



Insinuation

By Club President
Paul Anagnostopoulos

This is some fun we're having! I hope everyone reading this newsletter is staying healthy and watching out for the health of their family and friends.

There are two reasons why we are staying sane as a club. First, Joe Baril's most excellent Facebook group administration is keeping our group active and upbeat. Second, we are having Zoom meetings each month and also Zoom build-a-thons where we get together virtually and build while gossiping and gluing our fingers together. I think we will continue the build-a-thons even after we can get together. And we will certainly Zoom our physical meetings so our far-flung members can continue to participate. It has been great seeing Art, Barb, Ken, and Scott during the meetings.

It was with great sadness and annoyance that we bid farewell to *Scale Auto* with the October issue. This is the end of a modeling era if ever there is an end. But it won't stop us from building. I recommend checking out *Model Car Builder* and *Kustom and Hot Rod Models Magazine*. Thanks again to Tammy and Joe Baril for collecting the so-called 'Toys for Tots' money and buying all the toys. And thanks to everyone who donated to the cause. This is certainly a year where kids will be without gifts unless generous folks donate.

I'm informed through my indefatigable cadre of AI autofobots that Scott Ridley is almost finished rebuilding his entire house down in 'Bama. All the photos we've seen look great. He is now living near Barb and Ken, who also procured a most gracious new home in the area. At some point I shall have to take a Southern Tour. I have friends in North Carolina, north of Atlanta, in Mobile, in the Barb/Ken/Scott area, and, of course, in Paquinville, Texas. Some excellent new kits have been issued lately. The shelves in my hobby shop room are almost full. I haven't done as much work on my Aston Martin DBS as I'd like, due to some actual real work that came my way in the past couple of months. I'm also contributing to an open-source software project called LLVM. But I shall persevere at retiring nonetheless.

As many may already know, the Lowell VFW hall is now open for limited size gatherings but only in the room we normally use for our meetings. We've decide to wait until at least January before restarting in-person club meetings. I'm a bit suspicious that even January will be too early. But do not lose hope, my friends.

Please stay healthy! "We isolate now so when we gather again no one is missing." Paul

Virtual Meeting Notice!

Our **December 5th** club meeting will be held virtually via the Zoom live meeting application. Paul A will send an email to all members and Art P will send out a reminder email just before that date. Please contact Paul A (paul@windfall.com) if you did not get an invitation email to the meeting.



How did you get into building models? by Club Secretary Mike Siesicki

I had asked this question on our Facebook site and the response was almost predictable. Most had started rather young and usually by a parent like their father, who may have been into building models of some type at the time. Many of these model builders have gone on to build many beautiful models.

I got my start building models thanks to my father, but he wasn't a model builder. I had received a model of a Triumph TR250 or TR3 for Christmas and we built it together that night using brown rubber cement and no paint. It was small, about 1/32 or 1/48 scale. From then on I started going to hobby shops and toy stores looking for my next project and I was building them by myself with no help from anyone. In the late '60s, I found a friend who was into building models, but not on the skill level that I had.

I remember my friend Ronnie building an AMT Mercury Monterey (I forget the name of the kit) and I had a Jo Han '69 Plymouth Roadrunner. We built our models on his desk in his room downstairs. I went on to build more models and he started to get into other things and, so, his time building models was over. I started building models on an irregular basis and got back into building models in 1983 and the stash has been growing ever since.

So, the question remains. How did you get into building models? I would like to know how members of the Club got into this wonderful hobby. How about posting your short story here in the newsletter! Thanks, Mike



Kit review: 1968 MGB

by Associate Treasurer Tim Rhine

Hello club members. Here is my kit review for the Aoshima 1/24 scale 1968 MGB, kit number 101 (or the long number 4905083056851 2800)

This kit has been released a few times from a few different manufacturers over the years. This version is a curbside kit released in 2020.

Instructions are in multiple languages and are clear and easy to follow. Fit and finish is good with very little flash. The wire wheels are fantastic as well as the tires. This kit also comes with a small tree of photo etch parts.

The only fault I've found with this kit is the glass. The top is clear but does come with masking so you can paint it if you wish. The windshield and frame are also molded in clear but no masking is provided so it will need to be masked to be painted with Alclad, or you can bare metal foil it.

This kit will require some building experience to produce a quality build so if you are a novice please be cautious. Other than the glass it is a nice kit and assembles easily. I do recommend this kit all builders.

Until the next review, happy building and stay safe, Tim





Kit review: Honda VFR750R

by Guil Rosa

It's been a long time since I've written an article for our club newsletter and with the finishing of the Tamiya's 1/12 scale Honda VFR750R RC30 motorcycle, I decided that it was time to write again. I hope everyone enjoys my review.

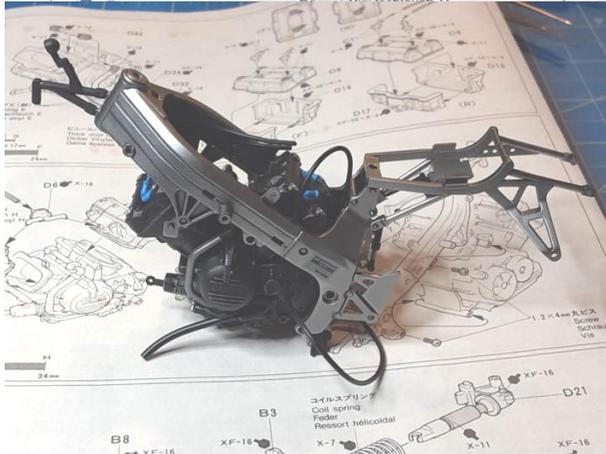
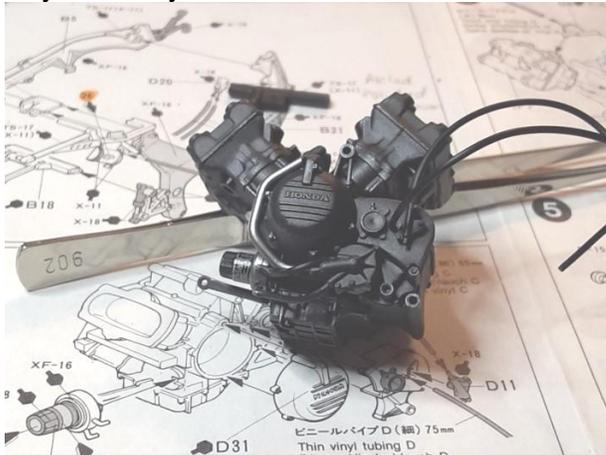
The Tamiya kit consists of four sprues: white, gray, black and clear, a decal sheet and a bag with rubber like tires, a plastic screen, thin and thick black hoses, a mini screwdriver, a spring for the rear shock absorber, some screws and a bolt.

The instructions are very well done and easy to follow. After I studied it for some time, I decided to cement together all the parts I could before I proceed to priming the parts. For priming I used my new best 'primer': Mr. Hobby Black and White. For paint, I used basically Alclad II and Zero Paints, everything airbrush ready.

I did not use the big red decals that came with the kit. I was not convinced that they would conform to all the curves properly. Instead, I decided to challenge my masking skills and then paint the red areas. The only problem is that the Zero Paints red I have is darker than the red on the decals, but I can live with that.

For clear, I opted to use Mr. Hobby Gloss Clear.

Final assembly was without any major problems, only the ones self inflicted, none of them were the fault of the kit. Stay safe everyone! Guil





ACME Virtual Model Show

by Art Paquin

ACME (Atlanta Car Model Enthusiasts), in association with FineScale Modeler Magazine, has come up with a great idea meant to satisfy your need for participating in and viewing entries in a model car contest.

The 25th Southern Nationals has gone ‘virtual’ and will be held via Facebook. Entries are only accepted from October 1st thru October 31st, so hurry, and voting occurs from November 1st thru November 7th) so you can peruse the entries and vote for your favorites if you are a Facebook user. Winners will be announced on Friday November 13th on FineScale.com and via Facebook. Many club members have entered so show support by casting your vote.

For more information visit FineScale.com or check out the ACME club web page at acme-ipms.com. Below are screen shots of the information found on the ACME web-site.

Thanks, Art



2020 ACME Southern Nationals NNL – UPDATE



ACME, in association with FineScale Modeler, is pleased to announce we will host the 25th annual Southern Nationals model show and contest online!

Nothing will be able to replace seeing friends, eye-balling models up close and personal, or shopping the vendors. But we went to work looking for an alternative that would allow us to still celebrate scale-car modeling with all of you who have helped make Southern Nationals the amazing model show that it is.

Moving the 25th Southern Nationals online means that you will be able enter your models in a number of contest categories and see the efforts of other modelers, too. We are finalizing scheduling, categories, and contest details and will have more information for you very soon.

All of us as ACME and FineScale Modeler can't wait to see you and your models at the show!

<https://www.facebook.com/FineScaleModeler/photos/a.214503981911776/3682455198449953/>



2020 Toy for Tots collection

by Joe Baril and Tammy Baril



As we all know, the 2020 pandemic has isolated all of us and has severely hampered our donation collection ability for Christmas 2020. With so many losing their jobs consider how much worse off many children will be this Christmas.

Because of this we wanted to send, along with your newsletter, a donation request form. We understand many of you, too, are suffering financially and we absolutely understand and respect your desire if you do not wish to donate – this is voluntary and anything donated is much appreciated. All donations go directly to the purchase of toys for needy kids ranging from infants to 16 years old.

A check or money order (**please do not send cash**) made payable to either ‘Classic Plastic Model Club’ or ‘Joseph Baril, Jr.’ is the suggested method of donation.

Remember how thrilled you were to receive an unexpected gift at Christmas? Many of these kids expect nothing and will be thrilled to have something, anything (as will their parents).

Thanks for taking time to consider this donation request.

Sincerely,

Joe Baril, Tammy Baril and the elves...



September Build-A-Thon

by Club Secretary Mike Siesicki

On Sept. 6, 2020, the club hosted another Build-A-Thon(g) on Zoom. We had 13 club members attend including a surprise visit from Vince Lobosco. A good time was had by all with many, many subjects discussed and laughed at.

Members in attendance were Paul Anagnostopoulos, Michael Siesicki, Ken and Barbara Denza, David Perkins, Scott Ridley, Tom Hart, Pat Wilkins, Marcos Nanita, Art Paquin, Andrew Koerner, Rue Crummett and Linda Follensbee.

I hope to see you at our next Build-A-Thon in November. Watch your email for specifics about the next event. I'm sure you'll enjoy our virtual get together so please join us.

Thanks,

Mike



Kit review: 1947 Chevy by Associate Treasurer Tim Rhine

Here is my build of the Galaxie 1/25th scale 1947 Chevrolet Aerosedan, kit number 13012, which was released back in 2015. This kit can still be bought for the \$30 to \$40 dollar range.

The kit can be built three different ways: Hot Rod, stock or as a custom. It is highly detailed and has a fantastic decal sheet. The car can be built as a '47 or '48 model. The engine is an inline six cylinder and you can use either a single carb or the three carb intake manifold.

Fit and finish is perfect; it just about builds itself. I built mine out of the box only using flocking for the floor and custom decals. Minimal sanding is required and there was absolutely no flash at all to remove. It took about six weeks to complete the build with only a few hours work a week

Overall I highly recommend this kit for those with any level of modeling experience from a beginner to the very experienced builder. It's a fun build and, really, I enjoyed it. Until the next review, be safe
Tim





Meeting Minutes

August, September, October 2020
by Club Secretary Mike Siesicki

August 2020: We had 20 members attend the Zoom virtual meeting.

Items discussed at this meeting:

Contest - we have decided to cancel out Model Exhibition in Oct. 2020. The Elks hall will hold our deposit for the 2021 Show. We are waiting on a new contract from the Elks Hall for our 2021 Show.

Storage Unit Rental - Pat Wilkins will hold all of our items from the Storage Unit. (Thanks Pat!) We might rent again if needed when we resume Face-To-Face meetings.

Membership - We have had several new members join the club recently and they have been added to our members list. We have had one member removed from the list.

Club member Bill Murphy - Should be getting out of the hospital soon. He's been spending time in the hospital and rehab for the last 10+ months.

Show-N-Tell:

Frank Moore - AMT '40 Ford w/soldiers, tank plus other various models.

Kenneth Barry - AMT '36 Ford

Dana Benoit - '73 Chevy El Camino

Tim Rhine - '47 Chevy, '68 MGB, Yamaha motorcycle

Tim Hart - 1:1 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, personal car

Pat Wilkins - '30 Ford Model A

Dave Perkins - '32 Ford Sedan Delivery, Peugeot Rally car

Michael Siesicki - Vega\$ '57 Thunderbird

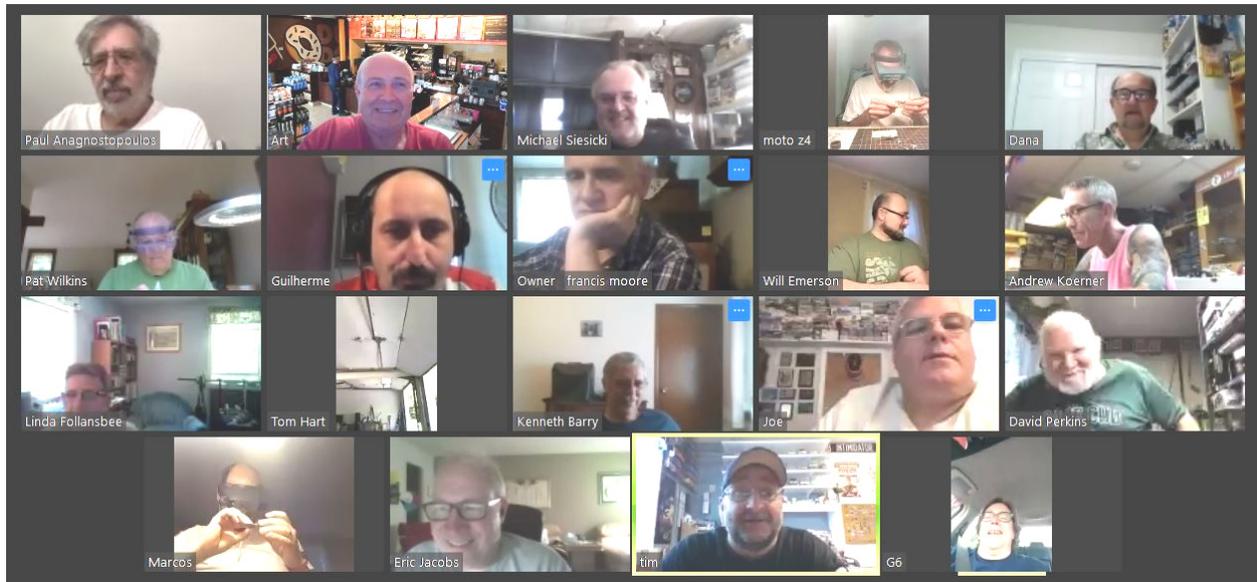
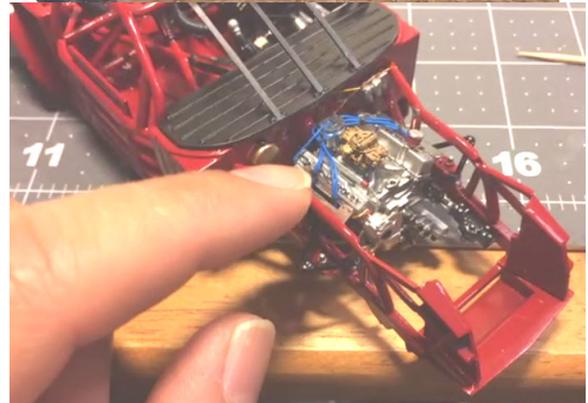
Eric Jacobs - King Chopper

Marcos Nanita - Dale Earnhardt Chevy Lumina stock car

Will Emerson - Dodge Wrecker

Guilherme Rosa - Honda Formula 1 race car, group build with other builders

Andrew Koerner - '32 Ford Roadster, '29 Ford Model A Roadster



Sept 2020: We had 17 members at our Zoom meeting.

Items discussed at this meeting:

Meeting Hall: The Lowell VFW is open to up to 25 people maximum but with a six foot social distancing requirement. We will discuss at the December meeting if we wish to begin face-to-face meeting starting in January.

Storage unit: We emptied it since it is no longer needed as it was getting too expensive to keep.

Contest 2021: We are still waiting on a contract from the Elks Hall for our 2021 Show.

Toys-For-Tots: Donations are needed! Send your donations directly to Joe Baril via snail mail.

Membership: Two new members in September! Welcome to Jeff Elliott and Doug Chase! Attending face-to-face meetings may be difficult for them.

Member Profile books: Keep and update or disregard the books. Was suggested that those with computers and email receive a PDF and those without can have copies mailed to them. What would you prefer?

Show-N-Tell:

- Tim Rhine - Two '57 Ford Del Rio Wagons.
- Luis Sanchez - New paint products, Honda F1 race car with open vents.
- Peter Patalano - Resin '41 Plymouth 4-dr sedan.
- Scott Ridley - Resin Nissan R90 GT1.
- Ken Denza - Ford F350 'Dualie' with bedliner.
- Michael Siesicki - Ford Mustang GT3 race car.
- Frank Moore - Monster Bad Guy, German halftrack.

October 2020: We had 19 members and a guest (Linda Follensbee) participate in the Zoom virtual meeting.

Items discussed at this meeting:

Newsletter: The newsletter deadline for next newsletter is Friday December 18th

Toys For Tots: Is the Toys for Tots organization the only toy drive or are there other organizations, maybe the Boys and Girls Clubs? Does the VFW have one?

CPMC banner type sign: We discussed having a new club sign made, something easy to set up for display at events, something we can roll up, which is light weight and easy to store.

Trophy Guy: Is the trophy company still in business (Editors note: it has been confirmed they are still in business)

Contests: No face-to-face shows coming up soon.

ACME/Southern Nationals: on-line show they are doing is a great alternative. See story in this newsletter.

Potluck: A discussion ensued about airbrushes such as Badger, Paasche, Grex and Iwata. Several members talked about which are 'good' and good for which type of painting.

Show-N-Tell:

- Marcos Nanita - Willys Gasser
- Ken Denza - Ford F350 Dualie
- Ken Denza - '63 Impala SS with a 409 engine
- Guil Rosa - Jaguar XJR-9R
- Guil Rosa - Honda F-1 racer
- Mike Siesicki - Vegas '57 T-Bird



Comments from the Editor

by Newsletter Editor Art Paquin

I would like to thank Guil Rosa, Tim Rhine, Mike Siesicki, Paul Anagnostopoulos, Joe Baril and Tammy Baril for their inputs to this issue of our newsletter.

The next deadline for newsletter article submission is **Friday, December 18th, 2020** with a scheduled distribution date of Saturday, January 10th, 2021. Please take some time to write something for our newsletter, a kit review, your experiences model building during the pandemic, anything related to models or model building; it'll be much appreciated. Please include photos with your article.

Thanks, Art

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Club T-Shirts

We still have limited stock remaining of brand new club T-shirts in Grape and Black color with our logo in white over the left breast. Available sizes range from Medium through Triple-X in 50/50 poly cotton. All shirts are \$10 each. Contact Tim Rhine or Art Paquin with your request.

All shirts are guaranteed to be 100% Covid-19 free!

COMING EVENTS

December 5, 2020 – Sat. – Club meeting, via Zoom, 1 PM
December 13, 2020 – Sun. – Our Christmas Party has been **cancelled**. We've tentatively rescheduled to Dec 12, 2021
Note: As of this date we're assuming 2021 club meetings will be via Zoom but we may begin to hold face-to-face meetings at the Lowell VFW hall. A decision will be made by the club at the December meeting.

January 9, 2021 – Sat. – Club meeting, via Zoom, 1 PM
Jan 29 & 30, 2021 – Fri/Sat – Chattanooga ModelCon 2021 show. Could this be the first show since the pandemic? See information below. Our southern members may want to go.

February 6, 2021 – Sat. – Club meeting, via Zoom, 1 PM
February 6, 2021 – Sat. – NNL West 2021 in Santa Clara, CA. For those tired of being socially distanced and wanting to travel. See screenshot herein.

March 6, 2021 – Sat. – Club meeting, via Zoom, 1 PM
March 28, 2021 – Sun. – ValleyCon 30 in Chicopee, MA Let's hope the pandemic is over by then, we need a show!

April 3, 2021 – Sat. – Club meeting, via Zoom, 1 PM
May 1, 2021 – Sat. – Club meeting, via Zoom, 1 PM



ValleyCon 30
30th ANNIVERSARY
March 28, 2021
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Knights of Columbus
460 Granby Rd, Chicopee, Massachusetts

[Directions](#)

No admission to the vendor or contest rooms until 9:00 AM

Open Judging (Gold/Silver/Bronze)

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| 1.1 Super Juniors | 2.4 Scratchbuilt | 3.3 Dioramas |
| 1.2 Interm. Juniors | 2.5 Gundam Basic | 4.1 Scale Mil Veh. |
| 2.1 Collections | 2.6 Gundam Advanced | 4.2 Tracked Mil Veh. |
| 2.2 Ships & Boats | 3.1 Figures Paint only | 4.3 Wheeled Mil Veh. |
| 2.3 Space & SF | 3.2 Figures All aspects | 4.4 Artillery |

Download your Registration and Model ID forms [here](#).

Plenty of free parking

REGISTRATION 9AM TO NOON

\$5.00 FOR FIRST 3 MODELS, \$2.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MODEL
UNDER 17: FIRST 3 MODELS FREE \$2 FOR EACH ADDL. MODEL
GENERAL ADMISSION: \$5.00, UNDER 17 FREE WITH PAID ADULT ADMISSION
ON-SITE FOOD AND BEVERAGE



Chattanooga ModelCon 2021

January 29th & 30th 2021

CHATTANOOGA CONVENTION CENTER - HALL D

WE ARE BAAAACK.....!!

After hosting the 2019 IPMS/Nationals and having our laid back easy going show in January of 2020; We recharged our batteries and are ready to fire up the 2021 show season with a bang!!

- **Return to our Very Popular Open Judging System (G-S-B) for most models.**
- Best of's in Aircraft, Armor, Automotive, Ship, Figure, Sci-Fi, Miscellaneous, and Dioramas.
- NNL Style Judging for automotive entries with additional Silver and Bronze awards. Check our Website for Guidelines
 - Cash Bar Friday Night
 - Show rate at the Convention Hotel
- Vendors can be open for business and registration to begin early Friday afternoon.
 - HALL D - SAME GREAT BUILDING - slightly different location!

"In light of the current pandemic situation, please be aware that neither IPMS/USA nor its Chapters are liable for any potential transmission of illnesses. Those planning to attend this event should (a) follow existing safe social distancing recommendations and (b) abide by any local or state regulations regarding gatherings."

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NNL West 2021

Themes:
Big-n-Little
 (Any scale except 1/24, 1/25)
Gen-X
 (Any vehicle from 70's-80's)
Shelter In Place Builds

February 6 • Santa Clara, CA Convention Center
www.nnlwest.org
 9am-4pm • Model Car Display & Swap Meet • Door Prizes • Admission \$15