

We've started our 31<sup>st</sup> year as a Club; let's hope that we all stay healthy during this COVID-19 & beyond crisis and that we can all attain some measure of prosperity. Then perhaps we can build a new Club display...

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Comments from other members ...

...Hopefully you all will add your monthly contributions (as part of your New Year's Resolutions!)

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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



Pete Serroon has taken over John Carlisle shows. The next one "Parsippany Slot Car Model Car & Die Cast Show" is scheduled for 5/22/2022 (9AM – 1PM) @ the (previous NNL) Parsippany P.A.L. Building 33 Baldwin Rd. Parsippany, NJ.

Pete's artwork is on our cover this month.

Now sit back, perhaps in the above carseat to hopefully enjoy the attached.

#### **LIARS MEETING MINUTES:**

Thursday February 17, 2022 P. Drago Note: AGENDA included:

• Establish 2022 Board members based on proposed/agreed to during January 2022 mtg. (Note no mail in candidate rec'd)

Review Request/Concurrence of LIARS board 2022 nominees

- Review current treasury balance
- Paid membership status
- Any candidate Club direction changes
- Auction off the club built car.
- 1. During the request for membership inputs, no one objected to the 2022 LIARS Board candidates. Motion passed!
- 2. Current treasury balance (prior to mtg.): \$6614.80 (Pat previously stated that he would specify LIARS balance sheet each month) Accomplished
- 3. Attendees: 18. Business started immediately after the Pledge of allegiance at 7:55 PM We now have a total of 19 paid members as of (this) February meeting. (Ted paid after mtg.)

- 4. A question of timely dues payment came up again...: Baseline: Concept was that all dues be paid by January mtg., with a one month grace period in February. (THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH any OTHER CLUBS!) After that period, you are considered a "non-member". Please remember we are suppose to be a fun club///
  - This may contrast with presumed to be previous policy of allowing a prorated payment.
  - · We still have not decided on an official policy; (noting) the club is founded on having NO RULES. Therefore VP Drago withdraws his suggestion and will defer to the general membership if for example (a non paid member) shows up in July and expects to pay for half a year membership. President Pat Vecchio expressed concern regarding our show in November 2022 based upon other East Coast shows being already canceled, ( NNL East, NNL Philadelphia, IPMS Mass. ) we should reach out to our vendors to see if they are willing to commit to the show. We also do not know the status of the Freeport Rec Center as to the policy for events being held there in the future. Generally, it appears the majority of us want to have a show in November.
- 5. Clarification with regards to diversifying the club: ideas floated: as stated in last meeting, we are considering inclusion of Die Cast vehicles, Slot cars, gas and RC powered vehicles, Hobby related

literature; expanding technical sessions at each meeting. This topic took up most of the time and there were many views expressed about allowing other interests to be included. After long discussions and heated debate VP Paul Drago proposed each member E-Mail him, or Pres Pat Vecchio their thoughts on this matter. Additionally members can bring a written piece to the next meeting if they so desire. All comments and suggestions will then be considered and voted on by the general membership.

6. Questions arose regarding the cost of Christmas party held at the Rec Center as compared to the money spent at Sergio Restaurant (2021). Rough estimates were Rec center cost \$600 and Sergio's cost \$300. Ted Pappacena asked to see the receipts of last year's Christmas party to validate this. Pat Vecchio will try to dig up the paperwork from 2019 and bring it to next meeting.

7. The club built model was auctioned off and the winning bid went to Alan Aug for \$50 dollars.

Meeting adjourned rather peacefully at 8:40 pm. Submitted by P.Drago, Vice President

## THIS IS YOUR CLUB! PLEASE CONTRIBUTE/SUPPORT! Dr.V

PHOTOS from Feb. mtg. (What a night!)





Vinnie's amazing build



Bob S continues to build



Richie Rich:



Pat's new pearl paint



Now to the LIARS Auction peek preview



#### And here it is!!!



LIARS board members John the Artist, Hammer, Dr.V & our esteem new leader of the pack Pat V. met at the Feb  $10^{\rm th}$  LIMTC mtg

Pat had a minor accident on the way...



John displayed a number of models



Next is a Public Service announcement I often use some of these tricks to refine eBay searches...Raymond Gallant

- 1) Explicit Phrase
  Place inside double quotation marks
  Example Search: "inbound marketing"
- 2) Exclude Words
  Simply use the sign in front of the word you want to exclude. Example Search: inbound marketing -advertising
- 3) This OR That

Looking for any one of one or more terms to match, then you can use the OR operator. Example Search: inbound marketing OR advertising

4) Words in the Text
If you want to find a webpage where all the

terms you're searching for appear in the text of that page (but not necessarily beside each other), type in allintext: followed immediately by words or phrases. Example Search: allintext:vermont ski house lake

5) Words in the Text + Title, URL etc.
If you want to find a webpage where one term appears in the text of that page and another term appears elsewhere on the page, like the title or URL, then type in that first term followed by intext: followed immediately by the other term.

Example Search: neil diamond intext:red sox

6) Words in the Title

Want to find a webpage with certain words contained in the title (but not necessarily beside each other)? Type in allintitle: followed immediately by words or phrases.

Example Search: allintitle:wine club

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followed by intitle: immediately followed by the
other term.

Example Search: flu shot intitle:advice

8) Words in the URL

If you want to find pages with your search query mentioned in the URL, type allinurl: immediately followed by your search query. Example Search: allinurl:hubspot blog

9) How to Search Within a Website
Often, you want to search a specific website for
content that matches a certain phrase. Even if
the site doesn't support a built-in search
feature, you can use Google to search the site for
your term. Simply use the site:somesite.com
modifier.

**Example Search:** 

site:www.smallbusinesshub.com "inbound marketing"

10) Related Search

If you want to find new websites with similar content to a website you already know of, use the related:somesite.com modifier. Example Search: related:visual.ly related-google-search.png

- 11) A Page That Links to Another Page
  Let's say you want to search for every website
  that cites a BuzzFeed article on their website.
  To do this, use the link: command, immediately
  followed by the name of a page. Google will
  give you all pages that link to BuzzFeed's
  official website. The more specific the URL is,
  the fewer, more pointed results you'll get.
  Example Search: link:buzzfeed
- 12) Similar Words and Synonyms
  Let's say you want to include a word in your
  search, but also want to include results that
  contain similar words or synonyms. To do this,
  use the ~ in front of the word.
  Example Search: "inbound marketing"
  ~professional
- 13) Word Definitions

If you need to quickly look up the definition of a word or phrase, simply use the define: command. You can listen to the word's pronunciation by pressing the megaphone icon.

Search Example: define:plethora google-word-definitions.png

14) Missing Words

Ever forgotten a word or two from a specific phrase, song lyric, movie quote, or something else? You can use an asterisk\* as a wildcard, which can help you find the missing word in a phrase.

**Example Search: much \* about nothing** 

15) News in a Specific Location
If you're looking for news related to a specific location, you can use the location: command to search Google News for stories coming from that location.

Search Example: star wars location: london

16) Specific Document Types

If you're looking to find results that are of a specific type, you can use the modifier filetype:. For example, you might want to find only PowerPoint presentations related to inbound marketing.

Example Search: "inbound marketing" filetype:ppt

17) Translations

Want to translate a simple word or phrase from one language to another? No need to go to a translation website. Just search translate [word] to [language].

Example Search: translate krankenwagen to english

#### 18) Phone Listing

Let's say someone calls you on your mobile number, and you don't know who it is. If all you have is a phone number, you can look it up on Google using the phonebook feature. Example Search: phonebook:617-555-1212 (Note: The number in this example doesn't work. You'll have to use a real number to get any results.)

#### 19) Area Code Lookup

If all you need to do is to look up the area code for a phone number, just enter the three-digit area code and Google will tell you where it's from. Example Search: 617

#### 20) Zip Code Lookup

If you need to look up the zip code for an address, simply search for the rest of the address, including town or city name and state, province, or country. It'll return results with an area code (if applicable),

Example Search: 25 First St., Cambridge, MA

#### 21) Numeric Ranges

This is a rarely used but highly useful tip. Let's say you want to find results that contain any of a range of numbers. You can do this by using the X..Y modifier (in case this is hard to read, what's between the X and Y are two periods). This type of search is useful for years (as shown below), prices, or anywhere where you want to provide a series of numbers.

Example Search: president 1940..1950

#### 22) Stock (Ticker Symbol)

Just enter a valid ticker symbol as your search term, and Google will give you the current financials and a quick thumbnail chart for the stock.

**Example Search: GOOG** 

#### 23) Calculator

The next time you need to do a quick calculation, instead of bringing up the Calculator applet, you can just type your expression into Google.

**Search Example: 48512 \* 1.02** 

#### 24) Tip Calculator

Along with a normal calculator, Google has a built-in tip calculator. Just search tip calculator and you can adjust the bill, tip %, and number of people splitting it.

Search Example: tip calculator

#### **25) Timer**

Don't have a timer handy? Google has you covered. Just type in an amount of time + the word "timer," and the countdown will begin automatically

**Search Example:** 

Search Example: 20 min timer

#### 26) Stopwatch

Search "stopwatch" and it'll bring up a stopwatch for you to start when you're ready. Search Example: stopwatch

#### 27) Weather

Next time you're looking for quick weather stats or a forecast for a certain area, search for weather followed by a location. Google will give you both before the first search results. Search Example: weather cambridge ma

#### 28) Sunrise & Sunset Times

If you're curious when the sun will rise and set that day at a specific location, do a simple Google search with the word sunrise or sunset along with the location name.

Search Example: sunrise acadia

#### 29) Flight Statuses

If you type in the airline and airplane number into Google, it will tell you the flight information, status, and other helpful information.

Search Example: BA 181

#### 30) Sports Scores & Schedules

Want to know the latest sports scores and future schedules of your favorite teams or match-ups? Search a single team name or two team names and Google will use Google Sports to spit out scores and schedules before the first search results.

Search Example: manchester united

#### 31) Comparing Food

Believe it or not, if you're ever curious how two types of (fairly generic) foods compare with one another, you can do a quick Google search to see how they differ in calories, fat, protein, cholesterol, sodium, potassium, and other nutrients.

Search Example: pizza vs broccoli Edited January 31, 2016 by stelmackr

#### **First Impressions**

POWER. STYLE. BEAUTY. GRACE CELEBRATING THE DISTINCTIVE HERITAGE OF THE AUTOMOBILE.

PS keep the faith, stay safe and enjoy our great ESCAPE FROM REALITY HOBBY!

"For every minute you remain angry, you give up sixty seconds of peace of mind."

Good day to you my fellow LIARS/family/friend of/ or perhaps someone who is simply surfing the Internet in search of model car goodies and happened upon the LIARS! If so, WELCOME & PLEASE STAY! Why not introduce yourself – choices:

Hi Bill, Here is my latest article on the dilemma that faces us all. Best, Gary Weickart

#### What Are You Going to do With All This Stuff?

#### **By Gary Weickart**

I think we have all heard this question sometime in the past or even quite recently. During the thirty years of being in the LIARS club, the subject of the eventual disposition of our model kit collections has cropped up now and then.

Well, now that I'm 70, I'm forced to accept the fact that I might not live forever, and I also accept that at some point everything I own will be owned by someone else in the future. Should I care?

If you've collected model kits for your own personal enjoyment, it really doesn't matter what happens to them after you're gone; you've enjoyed them for as long as you lived, and so, they served their purpose. If you built a collection as an investment, when is it time to cash out?

Personally, I'd rather see all these cool built and unbuilt model kits on my shelves as opposed to a figure on the monthly bank statement. And, odd as it sounds, I really don't care if a model is worth 100 cents or 100 dollars. I still get the same enjoyment out of owning it. It really is all about the fun.

However, when it is time to sell, do you wish to reap the benefits yourself? If so, contact an auction house or the vendor of your choice now. Do not expect your wife or children to go to the tremendous effort of cataloging, pricing and actually sell theses things at model shows or on eBay. If you don't want to do it, why should they? Having to deal with the dubious "gift" of a huge collection will not be overly welcomed for long, believe me.

Ultimately, the choice is yours. Decide for yourself what will happen to your collection now or after you go. Or do nothing and leave it to chance, which most folks will do, because we can do it "tomorrow".

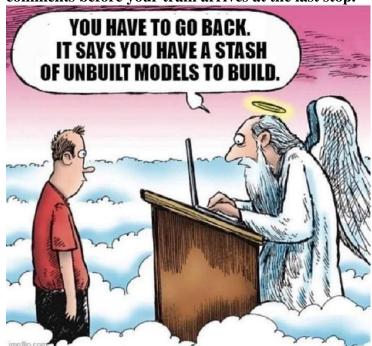
I plan on leaving some models and toys to a few good friends before I kick the bucket. The rest will

have to be sold to a dealer/vendor at a wholesale price. Leave a short list of a few dealers you have been comfortable with in case you don't get a "tomorrow".

If you leave it to chance, one of three things will happen:

- (1) Your collection will be thrown out
- (2) Your collection will be sold by the executor at auction or to a dealer
- (3) The vultures will swarm around the family hoping to cherry pick the best stuff for a song

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and comments before your train arrives at the last stop.



#### The Devils in the Details Pt 15

By Steve "Big Daddy" Blake

Well spring is on its way. The birds are singing, the wild critters are waking up and Home chores are looming. Projects start to be set aside. To



which I say:

On a serious note, I haven't heard from our friend Oleksenko Dmitrly of DiOlex Productions (the 3D print wheel guy) since the war broke in his country. Although, his eBay store is still open, I hope he is OK and wish him and his countrymen luck in their fight.. It is very true ... FREEDOM, It Don't Come Free.

So now I have been working out some glitches. I used clear styrene sheet for side windows with white sheet stock trimmed to rep the window frame. Well I realized after gluing them in and foiling them they are too wide. Oh well next time "Measure twice, cut CORRECTLY."



I thought about scratch building a drive shaft, but, then found a shaft from an old 59 ElCamino and modified by cutting off the U-joints shortening the main shaft then glueing the ends. Simple.

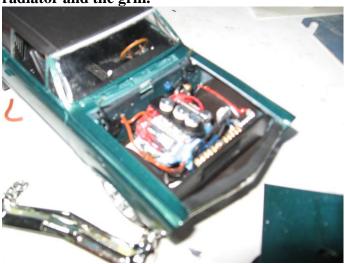


Installing the chassis in the body was a lot of fiddly trimming and careful gluing into position. In the end it went surprisingly well.





Next I will add upper radiator hose, the air cleaner tray and the hood latch panel between the radiator and the grill.



Almost to the finally.

So on to bigger and better things. Everyone be safe and stay Healthy. Steve "Big Daddy" Blake Oh By The Way, This is were what I call "God's Country is



**Big Daddy** 

Back to Our Roots
By Pat Vecchio

Good afternoon fellow club members,

Hello fellow modelers,

This MCB issue I am <u>not</u> going to talk about building models.

What I am going to talk about is a gift that I received for Christmas back in 1956 when I was nine years of age (Dr.V as in Pat is now 66!) As you all well know I am a certified car nut. Christmas morning, I saw a package that was wrapped under the tree along with various other packages. I proceeded to unwrap this rather large package and once I opened it to my surprise and excitement it was a gas station that was manufactured by Marx toy company. It was made from tin.



It had all the markings and accessories of a real gas station of the time. Some of the smaller packages were automobiles that I used with the service station. I was in Heaven. I really wanted this and was so delighted when I saw this. When you look at the pictures you will notice that in the front of the station, on the lower level there are vehicles that were produced by the F&F mold company. These vehicles were giveaways in the Post cereal boxes at the time. They fit perfectly with the service station. On the upper level, you will notice two jalopy stock cars. These cars were purchased at Freeport Stadium.





My dad used to take me to see the stock car races. Once there he gave me a one-dollar bill. With that money, I purchased a hot dog, soda, pretzel, and a stock car. Man, those were the days. They were a quarter apiece. I have in the past purchased a few from the Marty Himes Museum for five dollars each.

Talk about inflation. You will notice that there is an elevator, a lube rack, and an exit ramp from the upper level. There is also a tin police car, a metal racer, and a tractor-trailer.

Thank heavens that there were stored in the attic for several years. It is now proudly displayed in my basement with other treasures from my youth. At times when I glance at this piece of nostalgia, I think of the times when my Dad, my cousins, and my friends would sit on the floor with me and we used to play with this station and all the cars that I had at the time.

I tell people, in order to survive adulthood, you must bring part of your childhood with you. These fond memories help me get thru these current stressful times that we are facing.

I would also like to thank all of you for electing me as your president. I hope that I can serve you as well as our former president has. I am here to assist you in keeping our club up to the fine standards that we are accustomed to.

Thank you for your time and support and God bless America.

Pat Vecchio.

#### REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

### **GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

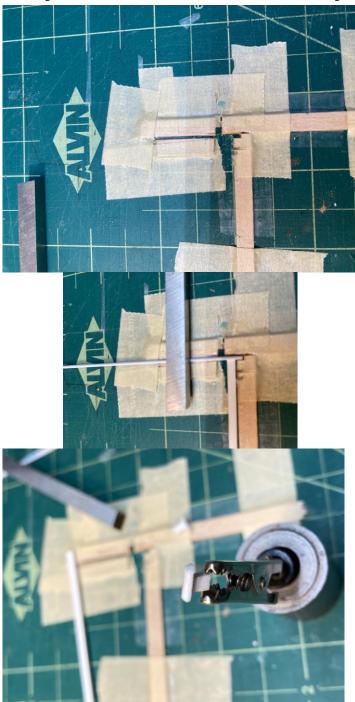
Pat Vecchio

#### Scratch built breathers for fuel cars Hammer

First photo is the jig itself made with coffee stirrers, then insert a rectangle (horizontal )and a half round (vertical) plastic strip.

Glue and cut free. Round the edges a bit with dremil and it's done.

Once I get going it's pretty fast. I'm making enough for future projects. Why don't I use breathers from the kit you ask? Try FINDING THEM!



Next ...
Tiny cylinder head with exhaust pipes for HO scale funny car model

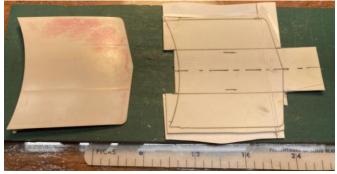
This tiny piece is taken from a dismantled shaving razor



It is better served as custom louvers for a 1966 Riviera restoration. The side lights look dull so this should perk it up. I removed the center grill so I can add a custom mesh from behind.



Scratch built hood for Olds Toronado Relative easy to make. Here's the original and the pattern



Here's the final part test fit. Not bad considering I never did this before



**Terrifying Toronado Hammer** 

I picked up a built 67-68? Oldsmobile Toronado. Unfortunately it was built custom, but I plan on grafting on stock front and rear from other kit (will cast duplicate parts) beautiful paint but must be stripped. After a night in "dedth-strip" it looks like it was base coat orange then red metallic over coat. Here's some pix





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#### MENTAL FLOSS

#### BY JOHN THE BUZZARD

Some of you probably don't know who I am, since I have been to just one LIARS meeting since August of 2009. Before that, I was at every meeting (unless familial responsibilities came into play) since November of 1991. My reason for not attending since then is simple- we live about 750 miles from our former home. I am no longer a dues paying member but I do get the newsletter and still keep in touch with a few members.

Over the years, I have seen many changes in the club and some dramatic moments; there have been highs and lows, good times and bad times. New members joined, old members seemed to disappear and (too many) members passed away. Our club once held contests in hotels on the Island and a brief segment of the contest actually aired on a local TV evening news show one year. We would arrive at the NNL East on a chartered coach bus that was FULL of modelers like you and me. There were displays in libraries, events to raise money to fight pediatric cancer at a local hospital and displays at local car shows to spread the word and good will. And a few months before our contests, the members would distribute "beg letters" to local businesses to help raise funds for trophy packages. There was a financial incident and infighting between and among club members. Yet, it all worked- there were plenty of members, old(er) and young, and we had fun. More importantly, just about every member participated in one way or another, and it all worked.

For a while, several of us would gather at Gold Spike Hobbies in Islip on Friday nights. Ray Gerrold, the proprietor of the establishment, welcomed us and some local model RR enthusiasts to relax and shoot the shit over some cold adult beverages, with the occasional pizza from an adjacent pizza joint thrown in. The model railroaders would be fascinated by our works and we would be amazed by theirs. And, we would be there after he closed for the evening; later, we were able to enjoy some serious markdowns on kits.

Slam contests, how-to clinics, in-house contests- it seemed like there was always something going on. And there was never really a shortage of articles for the newsletter; some controversial, some not- but, some of them would inevitably be the subject of much conversation at the next meeting, especially before the interweb thing and home computing devices.

Our common denominator was our love for all things automotive, full size or in scale. Die casts, big and small, were part of that, but didn't really stick around. Slot cars appeared after many years, but never really caught on. Even the occasional aircraft or armor model appeared at meetings. And, for a couple of years, we joined with a local military modeling club in bringing our contests to the public.

But for the most part, we were an association of car modelers. You know- the kind of people who would go buy a box of polystyrene sprues, vinyl and paper, then work with and assemble those parts to produce a scale replica of a full size car or truck or motorcycle. We sometimes put hundreds or even thousands of hours into those mélanges of plastic, photo-etched metal and fibers. Those replicas weren't capable of locomotion, whether via electricity or fossil fuel. They didn't move, but they sure looked good on our shelves or on contest tables or in magazines.

There are at least 5 stores on the Island that are considered hobby shops by Newsday. Do any of them have club fliers available for their customers to see? Might those hobby shops be interested in holding model contests? (in the case of Bay Shore, that might be physically impossible).

Does the club still have exhibits at libraries or at any of those hobby shops? Has anyone been in touch with any local car clubs in the interest of having displays at their gatherings? How about displays at local schools? Maybe not high schools due to serious hormonal activity, but middle schools or elementary schools. Hell, I started building when I was 5...

Has anyone considered an actual LIARS page on Facebook? I have seen a page which identifies as such, but it seems to be dedicated to the works of just one person. Information about the club, excerpts from old newsletters, pictures from meetings, input from club members, information about the hobby; all can be presented to catch the attention of our fellow auto modelers.

Has anyone considered contacting Hobby Lobby to see if they might be interested in having clinics or classes or even contests? More often than not, I find myself to not be the only customer in that aisle, and those other customers aren't just old guys like so many of us.

Beware of "The World of Wheels". That can



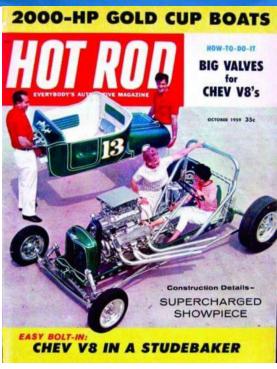
include doll carriages, lawn sprinklers, aircraft and armor models, bicycles, lawn mowers, trains... Why bastardize the initial and only "mission statement" of the club to attract members?

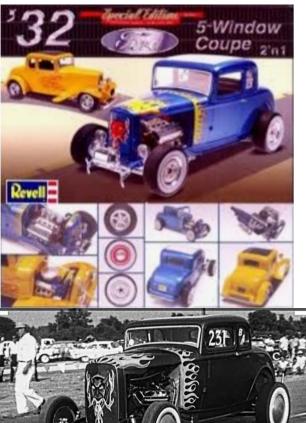
Remember- it is an "Auto Replica" club. Of course, that's just my opinion and WTF do I know? Score at a "local" (63 miles) hobby shop- 10 bottles of Testors ModelMaster paints (including Metalizers) which have been discontinued, two bottles of Tamiya paint and a Revell Deuce for \$35.00. Those Metalizers should last a while ...



**Build on! -John the Buzzard Kits and their inspirations...** 



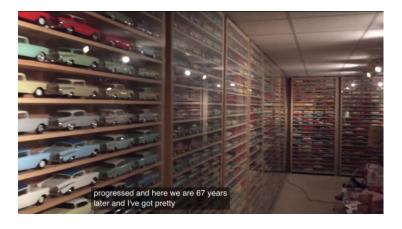




Dr. V previously routed correspondence to you with Neil (your Chevrolet model car expert)!
Recently Dr.V located a video presentation of Neil's models!

Greatest Chevy Model Car Collection Ever! > https://youtu.be/ZiaD1bHhwoM

# NEIL BLANCHETTE COLLECTOR AND CREATOR OF MODEL CARS





Next is an example of a custom build ... WOW!



**Additional Feb Mtg pictures** 



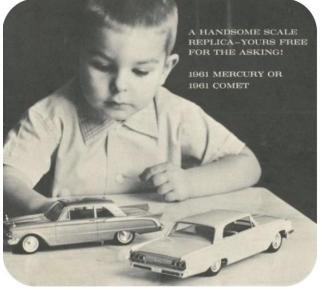
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Next: Dr.V's latest LIARS bus recommendation -

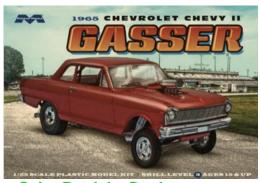


**Additional Feb Mtg pictures** 



Who needs models!





That's it for this month - - - - Now go build a model - Happy Saint Patricks Day!