



**Albuquerque  
Model Car Club  
Newsletter  
2020 Our 30<sup>th</sup> Year  
July 2020**

***July Meeting Canceled due to Corona Virus  
2020 New Mexico State Fair Canceled!***



***Post Apocalyptic Sting Ray III***  
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**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**

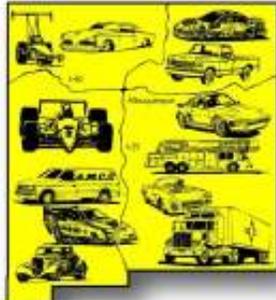
**Meeting Location: Worldwide Automotive/Old Car Garage  
3232 Girard NE Albuquerque, New Mexico**

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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/cancellation. Also follow Albuquerque Model Car Club on Facebook, where all past issues of this newsletter are saved. Also for back issues, see the web page of our fellow local model club, IPMS/Albuquerque Scale Modelers /[www.abqscalemodelers.com](http://www.abqscalemodelers.com). On their Home Page, scroll most of the way down to a section titled Links to Associate Model Clubs in the Albuquerque area hosted on the ASM Website. AMCC is one of the links.

## AMCC Meeting Minutes



### June Meeting Canceled

There was no regular meeting last month. The meeting that we had hoped to hold on Sunday, June 7 at the Old Car Garage was cancelled. This of course was due to the Corona Virus shutdown restrictions against public gatherings.

### Farewell Dave Allin

Longtime AMCC VP Dave Allin will be moving away from Albuquerque soon. We will miss Dave, he did a lot for the club and he was a great builder always bringing in stuff to show. Good luck to Dave in the future.

### New Vice President

So with Dave leaving we will need a new VP. Contact President Rich if you are interested. Once we can meet we will figure it out.

## Meeting Notes

**AMCC Treasury March 2020:** \$698.35  
Again No Meeting!

## *No July Meeting*

Our next regular meeting was scheduled be Sunday, July 5, at the Old Car Garage. But due to the state ban on public meetings it was cancelled. For August we will keep track of developments related to the corona virus crisis, so watch for updates or contact us for the latest status. The quarterly contests will be rescheduled as developments allow. So you have more time, no excuses to not finish the next few!

## Quarterly Contest Schedule

***Schedule to be revised due to Corona virus disruptions***

**May July 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

## New Mexico State Fair Canceled for 2020

The NM State Fair for 2020 has been cancelled due to the Corona virus. That includes the Arts and Crafts Contests, including the Model Car Portion AMCC coordinates as well as the military and Sci Fi portion put together by our fellow local club IPMS/Albuquerque Scale Modelers.

## Wheels Museum

While the Wheels Museum remains closed to the public the staff has returned to process new donations and set up new exhibits in anticipation of the eventual reopening.



Above is a recent arrival small engine dragster.



Also a 1957 Studebaker Hawk.



# AMCC MAILBAG



by Chuck Herrmann

## Congratulations to IPMS/Scale Auto Modelers

Congratulations to our fellow local model club, IPMS/Albuquerque Scale Modelers.

Each IPMS Region presents several awards to their member chapter every year. IPMS/ASM won two Region 10 Awards (Region 10 is New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Arizona).

**Chapter of the Year (R10)** The 2019 IPMS/USA Region 10 Chapter of the Year is Albuquerque Scale Modelers Chapter. This club does an excellent job promoting the hobby to audiences outside their own club, supporting community outreach, and promoting membership in IPMS/USA.

**Webmaster of the Year (R10)** Mike Blohm (from Albuquerque Scale Modelers) is the R10 Webmaster of the Year for 2019. Their site is very comprehensive, easy to navigate, promotes IPMS/USA on the main page, and has a specific page for people new to the hobby.

(and they also archive the AMCC Newsletter, thanks guys!)

## Real World

### Bob Gibson, Auto Modeler



*From Facebook: when Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Gibson wasn't dominating hitters on the mound, he enjoyed building model cars and playing the guitar.*

### 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.

## Revell Germany Jaguar XKE Test Shots

Here are photos of Revell Germany upcoming Jaguar XKE kit



## Detail Junkees VW Photo Etch Set



I have been purchasing *Dedicated Scale Enthusiast* magazine, a quarterly that is focused on customs, lowriders and Cali style subjects. It features high quality builds and also has ads and articles about other modeling products that are new to me.

When you order the magazine you are eligible to win a Golden Ticket prize, for one of the products from the advertisers in the magazine. For the last issue I was fortunate to win a Golden Ticket for one item from a company

called Detail Junkees So I checked out their website at: [detailjunkees.bigcartel.com](http://detailjunkees.bigcartel.com).

They offer a number of photoetch detail sets, mostly aimed at the custom or lowrider genres. Some are kit specific, like 1951 and 1953 Chevies, and several Monte Carlos. There are several sets that can be used for other general projects. There are hood props, wheel knock offs, brake sets, trunk junk, an Optima Battery and license plate holders.

I chose to order the set for the Revell VW Mk I Rabbit and GTi kits. The set comes packed in a cassette tape case (bigger sets come in plastic CD cases). There are a sheet of instructions with a Parts Breakdown along with tips on tools and adhesives to use with photoetch parts.

This set includes over 50 pieces. The set is a little thicker than some brands of photoetch I have used. The detail looks nice and crisp. There are disc brakes, speaker grills, floor pedals, interior stuff and steering wheel spokes and emblem. There are also some under hood details like the alternator bracket, pulley faces and distributor cap. There are also some really neat detail pieces for a roof rack, the attachments and the hooks and buckles to attach the straps. Overall this looks like a nice set, the price is \$15 which is right in line with similar products.

At the moment I have several projects on the bench before I can get to a VW Golf kit from the stash so I cannot speak to fit but they look like it should be fine. I see on their website they have a set coming for a VW Type 1 Van, I am looking at my Jagermeister Revell Germany kit on the shelf as I type this so I may need to get that one.

Thanks to owner David Bayon for providing the prizes (David is also Chief Creative Biz Dev at *Dedicated Magazine*).

## Virtual Show & Tell



Don Jones is working on a truck, of course.



Chuck Herrmann is working on this NuNu Audi R8LM GT3 sports racer.



Darren Bishop is continuing his 1/16<sup>th</sup> VW Beetle project. And he has started a 1.24 Beetle.



Great detail as always.





## 16<sup>th</sup> Desert Scale Classic Contest Goes Online

**DESERT SCALE CLASSIC 16**

*Model Car Championship*  
**THE VIRTUAL VENUE**

I know that some of our guys have gone to The Desert Scale Classic Event in Phoenix before. This year it was a virtual online event due to the Corona Virus. Below is the summary by their coordinator then some photos. Check out the whole event at: <http://www.dscv16.com>.

*In essence, the idea was born from a reluctance to let Coronavirus cheat us out of an event in 2020. Our "live" event has been held in a City of Phoenix Community Center for years. When "stay-at-home" mandates resulted in loss of our venue, we considered other options. Other events were already starting to clog Fall weekends, and we did not want to just forego the entire year. We hit upon the idea of an internet-based Virtual Venue! Our IT/Webmaster Meister assured us he could pull it off and meet our standards. GoDaddy assured us our platform could handle the volume and promised tech support to guarantee the success.*

So, dscV16 - The Virtual Venue was born as a substitute for our usual live Event, the 16th Desert Scale Classic.

We had 462 registered Entries from scores of builders hailing from 22 U.S. states, 3 Canadian provinces, and the United Kingdom (Scotland).

Our judges examined every entry and we conferred 103 awards (including 5 selected by our Entrants from models built by our club members).

Come see us in Phoenix in April 2021 for Desert Scale Classic 17.

Dan Baker



Best of Show, along with Best Engine and Best Detail Awards went to Tim Hoagland and his Bantam Fuel Altered



Best Paint Wes Salazar 56 Nomad



Competition Class Winner



Best Replica



Corvette GTR resin kit



Pikes Peak Toronado



A flying Porsche!



# 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 2020 New Mexico State Fair has been Canceled!***

***Canceled*** May 17 ***proposed new date August 23?*** NMCCC/ABQ Museum Car Show  
Theme: Pre WWII Autos  
Albuquerque Museum, ABQ NM

***Postponed*** June 13-14 ***now Aug 22-23***  
Heartland Model Car Nationals  
Hosted by KC Slammers (Kansas City area)  
Overland Park convention Center, Overland Park  
KS (special Theme American Graffiti)  
-www.kcslammers.com

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

July 29-Aug 1 ***Canceled*** 2020 IPMS/USA  
Nationals ***rescheduled for summer 2023***  
San Marcos, TX  
ipmsusa.org

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

***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

Sept 10-20 ***Cancelled*** New Mexico State Fair  
Expo New Mexico, Albuquerque

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

September 25-27 – NMCCC Annual Swap Meet  
Isletta Casino

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](http://www.nmcarcouncil.com) for the local  
real car event schedule. A few things are starting  
happen but always check first in this new world  
order.



# Post Apocalyptic Sting Ray III



**Description:** Sting Ray III  
**Manufacturer:** Revell  
**Kit #:** 7346 **Scale:** 1/25  
*by Chuck Herrmann Albuquerque NM*



In all the craziness caused by the Corona Virus there have been lots of doomsday type paranoia stuff in the media. On some modeling sites there have been examples of the Post Apocalyptic type builds, made famous by the Mad Max and other Sci-Fi movies and TV shows. I had done something like this before but with the added time at the bench and model room lately here is my latest as inspired by this.

I was going through my collection to rearrange and possibly get rid of or sell some extraneous stuff. Among the built ups I no longer really wanted I came across the Revell Sting Ray III kit I built over 25 years ago.



The Sting Ray III was a concept version of the Corvette design in 1992 as one of the potential candidates for Chevy's upcoming C5 generation Vette. Revell did a kit shortly thereafter. My kit list

shows I acquired mine in 1993 at the RCHTA show in Chicago. I found images of at least two other boxes on line so it has been out a few times.

My retirement relocation move had not been kind to this particular kit, it was in pieces that had broken off but it was all there. To me the styling of this car has not stood the test of time. For my build I did not paint it. The model came molded in the same purple color as the real thing and it was swirl free so I just polished out the body and painted the rest of it per the real car. As I was ready to pack it up for sale or donation I somehow got the idea for this project. I already had a pile of parts for a similarly themed build.

These Post Apocalyptic builds are meant to show what these cars may look like in a post doomsday world. The usual style is something heavy duty, usable either off road or on poorly maintained streets, and with modifications and added part based on what would be available in a crude shop that survived whatever disaster hit civilization. Also they are often equipped with weapons to fight odd other survivors or zombies or whatever. So there is quite a bit of freedom to one of these, kind of like a militarized rat rod.

I planning this one, I knew I wanted a different window treatment, something more basic or crude looking. Also the interior needed to be dumbed down and the wheels had to change. Also almost all of these builds I have seen seem to have some kind of crash bar or shovelnose, I guess to crash through barriers or push opponents off the road.

First I decided this was to be a curbside, since body changes would make an opening hood very difficult. And this was also intended to be a side project, something to work on while paint or glue dried on more "serious" projects. Since the engine and chassis were already painted these I left alone except to add some weathering and dirt effects.



For a new front nose I found a large spoiler like pieces that were for the custom version, from a Revell 53 Chevy. This fit the width of then body, sheet stock was added to blend it in.



Then to cover some of the huge dash area in the original design I found a piece, I believe a front fascia from a Lamborghini Countach, to square off the front cowl area, again sheet stock filled some gaps.

I covered the large fancy headlights with some sheet tin. For drama I found a base metal skull and crossbones jewelry piece (my wife does jewelry making so I dig through the different shapes while we are at the bead shop) cut the hoops off and glued it onto the hood



For the interior I took out the fancy bucket seat and steering wheel, using some more basic seats and a larger retro style steering wheel from the parts box. I painted the seat frames aluminum, with some skull motif seats from a roll of Halloween masking tape. Most of the rest of the interior was painted flat black then weathered. I found a roll cage that I adapted to fit. I added some panels to the top of the dash to remove some of the more curved design. I added a skull bead for the shifter, and a fire extinguisher.



The kit wheels and tires are especially lame looking for this version. I wanted a wider and more substantial look so I found some rugged steelie type wheels, with wider ones for the rear.



The tires are treaded for off road use, sanded and weathered. Since these mount differently

than the kit I had to modify the suspension and hubs, somewhat crudely but since is intended to be displayed as a curbside build I did not spend too much effort here.

I needed a roof so I made one from a flat piece from the parts bin, it is removeable. Instead of a glass windshield I cut some screen material and painted it steel.



A spare tire is mounted on the trunk and tied down with a steel (wire) cable to a tubular ear bumper. Headlights are some square housings and clear lenses from the parts bin.

For paint I used some Testors spray enamel flat olive drab over DupliColor grey primer which covered the purple plastic. For contrast the wheels and roof are DupliColor Red primer. Everything was weathered with acrylics.



For a project that was a side project as I was working on other things it came out okay. I enjoy the fact that these are build as you go, the rough finish and flat paints allow you to change things on the fly and cover up any rough spots with dirt or rust.

One issue I run across for this type of build is the weapons. These vehicles are usually armed but there are a somewhat limited amount of guns and weapons in 1/24-25. Not like 1/35 with all the military kits. Eventually I made machine guns on the front bumper from sprue and tubing. And under the shovel nose I added some real metal teeth from a plastic wrap box.



# Modeling Finland's Folkrace



by Dave Roeder St Louis MO

I have been working on some back burner projects during the Covid-19 restrictions. The most fun ones were two Finland Folkrace cars. Folkrace is a low cost form of racing for the everyman in Finland. The rules are pretty simple. Cars can be front wheel drive or rear wheel drive, but not 4 wheel drive and not diesels. They must have safety equipment according to the local rules. To keep the cost down, all cars regardless of finishing position can be purchased for \$1,650.00. These cars are not very neatly done inside or out. Many have hand painted decorations. There are six car heats with speeds exceeding 80 miles per hour on courses that average 1.5 miles in length. Tracks combine dirt and gravel with pavement. The races are also short (about 5 minutes) and feature a lot of action with frequent contact and resulting spins, rolls, and sliding crashes into large sand and gravel berms that line some of the courses. The season runs into winter with some races held during snow and sleet. The damaged cars are removed from the track with large rubber tired front end loaders. The forks are shoved under the cars and they are hauled off. The most common cars raced are Saabs and Volvos. Swedish Folkrace videos have entire fields of those two makes.

I began looking of an early VW for one of the cars and then found a Mazda 323 kit that was front wheel drive. After much searching, I even found some photos of these Mazda 323s' racing in Sweden. The VWs' were quite common up until about 2017. Videos show the occasional AUDI, Ford Euro compact, Skoda and Citroen in the mix. Volvo 244 station wagons are popular.

The cars sustain a lot of minor body damage and are run until a serious crash causes them to be cut up for scrap. Some other common features are the stoplights mounted inside the car body, arrows indicating tow points, full roll cages, larger tires and wheels, large bottles of windshield washer fluid mounted in the cockpit, electrical kill switches, and most of the front and rear bumpers and grilles replaced with crumpled up sheet metal caused by running off the track into the large sand and gravel piles lining the track.



## The Real Thing



# Argentinean Rastrojero Truck

by Dave Roeder St Louis MO

The Rastrojero was a small utility pickup truck with a capacity of half-ton designed by Raúl Gómez and built by the Argentine government-owned airplane (and vehicle) manufacturer IAME (Industrias Aeronáuticas y Mecánicas del Estado) from 1952 to 1980. It owes its name to its purpose of being driven on crop residue (rastros). Over 33,000 of these trucks were manufactured. There were two generations the first from 1952 -1969, then 1968-79.



This Rastrojero is a model that I scratch built of an Argentinian farm truck that I originally photographed in Buenos Aires Argentina.



This Rastrojero is 1/25 scale. I researched the manufacturer in Cordoba, Argentina and learned the trucks were built using CJ-2A Jeep chassis parts and the frame was stretched for a longer wheelbase. I stretched the frame .950". They were only 2 wheel drive to make them less expensive. So the obvious starting point was the Re-issued WW II Military Jeep kit. That made the chassis easy to build. I used the Jeep 4 cylinder "go devil" engine and transmission. I found that the 1941 Chevy pickup cab had the correct roof line and front windshield. It had to be severely

modified to get the recessed door panels and I had to remove almost all of the front clip and the cowl area. The easiest part was scratch building the bed from styrene. It was all straight shapes. I spent the most time on the front clip including the hood which I made from Milliput epoxy clay.



## Real Thing



First generation above, Second Gen below



Of course someone had to hot rod it, here is a "Dakar" version!  
Looks like the next one will be electric?

