

LEND A HAND AND BRING A CAN!



LIARS ***Model Car Briefs***

• LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICA SOCIETY •

Meeting themes:

"Patriotic themed rides (Red White & Blue)"

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

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NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY
July 16th @7:00 PM!

Henrietta Acampora
Recreation Center, 39 Montauk
Highway Blue Point, NY 11715





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...

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From our LIARS Unofficial Official

My uncle passed away a couple of weeks ago. He and his brother were drag racers on Long Island in the 1960s. They held the record at Islip Speedway's 1/8 mile from 1964 until

it's closing in 1984 with this 1962 Impala wagon 409 4 speed. His brother was one of the first people to measure air density at the track and adjust the carburetor to compensate.

I built a model of that car and presented it to him a few years ago. He said it was one of the greatest gifts he ever received. I hope there is a drag

**strip in heaven. If there is, look out!
The brothers are back!**

**Also, he was a Vietnam veteran.
Thank you for your service.**

**I hope everybody had a safe July
4th, and everyone finish the day with
as many fingers as they started with!
That week was sure a hot one for the
records!**

**Show preparations are proceeding
as planned. Paul Drago has been
working tirelessly on all associated
forms. Mike Saccente is in the process
of contacting vendors to get contracts
signed.**

**I've seen a few of the club build
Monte Carlos, so far so good! If you
got one finished from the club
handouts, you don't have to just wait
to show it at the November table.
Bring it on down as I always look
forward to seeing what you've come
up with! Mine is in base coat ATM.**

**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! My schedule has been
hectic; I could not have done this
without you all! Don't forget the build
theme being patriotic (Red White Blue**

**themed). Hopefully the centers
baseball games are over by the time
we arrive, parking sucked last few
times LOL! See you there!**

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

***On one hand, I've managed to get
some builds done due to schedules
lightening up. Past few months have
been physical and mental gymnastics
for me with helping out with clearing
out Grandpas house, helping out with
this and that at the house, dropping off
work and going here and there.***

***Had no idea Dominick's Uncle was a
racing legend. Holding the record at
Islip Speedway's 1/8 mile is a very
impressive feat and history was made.
Sorry to hear about the loss, my
condolences to his parts of the family.***

Sent out an email regarding a 70 Dodge Coronet body, got some leads lined up with our guys, thank you all very much!

Couple of weeks ago, I was at the Bay Shore Hobby Lobby and while strolling through the model isle, a gentleman in his early-mid 50s briefly walked through and said "man I haven't seen these in a long time!". The man stated he was there with his wife looking for photo holders and a brief chit chat ensured. Basically last time he built one was in the mid-90s before backpacking to Iraq and asked if the hobby shop (Bayshore Toys and Hobby) was still there, shocked it was (abet moved down a few blocks to a bigger store) as the last time he was there was looking for Zeta Gundams with his twin sons in 2006 deep in the massive hoarder piles of stuff Bob had. Had to run and said we'll likely meet again if the wife needs to go back for something else, maybe get him reigniting the gig for new membership?

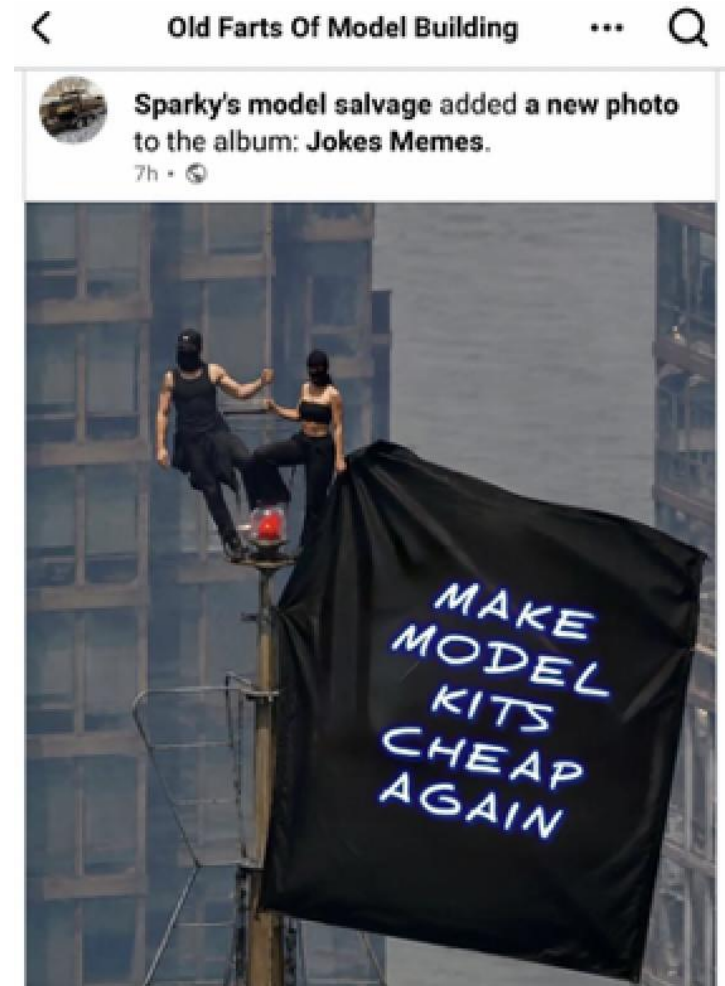
Other than that, this month's theme is Red White & Blue rides, so bring 'em on down! I'll have at least one or two...



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

Other than that! See you all Thursday!

Doc V's Colum



It's like a model kit, but with an actual RS200.

J.A.

1986 Ford RS200 S by J.A. Ackley

Jul 7, 2026



The snap of the plastic. The smell of the Testors glue. The pages of directions. This doesn't have any of that, but the spirit of building that model car is still here with this Ford RS200. The parts are there to build what is purported to be the final RS200 to be registered, but some assembly is required.



The RS200 wasn't always in pieces. It was bought by a private collection in Ireland where it later survived a fire. The current owner acquired the remains. Specializing in restoring numerous RS200 chassis, the owner possessed the original Ford body tooling and Arch Motors chassis jigs.



What makes this RS200 even more attractive is that it's an S version. A Canadian entrepreneur had approached Ford in building the "ultimate RS200," resulting in 20 examples of the S. These RS200s featured wider seats, a/c, improved cooling and, of course, more power.



Find this 1986 Ford RS200 'S' for auction at Historic Auctioneers, with an estimated value of £95,000-£105,000 (\$125,000-\$140,000).

Side note: Does anyone have this book that I could borrow? The one available on line asking price is insane! ELGIN PARK: Visual Memories of Midcentury America at 1/24th scale: Michael Paul Smith, Gail K. Ellison: 9780986148903

***Thanks
Bill Murray***

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Twin-Turbo LS Suzuki Cappuccino: A Double-Shot Of Espresso

Nick Adams

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August 12, 2025

The engine swap is as American as apple pie. It dates back to when owners of popular British sports cars in the late 1950s and early 1960s swapped in the then-new small-block Chevy or Ford engine. Today's version of this trend is to take rear-wheel-drive Japanese sports cars like Mazda's RX7 and RX8 or Nissan's 240SX and do an LS swap. But how about a Twin-Turbo LS Suzuki Cappuccino? Is there such a thing as too dangerous?



To get started, most of Cappy was stripped down to test fit the LS.

If you are unaware of what in the world a Suzuki Cappuccino is, let us get you up to speed. The Cappuccino is a rear-wheel-drive sub-compact car sold only in Japan from 1991 to 1998. They weigh about 1,600 pounds with an 81-inch wheelbase and are powered by a turbocharged, three-cylinder, 657cc DOHC engine. It was made to meet Kei car specifications, which allow for lower tax and insurance in Japan if a car is below a certain size and engine displacement.

Small Size, Big Impact

The Kei car segment was introduced by the Japanese government in 1949 to boost domestic car ownership and support Japan's growing auto industry, all while addressing the country's limited space. By the 1990s, regulations capped engine size at 660cc and power output at 63 horsepower, following an informal agreement between automakers and lawmakers. These compact cars benefit from lower taxes and insurance premiums, making them highly affordable to own.



The front sway bar was removed and the steering rack was spaced out to help fit the V8.

In rural areas, Kei cars are also exempt from Japan's strict parking-space ownership rule, which typically requires proof of a parking spot before registering a car. Beyond small coupes and hatchbacks, the category includes microvans and Kei trucks designed to meet the same regulations. Their compact size, low running costs, and ease of use make them popular across generations, from budget-conscious youth to older drivers looking for simplicity and efficiency in dense city streets or rural roads alike.



Not much left underneath Cappy to make room for the tubular chassis bracing.

Now that these micro-sports-cars are old enough to be imported to the US, it's possible to see these tennis shoe-sized sports cars on US roads and your local Cars-And-Coffee. It shouldn't be a surprise that after enough time in the States, Somebody would see the potential for a super-light rear-wheel-drive car with a bigger American engine.



Tight fit? You better believe it. This LS fits in this engine bay like Chris Farley fits in a little coat.



From Kei Commuter to Full-Blown Monster

The owner of this 1992 Suzuki Cappuccino affectionately nicknamed theirs “Cappy” and decided to hand it over to [Level Up Factory](#) in Michigan to take the deep dive and replace the 657cc three-cylinder with a 4,806cc eight-cylinder LS. They sourced a junkyard 4.8-liter LR4 from a Silverado, fitted a turbo to each bank with custom-fabricated headers, and backed it with a shorty-glide 2-speed transmission, sending power to a fabricated Ford 9-inch rear axle. There is no way the stock rear differential could handle much more than the stock 63 horsepower the original three-cylinder put out.



It's going to be a tight fit to drive this LS Suzuki Cappuccino

The compact, lightweight chassis was designed to offer the public a budget-friendly sports car, not the torque of a twin-turbo LS like a double shot of espresso. The choice was made to cut the floor pan and frame rails from the firewall to the rear bumper to make way for a tubular roll cage and bracing for the parallel four-link rear suspension to hold the axle. The brakes were upgraded with Nissan 300ZX calipers, and the rear tires are Nitto NT555R drag radials wrapped around five-spoke weld wheels to hold the power.



Stock hood? No chance. Cappy will have no hood at all.

Power? Unknown. Danger? Absolute.

Cappy was vinyl wrapped with 3M gloss blue metallic by the time they got it fired up to cover the original silver paintwork. How much power does Cappy make? Those numbers have yet to be made public, and the owner has kept that to themselves, for now. But with two turbos on a 4.8-liter LS, we know it will be a handful in this tiny car. Is there such a thing as too dangerous? Yes, in the best way possible.

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Stars and Stripes Forever: Check Out the Patriotic Paint on These Classic Drag Cars!

**Dang, our flag makes for an
awesome race car paint
scheme.**



[Elana Scherr](#)

Jul 04, 2023

We have a lot of international fans at HOT ROD, and they may not know that today is a special day for Americans—for those of you reading this who aren't preparing for a BBQ in the U.S. of A. right now: It's July 4th, America's Independence Day, and it's one holiday where everyone can put aside other political feelings and say, "Dang, our flag makes for an awesome race car paint scheme."

Sorry Canada, red and white and covered with leaves just doesn't have the pop of the [Red, White and Blue](#) .

Here are some of our favorites from the archives. *This article was originally published on Jul 4, 2012. Additional text has been added by Matt Taylor.*



Slicks and Skinnies: 1970 Dodge Charger

This [Charger](#), wearing the patriotic livery of the Rod Shop race team out of Columbus, Ohio, hooks and books in this back-in-the-day action shot.



"Pete's Patriot": 1969 AMC AMX

"Pete's Patriot," a '69 [AMX Super Stocker](#) that was factory prepped for dragstrip duty with help from Hurst Performance, cranks the front end as it embarks on a quarter-mile blast—American Motors indeed!



"Shroyer's Shaker": Rod Shop Anglia Panel Van

Driver Dick Shroyer peers into the future, preparing to send his [Ford Anglia](#) panel van, another entrant from the Rod Shop Race Team's stable, downtrack.



Sox & Martin Super Stock Barracuda

Here we have one of the famed Sox & Martin Plymouth Barracudas in full gallop (or, uh, swim?). Dig that [Hemi hoodscoop](#) !



Rod Shop Redux: Another Anglia

Yet another from the Rod Shop team's ranks (notice a theme here?), this English [Ford](#) proudly wears its red-white-and-blue paintjob as it starts a run.



And Now for Something Completely Different ... Vintage Van Action!

You can't very well race without something to tow your trailer and haul your tools,

spares, and self down to the track. And, what, you were planning to just drive home after that heart-pounding day of all-American racing action? Hell no—wrap yourself in the flag and bed down in "Old Glory," a custom 1977 [Dodge Tradesman](#) van that loudly celebrates the country you love. Happy birthday, America!
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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. ()

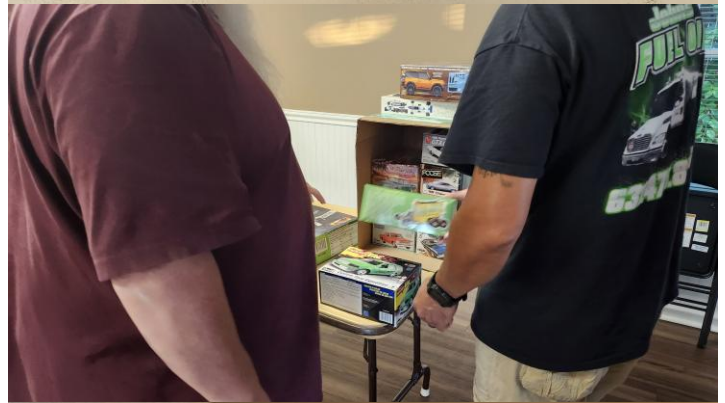
WANTED: Modular and modern motors like LS1s, HEMIs, DOHC 5.4 Cobra motors, import motors like Toyota 2JZ and Nissan Skyline RB. 1/24th and 1/25th scale.

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!

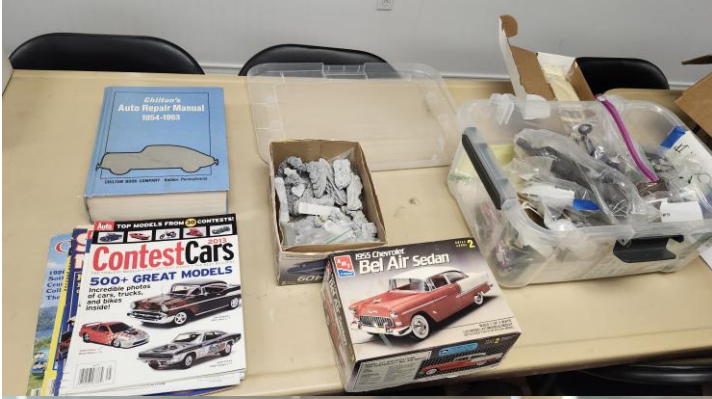
Contact Richard Manri @ 631-589-6876 or his email picorro93@gmail.com to negotiate price or trade for the three above.

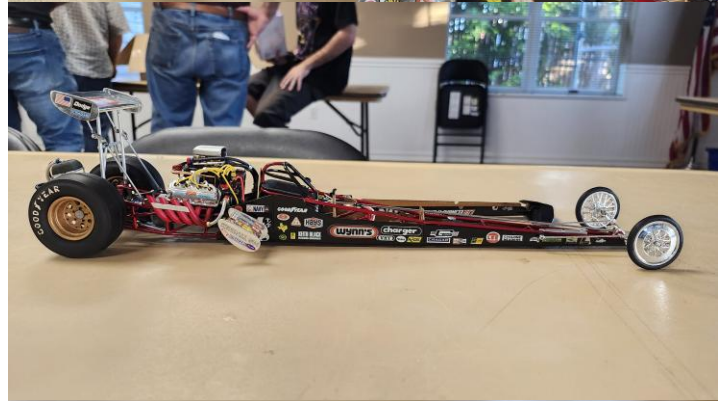
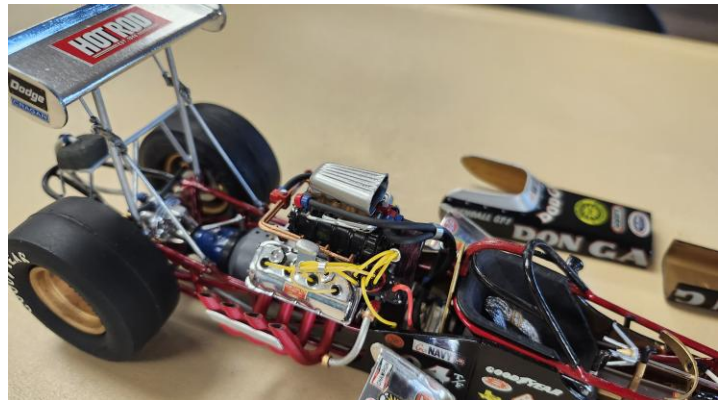
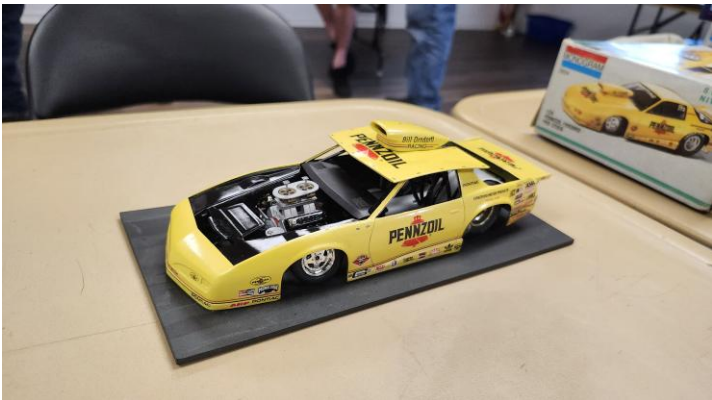
Scenes from June MTG















Happy buildin' and happy America 250!





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

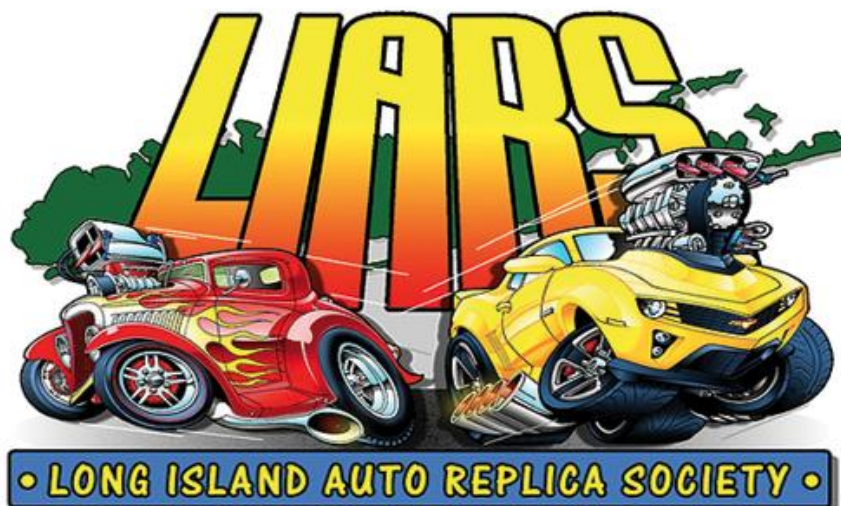
discussed at the next meeting. Please bring your filled out sheet with you, or you can email it to your editors email address on the first page header. ALL subjects and suggestions will be brought up in front of the club.

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.

Scan the QR Code to the LIARS'
website for more information!



www.LongIslandAutoReplicaSociety.com