



Call for Volunteers

By Club President Paul Anagnostopoulos

At the June meeting we learned that co-secretary and co-treasurer Tim Rhine is stepping down from his duties at the end of the year. If there is any member who does not realize exactly how much Tim does for our club, now is the time to open your eyes and take a look.

We are going to need volunteers to step up and assume Tim's duties. These duties break down into categories roughly as follows. Tim will distribute a document describing his contributions in detail at the August meeting.

- Monthly duties as co-treasurer. This includes collecting and disbursing money at our meetings, keeping track of these transactions, informing Art Paquin of the transactions, and holding on to the money.
- Monthly duties as co-secretary. This includes recording attendance, decisions made at meetings, raffle winners, collecting the show 'n' tell sheets, etc.
- Duties as kit-master. This includes keeping track of the kits for our monthly raffle and show, bringing boxes of kits to the meetings for the raffle, accepting kit donations and ordering new kits, and ensuring there are enough kits for the show raffle.
- Monthly duties at the meeting. This includes setting up and breaking down the room, tipping the bartender, and cleaning up after the meeting.
- Duties for our show. This includes pestering the venue folks to be sure it is ready for us, picking up and checking the trophies, making sure the raffle kits are ready, and managing the money box.

And I guarantee you that I'm forgetting half of what Tim does. In any event, we need people to volunteer to take on these duties. The club cannot function without these things being done. Art Paquin is in Texas and due to job requirements Jason Hanscom cannot attend many meetings.

As club President, my duties are primarily to look pretty and manage the website. I'm not particularly good at that second job. I am willing to take on the co-treasurer's job if no one else wants to. But the rest of the work must be picked up by other club members. Please consider helping.

Our October show will be here before you know it. I'm looking forward to seeing what people enter in our 70 Years of Tri-Five Chevies and Stolen Cars from *Gone in 60 Seconds* classes. I also expect some good stuff in our Club Challenge class, which this year is Cars from 1963.

Unfortunately, I've lost steam on my '63 Nova project, so it won't appear in that class.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. Keep building those models and bring them in for Show-N-Tell!

Paul



If nobody steps up to help...

By Vice President/Co-Treasurer/Editor Art Paquin

As Paul Anagnostopoulos mentions, with Tim Rhine leaving to handle family priorities the club will need members to step up and take on some of the tasks formerly done by Tim. We're not asking anybody to take on all tasks; if many people take on one or two things then it will be easier on all of us and the club can continue successfully.

I just want to point out the obvious – if we fail to get a volunteer for any of these tasks then that task will go undone. Be it arranging furniture at the meeting, taking meeting notes for the newsletter, handling club funds and tracking financial info at meetings, buying new raffle kits, bringing the raffle kits, conducting the raffle, being responsible for the club storage unit, etc., one or more of these items will be dropped from our club, our meetings and our show agenda.

Consider a club meeting without the raffle, or no newsletter, or no meeting hall or even not having our show. This may be the future result of nobody stepping up to help the club with these tasks.

Even though I now live 2100 miles from the meeting hall I'll help guide anyone who wants to volunteer. Several tasks Tim now does that can be performed remotely will be taken over by me so I'll be the first to volunteer to take on more club tasks.

Over the years we've been lucky to have a wealth of club member volunteers during our show so please consider helping the club the other 364 days of the year.

Also note that you do not have to dress up as Tim does to clean up the hall after meetings, unless you really want to.

So please consider volunteering to help out the club with any task; new members are especially welcome to volunteer. We'll all be glad you did. Thanks,
Art Paquin

P.S. Don't let this picture of Tim in his cleanup garb scare you off.





NNL East 2025 show... ...even though I didn't go

By Art Paquin

For various reasons this year, those club members who did attend the 37th annual NNL East show in Wayne NJ did not submit an article and pictures so I've done the next best thing – found a great set of show photos on the Model Cars Magazine Forum website (a great site for posting and viewing show photos and reviews). I'd like to thank Scott Eriksen and Bill Secules for their terrific photos posted in the NNL East 2025 thread. I took a few screenshots of some of the most interesting and converted them into the photos seen below. Many thanks also go to the Tri-State Scale Model Car Club for once again conducting the best model show and vendor event in the world.

The 2025 show Theme was 'Circle Track Vehicles, Sub-Theme was 'Race Team Transporters' and 'Retro' Theme was 'Going Around in Circles' for circle track vehicles.

From the pictures it appeared to be another great show.

Art





Spring Thaw 2025 show review

By Linda Crummett

Ru and I have always wanted to go to the Spring Thaw Model Show in Chadwicks, NY (just south of Utica). In previous years it had always conflicted with the NorthshoreCon show, which was not held this year.

We decided that since it was only four hours away, we would just drive out and back that same day. Little did we know that once we hit the Berkshires we would drive through the thickest fog we've ever seen. Despite that, it was an easy drive straight out the Mass Pike to the New York State Thruway and then 10 minutes from there.

The Spring Thaw show is an automotive model show, and, as we had never been before, we could bring any of our models that we wanted to.

This show is held in a Fire Station. They have a large room with an attached kitchen. All the vendors were in this room. I am told that last year the models were too. This year, the models were down the hall in the garage section where the fire apparatus is stored. The vendor area was tight but only because they had five rows of vendors. There was a lot of room for the models. They were on raised tables and the lighting was very good. Most of the tables were full but not over crowded. Sadly, there were not any junior entries.

One thing we really liked is that everyone was kicked out of the model area when the judging took place. Due to that fact and there were only 17 categories, the judging went fairly quickly. The awards were given out by 3 p.m., which gave us plenty of time to pack up and hit the road.

Ru won two second place plaques. One was for his Bill Murphy tribute and one for his 1955 Bel Air which was a tribute for Debbie Maguire.

Everyone there was very friendly. We saw some friends from YouTube as well as our vendor friends, Kim and Mike who have a nearby Hobby Store (they vended at our show last year) and M&R Wheels was there as well. We have known Jimmy (the R) for years. He had some great wheels for sale. We also bumped into fellow club member Randy Catudal. It was awesome to get to visit with him.

In the vendor room, Ru found two chopper kits that he was really psyched to get. He also found a couple other kits and wheels that he could not live without. There was no raffle at this show, but everyone got a ticket when they entered and there were several awesome door prizes. My ticket was the second one drawn. There were several sealed kits to choose from. Ru also had his ticket pulled and got a sealed kit!

The Fire Department had breakfast and lunch items for sale to benefit the department. The choices were typical items and were very good. There were some youngsters in the kitchen helping with drinks; they were really cute and very helpful.

For a smaller show, they had 216 models and approximately 100 spectators. There were some fantastic models on the tables. We saw some that we had not seen before. One builder brought a big rig with crushed cars on the trailer. He told Ru that he put the models in the oven with a brick on them to get

the desired crushed effect...very interesting.

If you could not already tell, we both highly recommend this show and plan to attend next year (Sunday April 19, 2026).

The icing on the cake was that we found a great restaurant in Utica last year which was 10 minutes away from this show. Luckily they take credit cards, as we spent all our cash at the show. LOL!

Linda



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Ed's Car Corner:

Kurtis Midget Racer – Edelbrock equipped V8/60 with trailer

Revell kit number 85-4249
By Eliot Doering

In the 1930's a mechanical genius named Frank Kurtis founded the Kurtis-Kraft Company. Kurtis Kraft designed and built race cars, and in the 20 year period they were built, over 1,000 midget racers came out of the factory. Ready-to-race cars as well as customer built kit cars used either the famous Offenhauser or the Edelbrock equipped Ford V-8/60.

These cars were designed to look like scaled down versions of the early Indy, or 'Champ' cars of the late 1940s into the 1960s and beyond. Some are even still raced today in Vintage racing club races. The Kurtis midget, on a weekly basis, won uncountable events all over the country; and a one-armed racer named Mel Kenyon became the United States Auto Club (USAC) all-time midget division winner.

For years, the only midget racer kit was the old Monogram kit, which was cast way out of scale. It was a clunky kit, featuring a driver, and when the Slot Car craze hit America, the kit was used as the body for the slot car.

We waited for several decades, and finally Revell has released a great 1/25 rendition of a midget racer from the 1950-1960 era. Actually, Revell issued two midget kits – one with the classic fuel-injected 'Offy' and the other with the interesting Ford V-8/60 motor, using carbs.

Upon inspection, the two kits are nearly the same, except for their noses, power plant, and grille and nerf bars. And, of course, each kit comes with two choices of properly scaled numbers and colorful markings and lettering. Both kits also come with a small photo-etch fret for the gauge panel, spokes for the center of the steering wheel, as well as hood straps.

Another big bonus is that the kits include trailer hitches as well as a nicely done period two-wheel trailer to be used with either Revell's great 1948 Ford Woody station wagon, or their 1950 Ford F-1 pickup truck. Also, they've included decals for markings on your tow vehicle. I'm sure various other trucks, sedan deliveries, etc., can be hitched up to tow the midget on its trailer. How about Revell's recent 1949 Mercury station wagon or the classic 1953 Chevy Sedan Delivery?

These midget kits are brand new tools, using modern slide tool technology. The kits are Skill Level 3 kits, and some parts and assembly will prove challenging. Extreme care must be utilized during each assembly block. When you come to the assembly blocks noting attaching the nerf bars, bumpers, radius rods, etc., you will run into very tiny glue attachment points. I'd recommend attaching them last, to prevent breaking them during other portions of assembly.

Revell did us a favor in that ejector pin marks are on the bottom or inside of most chrome parts and either won't be seen, or upon careful cutting of these parts from the sprues, a tiny portion will need touch-up with a #00 brush and chrome silver paint, or silver paint pen.

There are 12 pages in the instructions, with 14 assembly blocks. Included is a decal placement guide for the two choices of markings provided in each kit.

Another nice touch is that Revell included virtually two types of chrome parts. One is the normal bright, shiny chrome we all know, while the other is a more subtle aluminum like chrome.

The model is cast in white plastic and all parts are virtually flash free so very little clean up will be needed. Using slide mold technology, Revell was able to cast the rear body part as one piece, and it's rather thin. The exhaust pipes also feature hollow ends, as do the axles.

Tiny pins are utilized in attaching the press-on wheels.

Assembly starts traditionally with the engine, my kit being the one with the Edelbrock Ford V-8/60 motor, which is a work of art. A clamshell magneto is included, and would look great drilled out for ignition wires to the flat heads, which are the finned Edelbrock type, and they are cast in the subtle aluminum I spoke of earlier. An oil filler tube, fuel pump, and two Stromberg type 2-barrel carbs are used on the Ford V-8/60, with a subtle chrome intake manifold. A front cover engine mount plate is used to attach the completed motor to the frame. The transmission appears to be a two-speed in-and-out box, with shifter. Radiator hoses are also included.

The kit features the Kurtis-Kraft tubular frame, which attaches to the kit's lower body pan. A nice radiator is included and would look great with the top of the radiator done in brass. The rear axle appears to be a sort of Halibrand Quick-Change rear end and radius rods attach to it. A leaf spring provides suspension. With those parts attached and dry, the completed motor is attached to the frame/belly pan.

Front suspension consists of an I-beam front axle with, again, a leaf spring set up.

You then move on to assemble the engine front bulkhead, which gets the pedals, steering gear, and instrument panel. You may chose to use the kit-provided photo-etch gauges, or a decal to replicate the few instruments used on a midget. The steering wheel's the same – either use the photo-etch spokes for the steering wheel, or the provided plastic wheel with spokes already attached.

The hood is a separate piece and, thus, any engine detailing will be seen with the hood off. However, there's a major problem with the hood. It has tiny louvers, and there is a stripe/band decal to go right down the center of the hood. It will be difficult, if not impossible to get the stripe decal to settle down into these louvers. If you attempt it, be ready to use plenty of decal snuggling solution...and a lot of patience. On the photo-etch fret are tiny hood straps for the hood as well.

Also, do not assemble the body before painting, as it will cause a problem with masking, and be sure to not attach the radius rods until painting is complete and cured. I would place them on last, after all other assembly is complete, the same with the grille, bumpers and nerf bars.

A type of pleated upholstery seat and seat bolster is included, and would look best with a contrasting color against whatever

color you chose to paint the body, nose etc. The pleats are well defined, and a light wash will enhance the pleats.

Revell spared no detail in including the fuel line for the two carbs, a radiator cap, head rest, hand brake, steering arm and fuel pump – outstanding!

The Ford V-8/60 uses two exhaust pipes. The ends are already drilled out, and hollow. The left and right engine bay side covers are louvered. Wheels are in the subtle aluminum, and press into period correct treaded tires of the type used from the 1950-1960 era. Knock-off caps are a very nice touch for the wheels.

With the body being so tiny, the number decals and other markings had to be as well. They are in scale, but are just a bit thick. Still, they will go on easily. I looked for any after-market markings, but so far, none exist. But, I'm certain decals from other kits in your decal box may work.

The kit I have features #8 decals, done in period-correct gold leaf, edged with red. This is classic 1950s-1960s type painting, and looks very good against a solid color body. Virtually any paint scheme you chose will look terrific on this model.

The trailer is very easy to assemble, and will look sharp with whatever tow vehicle you use.

Many modelers like to find and use reference books for whatever type of race car they're building. For the Kurtis Midget, I'd use the book – THE MIGHTY MIDGETS, by Jack C. Fox. His excellent book covers all eras of midget racing, including the 1950-1960s era the Revell kit's built on.

For those looking for some history behind the all-powerful Offenhauser 'Offy' engine, look for the book – OFFENHAUSER, by Gordon Eliot White. Both books can be found on amazon.com, or perhaps even in local libraries. There are also some DVDs featuring Midget racing.

Midgets are a timeless type of race car that packed race tracks around the nation, literally racing seven nights per week. Revell captured the classic Kurtis-Kraft Midget perfectly. I rate it a 10 easily.

So, pick up this great little kit in either the Ford V-8/60 version, or the Offenhauser versions. I'm quite certain you'll have many pleasant hours building this little car.

ED





Aoshima Toyota LN106 HiLux review

By Co-Treasurer Tim Rhine

This kit review is about the Aoshima LN106 Toyota HiLux Street Custom pick up, which is a 2025 release kit. The body is an old mold but has a bunch of updated parts.

The kit is molded in white, black, grey and chrome, and has four rubber tires. The decal sheet is very nice; great color and definition. There are a bunch of options for this kit: grilles, bumpers, mirrors, running boards, and rims. Also, left or right hand drive dashboards are included.

I built this kit for the YouTube 48 hour group build which started on July 11th at 8:00pm and went until July 13th at 8:00pm

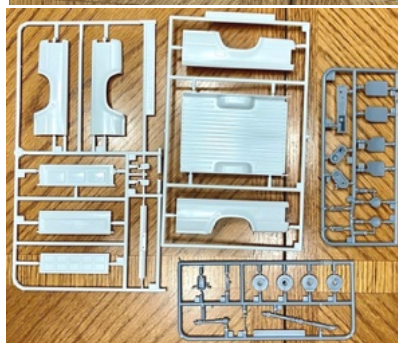
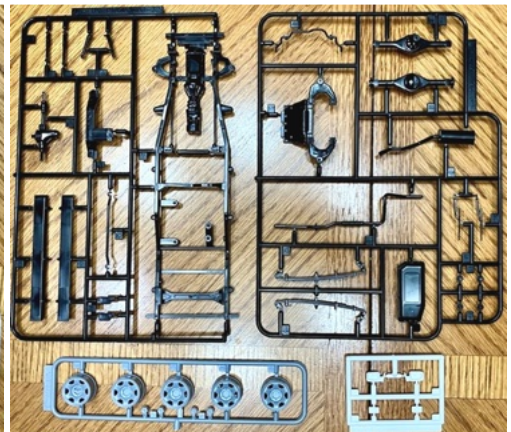
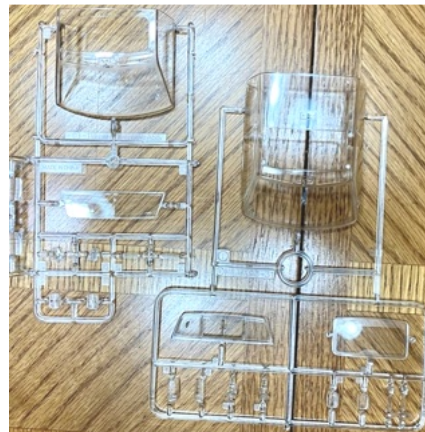
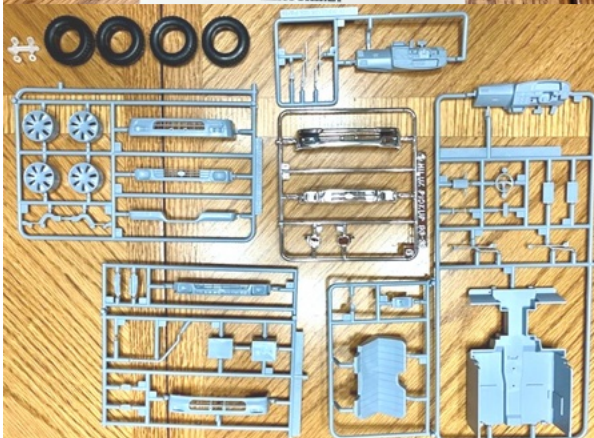
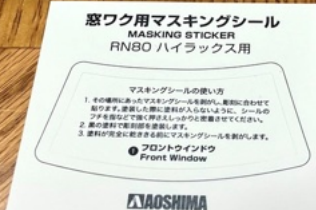
Over all this looks to be a fantastic kit and I do recommend this kit.

Until the next review, happy building and be safe...

Tim



LN106 HILUX STREET CUSTOM





Linda



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Shunsaku Tamiya, dead at 90

By Nate Bemis

Most modelers know of the Tamiya brand, even if they've never built a Tamiya kit. On July 18, 2025, the man principally responsible for the brand passed away.

Upon graduating from college, Shunsaku Tamiya, and his father Yoshio Tamiya, turned their family wooden model business into a plastic model manufacturer. It was the start of the plastic era and in 1960 the company released their first styrene plastic model kit, the Japanese WWII battleship *Yamato*. Yoshio and Shunsaku grew the business together until the elder Tamiya passed and Shunsaku assumed sole control.

Mr. Tamiya ensured that the company's models were of the highest quality and many modelers agree. Accuracy, engineering, and ease of assembly were paramount. In 1967 Tamiya released a 1/12 scale model of a Honda Formula 1 car that many regard as the start of the firm's reputation as perhaps the world's best model manufacturer. (I built this model at the age of 12 so I can personally attest to the ease of assembly.) The company later branched out to build R/C cars and such, but from its inception Tamiya has offered modelers military aircraft, warships, armor, and figures, as well as the model cars CPMC members are familiar with.

Ken Belson, in a May 2003 *New York Times* (NYT) article wrote "In the 1960's, he set out deliberately to smash the stereotype of Japan as the land of cheap toys and, as he once wrote, to 'overthrow America' in the high-quality kit business." It appears he did just that. In the United States, Tamiya's success resulted in the demise of several plastic model companies. At home, the success Tamiya achieved forced Japanese competitors, Aoshima and Hasegawa among them, to modify their product line so as not to compete directly with Tamiya.

In the same 2003 NYT article, Belson quotes Mr. Tamiya as saying "...children today are not developing their dexterity and are 'all thumbs' from playing too many video games". Tamiya went on to say that many children today are too impatient to read instructions, so kit makers must keep them simple and include more pictures. "The loss of mechanical skills is very disheartening," said Mr. Tamiya. "I want children to experience the joy of creating something with their own hands."

Shunsaku Tamiya's company changed an industry while giving consumers worldwide the best products available, regardless of scale.

Nate

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Meeting Minutes

May thru July 2025

By Club Secretary Jason Hanscom

May 2025: We had 23 members attend the meeting in person, and one Zoom attendee. Items discussed were:

Contest 2025 – we made available to members a new show sponsorship donation form specifically for business

DowneastCon show – in Sanford Maine...attendees report that it was a great show

Toy Drive – to date we've collected \$1384. Joe Baril donated an air brush setup given to him a few years ago by Del Paone and that brought in \$100 in donations.

Dwayne Benoit was the lucky winner

NNL East – attendees report it was another great show; the new host hotel is great but the restaurant not so good. Maybe more guys will go there next year

Club shirts – Since the club has done well financially we discussed buying one (1) shirt for each member at no cost to the member. Tim is making a list of sizes for everybody and next meeting we'll decide on a color

Kit donations:

Tim Rhine - two (2) open kits

Dave Perkins – two (2) new sealed kits

Eddie Arrajj – one (1) new sealed kit

Raffle Winners:

Dana Benoit - MPC '72 GTO

Dwayne Benoit - Revell '70 Boss 302

Jason Robidoux - AMT '69 Chevelle SS

John Edge - Monogram '66 Mustang GT350

Guil Rosa – AMT '36 Ford Coupe

Eddie Arrajj - Revell VW bus

Gary Westfall - AMT '63 Chevy Impala

Show-N-Tell: May winner was **Bart Navarro**

Tim Rhine – Monogram '71 Plymouth GTX Police Car

Mike Siesicki – Revell '63 Chevy Impala SS, mockup to check the stance with big wheels and tires, finish will be Duplicolor Light Blue Metallic

Mike Siesicki – AMT '97 Ford Mustang GT, a 'bear' of a kit to put together due to poor parts fitment; finish is Duplicolor Amazon Green Metallic

Mike Siesicki – Revell '71 Olds 442 W-30, replaced the tires with those from AMT, finish is Tamiya Gold

Mike Siesicki – AMT '72 Chevelle SS454, converted to a '71 and built to represent the car on the TV show Blue Bloods

Gary Westfall – AMT '49 Ford Shoebox (REEBOXX) full custom, 4 scale inch roof chop, custom flares and lighting

Gary Westfall – AMT Plymouth Prowler built box stock; finish is MCW Prowler Purple

Gary Westfall – Moebius '71 Ford Ranger kit-bashed using parts from two Ferrari Enzo kits

Jason Robidoux – Salvinos Jr NASCAR Next Gen painted up as Erik Jones Darlington winner, added the Darlington stripe to the right side and debris on front end

Paul Yergeau – 1950 Ford F100 resin conversion in progress

Paul Yergeau – Dodge VTS Perry's Resin 4X4 adapter work in progress

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Bart Navarro – AMT '37 Chevy Gasser, removed running boards, wired engine, Extreme Lacquer paint, aftermarket decals

Bart Navarro – AMT '57 Vette finished with Extreme Lacquer paint and gloss

Bob Gagne – I.H. Paystar 5000, started as a Dump Truck and converted into a Tractor, added custom exhaust, rear fenders and a headache rack

Show-N-Tell photos from May meeting:



June 2025: We had 26 members and one guest attend the meeting in person along with two Zoom attendees. Items discussed were:

Contest 2025 – Paul A discussed how many sponsorships we've received to-date and we're on track. John Davison also reports 10 vendor tables have been committed

Toy Drive – to date we've collected \$1621

RTS Expo – attendees discussed that it was a good show and much more organized than in the past

Club shirts – We voted to make the new club t-shirts in gold color with black logos. Paul Y and Art will follow up and get a quote from Collins Sports Center

Kit donations:

Tim Rhine - two (2) sealed and one (1) open kit

Dave Perkins – two (2) open kits

Joe Angers – new Gundam Kit for show raffle

Ed Arrajj – one (1) sealed kit

Raffle Winners:

Dwayne Benoit - AMT Pro Street '67 Chevelle

Mike Siesicki - Revell Ford Dually pick up

Jim Rondos - AMT '41 Plymouth

Gary Westfall - Revell 'Pulled Pork'

Dave (guest) AMT '88 Mustang

Paul Paradis - MPC '76 Dart

Eddie Arrajj - Moebius '61 Pontiac

John Davison - Gunze '59 Impala

Show-N-Tell: June winner was **Tim Rhine**

Tim Rhine – Revell '55 Chevy

Tim Rhine – Lindberg Crown Vic built out of the box, no paint

Mike Siesicki – Revell Ford Expedition, built as a stock Ford, added white letter tires and fog lights

Mike Siesicki – AMT Dodge Dually, added 2-way radio, clipboard with invoices, door and tailgate business signs – 'Junk in the Trunk'

Mike Siesicki – Revell '06 Ford Mustang GT, replaced kit tires with a Pegasus set, scratch built a camera and placed it on the console, 'flattened' the rear deck spoiler

Nick Arvanitis – Revell '70 Cuda built as a Day 2 car (like a real black car I saw in 1988), wired and detailed the engine and undercarriage; all Day 2 parts are on this car, finish is MCW 'Go Mango'

Nick Arvanitis – Revell '70 Hemi Cuda built box stock (no aftermarket), detailed and painted the chassis with factory assembly line markings, MCW Pink Panther paint

Dwayne Benoit – Trojan Horse Mustang Funny Car built box stock, finish is Black Pearl, parts box decals

Dwayne Benoit – LA Hooker Mustang Funny Car, built box stock, finish is House of Kolors Sunrise Pearl, Slix decal

Dwayne Benoit – Joe Amato's Keystone Special, built box stock, finish is Testors Dark Red, Slix decal

Dwayne Benoit – Raymond Beadle's Blue Max Mustang Funny Car, Testors Sapphire Blue, Slix decal

Dana Benoit – '60 Plymouth Police Wagon work in progress, chopped, paneled, C cab, Pro Street

Nate Bemis – AMT Porsche 917-10 which was 'doomed from the start', built box stock, even though it's not finished I'm done with it...

Nate Bemis – Fujimi Porsche 917K LeMans winner, box stock, some Detail Master photo-etch parts, Tamiya rattle can paint, IndyCals aftermarket decals

Show-N-Tell photos from June meeting:





July 2025: We had 22 members and two guests attend the meeting in person, along with two Zoom attendees. Items discussed were:

Contest 2025 – Paul A discussed how many sponsorships we've received to-date and we're still on track. John Davison also reports 14 of 34 vendor tables have been committed. At the August meeting we'll begin using the show checklist to manage and assign tasks. Also, the club voted to pay the Lawrence MA permit fee for the food truck

Toy Drive – to date we've collected \$1704

Christmas Party 2025 – We verified that we'll again hold our Christmas party during the December meeting (December 6th) and again order pizza from Dracut House of Pizza

Tin Rhine succession list – we discussed the impending departure of Tim Rhine and considered what tasks others may volunteer to do for the club. At this time the club voted to designate Tim as a life member of the club in appreciation for all the hard work he's done for us in the past seven years

Club T-shirts – We're working on it!

Kit donations:

Paul Alphabet – one (1) open kit

Tim Rhine – one (1) sealed and two (2) open kits

Guil Rosa - five (5) sealed and two (2) open kits

Eddie Arrajj – one (1) sealed kit

Raffle Winners:

Ru Crummett – '84 Mira Walk In van

Dave McGibbon - AMT Ford Fairlane GTA

Gary Westfall - Revell '69 Boss 302 Mustang

Paul Anagnostopoulos - AMT '39 Ford

John Davison - Revell '29 Ford Model A pick up

Dave McGibbon - AMT '68 Road Runner

Jason Robidoux - Monogram '32 Ford Street Rod

John Edge - Monogram '32 Ford Street Rod (yes, they both picked same kit)

Show-N-Tell: July winner was Mike Siesicki

Tim Rhine – Monogram '59 Caddy convertible

Linda Crummett – Revell California Wheels Hummer H2 interior is TS-46 Light Sand, exterior is TS-97 Pearl Yellow and black

Gary Westfall – 'Elpocalyps' '59 El Camino Rat Rod, a kit bash between an AMT '59 El Camino and AMT White Freightliner

Gary Westfall – 'RatRage', kit bash of a Revell '68 VW Bug and a Revell Vette C6 ZR1, ZR1 donor drives the '68 chopped Bug, 'Jake' inspired VW Rat

Mike Siesicki – Monogram Buick GNX built box stock

Mike Siesicki – Monogram Buick GN rebuilt as a Regal T-Type, box stock build, chromed bumpers, painted with Tamiya Metallic Red

Mike Siesicki – Revell of Germany Jaguar XK-E Coupe built box stock, finish is Duplicolor Pearl Forest Green

Mike Siesicki – MPC '82 Dodge Street Van, originally the 911 Ambulance kit, I used the extra parts in the kit to make the Street Van version, custom interior, wheels and tires

Dwayne Benoit – Revell Mustang Funny Car 'The Jersey Zombie' built box stock, Testors Ruby Red Metallic, parts box decals

Dwayne Benoit – AMT '67 Chevelle Pro-Street SS bracket racer built box stock, color is House of Kolor Razzberry Pearl, this represents a 'Bracket Car' found at the drag strip

John Davison – Lindberg 1/32nd scale Mercedes 450SL, a future project



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Show-N-Tell photos from July meeting:



COMING EVENTS

Aug 24, 2025 – Sun. – East Coast Camaro Club all vehicle 1/1 show at the Budweiser plant in Merrimack NH

Sep 6, 2025 – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

Sep 28, 2025 – Sun. – Patriot Scale Modelers PatCon 2025 show at the American Heritage Museum, 568 Main St, Hudson MA

Oct 4, 2025 – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

Oct 5, 2025 – Sun. – our CPMC Model Exhibition #31 held at the Lawrence MA Elks Hall from 8am-4pm

Oct 19, 2025 – Sun. – Granite State Modelers GraniteCon 32 held at the Weare Middle School on Rt. 114 in Weare NH

Oct 25, 2025 – Sat. – ACME Southern Nationals held at the Clarence Brown Convention Center in Cartersville GA

Oct 25, 2025 – Sat. – Hudson Valley Scale Modelers show at the Elks Club Hall in Poughkeepsie NY

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

Nov 2, 2025 – Sun. – Bay Colony Modelers BayCon 2025 held at the Franklin Elks Hall in Franklin MA

Nov 23, 2025 – Sun. – Fulton Model Car and Truck Show held at the Volney Fire Dept Hall in Fulton NY

Dec 6, 2025 – Sat. – Club meeting and Holiday Party at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

Jan 3, 2026 – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

Feb 7, 2026 – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM

Mar 7, 2026 – Sat. – Club meeting at Dracut American Legion hall (lower hall), and broadcast via Zoom, 1 PM



Comments from the Editor

By Newsletter Editor Art Paquin

Thank you Paul Anagnostopoulos, Guil Rosa, Tim Rhine, Linda Crummett, Jason Hanscom, Nate Bemis and guest columnist Eliot Doering for your inputs and efforts which helped us produce this newsletter issue.

The next deadline for newsletter article submission is **Friday, October 17, 2025** with a scheduled distribution date of Saturday, November 1, 2025. Submission of articles, pictures and comments are welcomed and much appreciated. Thanks, Art

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PREFERRED HOBBY SHOP DIRECTORY

(Present your club membership card for the listed discount.)

ABC RC & Hobbies (10%) 11 Rockingham Road, Windham NH (603) 458-6481 www.abcrchobbies.com

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2025 Events information

IPMS PATRIOT SCALE MODELERS Presents

PATCON 2025

SCALE MODEL EXPO!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

- > IPMS Model Competition!
All categories including armor, aircraft, Gundam, cars, wargaming, ships, sci-fi, and more!
- > Display Only Tables!
Non-judged area to show off your projects, including a table for LEGOs!
- > Kids Make and Take!
Those under 13 can make a model to take home for free! (while supplies last)
- > Seminars!
Learn something new from experienced modelers!
- > Vendors!
- > Raffles!
- > Discount for Museum Entry!

\$5 COMPETITION ENTRY*

\$5 SHOW/DISPLAY ENTRY*

- see website for fee details

Forms, Categories, Vendor Info, and more details at:



www.ipmspatriot.org/patcon



Model Competition!



Vendors!



Kids Make and Take!

9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY

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SEPTEMBER



American Heritage Museum

568 MAIN STREET
HUDSON, MA 01749



"We Don't Nitpick!"

GRANITECON

Sunday, October 19, 2025 9AM to 4PM

Granite State Modelers Club Presents Our 32nd

Annual Static Model Display and Contest

Weare Middle School, Rt. 114 Weare, New Hampshire

General Directions:

From I-93 or Everett Turnpike to I-293 North to exit for 101 West. At Junction with NH Rt 114 continue straight to Junction of 114A. Turn left staying on Rt 114 North, through Goffstown Village another 10 miles to Weare. The Middle School is on the right in the center of the village.

HUDSON VALLEY SCALE MODELERS

Hudson Valley Scale Modelers






Show Theme

"Anything British"

OCTOBER 25, 2025, SATURDAY

Features scale model military vehicles, aircraft, ships, cars, trucks, and figures. Vendors offering new and vintage kits, aftermarket items, paints, and tools. Kitchen will be open for breakfast and lunch items.



Elks Club Hall
29 Overocker Rd
Poughkeepsie, NY

7-10 am Vendor Setup
9-12 am Contestant Registration
10-4pm Public

Admission
Contestants
First 5 models \$10
6+ \$1 per model
General Public \$3
Family \$7 (kids under 12 free)




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BAY COLONY MODELERS CLUB MCMLXVIII

BayCon 2025

Sunday, November 2, 2025
9:00am-5:00pm



Name: Franklin Elks Hall #2136

Event Address: 1077 Pond Street
Franklin, MA 02038
United States

33rd Annual

Fulton Model Car and Truck Show

Sunday November 23, 2025

Volney Fire Dept. Hall
3002 State Rte 3
Fulton, New York 13069







Featuring :

- This year's Special Theme "The Chrysler Hemi"
- Model Car and Truck Contest (see back for classes)
- Separate NNL Style Model Display Area (with Best of Award)
- Gift for all Junior modelers who enter the contest
- Model Venders selling kits and after market parts and supplies
- General Admission \$2.00 16 and under Free
- No admittance to the vender area until 9:00 AM (vender set up at 7:30 AM)
- All entries need to be in by 1:30 PM

For Information call Dan 315-695-2680 or email dstphillips@twcnvrr.com

100 YEARS OF MOPAR & DRAG RACING

2025 NATIONALS

OCTOBER 25, 2025 • 10:00AM - 4:00PM • CLARENCE BROWN CONFERENCE CENTER • CARTERSVILLE GEORGIA

- The ACME Southern Nationals is a non-judged event organized to promote fellowship among model builders. However, special awards will be presented for Best in Show, Top Ten, Best Themes, etc.*
- The Clarence Brown Convention Center is located about 40 miles northwest of Atlanta, only 1 mile off I-75. The host hotel, Courtyard Cartersville by Marriott, is adjacent to the Center.
- A "Make It-Take It" event is scheduled for children 12 and under to learn modeling skills. A FREE kit is provided (one per child per paid admission).
- We offer an "Early Bird" admission pass (\$30.00) which will include entry to the contest.

Entry Fee to place models into the show: \$12.00 unlimited entries
General admission: \$7.00 | Children under 12 free with paid adult | 8" vendor tables \$45.00

*Previous ACME award winning models are not eligible, models must be entirely built and painted by the entrant. Other restrictions may apply.

LOCATION:
Clarence Brown Convention Center
5450 State Route 20
Cartersville GA 30121

HOTEL:
Marriott Courtyard Cartersville
5460 Highway 20
Cartersville GA, 30121
Phone: 678-721-1660

VENDOR INFO:
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