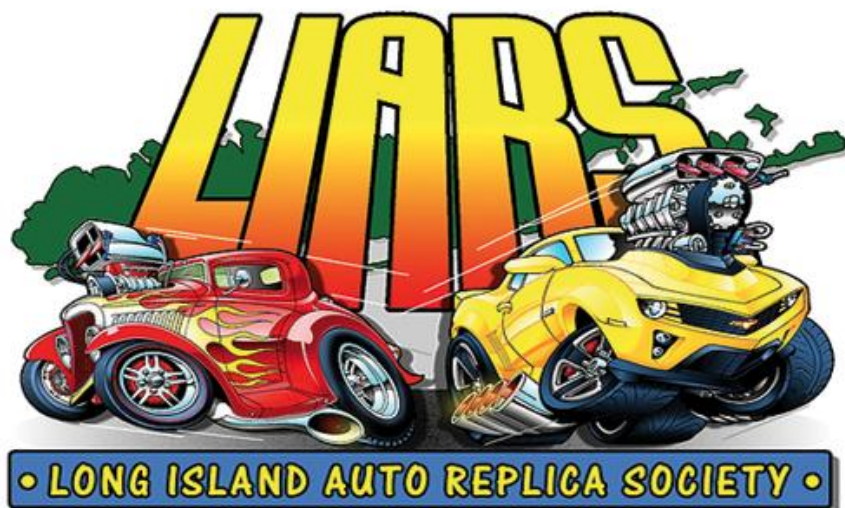
bring your filled out sheet with you, or you can email it to your editors email address on the first page header. ALL subjects and suggestions will be brought up in front of the club.

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? _____

Don't Forget...
Save the Date!



2026

MODEL CAR CHALLENGE

NOVEMBER 14, 2026

Freeport Rec. Center
130 Merrick RD., Freeport NY 11520

9am to 4pm (Award Ceremony 3pm)
24 Categories, 9 Master Awards
Special theme to be announced.

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