



# Albuquerque Model Car Club Newsletter April 2019

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## Albuquerque Model Car Club

**2019 Meetings: Every 1st Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.**  
**Folks can arrive as early as 12 Noon to build and talk models.**  
**Meeting starts at 3:00 and ends around 5:00**

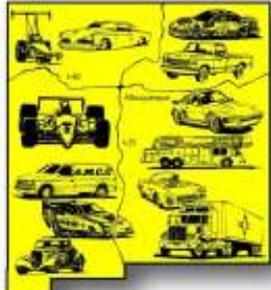
**Meeting Location: Old Car Garage 3232 Girard NE**  
**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

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The AMCC Newsletter is written and edited by Chuck Herrmann.

If you or your club has news that you would like to pass on to the modeling community, send the info on to me digitally at [ABQMCC1@yahoo.com](mailto:ABQMCC1@yahoo.com) and I will add it to this newsletter. Show dates are subject to changes/cancelation. Also follow Albuquerque Model Car Club on Facebook.

# AMCC Meeting Minutes



## March 3, 2019

The meeting last month was held Sunday, March 3 at the Old Car Garage.

**AMCC March 2019 Treasury:** \$1118.88

### Minutes

*Notes thanks to Dave Allin.*

Themes were picked for the next year.

Quarterly contests: May: 34 Ford Pickup

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November: Gassers

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2020 Supernats Theme class: Bonneville salt flats cars/Land Speed record cars

### NM Council of Car Club News:

Albuquerque Museum show May 19, theme class is trucks;

Collector Car Appreciation Day is July 13, event TBD;

Picnic at Oak Flats August 4

NSRA event at Expo NM Aug 23-25;

September swap meet will be at Isleta casino, no longer in Los Lunas

Write your state representative/senator about HB 231 to require front license plate.

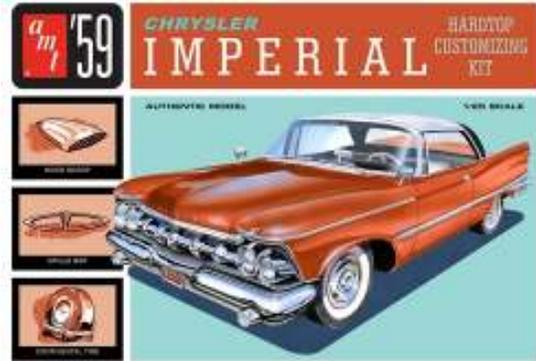
Car show and swap meet benefit for Wheels Museum May 5 at Balloon Fiesta Park.

### Kit News Out now:

**ICM:** Model T Commercial Roadster



AMT: '59 Imperial, '34 Ford Pickup



## Meeting Photos

Here are some photos from the March meeting.



Raffle Table





### 2020 SuperNats Theme

Bonneville/Land Speed Record Cars

The next regular meeting of the Albuquerque Model Car Club will be on Sunday, March 3. This will be at the usual location, The Old Car Garage.

### Albuquerque Model Car Club on Facebook

AMCC has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! Find us under Albuquerque Model Car Club. We encourage members and fans to post photos of your models or projects. Also feel free to post photos of neat cars you come across or from local events. Also any news you think would be of interest to the AMCC community. And our newsletter can be accessed from the group page.

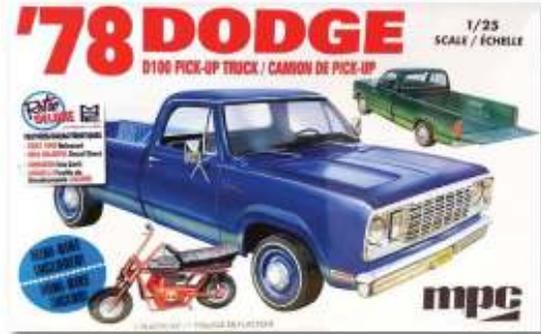
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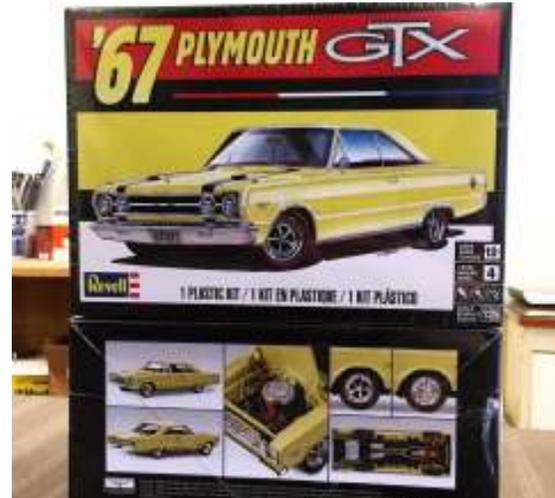
# AMCC MAILBAG

by Chuck Herrmann

## Industry News Round 2 New Kits



Also their reissue of the 1967 Dodge GTX is now in stores.



## Testors Packaging Update



## Revell News

In checking out some of the Internet model sites, many are announcing upcoming availability of many Revell US kits. So apparently it looks like Revell is filling up the supply pipeline again.

## Ford GT in US Box



Revell has announced that their Ford GT race car kit will be issued in US packaging, so that should increase availability in US stores.

## Media

### *Drive Like Andretti* Documentary

From *NBCSN.com*

*Drive Like Andretti*, a documentary film about the career of Mario Andretti, will make its television debut Saturday, May 11 at 2 p.m. ET pm NBC leading into coverage of the IndyCar Grand Prix at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mario's lone Indy 500 victory. NBC Sports previewed *Drive Like Andretti* at SXSW Festival in Austin on March 11.

## Real Life

### J & R Vintage Auto Museum in Rio Rancho to Close

(From their Facebook Page)

In 1993 Gab Joiner had a vision. With the first rendering of the J&R Vintage Auto Museum the reality of that dream came to fruition.

Our family has been blessed by countless partners, pals, and patrons throughout the years; we are incredibly thankful for each and every one of you.

Throughout the years we made it through even the hard times because we stuck together; we made countless memories, ran dozens of races, and even won a few trophies. Nothing compared to the joy of seeing people's faces light up when they saw the old cars but it has been difficult to keep things going since Gab's passing in 2015.

It has been a great ride, but even the best races have finish lines and it is now time to turn off our headlights.

It is with great sorrow that we announce the road for J&R Vintage Auto Museum has come to an end. After more than 25 years of memories we will be closing our doors on March 30, 2019.

Mitch Albom once said "All endings are also beginnings. We just don't know it at the time." I stand in Gab's nearly empty office as I write this, looking down on the shop full of cars that his grandsons have been working on today and I ponder how this is the end of our race, but we hope it is the start of something new.

We know that Gab's legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of those who knew him and we look forward to seeing what new beginnings come out of this ending.

We would love to see y'all stop by before we close our doors. We will be selling many of our cars in the Silver Auctions in Phoenix, AZ on April 14-15th but we still have many beauties left on the showroom floor.

The bookstore will remain open through the month of April, all merchandise is 50% off.

### Espanola Lowrider Museum

From [abqjournal.com](http://abqjournal.com)



Plans for the Española Lowrider Museum project have some new developments. Switching gears from its original plans of being part of a proposed shipping container park at the former Hunter Ford car dealership, museum organizers

recently signed a lease with the county for a spot on the former Cariños de los Niños Charter School campus.

The museum will be housed in a 3,600-square-foot cafeteria space. Due to necessary renovations, county and museum board officials did not have an estimated timeline for when the museum would open.

### Wheels Museum New Cars

There are three recent additions to Albuquerque's Wheels Museum. Don Chalmers Ford donated two antique autos.



1927 Ford



1919 Chalmers

Also this 1928 Dodge convertible was donated in March.



These are now on display at the museum.

## Events Calendar

Apr 5-7 New Mexico Auto Show  
Convention Center, Albuquerque NM

April 13 Desert Scale Classic 15 Model Car  
Championship  
Deer Valley Community Center, Phoenix AZ  
desertscaleclassic.com

April 27 IPMS/Region 8 Convention  
East Side Cannery, Las Vegas NV  
www.ipmslv.org

April 27 2019 Park In the Park Car Show  
Cabezon Park, Rio Rancho

May 2-5 GSL 27 International Scale Vehicle  
Championship  
Salt Lake City, UT  
<http://www.gslchampionship.org/>

May 19 35th Annual NMCCC/Albuquerque  
Museum Car Show with Model/Art Display  
Theme: Trucks

June 2 *Lowrider Magazine* Supershow  
Albuquerque Convention Center  
[www.newmexicosupershow.com](http://www.newmexicosupershow.com)

June 16 Mopar Fest Car Show  
Haynes Park, Rio Rancho  
moparclub.com

Aug 23-25 1st Annual Route 666 Street Rod  
Nationals  
Expo New Mexico State Fairgrounds

September 26-29 – Annual NMCCC Auto Swap  
Meet – Isletta Casino

Please pass along any other events that would  
be of interest to our members or readers.

### Real Races

May 26 Indy 500  
May 26 Monaco Grand Prix  
May 26 NASCAR CocaCola 600 Charlotte, NC  
June 15-16 LeMans 24 Hours

Also see [www.nmcarcouncil.com](http://www.nmcarcouncil.com) for the local  
real car event schedule.

## Rich Ford Anniversary Celebration

During March, Rich Ford in Albuquerque  
celebrated 58 Years in business with several  
special events.

The weekend of March 2-3 they had the  
legendary monster truck Bigfoot on display and  
doing demo runs.



Also the Rio Grande Mustang club showed off  
their cars.



# Building the 2003 LeMans Corvette



**Description:** Revell Corvette C5-R  
"Compuware"

**Mfr:** Revell **Kit #:** 85-4941

**Scale:** 1/25

*by Elliott Doering*



Spring is the time when racing really shifts into high gear, so I thought a race car review would go along with that, and what car better than the famous Corvette.

Until the late 90's for many years, we did not see General Motors factory involvement in Corvette racing. But, in 1998, this all changed. With the new C5 version of the Corvette, the factory decided to officially support a full blown racing program. Built by Pratt & Miller Engineering, they set their sights on the most famous endurance race in the world – the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

The first class win came in 2001, followed by many podium finishes in the years since then. This kit is the 2003 50th anniversary version, which finished second in class at Le Mans, and won the Manufacturers Championship at year's end. The C5-R racing program had re-established the rich history of Corvette racing all the way back to the first Corvette in 1953.

Let's examine this kit. The first versions of the C5 came in the pre-painted silver and black finish. Later versions were the traditional style unpainted kit. There are 97 parts in this kit, cast in white plastic. Parts are flash free, and include a red tree holding the tail lights, along with a clear tree comprising the windows etc. Rubber-like tires are included, along with a decal sheet for all the markings on the "Compuware" car.



The first C5-R Livery-predecorated Revell kit

While I can't tell if the decals were printed by Cartograph, they do appear to be high quality. Although the white areas of the decals seem to not be opaque enough, and the body color may show thru the white areas of the decals.

This 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary car features a body color of dark Metallic Blue, different from the now classic yellow cars. . The closest match in bottle paint for air-brushing is Model Master Arctic Blue Metallic, while several dark metallic blue spray can paints are available.

There are 12 assembly blocks to build this kit, including the last page which is a decal placement guide.

This kit does come with an engine, and that's where we begin in Block 1. The starter is glued to one of the engine block halves. That done, the 2 engine halves are joined together, the valve covers go onto the heads, and the front cover plate is added along with the pulleys, and the oil pump and lines.



Moving to part 2 within block 1, we add the motor to the one piece frame pan, and add the frontal suspension piece. The transaxle rear end with its driveshaft gets inserted into the engine's rear transmission, a cover over the drive shaft is added, and the side plate on the trans axle is also added. Then, a metal axle is inserted thru the rear suspension piece, and attached to the frame pan. Be SURE to check if there is any warping of the frame pan. This is important so that while building up all the parts that attach to this frame pan, things will align properly, and

your wheel/tires assembly will sit flat on your work table.

Block 2 begins with applying decals to the central transmission hump piece, and the electronics boxes. Then, the radiator gets attached to the front of the frame pan, the transmission hump piece and rear bulkhead are attached, and the shifter is added, along with the oil tank. One side of the roll cage is added, making sure it aligns flat to the frame pan, and after painting the seat belts cast into the seat, the seat is positioned onto the frame pan.

Moving to Block 3, another rear bulkhead is positioned behind the seat and transmission hump piece, while the other side of the roll cage gets added, along with a rear brace.

In Block 4, the rear hoses are inserted. This is a 2-part assembly, and there's a note on how the 2 parts glue up.

In Block 5, the pedals are added to the firewall, and when completed, the firewall mates to the front of the transmission hump piece. The top bar of the roll cage is added also.



In Block 6, the "Z" bar of the roll cage is added, along with the dash, after dash decals are applied. The steering wheel gets glued to the dash also.

In Block 7, the "A" arms are added, along with the front shocks, radiator hoses, brakes, and a front brace. Then the radiator shroud, exhaust headers, and engine intake hoses and plenum box are added. Moving to the rear of the car, the rear shocks are added, along with the anti-sway bar, and rear control arms. The window safety net is glued to the roll cage, the roll cage side bar, and exhaust dumps are also added.

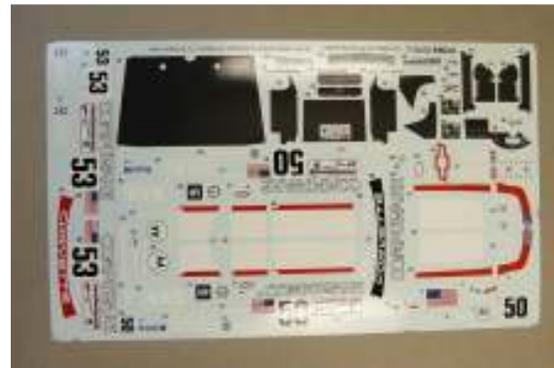
In Block 8, the wheels for the front and rear of the car are inserted into the tires. Be careful not to lose the tiny metal pins that attach the wheel/tire assembly to the brakes.

In Block 9, we deal with body parts. The windshield and windshield wiper are glued to the front of the body, clear headlight covers are glued over the headlight pieces, mirrors are added, and the side window vent are all added.

Moving again to the rear of the car, in Block 10 the rear window is glued in place, tail lights are added, and the rear wing support pieces are added, completed by attaching the actual rear wing piece.

In Block 11, clear headlight pieces are glued to the central front headlight area, and inserted into the nose of the car. When done, another clear part goes over this assembly. Finally, the completed body is placed over the rolling chassis, or you can elect to display the body off the chassis, to show off all the chassis details.

Block 12 is your decal placement guide for this model.



Each assembly block only deals with no more than 3-4 parts, making for quick assembly. This kit's intended for modelers 12 years old to adult. Nothing is overly complicated, and the instructions are well laid out.

Corvette has always had a unique racing history, and this kit captures all the excitement of Corvette racing at Le Mans

*The Real Thing, below*

