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MODEL CAR BRIEFS

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*This month's theme:
Pickups & Vans*

John the Artist displayed sample license plates...



Race car models for sale



As we continue our 28th year as a Club, let's hope that in this New Year, we all stay healthy and that we can all attain some measure of prosperity. Then perhaps we can build a new Club display...

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Mailing Crew & Repro: on extended leave. **LIARS Web Page** <http://www.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com/>

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LIARS Unofficial Official

Rich opening the 2019 Official Records ...

HOT STUFF
Old & New

This month's theme is Pickups and Vans.

This month we shall complete collecting membership dues. Pat V. our new treasurer will seek you out. That's it for now. I may not be able to attend the meeting. Rich

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Dr. V - the MCB routing will be limited to paid members at the end of the Feb. mtg. We also route the MCB to members who have moved away, along with fellow modeling clubs that share their newsletters with us.

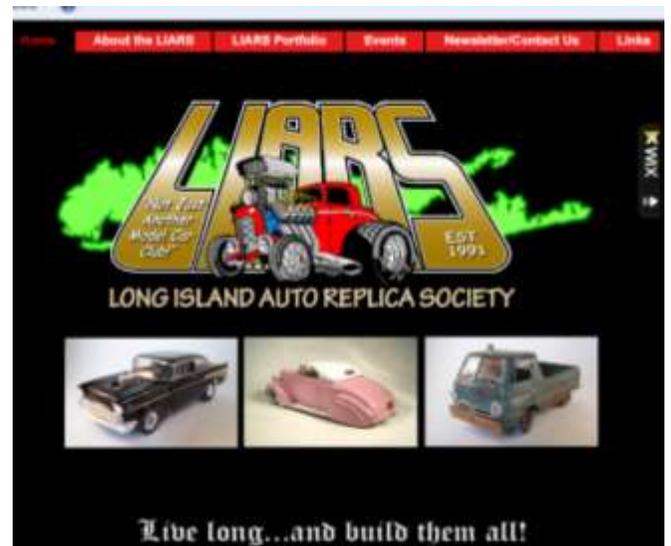


Minutes of the LIARS February 2019 meeting
Rich A. opened the meeting at 8:02 p.m.
Subjects discussed:

- 1. Pat V. went over the club finances. We are solvent!**
- 2. The group discussed various ways to promote the club to build membership, not just the show. One way is to handout Club Business Cards with meeting info and website. Now all we need is an Art Director.**
- 3. The optional monthly meeting was rendered a success. (location in North Massapequa along with the LIMTC car club)**
- 4. Mickey (aka Dom) will perform a demo on how to paint accurate Thin Red Line Tires. The Rev will also conduct a demo on Magnetos!**
- 5. April is going to be PIZZA NIGHT! At the March meeting we will determine how many pies it will take to fill our bellies.**
- 6. Theme for March is Vans & Pickups.**
- 7. Last but not least, we will reinstate a fun little contest that the club use to do a long time ago...the SLAM Contest! Sooo...who is bringing the Target, the ladder, the sledge hammer, and the dust pan & broom?**

Meeting closed at 8:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted, G. Hunt



Some Words from the Editor At Large

We all need to understand the ability of anyone to keep current with the various modeling webpage sites. A number of the modeling sites now stress Facebook &/or other social media sites, which your

editor has difficulty accepting. Can someone please step up to the plate to maintain an overarching reference file that Greg Hunt could install on the LIARS website?

It has been suggested that we resurrect a MCB Parts/kits Wanted beyond our monthly filler. Repeat request: Any volunteer to organize? Bill G. suggested members develop a **Worse kit I ever built** article for MCB inclusion.

Original 3 in 1 Type AMT, MPC, JOHAN, SMP, etc. models in any condition. 1950s through 70s, as well as, promos; built either beautiful or ugly, parts, boxes Also Franklin/ Danbury Mints, Pocher...contact Walt, Gary "Get It on Paper", or any other member. Call your Editor @ (516) 293-6378 if all else fails.

If you have any Dealership displays (e.g.here's a 53 & 65 variant) bring it to a meeting &/ or route pictures to Dr. V



First Impressions



Dr. V suggests (again) that at the March LIARS mtg., we assign club nicknames to those of us who have been found wanting. (Classic statement)

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

LIARS...

Let's return to those Days Of Olde..We'll start with a dealer's ad "Authentic scale models of America's favorite automobiles grace these stunning desk sets. Complete to the last detail, these miniatures ..." Is that Gary's 1:1?

The Executive Desk Set

Authentic scale models of America's favorite automobiles grace these stunning desk sets. Complete to the last detail, these miniatures ...

The Executive Desk Set

Includes: 1953 Chevrolet, 1955 Chevrolet, 1957 Chevrolet, 1958 Chevrolet, 1959 Chevrolet, 1960 Chevrolet, 1961 Chevrolet, 1962 Chevrolet, 1963 Chevrolet, 1964 Chevrolet, 1965 Chevrolet, 1966 Chevrolet, 1967 Chevrolet, 1968 Chevrolet, 1969 Chevrolet, 1970 Chevrolet, 1971 Chevrolet, 1972 Chevrolet, 1973 Chevrolet, 1974 Chevrolet, 1975 Chevrolet, 1976 Chevrolet, 1977 Chevrolet, 1978 Chevrolet, 1979 Chevrolet, 1980 Chevrolet, 1981 Chevrolet, 1982 Chevrolet, 1983 Chevrolet, 1984 Chevrolet, 1985 Chevrolet, 1986 Chevrolet, 1987 Chevrolet, 1988 Chevrolet, 1989 Chevrolet, 1990 Chevrolet, 1991 Chevrolet, 1992 Chevrolet, 1993 Chevrolet, 1994 Chevrolet, 1995 Chevrolet, 1996 Chevrolet, 1997 Chevrolet, 1998 Chevrolet, 1999 Chevrolet, 2000 Chevrolet, 2001 Chevrolet, 2002 Chevrolet, 2003 Chevrolet, 2004 Chevrolet, 2005 Chevrolet, 2006 Chevrolet, 2007 Chevrolet, 2008 Chevrolet, 2009 Chevrolet, 2010 Chevrolet, 2011 Chevrolet, 2012 Chevrolet, 2013 Chevrolet, 2014 Chevrolet, 2015 Chevrolet, 2016 Chevrolet, 2017 Chevrolet, 2018 Chevrolet, 2019 Chevrolet.

Year	Price	Weight	Material
1953	\$1.99	1.5 oz.	Die-cast metal
1955	\$2.49	1.8 oz.	Die-cast metal
1957	\$2.99	2.1 oz.	Die-cast metal
1958	\$3.49	2.4 oz.	Die-cast metal
1959	\$3.99	2.7 oz.	Die-cast metal
1960	\$4.49	3.0 oz.	Die-cast metal
1961	\$4.99	3.3 oz.	Die-cast metal
1962	\$5.49	3.6 oz.	Die-cast metal
1963	\$5.99	3.9 oz.	Die-cast metal
1964	\$6.49	4.2 oz.	Die-cast metal
1965	\$6.99	4.5 oz.	Die-cast metal
1966	\$7.49	4.8 oz.	Die-cast metal
1967	\$7.99	5.1 oz.	Die-cast metal
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1969	\$8.99	5.7 oz.	Die-cast metal
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1971	\$9.99	6.3 oz.	Die-cast metal
1972	\$10.49	6.6 oz.	Die-cast metal
1973	\$10.99	6.9 oz.	Die-cast metal
1974	\$11.49	7.2 oz.	Die-cast metal
1975	\$11.99	7.5 oz.	Die-cast metal
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1979	\$13.99	8.7 oz.	Die-cast metal
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1995	\$21.99	13.5 oz.	Die-cast metal
1996	\$22.49	13.8 oz.	Die-cast metal
1997	\$22.99	14.1 oz.	Die-cast metal
1998	\$23.49	14.4 oz.	Die-cast metal
1999	\$23.99	14.7 oz.	Die-cast metal
2000	\$24.49	15.0 oz.	Die-cast metal
2001	\$24.99	15.3 oz.	Die-cast metal
2002	\$25.49	15.6 oz.	Die-cast metal
2003	\$25.99	15.9 oz.	Die-cast metal
2004	\$26.49	16.2 oz.	Die-cast metal
2005	\$26.99	16.5 oz.	Die-cast metal
2006	\$27.49	16.8 oz.	Die-cast metal
2007	\$27.99	17.1 oz.	Die-cast metal
2008	\$28.49	17.4 oz.	Die-cast metal
2009	\$28.99	17.7 oz.	Die-cast metal
2010	\$29.49	18.0 oz.	Die-cast metal
2011	\$29.99	18.3 oz.	Die-cast metal
2012	\$30.49	18.6 oz.	Die-cast metal
2013	\$30.99	18.9 oz.	Die-cast metal
2014	\$31.49	19.2 oz.	Die-cast metal
2015	\$31.99	19.5 oz.	Die-cast metal
2016	\$32.49	19.8 oz.	Die-cast metal
2017	\$32.99	20.1 oz.	Die-cast metal
2018	\$33.49	20.4 oz.	Die-cast metal
2019	\$33.99	20.7 oz.	Die-cast metal



(Next page) Could this be a model car mfr. assessing whether their prototype is accurate?



How about sharing pictures of your Man Cave?



Should we consider having John the Artist develop A LIARS license plate or plaque?

White metal (being a composition of approximately 95% zinc, 4% aluminum and 1% copper) building banks dominated Banthrico's offerings from 1945 to 1985. Banthrico also produced automobile models during the late 1940s and 1950s. Production peaked in the 1960s and 1970s and although the high quality standards were kept and efforts were made at diversification, the recession of the 1980s took its toll and Banthrico was sold 1985. ...

One LIMTC member displayed part of his Nash Banthrico collection at their March Hobby night. Included was an original unrestored variant painted & labeled with a Nash color for then current year. This was truly a dealer promotional. Also included in the picture is a super rare Lois Lane convertible. Most examples today have broken side window frames. (The picture was taken with one of his Nashes.)



In Memory Of Dale Earnhardt

Pat Vecchio



Dale Earnhardt was a very polarizing driver. Either you loved him or you hated him. He dropped out of school in the 9th grade. He like his father, had a passion for racing. Also like his father, he started from nothing.

1979 he won the rookie of the year award in NASCAR's premier level. The following year he won his first of seven championships. The first and only driver to date to accomplish such a feat.

He showed the common man that no matter what you want to do, all you have to do is work hard and stay the course. A lesson that many people followed, yours truly included.

He was a very generous man.

The year was 2000. He gave a driver named Michael Waltrip a ride for 2001. Dale owned his own team, which his son Dale Jr. was part of.

Up until this point, Michael Waltrip had over 450 starts, and never won a points paying race. People told Dale that he was crazy for putting such a non talented driver in a ride with his organization. Dale said that he believed in Michael and Michael never drove cars with good equipment. Often the teams that he drove for were under funded.

Fast forward to the last lap of that tragic day. Michael Waltrip was leading the race. Dale Jr. was running second, and Dale Sr. was running

third. You could just imagine what must have been going thru his mind. Proving the naysayers all wrong. Normally Dale Sr. never really drove looking in his review mirror. He just drove and went for the win. Well this one time he was not driving his normal style of racing. As Michael was approaching the finish like, Dale was turned sideways and hit the wall head on. The death was instant. By giving a man a chance to realize his dream, The Man in Black gave up his life.

I like so many millions of his fans cried that day. As I am writing this, my eyes fill up with tears.

As a personal tribute that was the reason why I had this piece of artwork made. I since sold that Corvette. It will not fit my current Corvette. So its hanging up in my garage.

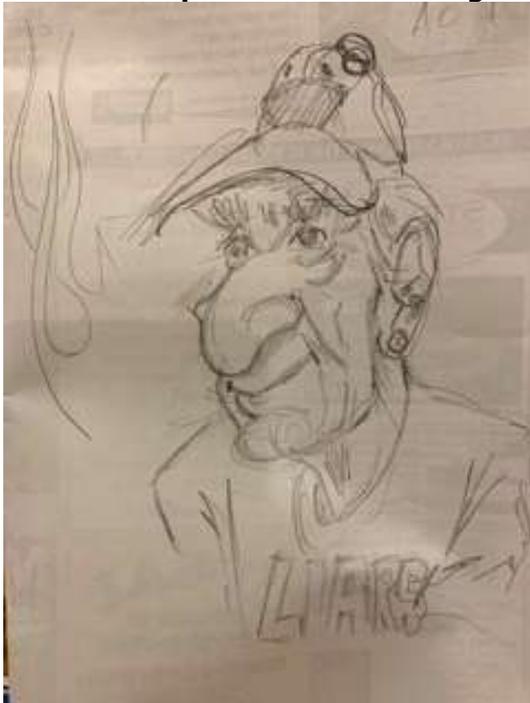
Every time I go into my garage I glance over to this piece of artwork and think of what a man he was. Such an inspiration to millions of people and he died doing what he loved most.

Even to this day his legion of fans still wear apparel in commemoration to this great driver.

Pat Vecchio

PS THIS WAS DONE BY AN ARTIST LOCATED OUT WEST. I FORGOT HIS NAME. I SENT HIM A PICTURE OF THE CAR AND HE TOOK IT FROM THERE.

John the Artist depiction of Pat during the mtg.



Additional March LIARS Meeting Pictures

Rev's latest models include:



Then there was ...



OK, back to the theme...on display were



Then we had ... is someone actually reading instructions



Pat Z displayed her husband's Southwest Challenge '87" (see separate attachment) model pictures. Here's Rich, the Rev & Will discussing an entrant.



Hammer brought quite a number of dragsters



Greg's hot rod



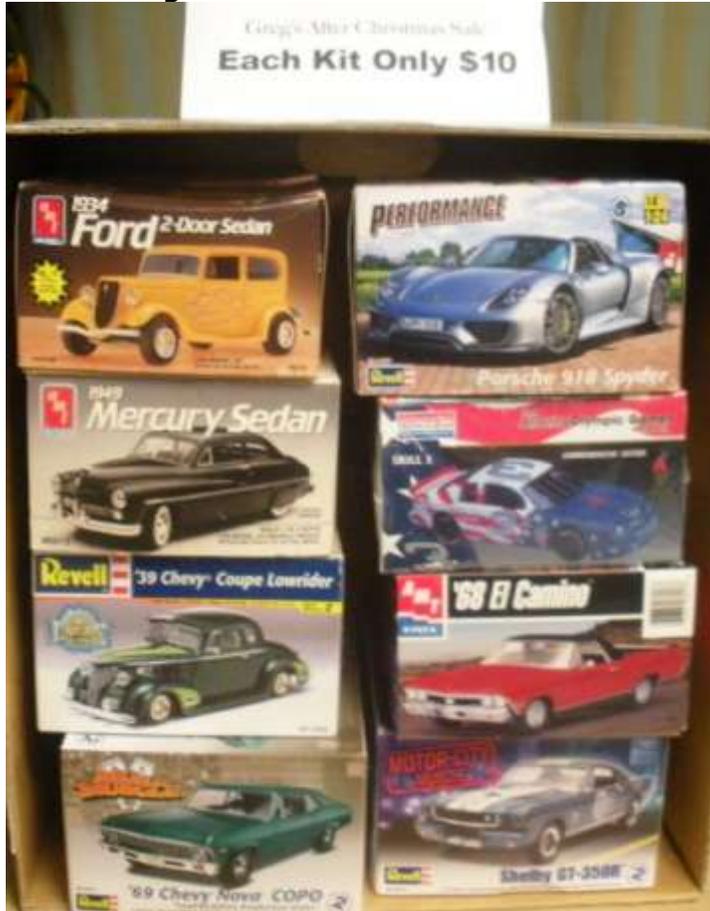
Nice looking surfer...



Please remember the needy and bring can goods to the monthly meetings



Here's Greg's items that were for sale



Bob Beers Dream Garage

As part of the MCB mailing last month, Dr. V included a Hemmings article that covered Bob

Beers' Dream Garage/ SLOT CAR CENTRAL website. Ernie then routed the following...

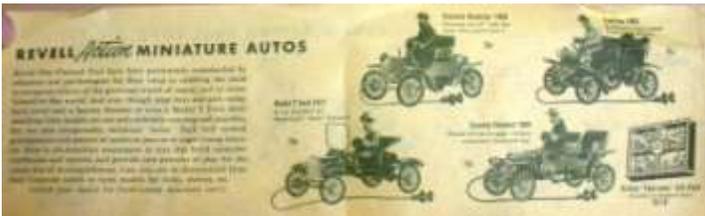
I've been to his warehouse in Syracuse, NY. It is AMAZING - with a showroom out front, and in the warehouse are many 4 level high racks, a forklift, truck (for "local" deliveries and "scores"), and at least 4 - 6 employees. As you can see by the photos, he specializes in HO, but does handle some 1/32 and 1/24 scale stuff as well. The orders going out in just the few hours I was there were unbelievable - he doesn't even bother doing the shows anymore! The huge 8 lane HO track from Tom Rogers in Patchogue is one I had been invited to many times but just never got there. I race with him in the winter months on Saturday nights at two newer design 6 laners. Many of his adult sons and relatives also participate, as well as guys I've known for decades. Lots of FUN, with no money involved, although I frequently donate race prizes to support the club. I even get an occasional class win here and there!

Thanks for the link, I haven't seen it for a while. Can't believe I typed all this on my phone!
Ernie

Caterpillar Scrapper Purchased by Paul "Hammer" Drago



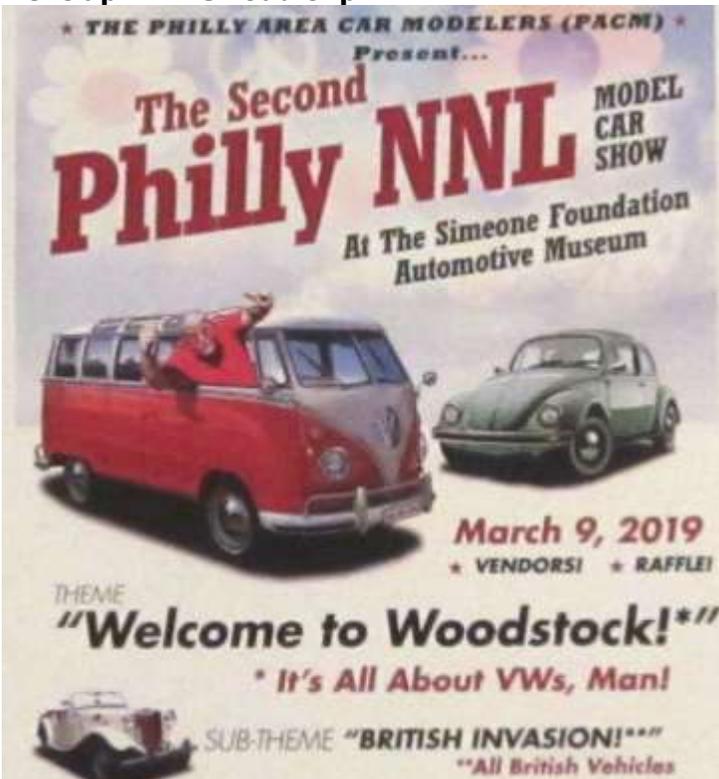
So why is this 50s Revell kit of interests to the LIARS? Not only is it rare, It came with an even rarer catalog that included Revell's "Play-Planned Toys"



(Trying to have Hammer scan the catalog)
Was this series a prelude to the?



Next up LIARS road trip



As with last year's show, there was a 1:1 demo of the museum's '58 Testa Rossa, '64 Shelby Cobra Daytona, '56 Maserati 300S, and '54 Ferrari 375MM. (Sunoco supplied the fuel – and these racers used a lot of fuel!) Awards:



In keeping with the theme



Here's Pat Z discussing finances with her son (John- both Pat & Dr. V had on your LIARS shirt.)



Other vendors



Here's Andy's Chevy (see cover as well)

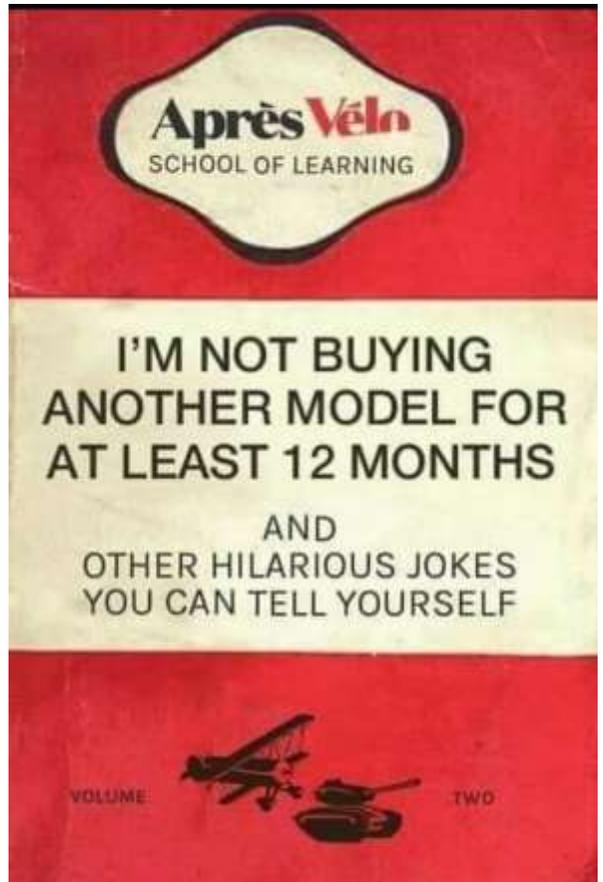




Apparently the LIARS mgt. team did not want to impress our fellow Long Islanders with a vote of confidence via **NEWSDAY**...oh well.



This truck has a working fireplace & TV!



Please remember the needy and bring can goods to the monthly meetings

Hi Bill. All is well with us here. I miss you and the club a lot. I'm trying to finish up a couple of models that I've had "in the works" for quite a while.

- 1956 Dodge - A Modelhaus kit that is in the paint stripper bucket for the third time... Maybe this time I'll get it right. I'm trying to do a tri-color paint job.
- 1950 Oldsmobile - a mild Custom that I've had issues with during final assembly.
- 1950 Nash - Another Modelhaus kit that is almost at the final assembly stage.
- 1947 Chevy Coupe - A Custom that needs a couple of minor paint touchups.
- 1932 Ford 5 window Coupe - A Street Rod that needs engine work and then final assembly.

I haven't actually finished anything in a year, which is highly unusual for me. I'm hoping to see you guys at NNL East in April. Stay well. Rich Manson



CONGRATS Hammer - Extracted following from MAMA's March newsletter



The past few months Dr.V has been researching ways that he could live more cheaply in NYS, as well as, provide the LIARS 2019 bus. Under consideration is this Model TT RV. Will a LIARS offer Dr.V a parking space on their property & access to utilities?



LIARS Annual (2019) 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.

The LIARS Club invites and welcomes all who enjoy the scale auto (& of course commercial, as well as, 2 & 3 wheel vehicles) replicas in miniature hobby. If it has wheels bring it to a meeting!
Next month: Superbird McMonte article

MCB Addendum

The latest "Digital 2019 Report" shows we're spending on average 6 hours and 42 minutes online each day. Half of that is spent on mobile devices.

That figure sounds like a lot, but it's absolutely astronomical when spread across an entire year. It equates to more than 100 days of online time every year for every Internet user. That's more than 27 percent of every year.

Do we LIARS members spend at least an hour a day, week or ... working on &/or enjoying our model cars? How much time do we spend on related internet searches? You be the judge. Does this reduce the time we have to actually build?

Model kits were meant to be built. Yes, some of us simply collect these kits. Eventually, custodianship will pass to someone else, who might then build these kits.

Speaking of which, have you:

- Established a plan on disposing your collection?
- Selected someone to undertake this task, especially when we are looking up rather than down at the grass?
- Provided them with clear instructions? Do you have a current inventory & more importantly can it be accessed by your designated POC?
- Do you have a current assessment as to worth? Does your POC have access to your source material price guides, ...?

On the right, Dr. V included a recent **NEWSDAY** article that deals with classic cars. Suggest you read it and be prepared to offer comments at the March meeting. Your airs will thank you when the time comes to dispose of your hobbies. Dr.V

It will be obvious that SAE did not pay for the following:

The current SAE price has risen to **\$8.99** (was **\$6.99**). Dr. V believes they will lose circulation due to this **\$2.00** increase.

SAE has somewhat changed their editorial staff. Purist will complain that there still is too much diecast included; especially considering that SAE has a separate "SAE DC" publication.

SAE page count has continuing gone down through the recent years (yes, this issue is up), so cost per printed page is up! Is it worth it? You be the judge.

Dr. V has noticed similar cut backs with other publications. However selected ones offer digital access at reasonable if any add'l

costs. The national REO club actually charges **\$10**. More for hardcopy/printing. Hemmings offers 3 monthly magazines digitally for **\$25** a year! AACA offers their publication digitally for free to members. Same is true for Train Collector Association members.

SO WHY DOES SAE CHARGE \$29.95 FOR 6 DIGITAL COPIES/YEAR? (OR approx. \$16. more than the standard 6 copies for \$19.95 offer) ANSWER GREED!

SAE's digital First 35 years (why they stopped with 2013 vs. e.g. 2018 never explained) cannot be loaded unto your computer for access when Internet service is not available!!!

Think Ahead

It is not at all unusual for someone who loves classic cars to have more than one, two, or even three classic cars, and they often refer to them as their "collection." And in the event that this collection has to be sold for any reason, it is a fairly straightforward task. The owner, a knowledgeable family member, or a friend can usually accomplish this with little fanfare.

But what happens when the "collection" consists of ten, twenty, fifty, or even over one hundred cars, and the owner dies, gets divorced, or needs to sell the cars for financial reasons? Often the person who is left to sell the cars has very little knowledge about the cars. This makes the task very difficult.

Two recent cases in point. The first was simple. A collector in another state passed away. His collection consisted of one hundred-thirty cars. His "wealth manager" contacted me and I spent two weeks appraising the entire collection, one car at a time. A "liquidation value" was assigned to each car, the collection was offered for sale at these discounted prices, and the collection was snapped up by dealers and collectors all over the world. The entire disposal process took less than sixty days. This avoided the costs associated with disposing of a collection of this nature in a piecemeal manner. These costs might include transportation and commission fees if the vehicles were brought to an auction, marketing and storage fees if the vehicles were sold individually by the estate, consignment fees if the vehicles were consigned to a dealer to sell, maintenance and insurance costs for all vehicles until they were sold no matter the method, and the inevitable deterioration that all collector vehicles suffer to one degree or another when unused. It also avoided the risk of damage while in the care of an auction company or dealer, as well as during the transportation to these venues.

The second case was not so simple. An elderly couple got divorced, and as part of the divorce decree the wife was awarded a fine collection of eighteen pre-war American cars. She had no desire to keep these cars, but the proceeds realized from the sale of the cars would be needed in order to assure her financial security. I had appraised the collection as part of the divorce process. It is required that almost all appraisals for this purpose be done at "Fair

Market Value," which is loosely defined as "The price that the property would sell for on the open market between a willing buyer and a willing seller, with neither being required to act, and both having reasonable knowledge of the relevant facts about the property." This seller was required to act, as she needed the money, and she knew nothing about the cars. She asked my advice as to the best way to dispose of the cars, while maximizing her proceeds from the sale.

I offered that in my experience, there are three ways to dispose of a collection quickly when you know nothing about the cars. The first is to call a dealer that will buy the entire collection sight-unseen. They will wire you the funds within 24 hours and the cars will all be picked up shortly thereafter. They will typically offer about 60% of the appraised value of the vehicles, and they will assume all risks associated with a purchase of this nature. This nets the seller the smallest return, but it is accomplished in a very short period of time with virtually no risk.

The second way is to find a dealer or collector that will inspect the cars at their leisure, who may pass on some of the less desirable cars, and will typically offer about 75% of the appraised value. This is a slower process that often results in selling the collection in "blocks," with the last, or least desirable block, being difficult to sell. The sales proceeds will be higher, but it will likely take much longer, and the seller will assume many of the risks identified earlier that are associated with storing the cars.

The final alternative is to consign the cars to a dealer to sell. A dealer will typically take about a 10% commission, which in theory should net the seller about 90% of the sale proceeds. But the dealer will want to maximize the sale price, so time will likely not be of the essence. And in most cases the seller will be responsible for repairs that the dealer needs to make in order to sell the car. Of course, the seller assumes the risk that they will not get paid at all should they run into an unscrupulous dealer.

Ultimately this seller will have to decide how much risk and time she is willing to take in order to decide which option is best for her. This all stems from the fact that she has no knowledge of the property that she has to sell, which puts her at a huge disadvantage.