



Another year older but still building

by Club 'Prez 'Del Paone

It's Sunday evening, December 13th and I'm taking a break from working on my latest project to watch the Patriots play the Houston Texans.

I'm working on a '41 Willys that I've spent way too much time working on. It's the Revell Street Rod version that will build up nicely right out-of-the-box but as usual, I wanted to do something a bit different. So, I took off (wacked off, as Paul A would say) the top making it a roadster. I then pancaked the hood, opened up the wheel wells and added a front spoiler.

The kit chassis is very nicely done but, as usual, I want to detail it as comprehensively as I can. Working from reference material, the Mustang II front suspension began to take shape. I don't know why I've spent this long working on the suspension and chassis of this build as these are areas usually overlooked at most model shows. Personal satisfaction is the only reason I can come up with.

As I don't build many Street Rod models I'm using plenty of reference material. The build was going along nicely until I had problems with the paint on the body. I spent the better part of three days trying to strip off the paint...but no luck! Now I'm on body #2 and making all the same alterations again.

I was trying to be very patient with this project...but with limited time to build you try to cut corners- not a good idea! I should know by now - don't rush things - it will take twice as long to correct mistakes than if you did things slowly the first time around.

I guess I'm not the only builder having such problems however I am noticing that the older I get...the less patience I have. Now I know what Mr. Prestigious is going through.

Oh well...it's still fun!!!
Del



Club Logo dress shirts are always available; (See photo at left) Contact Paul Yergeau



...just ramblin'...

by Mr. Prestigious, Barry Fadden

Well, it's been a while since I've written anything for the newsletter so I thought I'd say "hi" again and just sort of 'ramble on' a little.

It was quite a 'Fall season' for model shows in 2015 and the first show a few of our members attended was the Baycon IPMS show in Smithfield R.I. Barb and Ken Denza drove down from their home in Hillsboro N.H. to my house on the morning of November 8 and then I drove to the show in R.I. We got there early and decided to find a place for breakfast and found a very nice little place with good food and 'cheap' prices. After breakfast we met Paul A. at the hall and after registering our models we set about doing the usual and going around perusing the vendors and checking out the competition. We had lunch from the 'lunch truck' that we have at our own show (Barb and Ken met him there a few years ago and that's how we got him) and after eating we went back inside to wander around and wait for the trophy presentations. Club members Mike Woods, who was there with his IPMS club members, Mike Luzzi and 'Brittany' Jean showed up as well. When the awards were handed out we once again did very well as between the five of us who entered the show we took well over a dozen awards and we were quite pleased. Even though these IPMS shows are 'military oriented' we have found in the last FEW years that there have been more and more automotive entries to the point that there are just as many if not more automotive entries as there are military. Therefore the competition at these shows is getting tougher and tougher. After the show was over we packed up our models and headed out to find a restaurant for dinner and decided on a place that turned out to be a bit 'rich' for our pocketbooks, and even though the food was good, we'll look for a more reasonably priced place next year. I dropped Barb and Ken off at my house, they drove on home and we called an end to another enjoyable day.

The next show attended by the Road Warriors was the LIARS show in Long Island N.Y. Del, Paul A, Doc Freitas, Paul Yergeau, Barb and Ken Denza, Moto, Debbie, 'Otie' (the nice thing about these last two shows is that they gladly let 'Otie' in, the people love him and he has a grand 'ol time)

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and I drove down for the event. We left the Lowell VFW at 10:30 am on Friday Nov. 13th and traveled in two cars to Freeport, L.I. After an uneventful but fun trip (always a lot of laughs) we arrived at around 4:00 p.m. and checked into our motel. We then went for a great dinner at the diner downtown and then for coffee at the Dunkin’ Donuts down the street from the diner. Back in the rooms we all got together and watched TV for a while before trying to get a night’s rest. On the morning of the show we went to breakfast at the diner and went over to the sports arena where the show is held. When we arrived we met Barb, Ken, Moto, Deb and ‘Otie’ who had driven down that morning. After ‘reviving’ Barb, Ken and Debbie and ‘fumigating’ the Denza’s car (Moto and ‘Otie’ and ‘farts’, OH MY!!) we registered our models, set them out and then strolled around the room checking out the competition and seeing what the vendors had for sale. We all had lunch at the snack bar in the arena and after a little more ‘mingling’ we awaited the awards ceremony. We were pleased that all were fortunate enough to place in a few categories as the competition was pretty tough in a lot of the classes. Barb, Ken, Moto, Debbie and ‘Otie’ all drove back home that night together and the rest of us stayed another night and drove home the next day. We did what we usually do and stopped at the Spare Time Shop on the way home and spent what little money we had left, and proceeded back to the Lowell VFW and the end to another memorable ‘Classic Plastic Road Warriors’ trip.

The third and final trip Classic Plastic members made was to the show in Fulton N.Y. This was the third time that Barb and Ken Denza have attended this show (I missed it last year) and we find it to be a very, very nice show with a lot of good models and nice, friendly people. The amazing thing about it is that it’s ‘put on’ by four guys and their ‘significant others’. Yup, just those four guys and they do a fine job. I drove to Ken and Barbs house on Friday night (Nov. 20) and met Barbara when she got out of work at 11:30 p.m. We drove to their house (0.8 miles) and went to bed right away (No, no; Barb with Kenny...and me with ‘Karl and Malden’ - my pillows. I NEVER leave home without them) because we were getting up at ‘0-dark-thirty’ Saturday morning to leave so as to get there at a reasonable hour and look around for some time. We had decided to stay in Oswego which is about 10 miles north of Fulton and right on Lake Ontario. Moto, Debbie and ‘Otie’ came up the same day but stayed in Fulton at a hotel that was ‘animal friendly’. We met for dinner on Saturday night and then turned in fairly early (for me) to be up early for the show. After breakfast at the hotel (free) we made our way to the show and registered our entries, set them up and went off to the vendor hall to ‘shop’ (well, Barb and Ken ‘shopped’, I ‘looked’). They have a good selection of vendors selling some things we don’t see at any other show. The model count is around the same as most of the shows we go to and the competition is high. This show is especially interesting for Moto as they have a high number of ‘Big Rigs’ entered. The show is held in a big fire station

and they have the vendors in the bay where they normally keep the fire engines. The show is held in a good sized room so it’s not crowded at all. They serve lunch right there in the hall and the food is good, there’s a good variety and it’s inexpensive. After closely inspecting all the entries on the tables we settled in to await the award presentations. We once again did well with the four of us (Ken, Barb, Moto and me) winning approximately 17 awards, so we were very pleased. After the show we drove home because both Barb and Ken had to work the next day. We stopped for dinner in Troy N.Y. and arrived at their house around 10 pm. I then drove home with no problems and thus ended another great weekend with Barb, Ken and Barry - ‘The Three Amigos’.

Before I close I want to mention something about the informal get-togethers some of the club members host at their homes throughout the year, weather permitting. We have a great ‘ol time at these ‘soirees’ and discuss everything from model cars to which direction you wipe your ‘butt’ (front to back or vice-versa). We all get along famously and it’s a good venue to learn something new if you’re looking to improve your modeling skills. We usually meet at someone’s house (lately it’s been at mine, Barb and Ken Denza’s, or Paul Anagnostopoulos’) at around noon and stay ‘til ‘whenever’. We have a good time as usual with this club, a LOT of laughs. If you are available on a Saturday that we announce that one of us is ‘hosting’ then I urge you to try to attend if possible. (If one of you members would like to try your hand at ‘hosting’ one please feel free to speak up.) Feel free to bring any finished models or something you are working on as it’s fun to have our own ‘show and tell’. I know these locations are a bit far for some of you or you may work Saturdays but if you can make it then please don’t hesitate to show up. All are welcome.

The subject for this year’s ‘club project’ to be entered in our 2016 show is anything from the year 1966 built any way and level of detail your ‘little heart’ desires. I decided to build a ‘66 Nova because it’s a model I’ve always wanted to do but just never did. I’m doing it as the Pro Street version but with a few modifications from the kit. My two ‘buddies’ Barb and Ken Denza gave me for Christmas an MCG detail set for the Nova so I’m going with the stock interior instead of the ‘bare bones’ Pro Street interior so I can use all of those neat little photo-etched pieces as well as all the ‘kool’ scripts for the body. I’ve changed wheels and tires and am putting a 396" big block from a Chevelle in to replace the small block from the kit. I’m already working on it along with my ‘40 Ford Sedan Delivery.

I hope you will pick something to build for our ‘club project’, too. It doesn’t have to be super detailed or anything and ‘box stock’ is fine. There are quite a few 1966 models out there, both on the hobby shop shelves, at shows or on the auction sites. So go ahead and pick your ‘poison’ and join the fun.

Until next time, don’t let any ‘scale oil’ leak on your model shelves.

Mr. Prestigious



Meeting Minutes

November and December 2015

by Club Secretary Barry Fadden

November 2015: We had 26 members attend the meeting **Club Business** discussed at this meeting:

- We discussed our show from the past month and everyone thought that it went well and that would seem to be the case as it was the largest and most profitable one we've ever had. It was brought up that a small amount of grumbling was heard about our members winning so many of the trophies and whether we should enter our own show. It was decided that we continue to do so as with our judging system, the best models deserve an award no matter who has built it. You want to win, build better than the next guy.
- Our judging system was also discussed and whether we should change any of it. We will discuss it further at future meetings. We did decide to add at least one more judging team for next year to relieve some of the pressure on the three present teams.
- The subject for the 'Club Challenge' was decided on and it will be any car or truck from the year 1966. It can be any way, style and level of detail you may want. There are many, many 1966 model year cars and trucks available on the hobby shop shelves, from show vendors and the online auction sites. I'll bet some of you even have a couple of 1966 car models in your collections right now. So grab one of them and join in the fun.
- It was brought up, voted on and carried that we change the name of our Pee Wee class to Juniors 12 and under and Juniors 13 to 17. It just sounds better to the kids and especially to a 12 year old.
- The club is sending a donation to help Stu Marcus sponsor the show he is putting on in March to take the place of the, as of now, defunct MassCar show. We will also sponsor a trophy to be titled something like 'Our Favorite', sponsored by the Classic Plastic Model Club. We hope most club members will attend if possible.

Raffle Winners:

Paul A. – 2010 Camaro SS
 Pete Wiz – '39 Chevy Sedan Delivery
 Joe Freitas – '66 Penske Corvette
 Darrell Hughes – Ferrari Testarossa

Show-N-Tell:

Al Copeland – diecast Porsche Carrera with detailed interior, engine, trunk, four servos drive opening doors, trunk and engine cover

Mike Siesicki – Revell '32 Ford Street Rod Coupe work-in-progress, building mostly box stock with wired engine, painted Testors Flaming Orange Lacquer

Mike Siesicki – Revell '53 Chevrolet Corvette box stock work-in-progress painted with Testors Classic White Lacquer and Tamiya TS-49 Bright Red

Del Paone – '41 Willys Convertible, cut off the top, have done a lot of work on the front suspension to depict Mustang II, scratch-built coil-over shocks and mounts, engine started (a Hemi of course), blown with dual distributors, Bob Dudek aluminum wheels, scratch building radiator, having a lot of fun with this build.

Paul A – '50 Oldster – 1950 Oldsmobile made into a convertible, chassis and engine compartment done, radiator and interior are next up

Dwayne Benoit – Pisano and Matsubara Monza Funny Car, a work-in-progress being built out-of-the-box, Slix graphics, engine done, paint color is Aluma Yellow Pearl over Tamiya yellow

Ken Denza – AMT '62 Chevy Bel-Air Pro-Street in 1/25th scale, wired tachometer, added floor mats, seat belts, flocked carpet, fire extinguisher, CD player and speakers, fuel line, spark plug wires and throttle linkage; chassis is '67 Chevy, front clip is from Monogram Lumina stock car, engine is 426 Hemi from Revell '41 Willys

Joe Freitas – AirFix 1/72nd scale '39-'40 Goss Hawk, pride of US Navy Fleet, flew off the USS Roosevelt

Joe Freitas – '60 Ford in process being built stock

Joe Freitas – Revell 1/35th scale PT Boat

Joe Freitas – Revell 1/35th C13H Bell MASH Rescue copter
 Joe Freitas – AirFix '17 Billboard Bus

Steven Hobbs – White Road Boss with Peterbilt sleeper with added exhaust stacks, air horns and chrome fuel tanks

Steven Hobbs – Cracker Box GMC built from GMC Astro chassis and resin cast Cracker Box cab

Dave Perkins – Meyers Manx Dune Buggy, parts box seats, Corvair motor from AMC Parts Pack, finished with Sikkens Red paint from Ken Denza

Moto Maguire – AMT VW 'Lug Bug' Wrecker, will add a shortened and modified Wrecker body, very rare kit, only issues once, I'm not a VW lover but I like Wreckers!

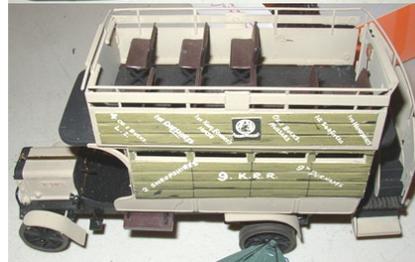
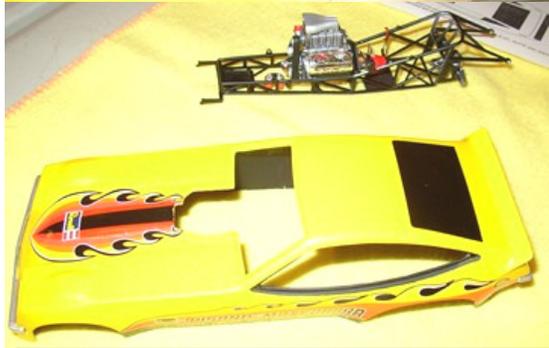
Moto Maguire – early '60's International Metro Van, Jimmy Flintstone resin cast body and AMT snap-tite Chevy Pro-Street Pick-up chassis. I bought this before I found some nice Gasser decals so it will become a race team truck for a '37 Chevy Gasser!

Show-N-Tell Photos for November



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December 2015: Christmas Party:

- There was no formal meeting this month as we held our annual club Christmas Party instead. We did something a little different this year and held the party at Lenzi's Millhouse restaurant in Dracut MA on December 5, 2015. We had booked the room from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm for 32 people and that is exactly how many members and spouses/friends showed up. The food was good, there was plenty of it and we didn't have to clean up anything. We actually had plenty of time and we also held our usual Christmas kit 'swap'. All in all it was a good time.

Christmas Party 2015 photos



COMING EVENTS

- Feb 6, 2016** – Sat. – Club meeting at Lowell VFW at 1 PM
- Mar 5, 2016** – Sat. – Club meeting at Lowell VFW at 1 PM
- Mar 20, 2016** – Sun. – RTS Expo Club 1st annual Model Kit and Die-Cast Exhibition in Taunton MA. Former MassCar show location – let's help support this show by attending! See flyer excerpt on the next page for more info
- Apr 2, 2016** – Sat. – Club meeting at Lowell VFW at 1 PM
- Apr 3, 2016** – Sun. – Spring Thaw Model Show in Utica NY <http://daveski25.wix.com/springthawmodelshow>
- Apr 3, 2016** – Sun. – ValleyCon 2016 in Chicopee MA; See their show flyer excerpt on top of page 4
- Apr 16, 2016** – Sat. – NNL East 30 in Wayne NJ – a CPMC Road Warrior event – you too can come along, just ask us! Show flyer excerpt is shown on page 4 (www.nnleat.com)
- May 7, 2016** – Sat. – Club meeting at Lowell VFW at 1 PM
- May 14, 2016** – Sat. – MAMA's Mid-Atlantic NNL show in Maryland; See their show flyer excerpt on page 4
- Jun 4, 2016** – Sat. – Club meeting at Lowell VFW at 1 PM
- Jul 9, 2016** – Sat. – Club meeting at Lowell VFW at 1 PM
- Aug 6, 2016** – Sat. – Club meeting at Lowell VFW at 1 PM
- Sep 10, 2016** – Sat. – Club meeting at Lowell VFW at 1 PM
- Oct 1, 2016** – Sat. – Club meeting at Lowell VFW at 1 PM
- Oct 2, 2015** – Sun. – 24th Annual Classic Plastic Model Club Model Car Exhibition held at the Lawrence MA Elks hall
- Nov 5, 2016** – Sat. – Club meeting at Lowell VFW at 1 PM
- Dec 3, 2016** – Sat. – Club meeting and Christmas Party TBD



...from the Editor

by Art Paquin

Thanks to Del Paone, Dave Perkins, Barry Fadden for all their inputs and efforts which help create this newsletter.

The next deadline for submissions for the newsletter is Friday, April 22nd 2016 with a scheduled distribution date of Saturday, May 7th, 2016. Please take some time to write something for our newsletter, it will be much appreciated.

Thanks,
Art

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We're all sorry the MassCar show will no longer be held but MassCar member (and CPMC good friend) Stu Marcus has stepped up and will be holding an NNL style event at the same Taunton location on the same 2016 date as the MassCar event would have been held. Let's help the hobby and Stu by attending. An excerpt of the show flyer is shown below.

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