

THE PARTS TREE

The newsletter of IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature of Northern Illinois

Now enjoying our 18th year!

April 2010
Preview Edition



● Green ● Means ● GO!



Pictures from the Cedarville Show
Review of the Revell 1969 Chevy Nova SS

IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature meets at 7:00 PM on the second Saturday of each month at the Algonquin Township Center in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

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Next Meeting

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Theme: Modern Muscle (today's muscle cars)
Sub-Theme: Fooled by the Box Art (for April Fool's Day)

<http://cars.carsandracingstuff.com>

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C.A.R.S.
IN MINIATURE

1949 Mercury "Woodie" Wagon built by C.A.R.S. in Miniature member, Steve Lehr

Upcoming Events

May

Auction Night
No show & tell

June

Summer Build Night #1

Theme: Trucks

Sub-Theme: Commercial and Emergency Vehicles

July

Summer Build Night #2

Theme: American Vehicles

Sub-Theme: Concept Cars

July 31-August 1

Indian Uprising Model Car Show

See Flyer on Page 9 For More Information!

August

Summer Build Night #3

Theme: Ragtops (convertibles)

Sub-Theme: Wagons

September

Theme: Skip's Drive In (hot rods & nostalgic cars of the era)

Sub-Theme: The Parent Trap (models of cars your parents owned)

October

Theme: Phantoms (scratch builds)

Sub-Theme: Nightmare Builds (problem kits)

November

Auction Night

No show & tell

December

Build Night with Christmas Grab Bag

Theme: 50 Years (models of 1960)

Sub-Theme: Anything Year Ending in 0

January

Christmas Banquet & T-Shirt Contest

Theme: Small Scale (smaller than 1:25)

Preview Edition

This Preview Edition is a sample of the newsletter that C.A.R.S. in Miniature members receive. If you'd like to join C.A.R.S. in Miniature, yearly dues are \$15. Come to a meeting or e-mail Chapter Contact Jim Brooks at carsinminiaturemodelclub@gmail.com for more information.

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Cedarville Model Car Contest

By Bill Crittenden, Newsletter Editor



Above: Joe Salzburg collects a trophy



Below: Steve Lohr (left) and Ken Kellner (right) with their awards



Show & Tell

Show & Tell List by Joe Salzburg, Secretary
Photography by Bill Crittenden, Newsletter Editor

The Show & Tell Show!

Starring...

Jim Brooks 2 1/2 Green cars and 2 UGLY CARS!

Doug DeMars '49 Merc, Late '70's Vega Funny Car, '41 Willys Gasser, '56 Ford Crown Victoria, Hydro Hemi and the Orange Hauler

Jonathan Valedoz '75 Cadillac Eldorado and a '73 Chevy Caprice

Gerry Paquette 1998 Corvette Pace Car and a '08 Ferrari 612 Scaglietti (WIP)

Bob Deneen '66 Dodge L-700 and a 1965 Dodge "Color Me Gone" drag car

Ken Kellner '62 Pontiac and a '70 Plymouth Duster

Steve Jahnke Nissan Skyline GT-R, '41 Ford Woody, '74 Plymouth Roadrunner and various green painted bodies.

Steve Lohr '70 Cyclone, '69 Superbee, '71 Duster, '70 Superbird, '69 Lamborghini Miura, Green Cars! And of course... The MataDorks!

Chuck Herrmann Lindberg Crown Vic Vermont State Police Car, Burago Die Cast kit of a Porsche 935, and a Hasegawa '63 VW Hippie Bus.

Craig Sincora '69 Nova SS

Joe Porebski Big Muscle Die Cast '65 Mustang and '57 Chevy.

John Walczak UGLY CARS...a '58, a '59 and a '60 Edsel Pacer.

Joe Salzburg '81 Plymouth Reliant K Die Cast, Ford Focus with neon lights, a Schuco die cast AND FUNCTIONAL Jaguar, a '58 Plymouth Fury, '67 Plymouth GTX, and a '93 Pontiac T/A



Show & Tell

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Spare Parts

Chicago Alfa Romeo Owners Club (CAROC) Dinner

On the 18th a few CARS members went to another car club meeting, they invited us as they were having a model car night. Although this is a full size car club we were made to feel right at home with our models, the meeting was at the RAM restaurant near the Woodfield shopping center.

There were a lot of sport car models to see most were very collectable models. There was interest about our club by many of their members, and we invited them to one of our meetings. As we do, each person that had a model got up to tell the group about it. They also had a contest that was a vote of popular model and the winner was to get a gift certificate from the Ram restaurant. After all the voting was over the winner was none other than our own Bob Deneen, so our congrats to him and happy eating.

-Jim Brooks

Upcoming Revell of Germany Releases

- 07190 '64 Mustang Convertible — May
- 07176 Audi A4 DTM 2009 "Timo Scheider" — August
- 07177 Audi A4 DTM 2009 "Tom Kristensen" — August
- 07141 Ferrari 458 Italia — August
- 07128 Mercedes C-Klasse DTM 2009 "Ralf Schumacher" — August
- 07127 Mercedes C-Klasse DTM 2009 "Gary Paffett" — August
- 07189 Corvette ZR-01 — September
- 07100 Mercedes SLS AMG — November
- 07099 Ferrari F10 — November
- 07098 Mercedes-Benz GP W01 — November
- 07097 McLaren Mercedes MP4-25 J. Button — November
- 07096 McLaren Mercedes MP4-25 Hamilton — November



Upcoming Events

July 31 to August 1, 2010

DuPage Expo Center

North Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois

Model car show open to ALL makes & models

Completely free show, free admission and free entry!

Information: csincora@gmail.com

http://www.cruisintigersgto.com/SN_show_next_info.htm

Milwaukee NNL 18

Saturday, April 10, 2010 — 3pm to 9pm

The Excellence Center Waukesha

N4W22000 Bluemound Road

Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

Theme: Back to the 50's (vehicles 1963 and older, featuring traditional rods & customs)

Sub-theme: 18 Wheelers

Information: mdowd@wi.rr.com / scottiek1@charter.net

Milwaukee Slot Car Show

Sunday, April 11, 2010 — 9:00am to 1:00pm

Crystal Ridge Ski Hill

7900 W. Crystal Ridge Drive, Franklin, Wisconsin

Admission: \$4 (kids 16 and under free)

Milwaukee Miniature Motors Spring Show

Sunday, April 11, 2010 — 10:00am to 2:00pm

Waukesha County Expo Center

<http://www.milwaukeeeminiaturemotors.com/ihtml/mainframe.ihtml>

30th Annual Miniature Vehicle Collectors' Swap Meet and Model Car Contest

Presented by Hoosier Model Car Association

Saturday, May 1, 2010 — 9am to 4pm

First Church of the Nazarene

9401 East 25th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46229

Swap Meet \$2 (under 12 free)

Contest Entry \$3 first model, \$1 each additional.

22 judged classes. Theme: "Cars of the 30's" \$50 prize

to best in show, \$50 drawing for all contest entrants.

Contact Information:

Swap meet: Dave Williams indyhmca@hotmail.com

Contest: Duane Tripp DCT2136@aol.com

2nd Annual Attack of the Plastic

Hosted by The Butchers Model Car Club

Sunday, July 11, 2010 — 10:00am to 3:00pm

American Legion Hall

111 South Second Street, Delevan, Wisconsin

Admission: \$2, Models: \$1

Held in conjunction with The Cars that Time Forget Car

Show in downtown Delevan

Indian Uprising Model Car Show

Presented by C.A.R.S. in Miniature

Held in conjunction with

Indian Uprising All Pontiac Weekend

GTR Summer NNL

Sunday, August 8, 2010 — 9:30am to 2:00pm

Algonquin Township Center

3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014

Theme: Eurocars

Show admission: \$5, includes pizza & unlimited models

Free "trunk sale" swap meet

More information: <http://gtrautomodelers.freeservers.com>

56th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show

Sunday, September 26, 2010 — 9:00am to 3:00pm

DuPage County Fairgrounds

2015 West Manchester Road, Wheaton, Illinois

Admission: \$5

Information: Past-Time Hobbies (630)969-1847

Countryside Collectors Classic Toy Show

Sunday, October 17, 2010 — 10:00am to 2:00pm

Park Place of Countryside

6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois

57th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show

Sunday, February 27, 2011 — 9:00am to 3:00pm

DuPage County Fairgrounds

If you know of an event that should be on this page,
e-mail admin@carsandracingstuff.com

Hobby Shops

We're starting a directory of local hobby shops in The Parts Tree and on the club website. More shops and more detailed information on them can be found on the club website, and this section will be expanded in future issues as space allows.

Volo Hobbies 27582 Volo Village Rd. "at the Volo Auto Museum"

Owned by C.A.R.S. in Miniature member Kurt Wendt

Al's Hobby Shop 121 Addison Street, Elmhurst (630)832-4908

Des Plaines Hobbies 1468 Lee Street, Des Plaines (847)297-2118

Hobby Lobby 6250 Route 14, Crystal Lake (815)444-1515

Ron's Mundelein Hobbies 431 N. Lake St., Mundelein (847)949-8680

Woodstock Hobbies 124 Cass St., Woodstock (815)337-8770

History of Model Cars

A basic history of model cars from Wikipedia.

Excerpt from the article "Model Cars." The full article can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Model_car

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A model car is a miniature representation, or scale model, of an automobile or similar powered vehicle, reproducing the proportion, shape, and details of actual production vehicles. Other miniature ground-running vehicles, such as trucks, buses, etc. (but not railroad trains or tracked military vehicles) are usually included in the general category of model cars. The line between model and toy cars is not well-defined; some toys can be scaled and detailed well enough to be considered models also. Miniature cars which are poorly proportioned or lack significant detail are usually considered to be pure toys rather than models.

Model cars from kits

Model car most frequently refers to scale miniatures of real production vehicles, designed as kits for the enthusiast to construct. They can be created in plastic, die-cast metal, resin, even wood. The best kits have incredible levels of detail, even in parts unseen when the finished model is on display. Major manufacturers are AMT, Revell, Monogram, and Tamiya but many smaller companies abound.

Promotionals and Kits

Bantrico started producing die cast promotional model car banks in the late '40s for the banking industry. These coin-banks were available as a gift to people that started a new account and had a slot in the bottom to put their spare change. Usually the bank's name and address was painted on the roof of the car. These primitive promotional cars included Buicks, Cadillacs, Lincolns, Packards, DeSotos, Chryslers, Dodges and, of course, the more common Chevrolets and Fords. In mint condition, today these cars are rare and sought after.

About the same time, another company, Product Miniature Corporation was introducing promotional models made from plastic to the public, many of which

were also in the form of banks. Many Chevrolet bank models had the inscription on the bottom "To help save for a rainy day, or to buy a new Chevrolet" The almost mandated scale for these cars was 1:25th, however a few Chevrolets and Plymouths were produced in a larger 1:20th scale.

The model car "kit" hobby began in the post World War II era with Ace and Berkeley wooden model cars. Revell pioneered the plastic model car with their famous Maxwell kit derived from a toy. Derk Brand, from England, pioneered the first real plastic kit, a 1932 Ford Roadster for Revell. He was also famous for developing a line of 1/32 scale model car kits in England for the Gowland brothers. These kits were later introduced by Revell in the U.S.

Previously called SMP, Aluminum Model Toys or AMT, began producing assembled 1/25 friction and coaster models in the early fifties. These were mostly promotional models manufactured for automobile dealers. Youngsters would be given the scale models to play with while the parents and the salesman haggled. Collecting and trading these "promos" soon became a popular hobby.

During the 1950s and 1960s, interest in the hobby peaked, and AMT soon introduced the model car kit in 1958. Jo-Han, Revell and Monogram started producing model car kits about this same time, and the mid-1960s was considered a "golden age" for model car building from these new innovative customizing kits. Most of these were known as "annual" kits, and were the unassembled kit version of the promos representing the new cars that were introduced at the beginning of each model year.

AMT, Jo-Han, and, Model Products Corporation or MPC, were the primary promotional manufacturers. In addition to building them stock, most annual kits offered "3 in 1" versions which allowed the builder to assemble the car in stock, custom, or racing form. MPC joined the kit/promo business in 1965, and among their first annual kits/promos, was the full-size Dodge Monaco, which was released with a gold metallic painted body and is a valuable collector's item today.

These plastic models were intricately detailed, with body scripts, trim, and emblems, as well as dashboard details, exact duplicates of the real thing, in 1/25 scale. Typically, each automaker would license their cars to one model company. For example, Jo-Han produced Cadillac models and most of the Chrysler products, while AMT did the Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac, and the Ford produced cars. American Motors Corporation shared promotional duties between Jo-Han and AMT depending on the year.

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History of Model Cars

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Often these companies seemed to interchange models offered. For example, Jo-Han produced the 1972 Ford Torino, and MPC did full-size Chevrolets in the early and mid-1970s. While Jo-Han did Chrysler early on, MPC took on the pentastar in the mid-1970s. 1969 and 1970 Chevy Impala kits were made by both MPC and AMT, as were some Camaros.

Typically, the kits had more parts and details than the promos. For example, kits often had opening hoods, separate engines and suspension parts, while the promos were molded as coaster models with the hood as an integral part of the body and no engine. Bodies were often sprayed in the actual paint colors of the manufacturers. Chassis were one piece of plastic with lower engine, exhaust, and suspension details molded in with metal axles fit through holes in the plastic. There was no operating suspension parts. AMT was well-known for molding sales specifications into the chassis. The promo 1962 Ford Galaxie, for example had 13 different facts molded on the chassis from the very factual "Vacation volume trunk - 28 cu. ft" to the more fantastic "Enduring elegance with the power to please".

Commercial versions of the promos were also marketed and sold in retail stores like Zayre's and Murphy's. Differences from dealer promos were lack of manufacturing paint schemes and often the addition of a friction motor located on the front axle, noticeable by the studded white vinyl gear that protruded around the axle (and through the oil pan !)

Some model companies sold unassembled versions of the promo cars, which were typically simpler and easier to assemble than the annual kits (with engine and customizing parts available in the full blown kits left out). They were often molded in color (instead of the traditional white) and easily assembled without glue (thus no glue or paint was required).

When assembled they were almost identical to much more elite promotional models. What usually gives them away is that they were mostly molded in a brighter non metallic color and also they came with thin line white wall tires instead of the earlier (correct) wide white walls on pre-1962 models. Today these often command higher prices, especially AMT's "Craftsman" series of the early and mid sixties.



Interest in model cars began to wane in the mid-1970s as a result of builders growing older and moving on to other pursuits. By the early 1980s, model building had been largely replaced by video gaming as a favorite pastime of American youth. A resurgence was experienced in the late 1980s, due to many who had been involved in the hobby in past years rediscovering it. Monogram helped spark the revival with a series of replicas of NASCAR race cars, as did AMT with a kit of the 1966 Chevrolet Nova, which modelers had been requesting for years. Model specific magazines sprang up, such as Scale Auto Enthusiast, (now simply Scale Auto), Plastic Fantastic, and Car Modeler. These spread the word, helped advertisers, and brought modelers together from all across the country.

Today, many of the classic models from the golden age of modeling have been reissued. Not only does this allow modelers to build the cars they always wanted (but couldn't obtain or afford), but it tends to lower the prices of the originals. In some cases, the classic models have been issued with all-new tooling, which allows for even more detailing that comes with modern manufacturing/design methods. These include AMT's 1966 Fairlane and 1967 Impala SS, and Monogram's 1967 Chevelle and 1965 Impala Super Sport.

Today, these companies are still in business, fueled by a renewed interest in model car building and collecting. ERTL now owns both AMT and MPC. Revell and Monogram have merged, and Okey Spaulding has purchased once-defunct Jo-Han, which is producing a few of its original models in limited quantities, including the 1963 Chrysler Turbine Car, 1959 Rambler station wagon, and some of its original 1950s Oldsmobiles and Plymouths. Modelers today can take advantage of modern technology, which includes photo-etched details, adhesive chrome foil for chrome trim, wiring for engines, and billet-aluminum parts. Many builders today can take a basic kit and detail it so it resembles a real car, in miniature.

The internet has also fueled a growing modeling community through websites, bulletin boards, and sites that host photographs, allowing the hobby to expand internationally.

Kits from Asia/Far East

Japanese model kit manufacturers - Tamiya, Fujimi and Hasegawa, among them - also stepped up their presences in the U.S. market during the 1980s and 1990s. While many of their car kits have limited appeal to American modelers raised on "Detroit iron," the quality of their products is perhaps the finest in the industry.

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and

Sunday, August 1, 2010

at the

DuPage County Expo Center in St. Charles, Illinois

Registration

9am – 4pm Saturday

8am – 11am Sunday

Judging

11am Sunday

Awards

2pm Sunday



C.A.R.S.

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A judged show with 20 trophies to be awarded, including Custom & Modified, Stock, Race, Juniors, Best Female Modeler, & 3 Pontiac awards!

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Indian Uprising Model Car Show

GTR Summer NNL

3rd Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR Auto Modelers

Theme:
EUROCARs



Attention Automotive Modelers; we have a summer show and swap meet for you! You are invited to our GTR Summer NNL contest and swap meet.

**The Summer NNL will be held on Sunday August 8th 2010
from 9:30AM to 2:00PM at the Algonquin Township Building, 3702 US
Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014**

For the out-of-towners, there are tons of local accommodations from Days Inn to Holiday Inn.

Admission to the show is a measly 5 bucks; you can enter as many models on the tables as you like (no additional charge) and we will serve a pizza lunch (again, no additional charge, soda extra; sorry had to draw a line somewhere) to all show entrants.

Did we mention that there is a swap meet too? There will be a free "trunk sale" swap meet in our spacious parking lot, vendors and show goers are encouraged to open their trunks and sell-sell-sell rain or shine. Vendor set-up starts at 8:30AM. Also we raffle off some nice prizes.

Our NNL style contest bestows "Best Of" awards as mandated by popular vote as determined by show attendees, official judging and nit-picking is strictly forbidden, praise and admiration from fellow modelers strongly encouraged.



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