



# Albuquerque Model Car Club Newsletter December 2019

## *November Quarterly Contest Results: Gassers*

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### **Gasser Winner:**



**Brad Smith's Chrysler 300**



## **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**

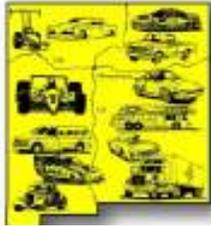
**Meeting Location: Old Car Garage 3232 Girard NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

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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

## AMCC Meeting Minutes



### November 3, 2019

The meeting last month was held Sunday, November 3 at the Old Car Garage. This was a Quarterly Contest. The Theme was Gassers.

## Meeting Notes

*Thanks to Dave Allin*

**AMCC November 2019 Treasury:** \$1202.97

Rich spent \$36 having posters printed and framed for the wall at the Supernats.

Paul Lach's wife brought in some of his models to sell, along with a list of other models available.

The NNL East in Toledo, Ohio has been discontinued. October's 40<sup>th</sup> was the last one.

The New Mexico Council of Car Clubs reports that the Swap Meet at Isleta was a success, and will be repeated next year. The council is also considering providing a deserving young person a complete automotive tool box every year.

**Models coming out soon:**

**Moebius/Model King:** '65 Plymouth altered wheelbase golden Commando

**AMT:** 1978 Dodge Monaco in California Highway Patrol colors

There will be a 1/18 scale die-cast of the Dodge Li'l Red Express

**Models recently issued:**

**AMT:** Plymouth Valiant Scamp short track racer, 1963 Impala SS

**Revell:** 1966 Chevy SS396

**JR Salvino:** 1984 NASCAR Monte Carlo—Ranier Racing/Cale Yarborough

**AMT:** Monster truck tires (no rims), Big Rig tires, Decals for Phillips 66 and Union 76

**MB:** The Heist series of figures



## Meeting Photos



Raffle Table



Display Table



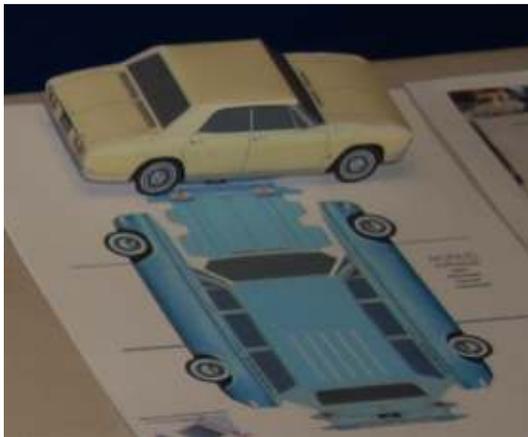
Barnabas Collins in his coffin



Joker's Getaway car – AMT 78 Dodge Monaco



Some of Rich's Gasser projects



Dave brought in some paper Corvair models

The next regular meeting of the Albuquerque Model Car Club will be on Sunday, December 1 at the Old Car Garage. This will be our Christmas meeting. We are not sure of the setup; we may not get the “big room” like usual December meetings. Bring in your recent builds to show, or your current projects.

### Wheels Museum

As mentioned in prior meetings, Chuck volunteers at the Wheels Museum, and they have offered us the opportunity to create a display of model cars there. We can use one of the glass display cases to show models and promote the club. So far we just have a few pieces, mine and Paul’s. Start thinking of ideas, so far the two themes mentioned include Route 66 and ABQ Dragway. It should relate to ABQ or New Mexico history or traditions.

### Quarterly Contest – Gassers

November was one of our Quarterly Contests. The theme was Gassers. Turnout was nice with eleven entries.



1st Brad Smith Chrysler 300



2nd Big John Pattison Maverick



3rd Tie Eddie Corbin Anglia



4<sup>th</sup> Big John Pattison Comet



Trabant!





## Remembering Paul Lach



Albuquerque Model Car Club member Paul Lach passed away from of throat cancer in October. He was 62.

Paul and his wife Melody relocated to Albuquerque about two and half years ago from the South Chicago area suburbs. He was a talented builder, especially on wiring and other extra details. At club meetings he always brought in projects to work on, like the photo above. Paul supported the club at many local shows, such as the State Fair and the Supernationals. Also he swept 1-2-3 at the two most recent Mopar Car model contests.

Melody has donated some of Paul's models to the Wheels museum where they are on display.



### Quarterly Contest Schedule

Feb 2020: Two versions of same car.

Start thinking of ideas for the next round of themes.

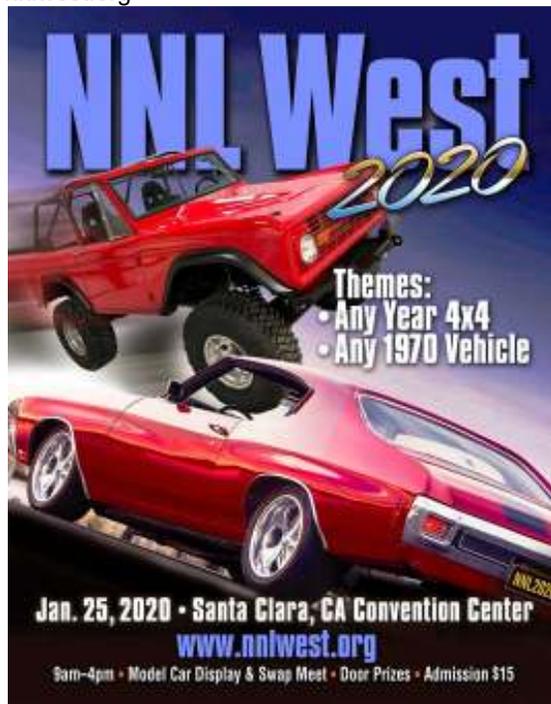
### 2020 SuperNats Theme

Bonneville/Land Speed Record Cars

## Events Calendar

### 2020

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



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

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

### 2021

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

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

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



### 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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by Chuck Herrmann

### Real World



### Legends of Speed Exhibit at Phoenix Museum of Art

November 3 marks the opening of Phoenix Art Museum's first major exhibition of racing cars — Legends of Speed — showcasing a selection of more than 20 cars spanning six decades and driven by some of the greatest drivers in the history of racing, including A.J. Foyt, Mario Andretti, Dan Gurney and Sir Stirling Moss.



The display will include winners of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the Indianapolis 500 and the Italian Grand Prix; featured marques will include Maserati, Ferrari, Mercedes-Benz, Alfa Romeo, Ford and Bugatti. The museum will be the sole venue for this exhibition that runs through March 15, 2020.

### Penske acquires Indy Motor Speedway and the IndyCar Series

Roger Penske's company has bought the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the IndyCar Series and IMS productions as part of sale of Hulman & Company. So Penske will become just the fourth owner of the 110-year-old speedway.

Among the challenges he faces, per the internet buzz, are trying to increase viewership and lowering racing costs, which may attract new teams. Certainly he has the business skills. My main concern is that he is 82 years old, what happens when he is gone?

## VW to End all Factory supported Internal Combustion Powered Racing Programs



In a potential view of the future of auto racing, Volkswagen has announced it will end its factory support of all programs using internal combustion engines after implementing a motorsport strategy focused on electric mobility.

The transition to more electronic technology in the automotive industry continues, as Volkswagen said its motorsport division's "clear emphasis on fully electric racing cars" would be complemented by a "farewell" to all regular programs. Explaining the decision to adopt an electric-only strategy, Volkswagen Motorsport director Sven Smeets said motorsport could be used as a "trailblazer" for the development of electric vehicles.



Volkswagen said its ID.R electric prototype - which has set outright records at Pikes Peak, and also holds the Nurburgring Nordschleife electric record - would continue to take over the "role as a technological pioneer".

We have already seen participation of many manufacturers in the Formula E series. And even NASCAR is looking at hybrid technology.

## Media

The movie *Ford v Ferrari* opened in theaters November 15. And surprisingly it was the top selling movie for the week, making something like \$31M. Most reviews were good, not only in automotive publications or sites.



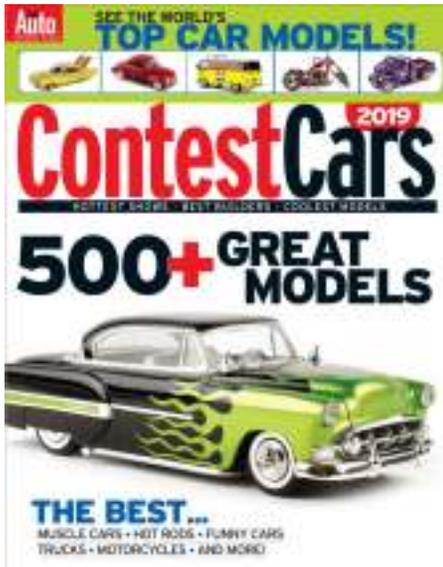
I saw the movie the second weekend, Saturday night at the Century Downtown in Albuquerque. The showing was probably 90% sold out.



But how was the movie? After all the buildup I was a little disappointed. It is a dramatic movie, not a documentary but I wish it was a bit more accurate. Ford's first year in 1964 is ignored. It looks like Shelby designed the GT40 when it was really Eric Broadly of Lola. And the characters act more like movie characters than realistic people. And there could have been a bit more racing. The last lap Daytona victory (inaccurate as Miles won the race by 8 laps) and all the bickering add drama so I see why they were added. It was great to see this subject attracting such high interest outside of just "car guys". But in my opinion it did not surpass Steve McQueen and *LeMans*.

## Scale Auto 2019 Contest Annual

The 2019 contest issue from Scale Auto is now out. Albuquerque Model Car Club is represented by three photos of Dave Allin's models, mostly under the name of the customer he built them for. Congratulations Dave!



Maybe we can get some coverage of our Supernationals contest in next year's issue?

## Model Cars Magazine is Publishing

After several years *Model Cars* magazine has resumed publishing. Editor Gregg Hitchings has been battling health issues but is now getting the magazine out. Issue #206 will be their annual Contest issue and has recently mailed to subscribers. There have been many negative comments online about *Model Cars* but almost everything about this hobby is really a labor of love. I doubt that Greg is getting rich off subscribers money so everyone give him a break and just look forward to the new issue.



## Autoweek to Cease Printed Version



After 61 years publishing a print edition of *Autoweek*, Crain Communications called it quits for the paper future of *Autoweek*. Hearst Magazines and Crain Communications struck up a deal where Hearst gets a licensing deal to continue "to operate the digital and experiential businesses of *Autoweek*."

Crain will cease publishing the print product, which was produced twice a month. But assets like online articles, e-mail newsletters and podcasts will still continue. The website, with 10M monthly page views, will be the bulk of *AutoWeek's* profitability.

*Autoweek's* reach in a paper medium was strong as it's ranked in the Top 10 of Car

Magazines. It ranked #6 in a Top 10 listing of the largest Car Magazines by monthly circulation reaching about 290,000 monthly subscribers. Hearst owned *Car and Driver* and *Road and Track* ranked #1 and #3 while Motor Trend Group owned *Motor Trend* and *Hot Rod Magazine* ranked #2 and #4.

Perhaps the story of why Hearst probably won't bring on a third car magazine is in *Autoweek's* readership. According to *Autoweek's* latest media packet, 73 percent of their print subscribers have been a subscriber for over 10 years. The average age of their print readership is 50 years old. Hearst Magazines saw the writing on the wall; there's no future for *Autoweek's* print editions.

It's been an illustrious run for the car magazine that started as a bi-weekly newsletter. Back in 1958 when *Autoweek* was called *Competition Press* subscribers could expect two newsletters a month on the first and third Thursday. Yearly subscriptions were just \$4 (or \$8.88 today.) In 1964, distribution matched its name and subscribers got 52 issues a year. In 2009, they halved 52 to 26 and *Autoweek* became a bi-monthly publication until its end.

It always causes me a bit of pain to see such icons fall by the wayside. As a young race fan growing up on Northwest side of Chicago, prior to the internet of course, I regularly made the long one mile hike each way to buy *Autoweek* to find out the latest racing results. That would have been in the late 60's, with Porsche starting their LeMans run, Can Am at its peak and people like Dan Gurney, Jackie Stewart and Mario Andretti being my favorite drivers.

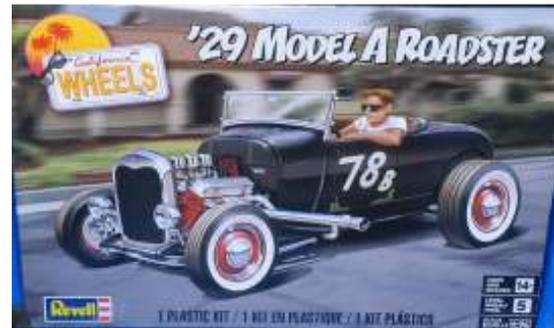
We need to watch and see how the internet *Autoweek* develops. There was another magazine I subscribed to that covered racing on a bi-weekly basis, *On Track*, that went from print to digital early on in the internet onslaught. Their web presence lasted a very short time. They still owe me a few issues.

## Grand Prix Races to Stay on ESPN

Formula 1 will remain on ESPN and ABC through 2022 following the completion of a new three-year deal between the broadcaster and the world championship. And ESPN Deportes will become the exclusive Spanish-language home for all F1 races in the U.S. from 2020.

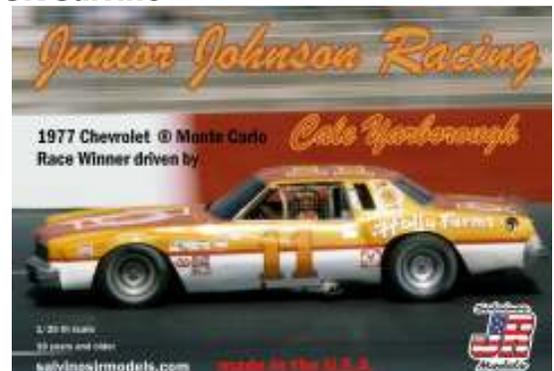
Under the new deal, all F1 races will continue to air live on either ESPN, ESPN2 or ABC and all practice sessions, qualifying and races will air live and in replay across ESPN platforms. ESPN also will continue to air the races commercial-free and will again partner with Sky Sports and Formula 1 to bring Sky Sports' presentation of Formula 1 racing to American viewers.

## Industry News Revell News



The Revell 1929 Ford kit will be reissued in the First Quarter of 2020. There were rumors this and the similar 30 Ford Coupe molds were lost somewhere in China, good news this is still available. The initial releases of these kits were going for significant money on E-Bay, I should have sold some of mine. Oh well I guess I just will build one now.

## JR Salvino



Next JS Salvino kit will be Cale Yarborough 1977 Chevy

## Tamiya New Kit: Toyota Gr Supra

Tamiya has announced an all new kit coming soon. Item# 24351 will be the new generation Toyota Supra.

