



**Albuquerque
Model Car Club
Newsletter
2020 Our 30th Year
April 2020**

April Meeting Canceled due to Corona Virus!



Go Kart Model by Eddie Corbin

Albuquerque Model Car Club

2020 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: Worldwide Automotive/Old Car Garage

3232 Girard NE Albuquerque, New Mexico

President Rich Hansell 505-837-1346

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



March 1, 2020

The meeting last month was held Sunday, March 1 at the Old Car Garage. This was back to our regular 1st Saturday after last month's conflict with the Superbowl game. We got it in just before all the Corona Virus shutdown restrictions kicked in



It was good to see Eddie Corbin at the meeting after his recent heart surgery.

Meeting Notes

Thanks to Dave Allin

AMCC Treasury March 2020: \$698.35

The treasury is at \$698.35. There was a discussion on how to reduce costs, and Joe Ballengee has done some research on trophy prices. Reducing the number of classes in our Supernats contest was also mentioned. Rich brought in an unfinished plaque from Hobby Lobby and suggested we could make our own plaques to save money.

On March 14 Mike Matuszak's daughter is having an estate sale at 2925 Aberdeen Dr. SE in Rio Rancho. Presumably it will include Mike's stash of unbuild kits and his collection of vinyl record albums.

July 19 will be the annual Toy Show at the Marriott.

Round 2 has suspended production due to the Coronavirus for product coming from China/Asia, but Revell's plants in Europe are still operating.

Rich is sending a nice Thank You letter to Chuck Miller for procuring the kits we gave to junior modelers from Round 2.

We voted on the themes for the next three Quarterly contests, see the schedule.

New kits out now:

Academy: Hyundai Santa Fe

AMT: 1925 Chopped Model T, 1969 Chevelle, Snow Plow



Moebius: 1966 Ford Shortbed Styleside

MPC: 1976 Dodge Dart

Gofer: Delivery Truck decals



New Stuff at the meeting pictured above.

May Meeting?

Our next regular meeting was scheduled be Sunday, May 3, at the Old Car Garage. Bring in your recent builds to show, or your current projects. Obviously we are at the mercy of developments related to the corona virus crisis, so watch for updates or contact us for the latest status. The next quarterly contest was scheduled for this month, stay tuned.

Quarterly Contest Schedule

We picked the remaining themes for the Quarterly Contests at the March meeting.

May 2020: Cars built in a year ending in 0

August 2020: Service vehicles (taxis, police, ambulances, etc.)

November: 2020: Cars built in the year of your birth

February 2021: Cars with patina/rust

Future AMCC Club Projects

by Joe Ballengee

Once we can get together again we will need to continue discussion on the next SuperNationals show. So I will leave Joe's ideas from last month here to think about. CH

At the February meeting, we talked about the Supernationals Model Contest and ways to increase participation and interest in our club.

Each year, it seems the number of entries is less than before, and the entry fees no longer cover the costs of the plaques. Some expressed concern that our own club members aren't submitting models.

One suggestion was to have a "club build" to show off our skills. The build would be around a theme, with members committing to contribute to the build. The field is wide open for themes, but here are a few suggestions:

- Evolution of a particular car (Mustang, Camaro, Corvette, full-size Chevy or Ford, Thunderbird, etc.)
- New car show room for a particular make and year. (1965 was well-represented in models: Ford Galaxie HT and conv, Falcon, Mustang HT conv and fastback, Fairlane, Thunderbird HT and conv; Chevy Impala HT and conv, Chevy II, Corvette HT and conv, Chevelle HT and wagon, El Camino).
- Auto Show diorama for a year (again, '65 was a banner year for models, with Oldsmobile Delta 88, Pontiac Bonneville, Pontiac 2+2, GTO, Plymouth, Barracuda, Chrysler 300, Dodge Monaco, Rambler, Rambler Ambassador, Marlin, Lincoln, Mercury, Comet, Cadillac Coupe de Ville, Cadillac de Ville conv, and probably more)
- Used car lot ("Honest Charlie's) – One of those off-main street weedy lots with a small sales office, signs promising great deals, and an assortment of well-used vehicles (maybe 8-12).
- Truck stop diorama with building, gas pumps, big rigs, and tourist vehicles
- Route 66 in the '50s with dusty sedans and fins galore – maybe include an historic motor lodge (motel) as a backdrop

Obviously, there are a lot more possibilities. But all should include enough variety so everyone can find something interesting to contribute. It would be an opportunity for members to demonstrate their particular skills – designing and constructing the building/backdrop, engine detailing, paint, weathering, trucks, landscape, etc.

If done right, such a display would "wow" the public and really show what this club is about. What do you think – is this worth doing? We can discuss at the next meeting.

March AMCC Meeting Photos

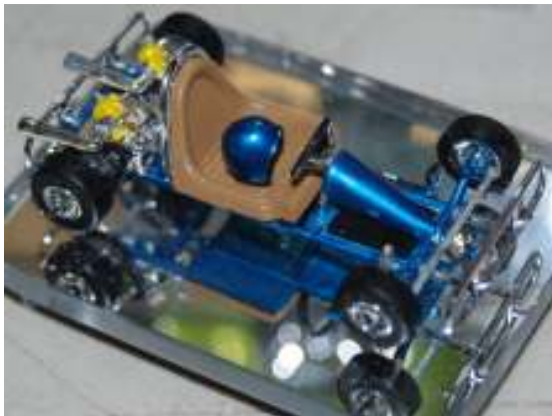


Display Table





Works in Progress



Wheels Museum



The most recent 1/1 addition to the museum is this neat early 50's Crossley.

AMCC MAILBAG



by Chuck Herrmann

Real World

The global Corona Virus has caused massive disruptions in everyone's daily lives, and motorsports is no exception. Some iconic early season events have been canceled outright. Street course events like Long Beach Indycar and Monaco Formula 1 have been canceled for the year due to the difficulty in logistics involved in shutting down city streets. Others have been moved out. The Indy 500 is now targeted for August 23. And the 24 Hours of LeMans is planned for Sept 19-20. And more delays and cancelations keep coming.

Industry News

Since our meeting the whole world has gone crazy due to the Corona virus crisis. The virus is affecting our hobby with trade shows, contests and shipments all being impacted. First the Shizouka Hobby Show, scheduled for May in Japan, was canceled. Then Round 2 announced delays due to plant closures in China. We can assume that all production and shipments from China and Asia, where most production takes place, will be impacted. Tamiya has closed their on line store. Every day more bad news comes in so it is impossible for me to keep up, but we need to ride it out and hope it is over soon.

These two items are from the Hoosier Model Car Association Newsletter

Round 2

Tim Boyd has posted several places on the internet information about something new coming from Round2 – a 1965 Oldsmobile F-85 convertible. This kit was originally released as part of the AMT 3n1 lineup. Somewhere along the line, the body tooling was butchered to create an AWB funny car, but the rest of the tooling survived intact. Round2 has created an all new body tool rather than attempt to restore the old tooling.

Salvino JR

Someone with some inside knowledge posted that JR Salvino is studying the possibility of developing some 1/20th scale Indy Cars. When asked about some of the problems with their first NASCAR kits, the poster responded that JR Salvino learned a lot from that experience. The somewhat unusual choice of scale is premised on the assumption that the

Indy Car kits would appeal to many of the same modelers who build 1/20th scale Tamiya F-1 cars. No further information was given.

About JR Salvino, I saw some packages containing a single tree of parts on the Toys Forever table at the IPMS show. Brandon told me these parts were being sold to replace the inaccurate suspension on some of their first NASCAR kits.

Revell News

Here are some upcoming releases from Revell. Per this the 1971 Plymouth is an all new tool? The 1969 Chevelle is based on the recent 1968 Chevelle tooling.

Revell USA, LLC
May-July 2020 Distribution Announcement

NEW TOOLING

1967 CHEVY™ 1/18 PLUMBER-CHEESE
Scale: 1/18
Part Count: 120
MSRP: \$49.99
Includes: 1/18 scale model and custom wheel moldings
1/18 scale interior and custom license plate
1/18 scale custom wheel moldings
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1969 CHEVY™ 1/18 CHESS-30™ 30
Scale: 1/18
Part Count: 120
MSRP: \$49.99
Includes: 1/18 scale model and custom wheel moldings
1/18 scale interior and custom license plate
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Tamiya 1982 Long Beach Pace Car Toyota Supra Reissue



According to Tamiya's Japanese web site the 1/24-scale Supra will be reissued in April, 2020. It was originally released in May of 1983. It isn't yet clear whether Tamiya will ship to the US, but it should be available online. The Supra is modeled after the pace car at the 1982 Long Beach Grand Prix in California. Toyota was the title sponsor of the Formula 1 race that year, making it a great marketing opportunity for the second-generation Supra. Unlike Japanese versions, the U.S.-market cars sport sweet fender flares as seen on this Tamiya kit.

The Tamiya kit includes a decal sheet "Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach" and a driver figure.



The race was won by Niki Lauda in a McLaren. It might be cool to build models of both cars.

Atlantis

Atlantis keeps releasing some of the old molds they purchased last year, here is the Allison engine.



Sheila Gibbs R.I.P.

Sheila Gibbs, one of the founding members of the Albuquerque Model Car Club and a former club president, passed away on March 28 from cancer. Many of the original club members will remember her. She was a prolific model builder back in the day, kind of unusual for a lady.

Sheila left behind a lot of model car parts, sorted and labeled in plastic bins, along with model paint and model car magazines at her home in Edgewood.

Sue Rymarz and her husband are executors of her estate. If any member of our club would be interested in going out to Edgewood and inventorying the model supplies and perhaps taking them to bring to the next club meeting, you can call her at 293-0581.

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

With all the disruption and uncertainty caused by the Corona virus crisis, all dates are of course tentative. Please check directly with the event hosts as events are being rescheduled or canceled daily. I will update as I am informed of changes, also I will share the notices on the Albuquerque Auto Model Car Club Facebook page.

The Desert Scale Classic 16 that was to be held April 18 in Phoenix was canceled. But now it will be a virtual contest. Entries to be submitted via photos online, see www.DSCV16.com to register.

Cancelled April 3-5 17th NM Int. Auto Show
Convention Center, Albuquerque NM
www.newmexicoautoshow.com



Cancelled April 18 **Now a Virtual Online Contest**
Desert Scale Classic 16 Model Car Championship
Deer Valley Comm Center, Phoenix, AZ
www.desertscaleclassic.com
register at DSCV16.com

Postponed April 18 **now TBD** 4th Annual
Rumble in the Rockies Scale Auto Competition
by Scale Junkiez Model Car Club
Hobbytown USA Westminster CO
See Scale Junkiez Model Car Club on Facebook

Postponed April 25 **now September 5** Best of
the West by IPMS/Las Vegas
East Side Cannery Resort and Casino Las Vegas
NV
www.ipmslv.com

Postponed April 25 **now September 19** Park n
the Park Car Show
Cabezon Park, Rio Rancho NM

May 3 Rt 66 Swap Meet
Proceeds to benefit Wheels Museum
Also Tres de Mayo Car Show
Balloon Fiesta Park, ABQ
505-239-4543

May 17 NMCCC/ABQ Museum Car Show
Theme: Pre WWII Autos
Albuquerque Museum, ABQ NM

June 7 *Lowrider* Magazine Albuquerque Super Show
Albuquerque Convention Center
Newmexicosupershow.com

June 13-14 Heartland Model Car Nationals
Hosted by KC Slammers (Kansas City area)
Overland Park convention Center, Overland Park
KS (pecial Theme American Graffiti
-www.kcslammers.com

June 20 Mopar Fest with AMCC Display
Haynes Park, Rio Rancho NM

July 19 18th Annual Toy Show at the Matchbox
Gathering of Friends
Albuquerque Marriott ABQ NM
Email:matchb0x1@aol.com

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

August 21-23 2nd NSRA Nationals
New Mexico EXPO, Albuquerque NM
www.nsra-usa.com

Sept 10-20 New Mexico State Fair
Expo New Mexico, Albuquerque NM

September 25-27 – NMCCC Annual Swap Meet

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.



Revell's 1932 Ford Coupe



Description: 1932 Ford 3-Window Coupe

Manufacturer: Revell

Kit #: 85-7605

Scale: 1/25

by Elliot Doering Milwaukee WI

Editors Note: This is a review of the most recent series of 1932 Ford kits by Revell. This kit, along with a sedan version and the Dan Finks custom Speedwagon, came out in the mid 1990's. There have been reissues in different versions multiple times since. Prior to that there were several older tooling 32 Ford kits by Monogram and Revell with multiple kit releases throughout the ensuing years. The latest tooling was updated to then contemporary standards. And they are very nice kits. I should know I have started at least three. Maybe this will get me to finish one! CH

I don't regularly build street rods, rat rods, or hot rods, but for those of you who do, I've decided to review one of Revell's best kits in this model genre. Hopefully soon, the weather will be getting warmer, and car shows will be getting into high gear again around the Milwaukee and surrounding areas, always fun.

This is one of your typical 2-in-1 type kits. Parts allow you to build the car either full fendered, or as a "Highboy" coupe. Of course, those of you who are skilled street rod builders will be chopping the top, and lowering the body over the frame, and other custom "tricks" of hot rodding for sure.

No other car says Street Rod more than the 1932 Ford. Available in a number of body styles, one of the most popular is the 3-window coupe. The small, sporty body style was originally designed for businessmen as an inexpensive, reliable way to move around while selling their goods. Those same inexpensive coupes are now being turned into modern pieces of rolling art. The only factor in determining the look of a finished rod is imagination.

Today's rods feature classic bodies sitting on modern frames, with up-to-date components. Gone are the original buggy springs and friction brakes. In their place you'll find state of the art coil over shocks and disk brakes. The narrow wheels and tires of the 1930s have given way to up to date tires mounted on aluminum wheels, giving the car a nose in the weeds stance.

While some rodders continue to use the original flathead V-8s, most prefer to replace them with newer versions for more performance and better over the road reliability. The old 3-speed crash box transmissions are replaced with overdrive automatics, and everything is dressed up with billet or chrome trim.

The interiors are something that the car's original designers couldn't have imagined. Sculptured interiors covered with leather or other fabrics in a rainbow of colors have replaced the old cardboard and mohair of the original old coupes.

Let's examine this fine kit! There are 8 assembly blocks that comprise this kit, plus a decal placement guide. There are 4 trees of flash free white parts, plus 2 trees of bright chrome parts, the window glass, big & small tires, and a decal sheet with red & yellow classic flames.

The coupe body itself is cast true to scale, but there are some minor mold seam lines at the rear of the roof/top that'll need to be addressed. To accomplish their removal, I strongly suggest using a Flex-i-File Bow Sander. They are available thru Micro-Mark, or at Model Empire, & consist of a U-shaped metal holder, to which strips of sanding grades are attached. This will allow you to sand off the seams without creating flat spots in the roof pillars etc. The doors are the "suicide" type, & there's a small hole for door handles, or... one can fill the holes, & have solenoid type doors, without door handles. You'll need to decide whether you wish to build the car with the full fenders, or as a fender-less highboy. Also, it is your choice to use the sides of the hood, or just the top portion in order to show off the motor of your choice.

The kit comes with a 302 Ford V-8, and the areas within the frame members and motor bay to which the motor attaches are small, so I don't think using a big block motor will fit. Flatheads should be no problem, and most small blocks might work if you don't care for the Ford 302. Header clearance is tight.

As with most car kits assembly begins with constructing the motor. The block halves are mated, heads attached, along with the oil pan, valve covers, and transmission pan. Chrome parts are included here, or one can easily strip the chrome, and paint the parts as they wish, especially if building a rat rod. If you're not going to use the 302, I suggest a lot of test fitting of whatever motor you plan to use, to insure a proper fit.

The heads should allow room for drilling out plug wiring holes, but it'll be a bit tight, once you add headers. The starter gets added, along with the intake manifold. There are tons of different carb setups or fuel injection etc. that one could use in place of the kit's single 4-barrel carb., which looks rather clunky. A pre-wired distributor will make wiring the motor easy. The oil filter, water pump, fan belts, power steering pump, and alternator then all get applied.

Moving along to block 2, we begin the front and rear suspensions. The front axle receives the disk brakes, after detail painting the calipers. The kit comes with nice 5-spoke mag wheels, but just about any wheel/tire combo should work with a little modification. The front wheels are pressed into the small front tires, and then set on the front axles. The rear suspension's much the same. Brakes get added to the rear end, along with the differential pumpkin, and the larger rear wheel/tire units get added.

On to block 3, where we begin working on the frame. There are mold seam lines on the frame rails, so those will need to be worked on before proceeding. The master cylinder halves are joined, and the seam sanded out, then the unit gets added to the crossmember. A note is made that the Exhaust/muffler system should be applied FIRST, before the crossmember gets added. The exhaust system will need to be cleaned of any mold seams as well.

In step 4, the front axle is added to the front of the frame rails FIRST. Then the steering box, and front shocks are added. Then, the rear shocks are added to the rear end, and that unit gets installed at the rear of the frame.

Additionally, the steering linkage has to be inserted thru the radius rods before gluing to the frame. The frame front bar gets added between the 2 frame rails, and the rear stabilizer bars get added, along with the rear frame bar.

In block 5, the gas tank top is added to the rear of the frame, along with its gas cap, and your completed motor is set onto the motor mounts, and the drive shaft hooked up. The headers are added to the engine as well.

Block 6 involves the interior. The floor pan receives the seat, then the 2 door panels are added, the pedals are attached to the front of the floorboard, the gauge panel is inserted into the dash, and set onto grooves in the door panels, and the steering column and steering wheel are set into a slot in the dash.

Block 7 is divided into 2 areas, one being for the full fendered version, the other for the highboy. In either case, the front and rear glass gets installed, then the windshield frame. The rear view mirror is added, and the firewall installed.

For the highboy, the inner fender panels are added to the rear of the body, and the electric fan is mounted to the radiator, and set into the grille

shell. Then, the completed body is set onto the frame rails.

For the full fender version, the rear bumper brackets, and rear frame covers are added, along with the front bumper brackets. Then, the fenders are added to the sides of the frame rails. Let this assembly dry before test fitting the body. The same steps are involved in building up the radiator, fan, and grille shell. Once things are all in place, the front and rear bumpers are added.

On to block 8, where the hood sides are added to the hood top, if you choose to use them. The license plate is added depending on which version you're building, the radiator cap is added, along with upper and lower radiator hoses, radiator support bar, door handles, front grille, splash pan, as well as the type of headlight buckets and headlight lenses you plan to use. This completes the model. All that's left is to apply the flames decals, if you choose to use them.

This kit allows for full use of one's totally free imagination. You can go wild or mild, "old school" 1950-1960s, or any of today's modern hot rodding styles. There are tons of different paint colors to choose from, and your spare parts box will get a workout in designing your build. One could use Fuzzy Fur on the seats or carpet to accent the interior. It's all up to you.

This is a relatively simple, Skill Level 2 kit. Some of the suspension parts may be a little tricky for a younger modeler, but with adult help, they shouldn't pose a big problem. Alignment of the full fenders is a bit tricky too, but if one takes his/her time, and test fits accordingly, the problems should be eliminated. Try one! And as always... have many hours of modeling FUN! ED



Built up versions of this kit.

