

## 2024; the year in review

By Co-Treasurer Tim Rhine

Hello fellow club members. It's sad to say that another year has gone by. I can't believe we're in 2025.

I think for the club and the modeling hobby it was a good year overall. Highlights for me were all the great shows I and fellow club members got to enjoy this past year. I've always loved attending model shows because we get to hang out with fellow club members and fellow modelers and, boy, we saw a ton of outstanding models on the tables again this year.

Our 2024 show was a huge success, too. I think this was the best, if not second best, turn out we've ever had with almost 400 models displayed. As a club and with some help from friends we all worked together to make it another great show. It was nice to see all of our hard work really paid off. I'm already looking forward to our show next year.

The only disappointment for me in 2024 was NNL East 36. I thought the vendors were 'weak' at best and the host hotel was just terrible. Organizers say they are working on a new host hotel for next year. Let's hope so. Nevertheless, we all had fun and made the best of it.

As far as kit manufacturers; they all released some all-new kits that were very exciting and the selection of aftermarket parts that are now available out there is awesome.

The future's looking good for the hobby.

Well not much else to say other than "thank you" to all for making 2024 fantastic. See you in 2025  
Happy building and be safe, Tim

## COMING EVENTS

**Feb 8, 2025** – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

**Mar 1, 2025** – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

**Mar 30, 2025** – Sun – ValleyCon, Knights of Columbus hall in Chicopee MA

**Apr 5, 2025** – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

**Apr 6, 2025** – Sun. – DowneastCon, Sanford ME

**Apr 26, 2025** – Sat. – NNL East 37, Wayne NJ

**May 3, 2025** – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

**Jun 7, 2025** – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

**Jul 12, 2025** – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

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## Our Toy Drive Christmas 2024 shopping season

By Joe and Tammy Baril



Hi everyone. On Saturday morning, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we handed off the contents of our 2024 Toy Drive shopping spree to representatives of the Tewksbury Fire Department and Dave Smith of the Toys for Local Children charity. Thanks to club member generosity in 2024 we were able to donate 168 toys valued at \$2900 for a cost of \$2025 to deserving children.



## CPMC Christmas Party 2024

By Co-Treasurer Tim Rhine

On Saturday December 7th we enjoyed our annual Christmas party at the Dracut American Legion meeting hall.

The day started off on a good note as club members Tammy Baril, Joe Baril, Joe's friend Rose, Jim Parker, Mike Siesicki, Paul Anagnostopoulos, Nick Arvanites and I met at the Tewksbury center firehouse to drop off all the toys that Tammy and Joe bought for the annual toy drive. Dave Smith from Toys for Local Children was there to greet us and offer his thanks to the club for our very generous donation.

From there we went to the meeting hall where we began our annual holiday party. Dave Smith came along to enjoy the festivities with us. Paul A had pre-ordered 18 pizzas and many club members brought all kinds of deserts for all to enjoy.

After we all ate we did the customary Yankee swap and it was a ton of fun. Kits were opened and some were swapped.

Overall it was a great day and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. It's hard to believe another year has gone by. I hope you all had a fantastic holiday season. Let's see what 2025 brings... Tim





## My Work Bench

By Nate Bemis

When the pandemic came along and slot-car racing shut down I figured it was time for me to get back into building static model cars. I had a few dozen models stashed away and most of the tools I needed to build them so I refreshed a few consumables, ordered some paints and away I went.

My approach was to get my feet wet again - I hadn't built model cars in 30 years - trying not to get bogged down on having all the builder's bells-and-whistles or by setting up a permanent workshop space. So to start out my workbench was, in fact, my basement laundry table! Here I needed to setup and teardown each and every time I built, usually daily during the pandemic and sometimes twice daily. Generally I worked in the evening, often early into the morning. I strove for a simple, even portable workspace. I tried to focus on my skills as a builder, not on tools, conveniences, stations or spaces. I knew that if I really got interested I could make a permanent space to build in when the time came.

After three years I got tired of this laundry table arrangement. I wasn't tired of my approach; I was still trying to keep things simple and minimal, but I did get tired of my workspace. Simply put, I got tired of working in our basement. All of my adult life my model building had been done in a basement! I got to a point where I wanted to be able to look out a window and see the sky and sun when I worked. I wanted to feel that I wasn't banishing myself to some lesser place. I wanted to be near my desk, books, stereo and video. I wanted a printer handy...and a sofa.

So...a year ago I started measuring up our den. My wife agreed to let me set up a 4 foot by 20 inch table in the den so that I am seated right in front of a window. It's out of our way and adjacent to my desk so there is overflow space on my desktop when I need it. I've organized the area so that everything I need is nearby, but not always conveniently so as, after all, it is a really small area. A triple-tray plastic hobby box keeps the tools I use frequently nearby. A plastic tray keeps my adhesives, tape, decal solvents and a mix of applicators, toothpicks and swabs organized. Another plastic bin keeps a headlamp/magnifier, Dremel tool, etc. There is room in this bin to add consumables like glues, sanding tools, paper towels and rags as well as paint if I need portability.

The lower drawer in the adjacent desk holds other supplies and a boot tray beneath the table is where I store bulkier bottles of H<sub>2</sub>O and solvents. A 'crash cart' stores my paint supplies and a portable spray booth. It can be stored butted up against the bench or elsewhere in the room. I can use the top of the cart for extra desktop space if I need it. When I want to spray paint I butt the cart up against the workbench, setup the spray booth on top of the crash cart and vent the booth directly out the window across the desk.

Yes, my bench is tight, but that's OK. Many excellent modelers manage to build great stuff in similarly small spaces. My bench is not always convenient, but I accept the inconveniences. There remains a fair amount of set up and tear down. It takes 5 minutes to setup the spray booth, and likewise five minutes to teardown. In spite of my efforts at organization not all things I use to model fall readily to hand but I make do.

Also, I should mention that with this arrangement I use only rattle can paint if at all possible. Doing this reduces the risk of a damaging spill while preparing paint for the airbrush (which, unfortunately, I have done) and the spray cans are convenient to use. Of course, I pay a price for that convenience, and as a part of my learning I have accepted the challenge of trying to get excellent finishes with rattle can paints.

For the time being my less-is-more approach to my hobby bench has been working out to my satisfaction. I just let the sun shine in. Thanks, Nate







## BayCon 2024 show review

By Linda Follansbee

BayCon 2024 was held at the same venue as last year in Franklin, MA. It's a bit small but this year was not as crowded as in the past. The vendor area was in a separate room and was full of vendors and not as crowded either.

There were less builds on the tables this year, but lots of good quality builds. As it's an IPMS show there were lots of categories. There was light attendance from Classic Plastic with only Mac Johnston, Ru Crummett and myself. It was still a good time connecting with model friends (friends who build models, LOL) and friends who were vending.

One thing that was not good was the food kitchen. Actually the food served was very good, but they suddenly closed up at 12:15 pm with no explanation despite advertising stating lunch food would be available from 11 am - 2 pm. This type of venue usually restricts an event from using food trucks, so show organizers are stuck with what the venue provides.

Due to it being an IPMS show, the awards ceremony took a long time. Mac Johnston received quite a few trophies and most or all were for first place. Ru Crummett got several trophies as well. I was surprised and thrilled to get trophies for my two tribute builds.

There was talk the Bay Colony club is looking to find a new location for next year, but that can get very expensive. I guess we'll just have to wait and see what they decide for 2025.

Here are a few pictures from the event.

Linda







## GraniteCon 31 show review

By Co-Treasurer Tim Rhine

As always, GraniteCon was a great show. Mac Johnston and all the GSM members work really hard to put on a great show and they always go out of their way to make us car guys feel welcome. (Sadly, I can't say the same for many other IPMS clubs.)

I counted around 110 cars on the tables but it was early when I counted so there might have been more.

They changed the hall layout this year and I think it flowed a lot better for the participants. All the classes were well defined and there was plenty of room. Mac did say they were thinking of making the car classes a little more defined so there could be a few new classes added in the future.

There was a good selection of kits to be bought from the vendors; a little something for everyone. I know I got a few great deals.

At about 11:30 twelve of us headed out to lunch for some good food and laughs. It was the highlight of the day for me.

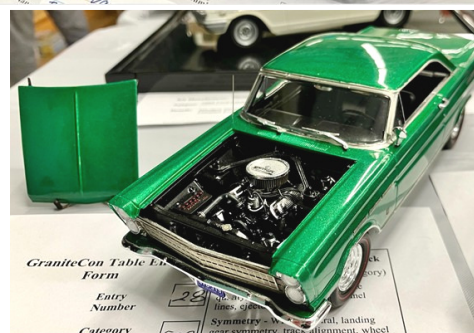
As always, Classic Plastic was well represented at the show. The following members were there (awards won):

Mike 'Doc' Frietas, Scott Ryder, Paul A (one award), Jason Hanscom (two awards), Tim R (eight awards), Jim Parker, Jim Rondos (two awards), Nick Arvanites, Mac Johnston (two awards), Linda Follansbee (one award), Ru Crummett (three awards), Nate Bemis, Mark Lavalliere, Mike Woods and Dave Perkins (two awards).

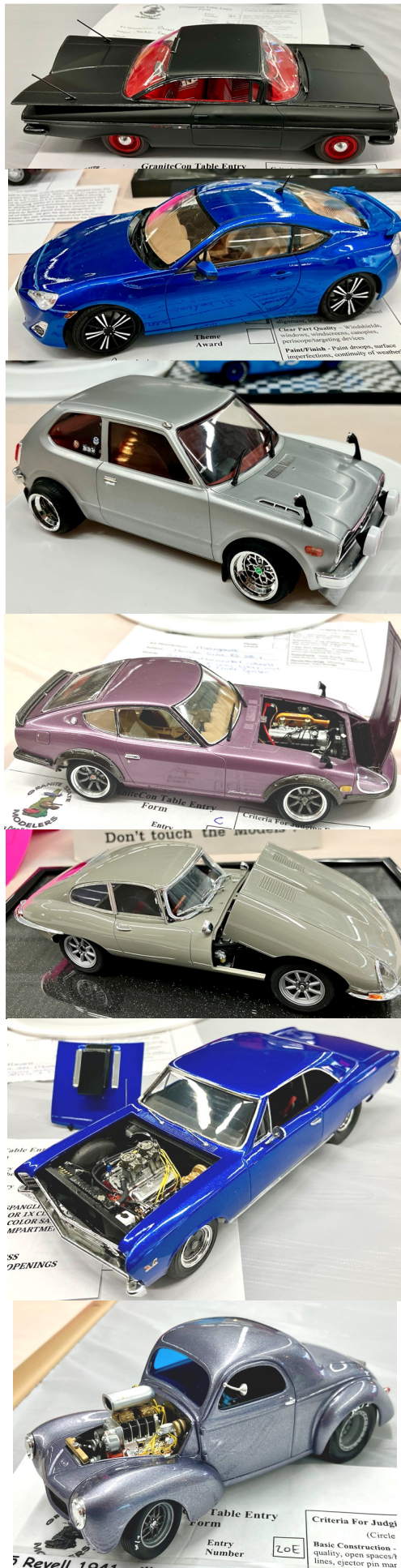
Overall it was another fantastic day out with friends.

Congratulations to all entrants and winners! I'm already looking forward to GraniteCon 32 in 2025.

Until the next show, be safe and happy modeling. Tim







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## Ed's Car Corner:

### Tamiya Porsche 956 (Canon 1985)

Kit number 24232-1600  
By Eliot Doering

From the years 1982-1985, Porsche enjoyed a virtual domination of world championship endurance racing including the famous 24 Hours of Lemans. The flagship of the German company - the Porsche 956 - was developed to meet the regulations of the Group C category, which was established by FISA in 1982.

It's powerplant was a flat, boxer 6-cylinder, four-valve, dual turbo engine with air-cooled cylinders but water cooled cylinder heads, and four overhead cam shafts with timing gear. It developed 2649cc and put out an impressive 620 horsepower at 8200 rpm, providing a top speed in excess of 350 kmh on the famous Mulsanne Straight.

The fully electronic optimum performance Bosch fuel injection system and 99 liter safety fuel tank ensured efficient running in long distance races. This car also featured a simple chassis construction and Porsche's first aluminum monocoque design. This was assembled with rivets and glue; the bulk head and cross member were made of folded aluminum. The overall length of the 956 was 4800 mm and the overall width 200 mm (the maximum dimensions for Group C vehicles), with a weight of 820 kg.

The Porsche 956 was not only raced by Porsche's factory works teams, but beginning in 1983, these superlative machines were being supplied to various private teams around the world.

One of those cars belonged to Richard Lloyd Racing, and sported the brilliant red and white livery of its main sponsor - Canon Cameras. This 956 was entered in the 1985 24 Hours of Lemans, where it achieved an overall result of finishing second. If it were not for some untimely computer trouble during the race, Richard Lloyd Racing's 956 would surely have crossed the finish line first.

I must admit that this is a very impressive kit, perhaps Tamiya's finest Porsche kit in 1/24 scale. The kit comes in the usual rectangular, tray type flat box, with colorful depictions of the Canon Porsche, which can aid you in decal placement. There are two grey plastic trees, containing wheels, interior parts, engine, brakes, instrument panel, seat, bulkheads and some suspension parts. Also included is a large white tree with the chassis pan, rear underside tail piece, rear wing, wheel covers, wing supports, headlamp mounts, and front suspension pan piece. All these trees are virtually flash free, and come bagged. There is a separate bag for the clear glass pieces.

The body is separately bagged, and the front and rear body sections are linked via a centered bit of sprue. One thus has to decide whether to paint the two body sections with the sprue attached to both halves, or cut the two body sections free, and devise a way of holding them for painting. If you leave the sprue attached, you will get a much more even paint job than separating the sections, but... you'll need to sand the areas where the sprue was attached, and touch-up those areas.

CARE MUST BE TAKEN when sanding the attachment points so that your two body sections will line up well to display the completed model with both body sections on the frame. I found a very slight gap between the back of the forward body section, and the section that covers the engine and rear suspension. Both body sections are molded in white, and had minor mold seams, and otherwise were flash free.

There is also a small bag containing the 4 racing slicks. They may be enhanced via light sanding, to give them a 'raced-on' look. The tire bag also holds the 4 polycaps needed to hold the wheels on the axles, so take measures not to lose them.

Before assembly begins, it's wise to paint all the parts to the kit. This speeds up assembly, as well as provides a base color to each part upon which to add additional detail painting. It should be noted that part C-10, the central engine block, gets the top part of the piece painted in red. Rather than attempt to mask off just the top portion, I found it easier to paint the entire part red, because once the part is added to make up the engine, the sides are neatly covered by the cylinder heads.

The frame pan gets a lot of masking off for the various colors called out. For those not wishing to do all the required masking off, one can just shoot the overall chassis pan in one color, top and bottom.

The inside of the body is to be painted in a flat black color. However, the body has tunnels both fore and aft, and I found it difficult to keep upper color paint from entering these tunnel areas. So, instead I just painted the inner and outer areas of both body pieces in upper body color. It may not be accurate, but for me, it was much easier to accomplish.

The instruction booklet is the usual fold out type, with a history of the car on the front cover page. Page 2 contains a list of all the paints needed for this model, which can readily be found in Metalizer colors, etc., at any good hobby outlet.

TAKE NOTE that the exhaust pipes are molded into the upper side of the frame pan. More on this coming up...

After the frame pan has been painted and set aside to dry, the first of 17 assembly blocks begins with the flat 6 boxer engine. CARE MUST be taken to align parts C-5 and C-6 together perfectly. There can be no high or low sides, or the rest of the engine parts will not fit properly, so take your time to insure these parts line up with a perfect central seam.

Also in step 2, be SURE to get the forward pin attached to part C-5, to fit all the way up into part C-10, or the motor will not align well onto the frame pan. Also, insure that the bulkhead, part C-4 fits deeply into its slot on the attached parts C-5 and C-6 that you aligned well. Then part C-7, the trellis for the rear suspension, MUST sit all the way down on to the slotted area on the transmission, so that when additional rear suspension pieces are added, they align perfectly, especially the parts that the wheels and tires will attach to, to insure your wheels and tires sit flat on your work table - VERY IMPORTANT!

After detail painting the shock bar, it has to be set into the slotted area of the bulkhead, part C-4, and the ends of the shock bar must touch the locator points on part C-7. This is accomplished in step 3.



Moving to step 4, the exhaust pipes and turbos are mated up. **CARE MUST** be taken to get these parts assembled correctly, so that when they are added to the completed motor, the molded-in exhaust pipes on the frame pan will align with the cylinder heads and your turbos, etc., will be aligned correctly. **TEST FIT** a lot, until you are satisfied everything lines up OK.

In step 5, inner plates, parts C-17 and C-18, are attached to the sides of the intercoolers on the bulkhead part C-13. They **MUST** be added correctly, to insure that the twin nozzles of part C-2 will align with the intercoolers. Take your time!

When the turbos and exhausts you built in step 4 are dry, they get inserted into the side pieces of the intercoolers. Then, when all that's dried, you should add the bulkhead with the intercoolers to the interior piece part B-5. The rear bulkhead sits on a shelf on part B-5. Be sure it aligns with even space on both sides and that it sits squarely on the shelf of part B-5.

The seat gets belt decals, which should be placed so that the upper areas of the shoulder harness meet the two holes near the headrest on the seat. Then the seat is added to the interior along with the shifter mechanism.

With that all done, the completed and dry interior and bulkheads (with the turbos, etc., attached) should be test fitted onto the frame pan, and **BE SURE** to align the turbos and exhausts to mate with the molded-on exhaust pipes.

Then **IT IS CRITICAL** to take the forward body section and place it over the interior and frame **INSURING THAT** the exhaust pipes on the turbos pass thru the outlet holes on the sides of the forward body section, so that the exhausts are centered in the exit holes. This is **CRITICAL** for allowing the forward body section to be removed, while keeping the turbos and exhaust pipes aligned in proper position. All this work is done in step 5.

In step 6, the rear axles and brakes are assembled. Be sure to use the polycaps, and get the halves of the brake mounting areas on the axles aligned perfectly, so that the brakes will insert well into their mounting areas. The completed and dry axle/brake assemblies are then passed thru holes in the rear of the chassis pan, and the wishbone is added into its slot, with the ends of the wishbones sitting upon pins on the tops of the brake carriers.

In step 7, the front brakes, polycaps and brake carriers are assembled.

In step 8, the front shocks are attached into slots in the forward part of the frame pan. Then, the front suspension pan piece is attached, being sure that the upper control arms are centered over the bottom control arms on part A-5. When aligned right, and dry, the front brakes are inserted into the holes provided in the upper and lower control arms, and the tie rod is inserted. Do **NOT** glue the tie rod, to allow for pose-able front wheels/tires.

The wheel and tire assemblies are created in step 9, and the aerodynamic wheel covers are added.

In step 10, the wheel and tires are added, and the oil tank and support bars, part B-18 are added, with the forward pins on the support bars mating into notches on the rear bulkhead. **BE SURE** this part seats well with the bulkhead before placing the

air cleaners (part C-2) **OVER** the support bars. Then, **MAKE SURE** the nozzles on the air cleaners align with the intercoolers.

Decal gauges are included for the dash, and should be applied in step 11. When dry, the steering column box and steering wheel are added.

Step 12 concerns the headlamps. Detail painting is required here for the lamp bases. Clear lenses are provided, which should be attached with glue specifically meant for clear parts.

In step 13, the areas on the front fenders get masked off where the headlamps will be inserted. Use any flat black color for this. Additionally, the red decal for the rear wing gets applied, as well as decals for the side fins.

Using the masks given in the kit, the windows are taped off, and the window frames shot in flat black in step 14.

In step 15, the front red tow hook is inserted into its slot in the nose of the front body section, the instrument panel and steering wheel are added, as well as the refueling nozzles, and a small tank. Be sure the fuel nozzles are centered in the holes in the forward body piece and have the seams removed. Then the completed headlamps are inserted.

In step 16, the under tail piece gets added to the rear section of the body, and the tail lights get painted and then installed.

In final step 17, the windshield wiper is added, the clear lenses over the headlamp areas are installed being sure to use a glue intended for clear parts. The forward body section is then slightly spread to allow it to fit over the frame pan, insuring your turbo exhaust pipes come thru the holes on the sides of the forward body section.

Then, the two side rear view mirrors are added, along with the rear wing supports, and the rear wing itself. This completes the model, except for decals, and there is a decal placement guide included on the back page of the instructions; the box art can aid you as well. The decals include all the red areas of the body; all you need do is to paint the body sections white. The decals are Cartograph.

In addition to the Canon version of the Tamiya Porsche 956, there are kits available to do the Rothmans, Kenwood, and Newman cars. One can also hunt for numerous other liveries on the 'net or thru Ebay for many different cars.

If you take your time, and pay attention to how things fit you should have little trouble in assembling this Skill Level 3 excellent Porsche kit – one of Tamiya's **BEST**. Grab one, and have fun with it. ED







## Tamiya '65 Honda S800 Racing review

By Co-Treasurer Tim Rhine

The subject of this review is Tamiya's 1965 Honda S800 Racing (kit number 24177). This kit is from 1997 and was produced from a new tool. It was also released as street version a few times with some different parts and decals a few years later.

The kit comes molded in yellow, silver and black. Two decal sheets are included with the kit; and that is all you need. Also, the kit contains four (4) rubber tires and a clear parts tree.

Note that this kit can only be built as the race version and it is a typical Tamiya kit as everything fits perfectly with no issues at all.

I really enjoyed building this kit. The only thing I wish they would have told you in the directions is you'll need to fill in the mounting holes for the front and rear bumpers as this kit does not require them nor does it come with bumpers. I realized this after the body had already been painted and clear-coated.

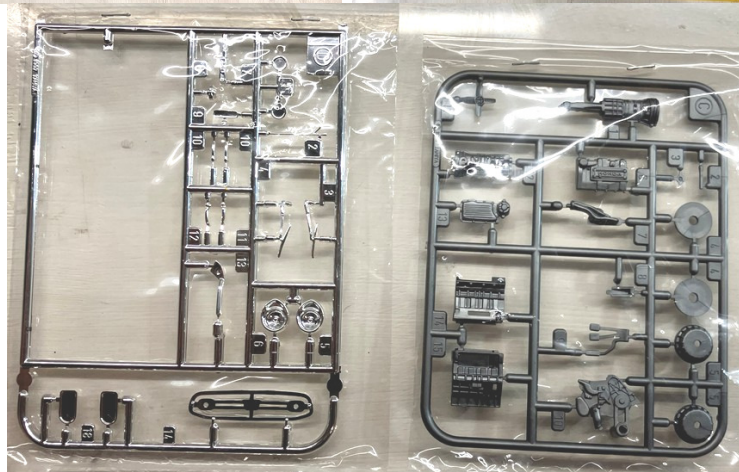
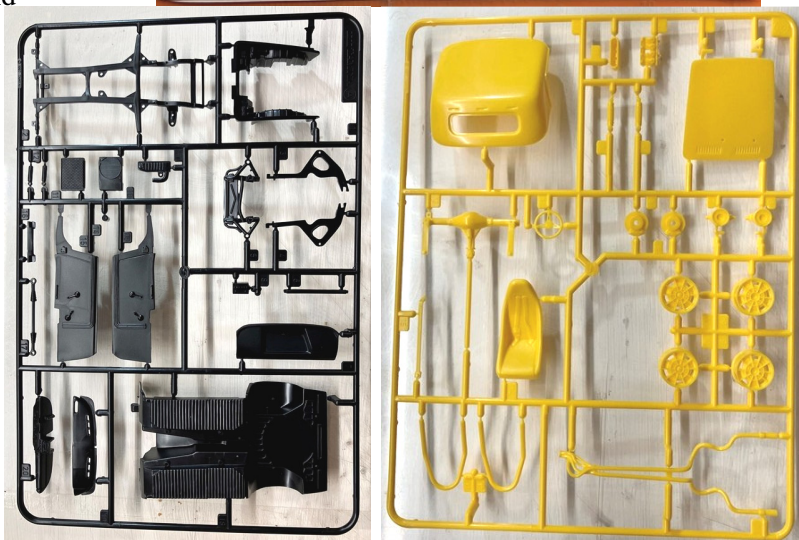
I also messed up the red stripes and that was on me. I used too much setting solution and ruined them, but I think it looks OK without them

Considering Tamiya's high quality, I did try to shake the box to see if it would build itself, but it did not...ahaha

Overall it's a fun kit to build in whatever version you decide to buy. You will enjoy it as a fun build. I highly recommend this kit.

Until the next review, happy building and be safe.

Tim





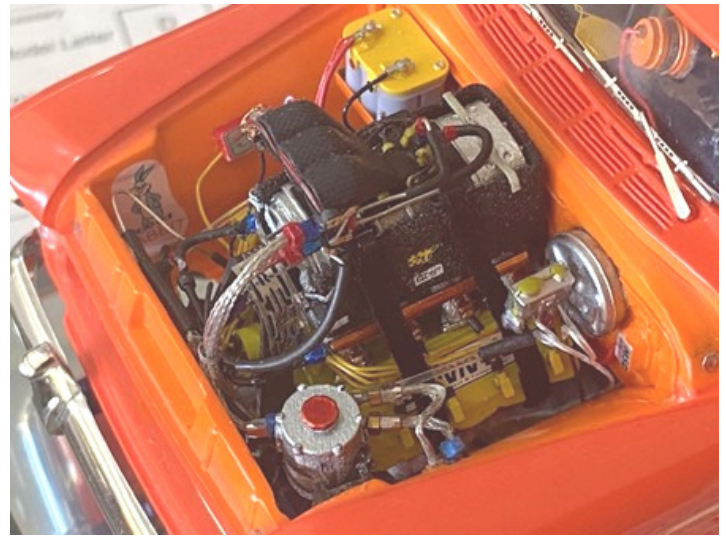


## My favorites at the BayCon show

By Marcos Fernandez Nanita

Hi guys. I also attended the Baycon show and wanted to share with you photos of two builds that were my favorites. I spoke with the builder and he's a 'lone wolf' builder. I tried to suggest he attend our show (and then join our club) but he was non-committal so let's hope he decides to attend as he is an awesome builder and would fit in well.

I hope you all had a nice holiday season and hope to see you at a meeting soon (if I can get time off from work, that is) otherwise look for me on the Zoom feed at our next meeting. Marcos







## Meeting Minutes

November and December 2024

By Club Secretary Jason Hanscom

**November 2024:** We had 24 members and three guests attend the meeting in person and four Zoom attendees.

Items discussed were:

**Contest 2024** – we discussed the show, which all agreed was very successful, except for the 17 & under class

**Contest 2025** – to try to attract more kids and sci-fi modelers we decided to add a Gundam class with specifics to be worked out in January. Also, 2024 Club Challenge winner Ru Crummett decided the 2025 Club Challenge class subject will be 'Cars from 1963'

**Toy Drive** – to date we've collected \$2882. Joe and Tammy will begin shopping soon.

**Charity Donation** – In early December Art snail-mailed a \$500 check to St Jude's in memory of Bill Murphy

### Kit donations:

Paul Alphabet - eight (8) new sealed kits

Dave Perkins - four (4) open kits

### Raffle Winners:

Joe Baril - Monogram '55 Chevy

Nick Arvanites - Revell '29 Ford Truck

Frank Moore - AMT '40 Ford

Joe Angers - Tamiya Testarossa

Jim Rondos - Lindberg Model T

Bob A (guest) - Revell VW Bug

Jason Hanscom - Revell '68 Charger

Ru Crummett - AMT El Camino

Mike Siesicki- Snap-Tite Ford Raptor

Mike Freitas - AMT Ford Explorer

Gary Westfall - Revell Escalade

Scott Ryder - Lindberg F-150

Bob Gagne - Revell Peterbilt

Linda Follansbee- AMT Barris buggy

Bart Navarro - AMT '53 Ford

Jamie Denson - AMT '65 El Camino

Paul Paradis- Revell Nova

Paul Anagnostopoulos - Lindberg Bugatti Royale

Randy Catudal - AMT Model T

Dana Benoit - AMT Nomad

Peter Patalano - Monogram '37 Ford Truck

Dave Perkins - Revell '65 Chevelle

John Davison - AMT '65 Galaxie

Guil Rosa - 1/16<sup>th</sup> scale Ferrari Testarossa

Rich Arakelian - Revell '70 Chevelle

John Ellis - AMT '32 Ford

Moto Maguire - two resin wrecker bodies.

Jason Hanscom won Dana Benoit's special candy raffle



**Show-N-Tell:** November winner was **Jim Rondos**

**Mike Siesicki** – Monogram 64 and a half Ford Mustang

**Mike Siesicki** – Revell 2016 Ford Mustang GT Convertible kit-bash using a 2010 Convertible kit along with a 2006 Mustang GT kit

**Mike Siesicki** – AMT 1965 Buick Riviera finished in Duplicolor Forest Green Metallic along with Buick chrome plated wheel and BF Goodrich white letter tires

**Nick Arvanites** – AMT '71 Duster, scratch built roll cage, 3D printed Ford rear end with Cal Tracs, resin cast six-pack hood from Harts Parts Resin, Fireball Cragar SS rims with Mickey Thompson Cheater slicks; MCW Lime Green Metallic enamel

**Dave Perkins** – Fujimi Honda Sports Car finished in red pearl paint (brought in to show paint finish)

**Dave Perkins** – Tropical Glitz paint bottles I just bought

**Dave Perkins** – Starter 333 Ferrari in 1/43<sup>rd</sup> scale, Tamiya Bright Red, Patio Place Decals; still in-process

**Jason Hanscom** – Revell '55 Chevy Carpenter Pro-Mod built box stock

**Jason Hanscom** – Revell '57 Chevy Soft Seal Pro-Mod box stock rebuilder

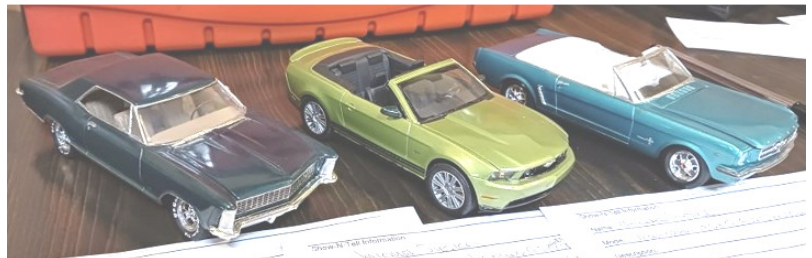
**Jim Rondos** – Trumpeter '65 Ford Falcon Ranchero, scratch built frame and roll cage, 3D printed front axle assembly and rear suspension, paint was sent to me by the owner of the 1/1 vehicle, many other parts sourced from Ebay and other kits. This was all built using only pictures as a guide

**Frank Moore** – German Panzer IV-G, a blue bomb rescue project rebuilt from a previous unsuccessful project

**Frank Moore** – M39 Armored Utility Vehicle, a conversion of a tank kit using sheet styrene and parts-box finds

**Frank Moore** – German 8-wheel Armored Car, an old Monogram kit from the late '60s; an Afrika Corps build

### Show-N-Tell photos from November meeting:







**December 2024:** We had over 30 members and one guest (Dave Smith from Toys for Local Children) attend the Christmas Party in person along with two Zoom attendees watching the fun live (virtual pizza was provided).

**Christmas Party photos from December 2024:**



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## Comments from the Editor

By Newsletter Editor Art Paquin

Thank you Guil Rosa, Tim Rhine, Joe Baril, Tammy Baril, Linda Follansbee, Marcos Nanita, Nate Bemis, Jason Hanscom and guest columnist Eliot Doering for your inputs and efforts which helped us produce this newsletter issue. It is much appreciated.

The next deadline for newsletter article submission is **Friday, April 18, 2025** with a scheduled distribution date of Saturday, May 3, 2025. Submission of articles, pictures and comments are welcomed and much appreciated.

Thanks, Art

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## Contest 2024 information

By Newsletter Editor Art Paquin

Here comes the boring part of every show we have; but it's an important part of knowing how we are doing and where we are headed for future shows.

The first chart below shows entries by class for all shows since 2016. Note that 2024 had zero entries in the 17 & under class, which is a bit concerning. Other classes had the usual increases and decreases we've experienced in the past but always seem to rebound in the next show or two. I guess that must be due to the whims of the model building community.

One pleasant surprise is the large increase of entries; our best since 2016 and second best on record. In 2024 we had 86 more entries but only added four (4) additional entrants since the 2023 show, suggesting a bit more productivity in 2024.

For 2025 we plan to add a Gundam class (we're working on the details now) to help draw in younger modelers. Let's keep our fingers crossed that this helps attract younger modelers.

Thanks, Art

CPMC show year =		2016	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023	2024	Delta
#	Class name	Entries	Entries	Entries	Entries	Entries	Entries	Entries	vs last
1	Age 17 & Under	8	9	10	7	3	7	0	-7
2	Display & In-Progress	27	15	14	10	11	8	18	10
3	Light Commercial	21	19	11	9	22	20	28	8
4	Heavy Commercial	23	12	20	11	28	6	14	8
5	Documented Replica	4	6	3	4	11	4	10	6
6	Emergency/Municipal	6	1	1	6	8	4	6	2
7	Motorcycles	5	3	4	4	9	6	3	-3
8	Large Scale	12	6	7	7	10	3	7	4
9	Small Scale	19	3	6	6	10	10	20	10
10	Foreign & Exotic	14	18	11	10	10	5	22	17
11	Box Stock - Street Legal	11	15	17	8	14	16	16	0
12	Box Stock - Competition	7	7	1	7	11	3	11	8
13	Factory Stock	19	22	22	23	31	27	20	-7
14	Day 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	5	11	6
15	Show Rods	5	4	8	4	3	4	4	0
16	Customs	10	2	3	6	11	9	5	-4
17	Street Rods	26	14	3	4	16	12	16	4
18	Street Machine	12	13	13	9	15	15	25	10
19	Competition - Non-Drag	13	11	5	8	13	6	17	11
20	Competition - Drag	18	21	13	5	23	17	9	-8
21	Theme -	10	17	9	10	6	13	17	4
22	Sub-Theme -	21	12	9	17	7	11	11	0
23	Shelf Model - Competition	15	9	7	3	16	7	9	2
24	Shelf Model - Street Legal	10	9	16	11	14	19	13	-6
25	Miscellaneous	9	10	7	12	14	13	21	8
26	Curbside	29	23	8	22	15	13	15	2
27	Diorama	3	5	6	1	6	5	6	1
28	Club Challenge:	7	7	5	9	5	13	13	0
29	Military	15	10	4	11	12	12	11	-1
30	Club Memorial Table	16	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A
Total for each year =		395	311	243	244	358	293	379	86

### Contest 2024 show statistics

Model Entries	379	
Show Entrants	77	
Non-Member Entrants	48	62%
Non-Member Entries	236	62%
Non-entrant spectators	102	
Most Entries by an Entrant	19	Tim Rhine

### Contest 2023 show statistics

Model Entries	293	
Show Entrants	73	
Non-Member Entrants	48	66%
Non-Member Entries	166	57%
Non-entrant spectators	85	
Most Entries by an Entrant	22	Tim Rhine



Classic Plastic Model Club 2024 Model Car Exhibition Winners List				
Class	Name	Place	Winner	Entry
1	Age 17 and under	1	(none)	
		2	(none)	
		3	(none)	
3	Light Duty Trucks	1	Mac Johnston	1950 Ford F1
		2	Steve Norsek	Revell Bronco
		3	Mike Muller	1976 Dodge Plow Pickup
4	Heavy Commercial Vehicles	1	Steve Robillard	Mack DM 800
		2	Bernard Houle	Mack & Bulldozer
		3	Scott Ryder	Autocar Dump Truck
5	Documented Replica	1	Jim Rondos	1965 Ranchero
		2	Dennis Erba	1969 Camaro ZR1
		3	Paul Paradis	1941 Willys
6	Emergency & Municipal Vehicles	1	Tim Rhine	Taurus Patrol Car
		2	Steven Hobbs	Dodge Fire Truck
		3	(none)	
7	Motorcycles	1	Dave Perkins	Paris-Dakar BMW
		2	Steven Delorey	Ducati Desmosedici
		3	Ru Crummett	Fireball Custom Chopper
8	Large Scale	1	Paul Paradis	Wonderwagon Vega
		2	Steven Delorey	Italeri Alfa Romeo 8C
		3	(none)	
9	Small Scale	1	Craig Betts	AC Cobra
		2	Les von Pongrancz	Ferrari 158F1
		3	Les von Pongrancz	McLaren M8A
10	Foreign & Exotic	1	Joe Angers	Tamiya GMAT50
		2	Dave Perkins	Tamiya Nissan Fairlady
		3	Tim Rhine	EBBRO Citroen DS21
11	Box Stock - Street Legal	1	Tim Rhine	Mercedes-Benz 300SL
		2	Tim Rhine	1958 Plymouth Belvedere
		3	Jodi Doyle	1953 Ford Truck
12	Box Stock - Competition	1	Jim Rondos	AMT Digger 'coda
		2	Jim Rondos	1933 Willys Malco
		3	Nathalie Proulx	Corvette C5R
13	Factory Stock	1	Tim Rhine	1969 Chevy Nova
		2	Tim Rhine	1969 Dodge SuperBee
		3	Les von Pongrancz	1959 Caddy Convertible
14	Day 2	1	Tim Rhine	1964 Mustang
		2	Jodi Doyle	1971 Hemi 'coda
		3	Dana Benoit	1969 Chevelle
15	Show Rods	1	Tim Rhine	Sidewinder
		2	Stephen Delorey	A la Kart
		3	John Davison	Bad Medicine Show Rod
16	Customs	1	Paul Paradis	1967 Dodge Coronet
		2	Dana Benoit	1966 GTO/Chevelle
		3	Dana Benoit	"Cormaro"
17	Street Rods	1	Tim Rhine	Willys
		2	Tim Rhine	1937 Ford
		3	Dan Bazinet	1930 Ford
18	Street Machines	1	Mark Tucker	1953 Ford Pickup
		2	Gary Westfall	1955 Chevy
		3	Tim Rhine	1949 Mercury
19	Competition Non-Drag	1	Vince LoBosco	1957 Ferrari Testarosa
		2	Jason Hanscom	Rat Trap Vega
		3	Dennis Erba	1966 Ford Galaxie
20	Competition Drag	1	Vince LoBosco	Mopar Missile
		2	Todd Ryan	Altered Chevelle
		3	Guy Piccirillo	1949 Buick
21	Theme Class: Mustang vs GTO	1	Mac Johnston	1970 Boss 302
		2	Dana Benoit	1968 Mustang Bullitt
		3	Steve Salhany	1965 Mustang Fastback
22	Sub-Theme: British Invasion	1	Tim Rhine	London Bus
		2	Jodi Doyle	1963 Jaguar XKE
		3	Dave Perkins	Jaguar XKE
23	Shelf Models, Competition Vehicles	1	Ed daRosa	1967 Cougar
		2	Jodi Doyle	1958 Impala Gasser
		3	Dave Perkins	Porsche 911GT
24	Shelf Models, Street Legal Vehicles	1	Stephen Delorey	Mack Bulldog
		2	Jodi Doyle	1957 Chevy
		3	Mike Muller	1978 Mustang
25	Miscellaneous	1	Steve Salhany	Anton Khodobin figure
		2	Craig Betts	Templar Knight
		3	Neal DeConte	Shirley Muldowney
26	Curbside	1	Mike Muller	1961 Dodge
		2	Rick Hanmore	Dodge Copperhead
		3	Jodi Doyle	1957 Cadillac
27	Diorama	1	Dennis Patnode	Safari Pinto
		2	Craig Betts	Berlin 1945
		3	John Ellis	Garage scene
28	Club Challenge: Ford Trucks	1	Ru Crummett	Murphy Landscaping Ford truck/trailer
		2	Tim Rhine	Murphy Landscaping Ford truck/trailer
		3	Dave Perkins	Murphy's Ford tow truck
29	Military	1	Charles Rowley	1943 Diamond-T M-20
		2	Mike Woods	Hawker Hurricane
		3	Bart Navarro	P-51 Mustang

Classic Plastic Model Club 2024 Model Car Exhibition Winners List		
My Favorite Model	Winner	Model
Paul Anagnostopoulos	Jodi Doyle	1957 Caddy Eldorado
Joe Angers	Del Gonzalez	Porsche 944
Dave Perkins	P. Morales	Toyota Supra
Pete 'the Wiz' Wisniewski	Rick Hanmore	Morris Minor
Joe Baril	Dave Walker	1960 Plymouth Fury
Tim Rhine	Nick Arvanites	Blue SuperBee
Art Paquin	Mike Roy	1950 Ford Pickup
John Davison	Ed daRosa	Mustang History display
Ed Arraji	Nathalie Proulx	1957 Corvette Convertible
Will Emerson	Stephen Delorey	"Fine Kettle of Fish"
Mike Woods	Stephen Delorey	Mack Truck
Ru Crummett	Andy Behrens	1948 Foose Caddy
Jason Hanscom	Mike Muller	1978 Mustang Cobra
in memory of Bill Murphy	Steve Norsek	1972 Ford F-150

Major Award	Winner	Entry
Most Humorous	Mike Roy	Munsters living room
Best Interior	Tim Rhine	1964 Mustang
Best Engine	Vince LoBosco	Mopar Missile
Best Finish	Tim Rhine	1949 Mercury
Best Detail	Steve Robillard	Mack DM 800
In Memoriam	Mike Muller	1976 Dodge Plow Pickup
Club Officers' Pick	Andy Behrens	1948 Foose Caddy
Best of Show - Adult	Vince LoBosco	Mopar Missile

2024 entrant statistics by state			
State	Entrants	Entries	% of total
MA	30	143	37.7%
NH	16	73	19.3%
ME	4	34	9.0%
NY	5	26	6.9%
CT	5	26	6.9%
VT	4	30	7.9%
RI	4	17	4.5%
NB	3	7	1.8%
QC	6	23	6.1%
Total	77	379	

Contest 2024 admission information	
Total admissions =	150
Entrants Total =	48
Entrant Kids (free) =	0
Total paid entrants =	48
Non-Entrant Total =	102
Kids (free) =	6
Total paid spectators =	96

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Leaning Tower of Pizza (boxes)



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## 2025 Coming Events information

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