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*Next Meeting's theme:
 MOPAR models*

Since we did not have a March Mtg. there are no pictures to share...makes some sort of sense...

The L.I.A.R.S. need to decide if we &/or you prefer e.g., paper goods or model cars?



or

Ok, does Dr. V prefer his 1:1 1926 Buick Master 6 or his 1929 REO Victoria, or his 1989 Chrysler GTC Turbo Conv. or his... too extensive American Flyer S Gauge trains or his massive Automobile / Model Car book collection - - OK, Dr. V prefers his Model car/truck/motorcycle collection – (Only if Paid for by the LIARS (yeah right!)) - - Else he prefers the numerous friendships that he has formed amongst all of the above passions...

Do any LIARS wish to trade models for goodies such as (my wife alias Trouble's recent purchase pkg. of 36 Toilet Paper(s), &/or along with gloves (container holds a 100 (I can't count that high) &/or hand sanitizer(s)???

Please let Dr. V know &/or other LIARS...via email to LIARS board else Dr. V

Note : Dr. V shall not hold it against you, even though you ignore repeated LIARS requests for MCB inputs...

APRIL's FOOL: As we continue our 28th (not 29th as Dr V has noted since last Oct.) year as a Club, let's hope all stay healthy (please honor this request)) and that we can all attain some measure of prosperity in these COVIN-19 trying times.

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

MCB Contributors: Ted Pappacena, Robert "Bobby" Garofalo & guest Neil Blanchette

LIARS Web Page <http://www.lyw.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com/>

The LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICAS 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.

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HOT STUFF

Old & New

Next meeting's theme we will try MOPAR. When, you're guess is as good as mine!

See Pat V who is collecting membership dues (still \$30.). Let's try and complete this task ASAP. Remember, the food pantry. Stay safe – we need u!

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Some Words from the Editor At Large

Good day to my fellow LIARS &/or friends thereof. As you can see from page 1, do you prefer TP/related products or models, please let Dr. V know.

The MCB was envisioned to include member inputs plus relevant modeling goodies, so where are they? It's your newsletter! Contribute!

This month Robert "Bobby" Garofalo & Superbird McMonte are still trying to help the LIARS keep sanity by conducting a dial in connection to let us communicate – please support this endeavor even if your computer/internet connection does not support live video.

This month we're trying MOPARS, again! Share your MOPARS with us – even if provided via email!

Hi there, my fellow L.I.A.R.S./enthusiasts, Dr.V (as in who are you going to trust (A KA east coast Bill Murray) plans on releasing an interim LIARS monthly MCB bi-monthly during this crisis, to keep the membership/fellow enthusiasts abreast of the current situation. *Can you provide inputs?*

For what it's worth, your editor (as you may know) is also the Long Island Motor Touring Club (LIMTC) President. He faces similar problems with his 1:1 (vs. 1/25) world.

In these troubling times, our respective weekly/monthly/seasonal events have been cancelled, delayed &/or ... we all need to step back & understand world events – *YES THEY ARE UGLY – SOME OF US ARE WITHOUT A JOB, SOME OF US CAN'T PAY OUR RENT, SOME OF US CAN'T COLLECT RENTS DUE (WHILE WE ARE STILL ON THE HOOK TO PAY OUR MORTGAGE/TAXES/& perhaps ASSOCIATION FEES, ETC.)*, some of us have lost our 401K profits collected throughout the years...ETC.!

As a personal aside, Dr. V enjoys playing (yes that's right – I'm still a kid at heart) with his hobbies while watching car racing on TV especially on Sat. evenings/Sun. PM!

Now, I get to pay a monthly cable fee for NON-EXISTENT NASCAR/INDY/etc. SPORTING EVENTS...Go figure! (The ridiculous video game

simulations – just don't do it nor fill the void! – You be the judge...)

The local/regional/national news is depressing at best – they offer no candidate solutions – emphasis is: what wrong – (they truly treat the audience as ... I really don't want to go there...) or they wish us all to back initiatives that have nothing to do with USA survival – but appeal to the politicians' goal/ well being – this has to stop – but that is another story...

So my goal to provide you all (love this expression) with something positive as it relates to our mutual love of model cars/trucks!

WE ENJOY ESCAPING REALITY! WE CAN DO IT ALONE BUT PREFER TO BE WITH YOU WHO ALSO SHARES THIS PASSION!

Dr. V is trying to do this while his significant is cleaning house...read this is "Why is the garage, shed, your closet, & elsewhere full of all this modeling stuff?" - A simple response of "Because this is what I AM, have, enjoy & someday will build, fix, etc." - Just does not answer her question

Underlying thread is that you're Dr. V believes in "PAYBACKS IS/ARE A BIT_H" - Read this as after Dr. V hopefully joins his fellow modelers who have proceeded him (beyond the pearly gates into the truly great modeling world...) he can look down on his offspring while their disposition of Dr. V's numerous collections (listed on this MCB's page 1) ... Hopefully Dr. V's offspring will try to dispose of these numerous collectible items beyond a simple **Garage Sale entitled "ALL ITEMS \$5.!" - WOW, DR.V WOULD HAVE ENJOYED WATCHING THE FEEDING FRENZY...THEN CRIED!**

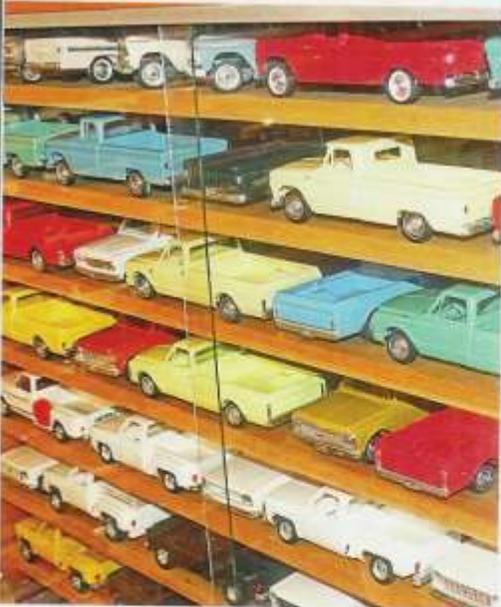
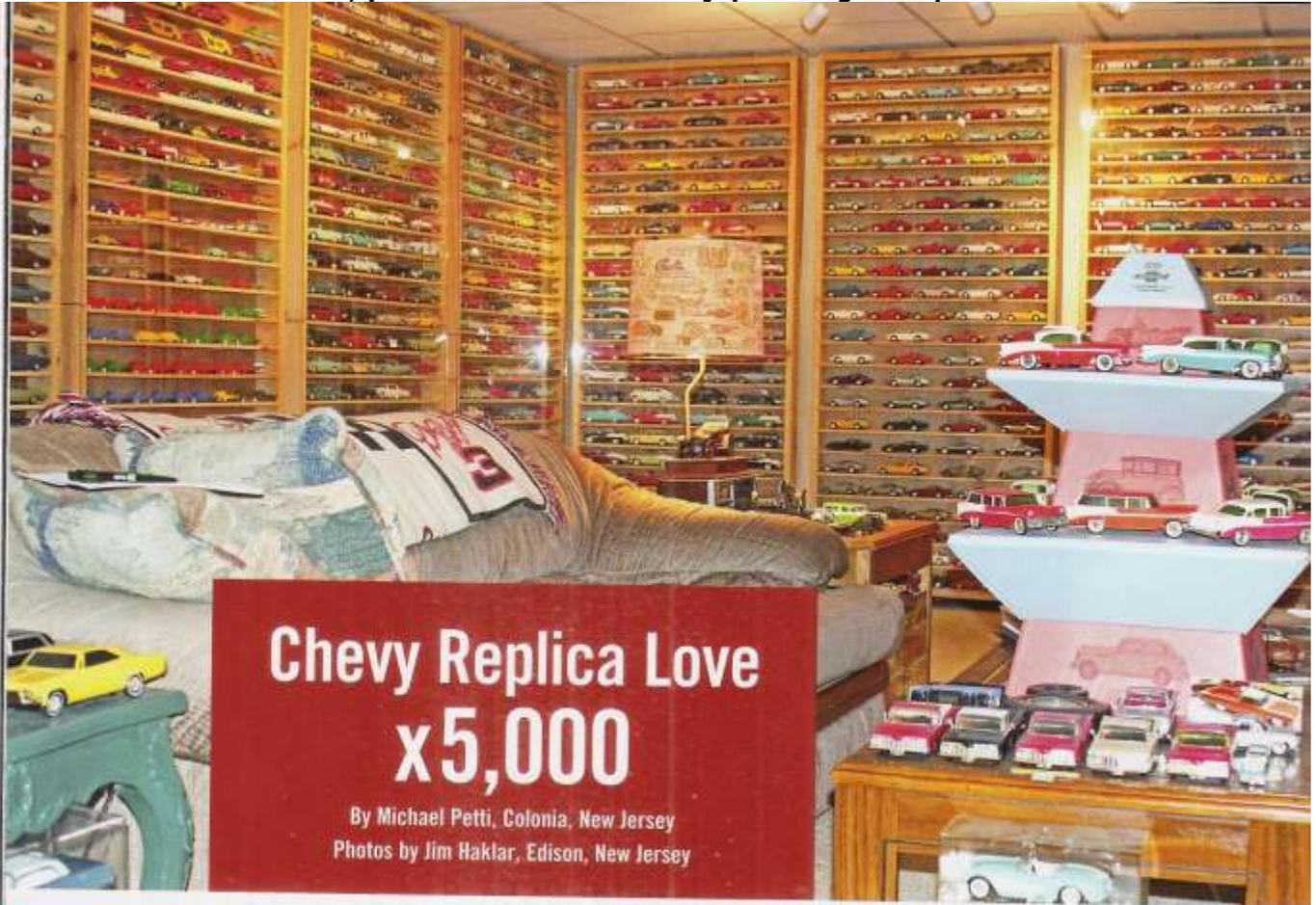
Onward – Let's start with where we are, what we have, what we (as individuals) need, and what we want...

- With Respect To (WRT) where we are –
- Can you develop an article or two that covers your modeling area, how you wish to refine/update including shortcomings that you want to address, but can't due to numerous reasons

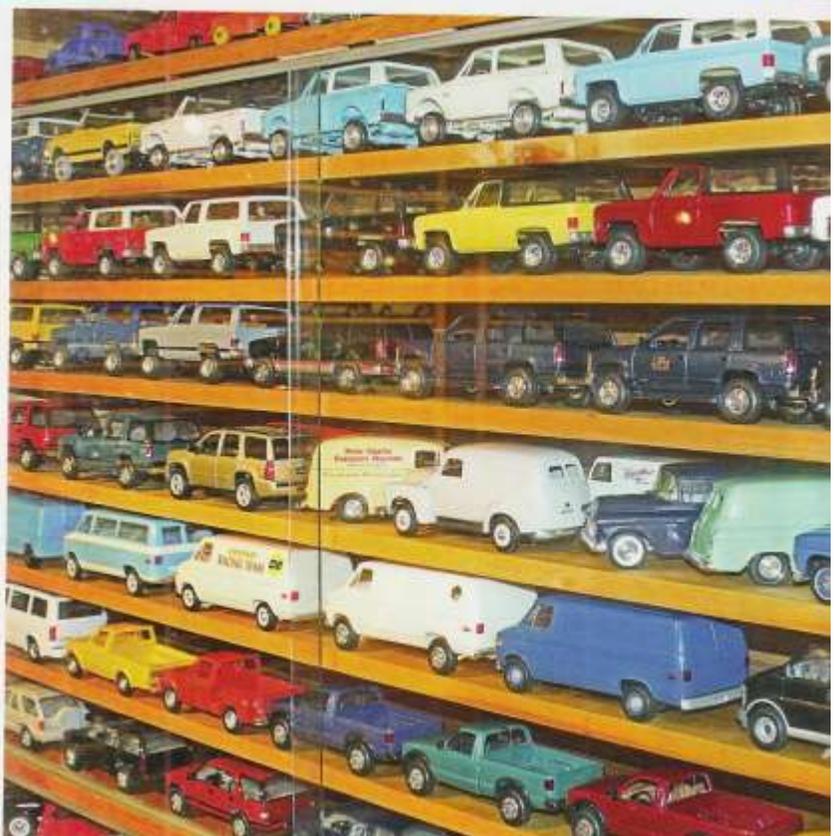
Fill in the blanks... Good day to you...Dr. V

First Impressions

Thanks to a fellow Long Island Motor Touring Club (LIMTC) member, who provided Dr. V with the Chevrolet National Club's latest newsletter, you can now sit back & enjoy viewing 5000 plus Chevrolet models!



Above: Chevrolet pickups
Right: Chevy vans & SUVs



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

Thanks to Michael Petti and Jim Haklar for submitting the story and photos. Michael is a free-lance writer and the author of the "Light-Duty Trucking" column for Old Cars. Jim is his cousin and takes photos.

NEIL BLANCHETTE LOVES THE BOW-TIE BRAND. HE

has over 5,000 replicas of Chevrolet. He has all the promotionals and their colors that Chevy authorized. Promotionals or promos are franchise dealer scale model replicas that are fully assembled in factory correct colors.

Initially, dealers used promos to show potential customers the various colors available. This is because there was a shortage of new vehicles available after World War II. Neil points out that later many smaller mom and pop franchises used the colorful promos because only one, or at most two, real cars fit into a showroom. Besides using the promos as a three-dimensional color chip, dealers also used them for other purposes. They were gifts for customer's children, as a think-it-over item to close sales, giveaways, and door prizes.

Neil got his first Chevrolet promo at age five from his uncle. Actually, his uncle gave him two. He "ran the wheels off" of one and the other was stored for safekeeping. As a young lad and up to his early teens, Neil often got two of the Chevrolet models. One was for play and the other was for saving.

National Products made the first Chevrolet promos. They were the 1947 and 1948 Chevrolet Fleetline two-door Aerosedan in 1:28-scale made of pot metal with real white rubber tires. Some of the vehicles have the dealer's name, address, and phone number, and/or color imprinted in the top of the life-like replica.

Chevrolet switched from National Products to Banthrico for their promos in 1949. A "Little Theater" display showcased the bodylines of Fleetline and Styleline models including a convertible, as well as two-and four-door notch backs and fastbacks. These 1:25-scale promos were pot metal with black rubber tires.

From 1951 to 1956 Product Miniature Corporation made the Chevrolet promos, including the Corvette. These true-to-life replicas in 1:25-scale were known as "Tru-Miniatures" and made of high impact plastic.

SMP, also known as Scale Model Products, took over Chevrolet promos from 1957 to 1961. They, too, were 1:25-scale. SMP was bought out by AMT that is also known as Aluminum Model Toys. AMT made most of Chevy's promos in the '60s. In the 1970s, MPC, also known as Model Product Corporation, replicated Chevrolets in 1:25-scale.

The Chevrolet promos of the 1960s and 1970s were at their pinnacle. They were accurately designed right down to the smallest detail and had intricate chassis. From the 1990s through today most of the promos are Corvettes with an occasional Camaro. After the early 1980s, dealers used promos less. From then on, collectors had to obtain promos at auto swap meets and toy shows.



Top to Bottom: 1955 Chevrolet promos, Product Miniature Corporation 1956 Chevrolet display, and 1958 promos



Prior to 1955 the Chevrolet promos were "coasters." This meant that they would move when you pulled or pushed them. Chevrolet frictions, also known to a lesser degree as "flywheels" were sold in toy stores and retail stores. They were like promos, except that the colors were not always authentic. They also had an axle with a gear wheel connected to the flywheel inside the model. With a little push, the model would run by itself.

Just as impressive as Neil's dealer and toy store promos is his built model kits. Kits have to be put together, and Neil is a master craftsman. Besides assembling Chevrolet kits, he uses a variety of kits, even of other makes of cars, in order to make Chevrolets in variations not offered in any form.

Neil has built 1:25-scale models of Chevrolets from the 1930s. Neil has made models of bow-ties that have been used as molds for resin kit manufacturers like "Modelhouse" including the 1966 Caprice two-door hardtop. He likes to buy the "test shot" of both promos and kits. These are test runs of model promos and kits to make sure all the parts fit properly.

Besides the little ones, Neil also has three big brother Chevrolets. All are mint. They are a 1955 "210" four-door sedan in white over light blue, a 1956 Corvette convertible in cascade green with serial number "six" off the assembly line and a 1957 Bel Air convertible in light blue with skirts. All three were one-owner cars with low miles. 



Top: Neil's real 1955 Chevy, 1956 Corvette, and 1957 Chevy
 Middle: Neil holding a test shot of a Chevrolet kit
 Right: 1957 Chevrolet remote control convertible

Dr V has formed a new friendship with Neil Blanchette, the Chevrolet model collector.

What is interesting to note is that it took approx. 3 years to have the Generator & Distributor (G&D) club publish pictures of Neil's collection! Since then he sold off his collection via an on-line auction company (that in Dr. V's humble opinion SCREWED NEIL!)

Point is that the LIARS ARE DELIQUENT IN ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR OUR NEXT OF KIN TO FOLLOW, FOLLOWING OUR UNTIMELY DEMIZED - PLEASE SUPPORT DR. V's primary goal!

money", it's having your own private 28-metre long, ruby-red Learjet street-legal limousine. Taking over 40,000 man-hours (sounds like Dr. V's model building) and between 60 and 100 people across 12 years to construct, the Limo-Jet can now safely transport eight LIARS passengers in its wingless Learjet fuselage.

This one-of-a-kind vehicle cost over \$1 million to build, including a steel chassis to reinforce the aluminum jet body, with parts from numerous vehicles incorporated into the finished product. The Limo-Jet houses lights from a Jeep and suspension parts from a pick-up truck - as well as several custom-made pieces.



Next up is an interesting article



Although the advertised \$5 Million Learjet conversion into a Street-Legal Limo is set for auction, LIARS should bid in the event that it will sell at rock bottom price! What better way would there be for the LIARS to travel to model car shows, e.g. NNL East! If there is one thing that screams "LIARS have a lot of



"Previous owners had people pull them over on the side of the road to videotape the limo. They treated it almost like it's a celebrity, which is exciting and can serve as a Model Car Advertisement - LIARS Treasurer could reach out to our fellow model Car clubs for donations. We could even sell fuselage advertisements - Join the MAMA, TriState ...clubs - you never know.

What's even more impressive is how the Limo-Jet actually moves. Powered by a Vortec V8 engine, the ruby-red vehicle tops out at a max speed of just over 100mph, not bad considering it weighs a hefty 12,000 pounds and has a tail fin that sits almost 12 feet in the air (which might be a problem leaving/returning to LI). People won't believe how massive it is when it's coming down the street."



It had been designed as the ultimate party vehicle. Despite having to remove the wings for the vehicle to become road-worthy, the jet engine nacelles remain, and house two 12-inch subwoofers surrounded by neon lights. Alongside the 'engine speakers', a row of subwoofers and speakers along the edge of the limo arc revealed by a motorized cover, all of which makes up the exterior sound system of the vehicle. Fold down the neon-illuminated stairs to step inside the Limo-Jet and things are equally as impressive.



The driver, or 'pilot', sits up front in a single command seat that features a bank of four monitors on the custom dash. Each screen is hooked up to an external camera to allow the driver to see around the giant car during its various voyages. Just to keep the jet theme going, the driver's seat also cops a bank of toggle switches that activate the Limo-Jet's custom disco lighting, as well as the lights in the special 'Infinity Mirror' floor. "The interior was a lot more difficult," said DeAngelo. "We knew it was going to be a little tricky because everything is curved, so we couldn't use any templates, we had to hand-make everything. From the centre console that sits in the dash, to the upper console where all the switches are, all the way back to the roof, we had to use special bending products – bending glass,



We could perhaps convince Mike Brennan to drive this rig...



Last month quarantine was estimated to be 20,160 minute time out - 14 days. Postponing daily routines of life can have benefits.

Did you stock up on modeling supplies – we most likely already have too many kits.

Dr. V recommends organizing our modeling area. Did you? If so, route pics to share

Can you share yours with your fellow LIARS?

Days of Olde - Model History (Con'd)

LIARS need a spokesperson for the various model websites – Please volunteer...too date:

AMT model company history

Published on Mar 26, 2020

The story The AMT kit model company. This is episode 3 on the AMT, MPC, ERTL history series.

Thanks to boxartden.com and

oldmodelkits.com for their images and a shout

out to scalemates.com which is a wonderful

resource for information on kit model

histories.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZmqZAn1rGU>

The Aurora, Revell, Monogram Models Story

Published on Sep 27, 2019

Credit to oldmodelkits for the use of their images. www.oldmodelkits.com

Here is a version with no background

music <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntIWO...>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBqCRO2wIvw>

The Aurora models story

Published on Sep 28, 2019

A short history of the Aurora model and toy company. 1950-1977

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceRxtvPiQI>

Aurora Model Kits - Silly Kits - The Model Vault

Published on Sep 16, 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lobq0kQq6bs>

Airfix Model Company Overview New

Published on Nov 13, 2018

This one is on Airfix and maybe some things that may jog your memory if you over 30 years old or more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2F50fgjzBKY>

The Matchbox Car Story

Published on Jan 27, 2020

Matchbox is a popular British toy brand which was introduced by Lesney Products in 1953,

and is now owned by Mattel, Inc. The brand was given its name because the original die-cast Matchbox toys were sold in boxes similar to those in which matches were sold. The brand grew to encompass a broad range of toys, including larger scale die-cast models, plastic model kits, and action figures.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQWHfzHgWao>

Lindberg Line models history (music)

Published on Mar 20, 2020

This is a brief history on what I could find out about the enigmatic Lindberg Line model company with a light musical backing track. some images used courtesy of oldmodelkits.com

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVahHjxZ2mM>

The Lindberg Line (no background music)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fQFG7NP7DM>

ARII kit model company history

Published on Mar 27, 2020

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmDtKBhQ_Y

Extra Goodie: I Bought His Entire Collection

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEn6f2kh7nc>

ERTL, AMT, MPC History Ep. 1

Published on Mar 22, 2020

The first of 4 episode on the history of ERTL, MPC and AMT kit model companies. The episode is the overall timeline showing how all three of these companies ended up under one roof. I found a grammatical error. I mentioned MPC and in the following sentence said "In 1966 'they' got the rights to Star Trek". I meant too to say "In 1966 'AMT' got the rights to Star Trek".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcQAC3Jf2tk>

Published on Mar 26, 2020

The history about the complex history of AMT, MPC, and Ertl but with more volume.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMdvSK05Mco>

AMT, MPC, ERTL update

Published on Mar 22, 2020

Since my medical procedure was postponed at the last minute due to the Corona virus outbreak. I guess I can keep working on the

project now.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOuTnQY4Q-M>

The Monogram Models story

Published on Sep 28, 2019

This is a brief history of the Monogram models company which is NOT GONE!!!. After this was made author got the following reply from Scott Millican which adds considerable follow-up information.

A German Investment group created the company Blitz for the purpose of buying Revell USA and Revell Germany. This happened in April of 2018 when the companies of Hobbico were divested through liquidation. Blitz put the offices at Revell Germany in charge of both companies. They got it for a song, both companies together were valued at something like \$18million, and was purchased for less than 1/4 of that, approx. \$4million, a large chunk of that to purchase inventory at Revell USA. Looking at the numbers on paper, Revell Germany as a whole was bought for just under \$1million, the tooling at Revell USA (worth approx. \$3.5million) was on paper purchased for the tidy sum of \$50000, licensing, trademarks and copyrights made up a bulk of the remaining costs of purchase. Now just called "Revell", Revell Germany side of the business, kits are still produced in Poland, and the Revell USA side of the business kits are still produced in China, with the same usual cross pollination of ROG and RUSA kits winding up in each other's boxes for different markets. Revell in the US was slow to get back off the ground, basically ended up being a warehouse with one employee where the RUSA and ROG kits would come into, and then sent back out to distributors. They have since expanded their footprint in the US, by bringing back Ed Sexton into the fold, and that is basically where we are at today. Most of the Aurora and Renwal molds, as well as some of the older Revell and Monogram tools, have since be sold to Atlantis Models, whom are having a grand time reissuing them. Subsequently the line of Monogram Nascar kits (most of them) were sold to Salvino JR Models (through Atlantis), and are living on today. Just thought it would be prudent to tell everyone that how the video ends, is not the end of the story. :)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-2YKDW-bVM>

The Revell Models story

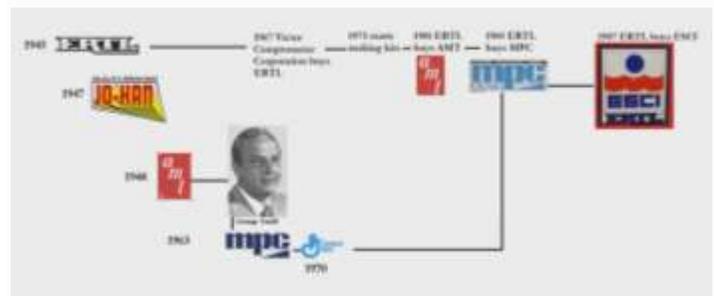
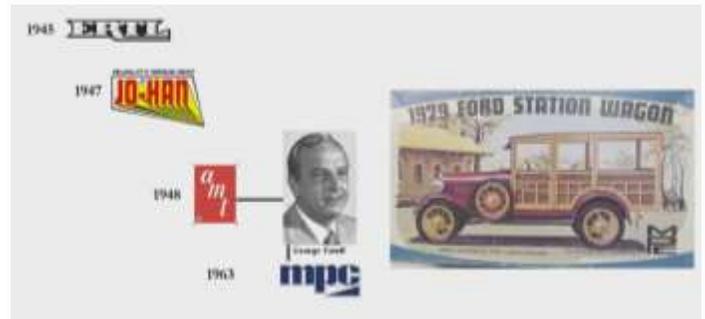
A brief history of Revell models which, started after WW2 and was eventually saved by a German investment company called Blitz. This happened in April of 2018 when the companies of Hobbico were divested through liquidation.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEZ3uJgz810>

Revell kit model catalog 1960-61

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNnisMZ2iRM>



Other extras: Greatest Private Corvette Die Cast Model Cars Collection Ever?

<https://youtu.be/Zbi2e1bL3tg>

My Amazing 1/18 Diecast Car Collection - Part 1 - Ferrari

<https://youtu.be/UurBcXNmRJ4>

My DIECAST Collection update 1/8, 1/12, 1/18

<https://youtu.be/U9YI-27qHtE>

CMC Modelcars Diecast models collection 1/18 in SHOWbox displays

<https://youtu.be/bfDYq3yePjo>

Diecast ManCave and 1:18 Scale Diecast Model Car Collection

<https://youtu.be/fo3vnYpiziw>

My car model collection scale 1/18

<https://youtu.be/qh6mHHeFgI>

Super Big High end Diecast Model Car collection 1/18 scale

<https://youtu.be/YHLubOqtte0>

1:18 collection 2019 autoart kyosho cmc gt spirit

<https://youtu.be/aZWQsxj1xNc>

franklin mint car model collection

<https://youtu.be/z2vPDJ0H25M>

DANBURY AND FRANKLIN MINT CARS
COLLECTION

<https://youtu.be/zsHYpFpN--M>

DANBURY MINT CARS

<https://youtu.be/YmEv3xXjBc0>

1:24 Scale Diecast Classic Cars Collection-
Danbury, Franklin, Jada, Gmp...

https://youtu.be/ICavBRMEk_g

BIG 1:24 SCALE FRANKLIN MINT & DANBURY
MINT MODEL COLLECTION

<https://youtu.be/DHW-E0KuMX8>

My 1:18 Supercar Collection - Update Video

<https://youtu.be/OQMtntvzIKk>

Basement- ManCave 800pc diecast collection

<https://youtu.be/jYNVvixG2Kw>

DieCast Collection

<https://youtu.be/714q1zqDgAE>

The Model kits of MPC

<https://youtu.be/hnop-cTa6vY>

weathering supplies". Going through the many
"o"s in Google I hit upon this kit.

It's called "Uncle Muddy's Deluxe
Weathering Kit- Everything needed to Age,
Distress, & Rust!" Now I know what you're
thinking because I thought it too. Coincidence,
right? I had nothing to do with this. So I read
all about it.

The kit comes with 6 vials that contain
Old Rust, Carbon, Snow Flat, Fresh Rust, Real
Iron, and Real Grit. There are also brushes, q-
tips, wooden sticks and instructions. The
instructions are in depth for even a novice to
start weathering. Included with the instruction
sheets is a price list for supplies. The supplies
are not cheap and some are already
discontinued but hey, I came upon this late.
Who knows how long it's been out there? The
set isn't cheap either, \$29.95 + shipping. I
know it looks cheaply put together in a tub
that looks like it came from a Wet Swiffer
package but this is after all the aftermarket
we're talking about. I can't wait to dive into
this stuff! Happy building during these trying
times.

Speaking of Muddy...



Some Random Thoughts By Ted Pappacena

Where to begin? So much has changed
since the February meeting. Phil passed. We
had a meeting. Business as usual, right? I
went to Amelia Island, FL for the annual
Concours d' Elegance and had a great time
taking over 700 photos. Lots of reference
material for sure. Then, WHAM! All hell breaks
loose. COVID-19- Quarantine- hoarding-
uncertainty.

So, now we have all the time in the
world (so to speak) to do the kits we have
been saving all these years. Maybe not all the
supplies but we make do. I pulled a kit out of
my stash and started to dig out my paints and
found I was lacking some much needed
weathering supplies. So I started poking
around the internet and Googled "model kit



STUCK AT HOME
Build a Model!
25% OFF
SITEWIDE

*Valid while inventory. March 16th at 11:59pm (est). Discount off is applied to valid in stock items only. No backorders.

SHOP DEAL

Now is a great time to try a new hobby!

Build, learn and have some fun, too...

LIARS VIRTUAL MEETING UPDATE

Dominick is busy looking into the YouTube connection while juggling his work schedule. We have not discussed our next test date or the start of an actual meeting. A lot depends on Dominick's schedule and both of us discussing issues. We will send out an update in a few days.

The purpose for testing is to allow LIARS members to sign into the meeting to get comfortable with the process and to figure out how they will attend when the actual meetings begin. Participants will need to activate their own video and mic, or view the meeting on YouTube live or at a later date when the YouTube portion is activated.

We conducted our 3rd LIARS Video Chat Test Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM and it went very well. In all seven LIARS signed into the Test meeting, four of which was their first time. Rich Argus, Mike Brennan, Ernie Finamore and Pat Vecchio as well as Vincent Russo, Dominick Gerace and Bobby Garofalo. Rich Argus, and Mike Brennan used the dial in method while the rest of us used our computers.

On April 2nd, we commenced informal testing was informal with seven members signing in. We stayed on for about an hour talking and showing off some kits and things just to test the system.

The actual meeting will have to be structured with the Board Members starting it off just the way we have our meetings at the Recreation Center. Dominick will be the moderator for the first meeting to help organize when participating members can talk and in what order so that we all don't talk over each other at the same time creating a lot of confusion, making it difficult for anyone to understand.

I successfully signed in on my Laptop (Windows), my smart phone (Apple) and my iPad (Apple) all at the same time, which all worked well. Hopefully even more LIARS will sign in for our next test.

We plan on having more tests so that LIARS that want to test their device can and get acclimated to the log in process. In the meantime, Dominick is working on the YouTube part of the meeting. WE are all getting used to this process so keep trying if you were not successful login in. Our next schedule test is Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 PM.

If this is the first time you are reading about the video chat, it's because the email address list is still being updated. Link to be sent for next Thursday session.

Bobby Garofalo



Thought you might the following article from JALOPNIK (author/pictures: Toni Scott)



A New Hobby For You To Lose Yourself In While Boreantined

For me, it is now week three of self isolation. A bum immune system has kept me from leaving my house much, but luckily, I have an absurd array of inane solo hobbies to keep me occupied (plus, you know, writing these blogs), and I'm here to share one of my favorites with you all in these boring times.



This is a 12" x 12" piece of plywood populated with model railroading supplies and \$7 worth of Hot Wheels/Matchbox cars that I had sitting around. This is the ultimate sweet spot hobby of dollars spent/time invested, in that it is cheap and will consume your entire life if you want it to. For anyone that's ever built a model railroad (which is how I learned about this!), these techniques and materials used are all fairly familiar, but I will walk through an

abbreviated step-by-step for those of you who are interested.



The first step is of course the cars. These are a bunch of Hot Wheels (and one Matchbox, the van) I had sitting in a plastic bag, waiting for me to make customs out of or do something with at all. They're all mainline releases and so each sell for \$1. To get the intensely weathered effect, I simply sanded each car down with a light sandpaper (a 1000 grit seems to be the sweet spot) to lightly wear on the cars' paintjobs and give it a worn effect. Next, I grab one of my weathering compounds to smatter the once-shiny paint of the toys with. I tend to lean towards Citadel paints (the stuff people use for Warhammer) because it's really simple to get that patchy rust look in one layer with a Technical, and then go over it with a light wash to help make it look more aged, but if you'd rather save some money, dry-brushing with oil paint will give a similar effect. No matter what paint I use, I try to make sure I always start my brushstrokes on a body line where I could imagine rust beginning, and then rapidly drag the brush down to cause intentionally visible brush strokes.

To help add visible aging, it can be worth considering painting over any chrome plated plastic with an opaque acrylic, just to help reduce the amount of toy-car shine left in the display. I also will drill out the rivets sometimes to pop the whole car apart, to take the glass and wheels out like the Nova below. In the case of the GTO above, the interior was fully shiny chrome and I was simply feeling lazy, so I made that tarp covering out of printer paper, which I painted, crumpled, used a wash on, and then shaped to the car while damp.



Next is the grass and trees. These are actually much easier than a lot of people expect them to be! You can buy an entire shaker full of fake grass for about \$12 and it usually would be enough to accomplish a dozen of these projects. If you want an even more aggressively budgeted option, a lot of model railroaders will make fine-scale dirt out of real dirt.

The company that makes the fake grass, Woodland Scenics, also sells "tree armatures" and "clump foliage". Essentially, the tree armatures are bare plastic wireframes, and the clump foliage can be glued to the frames to create the look of a fully-leaved tree. There are a variety of other techniques and "leaves" out there that can be used, but that was the setup that worked for me on this project.

The main tips I have for this process are as follows. First, ensure you have at least two different shades of ground cover (I used medium green/brown for a partially dead lawn look). Having a completely uniform grass color looks extremely artificial when completed, and the varied colors will add a bit of texture to your diorama. Second, try and make sure that you don't leave all the foliage on the trees itself - clumps of it make excellent bushes and scattered weeds!





I'll bring out some of my old dioramas briefly to discuss roads and parking lots. Scale model roads can be done in a million different ways, and there are a lot of plaster-like solutions that have unrivaled realism and can be infinitely textured and worn down for a variety of different pavement types. However, they're frequently expensive and take a bit of a while to cure, so I have found the cheap and lazy solution more than sufficient: both of the above dioramas use sheets of 3000 grit sandpaper glued to the base of the project. It can be sanded against itself to help wear out certain areas (think parking spots or intersections where cars would have driven through more frequently), the texture in photos shows up fairly realistically, and it's still fine enough a grit to draw lines on.

For lines on the pavement, I end up using gel pens in a couple of colors and a straightedge to try and get them all straight and measured properly. The main thing to remember when drawing your pavement lines is to use the gel pen incredibly lightly. It takes hardly any force to get the gel to flow and you *absolutely will* sand the ballpoint flat if you push down too hard. For oil marks, burnout tracks, and the like, I use a regular ink brush pen.



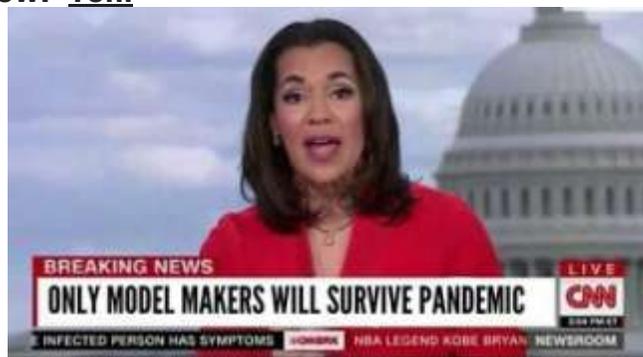
The next part worth looking at is basic

structures. For the shed in this project, I used stamped sheets of styrene plastic that I custom cut with a razorblade and glued together with superglue. The idea is simple enough, but styrene is actually rather hard to cut, so it may take a moment to get used to working with it. The company I ordered my sheets from sells a ton of different textures and styles for different scales and purposes, and most hobby shops will usually at least carry some variety so you can have a look in person at what you'll be working with. It's possible to make incredibly complex buildings out of styrene sheets with practice, but I am not that good yet - this shed was hard enough.

The last thing I'll mention here that can add a ton of flair to any diorama is 3D printing. 3D printing is a form of additive manufacturing that looks basically like magic but is fairly cheap once the initial investment in the printer is over with, and shockingly easy to get started with printing. The vending machines, car turntable, and furniture in the diorama above were all made with a sub-\$250 Creativity Ender Pro 3, with open source printing software and about 25 cents worth of plastic. I have the printer on a folding table in my living room - if you stick with PLA for your printer filament, there are no fumes created and it's harmless to let it run while you go do other things.

There are a ton of free models available on sites like Thingiverse, so computer modelling skills are not even required to get some really useful pieces printed out. It's not a necessity to build a cool diorama, but in some of mine, it's become a really great way to help add a little extra pop to a small scene, especially for a car showroom like the one above.

Hopefully, this has helped give you some cool ideas about how to burn some time cost-effectively if you're feeling a bit bored right now! Toni



Greg Hunt, John the Artist & others believe that the following might lighten the mood...

Subject: Reflections on the virus

- Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.
- I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
- Still haven't decided where to go for Easter ----- The Living Room or The Bedroom
- PSA: every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- Home-schooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job.
- I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone
- This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog..... we laughed a lot.
- So, after this quarantine.....will the producers of My 600 Pound Life just find me or do I find them?
- Quarantine Day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.
- (My favorite) My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.
- Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.
- I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?
- I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to "Puerto Backyarda". I'm getting tired of "Los Livingroom".
- Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.
- Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year".... I'm offended.
- Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under....



Seems like our fellow model clubs are sharing this one...

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



Stole this from the latest Tim Sickle's MAMA newsletter... Want to buy a Wienermobile? Wienermobile 2 available, once in a lifetime buy. \$12000 or OBO (Canadian funds)...Tim then asks "How much do we have in the MAMA Treasury?"



If MAMA passes, & LIARS won't purchase the LEARJET can we purchase a Wienermobile 2?

Speaking of MAMAs, their draft newsletter contained

I want to thank A.J. Anthony, and Nina Flynn for bringing a selection of Jerry's model kits to sell at our February meeting. Thanks in part to our enthusiastic reception, they have decided to take a vendor table at our Mid-Atlantic NNL show in May and bring a whole lot more of Jerry's kits to sell. They are working to clear out a 15' X 15' storage unit that holds Jerry's models, so they'll have plenty more to sell.

Sad news: **Phil Meffi**, a founding member of the *Long Island Auto Replica Society (LIARS)*

model car club passed away on February 9th at the age of 71.

He died of kidney failure after decades of living with diabetes. Many of the written tributes I've seen describe Phil as irreplaceable, cutting-up, misbehaving, loved to bust chops, liked to play devil's advocate, and fun. You can read fellow LIARS member's recollections of Phil in their February newsletter at:

THE PRESIDENTIAL BRIEF?

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We've been getting good results from our outreach to potential sponsors for our upcoming

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Dr.V: Thanks MAMA for your compassion.

Now Dr.V knows why he doesn't build wooden car models. Just look at a master woodworking bench...

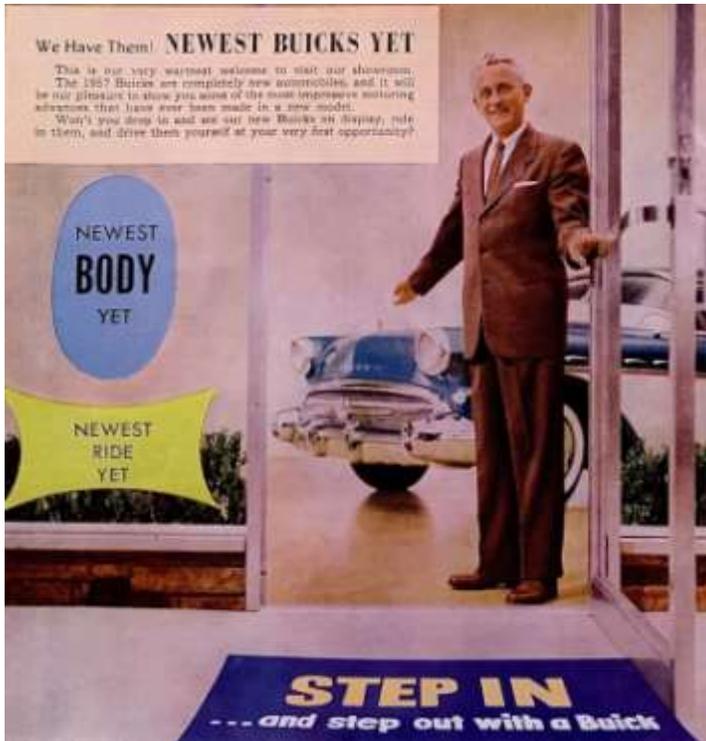


Billy Karam: Largest model car collection - Guinness World Records –u must check this out
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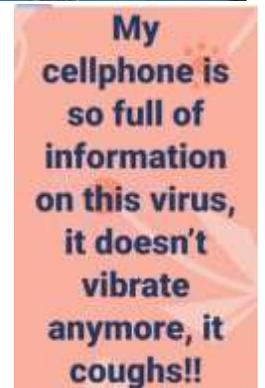


Kind of expensive, but we do have Porsche enthusiasts

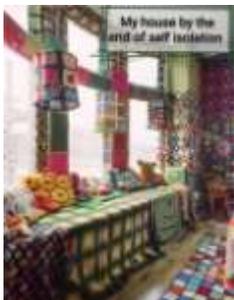
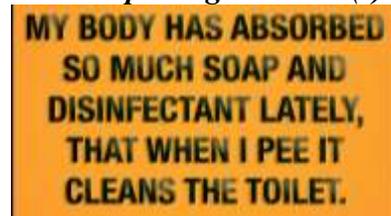
Memories



(Dr. V has fond memories of his 49 Buick & his 54 Buick Skylark – he only has the wire wheels left!)



Dr. V's parting comment(s)



If they shut schools for too long, mothers are going to find a solution for the virus before all scientists.

Newsletter needed at least 1 kit – so here it is!

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