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MODEL CAR BRIEFS



• LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICAS SOCIETY •

Meeting themes:

"Pickups"

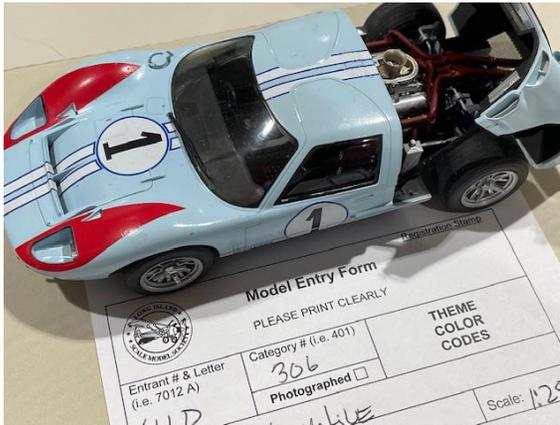
Discuss flyer, NNL East plans, rest of 2024, and Model Car Challenge...

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Scenes from the 2024 Noreastcon show at the Freeport Rec center...

The LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICATOR 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.

We're 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/>

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From our LIARS Unofficial Official

This meeting marks an anniversary month of sorts. It was after the April meeting in 1992 that I found out when I got home that I had lost my cousin.

That night I had won a raffle for a free kit. It was the Miller Highlife Indy Car by AMT .

I never built it, never even opened it. It remains sealed to this day. I was relating the story on line recently, and

Dave Vehrs, out of the kindness of his heart, took it upon himself to provide me with another kit of an Indy Car in the Domino's paint scheme. It was open and he said if I wanted to build it, I could. Means a lot to me to have friends like that. That's what this club is all about. Good friends! My cousin was five years older than me, and we were very close.

It's been 32 years. A day does not go by that I do not think of him. Joe Logan influenced me in many ways, he turned me on to Queen, building model, cars, and the love for cars in general. When he passed, his wife almost immediately threw out his entire Model Car collection and Lionel trains. In the collection was a 70 Buick GSX that I had built for him in white. I

wish I could've gotten it back instead of going into the trash. But it is what it is, and I since built another one. Again, thank you Dave for a little bit of therapy. Greatly appreciated!

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.

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,



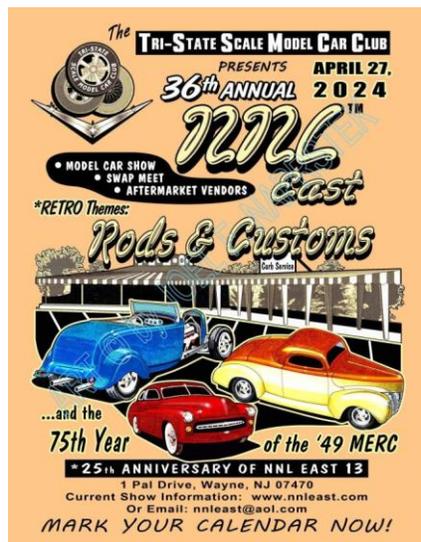
Remember those folks who made a difference in your life in 2023 (good or bad) and use the lessons learned to be a better you. Life is made up of people, events and decisions. 2024 is a time to start fresh. So surround yourself with good people, be active, happy and make remainder of 2024 great. Richie.

Some Words from the Editor At Large

Greetings fellow members. I apologize for being quiet with activities, been very busy with things as usual. I wanted to attend Noreastcon, but due to an unfortunate chain of events ranging from a bad Banana causing stomach issues and heavy rain conditions, I was unable to make it. However, it wasn't a total loss as the show didn't have many car related things in it and several people have sent me pics (Thanks Vinny R and Doc V!). I'd also like to thank John P. for his work on the Flyers and his Wife for her work on maintaining and adding content to our club site. Their contributions are very valuable as a whole.

This month's theme is Pickups, any scale, any year, any color. Brung what you've run! The committee will have further discussions on what to do for flyers/advertising, arranging vendors and tables, planning out payment insurance and things with the Freeport Rec Center ect. We should have our

printed flyer ready to distribute at the at NNL East, but it depends on what everyone's schedules are like.



We really should discuss NNL East plans as that will come up sooner than you can say chit! Like who's going, how many of our guys will vend and ect.

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 March, thanks Mikey and Dr. V, lots of it actually. 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 18th.

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.

BARGAIN ALERTS

Michaels recently held their secret clearance on select model kits, mostly AMT and older Revell stock. Prices were not marked, had to go scanner and hope to strike it rich... Prices on all the AMTs were as low as \$2.88 and some Revells \$10 bucks! All gone now but some of our guys (yours truly) got in on it.

Yours truly hasn't see these kinds of prices since 2008. OTOH, rumors are circulating that Michaels may stop carrying kits, but isn't the case as some that weren't marked down remain at some stores. This means just another typical product reset since they haven't had one since 2020, and maybe they'll get the new Revell '71 Mustang and MPC '73 Cougar reissues in stock!

Ollies Selden still has the same ol' muck, Snap Mustangs and Great Dane Trailers. Lots of Moebius Ships and Tanks for those interested in such.

Also, there are reports Hobby Lobby are running clearouts on select kits in leu for a product reset. None of the

stores on L.I have anything marked down as of this writing, but that's not to say they'll start later this month or into May.

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

Dr.V's Colum

Dr.V MCB 4 24 Background

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

Notwithstanding Dr,V's previously commitment, his April 2024 MCB input now covers new topics.

So Dr.V article now consists of at least 2 parts ...here is the 1st ...

Dr.V does not actively monitor FACEBOOK! SHAME ON HIM! Do you all know about...he did not!

Dr V finally realized he (& perhaps you also missed model reality!)



A 5.4 Million Strong Community

The best of model cars, diecast & scale car culture

For now about 20 years, the *Model Car Hall of Fame* has gathered enthusiasts from across the scale vehicle world to celebrate all the best in the hobby. You, as part of the enthusiast community, could nominate your favorite brands, models, and collectors each year for

26 different awards like Model Builder of the Year, Collector of the Year, Model of the Year, and Brand of the Year. **LIARS QUESTION: SO WHY DIDN'T WE DISCUSS THIS?**

With the help of talented selection committee comprised of model car designers, slot car racers, and magazine editors sharing hundreds of years of combined experience, we've inducted **over 200 notables** into the Hall of Fame. Just to name a few, our inductees include Jay Leno, Carroll Shelby, Dale Earnhardt, and Parnelli Jones. We have also inducted **brands of the year** and **models of the year**.

The most important thing about the Hall is that it's fun (JUST LIKE THE LIARS motto)! We all love cars, model cars, diecast, and the community we share. We want to see amazing models and meet all the great people collecting and building them.

<https://www.modelcarhall.com/blog/automotive-hall-of-fame-and-model-car-hall-share-several-worthy-inductees/>

Automotive Hall of Fame and Model Car Hall Share Several Worthy Inductees



Automotive Hall of Fame and Model Car Hall Share a Mission in Different Scales

When the **Automotive Hall of Fame** (recently) announced their perhaps latest inductees, it struck Dt.V that their core mission is/was to honor the best scale model vehicles, whether they're for meant play or to be revered as art objects. They have categories for tiny models (HO-scale and under) up to massive scales such as 1/5 and even 1/4. One scale they do not cover, however, is 1/1, or real size. Technically, there are models in that scale (concept cars, replicas, sculptures) but we figured we should leave that to someone else.



The Automotive Hall of Fame does indeed cover actual, real-sized 1/1 cars. so, they are a nice complement. Founded in 1939, Automotive Hall also honors the innovators, inventors, marketers, drivers, and anyone else behind those wonderful vehicles. At the Model Car Hall, we have the same mission.

“AHF mission is to honor and celebrate individuals in the industry,” whose outlook is truly becoming global with inductees from around the world being added every year.”

A visit to their 25,000-square-foot gallery is inspiring. It is a living timeline of automotive history, complete with permanent and temporary exhibits and the Hall of Fame wing



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Despite not having a physical location yet, the MCHOF has a similar mission. “The Model Car Hall is part museum, part hall of fame,” said Christian Braun, Chairman of the MCHOF. “Some of our annual awards are for that year’s contributions, and some are lifetime achievement awards.” The site is active year-round, however, with multiple stories posted in the news feed.



Legendary Hot Wheels Designer Larry Wood



“The diecast car industry is an integral part of the automotive industry and over so many years had several inductees who have inspired and impacted this industry in revolutionary ways. Larry Wood, who was inducted last year, is one of the legends recognized by the Hall.”

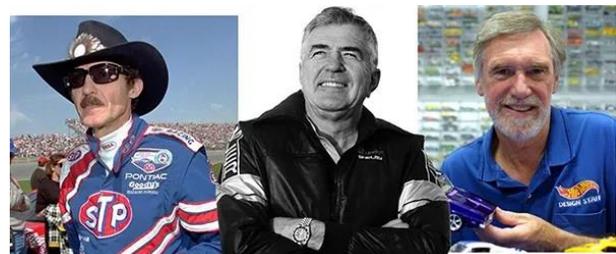
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The Model Car Hall of Fame has numerous categories for people and brands who, while not directly involved in the diecast industry, have a lot of influence on the hobby. It would not seem likely that the Automotive Hall would look at the model vehicle world the same way, but there is overlap.

Wood is the legendary designer of so many Hot Wheels cars that inspire enthusiasts and professionals, so it would make sense for him to be honored. As it turns out, there are a few inductees that are in both museums. Let’s take a look.



Mario Andretti, Dale Earnhardt, Jay Leno



Richard Petty, Carroll Shelby, Larry Wood

The Model Car Hall of Fame also inducts people who aren’t directly involved in the diecast hobby.

“Some enthusiasts and collectors and designers have nothing to do with model cars,” said Christian Braun, Chairman of the MCHOF. “But they celebrate the art and the spirit and the passion many have for automobile culture, and it feels like their influence is felt in the diecast hobby.”

Bottomline! Spend some time to check related sites! Hopefully, you will be impressed!

Now to the present ...

Dr.V checks e.g., “Bring a Trailer” site each day looking for interesting items. Recently (Check this link...)

[No Reserve: 34-Piece Scale Model Car "Grand Elegance" Collection for Charity for sale on BaT Auctions - sold for \\$8,100 on April 8, 2024 \(Lot #142,475\) | Bring a Trailer](#)

34-Piece Scale Model Car “Grand Elegance” Collection for Charity

Sold for **\$8,100** on 4/8/24 **34Comments**

Please remember that some folks bid includes a donation aspect! Let the controversy begin (or continue...)



Diecast Model Car Auction on Bring a Trailer: Andy Reid Previews the “Grand Elegance” Collection

https://youtu.be/r9qk10_2Mc?si=4i6l1CZqOYvsx7sv

Miniature d' Elegance Grand Elegance Collection

1904 Mercedes Simplex (FM)
1931 Mercedes Benz SSKL (FM)
1935 Mercedes 500K Special Roadster (FM)
1935 Mercedes-Benz 770K Grosser (FM)
1907 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost (FM)
1925 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost (DM)
1929 Rolls Royce Phantom I (FM)
1938 Rolls Royce Phantom III (FM)
1992 Rolls Royce Corniche IV (FM)
1930 Duesenberg J Derham Tourister (FM)
1933 Duesenberg SJ Twenty Grand (FM)
1933 Duesenberg J Victoria (FM)
1935 Duesenberg SSJ (DM)
1939 Duesenberg Coupe Simone (FM)
1930 Bugatti Royale Coupe Napoleon (FM)
1936 Bugatti Atalante type 57SC (FM)
1934 Hispano-Suiza J12 (DM)
1939 Maybach Zeppelin (FM)
1938 Jaguar SS-100 (FM)
1949 Jaguar XK-120 (DM)
1938 Alvis 4.3 Litre (FM)
1937 Cord 812 Phaeton Coupe (FM)

1934 Packard V-12 LeBaron Speedster (DM)
1915 Stutz Bearcat Roadster (FM)
1927 Stutz Black Hawk Speedster (DM)
1928 Stutz Black Hawk Boattail Speedster (FM)
1935 Auburn 851 Speedster (FM)
1933 Pierce Silver Arrow (FM)
1948 Tucker (FM)
1964 Aston Martin 007 DB5 (DM)
1964 Aston Martin DB5 (DM)
1967 Volkswagen Beetle (FM)
1989 Ferrari F40 (FM)
Lamborghini Countach 5000S (FM)

DM = Danbury Mint
FM = Franklin Mint

Listing Details

- Collection of 34 Scale Models
- Produced by Danbury Mint & Franklin Mint
- 1:24 Scale

- Multiple Marques Represented
- Partial Manufacturer's Packaging
- Selection of Literature

This collection of scale-model vehicles was assembled over 10 years prior to being donated to the seller and features 34 models produced by Danbury Mint and Franklin Mint. The 1:24 scale diecast models depict vehicles from marques including Mercedes-Benz, Rolls-Royce, Jaguar, Aston Martin, and Bugatti, among others. The selection includes cars from the 1900s through the 1990s, with a majority replicating “pre-war” European vehicles from the 1930s. This collection of “Grand Elegance” scale model vehicles is now offered in Monterey, California, with manufacturer’s packaging and literature.



This collection of 34 scale-model cars depicts Bugatti, Ferrari, Rolls-Royce, Lamborghini, and Jaguar street vehicles produced throughout the 20th century. The models are constructed of die-cast metal and composite materials, and each is rendered at 1:24 scale. A seller-supplied list of models in the collection can be viewed in the gallery below.



Highlights from the “pre-war” selection include a Maybach Zeppelin, a Hispano-Souza J12, a Bugatti Royale Coupe Napoleon, and a Duesenberg Coupe Simone. Each model is said to have been produced by either Franklin Mint or Danbury Mint.

A Volkswagen Beetle and a pair of Aston Martin DB5s, one of which is a 007 model with an ejector seat, represent the 1960s, while depicted vehicles from the 1980s and 1990s consist of a Lamborghini Countach, a Rolls-Royce Corniche IV, and a Ferrari F40. Manufacturer’s packaging and literature will accompany the sale.

Andy Reid Previews the “Grand Elegance” Collection

Diecast Model Car Auction on Bring a Trailer: Andy Reid Previews the “Grand Elegance” Collection

https://youtu.be/r9gk10_2Mc?si=4i6l1CZqOYvsx7sv



In case you’re looking for a Cadillac instead of Cord, checkout our other auction of American Classics diecast model cars. <https://bringatrailer.com/listing/47-diecast-car-models-124/>

47-Piece Scale Model Car “American Classics” Collection for Charity

[Diecast Model Car Auction on Bring a Trailer: Andy Reid Previews the “American Classics” Collection \(youtube.com\)](https://bringatrailer.com/listing/47-diecast-car-models-124/)

Diecast Model Car Auction on Bring a Trailer: Andy Reid Previews the “American Classics” Collection

Andy Reid gives us a preview of the “American Classics” diecast model car collection. This collection of scale-model vehicles was assembled over the course of 10 years prior to being donated to the seller and features 47 models produced by Danbury Mint and Franklin Mint. The [1:24](#) scale diecast models depict vehicles from American marques including Ford, Chevrolet, Studebaker, Buick, and Cadillac, among others. The selection includes cars from the 1910s through the 1990s along with several American-style miniature gas pumps. This collection of “American Classics” scale model vehicles is now offered with complete manufacturer’s packaging and literature. The winning bid for this no-reserve auction, including the BaT buyer’s fee, will be donated to the Piston Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that will use 100% of the funds to help young car enthusiasts become skilled technicians through its scholarship and apprenticeship programs. View the auction: <https://bringatrailer.com/listing/47-...>



Current Bid: **\$2100** Ends in **1 day** [25 Comments](#)

The complete, original manufacturer literature and certificate of authenticity for all 47 models have been organized in a binder by Veloce Valuations for safe storage and easy enjoyment of each car’s history.

Miniature d'Elegance: American Classic Collection

- 1929 Dodge Pickup (DM)
- 1932 Cadillac V-16 (DM)
- 1953 Cadillac El Dorado (FM)
- 1959 Cadillac series 62 (DM)
- 1937 Studebaker Pickup Truck (DM)
- 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk (DM)
- 1948 Chrysler Town & Country (DM)
- 1949 Mercury Club Coupe (DM)
- 1957 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser (DM)
- 1953 Buick Skylark (DM)
- 1965 Pontiac GTO (DM)
- 1925 Ford Model T Runabout Roadster (DM)
- 1925 Ford Model T Runabout (DM)
- 1925 Ford Model T Touring Car (DM)
- 1935 Ford Pickup (DM)
- 1940 Ford Deluxe Coupe (DM)
- 1955 Ford Fairlane Crown Victoria (DM)
- 1956 Ford Fairlane Sunliner (DM)
- 1956 Ford Thunderbird (DM)
- 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Skyliner (FM)
- 1966 Ford Mustang Convertible (DM)
- 1958 Edsel Bermuda 6-Passenger Station Wagon (DM)
- 1931 Chevrolet Half Ton Model AE Pick Up (DM)
- 1953 Chevrolet Pickup (DM)
- 1955 Chevrolet Nomad Station Wagon (DM)
- 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air (FM)
- 1958 Chevrolet Impala Convertible (DM)
- 1968 Chevrolet Chevelle SS-396 (DM)
- 1968 Chevrolet El Camino SS-396 (DM)
- 1969 Chevrolet Camaro (DM)
- 1953 Chevrolet Corvette (FM)
- 1956 Chevrolet Corvette (FM)
- 1962 Chevrolet Corvette (DM)
- 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray (FM)
- 1968 Chevrolet Corvette (FM)
- 1978 Chevrolet Corvette (FM)
- 1986 Chevrolet Corvette (FM)
- 1997 Chevrolet Corvette (FM)
- 1925 US Mail Truck Ford Model T (DM)
- 1927 Ford Coca-Cola Delivery Truck (DM)
- 1931 US Mail Truck Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster (C)
- 1935 US Mail Truck Ford 50-830 Half-Ton Pickup (DM)
- 1950 Borden's Milk Truck Divco-Model 13 (DM)
- 1953 Chevrolet 1-Ton Wrecker (DM)
- 1912 Christie Front Drive Steamer (FM)
- 1938 Budweiser GMC Delivery Truck (DM)
- Classic American Gas Pump Collection (DM)



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This collection of 47 scale-model cars depicts Dodge, Edsel, Mercury, and Studebaker street and service vehicles produced between the 1910s and 1990s. The models are constructed of die-cast metal and composite materials, and each is rendered at 1:24 scale. A seller-supplied list of models in the collection can be viewed in the gallery below.



Many of the models depict vehicles from the 1950s including a Cadillac Series 62, a Ford Thunderbird, a Chevrolet Corvette, a Buick Skylark, and an Edsel Bermuda. Also featured are a selection of eight Chevrolet Corvettes ranging from model years 1953 to 1997. Each model is said to have been produced by either Franklin Mint or Danbury Mint.



A selection of eight scale-model gas pumps will accompany the collection, and brands represented consist of Shell, Sunoco, Texaco, Derby, and others. Manufacturer’s packaging and literature will accompany the sale.



Among the service vehicles included in the selection are a Budweiser-branded GMC delivery truck, a Borden’s Dairy Products Divco milk truck, a U.S. Mail-style Ford Model T, a Chevrolet road service vehicle, and a Coca-Cola-branded Ford delivery truck.



The close-up pictures make the cars look like they are real!

I can see trying to fool someone into believing that these cars are the real thing. Say something like, “I have a really nice collection of cars that I’d like to show you.”

Then pull out these pictures and show off your collection!

Just don't take them to your home.

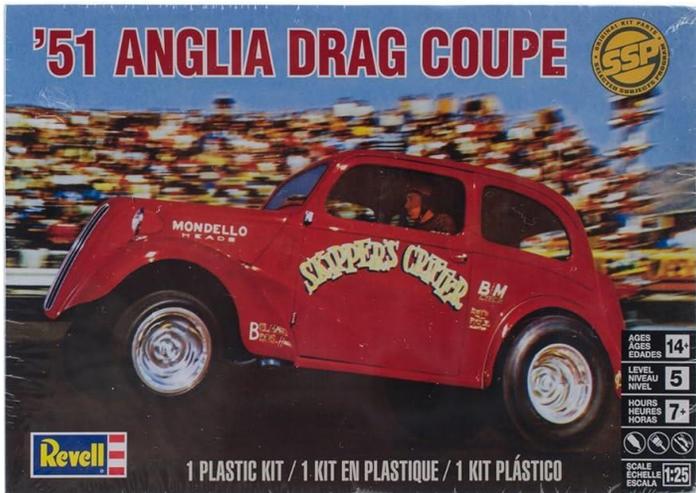
all models come with their original packaging and literature....

@maw06

I have 867 1:18 cars collection. It took me over 30 years. They are all over our house walls. I love telling my friends: "I have a really nice collection of cars that I'd like to show you." Then... I do when they visit us :-)

Dr.V Can you imagine how much display area you would need? I can not! Until Next month! Enjoy our hobby!

BUILD SUGGESTION OF THE MONTH FROM YOUR AUTHOR



Never built one of these, heard they're "scary" kits. Some of you have and could make something outta a sows ear.

Speaking of... Mike Brennan purchased both a vintage Revell kit and a 1:1 Angela on the 9th.





These amazing models show that custom work isn't just for real cars



[Mike Austin](#)

07/15/2022

Make: Porsche Model: 911c4

Pick any subject, and you'll find a devoted hobby community. Dig a little deeper, and you'll find a subset of hackers, modifiers, and customizers that range from subtle tweaks to radical personalization. We're familiar with this in the car world, of course, and even into the automotive-adjacent world like automobilia, including models. Which brings us to the work of Dax Wasser, who turns everyday model cars into futuristic hover machines.

Photo via Dax Wasser on Instagram.

We first learned of Dax through Douglas Sonders, the guy behind the Project Winston Porsche 911 Carrera 4 Safari build. Douglas was so enamored with Dax's work that he commissioned a version of his car. Prior to this, Dax only made these models for his own satisfaction. It's unclear whether or not Dax is interested in more bespoke work, but this is more of an appreciation post anyway. Check out the mini-episode of Project Winston above, and head over

to [@daxwasser on Instagram](#) to see more of these incredible creations.

CAR CULTURE

The Matchbox Motorway Is Late 1960s Slot-Car Greatness

[Matt Litwin](#)



When someone mentions “slot car track,” what comes to mind? The once widely popular 1:24 and 1:32 scale tri-lane-and-up super tracks that were erected in warehouse-sized buildings? Perhaps the two-lane HO-scale Tyco and AFX layouts countless kids yearned for during the holiday season? Thinking small, there were other HO-scale companies too, but the basic track system designs were essentially all the same, though not often interchangeable: Snap-together sections of track that featured a center groove and twin metal power strips,

along with two controllers and two cars fitted with electric motors.

Exciting as the racing action could be, the common at-home HO-scale sets did suffer from some limitations. Just two lanes notwithstanding, observant racers likely noticed whoever was fastest on the trigger often had the quickest out-of-the-box slot car. That was due to a subtle voltage drop that occurred as soon as the second controller was activated. Exasperating the amperage anomaly was the amount of service draw elsewhere in the house (dad using then-corded power tools in the workshop, for instance) or by extending the overall track length beyond what the box set provided. Such limitations were of no concern to those lucky enough to receive Matchbox Motorway No. 12.

Never heard of it?

Matchbox Motorway hit stores in the late Sixties. Produced by K Arnold & Company in West Germany, and then distributed by Fred Bronner in the States, its design combined then-conventional and unconventional slot car set elements. In the former category were a pair of thumb-activated track controllers, along with a requisite power pack. The rest of the set was about as unique as one could get in the slot car industry.

It began with 14 feet of simulated concrete over-and-under track, which indeed featured a molded slot in the center. Absent were twin power strips. Instead, a channel under the track slot was wide enough to capture and retain 28 feet of continuous loop spring, or 14 feet for each slot car lane. Activating the power rotated the spring at a desired speed via the thumb controller, which in turn would motivate a car via its pin.

Then there were the set's cars. Two were provided, which seems to have varied from one set to the next. That's because the cars were conventional Matchbox vehicles. Several plastic pins, which were larger in design than those on other traditional slot cars, were included with Matchbox Motorway. The pin's temporary mounting design made it possible for track users to switch from one Lesney scale car to the next. If one tired of, say, a Jaguar that had been included with the set, it was easy to substitute an AMC Javelin. It also allowed users to parade multiple cars on both tracks at the same time.

Matchbox Motorway would prove to be a short-lived venture. As of this writing, it seems the set was off the shelves by the early- to mid-Seventies. Today, complete sets can be found online in various conditions. We found our featured set at the 2023 AACA Eastern Fall Meet in Hershey, Pennsylvania, sporting some shelf wear, though the

contents were in excellent condition. It was one of three Matchbox Motorway sets spotted during the Hershey Meet.

Matchbox Motorway No. 18

Asking Price: \$100; Found at: 2023 AACA Eastern Fall Meet (Hershey, Pennsylvania)

Carspotting: The Cadillac Of Confusion

Dave Wallace



Photo: Dave Wallace

"The sun can play tricks with your eyes on the highway," sang John Prine. That lyric came to mind when, off in the flat distance of rural Wyoming, what looked like two mirror-image '53 Cadillacs

turned out to be the car from a famous postcard. Rawlins Conoco owner Bob Perkins and metalman Jack Gunderson bought two wrecked Cads for \$200 in 1961. Conveniently, one still had its V8 and Hydramatic. They installed a '56 Buick automatic on the other side, backwards. A Jeep front end enabled Bob to cruise highways in either direction, plus sideways in parades—where sidewalk spectators were said to jump out of their chairs when either grille aimed their way. The Caddy's parade days are over, but a friend confirmed that the car still occupied this spot in 2023.

Date: September 2012

Location: Perkins Conoco, Rawlins, Montana

Source: Wallace Family Archive

Gary's Finds of the Month





And goodies for sale



WANTED: Rear bumper for 1963 AMT Falcon.

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. (Thanks to Jeff for hearing the call last month!)

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 Dodge Ram VTS. Need one of these for a project. Any condition as long as most of the contents are complete and body isn't too borked up.

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

Model Mercantile Market

"Wanted or For Sale" section...

March 2024 Meeting pictures



L.I.A.R.S leadership going over finances, member roll call, Ect.



March Green Ridez theme





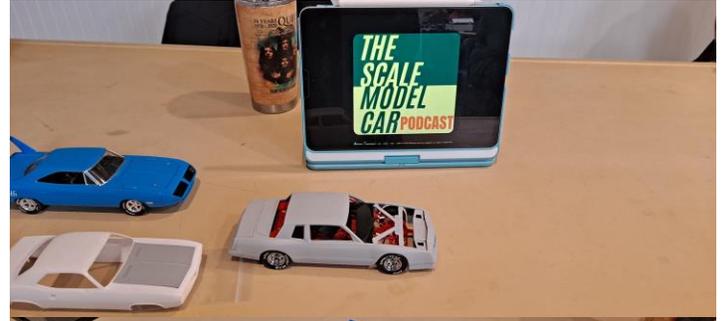
Works of art from yours truly



Seagraves Bros



Superbird Dominick



Albert and son







And the rest of our gang



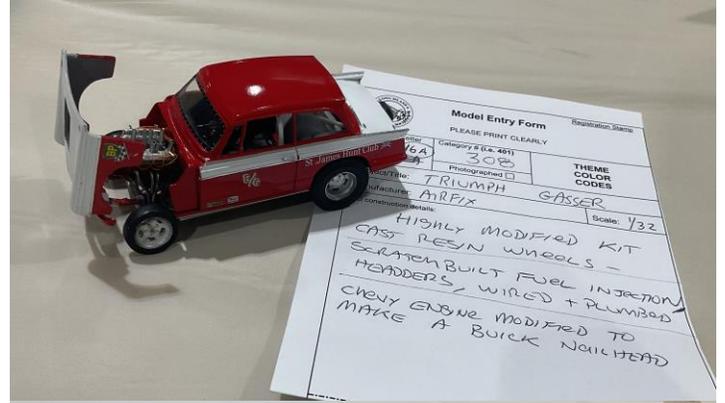


***Happy motorin',
stay safe, and enjoy***

the springtime Hot Rods and heavy exhaust in the air...

And remaining Noreastcon photos





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!**