

LEND A HAND AND BRING A CAN!

LIARS

MODEL CAR BRIEFS



• LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICAS SOCIETY •

Meeting themes:

"32 Fords"

Discuss plans for remainder of 2024,
and Model Car Challenge...

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Scenes from the 2024 NNL East



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 <http://www.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com/>

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

MCB Contributors: Richard Manri, Dominick "Mickey" Gerace, Gary Weickart, Bill Murray/Doc. V, Lenny Cromwell

From our LIARS Unofficial Official

So the NNL East is behind us! It was a great show! I got there earlier than usual and ended up about 20th in line. Saw a lot of fantastic builds, many of which were from our own club members! Met up with a lot of faces new and old, and it was very good to see them! Saw the Model Car Podcast guys there and they discussed plans to attend out upcoming Model Car Challenge in November and do a video about it! The swap meet was incredible! Spent a lot of money!

Since then, we added another member to our family. She is a West Highland White Terrier pup about 12 weeks old now. I picked her up the Saturday after the NLL East. 4.5 hours up to Erieville, New York. My daughter and her boyfriend went with me, he did all the driving! The whole trip was 12 hours door-to-door home. I named her Lilo after the character in The Fifth Element, starring Bruce Willis as Corbin Dallas and Milla Jovovich as Leeloo. So I have my hands full training a puppy. But it's worth it! I grew up with these dogs and I wanted

one of my own for a very long time. Here are a few pictures of her.





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.

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

Been very busy with stuff, got soo many kits and more from NNL East. Tons of parts and such but some rare ktis and good bargains. Got another one of these for the price of a current AMT kit.



See you at the meeting! Don't forget your 32 Fords!

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 meetings or regarding other club matters, please inform us and we will handle them to the best of our extent.



On a side note, I am officially an uncle now! My sister gave birth to a boy nephew named James Robert and they got their hands full for quite a bit. My brother in law/James father, Anthony, is into scale trains and RC planes (on hold until kiddo gets bigger, hopefully the nephew isn't the curious destructive type!) Maybe when James gets older he'll ether take up his daddys interest, or be into cars so we can have new blood in our club!

Anyway, that's all I have to say for now. Bring your 32 Fords and I'll see you Thursday the 16th.

I understand many of you have been busy with life things as I, but we need our members to provide content such as write ups and/or neat for your editor to include for the MCBs. I've had several provide me content for this month, thanks Dr. V and Lenny C. But otherwise I can't do everything alone so anything from you all will help.

That's all the main bits I got here. See you all Thursday the 16th.

For those who haven't received the recent MCBs or wish to view past ones, they can download them here <https://www.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com/newsletters>

If you have a suggestion, an idea, or article submission you would like to bring up in the newsletter, please inform Richard "Richie Rich" Manri via his email or at mtgs.

Keep in mind that article submissions close on the 2nd Friday of the month, so that MCB delivery can take place the Saturday or Sunday prior to the MTGs.

If you forward any articles written by other sources, the original writer will be credited. Any submissions and/or input are a valued treasure.

Per the last few months, anybody have any rare and crazy/unique box arts to add for the next issues?

MODEL STUFF

by Lenny Cromwell

The NNL has come and gone and, as usual, it was a terrific show. The weather was great and there were so many LIARS and ex LIARS in attendance as well as about a thousand or more of our closest friends. I even said Hello to one of the guys that I follow on his YouTube channel. The models on the tables were, of course, incredible. So many talented people. I was a little disappointed with the vendor rooms. The vendors that were there were great, but some of the ones that I look forward to were absent (Slix, Z Wheels) or were a little low on inventory (Jimmy Flintstone, DAAM). I did purchase a couple of Mustang kits ('69 Boss 302 and '70 Boss 429) as well as a '69 Firebird kit that I need for parts. I also managed to win a door prize. A resin '32 Ford custom hot rod.

It looks kind of interesting, so I might actually build it.



On an unrelated note, one of the things I do regularly is keep an eye on ebay because you never know what you might find. I recently won an auction for a JoHan 1960 Dodge. It's a built up but should be a very easy restoration as it is unpainted except for the interior. I had to have this one because I've never seen one except for an article in Sale Auto about forty years ago. That one was painted blue and silver with mag wheels. Now that I have one I'm sure they will turn up everywhere. See you at the meeting!

Dr.V's Colum

DR V 5/24 MCB Input

This month we will continue to explore where one can find model information.

After you peruse the LIARS Webpage, along with LIARS members' Websites e.g. Dave Vehrs L.I.A.R.S, you could look into:

- The Directory of Model Car Kits American Manufacture Only With Price Guide 1/24-1/25 Scale Seventh Edition by Bill Coulter & Bob Shelton

- NOTE 2018 2ND EDITION is the latest printed edition...authors have simply added refinements - Dr. V can not figure out how locate updates. If you can...please let Dr. V know

- The Directory II of Model Car Kits With Price Guide 1/48, 1/43, 1/32, 1/20, 1/16, 1/12, 1/8, etc. First Edition by Bill Coulter & Bob Shelton
- 2013 Price Guide for Plastic Promotional Cars & Trucks First Edition by Dale Horner & Bob Shelton
- Plastic Model Car Truck And Motorcycle Reference and Price Guide Second Edition by Ed Cervo Jr.
 - Includes all Scales from 1/48 up to 1/8
- 1992 Fantasies In Plastic by C&C Collectibles
 - Directory of Old And New Model Car Kits, Promotional and Resin Cast Bodies (*Remember issued back in 1991*)

JSS Software Diecast Models Listing(s) include Danbury, Franklin Mints and others

JSSSOFTWARE .com
Your #1 destination for everything die cast. We are your die cast database specialist.

Library of Franklin Mint Replicas

Our model library is a compilation of **THE FRANKLIN MINT** models both current and discontinued produced by Franklin Mint in various scales.

Our Diecast Collection Software includes each model listed here allowing you to save your personal collection in a custom database. Enjoy the models in our library of the most requested models manufactured by Franklin Mint. see [Terms of Use](#).

To view an image and detailed information of any model listed in this collection double-click on the part number to view more information.

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- The Directory of Model Car Kits American Manufacture Only With Price Guide 1/24-1/25 Scale Seventh Edition by Bill Coulter & Bob Shelton

Model Library.						
Year	Make	Model	Color	Scale	Issued	Part #
1986	Harley-Davidson	Heritage Softail	Pewter	1:5	????	C798
1986	Harley-Davidson	Ultra Heritage Softail	Black	1:5	2005	YK60
2007	Harley-Davidson	Heritage Softail® Classic Ultra	Bronze & Black	1:5	2007	E418
1957	Chevrolet	Corvette Cutaway Engine 283 HP	Aluminum	1:6	1992	SK97
1896	Ford	Quadricycle	Black	1:6	1994	UK20

Here is an example from *Library of Franklin Mint Replicas*

Click on the part number to view an image and more information.

JSS Software is an interesting site to peruse...

JSS Diecast Model Reviews for Danbury Mint.



JSS Software takes into consideration the following attributes when reviewing a model:

1. Fit and finish.
2. Quality control.
3. Price.
4. Bling (extra goodies).
5. Overall image representation of original.

- Use as a sinker for deep-sea fishing.
- This is a paperweight or pencil holder.
- A middle of the road piece you decide if it's worth the price.
- Not a bad image, worth putting on the shelf, not without flaws.
- It "popped our cork" buy it!

Next Topic NNL EAST 2024 pictures...DR.V recommends under

http://wwwboard2.spotlighthobbies.com/cgi-bin/bbs62x/webbbs_config.pl?md=index;page=1 access

Billy's pics..... *NM* *LINK* (views: 5) -- Dave Van -- 4/30/, 4:02 am **1,665 clear Pics!**

<https://public.fotki.com/ElCaminoBilly/modelingshow/s/nnl-east-/page6.html>

Additional NNL EAST 2024 info posted on Spotlight Hobbies Message Board includes:

• [Been thousands on Facebook.](#)
NM (views: 5) -- T Jessee, esq. -- 4/29/, 8:36 pm

• [Two video posts below.](#)
NM (views: 5) -- Chariots of Fire (Charlie) -- 4/29/, 9:38 pm

• http://wwwboard2.spotlighthobbies.com/cgi-bin/bbs62x/webbbs_config.pl?md=index;page=1

• BTW, checkout our leader's spot on the NNL EAST line! Here he is talking to Dr.V) just to the left of Wayne sign! Rich Argus would be proud!



Next Topic [Howard Cohen](#) is a professional photographer who happens to build models, as well as attends model &/or car shows He posts related goodies on Spotlight Hobbies Message Board. Howard also posts his visits to car museums. Included in these posts are model cars mostly hand build from scratch!

Until next month, enjoy our hobby and have fun! Dr.V

Kalmbach rail magazines, Trains.com sold to Firecrown Media

By [Trains Staff](#) | May 1, 2024

Kalmbach Books, FineScale Modeler, Astronomy, online stores also included



Kalmbach Media headquarters in Waukesha, Wis.
David Lassen

WAUKESHA, Wis. — *Trains* Magazine, the company's other rail magazines, and Trains.com are among assets that have been sold by Kalmbach Media to Chattanooga, Tenn.-based Firecrown Media, the two companies have announced today (May 1).



Kalmbach
Media

Other

Kalmbach titles involved in the transaction are *Classic Trains*, *Model Railroader*, *Classic Toy Trains*, *FineScale Modeler*, and *Astronomy*, as well as Kalmbach's online stores.

The publications involved will continue to be based in Wisconsin.

[Firecrown Media](#) owns a wide range of transportation brands including Flying, Plane & Pilot, Boating, Yachting, and the supply chain site FreightWaves.

Kalmbach employees were informed of the sale this morning and told that most employees working on the brands will be offered positions with Firecrown after screening. Kalmbach CEO

Dan Hickey called it "a difficult day in our storied history" in an email announcing the sale.

Firecrown CEO Craig Fuller said in a press release that "The rail titles fit perfectly into the Firecrown portfolio and the breadth of experience of our staff ... Kalmbach has deep ties in the railroad community, having published magazines and books about railroads and model trains for over 90 years. There isn't a deeper connection in the rail enthusiast community than the one that Kalmbach built. The Firecrown staff will work diligently to continue and build on that connection moving forward.

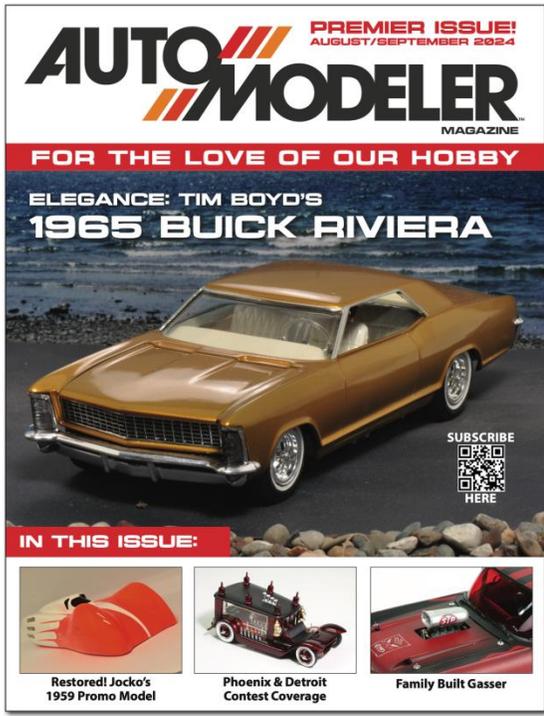
"Additionally, the rail and aviation communities have a great deal in common. Besides the obvious — both being transportation modes and having similarities in business models — the enthusiast audience is vast in both categories. We believe that 'railfans' and 'avgeeks' are kindred spirits.

"With the acquisition, Firecrown plans to invest significantly in *Trains'* business editorial coverage, increasing the cadence and depth of coverage of the rail industry. FreightWaves, one of Firecrown's brands, provides a playbook to help achieve this."

Fuller and other members of the Firecrown staff met with staff members who will be making the transition to the new ownership this afternoon. A 60-day transition period is planned for the magazines and other properties. More information on Firecrown's plans and what they mean for employees and readers will be forthcoming.

On the bright side, a new magazine catered to our kind is coming!

Auto Modeler Magazine! Take a Look!



The flyers you see below are of our first front cover and then some of the features our readers can expect. We are always looking for great modeling subject matter and new story tellers.

We are a bi monthly publication that is scheduled to arrive on the off months that Model Cars arrives. That means a model magazine every month. The premier issue will be in home in the first week of August. There are QR link if you want to subscribe.

As we compile the first issue, I will be dropping sneak previews here so you all can see what is coming.

Thank you to Matt and Dawn for being our first vendor and a great supporter!

Let me know if you have any questions or input.

ScottColmer@automodeler.net

AUTO MODELER WILL DELIVER SIX ISSUES A YEAR. HERE IS JUST SOME OF WHAT YOU WILL GET IN EACH ISSUE.

 MALIBUS	 FLYING DUTCHMAN FUNNY CAR	 Serial Builds
Kit build ups and reviews of New kits, Rare kits and 3D kits	 How-to features from top builders and new builders	 Paint tips - basic to extreme
 Amazing model features	 Model History	 Hot New Stuff

AUTO MODELER
MAGAZINE

Welcome to Auto Modeler Magazine!

We are a magazine for all model car enthusiasts. From beginning builders, to pro builders, to collectors, and dreamers, everyone will enjoy the car modeling stories Auto Modeler has to share. In addition to subscribers, advertisers, vendors, Auto Modeler Magazine is looking for contributors to tell their own great stories or do kit reviews. Visit AutoModelerMag.com to see how to earn money with your favorite hobby.

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A Missing '71 Charger Wind Tunnel Test Model Shows Up After Thirty Years



A Missing '71 Charger Wind Tunnel Test Model Shows Up After Thirty Years© Provided by Hemmings

Today is the (5/6) 1st birthday of Auto Modeler Magazine. This is a new publication that is meant for a people who love model cars.

Ken Thorson was bit by the Mopar bug early in life. The Park Ridge, New Jersey resident remembers being blown away by the

Chrysler muscle car stylings that filled the hot rod dreams of his youth. By the time he was sixteen, the young gun was already in the Mopar market, purchasing a '70 383-cu.in. Road Runner, built with an Air Grabber hood and a four-speed between the buckets.

But that was only the start for this crafty young collector, as he's gone on to own a copious amount of top-flight Dodge and Plymouth cars from the late '60s and early 70s, many of which are still in his possession. However recently, it was another piece of Chrysler history that grabbed his eyes and wouldn't let him look away. "A friend of mine forwarded a listing on a '71 Charger 3/8ths scale wind tunnel model car. It had one picture and very little info on the car, but I was intrigued to say the least," Ken told us.



The car was originally painted a shade of orange when it was tested back in 1970. When Ken Thorson received it, the car had been painted over in a shade of gold. The previous owner removed the last layer of paint in some spots to show its original orange color that was present in the test photos .

So, Ken gave the seller a call and waited for a response. It took three weeks, but the owner, Phil, finally gave him a ring back. "In a nutshell

he told me he has been in possession of the 3/8th scale car for thirty years. His wife worked at the University of Michigan back then, and one day they were cleaning up and getting rid of things. They found the '71 Charger test car sitting in storage, and they were going to toss it in the dumpster. Phil's wife intervened and asked if she could have it for her husband, who was heavily involved in the vintage car hobby. They agreed and so Phil went and picked it up at the University and then put it in his barn. It stayed there untouched for the next three decades," continues Ken.

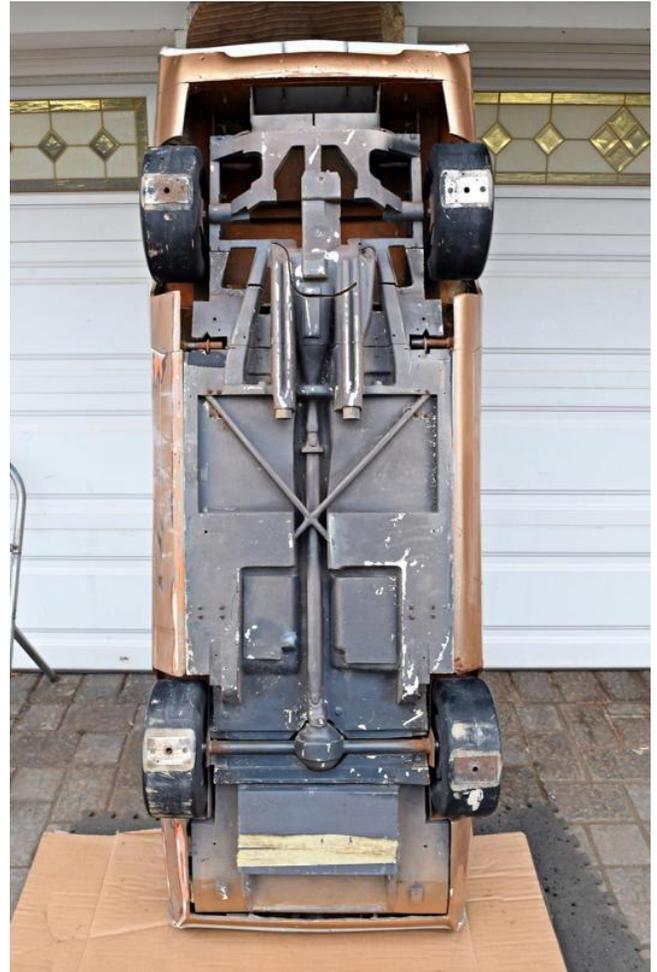
Without hesitation, Ken then made an offer for the rare piece of Mopar history. "We quickly made a deal on the car, though it was still 600 miles from me. Luckily, Phil's son lives in Allentown, Pennsylvania, which is less than two hours from me, so I met him out there and picked it up. Saved me a bunch of hours driving to Michigan. When I got there, I couldn't believe what I was seeing. It was amazing, especially the craftsmanship and the overall condition of the car."

Super Charger



What Ken bought is interesting to say the least. "After some research I found out that this fiberglass '71 Charger was one of three models built for the [G-series NASCAR tests](#), the other two being a '69 Daytona, which resides in a collection in California, and a '71 Road Runner, owned by Petty Enterprises in the Carolinas." Besides the quicky respray, it is in incredibly original condition, right down to the identification tags on all the tubes, which mark hollow orifices used to measure air pressure changes at specific locations on the Charger.

The car has a removable window which would show changes in aerodynamics when the driver window was down. Other interesting features include a mock-up K-member underneath as well as a rear pumpkin, transmission cooler, exhaust, gas tank, and a recreation of typical wheels and tires used on the track. There are adjustments for ride height to simulate suspension modifications which are key on the different racetracks that NASCAR would visit each season.



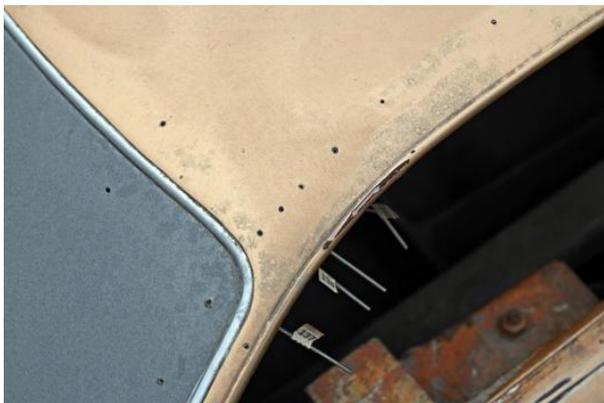
These original tests were conducted by Chrysler's Research Office in January 1970 at a facility built specifically for 3/8th scale models. The tests were continued a few months later in March. Sadly, these tests were never put to proper use due to the new NASCAR rules that were levied by Bill France in the summer of '70 which undermined the factory racing teams efforts at Ford and Chrysler. These rules would affect the upcoming '71 racing season. As a result, the "aero wars" that Ford and Chrysler had been battling over the past few seasons would fizzle out as the new rules took effect.

So now Ken is thrilled to have such a major piece of Chrysler NASCAR history in his possession. "I'm not sure what I'm going to do with it exactly, but I'm happy that its existence has come to light. It might be best suited for a

museum or public collection where people can get a good look at it in person, so that might be a possibility down the road. Right now, I'm just enjoying it. It's just amazing the craftsmanship and of course the history behind it."

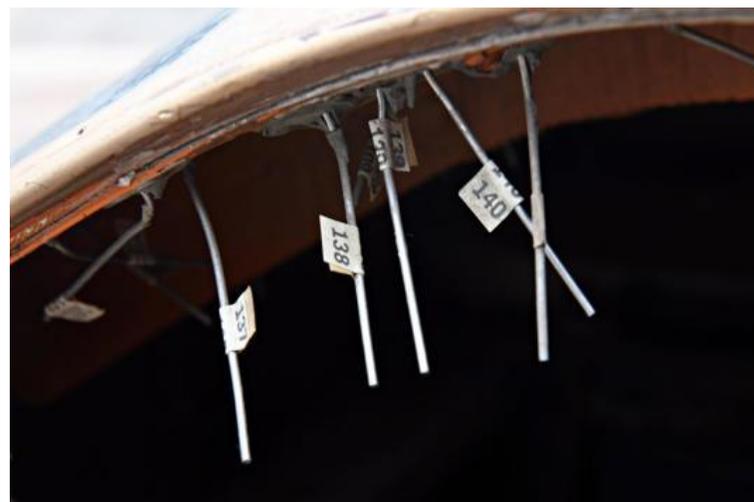
The K member was cut to help the car flex under simulated driving conditions, just like the real Charger would.

Wind Tunnel Charger - Details



The driver's side window was made removable to get test results with the window up and also with the window down.

The Charger was built with adjusters to raise and lower the car and change rake. This was necessary to add to the variety of set-ups a real Charger could have.



These thin tubes were used to help measure pressure differences on the body due to the aerodynamics of the car. They are in great shape.



ons were designed to see how subtle changes changed air flow and turbulence.

Wind Tunnel Charger - Gallery



On the pull-out driver's window Ken noticed that the design team used the plans for the test car to make the removable window.



Gary's Finds of the month



The test car's designers simplified the front grille and rear taillight section of the car. Add-



The Original 1962 AMT Shipping Carton -

This is what model car manufacturers like AMT used back in the day to ship their 1962/annual kits to their wholesalers. These contain one of the same model, then wholesalers would break up the dozen to ship to hobby stores and other retailers who might need 2 or 2 copies of each kit produced. The stamped code on this particular box indicates it held 12 1962 Imperial 2 Door Hardtops.



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: 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.

WANTED: Johan '68-70 Oldsmobile Toronado BODY SHELL ONLY. Recently acquired an AMT boxed version that is missing the body, but everything else is there and untouched.

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

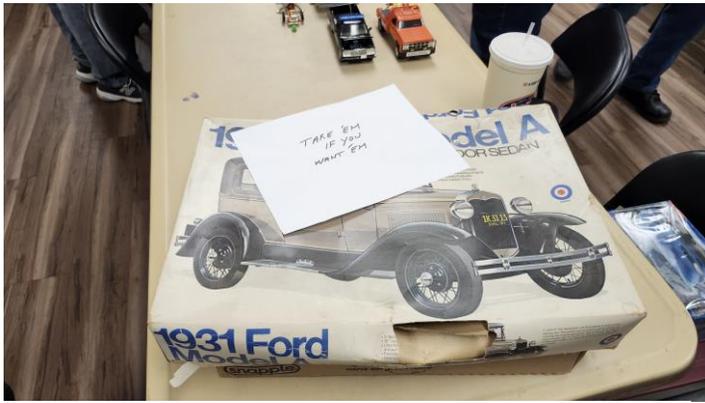


April 2024 Meeting pictures



Goodies for sale





L.I.A.R.S leadership going over finances, member roll call, new El Camino reissue, etc.





Trucks and more trucks!









Works of art from yours truly





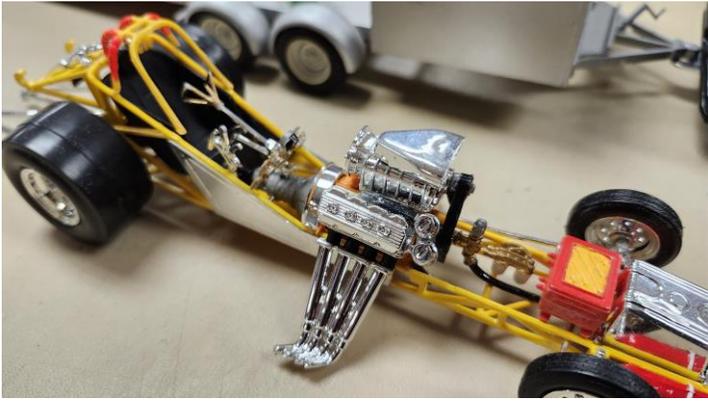
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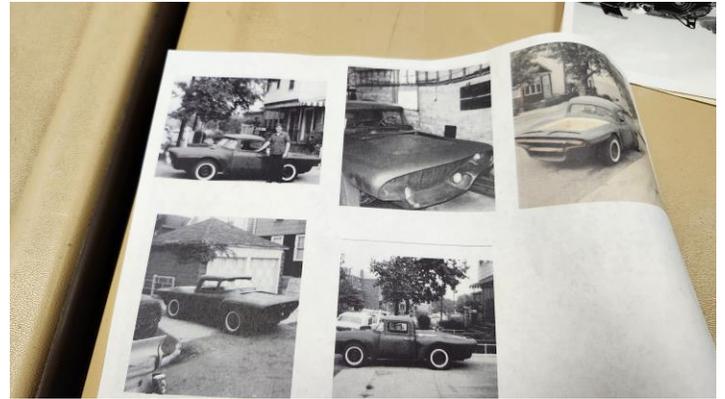




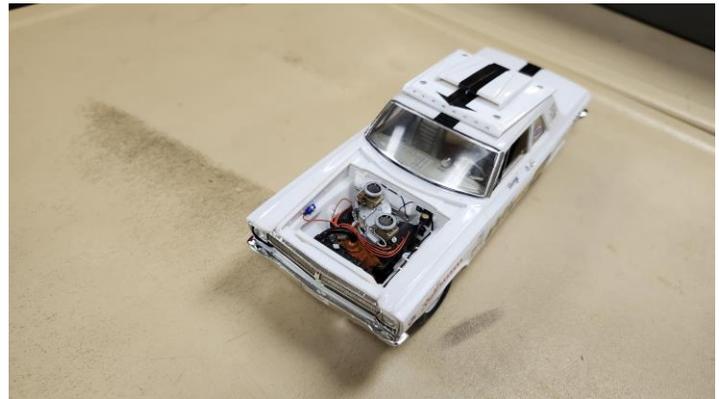
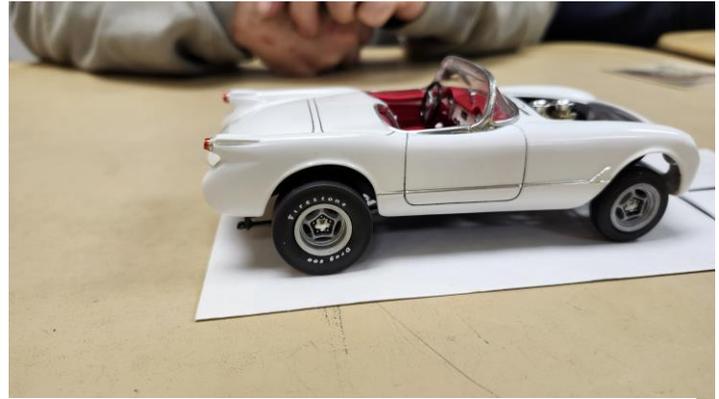
Superbird Dominick WIPs



Mike Brennan's replica of a 1:1 wild custom pickup



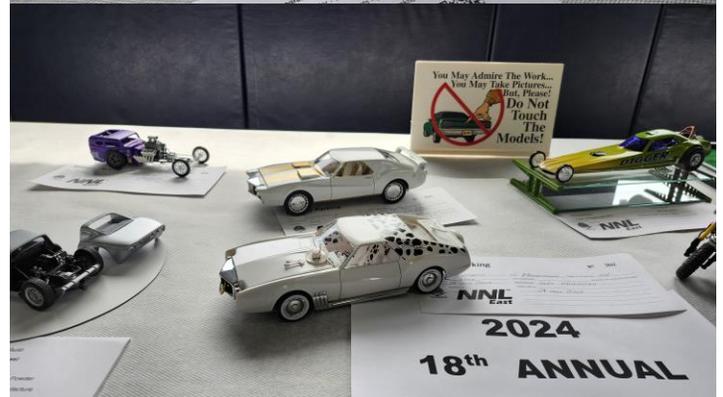
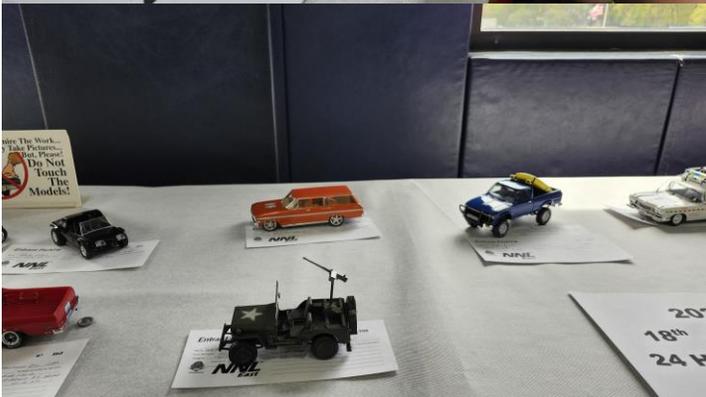
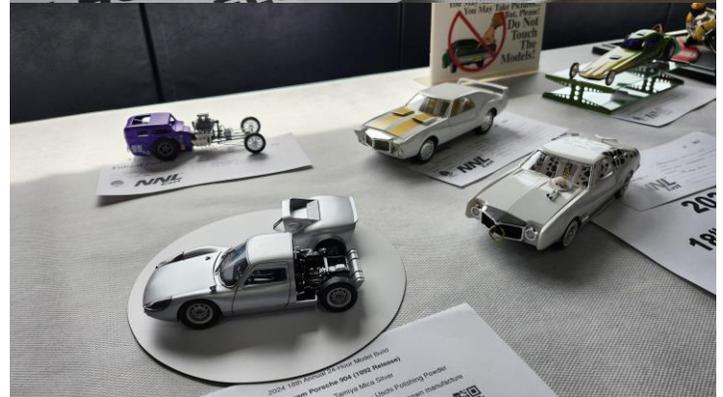
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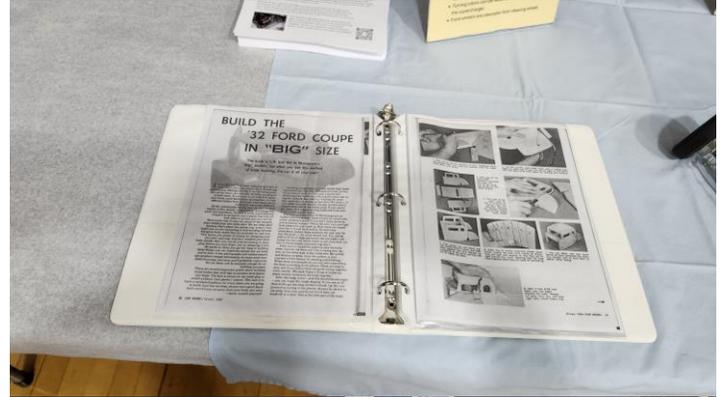


Happy motorin'...
with additional NNL
East photos, lots of
em!







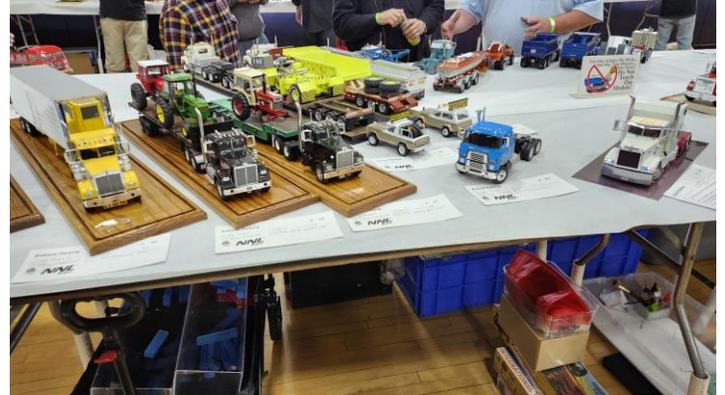






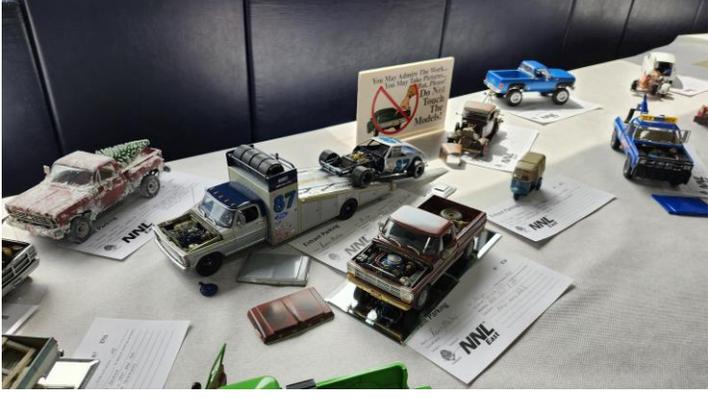




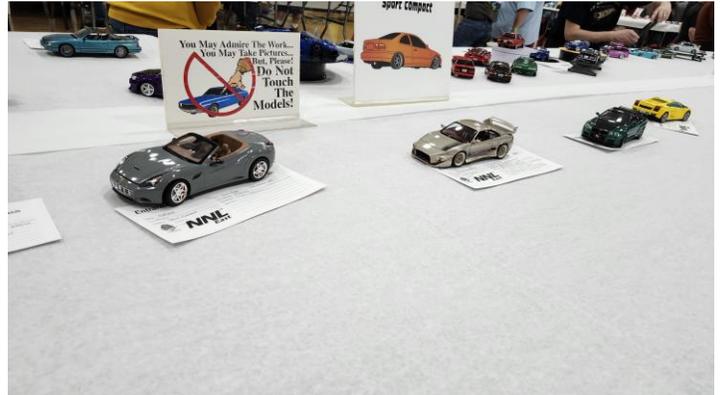
























LIARS Annual (2023) INPUT AND PROFILE SHEET:

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? _____



L.I.A.R.S MODEL CAR CHALLENGE 2024 COMING SOON!

Main theme: Ford Mustang

**Subtheme: Tri-Five Chevy 1955-57
More details TBA!**