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# MODEL CAR BRIEFS

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*This month's theme:  
Bring what are you building?*

*Greg Hunt captures a modeler's Work of Art*



*Multiple discussions were on going during the meeting*



*Superbird's Clinic drew a crowd*



*As we continue our 28<sup>th</sup> 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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*HAPPY Mother's Day - Thanks for supporting the LIARS*

**LIARS Unofficial Official****HOT STUFF****Old & New**

Hi Everyone

I'm feeling somewhat better, still not allowed to drive.

As of today I will be at the meeting this month.

May theme is "Bring whatever you are working on".

Thanks Superbird for conducting the Highlighting Tire Clinic. This month, the clinic is up to you to volunteer.

Thanks Hammer for conducting the meeting.

Remember the food pantry. See you at the meeting. Rich [r.argus@juno.com](mailto:r.argus@juno.com) [mr.argus@juno.com](mailto:mr.argus@juno.com)

*In other news:*

**Minutes of the LIARS April 2019 meeting**

Paul Drago opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Subjects discussed:

- 1 Pat V. went over the club finances. We are still solvent! All members have paid their dues for 2019.
- 2 Paul D. will present the membership with some rough layouts for a Club Business Card.
- 3 Pat V. suggested blending LIARS model shows with various car clubs at their outdoor shows. Trophies / awards would be bought / paid for by sanctioning car club(s).
- 4 Mickey (aka Dom) performed a demo on how to paint accurate Thin Red Line Tires. It was a great success, you could tell 'cause there were so many members crowded around Mickey that you couldn't see him!

Paul closed the meeting at 7:40...

Then there was...PIZZA NIGHT! Everyone enjoyed a slice or 2 or 3. A thank you goes to Rich Argus (who could not be with us this evening) and Paul Drago for researching and selecting a Pizza Parlor with the best pies around, and to Paul who picked up the 10 Pies. An additional thank you goes to Steve Blake who brought 3 Pies and Garlic Knots on his own.

Theme for April was Utility / Commercial Vehicles. Only 2 members brought and

displayed a total of 3 vehicles. Theme for May was not discussed.

May I suggest...Bring whatever you are working on, it's nice to see the progression of a build? 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? *Broken record request!!!*

It has been suggested that we resurrect a MCB Parts/kits Wanted beyond our monthly filler.

**Repeat request:** Any volunteer(s) to organize? Bill G. suggested members develop a **Worse kit I ever built** article for MCB inclusion.

Dr V has not heard from you, therefore this will be the last time that this space states:

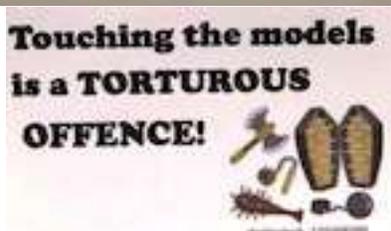
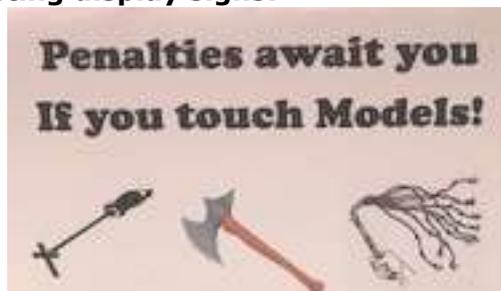
*Original 3 in 1 Type AMT, MPC, JOHAN, SMP, etc. models in any condition. 1950s through 70s, as well as, promos; built either beautiful or ugly, parts, boxes Also Franklin/ Danbury Mints, Pocher...contact Walt, Gary "Get It on Paper", or any other member. Call your Editor @ (516) 293-6378 if all else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

**First Impressions**

**Don't Forget - Bring what are you building**

**WOW provide pizza, and models stay home! Please be advised that Dr. V enjoys looking at fellow modelers' models – not pizza!**

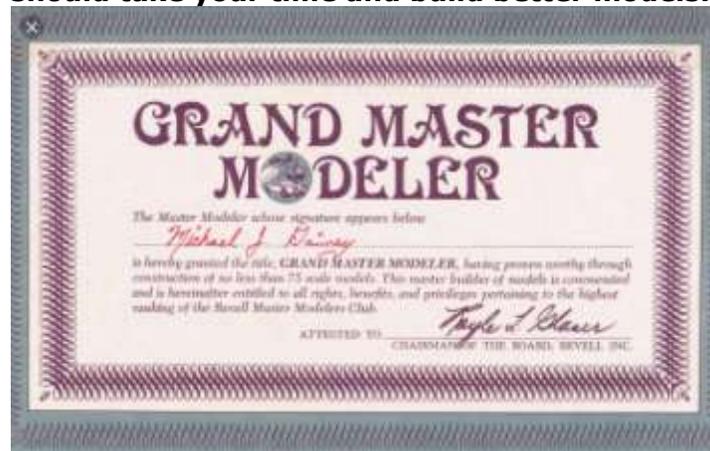
**"Bobby" Garofalo attended REPLICON (while your Editor was at the Rhinebeck car show (Yes, in the rain) and provided these interesting display signs:**



At the May mtg., Hammer will be presenting instructions for voting on the new LIARS business cards (see March MCB), LIARS letterhead, & suggested Model Car Challenge class definitions. See you there!

Back in the late 60's early 70's Revell had a model of the month club. You had an initial (\$1. at times) joining fee got a free kit of your choice from a group of about a half dozen different kits. Then every month they sent a kit out of their choice for a minimal cost, plus each month with the kit a newsletter thing came with it, with a story about this kid who built the model, and his friends who built theirs, some built them better than others, they put the models into something called a reduction gizmo, or something like that, then

the moral of the story was about how you should take your time and build better models.



Does any member wish to expand upon the above? Gee build 75 models & be Grand Master Scale Auto is tackling the aging of us model builders in the latest issue...First full-page ad for oxygen generators! Talk about an aging clientele! You be the judge.



LIARS...

"All model car builders are invited to join us October 11-12, 2019 in Toledo, Ohio for the largest gathering of historical models in the history of our hobby.

We are creating a "Ring of Honor" to showcase the most significant models of all time. We are bringing together in one location as many of the National Champions from 1960-2019 who we can locate. Revell/Pactra and Revell/Testors champions from the 1960's; MPC National Champions from the 1970's; and GSL Best of Show winners from the event's beginning are invited.

This month goodie - SERGIO GOLDBVARG: MY SCALE MODEL CAR COLLECTION was previously covered in OLD CARS WEEKLY. Use <http://sergiogoldvarg.blogspot.com/p/my-scale-model-car-collection.html> to access. His collection encompasses all scales including Matchbox. Check it out. Perhaps someone who understand Italian(?) can translate for us. Since MCB is a Newsletter for the people and by the people, as it ought to be! Here you go/





**MCB - a Newsletter for the people and by the people, as it ought to be! Have any Articles?**

## Some Random Thoughts

By Ted Pappacena

A pizza party and the NNL all in one month, how about that! Plus we pick up a new member. Welcome Matt Edwards! The pizza party was a lot of fun. We should do it more often only the next time with plates! April's theme was commercial vehicles and I was able to participate mostly because it was said that there had to be signage on the models. So, a whopping 3 models were shown (2 by me).



I chose to bring a 34 Ford pickup/tow and the Revell Snap pick up/tow. I mentioned to a member that the 34 was the first model I built as a LIARS member. I was asked to say something about it and although this was covered in the past there are a lot of new members who might be interested in my experience as a new member.

I joined the club in September of 1993. I was overwhelmed seeing what the hobby evolved to at the time. I was used to building a kit sporadically and not really doing a great job. So seeing what was going on was certainly intimidating. At the time,

members were getting their models in magazines and on the covers too! And entering contests and taking home multiple trophies too.

Each month I was asked "What are you building?" Where's your model?" I would just shrug my shoulders and mumble something incoherent. How could I possibly compete with these guys?



Going into 1994, there was this talk about the NNL and who's going and what are you showing and what are you buying. As mentioned before I was skeptical about an all-day model car show, but that went away pretty quick as soon as I got there. I did buy a few kits that day from the Model King. One was the AMT/Lindberg 34 Ford pickup. This was March so I was determined to build something to show the club. I always liked trucks and I thought of a weathered and well-worn work vehicle. I was reading Scale Auto at the time and learned of a weathering kit called "RustAll" It was in their April issue and thought it was an April fool's joke. I asked around and found out it was legit so I ordered it.

I'm a fan of trains as well as cars and I always liked the old style 20s to 60s layouts with all the old rustic buildings and vehicles. So that was my plan for the 34. Plus, as a kid I subscribed to Car Model and in an issue that had a hobby report on new models there was a photo of the then new 34 Ford towing a mangled 32 Ford coup or roadster. I wanted to build that although when I did get the kit, I made it a custom. Anyway, this time I followed through and made a beater. One thing I did that made quite an impression to the then "Unofficial/Official" Phil Melfi was how I made the license plates. They were all bent up and looked very real.

"How did you do that?" He asked. I thought what I did was no big deal. I put the decal on a piece of aluminum foil and when it dried, cut it out and bent it to the desired shape, weathered it and glued it in place. Okay, now it's done and the next step is to

put it on the table for all to see. I was really afraid to do that but was encouraged by the members that support would be given. And it was. Once that barrier was broken, I was on my way to building more models and entering contests. That's a whole nuther story!

*Muddy*

### **MENTAL FLOSS BY JOHN THE BUZZARD**

Just about one month ago, the last remaining hobby shop in the Charlotte area closed its door for good. Essentially, it was put out of business by online purchases. I am one of those who are at least partially responsible for that, having obtained some supplies via online merchants the past couple of years. That's not to say that I never bought anything there. I wasn't a frequent patron, but I could spend close to a buck there without blinking an eye. Model supplies can be expensive, especially when combining the purchase with a kit or two and a magazine or two. But lately, they had been low on or out of too many things- Metalizers, in particular, and some other assorted paints. K would go in with a list and leave with maybe half the items on that list. And, some of those items (the Metalizers and Tamiya TS paints) are not available at Hobby Lobby, or any other big box stores. Hence, the interweb. I still have a list to which I refer when we hit Hobby Lobby, but I will be spending more on line soon.

Some of those items will be photoetched hardware to add details where needed, such as hex heads and bolts, washers and "Wizards Os"; others will be styrene nut/bolt/washers for the same purpose. Then, there's large sheets of wood grain decals for use in pickup truck beds. I know there's more, but I can't remember everything. But, it's all on a list. In the long run, it would be great if I could go to a brick and mortar store to get all that stuff and more. Camaraderie, for one. It's nice to be able to carry on an intelligent conversation with people with whom you share a hobby. Does anyone remember Gold Spike Hobbies? I was one of the late arrivals there, but I did enjoy those Friday nights with my fellow modelers (even the railroad guys). It's gotten to the point where I'll offer assistance to anyone in the model aisle at Hobby Lobby if they don't seem to be familiar with the kits or supplies. And, sometimes there is one of us, or looking to get back into it. But, it's not the same. Even spending some time at Bay Shore Hobbies

could be a rewarding experience, just from the sheer volume of merchandise.

The past couple of weeks have been more or less "dedicated" to getting our house ready to go on the market. Cleaning, decluttering, more cleaning, yardwork (I now mow our backyard, dude to our fence), running to the storage unit, communicating with lending institutions... I haven't been at the bench as much as I would like to be, but I have been getting things done. I'm still working on the Road Runner; concentrating on an in-line electric fuel pump and filter. I made each from a small piece of aluminum tubing and added some detail via decals, color and wiring. The first pieces looked good, but the tubing I used to connect them was too soft and wouldn't hold a straight line. That made it difficult to add the Adel clamps where I wanted them on the assembly. So, for the second try, I'm using a piece of music wire to connect them; once painted flat black, it will look like fuel line and the assembly will be much easier to work with. I'm heading back up in a few minutes to see how the decals have dried. I'm still trying to come up with some decent air cleaners.

In the meantime, I'm pondering the best way to move all the built stuff. Last time, I wrapped each built model in yards of toilet paper; first lengthwise, then perpendicular to that. Each wrapped model was put in a plastic bag, then placed in a conveniently sized, corrugated cardboard box that I got at Staples. Then, those boxes were carefully stacked in boxes that we got from a U-Haul store in Islip. Thru a total of three moves (about 850 miles) to get here, all models made it in one piece. But, it was very tedious work. This move will be about twenty miles. I have considered wrapping each in some of that thin "foam" on a roll stuff, then putting it back in the display case and putting the cases in a larger box. Or, I could load all the wrapped models in their cases in the back of the Tucson. Then, I thought about just loading them all as-is, with no padding or wrapping, in the back of the Tucson and bringing them all in one load. I'll pad underneath the cases with some heavy towels. The roads to the new house aren't too bumpy, so things should be OK. That will take a helluva lot less time, cost nothing and be far less tedious. I'll let you know how it all works out.

I have solved my display dilemma. We had what is called an "entertainment center" for some years, having bought it in 2001. One large piece in the middle for the TV and electronics; two smaller

curio cabinets flanking that piece; both have glass shelves and lights. We no longer use that unit. My sister-in-law asked if they could use the middle section so that will be off our hands, and I will be using the curio cabinets for my models. Put next to each other, they don't occupy much floor space and they'll hold a bunch of built stuff. There's even storage under the display areas. I'll probably still keep most in their display cases so that I can stack stuff for more efficient use of the space. If I remember to, I'll send some pictures.

That's it for now. Take care of yourselves- get a colonoscopy if it's that time- and keep building.

## GSL-XXVII International Scale Vehicle Championship and Convention



**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH · MAY 2 -5, 2019**

**Congratulations to Andy Behrens**

Hi guys. When you see Andy please congratulate him for me for the awards he took at GSL; obviously well deserved. Stay well guys. Rich Manson - PS After Dr. V inquired (what did Andy capture and with what? He did not respond to my inquiry?), Tunaboat responded:

Andy's awards at GSL were:

- 3rd Place Box Plus – '48 Ford
  - Best In Class Factory Stock – '67 Plymouth GTX
  - Best In Class Street Rod – '37 Ford Smoothster
- Rich: Andy's a real "Trophy Hound" isn't he??- Only Kidding PS When Dr V asked Andy how he did at the show, he never mentioned that he won.

[allemand64@aim.com](mailto:allemand64@aim.com) posted model pictures entered at the recent GSL Show, check out the link.

<https://public.fotki.com/GSL-Model-Car-Championship/gsl-xxvii-2019/enrty-photos/>

Here is a link to photos of the winning models that were captured during the awards presentation.

[https://public.fotki.com/Lordmodelbuilder/plastic\\_model\\_related/gsl-international-s/gsl-xxvii-internati/gsl-logo-2019.html#media](https://public.fotki.com/Lordmodelbuilder/plastic_model_related/gsl-international-s/gsl-xxvii-internati/gsl-logo-2019.html#media) There is also a slideshow of the winners, but it is on Facebook. (Dr. V does not have a Facebook acct.)





- 2000 Smart Car – Revell kit. I built this car as a “goof” and added a lot of chrome accents using Molotow pens. Paint is Tamiya Metallic Red with a White roof.



Stay well guys. Rich

## Rich Manson 2019 Builds

Well, so far this year I've managed to finish 5 models:

- 1932 Ford 5 Window Coupe. This was the first '32 Coupe that I've ever built. Paint is Tamiya Purple.



- 1950 Nash – a resin Modelhaus kit. The paint is Duplicolor primer, clearcoated.



- 1957 Oldsmobile – Johan promo. Paint is Tamiya Maroon.



- 1950 Oldsmobile Custom – the Revell kit. Done up as a mild custom.



## Revell Nova, built as a Yenko Deuce

I started this project around the time of my divorce (which was 2008 according to the pictures posted on my Fotki site). I built up the chassis, interior, and engine. After that, it just sat in paint until I picked it up a few days ago and finished it. I think what sidelined it was the decals. I drew them too short on the trunk. I never adjusted them in my artwork program either. I removed them off in the car at the time and left it alone. I painted the blue one at the same time that is sitting somewhere in limbo also. Hoping to find it soon. But that one is a big block car. And I started it before the Yenko Nova was issued.



I had put in bucket seats but swapped them out for the COPO bench



**Ironically, Scale Auto featured this same conversion on the front page a few years ago. That model was built by Len Woodruff. It reminded me of the one I was building, so I made my own box art. Anyone from Revell looking? I'd love to build multiples of this one!**



**Here are a couple of pictures of the blue big block Yenko Hopefully. I find it soon.**



*Superbird McMonte*

**Bobby routed this REPLICON cycle diorama**



Bobby G also provided insights into purchasing a Honda Civic kit from Japan

Price	\$23.10
Shipping	\$11.80
Total charged to	\$34.90 - Not bad at all



**Rich's new ride?**

Since we can't agree on a LIARS bus, how about a modeling a model show tour vehicle such as ...



SAE June '19 contains their most wanted kit survey results.

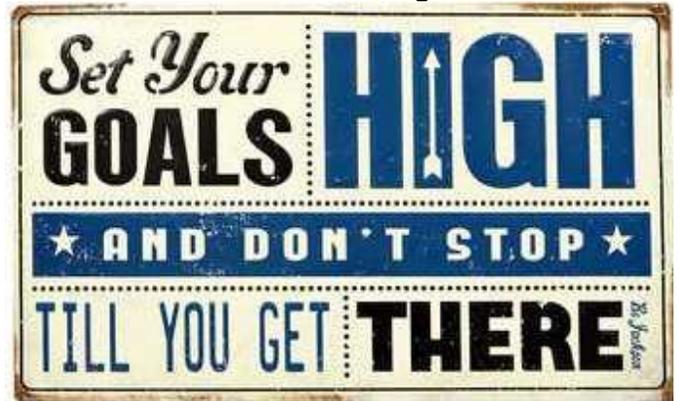
- 1/24 includes '48 Tucker which was modeled by both Danbury & Franklin Mints, as well as in resin. So why not but one used and build it your way?
- Telsa Model S made both 1/24 & 1/25 lists. Wonder if the intent is to have the battery electronics modeled?

Believe modelers would have preferred a survey based upon which old kits should be re-released!

Memories...



How about that! - - - Now go build a model



**Additional April LIARS Meeting Pictures**  
**Video of Pictures.If you have computer access**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9kkUp4y2gc&t=14s>



That's it! Here's another oldie



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**FROM THE KATS AT KIT CITY**

### A WORD OF CAUTION

I want to address a topic important to car modelers — using two-part automotive urethane clear on models. Beyond the skills needed to avoid the “dipped in clear” look that may look great from a distance (but is way out of scale for plastic replicas), there are real health risks to consider.

For instance, did you know that the hardener part of these paints contains a toxic and reactive chemical called isocyanates, and that the clear coat formulas of these paints have the highest amounts of it? Or that sources report these chemicals can cause respiratory issues like asthma and that continued use can increase an immune system's sensitivity? Or that these chemicals pass through latex gloves into the skin, and can be absorbed through the eyes? And finally, that a respirator, latex gloves, and goggles alone do not meet safety requirements for their use? (Instead, extended-cuff nitrile gloves, a chemical-resistant shoot suit, a head-sock, and a supplied fresh air respirator are recommended). Hobbyists that use two-part clears will counter that all auto-based car paints carry some health risks, and that the amounts used in modeling are relatively small compared to auto body shop applications. Granted, but I strongly recommend you do your research on the health risks of automotive two-part urethane clears, and then decide whether the benefits are worth the risks to you and your family. - Tim Boyd

