

LEND A HAND AND BRING A CAN!

LIARS *MODEL CAR BRIEFS*

Meeting Themes:

"Cars painted Orange, Tan, and/or Brown (Fall colors, Why not)"

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



• LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICA SOCIETY •

MCB NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY November 20th @7:30 PM

The LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICA 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

Greetings fellow members, time for the November review! Specifically the LIARS Challenge is officially behind us for 2025. Overall, I heard good things about the show. People said it was a good atmosphere and everyone had fun.

Attendance was a little lighter than normal. Some notables were absent. I think a lot has to do with the change of website server. A lot of people ended up at the original one that had a bunch of errors on the links. I'm trying to find out how to eliminate that site altogether so that at Google search does not yield it as a result. The new site is fine. Just a bit hard to get to right now.

I can't think enough the people who pitched in and helped make the show a success. I hope to only improve in the future. I set up a QR code that will be on all of our flyers going forward. You scan it with your phone and it takes you right to the new website! Easy Peezy! Thanks to Paul and Greg's hard work. We were able to hand out all of the little save the date flyers for next year.

Next year, we'll have more. I would like to play off of those and make postcards to send out also to anyone we have an address on file for. Mrs Donna Seagraves and Lenny C. worked

the door flawlessly. My son Evan worked security at the front door. Of course Mike Saccente for his tireless efforts selling vendor tables and Joe Salierno storing all of our show equipment and for being an all-around jack of all trades! He looked very serious! LOL! Dr. V headed up the judging department. We could've used more help in that department. But that will be discussed later.

Other than that, I'm very happy with everything that went down on Saturday. Thank you again to everybody! My schedule has been hectic the past few weeks working 16 hour days, I could not have done this without you all!

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

Also, please try to bring a canned good to donate for the center. We've all been guilty for being sporadic about this, but let's think about those who are much less fortunate than us, especially as the holidays are approaching. Also consider a toys for tots donation for next month as it's also our annual Christmas party which will be discussed this MTG.

Thank you very much and see you all Thursday!

Your unofficial official,

Dominick "McMonte" Gerace,



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

Some Words from the Editor At Large

I apologize for any absences in responding to people. I've been caught up in many things and work. MCB is late because of last min revisions from a few people and a medical emergency on Monday that is mostly resolved now.

Prior to the last weekends stuff, managed to get a few more builds done, many of which were started and held up since June due to humid hot weather.

Here's my take on the show:

****Had a lot of fun and was better than last year since IMO the environment wasn't as tense.***

****Grabbed some deals and entered some stuff, didn't win anything but being there and seeing what everyone else does is the fun of it all.***

****I think attendance was down compared to previous years. The books will tell for sure.***

****OTOH, I did see lot of junior entrants which was great. Guess not all our youth became iPad kids doing weird tiktok challenges.***

****It seems there are still two club websites and many people got confused over the two. I had no issue finding the new one, but someone has to access the old site to deactivate it so google delists it and the new one can appear on google searches.***

**** I'm proposing giving a special award for in the works primer class: I will sponsor next year. Details TBA.***

**** I think the "save the date" card: is a good idea. Many will find the new site that wan and better about the future show and can plan ahead.***

**** It looks like we got a LOT OF COVERAGE! Groups and members post; from; model car zone, scale survivors, diversified scalerz, papa's workshop, dedicated to 1/16 scale, and LISMS. that I'm aware of.***

We also got at least 3 new members to our club, at least two planning to attend this Thurs mtg.

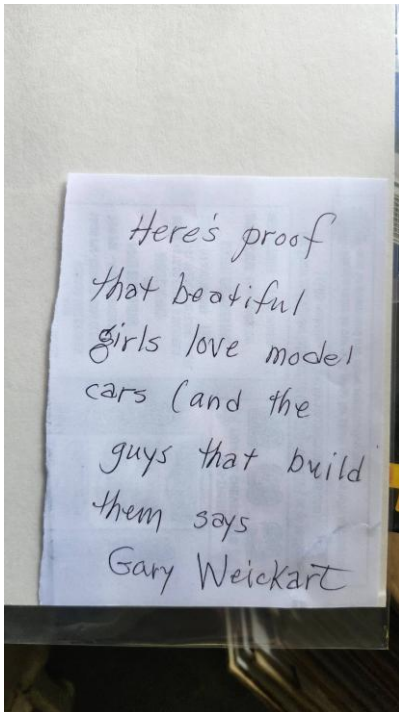
Welp, that's all I got for this month!

If anyone else have something to contribute or whatever, please do and send it over!

See you all Thursday!



Also included below is the History of the Hwy Pioneers. Enjoy!



Doc V's corner

MiniCraft released 4 -1/32 scale model sets in the early 50s.

Sunday November 17th, Dr. V picked up the following 3 kits (labeled 1501 - 1503). The later included box pictures for 1504 & 1505.

"GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIGHWAY PIONEER KITS"

With your purchase of the Minicraft Highway Pioneer car kits, you have just acquired two kinds of tangible history. The kits, when assembled, are true miniatures representing the historical development of the automobile. The number of car kits available in this series totals twenty-two, spanning automotive history from 1900 to 1953.

In addition, the Highway Pioneer kits are really the history of the hobby kit. Before 1952, there were a few plastic model kits available, but their sale was very limited and even their existence wasn't widely known. It wasn't until Gowland & Gowland started producing these kits in Santa Barbara, and had them marketed by Revell, Inc., that they became the instantly popular pastime around which an industry grew. During their peak years, from 1953, until about 1958, these models were truly sold by the millions through all kinds of stores all over the world.

As the industry expanded, technology developed and the products became better and more complicated. By today's standards, the Highway Pioneer kits are too simple, lack detail and have far too few parts. Nevertheless, these earliest examples of mass-produced hobby kits were accurate and are still the only history in miniature of the car all in a constant scale. Besides that, they were, and still are, a lot of fun to construct and collect.

Though produced by the millions, the original kits have become rare collector's items, selling for as much as \$40 for one individual kit. Now, with their reissue, a modern collection can be assembled, constructed and displayed without having to invest several hundred dollars.

Because the molds are more than thirty years old and have been heavily used, you will see some flash (thin plastic overflow) around some of the parts. This is easy to trim as per the drawings. Also, because of their long storage near the ocean, there was a small bit of rust on a few of the molds. This could not be easily repaired on the mold, but it is extremely easy to correct on the molded part. You might find a tiny bump on a molded surface resulting from a rust pit. Simply sand this off using a fine (#400) sandpaper and then paint, according to the instructions.

To make the assembled models more attractive, we have included in each kit a piece of clear acetate film for use in the windshields and car windows. For some strange reason, this was never included in the original boxed kits. To use, simply trace the pattern of the window opening on the clear plastic, cut with scissors or a hobby knife and carefully, at the corners only, affix to the window frames with small drops of plastic cement.

If you find a part missing or damaged, despite our quality control. (We use people, not robots), just write our customer service department at P.O. Box 3577, Torrance, CA 90510. We'll be happy to replace the component at no charge.

■ Read the instructions before you proceed, and do not remove the parts from the runners until required.

■ Cement all parts together as shown in each step, if not stated otherwise.

■ Remove parts from the runner with a sharp knife or snippers.



■ Trim off any surplus plastic with a sharp knife.



■ Cement parts lightly and hold together for a few seconds. Rubber bands are handy for difficult parts.

■ Use a good model kit cement and apply sparingly.

■ If you wish to paint, do so before assembly for best results, using paint for plastic models.



MINICRAFT
MODELS, INC.
Box 3577, Torrance, CA 90510
1510 W. 228th St.
Torrance, California 90501

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Model Mercantile Market

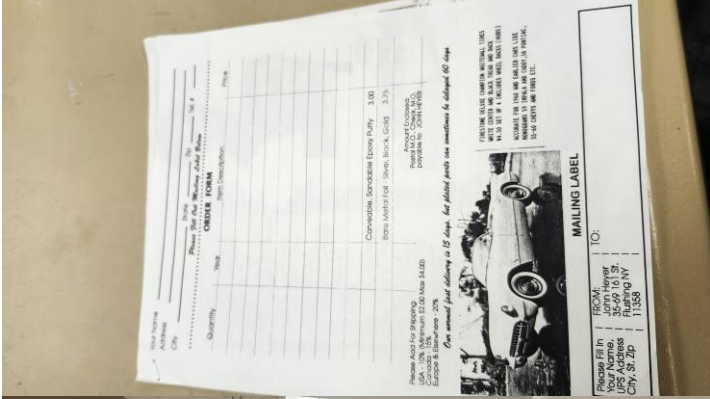
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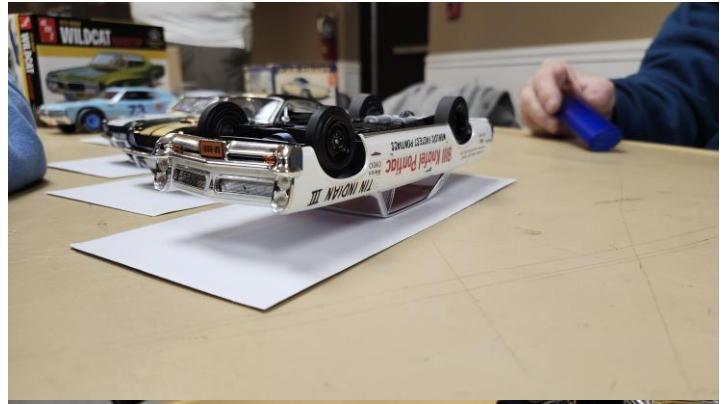
October 2025 Meeting pictures

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.

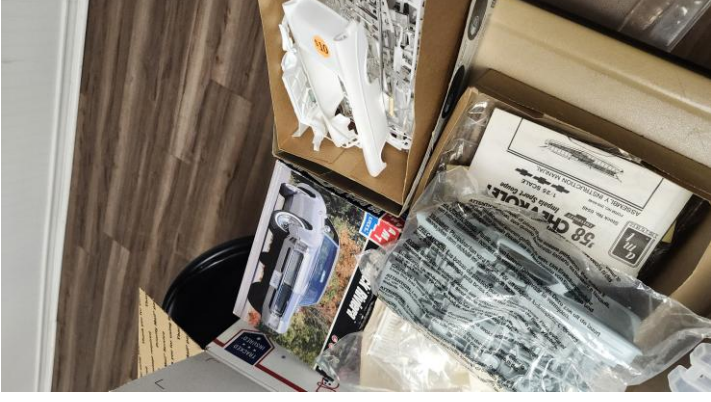
WANTED: CAR MODEL Magazine May 1974 issue. Will pay \$20 for it in excellent condition.



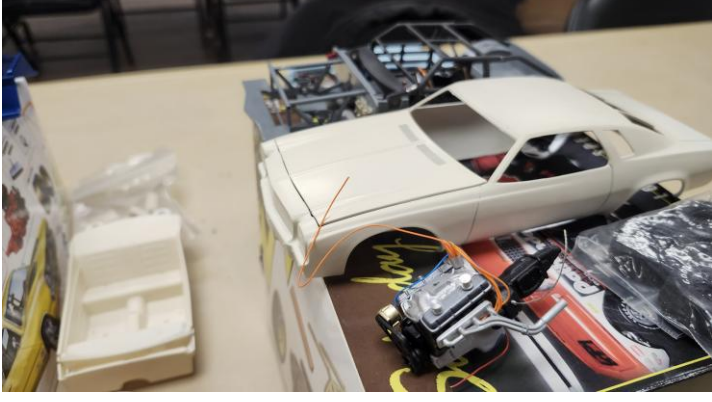






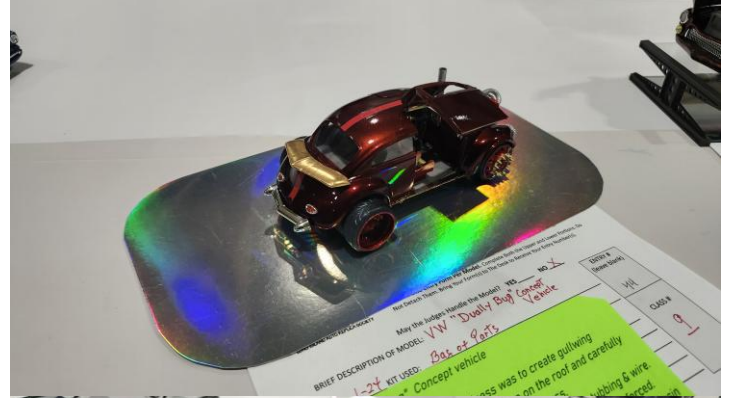


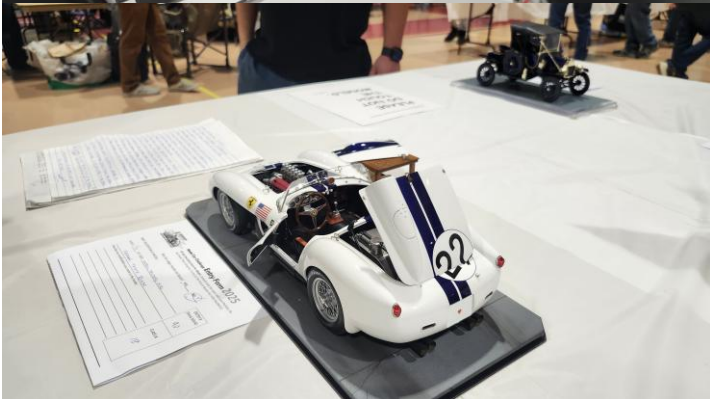




And a sample of the 2025 Model Car Challenge coverage! More of which you will find on the google drive folder link within the email.







Model Car Challenge 2025 show results:

**Junior to age 17 -Thomas Lafferty
1 Hunter Wolkiewicz
2 Joe Murch
3 Kenneth Murch**

**Factory stock -Dominick Gerace
1 Vince LoBosco
2 Frank Steffens
3 Heath Johnson**

**Documented replica -Lenny Cromwell
1 Rick Hanmore
2 John Wolkiewicz
3 ed DeRosa**

**Street rod -Jeff Robinson
1 Tom Robilotta
2 Joe Jannerelli
3 Steve Vaz**

**Street machine -Bob Seagraves
1 Mike Brennan
2 Dave Wood
3 Chris Donarone**

Light commercial -Will and Donnalee Seagraves
1 Dave Wood
2 Bob Seagraves
3 Pete Morales

Heavy commercial -Will and Donnalee Seagraves
1 Diego Peri
2 Michael Capasso
3 Michael Capasso

Municipal -Dominick Gerace
1 Mike Quinn
2 James Wellinghoff
3 Steve Johnson

Custom -Bob Luis
1 Dan Horvath
2 Juan Manuel Romero
3 Rick Hanmore

Euro / Tuner / Lowrider -Rich Manri
1 Steve Vaz
2 Steve Johnson
3 Pete Morales

Street line competition -Lenny Cromwell
1 Frank Steffens
2 Dave Wood
3 Joe Jannarrelli

Open wheel competition -Ernie Feinmore
1 Bob Seagraves
2 Greg Hunt
3 Ed Isnardi

Closed wheel competition -Joe Salerno
1 David LaPaz
2 Vince LoBosco
3 Robert Cucchiaro

Curbside -Greg Lissendrello
1 Ed DeRosa
2 Rick Hanmore
3 Jim Boloukis

Shelf Model Street -Dominick Gerace
1 Jim Baloukis
2 Chris Ortlieb
3 Rick Hanmore

Shelf model competition -Dave Vehrs
1 Dave Schmitt
2 Robert Pettina
3 Ed DeRosa

Box stock -John Pinto
1 Frank Steffens
2 Rick Hanmore
3 Paul Plotrowski

1/20 and larger -Thomas Lafferty
1 Vince LoBosco
2 Paul Drago
3 Matt Kozerski

1/32 and smaller -Mike Brennan
1 Gram Spina

Motorcycles -Bob Seagraves
1 Bill Goneowski
2 Diego Perri
3 Daniel Horvath

Diorama -Dominick Gerace
1 Diego Perri
2 Steven Johnson

Theme class -LIARS
1 John Wolkiewicz
2 Dave Schmitt
3 Steve Vaz

Miscellaneous -Thomas Lafferty
1 Paul Drago
2 Robert Pettine
3 Dave Wood

Slammer -Greg Lissendrello
1 Rick Hanmore
2 Gram Spina
3 Steven Johnson

Best engine -Vince Lobosco

Best finish -Greg Hunt
Best interior -Bob Seagraves
Best detail -Frank Steffens

**LIARS Memorial Award -Lenny
Cromwell**

**In-house contest winner -Lenny
Cromwell**

Judges best in show -Vince LoBosco

***Fall and cooler
weather are here!
Maybe we can get
some more builds
done in between
leaves mowing and
such!***



LIARS Annual (2025) INPUT AND PROFILE SHEET:

Here is your chance to have some input into this club without having everyone know where it came from. If you have a suggestion, an idea, or a problem you would like to discuss please put it in writing on this sheet and it will be discussed at the next meeting. Please bring your filled out sheet with you, or you

can email it to your editors email address
on the first page header. ALL subjects and
suggestions will be brought up in front of
the club.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN THIS SHEET.

LIARS Profile: (name) _____ (Can be your LIARS nickname or anonymous panhandle...)

- How long have you been building models? _____
- How long have you been a member of LIARS? _____
- What do you usually build? _____
- Where do you usually build? _____
- How many models do you have? _____
- Have you ever had any failed builds that were scrapped or recycled for other projects?

- Have you ever parted out old finished builds and recycled their contents for new projects?

- How many unbuilt models do you have? _____
- What are your favorite 3 models you have built? _____
- Have you ever won an award for building a model? _____
- What 3 models should win an all time kit of the (last) century award? _____
- What 3 models are so horrible that you would buy them just to protect others from having to build them?

- What was the dumbest, most boneheaded mistake you've made in the past? (Can be model or general related)

- Was there any kit you regretted ever purchasing?

- What do you drive now? _____
- Are you bitter about anything? _____
- Are you saving your pennies for something fun to drive? _____
- With an unlimited budget, what 10 full size cars would you have in your garage?

- What (if any) person (living or dead) in the 1:1 automotive world would you like to meet? _____
- Do you go to model car shows? _____
- What are your favorite model car shows and why? _____
- Do you have kids & if so, do they share your passion? _____
- Did you build models with them? _____

***LIARS Model Car Challenge, 35th
anniversary, coming November 2026!
Details and more TBA!***