

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A FOOD STUFF FOR THE PANTRY



**MODEL
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*Next Real Meeting's theme:
LIARS Auction you & I need one!*

Welcome to the 2021 New Year Edition



We've started our 30th year as a Club; let's hope that we all stay healthy during this COVID-19 crisis and that we can all attain some measure of prosperity. Then perhaps we can build a new Club display...

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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

HAPPY - HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL AND TO ALL ENJOY YOUR FAMILY - Thanks for supporting the LIARS

Season's Greetings

LIARS Unofficial Official

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Old & New



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Hi Everyone

Hope you were able to spend the holidays with your families.

I defied the rules and spent Christmas with my family. It was great to see my grandchildren and my great grandchildren. Oh, great grandchild # 9 will be here in the spring!!

Keep the food intake down, gaining too much weight and having issues with my blood sugar.

Found a new web site (Shapeways 3D printing) for all things 3D. I'm on my fourth order. I have order mostly engine parts but did order some people. They're a little rough and facial detail is so/so.

Been building engines for future builds.

Stay well, hopefully we be back to meeting at the rec center.

Rich - That's it for now. Keep building!! Hope to see everyone soon. Rich r.argus@juno.com

A message from the Vice President.

I hope all L.I.A.R.S. members and their families and friends are healthy and well. Rather than re-hash all the negatives the year has brought, let's try to be a little positive going forward into 2021. Something tells me however, when we DO have an actual live meeting at the Rec. Center, the subject of conversation will be about what we have been doing the past year. Understandably, but I'm really hoping to hear a lot of positives, like for example, stories of amazing builds, new acquisitions, expanded collections, personal growth, and so forth.

As I see it, for good or bad, we all got a massive amount of something we claim to have little of: TIME. How often have we heard the old battle cry "SO MANY KITS, SO LITTLE TIME!" Well our prayers were answered. How did we use it? I'm not suggesting everyone ignore all responsibilities and abandon all obligations to get through this mess, I'm only hoping that this opportunity was used wisely. I personally have learned a lot and I'd like to think I've grown (a little). Times like this let you know about people's true character. I've learned who my real friends are. I've learned about my own strengths and weaknesses. I had times of both laughter and tears. I've wasted time as much as I have cherished the moments building a new project. Time for a new year, and new fresh start.

Regarding club business: Pending the world situation, our annual contest and show is scheduled to resume in November, more news as it becomes available

Notice taken from the L.I.A.R.S website:

After much discussion and careful consideration,
the LIARS have

POSTPONED

the LIARS 2020 Model Car Challenge.

We look forward to celebrating Model Car Challenge's
CORVETTE Theme on Saturday, November 13, 2021.

Our esteemed editor, Dr. V has been keeping with tradition and then some. Besides the monthly newsletter, he has put together interim newsletters between months. I hope everyone appreciates this effort and again, it's not good unless we CONTRIBUTE. I also want to thank Dominick Gerace & Bobby G for putting together the virtual meetings every other week. This allowed members to see each other, share stories and stay connected, even at a distance.

I miss everyone and would like to hear from members. Feel free to contact me anytime: Lets share builds, talk kits, parts, paint, buy-sell-swap, WHATEVER!

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Some Words from the Editor At Large

Your MCB staff wishes to convey our vote of confidence to our esteem Unofficial Official for the thankless job he's doing for us ingrates either directly or assisting the other board members.

POWER. STYLE. BEAUTY. GRACE

CELEBRATING THE DISTINCTIVE HERITAGE OF THE AUTOMOBILE.

Remember those folks who made a difference in your life in 2020 (good or bad) and use the lessons learned to be a better you. Life is made up of people, events and decisions. 2021 is a time to start fresh. So surround yourself with good people, be active, happy and make 2021 great in spite of COVID 19. Dr.V

**First Impressions**

Yes, I'm back in 2021 to continue my crazy rambling thoughts! Alternative is for you all to submit articles

Early New Year's Resolution: There were probably many, many times as in past years when I as your Ed. may have... Disturbed You, Troubled You, Pestered You, Irritated You, Bugged you, or got on your Nerves!! So today, I just wanted to tell you.... Suck it up!! Cause there **AIN'T ANY CHANCES planned for 2021!!**

Happy New Year! Out with the old, in with the new? Not so fast here... but don't fret the "old" isn't going anywhere. We want to keep the fire burning of the cars of days gone by; by developing models of these Works of Art. Adding another year is just a way of making this hobby stronger. We celebrate new and old and we look forward to the year ahead to see what will be exciting at the monthly meetings, model contests and flea markets. It's time to get busy, but let's pause and look at what else makes us and our loved ones happy.

Auto World Founder

Oscar Koveleski (88) passed away on Dec 28. If you don't know, he founded Auto World in 1958. The company specialized in mail order model car & slot car business. Through the

following years Oscar/wife Elaine published 1000s of model car catalogs & was instrumental in the creation of Car Model Magazine in 1962. They eventually opened a store in Scranton PA.

Dr. V was introduced to these catalogs at a local Newspaper/mag/Candy Store in 1966. Every 6 months a new revision was issued. Dr. V has issues 12 - 41 of the original set; plus sporadic issues 2012-2016. Some of our members (e.g., Vincent & Erie) have recent releases - perhaps they could bring them to a meeting once we are able to have them. (See Dec'20 MCB for sample Auto World page.)

1/25 vs 1/24: Why are there Two Scales?

The follow explanation was written a number of years ago. In meetings with company staff (mostly marketing type people who changed regularly) many of them couldn't understand why were there these two model scales so close together. So I decided it was best to write out an explanation that I could always hand out before we started. This way, as staff changed, I had this explanation ready and didn't need to waste time explaining it all the time.

Ed Sexton (Grand Touring & Racing Auto Modelers President)

When Revell and Monogram started making model cars they were two separate and independent companies. Then in addition to Revell and Monogram there were many other model companies both in the USA and the rest of the world. At the time the leader in model cars was a company called AMT. They worked closely with the auto industry in Detroit. Because of the information they received from the auto companies 1/25 scale worked the best. So all of their car models were done in 1/25 scale. At the same time model companies elsewhere in the world were making model cars in 1/24 because it was an international scale for all subjects. So both Revell and Monogram had to make a choice of which scale to use for their model cars. Revell decided on 1/25 scale and Monogram chose 1/24 scale.

As time moved on each company stayed with the scale they had chosen. Then in 1985 Revell and Monogram were combined under one ownership. At that time the majority of American car models were available in 1/25 scale.

However, Monogram had made some very nice car models in 1/24 scale. In addition models around the world were in 1/24 scale. Now with both companies combined as one, the decision was made to make future American

car models in 1/25 scale and future international car models in 1/24 scale. This would be more in keeping with what was available in the global market. Many of the models developed by Monogram Models in 1/24 scale are still available. These will continue to be available until replaced by an all new model in 1/25 scale. The models of foreign cars subjects will continue to be made in 1/24 scale.

(Compliments of GTR club's 1/21 Newsletter)

Are you sitting down, a 1:32 Scale Slot Car Raceway sold on BaT Auctions for \$65,500!

<https://bringatrailer.com/listing/slot-car-race-track/>

Just sending this out to whoever is interested in buying models and model related items. INTERNET HOBBIES is continuing their 50% off Christmas Sale this weekend. Link Below.

<https://internethobbies.com/>



A toy car hangs in a Christmas tree in the East Room of the White House.

LIARS Last Dec. 17th Virtual Meeting

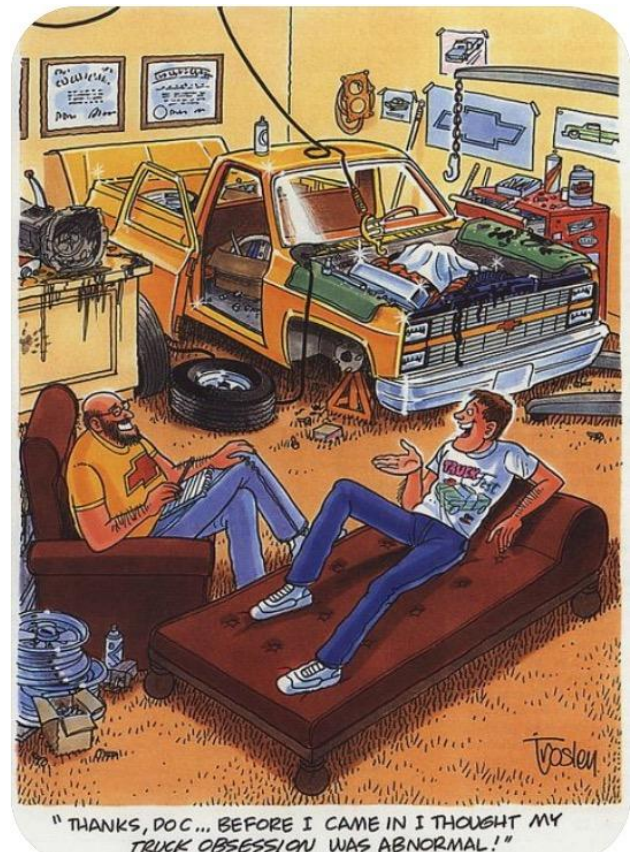
Bob Garofalo & Dominick Gerace continue to host the LIARS Virtual Meeting; while we await our normal recreation center meetings to resume. Plan is to continue conducting these Virtual Reality events on the 1st (1/7) & 3rd Thursday 1/21) each month.



Sorry no one provided a summary/pictures Dr. V
Can you imagine hanging this on your tree?

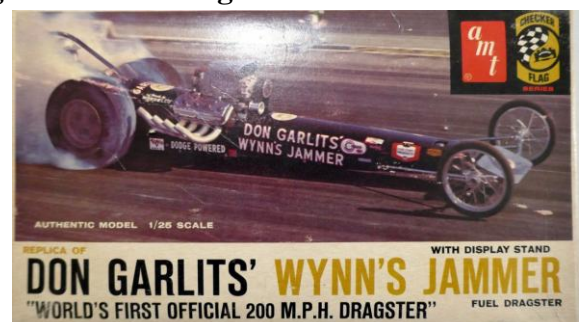


Then there is ...



Another "DOUBLE HAMMER" Jan 2021

AMT reissued the Don Garlits' Wynns jammer dragster kit. The original came out around 1965.



This was a very significant kit because it pushed the limits of detail at the time. The kit featured a highly detailed 426 Dodge engine with molded in separate cylinders and Heads with detailed valves. The 6 piece blower case has rotors inside. Kit features a crankshaft that is connected to the front pulley and rear drive bell housing. There's a A CLEAR body, and Clear oil pan showing the crankcase. I just felt if you assembled the kit as instructed was a discredit because the majority of details would be hidden.

THEN CAME THE GARLITS PROMOTIONAL PHOTOS.



A photo of the dragster completely disassembled! A lightning bolt went off in my head and the theme was now crystal clear. BUILD a model of the PHOTO! Now every detail of the kit can be seen, plus I get a chance to use many small parts I've been saving for such a special project: including photo etched wire wheels, pistons, crank shaft, Cam shaft, small gears and parts from watch mechanisms. A friend suggested I use HO gears for the differential, so a call to Ernie and a few days

later, I got the gears in the mail. Did they fit? Like a glove!

I'm currently about 40% done; however, I have the feeling I will add a lot more details as the build goes along. I will take photos of the finished build, but it really needs to be seen up close and I hope you all can see it at a future meeting. Let's face it, 2021 should be the year to show all the projects we've been building in 2020.



Valve Cover



HO gears work fine



Bell Housing



kit wheel left/ photo edge right



casting pistons

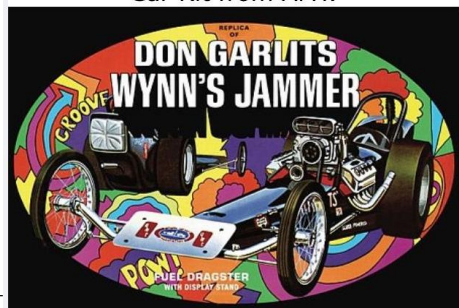


Drilled out heads make valves

AMT 1st reissue (1970)

Don Garlits Wynns Jammer Dragster

This is the 1/25 Scale Don Garlits
Wynns Jammer Dragster Plastic Model
Car Kit from AMT.



Current

variant

SOME RANDOM THOUGHTS

By Ted Pappacena

A real jumble of random thoughts is on tap to ring in the New Year. First off, Happy New Year

everyone and let's truly hope it's a "good one". I for one am very happy to see 2020 go away. I look forward to getting the vaccine so I can get back to my life, and I'm also grateful for avoiding Covid-19 so far.

Onward- I saw in December's newsletter Bill talking about magazine prices and how crazy they are. I'm one person who subscribed to a large number of magazines over the years be they cars, music, or photography and I still have a lot of them. Gradually I let most all of them go as I can just as easily get the information quicker on the net. So now I'm down to 2 and one is a magazine I don't even want! I subscribed to a photography magazine called Shutterbug a number of years ago and just when I re-subscribed for 3 years, it went paperless and a magazine called "Outdoor Photography" was substituted. I really don't like it but I'm stuck with it until October of this year. The cover price by the way is \$6.99 for 64 pages. The only magazine I still get which is also pricey is "The Rodders Journal" which is \$15.99 a pop. I guess eventually that will go too.

Next- I did write a column for October but never submitted it. After written, I reread it and saw that there was no point to it so it sits in my archives. It was something about a guy in one of the model groups I'm in in Facebook that went to Hobby Lobby during a 40% off model sale and came home with 39 kits (twice) and one was a kit that I wanted. So, the next day I went there and naturally not only was there no sale but any kit that I wanted as well.

At the beginning of 2020, I went to the Amelia Island (Fla) Concours d' Elegance. I had gone the previous year when there was a special section for drag cars in conjunction with NHRA's celebration of the 50th Gatornationals. I knew all the participants exhibiting cars and I had a great time photographing them and the first time ever cacklefest at a show like that.

2020's edition would feature among other groups of cars, the Grand Prix's "Silver Arrows" as well as Roger Penske as the Grand Marshall. I'm a fan of both so I was really excited to go and it was just before this whole pandemic kicked into high gear. In fact we got home right before the lockdowns.

Anyway I have a lot of books and models of the Silver Arrows and have only seen one in person at Hershey in the mid-80s. Plus there was a special display of Roger Penske's cars (about 32) that

included NASCAR, Indy, Can-Am, Formula 1, Trans-Am, and others. So upon entering the show, the first car I see is a W-25 Mercedes GP car from 1934 in "as raced" condition. It looked like something I would weather if I built a model of it. I couldn't take my eyes off of it. That and several of Penske's Can-Am cars had me really fired up. So much so that I read one of my many books on the history of the Can-Am series.



Anyhow, perusing eBay sometime in April, I came across a model of the W-25 that I saw at AI in the same condition! I had to have it! However it's a CMC model and they are quite expensive. So I researched it on other sites and no matter how I saw it, it came out to the same price (with or without shipping). Eventually I pulled the trigger and bought it and it arrived in June. Its 1:18 scale and as with all CMC models it's quite detailed.



Reading last month's newsletter I saw John Pantelione's article about the diecast Gasser and ramp truck models that he bought. Now, I saw the prototype of the ramp truck about a year ago and noted to myself to get one so I could put one of my funny cars on it. However, John's right about the price, wherever you try to get it, the price is the same; roughly \$134-\$139. So I waited, hoping for a sale. And waited, and waited, you get the idea.

I'm on the mailing list of a model company called Replicarz and get a weekly e-mail about what they have and what's coming in the future and occasionally they have sales. Right before Thanksgiving, I got a notification of their Black Friday sale that featured 17%, 18%, and 20% off certain dollar amounts on *all* models in stock. ALL

MODELS! That includes the ramp truck and



CMC!

So I ordered 3 that have been on my radar for a very long time. One is the aforementioned ramp truck. I saw that John said there was no engine detail and that doesn't bother me as it's more of a resting place for any number of 1:18 scale race cars that I have. And it's a Chevy with signage, not just a generic one. And eventually I may get a Dodge to haul one of my altered wheelbase Ramchargers/Mr. Norm cars.



Next up are the CMCs, the first of which is a 1924 Grand Prix Bugatti Type 35. It's resplendent in Bugatti blue, the national color of France. Bugatti's were made in France although Ettore Bugatti was Italian. I've lusted after this model in this scale with this amount of detail for a very long time. Keeping in the Silver Arrow vein, I've always wanted an Auto Union 30s GP car and one driven by Bernd Rosemeyer who was the wunderkind of the Reich's hand-picked drivers to ensure Germany's dominance in the GP arenas at that time. And they did not disappoint. For 4 years the Mercedes and Auto Unions won just about every GP event they entered. This particular Auto Union is the 1936 Type C that was powered by a supercharged 16 cylinder engine mounted behind the driver. A concept that once it disappeared, wouldn't return for any form of racing for decades. One tends to wonder why being it was so successful. Anyway both of these models are highly detailed and a fine addition to my collection. Hopefully when the meeting hall reopens sometime this year, I'll be able to bring them in. Until then, stay healthy!

Dr.V- Ted since you saved a few \$\$\$, how about a 1929 Bentley Blower 24H LE MANS #9 in 1:8 Scale by Amalgam? Here's the

link

https://www.mintmodels.com/product_info.php?products_id=5736



If you have to ask the price, you can't afford it!
(Price: \$14,830.00)

The Devil's in the Details Part One

By Steve "Big Daddy" Blake

The aim of this run is to highlight various detail products and methods as I tackle different subjects. Most will be basic and simple due to my skills becoming limited as I have gotten older, but, these may give some folks ideas for their modeling subjects.



Well, let's see, we'll start out with "Flocking"
Other than covering your Christmas tree in "snow"
It makes a great model carpet



facsimile.

To start, spray the interior with a color you can match to the flocking, making for an easy job...or



not.

At this stage, make sure to do all the contrast colors, detail painting, decaling and foiling done. Cause this s—t gets EVERYWHERE!

You can use water based paint or hobby enamel (I like enamel) matched to the color of the flocking. Mask off area or use your steady hand painting skills (yeah right) Apply liberally to what you are covering then immediately dump the flocking on it. Not to worry, after tapping to settle the particles, save the excess in another container to do more. DO NOT TRY TO ADD MORE PAINT, it will turn to poo and you will be stripping paint from the project.



Well as I have admitted before, I just can't focus on one thing at a time. So, with that, I have turned my attentions to restoring a model given to me a few years ago.

Jack Clemente had given me a bag of built NASCAR pieces. Most weren't too bad. The best one was this SUNOCO Olds by AMT.



After blowing it apart, some areas needed a little paint detailing. The interior got decaled seat belts and dash from Blue Ridge decals. Paint detailing of window net and steering wheel was in order.



Wheels and tires were redone to look a little more accurate.



Finally, the body was decaled well, but, the kit decals are slightly transparent. A second set will be laid over the old ones to brighten the graphics.



Next will be the addition of photo etched grill screens to give a little more "life" to the front end.

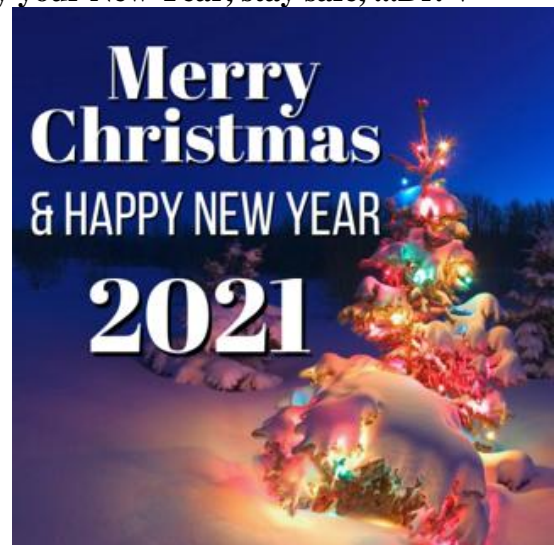
That is all, for now. I hope to have the Corvette completed for the next newsletter.

Well, everyone be well, Steve "Big Daddy" Blake

DR. V is jealous of other model club clubs that have had great success with their virtual mtgs! Simply check the MAMA site for examples.

Mickey & Bobby G need us to convey our gratitude for what they were able to accomplish in 2020 without any real help from the LIARS Board, membership, ... Very few members dial in on the 1st & 3rd Thursday evenings. Same is true for LIARS membership helping Greg H maintain the LIARS website...

BOTTOMLINE it's your club! Hope to hear from you, I plan on releasing the Jan 2021 MCB this Thursday with or without your pearls of wisdom. Enjoy your New Year, stay safe, ...Dr. V



From: IPMS Granite State Modelers Club

We've all been challenged this past year and, for the most part, we've all made it through. If there is one thing that can be said about serious scale modelers, we are a resilient and resourceful lot! We tend to not settle when we are perplexed by any issue, and we try, and often fail, just about anything to reach our goals. We may not be completely content with the results, but we understand that nothing ventured is nothing gained. I am continually impressed with the members of our group: how they approach challenges from innovative angles. We are all very different personalities, but the love of our hobby keeps us grounded and devoted to not only the hobby, but each other. You all give me hope for 2021, and it gives me great comfort to know that this varied group of modelers will keep the club going far into the future. Unfortunately, due to the increased measures recommended to reduce the virus infection rate, we will once again meet online.

Please try and at least call-in and listen if you can. You don't have to have a computer! **Granite State Modelers Club** contacted the President, and it seems model clubs are NOT on the list for the first wave of Covid vaccinations. I tried.

Wow, we're on page 10 before Dr V discusses LIARS Bus candidates... Cannot find the words to describe these... LIARS Bus candidates (OK vans)...



This last one would take up 2 parking spots!



Then there is Dr. V favorite one to start the year with:

That kid who added every custom piece to a model in the early '60's is now all "grown up" & tackling 1:1 cars.



Now back to plagiarizing... A little flashback to the days when all my models had to have skirts and, if possible, a continental kit and dual aerials! Model by By: John Goschke WOW!!!





As is the LIARS tradition, we are grateful (above)...
Last New Year Dr. V shared his 26 Buick headlights!



He now has competition as in ...now really...



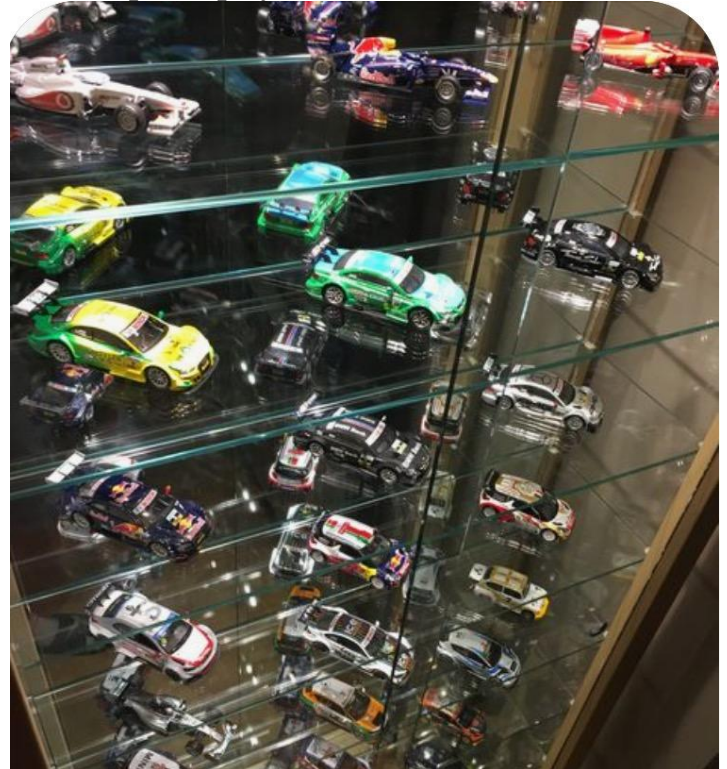
Would you please share your mancave, workarea,
displaycabinet(s) or whatever pics with your fellow
modelers? Please shame your fellow modelers into
cleaning up their areas...Throughout the years, Dr.
V has shared his modeling world/other interests...



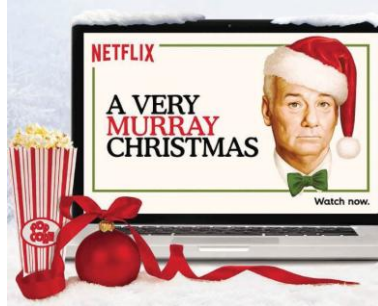
Even if limited to your fantastic work area...



Or a simple display cabinet...



Dear Santa,
I've been good
all year.
Most of the time.
Once in a while.
Never mind,
I'll buy my own stuff.



I hope you and yours are all well and safe from the virus. It's been a tough year for everyone, dealing with Covid-19 and the shelter in place. But, we made it through 2020, and hopefully, things will start to improve for us, our families, our friends, and all that have been struggling through this pandemic. Hopefully, I'm speaking for everyone when I say we are blessed. When we think about it, we have our homes, our families, our friends, food on our table, shoes on our feet, and of course, our wonderful collector car &/or model car hobby.

That's it for this month (almost)- - - **Now enjoy the holidays and then go build a model**

LIARS Annual (2021) INPUT 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 righting on this sheet and it will be discussed at the next meeting. Please bring your filled out sheet with you. 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 ...)

- 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? _____
 - Do you ever take built models and run them around on the table or floor making "Vroom, vroom" noises? _____
 - 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? _____
 - Did you take your medication today? _____
 - 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 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? _____
- Essay question: What else should you tell us? _____

PS can you provide DR. V with your overdue 2020 survey responses



Until next Christmas

enjoy building!