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*Meeting's theme: LIARS*

*2022 Future & beyond...*

*Rich "Charlie" Manson captured during a 2005 LIARS Meeting*



*Here we are in 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... MCB Contributors: [Steve Blake](#), [Mike Brennan](#), [Lenny "The Rev" Cromwell](#), [Paul The Hammer](#), [Superbird McMonte](#), [Ted P](#), [John P](#) & [Pat Vecchio](#) LIARS Web Page <http://www.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com/>*



**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**

*Keep Building, Keep Improving, Push the Envelope (in memory of Skip, Charlie & ...)*



As we have in the past we recognize the following events...



KEEP FAMILY FIRST!



Honor Thanksgiving Day... A True American Holiday!

**LIARS Unofficial Official**



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## HOT STUFF

Old & New

Hello Everyone

**1<sup>st</sup> item:** The LIARS Board requests that you consider their recommendation to forgo conducting a standalone year end buffet at the meeting hall – else you volunteer to provide goodies...more discussion @ meeting.

Please bring your Christmas /year end gifts to the Nov. mtg. **in the event that we have A SIT DOWN DINNER @ SERGIO'S, 5422 Merrick Road Massapequa, NY 11758. @ 6PM!**

- The club shall cover your dinner cost if you let Pat V (our Treasurer know NLT 11/18/21!)
- Your guest(s) will be charged \$22.ea. (Please pay Pat V.) This covers beverage (as in pitchers of soda, beer, and/or wine), soap, salad & selection from numerous entrées. Mike Brennan has agreed to provide his infamous Cheesecake for dessert! Tax & Tip are included!!!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Item:** As you observed on the cover, the LIARS has now established another MCB topic

- Thanks to Superbird McMonte, we are instituting a new column – “**LIARS Memories**”!

- This month. Superbird provided 2005 LIARS mtg. pics including cover!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Item:** and most important! On 10/21, the LIARS conducted our 4th 2021 Model Car Club mtg. Since we resumed face - to - face mtgs, we avg. 14 attendees including former (non paying) members/offspring! Oct. we had 17!

- The LIARS club spends over \$490. to rent a mtg room for 2 to 2 ½ hours ea. month
- Let's say we have 20 paying members this works out to almost \$25. Dr.V REQUESTED THAT EACH MEMBER CONTRIBUTE THEIR SHARE OF \$25 AS PART OF THEIR 2022 DUES JUST TO PAY FOR HALL. DUES DUE 1/1/22! More discussion at Nov. meeting.
- A couple of the members believe club should cover our expenses out of the club's reserve! (I consider this to be unacceptable) See Lenny's column for LIARS Build specifics!

That's it for now. Remember the food pantry. See you at the meeting. Rich - [r.argus@juno.com](mailto:r.argus@juno.com)

*Some Words from the Editor At Large*





I would like to start with pics of one of our leader's 27 Ts and *John The Artist's* 32 HiBoy which were parked in front of our mtg. hall!

They are forgiven for showing up 2 months late (Well Aug. is our annual 1:1 night)



Now to some interesting models from our Oct. meeting...Starting with Bobby – who had not answered emails nor phone calls & Richie...



Rev display included



Ernie's latest finds drew interest



Plus this Palmer 65 Ford

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Original Tudor Sedan



Alan Aug's latest oldie addition ...as in



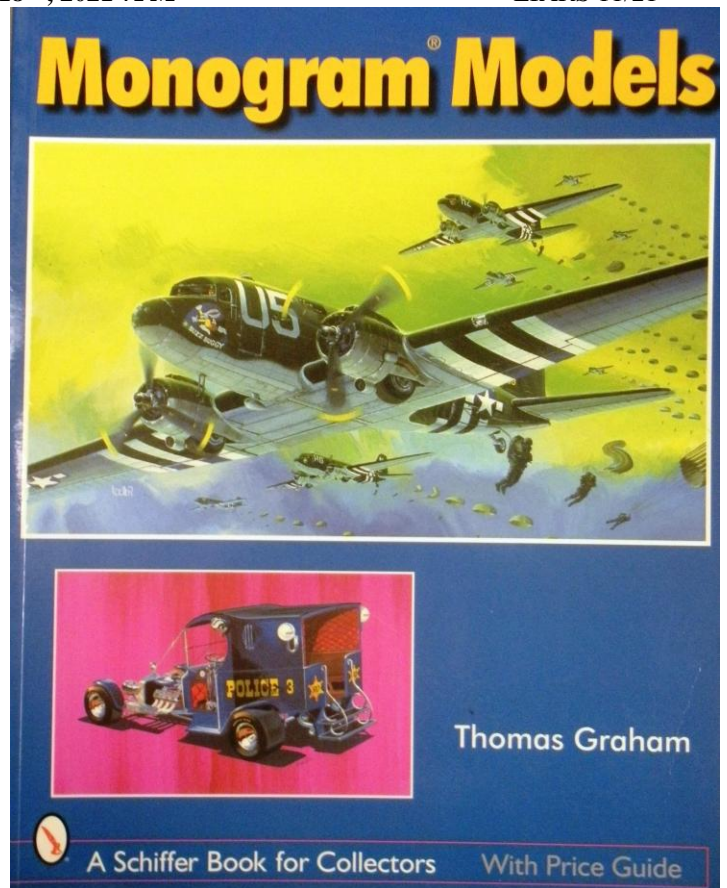
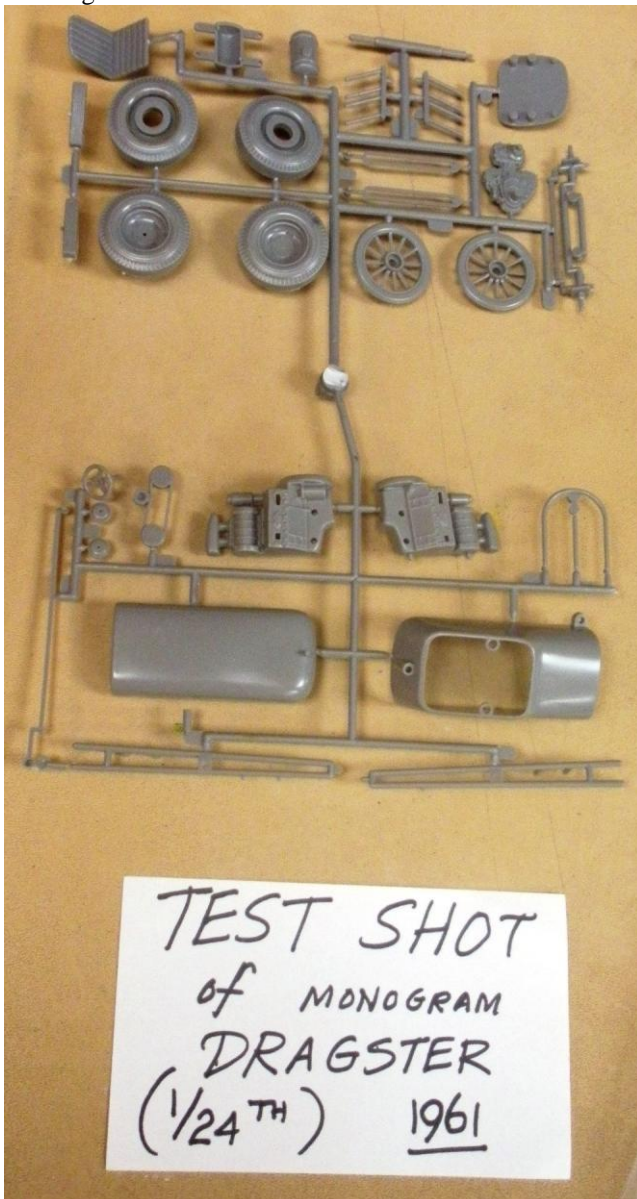
One of his friends found it at a garage sale. He then listed it on Ebay which Alan won...



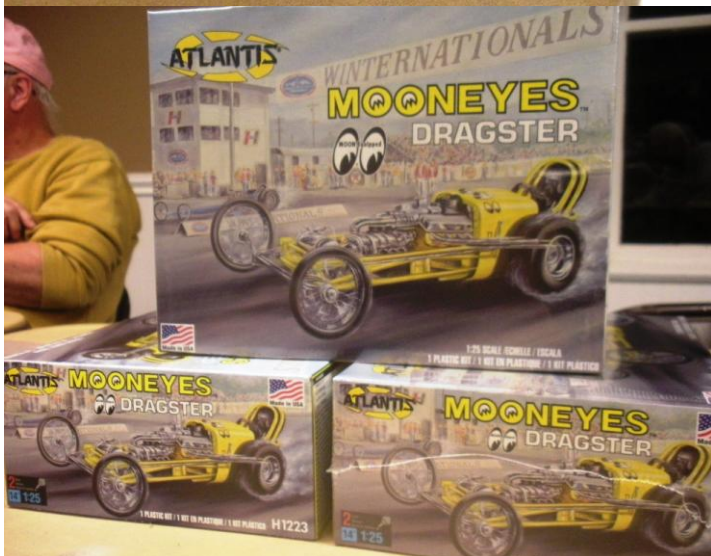
Gary displayed Atlantis latest offering

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**Bob Seagraves was caught opening his Works In Progress...**



**Gary also presented original info contained in**



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**HAMS!**



## First Impressions

**POWER. STYLE. BEAUTY. GRACE**

CELEBRATING THE DISTINCTIVE HERITAGE OF THE AUTOMOBILE.



*Now that JP has captured our attention, Let's escape reality, & proceed to your reading room...(thanks JP for picture)*

*Notwithstanding the fact that our leader built &/or restored 60 models during this pandemic, he is in the process of developing dioramas. Dr. V captured the following during a get together with the Buzzard.*

*Hopefully Rich will develop an article that covers this on-going development*

*What is known is that Rich has spent \$\$ purchasing scale items from all over the world...*

*Grill contains simulated fat, hamburgers, hot dogs etc*



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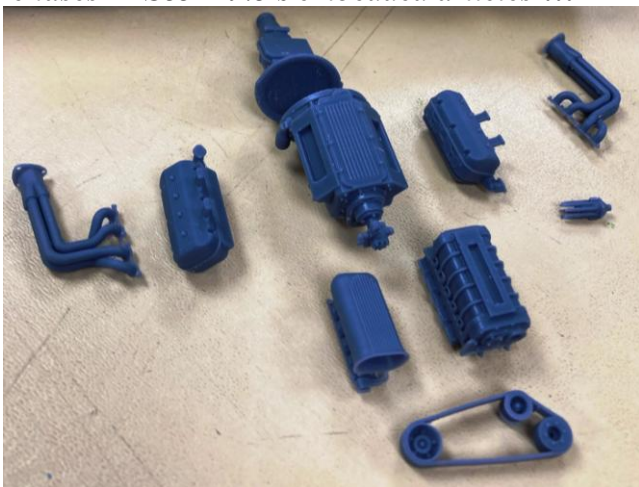




*Even the scale people are detailed...*

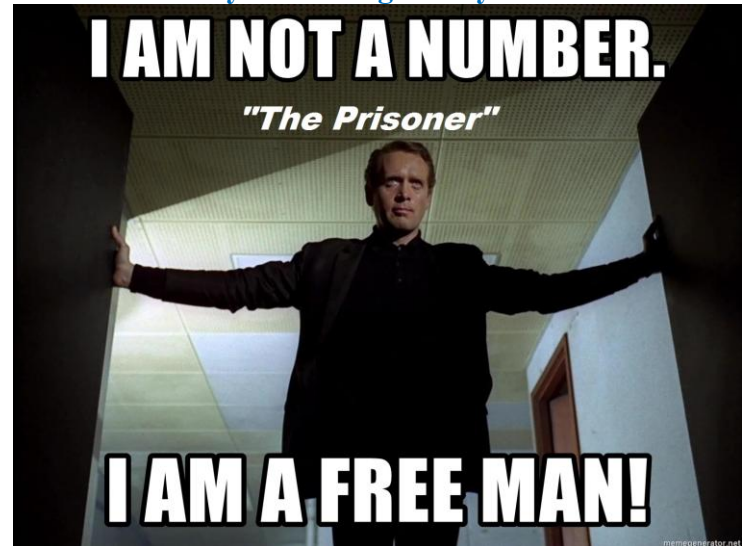


*Mike Brennan displayed one of his recent 3D purchases - - See Mike's embedded articles ...*



## The Devil's in the Details Pt 12

By Steve "Big Daddy" Blake



The next commission is my daughter's Miata. The kit is Tamiya's little gem. Even though it has no engine detail the rest of the kit is very nice.



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**Attention to creative detail painting makes for a pleasing effect.**



**Reference photos help with color and shading.**



**You don't have to go crazy to make a good shelf model, just a steady hand and good masking.**



**Dressing up the interior with flocking and scratch made seat belts give a nice touch.**



**So, now the finished gift which is on its way to my daughter.**



**My opening pic is a brain storm I had. I have in my collection 2 things: a Lotus Super 7 kit by Tamiya and the complete episodes of the Prisoner. (A great show, by the way, from the sixties) BINGO, my next project!**

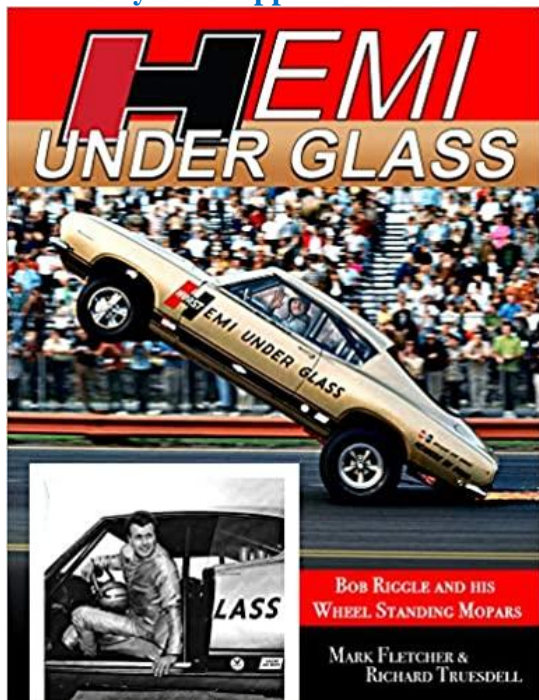






Using the catch phrase from the show,  
"Be Seeing You." Steve Big Daddy

### Random Thoughts By Ted Pappacena



Something different this month if I may; a book review! There are plenty of "iconic" cars in the sport of drag racing and one of the most is the Hemi Under Glass. The Barracuda was built by the Hurst Corporation in 1965 originally as an A/FX competitor. However during testing the original driver "Wild" Bill Shrewsbury quickly ascertained that keeping the front wheels planted on terra firma wasn't going to happen. After campaigning

the car for a year as probably the first wheelstander, Bill went out on his own with the L A Dart and the Cuda was handed over to Bob Riggle. The car has become one of the most recognized exhibition vehicles of all time.

As we know it has been modeled extensively. MPC came out with a kit in 1/24 scale. Johnny Lightning came out with a 1/64 scale version and Highway 61 came out with a highly detailed version in 1:18 scale.

I'm not going to go into the complete history of the car here because there's a new book out aptly titled "Hemi Under Glass" by Rich Truesdell and Mark Fletcher. I found out about this book quite by accident in January of this year. It was mentioned in a Facebook group. I had no idea one was in the works so I Googled the book & author and got the info I needed. I did this because in 2017, Bob Riggle contacted me looking for photos of the car. Now, I saw the car in 1966 at the Super Stock Nationals at N Y National Speedway as well as a match race in 1969 and again in 1970 and 1973 (at Indy), and yet again at Long Island Dragway in 1993 when I videotaped it up close and personal. So yeah, I have a lot of photos of it.

I directed him to my website but he told me he was computer illiterate so I told him I would select some photos and a few videos for him. He was very pleased with the order and called to ask what I had on the cars he competed against. Again I put together a selection for him and he was pleased with it as well. All told, he purchased 49 photos and 2 videos. So knowing this, there would be a pretty good chance at least one of them would find its way into the book. So I called Mark and yes more than one would find its way in. Actually at least 27! So terms for their use had to be hammered out and once they were, I captioned them for the book.

The book was released in September after a delay from being on a slow boat from China. It's available from Amazon as well as booksellers around the country. I don't have a copy yet but a friend who does photographed a few pages from a chapter where my photos are featured and they look great. I require a signed copy for myself for any publication my photos are in. This past Saturday (10/16) there was a book signing in Burbank, Ca where Bob was and my copy was signed by him as well as both authors and is on its way to me as I type these words. Jay Leno was in



attendance as well but didn't sign any books (so I'm told). So if you want to know all about this car as well as the infamous Leno incident (and yes Bob and I talked about it during our conversations), this book is for you. Ted

## NEWEST ZINGER BUILD 'ZINGABOO' ~SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT~

From: dennis Johnson zinger41@hotmail.com

Denny's new version of Killer for 2021.



Blowups follow...



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John The Artist routed the above...

## MODEL STUFF

By Lenny Cromwell

A number of years ago we had a member who had the idea to take a kit and give the subassemblies to different members to build their own way (engine, chassis, body, interior) and then those subassemblies would be united into a finished model as a sort of fun project. When the subassemblies are returned, they'll be built into a finished model and auctioned off at the following meeting. Start to finish in the span of two meetings! At the Oct. mtg., Paul donated the



Kit! I will route the kits parts this way amongst the 6 volunteers:

- Body, hood, bumpers, tail light panel, and tail lights - 7 parts, 8 if you build both hoods.
- Chassis - 1 part.
- Interior - 7 parts.
- Wheels - Tires, wheel backs, hubcaps (two options), 12 parts.
- Engine - About 10 parts.
- Final assembly - Putting it all together.

Thanks for volunteering - We are, after all, supposed to be a model car club. *The Rev*

## Resin Model Kits PART 1, 2 ...

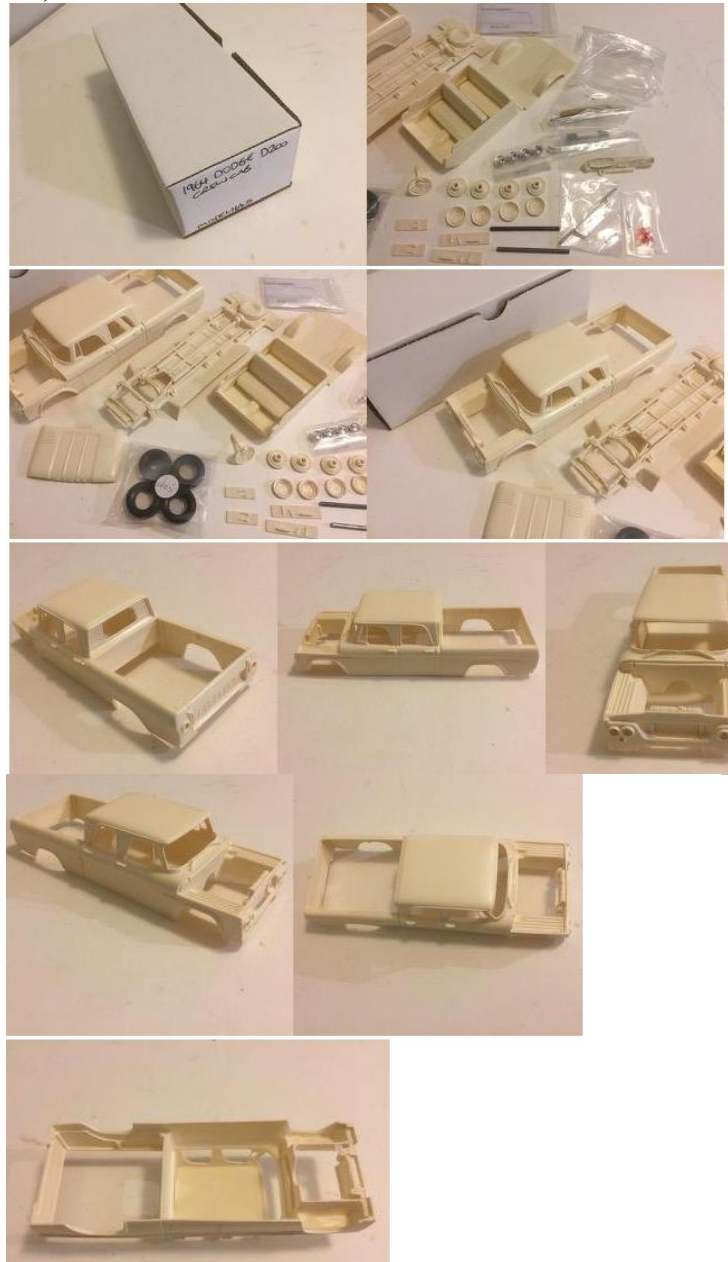
Mike Brennan <lodi3qtr@gmail.com>

These are some of the items that I purchased while having Brain Surgery And Getting Fat. I spent a lot of Money on Resin Model Kits, A Modelhaus 1961 Ford Falcon, A 1966 Chevy Caprice, A 1951 Oldsmobile Wagon, A 1951 Pontiac Wagon, and a Modelhaus 1964 DODGE CREW CAB D200 Pickup - - That I Will Probably Never Build...



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Mike B also provided pictures of 3D printed **Modern BOSS 5.0 Mustang Coyote** model engine resin. Available in from 1:32-1:8 scale

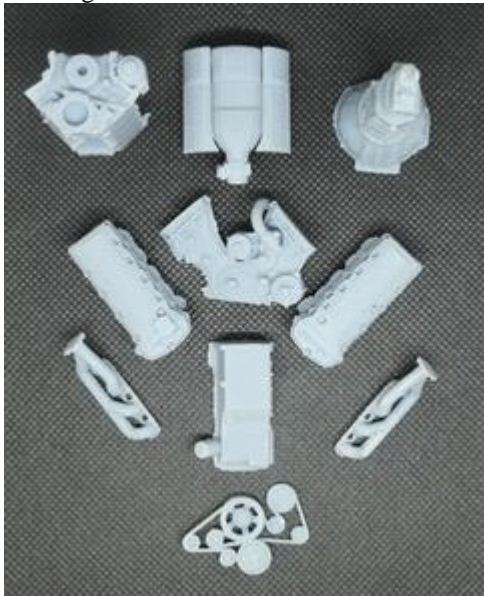


These Are Made By NAZRAC a Seller on ebay He makes Many Different Engines & the Detail Is Very Good. I've bought about Four Myself.



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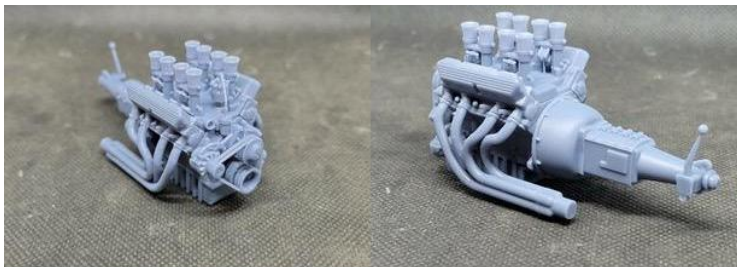




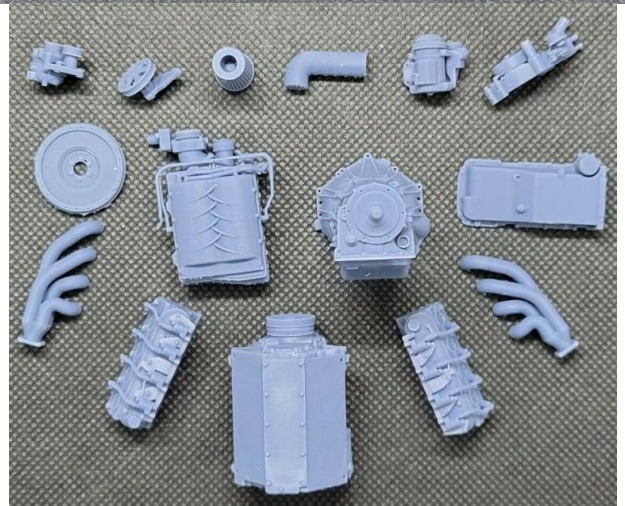
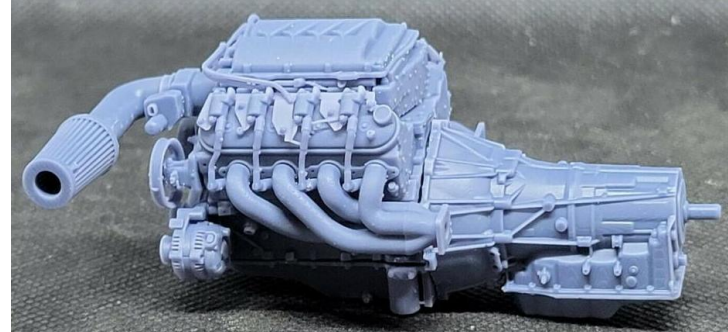
He also makes **572 BBC model engine resin 3D**



This is The **3D Ford 427 FE Cobra model Engine** By **NAZRAC**



This is the resin 3D printed **LS3 LS1 Magnuson Supercharged model engine** made by NAZRAC



Enjoy Mike Brennan  
**CHROMING PROCESS**

This is from a model Face Book Group called **Table Top Cruisers Model car Club of Central Florida** [Check It Out Mike Brennan ...](#)

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**THIS IS NOT PAINT!!!** Did this earlier today in a **CHEMICAL** process that took 5 steps and about 7

minutes to complete!! It dried **ROCK** hard and can be touched, masked and painted if need be for two tone paint jobs and is **GREAT** to chrome parts, blower hats, bumpers, etc.

This is going to be a **VERY LONG** post to read- but this is the **BEST** way for me to get this info out to everyone. The pictures are posted in order as to how I reference them in this text. It would take **WAAAYYY** too long to post captions with the pics as this is going out to **SEVERAL MODEL CAR FACEBOOK PAGES**.

**STEP ONE - WASH** your parts/body in non-hand soap-preferably Dawn dishwashing soap as it has no 'hand lotion' in it (the oil in hand soaps will **RUIN** your finish!) . What you are doing is getting rid of the "mold release" agent that the companies use to separate the molds to make your model. Also you want to make sure you have **ZERO** grease from your hands on the plastic-**KEEP YOUR HANDS CLEAN!!** Wash them **OFTEN!** . Prep and prime your body or parts as you would normally. If you have never primed your models let this get you started. Do **NOT** use "hobby paints" to prime. You will want to use a Duplicolor **LACQUER** Primer or you can use a product called "Brite Touch" primer which is also lacquer based. Both of these products are easily found at most auto parts stores for around \$3 for the Bright Touch and \$7 for the Duplicolor. **ANY MARS, POLISHING SCRATCHES, BODY WORK, MOULD LINES, PIN MARKS,** any flaws whatsoever will show thru the chrome so make sure your surface is **PERFECT & FLAW FREE** when you start. I do not know why, but people seem to think that you have to wet sand the entire body before you paint typically with 600 or 1000 grit paper. **NO!** I suggest only wet sanding with 600 when there are issues to remove. With proper prep you should **NEVER** have to wet sand the plastic unless you are doing body work. On parts, make sure you remove the mold lines completely, I like using multi-grit sanding polishing sticks to do this going thru each grit to get to a glossy, mar free surface. After you prime this will be the first time you dig into the P-Chrome "Artist Chroming Kit" . Here you mix these 2-parts (2nd picture) on a one to one ratio (the amount you use depends on how much you are chroming so refer to the instructions in the kit for **ACTUAL** amounts) You have 90 minutes from when you mix the clear to airbrush it on. This is **NOT** simply a "regular

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clear"-it is designed to react with the chemical process for the chroming. 2 Even coats-starting from the bottom and going up is all you will need. If you are spraying a frame full of parts then simply spray over the frame straight on. Make sure this dries, overnight is best. (I know I said 7 minutes in my prior post-but I forgot about this preliminary step~sorry!) Your body or parts should have the finish of the third pic when you are done. This is black primer that has been cleared with the "P-Chrome Permalac Clear". You can clean up your airbrush with lacquer thinner.

**STEP TWO, of the ACTUAL Chroming -** From this point on you **MUST** use a mask or you will **PERMANENTLY** chrome your lungs! **NOW THIS IS CRITICAL: YOU MUST USE DI-IONIZED WATER TO MIX IN ALL OF THESE SOLUTIONS.** If you don't- **ANY** metals, contaminants, etc. will **RUIN THIS PROCESS!!** It's gettable via a quickie Google search and most places have it where you can pick it up locally. The kit does come with some, but you **WILL** run out fairly quickly. **THIS** part goes **VERY** fast so **YOU MUST** prepare all the chemical mixtures **BEFORE** you start! Including the 2-part silver chrome. Also-make sure you use some kind of collection tray underneath your work as this is **MESSY** and you won't want those chemicals around once you are done (see the bottom of the third picture!) . You **WILL NOT** have time between coatings to make the needed mixtures so have the 3 bottles ready. See again the 4th picture. Start with the #87 degreasing soap, again spraying from the bottom up. Be generous as if you were spraying a plant. This is **NOT** like painting a model. It will look like the 5th picture having a soapy like finish. Now within moments-spray with the 2nd part which is the "wetting solution"-These first two mixtures will last 60 days-So that's why we noted the dates we used them-Don't spill this away-you can always use these two parts again within 60 days. The next step is to apply the "Sensitizer" solution. (6th picture) Again just as you did the other solutions, however this solution only lasts 24 hours. Again-you **CANNOT** ever mix these solutions so make sure when you clean these bottles (rinse well with di-ionized water) that you keep the same sprayer with the same bottle-that's why we marked our bottles with the symbols you see.

**STEP THREE** Rinse with di-ionized water with green sprayer (included with the kit) Twice around your parts/body is all you need.

**STEP FOUR NOW IS WHEN THE "MAGIC" BEGINS!** While the body is still very wet from the last 3 steps and rinsing, using the special 2-cannister sprayer that has the 2-part chroming solution already mixed in it, start spraying your parts/body. For a body its best to start at the bottom and work your way up, applying 3 to 4 generous coats of material. You will see it "chrome up" as you begin to apply the 2nd coat (8th pic) until you hit it with the last/4th coat where it will have a **STERLING, MIRROR CHROME FINISH** on it (see the 10th and 11th pic). Once done with the last coat, re-rinse the finish another coat of Di-Ionized water (again out of the green sprayer) and then blow off the water (cool air out of a blow dryer works best) so that it will not leave any water spots to mar the finish.

Let dry one hour.

**STEP FIVE:** (Now remix some more of the 1:1 clear but make sure to add the compensating dye to it (mixed according to instructions based on how much material you are clear coating, I think only about 10% to the rest of the clear is needed-see picture 14) which prevents yellowing in the final clear coats. The clear is the hard protectant that will seal in the clear. As you put on the first coat it will look like picture 15, **BUT** as you apply more clear you begin to see the gorgeous chrome finish come back-see the 16th and 17th pictures. Let dry-you are **DONE**.

How much does it cost and where can I get it. The entire **INITIAL** package for the Pchrome Artist Chroming Kit is \$375. Plus shipping in 3 containers. Not cheap, but with all the modelers I have seen buy 3D printers costing even more, this is in the same price point. Here is where a club member has an advantage. So many of us here in the Table Top Cruisers wanted a **GREAT** solution to the "chrome" issues we have had. Mold lines in bad places like the side of bumpers, blower hats, exhaust pipes, side pipes, zoomies, etc. Or wanting to chrome parts that **ARE NOT** chromed at all. Whatever the reason. So we split the cost among our members knowing that refills are **UTRA** cheap in the future. As is the needed di-ionized water. The chroming is now a benefit of membership. Here is



the link: <https://pchrome.com/pro.../pchrome-25-sf-artist-starter-kit/>

I just believe that this is a GAME CHANGING process for those who choose to use it. From all the reactions, and it was in the several thousand, many many of you are also looking for something to make your models chrome look superior.....

PS Mike will discuss @ Nov. LIARS Mtg.

PS 2 Neither the LIARS nor Mike B. received any compensation from the Sellers...

## Flashback August 2005 By Dominick Superbird



While Ted had the floor, Rich was playing with a model...



Mike B conducting a clinic – remember these?



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*Hope you enjoyed this ... Thanks Dominick*

#### **Show Reports:**

**IPMS show : Saturday, October 23, 2021**

**Paul The Hammer**

It was one of those “last minute things” and I’m glad I went. At our last meeting (October) Ernie told me about a show up in Poughkeepsie, NY, that Saturday. The weather was nice, so I packed up my latest builds and took the trip. No problem with traffic. The show was at a VFW hall and much smaller than say, our LIARS show, but well attended. Rooms were equal in size for models on display and vendors. Ernie and Gary – “get it on paper” were there already set up.

The quality of automotive themed models was outstanding. Just about every entry looked amazing, in all scales and themes. I entered in “competition vehicles 1/24”. I met up with Vince Lobosco and we had a lot of fun discussing our

builds and soon afterwards we were both interviewed by Doug Whyte, of model car muse: an on line model forum.

The “other” models such as military, planes, ships, figures, Sci-fi were also amazing and I took several photos as well. If anyone wants additional photos from the show, just E-mail me at pauldrago426@gmail.com and Ill be more than happy to send them.

I picked up a few odd and interesting items. There was an aftermarket metal gun barrel for a plane or something: but when I looked at it, all I saw was a perfect flared tailpipe; so I bought every one there was. I also picked up a detail set for the AMT Piranha – man from uncle spy car version. It had decals for the instrument panel, guns and weapons, and photo etch parts. I never knew something like this existed so I grabbed it. I also picked up a set of camouflage decals to finish off my wheel stander Jeep (surprisingly NOT from a military source) but made by Gopher racing accessories.

On a more somber note: Many people came up to me and expressed their condolences to the club on the passing of Rich Manson. It was obvious Rich was well respected in the hobby and touched so many people with his talent, kindness and all around good nature. I mentioned there was one entry that had a fantastic interior and said “That’s a Rich Manson interior” and everyone knew what I meant.

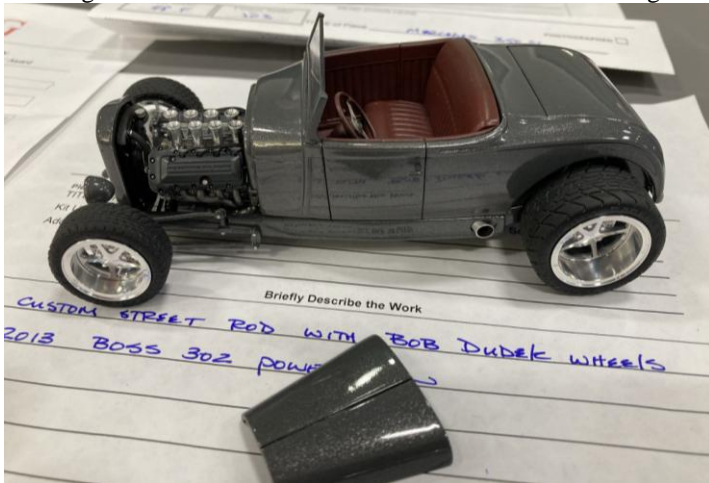
At the end of the day, I was honored to take home Third place in my class for the Don Garlits wynnjammer display.



Vince Lobosco took first,

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and Doug Whyte won Second.



One more & it's 1/32 scale!



As for the ride home, well you know what they say "one up and three down!" As for the wild deviations the GPS took me, with rain, wind, and a

dwindling phone battery that would not recharge, that in a measure can be discussed at a later time.

Paul

### Flowerfield Show/Swap Meet

Just scored some good HO slot cars from three different vendors out at the Flowerfield show/swap meet early this morning (10/24)...

A nice full show car field, with all types of rides presented. The swap meet field was large as well. Within the first 30 minutes, I scored 7 HO slot cars. An old Aurora Thunderjet 500 Cobra Daytona coupe, 2 AFX C3 type Corvette coupes, an AFX Grand AM Funny Car, 2 Life Like NASCAR "Car of Tomorrow" style stockers, and a beautiful AMRAC (a company that eventually morphed into Life Like) Datsun 240Z road racer, still new in the package. And I managed to negotiate a good price for all of them! Afterwards I took a quick stroll around the show cars to look at a few cars that interested me, then I headed for home. Looking forward to the "Monster Mash" show and swap meet on Halloween at the PAL grounds in Holtsville. Should be another good one!—Ernie

Dr.V wonders if the models helped Vette owner win an award...



### Monster Mash show (10/31)

I had called Bob (the Monster Mash show promoter) Saturday night to be sure everything was still a go. When I called him at 6:30am Sunday morning, he got back to me in about 15 minutes and said, "Yes, we're a go, I'm loading in vendors as we speak". I thanked him and kept on driving east on Sunrise Highway, sipping my 24oz. Dunkin Donuts coffee as the rain continued pounding my

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windshield! When I arrived, the rain was just about done and Mr. Sun was slowly making his appearance.

I had a great day, and within the first hour or so had dropped \$200+ on a bunch of vintage NOS in the package HO slot cars. More good inventory for the upcoming slot car shows I have November in PA, December in CT, and here on Super Bowl Sunday February 13, 2022.

Just as I was getting ready to leave, I met up with a old slot car buddy from the 1/24 scale commercial track wars. He suffers from MS and has to use a 4 wheel walker to get around, so I stayed to keep him company and made another full lap of the show car and vendor fields. Of course, conversations with car owners and our slower pace added up to that lap taking much longer than usual! I was there from 7am until 2pm, and enjoyed what turned out to be a sunny blue sky day at the show. Ernie

Part B: Dr.V took his wife to the Monster Mash car show in Holtsville LI.

Did he really need to drive 50 plus miles to attend a local car show"? (Well Dr.V does attend HERSHEY which is about a 500 mi. round trip – you be the judge) back to the story...

Yes, since when I call to see if show was still on while it was raining @7 AM (OK. I admit I am crazy) someone actually answered YES!

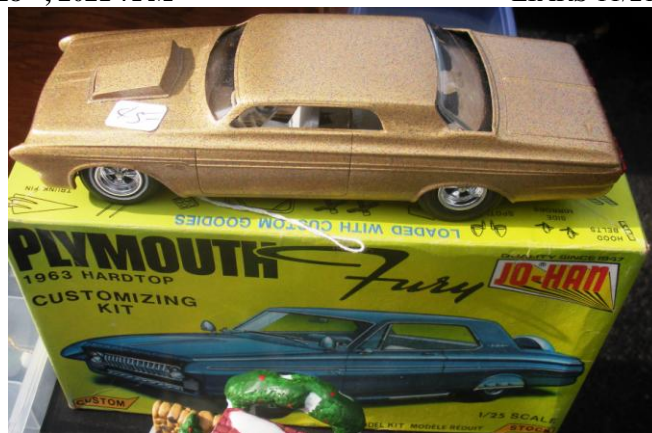
#### Observations:

We finally arrive at the PAY HERE TABLE, and respond to "Any Comments - with "why do spectators have to park so far away?" Response good question..." OK, so I pay our \$16. Adm. charge...

We elected to visit the Flea Market section...



Petty's Mint models are still expensive! There were a few other models for sale...



Moving on to the Car Show section..diversity!



Dr.V still enjoys seeing models under the hood.



Now is this any way to treat diecast models?



Dr. V's wife was happy that he didn't buy anything – just because he has no room to display &/or store...

*For the record, we should consider informing our significant other that "WE" need to stock up on models, parts, etc. due to highest inflation in 30 yrs.!*

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### Northern Spur Train Meet

Dr. V attended the 11/7/21 Lindenhurst model train meet in search of model cars (/Model Train mags). Yes, as has been Dr. V's approach to collecting, he attends model car shows to purchase American Flyer S-Gauge trains & model train shows to purchase you guess it – model cars.

At this show, he acquired the 2020 HESS Annual (which he previously did for his offspring), along with 4 more Danbury/Franklin Mint spares. Why the later – they were only \$15 ea. (with box)!

Dr.V then returned home to pick up Trouble (alias his wife) to attend the Fort Totten 1:1 show.

Observations!

- *Dr.V noted the longest walk to a show field ever-you would not believe Fort Totten uphill walk!*
- Once you arrived, you might have noticed...



Or perhaps a 1931 Franklin on a hook...Next...

**ACME Southern Nationals** Pics Nov 6 2021

[Len Woodruff](https://public.fotki.com/retabeth/acme-southern-natio/)

<https://public.fotki.com/retabeth/acme-southern-natio/>

Here's a link to [Mike Crespi's](#) ACME photo gallery for yesterday's Southern Nationals.....

There were about 680 models on the tables. I have 150 photos posted in the gallery.

<http://acme-ipms.com/Gallery/index.php?/category/24>



### America On Wheels Museum

Dr.V recently visited the America On Wheels (Allentown, Pa). This museum includes a large number of model cars & (e.g. Mack) trucks and hosts e.g., numerous events through the year including a slot car event that our Ernie attends.

A recent addition is an interactive operating Garage intended for children to open/close garage



Doors, lift, etc.) Even Dr.V smiled while pushing buttons. Back to models...

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Interesting handbuilt model of a two story 30's bus



Ted will like this Monogram conversion to match the 1:1 variant in the nearby Mack Museum.



## Back to Our Roots By Pat Vecchio

Good day to my fellow modelers,

I cannot believe its November already. I am back building and starting working on my HO layout.

Next month I will give you pictures and an update on my progress.

Last month I discussed the tribute model of my Uncle Angelo's 1963 Chevy Impala. I spoke with my cousin and told him about what I wrote. He and I were both were laughing & started talking about those days and family memories. After a few moments, we both had tears in our eyes. Yes we were both fortunate enough to be part of a large Italian family who came from Brooklyn.

Well as I previously wrote, when I turned 17, I purchased my first car a 1961 Chevy Impala convertible. It was owned by my friend's brother who went into the service. I always loved that car and it was finally mine. The girls loved the car and it had a nice big back seat. He, He!



She was powered by a 283 2 barrel with a powerglide transmission - that was just a Saturday night cruiser if you know what I mean.

Well the following year I was offered two thousand dollars for the car. Hmm I said to myself...I am almost there for the price of a new car. So I did not want a GTO or yuck a Mustang which was just a dressed up Falcon. By the way I now love those old Falcons. (Dr.V are you a friend of Mike B?) No answer req'd.

Back to Pat's story... (Dr. V - Well it is about time...) I decided to go to "M&M Oldsmobile" on Queens Blvd. (NY) to check out the new 442. - I had been working a few years and had the cash in the bank, so I ordered this car as a convertible, with 4 speed, bucket seats, power brakes and a rear speaker. After I received the car I took it to S&S Speed Shop in Ozone Park Queens NY. I then had some work done on the engine and suspension. When I got the car back off to street racing I went. That's a story for another day.

When my Impala was picked up I had kind of a funny feeling inside me. I knew that part of my life was gone forever. I sit here thinking today how fast the years have gone by.

My love for cars never went away. My love of modeling building has stayed with me like an old true friend.

I am very blessed that I can still build and I am very blessed that I share my passion with my fellow model builders.. I have met and made many friends over the years and proud to say that you club members are part of my extended family. For this I am truly blessed.

The pictures you see here are my 1961 Impala. It did not come with baby moons. I added them on when I painted the wheels back.





Well that is all that I have now. I do hope you all have a Very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Be well and God bless America. Please do not forget the meeting Thursday, Nov.18th at 7 pm. Thank you for reading this article and God bless America. Pat Vecchio

A few more of Paul's show pics...



*Dr. V is humbled in that you all have allowed him to be your editor since his predecessor, no longer could. I wish you all the best for your combined future!*



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