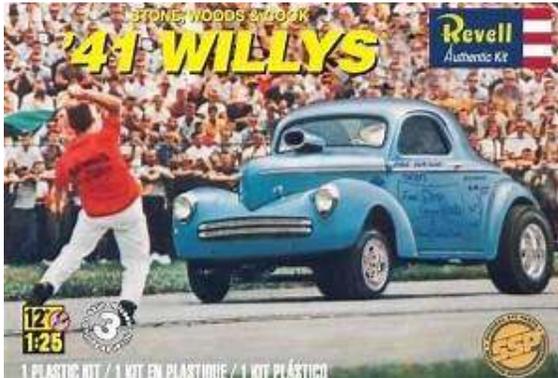




Albuquerque Model Car Club Newsletter November 2019



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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

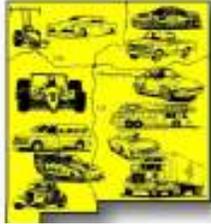
**Meeting Location: Old Car Garage 3232 Girard NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

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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 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



October 6, 2019

The meeting last month was held Sunday, October 6. It was the annual club picnic, at Taylor Park. I was unable to make it, neither could Dave so we have no photos from the picnic.

The next regular meeting of the Albuquerque Model Car Club will be on Sunday, November 3 at the Old Car Garage. This will be a Quarterly Contest; the theme for this one is Gassers. So bring in your gasser models, there should be a pretty good turnout based on stuff we have seen on the table at recent meetings and events.

Also feel free to bring in your recent builds to show, or your current projects.

Also, as mentioned last meeting, Chuck volunteers at the Wheels Museum, and he suggested we create a display of model cars there. We can use one of the glass display cases to show models and promote the club. Start thinking of ideas, so far the two themes mentioned include Route 66 and ABQ Dragway. It is a museum so it should relate to ABQ or New Mexico history or traditions.

AMCC September 2019 Treasury: \$1167.97

Quarterly Contest Schedule

November 2019: Gassers

Feb 2020: Two versions of same car.

Start thinking of ideas for the next round of themes.

2020 SuperNats Theme

Bonneville/Land Speed Record Cars

Albuquerque Model Car Club on Facebook

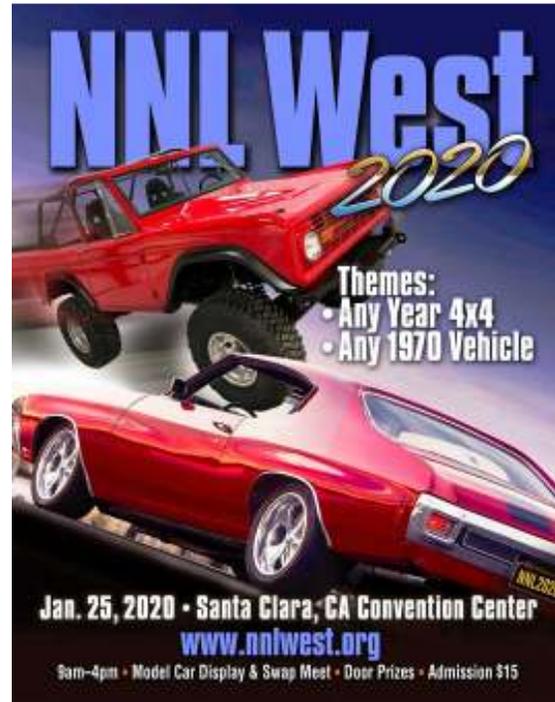
AMCC has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! Find us under Albuquerque Model Car Club. We encourage members and fans to post photos of your models or projects. Also feel free to post photos of neat cars you come across or from local events. Also any news you think would be of interest to the AMCC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

Events Calendar

November 2 Modelzona 2019
Hosted by IPMS Craig Hewitt
Red Mountain Comm. Church, Mesa AZ
www.ipms-phoenix.com

2020

January 20 NNL West
Santa Clara, CA Convention Center
nnlwest.org



January 24-26, 2020 Albuquerque SuperNationals
State Fairgrounds, Expo New Mexico

July 29-Aug 1, 2020 IPMS/USA Nationals
San Marcos, TX
ipmsusa.org

2021

Aug 18-21 2021 IPMS/USA Nationals
Rio Casino, Las Vegas NV
ipmsusa.org

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

Also see www.nmcarcouncil.com for the local real car event schedule.



AMCC MAILBAG



by Chuck Herrmann

Real World New Corvette C8.R



Chevy has announced that they will continue racing the Corvette in IMSA and LeMans competition. The new mid engine Vette.C8.R will make its first race appearance at the 2020 Daytona 24 Hours.



One car, #3 will compete in the familiar yellow paint scheme, and the tem #4 will feature a silver paint job with yellow accents.

No word on a model kit yet, but Revell has done all the prior generation racing Corvettes so hopefully this one will follow. And there are usually aftermarket decals and detail sets so watch for all that next year..

F1 Driver Builds an F1 Model



At the recent Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka, the usual schedule was delayed by a typhoon. All Saturday activity was canceled. Drivers were asked by the media what they planned to do on the unexpected day off. Romain Grosjean, one of

the drivers for the Hass Team said he went to a local hobby shop and bought a Tamiya F1 kit!



So he built a scale model of the Tyrrell P34. Here are the results of his quick build.



Industry News Revell News



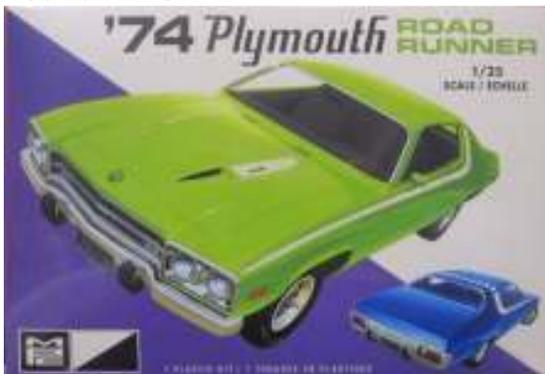
Revell Germany will reissue their Trabant kit to mark the 30th Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall.



Also another rock n roll influenced release, the Kiss End of the Road Tour semi truck and trailer in 1/32 scale. And the 66 Chevy including a lowrider version.

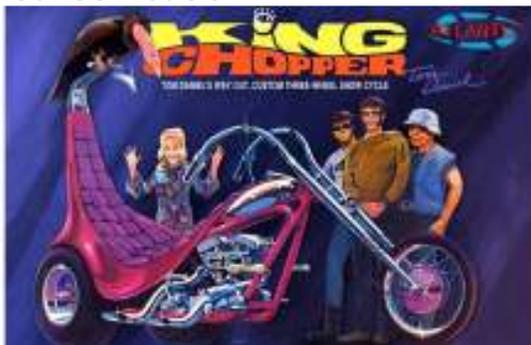


Round 2 New



The MPC 1974 Plymouth Road Runner will be reissued.

Atlantis Models



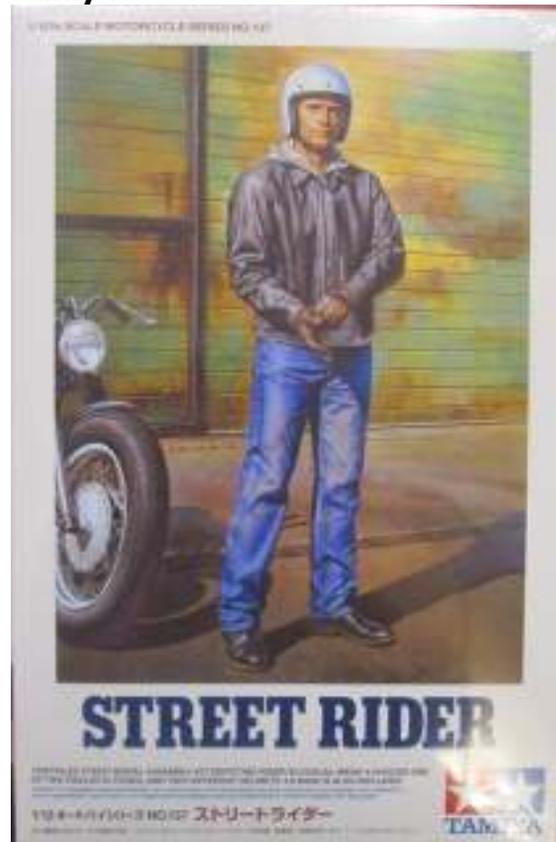
Atlantis will release the 1/8 King Chopper motorcycle kit.

Meng Big Scale Ford GT



Meng Models will issue a new tool of the Ford GT40 MkII in 1/12 scale. Surely it will be compared to the Trumpeter 1/12 Ford GT. I wonder why they did a subject recently done when, especially in the big scale there are a lot on other subjects people are looking for that have not been modeled.

Tamiya



Tamiya is releasing a standing figure to accompany their 1/12 street motorcycle kits. I am unsure if this is a reissue or a new tool.

Tamiya's Sonax Tabac Mercedes DTM Racer



Description: Mercedes AMG DTM Sonax TABAC

Mfr: Tamiya

Kit #: 24143 **Scale:** 1/24

by Elliot Doering Milwaukee WI

Every modeler at some point after building numerous kits, has arrived at a "favorite" kit, one he/she really ENJOYS building. It may be because of the close and precise fit of parts, may be the shape of the body, and may be the decals enclosed in the kit, or paint scheme.

For me, it's the 1/24 Tamiya AMG-Mercedes C-Class DTM kit, in the dark green livery of Tabac, and Original Sonax. I really like the German Touring Car Series (DTM). I have seen DTM races at the Nurburgring and Norisring in Germany, and at Zandvoort, Holland as well as Valencia, Spain.

The German firm of Mercedes Benz is known thru-out the world for fine, quality automobiles. They are equally famous for their involvement in high-performance racing, and are a dominant force in motorsports. In a joint effort with AMG, they are actively participating in the German Touring Car Series, known as the DTM, and have been highly successful.

During the 1994 season, Mercedes and AMG introduced a new racing machine based on their C-Class luxury 4-door sedan. Although the car retains some of its original elegant exterior design, it has been modified for enhanced aerodynamics using over-sized blister fenders, front air-dam spoilers, and a huge double-deck rear wing.

Under its massive and imposing body, is an awesome 2499cc, 24 valve, V-6 engine developed especially for this car, and is capable of producing over 400 horsepower, transmitted via a 6-speed sequential shifting gearbox. Despite being rear-wheel drive, this race car boasts the latest in racing technologies like traction control, and ABS braking.

The stock suspension has been heavily modified to take competition abuse, and the chassis underbody is mostly covered by panels, for a smooth air-flow. The Mercedes-AMG DTM racer is provided to first class racing teams only,

and the Tabac-Sonax team races their Mercedes in a dark green livery.

This kit was released around 1994, and while today the kit is a bit hard to find, I found one on Ebay, out of Japan, at a decent price, including free shipping. I built the kit way back in 1994. Sadly, when I last moved, some of my models were broken, including this one. So, as I said, I found another of my favorite kits, and decided to review it this month.

Before we get into the kit, I'll describe what paints are needed to build this kit accurately. While the body and hood come in a dark green plastic, I've always believed all models should be painted. They just look better painted.

Model Master Custom Lacquer System lacquer, called Fathom Green Metallic #28129, is the closest paint to that used on the real car.

Also, there are parts within the kit such as door panels, roll cage, and forward fender/wheel wells that should be painted in blue. The closest paint to that blue color is Model Master enamel Cobalt Blue. This is a flat paint intended for figure painting, but as I said, it's just about dead on to what's on the real car. And you can always spray some clear gloss over this paint if you don't like the flat appearance. There are two paint numbers on the bottle of this jar paint – 201207, and T62091.

Also, in 1994, Tamiya was still printing their own decals, and they are quite thin. On Ebay, you can find sets of the decal marking for this kit, in sort of Cartograph quality – much better than the original kit decals.

So, let's look over this kit: It comes in the familiar rectangular tray box, with good box art depicting the car, which can be used for decal placement, along with the decal placement instructions given in the kit.

The kit consists of one sealed bag of rubber tires and poly caps to aid in mounting the wheel/tire assembly. Be SURE to USE them, or you'll have mounting problems.

Next, we find one sealed bag of all the clear parts – windows, headlights, taillights, as well as cover plates for the bottom of the frame pan. Speaking of those cover plates, I'd leave them all off the chassis, in order to show this kit's spectacular frame detail etc.

Then, we find two large sized black trees comprising the major elements in building the kit – frame pan, roll cage, seat, engine, exhaust system, and suspension components. The second black tree holds the interior parts, door panels, dash, rear wing, wheels, airbox, and rear suspension parts. There's a LOT of parts, and they're all virtually flash free. There are minor mold seam lines that'll need to be cleaned up. Ejector pin marks are on the topside of the frame pan. However, I've discovered a Metalizer color that sort of covers/blends out those nasty marks. I use Model Master Metalizer "Gun Metal Non-

Buffing". There is a sort of "texture" within this paint that looks like parts are sand blasted, and as I say, they blend those ejector marks into the frame. The color's black, making it hard to see those marks anyway.

As noted, there is a sheet of Tamiya decals to replicate the model in the Tabac Original Sonax markings. You get two decal options – either the #3 car of Roland Asch, or the #4 car of Berndt Schneider. A smaller decal sheet gives you the plaid seat pattern for the seat, the carbon fiber on the back of the seat, shoulder harness and lap belts, as well as other markings.

The instruction booklet is the usual Tamiya fold-out type, and looking it over, we find there are 19 assembly blocks to complete the model, plus a decal placement sheet. Tamiya paint colors are called out and listed on the first page, and these colors can be also found in Testor's and Model Master paints, as well as Metalizers.

In Block 1, we begin building the V-6 power plant. Be sure to mate the two engine halves square and even, to allow for proper positioning of the rest of the engine parts. The front engine plate with pulleys gets added, and then the valve covers get positioned on the heads, along with the fuel injectors. Care MUST be taken in gluing on the exhaust headers. They MUST be accurately placed in order for the headers to mate with the exhaust system found in Block 6. Test fit to be sure everything lines up a-ok.

In block 2, we detail paint portions of the underside of the chassis pan, and then add the front coil-over shocks.

Moving to Block 3, the completed engine is installed into the chassis pan, and mated with the rear trans-axle. Now is the time to test fit the fit of the exhaust headers to the exhaust system in Block 6. Don't glue it yet, just test fit it.

Block 4 consists of adding the rear wishbone suspension, as well as the rear shocks. Care must be taken here to get the suspension wishbone on right, so that other rear suspension pieces will line up.

On to Block 5, where the rear brake carriers are added to the rear wishbone. Be SURE to insert the polycaps here. Again, check for straight and level application, so your wheel/tire assemblies will fit, and all 4 tires touch the work table. When the brake carriers are dry, the rear disc brakes get glued to the brake carriers.

Next is Block 6. That super cool exhaust system gets mated to the headers here, and one of the frame cover plates gets added if you elect to go that route. I'd leave it off.

In Block 7, the front brake carriers also receive their polycaps, and the front disc brakes are attached to the carriers. When dry, this entire assembly gets glued to the chassis pan, and the front suspension plate and tie rod are added. This kit includes pose-able front wheels, so it's your choice to leave the brake carrier/disc brake

free to move, or glued into position. Another rear chassis plate gets added if you choose to do that.

In Block 8, the 4 wheels are pressed into the rubber tires. Be sure to scuff the tires a bit so they look raced on. The wheel/tire assemblies then get set onto all 4 brakes, inserting the pin in each wheel into the brake/poly cap. Two more cover plates get added here.

In Block 9, two mounts are glued to the front spoiler part, as well as a front suspension tube. Then, the two radiators are glued into the front air duct piece.

In block 10, the part that forms, the front wheel wells and motor bay are glued to the front air duct, and the air box is added to the injectors. Again, I'd leave it off.

Block 11 consists of adding the decals to the seat, and the rear trunk separation panel is added to the frame, along with the completed seat, electronics boxes, shifter, pedals, hand brake, and shifter linkage.

Block 12 covers adding the mount/steering column unit piece for the steering wheel, the cover over the steering column unit, steering wheel itself, and the driver emergency data plate, with its decal.

In Block 13, the roll cage is assembled after removing minor mold seams. Then, the door panels are added to the sides of the roll cage. Be sure to get the cage itself and door panels aligned well, so that the completed body will fit over this assembly without trouble.

Block 14 has you paint the trim areas around the window areas of the body.

Block 15 covers the insertion of the one-piece glass, after the glass has been masked off and painted.

In block 16, we finally place the completed chassis into the completed body. The REAR of the chassis goes in the body first.

Block 17, consists of adding the front headlights, grill, and license plate. Then, you are to use a drill to open a hole into the center of the hood, so you can add the Mercedes hood emblem, which comes as a tiny piece of chromed foil.

In block 18, the front hood etc. is added to the body. Here, door handles, wipers, and mirrors get added.

The Final Assembly Block 19 is where the rear wing gets constructed, and the antennae are added, along with the rear tail lights, exhaust tips, tow hook, and the other side's door handles.

Your model is now completed. Decal placement is covered on a separate sheet.

This kit's not too complex, as each Assembly Block deals with no more than 3 parts, making for quick assembly. I rate the kit Skill Level 3, and with some adult help, a child of about 12 years can build this model. If you can find one of these Tamiya DTM kits, grab it! It's my favorite kit! Happy Building! ED

Downtown Showdown



The Downtown Showdown Rod and Custom Car Show was held Saturday September 21.



The location was downtown ABQ, on the blocked streets around 6th and Gold. Ceillias Café was the headquarters.



Turnout looked good to me.



Lots of vintage stuff on display.



Lots of nice custom art on the vehicles.



There was a music stage and a few vendors.





Lots of great cars, many were new to me having not seen them in other local shows.



Necessity in the desert in past years.



Rat Fink in the 505!



Isletta Swap Meet

The 41st New Mexico Council of Car Clubs Swap Meet was held on September 27-29.



Recent events had been held in Las Lunas, NM. This year the location changed to Isletta Casino. It was held in the parking lots just south of the casino building.



There was plenty of space and lots of vendors when I went on Saturday.



There were some nice rides around, some for sale some at work others just parked.



Since I do not currently have a 1/1 project I was more in the market for models, books or collectibles. I did not see too many model cars, but I did pick up a book and some old NM license plates. It looked like the new location worked out ok.

British Car Show

On Saturday, October 19 I happened upon a British Car show, in the parking lot of the Satellite Coffee location and Alameda, just west of the Rio Grande.



There were about twenty cars on display, from Jaguar to MGs, Aston Martin and Triumph. And of course, original Minis.

