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*Next Meeting's theme:
 MOPAR models*

Since we did not have an April Mtg. there are no pictures to share...However, Ernie presented a number of his slot cars during a LIARS Virtual Meeting



Note : If you do not want Slot Car coverage then provide alternatives ... see what happens when you ignore repeated LIARS requests for MCB inputs...(No offense Ernie – At least Dr.V enjoys slot/tether racing.)

Greg Hunt provided an AA/ Fuel Dragster article! ... Welcome Greg...Based on:



Now perhaps we can build a new Club display...or purchase a LIARS Tour Bus!

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HOT STUFF

Old & New

Next face to face meeting's theme continues to be MOPAR. When, you're guess is as good as mine! However, in the interim we are conducting the next Virtual Meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2020. Details included in this newsletter. Please support/attend!

Contact Pat V who is still collecting (\$30.) membership dues. Let's try and complete this task. IT'S MAY ALREADY!

Remember to stock up on food pantry donations. Stay safe – we need u! Read on...

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Some Words from the Editor At Large

Good day to my fellow L.I.A.R.S./followers, as you should know by now, I (Dr.V) have the honor to serve as your 2020 MCB editor. (Or it just might be that no one else wants this thankless task!)

We are rapidly approaching our Anniversary again ... So who cares? Perhaps you should, after all the MCB has always been developed with you the car (along with truck, motorcycle, etc.) modeler in mind.

We have tried to assist you during your building with **HOW TO Concepts** Club clinics &/or:

- What type of glue to use (Crap - in Dr. V's youth you had only 2 or 3 choices (at least one of which was 10 cents/tube - & this was before e.g., Dr. V learned you could sniff it - I'm not kidding) - newer variant(s) do not have staying power! So we have to depend on the next generation's types - I for one can't spell "Cyanoacrylate" glue - sounds like the latest new medical cure all (IAW # of letters that determine the cost... then there are C-R syringe - which might you have your dentist order them
- Then there are plastic shims vs. Plastic Wood
- Model storage as in where to purchase/how to build display cases (former was deemed to be unaffordable for Dr. V) - So Dr. V purchased 108 6 foot wide 12 inch shelves that he then cut in half, to DADO into uprights... Plus Dr. V was fortunate to purchase display cabinets from fellow LIARS (in fact the LIARS "Rev" recently sold him a Plexiglas display cabinet that use to contain some of his Father In Law's race cars... Then there was an old A&S Jewelry display cabinet, that Dr. V added shelves, followed by getting Hammer's small Plexiglas cabinet - & would have purchased another one to balance his display area...(but that's another Dr. V story...does Dr. V ever run out of stories...)
- Wow, I can see again...check this MCB for info...

Throughout the modeling world, the emphasis has been on model trains, that go back to the early 1900s (whether it be Z, N, HO, S, O or more recently G ("AS IN 1/24th (OK &/or 1/25)) model scale! WARNING! G gauge emphasis being outdoor - due to the amount of space needed (well we're also getting older & might have problems seeing!)

If not trains, then there are model plane (or perhaps model boat) enthusiasts ... Point is that hobbyist(s) enjoy their pursuit in miniature! Do you?

Yes there are collectors amongst us - but we modelers do not hold this against them - until we want to purchase a diecast, promotional, kit, prebuilt, etc. and realize that the current cost of a "COLLECTIBLE" could be out of the reach of a mere model builder mortal!

So where is Dr. V going with this rhetoric? - Let's start with a comparison to/with the 1:1 world.

Let's say that today you are interested in El Caminos. Your interest could be in stock, race &/or custom... (Sounds like AMT's 3 in 1 kit concept - but this again is another story) ...If stock - what color variants interest you? If custom, perhaps, you might wish to pursue an El Caminos that is chopped, with specialized painting along with a French antenna (or two), perhaps stars on the mirrors, covered headlights, and lake pipes. What if we then wanted the hood to be extensively louvered?



Then we might want 59 Cadillac taillights as in



Again the underlying thrust is that WE MODELERS' HAVE THE ABILITY TO CREATE OUR current DREAM IN MINITURE WITHOUT REFINACING OUR HOME TO HAVE A 1:1 VARIANT! Besides we can interface with you!

Over to you my fellow modeler for comment(s), suggestion(s), etc. ... Besides garage space is expensive especially on LI! Dr. V is frustrated in that he needs to provide storage for his '26 Buick Master 6, '29 REO Victoria & '89 Chrysler LeBaron GTC conv.,

SINCE no one makes a model of them - - - Now really!

This is the 1st interim LIARS MCB bi-monthly issue during this crisis to keep the membership/fellow enthusiasts abreast of the current situation. *Please provide inputs? Dr. V*

**To: LIARS Members
From: Bob Garofalo & Dominick Gerace
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020
Subject: Update for our first Virtual Meeting**

On Thursday, April 23, 2020 the LIARS hosted our first (Yes we had a couple of dry runs) Virtual Meeting in lieu of the normal onsite meeting at the recreation center.

Our President Rich Argus started it off by greeting us and checking that all our members are well and not stricken with the Coronavirus. Rich spoke with Bill and Paul about the possibility of postponing our LIARS show this year. Or maybe order the plaques but without any dates on them so if we don't have a show this year, we can use the plaques for next year. The only problem would be we would have to use the same theme. As we get closer to the cutoff date a final decision will be made.

Rich said he would like to continue the Virtual Meetings for now. The next meeting date will be Thursday, May 7, 2020. As usual we will send a reminder out a few days before and the links will be sent out about an hour before the start of the meeting.

I spoke with Dominick after the meeting ended. All members that are in the live meeting should be careful not to talk about our personal information, info you don't want strangers to hear because this is on YouTube LIVE and later when anyone wants to view it.

The meeting went well but we found an issue that when the meeting is started by Rich or anyone else who is speaking, we should all mute our mics because of family members talking in the back ground, dogs barking and accidental sounds we may create make it difficult to hear who is speaking.

Thank you to everyone that participated. We enjoyed hearing from everyone.

See you in two weeks. (*Now 1 week*)
Bobby g. & Dominick g.

PS - Robert "Bobby" Garofalo & Superbird McMonte are trying to help the LIARS keep

sanity by conducting these dial in connections to let us communicate - please support this endeavor even if your computer/internet connection does not support live video.

From: Ernie - Cool! I believe it will be best to go ahead and order our trophies without the date. If the show happens, the back of the plaque can be written on with a Sharpie by one of our club officials at the time of presentation. People will understand, and be happy they are receiving an award. I also believe, because our theme of all pre mid engine Corvettes is so strong, that we can carry it over until next year if the 2020 show has to be cancelled completely. I think most of the membership will agree on this point.

Anyone who went to the OBI parking area to hang with your (1:1) car this past weekend, hope you kept your distance, & wore a mask - Standard operating procedure for these times. (DR. V - We don't want the NY Governor to close all beaches - like he is doing after the parking lot initially fills up & never to open until the next day! Now really)

Be safe, be healthy, and... ENJOY! -- Ernie

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As a personal aside, Dr. V still enjoys playing (yes that's right - I'm still a kid at heart) with his hobbies while watching (simulated) car racing on TV, including simulated (unrealistic) accidents!

Now, if all goes according to plan, the NASCAR 2020 Cup Series resumes May 17 at Darlington Raceway, with a new-look makeshift schedule primarily in the Southeast amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The season has been on hiatus since March 13 when the US declared a national state of emergency just before the Atlanta Motor Speedway race weekend. (The Daytona 500 and West Coast events at Las Vegas, Fontana and Phoenix are the only races to have taken place to date).

Due to the pandemic, and a limited number of states close to the race shops in Charlotte, North Carolina, with loosened restrictions, the first six races back will take place in the Carolinas and Virginias without fans in attendance.

Schedule disseminated to teams this week.

Sunday, May 17 | Darlington 400

Wednesday, May 20 | Darlington 310

Sunday, May 24 | Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte

Wednesday, May 27 | Charlotte 310

Sunday, May 31 | Martinsville

Wednesday, June 3 | Bristol

Sunday, June 7 | Atlanta

Sunday, June 14 | Miami

The 1st 4 races taking place at Darlington and Charlotte is a matter of logistical convenience. South Carolina has loosened restrictions compared to rest of the country and it's a two-hour trip from most of the team shops in the Charlotte area.

The same logic applies to having the next two races close to home at Charlotte Motor Speedway, on the originally schedule All Star and Coca-Cola 600 weekends.

Four consecutive races will utilize the 550-hp, high-down force package, since teams had a surplus of these cars prepared for races at Atlanta, Homestead and Texas prior to the shutdown.

Exact details are expected to be released.

The races will be unlikely to contain live pit stops, with five additional crew members - Underlying thread is that NASCAR NEEDS SPONSER \$\$\$ - you who watch these shows along with Dr. V are secondary!

- So we continue to pay a monthly cable fee for NON-EXISTENT/LIMITED NASCAR/INDY/ EVENTS ...Go figure!

Good & Welfare

Most of you will probably be both happy and surprised at the following...

The last time that I smoked a cigarette was on February 25th, the day before my heart surgery...!!! Surprisingly, I haven't been "climbing the walls" or felt the urge to "cheat".

I had the willpower to lose over 70 lbs..... Stopped using salt last September..... So I figured I'd try yet one more "test" of my willpower.

So far so good... Stay well everyone,

Love to all, Rich "Charlie" Manson
Dr. V is hoping for "Charlie" latest modeling pics.

Check this site in support of building Lego's 1,077-piece

https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2020/03/31/when-you-build-legos-new-1077-piece-fast-furious-1970-dodge-charger-youre-family/?refer=news&utm_source=edaily&utm_medium=emil&utm_campaign=2020-04-01

TRIVIA

On April 30, 1993, four years after publishing a proposal for "an idea of linked information systems," computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee released the source code for the world's first web browser and editor. Originally called Mesh, the browser that he dubbed WorldWideWeb became the first royalty-free, easy-to-use means of browsing the emerging information network that developed into the internet as we know it today.

The email routing this MCB includes a PowerPoint slide presentation that Dr V believes you will enjoy



Check this article about a model of Eldora Raceway. Father and Son Build Scale Model Eldora Speedway Because They Miss Racing

By Caleb Jacobs, *The Drive*

Like essentially everyone else, race fans have gotten the short end of the stick in 2020 with nearly everything canceled or postponed due to coronavirus. That means no Monaco Grand Prix, no Indianapolis 500 (at least for a while) and, for dirt enthusiasts, no sprint car or late model action at famous tracks like Eldora Speedway. Because of that, one father and son duo in Indiana decided to build their own scale model of Eldora, complete with banked turns, signage, and staging areas for the race cars themselves.



In a quick chat with *The Drive*, Scott Stevens explained that he had a sheet of plywood in his garage that was set for another project. However, after running outside, he came back to find his son with toy cars set up to "race" around the board. They temporarily drew a track on the plywood, but when everyone was sent home for week's on-end to quarantine, the two decided to go full-bore.

Stevens and his son utilized the octagonal sheet for the track's foundation and put clips in the shape of an oval to fasten down the outside walls. Once the barriers were fitted, it was time for another coat of paint to recreate the look of Eldora IRL. With stickers bearing the track's name at each corner, it was time to lay down the racing surface.

They decided it was only right to use dirt from the actual Eldora Speedway, and they already had a bucket of the precious material from last year's World 100 late model race. The track surface was then molded around the infield barrier, which houses nearly a dozen haulers and an entire heat's worth of additional cars, waiting to hit the shrunken half-miler.



Just like at the full-size speedway, it requires plenty of care and attention. Soaking the dirt with water solved the cracking problem, at least intermittently, though Stevens says he had to do so between each heat race. A Facebook commenter suggested mixing the water with dish detergent, and that seems to have done the trick for longer-lasting moisture. Luckily, they also have a scaled-down sprayer truck should the track need maintenance here and there.



In all, the impressive project measures approximately six feet long by three-and-a-half-feet wide. That's more than enough space to line up a full field and run a few feature races, along with a packed A-Main.

The track is finished, at least for now, though Stevens added they want to build the banking higher on each turn. Without more dirt, though, they'll have to wait until Eldora's 2020 kickoff, which is scheduled for June 4. Additionally, the big-time Kings Royal is still on for July 15-18, so the Stevens family might still be able to see their favorite races in person after all.



Carl Casper's YOUNG AMERICAN AA/ Fuel Dragster - Build and review.

By Greg Hunt

I've always liked the front engine dragsters there's something about their long wheel base and sleek bodies. The Young American kit marketed by MPC (1/25th scale) is a nice looking kit and makes for a nice build.



The pieces went together well for the most part, however, some parts had a bit too much

flashing and there were a few times where the fit was a little disappointing. Parts numbering was a little iffy, many of the parts were not numbered on the sprues and the illustration in the directions were vague. Steering box/arm had no apparent location on the upper frame rail. The nose of the body has a half circle cut out on the left side for no apparent reason, the two notches just before that are for the Axil and Tie Rod and do not accommodate them very well. If you look closely, you can see the side panels don't butt together and that's after modifying the notches for the axil/tie rod to move the body to the rear as much as I could. There is a left and right for the hair pin radius rods, but the instructions don't indicate that. This was a bit more disappointing, the engine, as you might expect, is a blown, injected 426 Hemi. The injector hat is two pieces, top and bottom. When assembled there are NO butterflies/throttle blades just three holes. The block has a very obvious hole at the rear of the top of the block as if it were a 392 cu. in. waiting for a distributor.



Now the best part...the kit has three separate pulleys and a vinyl Blower belt (!) to accommodate the Blower (nice right?). The top pulley mounts to the front of the Blower as always. The engine's front cover has a hole for the location of the Idler pulley but the Idler pulley has no corresponding pin, it too has a hole but of much larger dimension. And the crank pulley mounts on the crank as any good crank pulley would. The only problems here are that:

- 1- the 3 pulleys are on 3 different plains. and
- 2- when you try to slip the blower belt into place you break off at least two of the three pulleys!



The wheels and tires great and the decals went on without a hitch.



1969 Baldwin Motion Camaro

Back in the early 1990s, Revell created a series called Skips Fiesta. Two of the cars included were the 69 Baldwin Motion Camaro and 69 Baldwin Motion Corvette. Being a big-time fan of the world famous local speed shop,



I promptly built both soon after I got my hands on them.



Back then I used to work for a cash register repair company. It took me all over the island. I used to drive past the Baldwin Motion shop quite regularly, on my way down into Oceanside, to a couple of my accounts. I would always crane my neck to look at what he had lined up out front. Of note, he had a couple 5.0 Mustangs, two Aero Coupe Montes, a Grand

National and a Camaro. I decided to keep the to builds with me with hopes of stopping in to show them to Joel Rosen.

One day while passing by I pulled in the parking lot and went inside with my box of gems in my hands. When I got to the counter there was a man at a desk restringing a tennis racket and a woman at another desk. He asked if I needed any help. I said I was wondering if Joel Rosen was here today. The man said "you're looking at him kid!"

I told him that I thought he might like to see these. I took the two cars out of the box and set them on the counter. His reaction was "where did you get those?" I told him how Revell had recently issued these two kits. He had no idea. Especially when they were re-creating his trademarked decals!

He offered me more money than I thought I would ever get for the two model cars. Even though I had no intentions of selling them, I did anyway. At the time I figured, it wouldn't be hard to rebuild the two cars. And I was honored that Joel Rosen wanted two of my model cars. They wouldn't be the last!

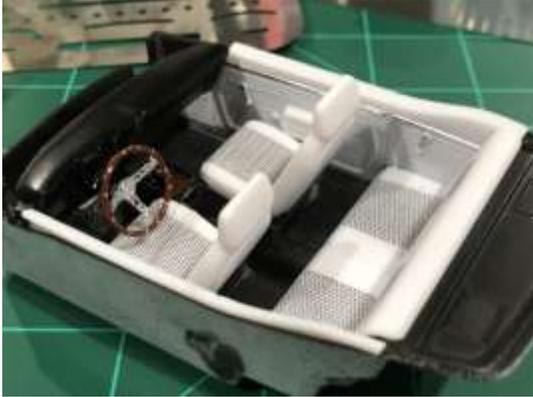
Fast forward a few years to 2000. I was working for CMA models, and the owner Marshall Buck, wanted me to practice with urethane clearcoat. He said grab a couple spare bodies and go to town. I asked if it was OK if I sprayed a couple of my own and he said yes. So I laid down a quick green and white paint job on the Camaro and then clearcoated it, along with a Baldwin Motion 69 Chevelle. It went on pretty well! Didn't even need to be polished. I was hooked on urethane clearcoat.

Fast forward 20 years! Those two cars successfully followed me through a divorce, a move back to my parents' house for three years, an apartment out in Manorville for five years and now to Hauppauge for the last 2 1/2 years.

This quarantine and my work schedule have been quite interesting. I started the quarantine schedule four weeks ago. I do two weeks off and then two weeks on, living at work 24/7. I've been painting on my free time at work and building on my days off at home.



The pictures with this article show my starting point a few days ago, to the finished product.



This time around it is painted the correct Rallye Green instead of Testors regular green. The hood does not open this time and I added tow bar attachment points to the front. My original intention for the two car set was to have the Camaro attached to the back of the Chevelle via a tow bar. The same way the original two cars left Baldwin Motion. The real kick in the pants to get back on this project is the fact that Revell recently announced a modified re-issue of a 68 Chevelle as a 69. I never liked AMT's 69 Chevelle too much. Mostly because of the tail light and rear section.



There you have it! Hope you like the pictures. Let's hope it doesn't take me another 20 years to build the Chevelle! Stay tuned for part two!



LIARS VIRTUAL MEETING UPDATE

Dr. V was able to monitor the 4/23 LIARS virtual mtg via YouTube to see Bobby, Ernie, Rich, Pat V, Pat Z, Vincent & listen e.g., to Dominic. - - I & perhaps others could not access via Google link. (Dr.V is using an older computer...)

Discussions included:

- Tip: Use an old e.g., Testors bottle to transfer (Chrome pen contents) – this keeps paint fresh since you can seal the Testors jar. Thanks Mickey... more below
- Next was a discussion of the 66 & 68 Marlin body differences. (Bobby G)
- Rich provided a top level review of current status including e.g., most likely we will not be having a May meeting.
- Side Note: LI Car Council has cancelled all 2020 car shows. - NY Governor has extended "house arrest" until end of June.
- Future Virtual LIARS meetings might be every week. Over to Bobby G & Mickey...
- Pat Z presented future raffle &/or kits For ScaleModel T Fruit Wagon, 40 Ford, Infiniti, 33 Willy Coupe ...kits that would sell



In the above picture you can see members that dialed in...(on the right side) in addition to Pat.

- Ernie presented some of his slots (covered elsewhere)



Dominick provided a mini tutorial on the Molotow Liquid Chrome Markers? He was teaching us to use the markers in a different way than just open and use like it was a marker.

He described how he opened up the marker to remove all the chrome paint and put it into a clean paint bottle with a cap, a small TESTORS bottle. He uses a fine paint brush to paint very small detail on his kits. The example he showed was the door handle in one of his cars. The results were excellent; I think it is a much better way to use the product.



You can go on YouTube to replay the video and audio to hear exactly how he said it.

Bobby Garofalo

Of interest, is that Spotlight Hobbies Message Board contains an on-going **MOLOTOW TROUBLE** discussion that includes e.g.:

- 1.0mm pen bought a year ago--worked fine 'til recently--no chrome--only gloss silver--stored flat--stored tip-down--shake the snot out of it before use--don't see any leaks--have no clue what I'm doing wrong...
- I had one that did the same thing, BUT, the more I used it, the chrome returned!!

- Wanted a chrome finish on some part, but the silver came out. Used it on a few mufflers/exhaust pipes until the chrome returned.
- Something I have discovered--If the pen tip gets too wet, the finish isn't chrome, it becomes metallic silver, I have started to store my pens tip up. I was able to confirm this theory by putting a new tip on my 4mm pen and BAM, chrome again! Re: For me, it seems like the wetter the tip is the more it looks like chrome....

So I started storing my 4mm pen tip down. And the more of the ink I put on the part the better the results I get. A couple times when I put it on wet, it started as metallic silver and then quickly changed to chrome as I watched. But then it takes a LONG time to dry. Great stuff, but a definite learning curve to get the best results. Also agree with whoever said to apply with a fine brush, that seems to usually work pretty good too, especially if I can get the ink on relatively heavy.

- I've had the same issue. I think the felt end gets hard. But I found a solution. Shake it hard and the paint builds up on the outside. Use a fine SOFT brush to do small parts and the chrome shines like crazy.

Let's remember to:



Please retrain to building models – Next month:



Hammer's Hideaway never seen before classified photos!

The "EMM" was declared due to the corona virus. It was a no brainer to enact the EMM; "*Emergency Model Mode.*" Just like the air raid shelter, the model hideaway is basically the same thing, just designed for a more unusual purpose. We were able to get these never before published photos of Paul "the HAMMER"'s secret workshop. Looks like he did a lot of cleaning up, sorting, cataloging, and packing and finally got the studio and work shop back to normal. It is now fully functional and is stockpiled to last him the rest of his life, and then some...



The Main BRAIN CENTER and manufacturing plant.



Connecting room to the parts storage, workshop, and paint shop. The room was a LOT Bigger when it was first renovated but quickly filled up. Thanks to Greg Hunt and Tom Tromantano who did all the Sheetrock and electrical work.



Hammer is definitely a bit eccentric: all boxes and bins are carefully labeled and indexed. His main work area has cabinets, drawers, and totes drawers labeled as such you should KNOW what it means: some examples include "the file cabinet" (M all files) "screw You" (every type of screw driver imaginable) "The Draw drawer" (all drawing and drafting supplies) "Tweeze These" (tweezer collection, "the Sand Box" (every type of abrasive paper and pads) "Glue-n-glup" (cements, adhesives, solvents etc.) "Bits-n pieces, (plastic, aluminum, metal) and his favorite " THE GRUEL BOX" which is where all leftover parts and pieces end up!

Larger parts inventory include "the department of the interior"; "Body Parts"; "kiss my GLASS"; "FRONTS-n-REARS"; "the END" and "teeny tiny classified" just to name a few.

His current plan is a 3 car project, all being built at the same time. The common theme? WHEEL STANDERS! Stay Tuned!

I hope all of you are doing well and getting in some extra bench time while many outside activities are on hold. *The Hammer*

Now to our cover ...[Ernie's World](#)

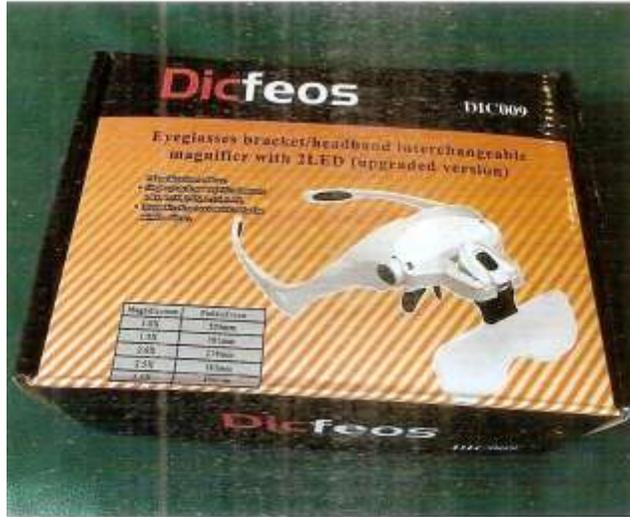
This is what's keeping me busy during our home lockdown. Building and customizing lots of HO slot cars, all of which will be used once competition can be safely resumed. Drags and Sports, IndyCars and NASCAR Stockers. It's car modeling, just on a much smaller scale! Glad my up close vision is still good and my hands are still rock steady!



I wish good health to all our members and their families. Enjoy! Ernie



Since us modelers are getting older, our eyesight tends to degrade over time. Yes you most likely have an old fashion magnification headband that perhaps contains a light. Technology improvements exist. Dr. V copied the following picture from the latest IPM Journal's "Wow I Can See Again" (by H. Davis Grandees) This article identifies model DIC009 which includes multi lenses (1.0/1.5/2.0/2.5&3.5) to meet your different modeling tasks.



If any LIARS has one or an equivalent, could you please provide an assessment? This article also recommends replacing your fluorescent tubes with LEDs. NO MORE BALLAST, twice as bright, can last for (up to) 45,000 hours with operating cost less than 1/2! Can't go wrong... Dr. V