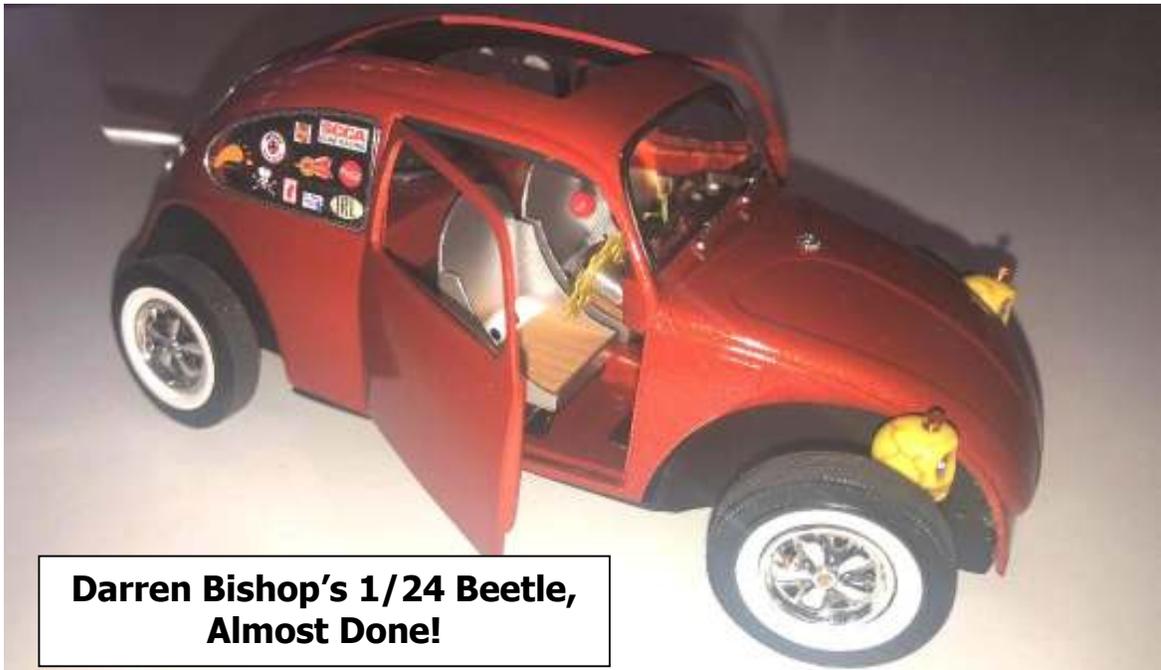




Albuquerque Model Car Club Newsletter 2020 Our 30th Year **November 2020**

***November Meeting Canceled
due to Corona Virus***



**Darren Bishop's 1/24 Beetle,
Almost Done!**

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

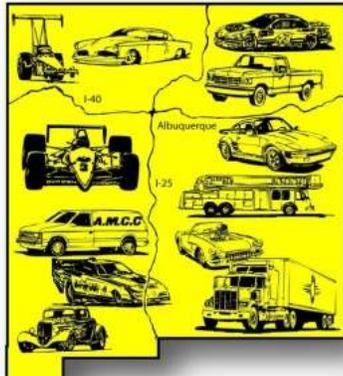
**Meeting Location: Worldwide Automotive/Old Car Garage
3232 Girard NE Albuquerque, New Mexico**

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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 and I will add it to this newsletter. Show dates are subject to changes/cancelation. 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. 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



October Meeting Canceled

There was no regular meeting last month. The meeting that we had hoped to hold on Sunday, October 4 at the Old Car Garage was cancelled. This of course was due to the Corona Virus shutdown restrictions against public gatherings.

New Vice President

With Dave Allin 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 November Meeting

Our next regular meeting would have been scheduled be Sunday, November 1 at the Old Car Garage. But due to the state ban on public meetings it was cancelled. 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

Wheels Museum

The recent update to the public health order by the governor has again shut down the museum in the state. So Wheels Museum is again closed,

but staff and volunteers are working on maintenance and new exhibits in anticipation of the future reopening.



As previously noted, the model car exhibits will be consolidated into one room. And there are several new display cases that have been donated, so there will more space for models to be displayed. We can put a club display up and promote the club. These do not need to be permanently donated; we can change out the display as we want.

I will be looking for ideas and models for display. Route 66 related vehicles fit the museum theme nicely. Usual hours to see the museum are 9am-12 noon Monday-Thursday. If you are interested in seeing the display or dropping something off for display contact me to set up a date.



AMCC MAILBAG



by Chuck Herrmann

Media

Scale Auto Shuts down Webpage, forums

Here is their October 9 announcement:

HELLO, CAR MODELING ENTHUSIASTS!

We have closed the Scale Auto website, but are working to incorporate more scale-car modeling content into FineScale Modeler.com. If you are a Scale Auto magazine subscriber, you can now access subscriber-only content on FineScale.com, where you will find car, truck and

motorcycle kit reviews, along with how-to guides and building advice.

We also invite you to sign up for the FineScale Modeler Forum, where you can discuss your models and share your experiences.

Thank you for supporting Scale Auto over the years, and we hope to continue to see you at FineScale Modeler.

Speaking of *Fine Scale Modeler*, I received my first copy (to cover the last few issues of my Scale Auto subscription). I am sorry to report there is not much for car guys. Two photos of new kit releases and an ad on the back cover. It was the first issue since the change began, and online posts indicate it was decided quickly, so maybe the future will see more. But I am not optimistic. *FSM* would have to increase their page count significantly unless they cover less military modeling. That would disappoint everyone. Maybe the webpage will have more.

Model Cars Magazine Update

We can hope that this creates an opportunity for Model Cars to fill the gap. Here is their latest message.

MCM is Rebooting!

By now, just about everyone has learned of the demise of Scale Auto, its website, and its discussion forums. While it is in some senses the "end of an era", it is also a moment of truth for our beloved hobby.

I started writing for the former Scale Auto Enthusiast Magazine in 1982. In 1989, The late Gary Schmidt, who founded SAE, asked me to pen a column for a new sister publication to be called *CAR MODELER* knowing my penchant for replica stock modeling – which I was happy to do, called it *STRICTLY STOCK*, and lasted through the five years of that magazine's existence. *STRICTLY STOCK* then moved to the pages of SAE, and I am still to this day grateful and appreciative for all the kind words and comments from our readership. That column, and my relationship with the magazine, ended with the "revamp" into SA without an E. From that moment on, I have been happily a part of *MODEL CARS Magazine* – and that relationship remains unbroken.

Gregg, like Gary Schmidt before him, understands that this hobby is not a solitary one – that there is a social aspect to it. Not everything is about "How to [fill in the blank]." Both men infused their magazines with that spirit, and fortunately for us, one of those magazines kept that spirit alive and kicking – and Gregg deserves major kudos for that. As my dear friend, the late John Slivoski, one of the founders of NNL East, once commented to me over a hamburger at Johnny Rockets, "Its not about the little plastic cars. It's about the friendships we make along the way BECAUSE of the little plastic cars!"

I've known Gregg for many years, and he has become one of my closest friends. I've known the trials and tribulations he has gone through and continues to go through, and I also know firsthand of his love for the hobby and his passion to keep *MODEL CARS* afloat despite all the obstacles he has faced. I am both proud

and happy to stand with Gregg in the reboot of the magazine, and to help keep the promise of *MODEL CARS* being the best and most relevant publication devoted to our beloved hobby.

Its been said that nobody gets rich writing for a magazine. While that may be true, I look upon it as a labor of love, much the same as our hobby is a labor of love, as twelve years of *STRICTLY STOCK* was a labor of love for me. That said, I hope you will join me in welcoming *MODEL CARS Magazine* back into the fold, with the promise of it being better than ever, and to promote efforts to keep the brotherhood of our worldwide model car community alive and well.

Yours truly,
Larry Greenberg, Associate Editor, *MODEL CARS MAGAZINE*

Industry News

MENG 1/12 Ford GT



From the MENG Facebook page:

MENG announced the plan of releasing model kits of the legendary Ford GT40 officially licensed by Ford Motor Company in 2019. Since then, we have received countless feedback from modellers and auto racing enthusiasts from all over the world. After the study and tests by the MENG team for almost one year, the first Ford GT40 product will be available soon.

This first product, RS-002 Ford GT40 Mk.II '66, is a 1/12 scale model kit prepared for modellers. It has all the features of a classic plastic assembly model kit.



** This full interior model kit shows the beauty of precision and mechanical power of the Ford GT-90 Mk.II.

Some new Rock&Roll Trucks



1/32 QUEEN Tour Truck - 50th Anniversary



1/32 Tour Truck "Motörhead"



1/24 VW Golf GTI
Peoples Choice Winner - X-Ray

And their next round of releases.



1/24 VW Van T3 Camper *NEW TOYING*****
Scale: 1/24
Full Color + 100
Height: 11 1/2"
Kit Includes:
• Multi-pane Camer
• Detailed interior and back seat
• Windows, mirrors and luggage racks
• Removable interior and exterior doors
• 2.0 and 2.0L engines
• Molded in grey, plus with chrome-plated parts and soft black tires.



1/24 CHEVY VAN
Scale: 1/24
Full Color + 100
Height: 11 1/2"
Kit Includes:
• Engine and Transmission (Ford-based kit)
• Removable roof (remains permanently for related interior)
• Full Custom interior with passenger seats, bed, CD radio, foglight
• Detailed engine and chassis
• Molded in grey, plus with chrome-plated parts and soft black tires.



1/24 CHEVY S-10
Scale: 1/24
Full Color + 100
Height: 11 1/2"
Kit Includes:
• Full Custom 4-cylinder 2.8 liter engine
• Detailed interior and exterior
• Detailed engine and chassis
• Molded in grey, plus with chrome-plated parts and soft black tires.



1/24 DODGE DURANGO
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New Atlantis Car Kits

Coming up, New [#AtlantisKits](#) for 2021!
H1223 1/25 Mooneyes Dragster Made from classic Custom Car Parts
H116 Green Elephant Chevy Vega Funny Car
H1440 Jungle Jim 71 Camaro Funny Car
1/24 Mack Log Hauler
1/25 1957 Chevy Nomad
1/12 Wright Cyclone Engine
1/24 Groovy Grader Tom Daniel
1/24 Son of Trouble Maker Chevy El Camino Tom Daniel
1/32 Snap Funny Cars
More kits to follow.

Salvino JR

On a recent Facebook streaming event, Salvino made several announcements.

- They are moving ahead with their Chrysler products, the 1973 Dodge Charger kit should be released by January 2021.
- Model Car Garage is working on several photoetch sets for various Salvino kits.
- They have a license agreement to issue kits of cars driven by A.J. Foyt.

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

There will be no 2021 **Supernationals** event. Another victim of Corona virus.

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.

2021

Jan 2021 Supernationals **Cancelled**

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. A few things are starting happen but always check first in this new world order.



Virtual Show & Tell

Or what we might have seen on the display table if we had held a meeting...

Kyle Anderson



"Here is my Tamiya Honda RA272. Great kit."



"Picking away at interior details on the Tamiya GT4 Mustang"

Len Faulconer



"Here are some pics of a Trumphetter 1963 Chevy Nova work in progress converted to a 1964 Chevy Nova SS."



Chuck Jones



A VW in progress, Porsche 914 is next.



Darren Bishop



"1/24 Beetle, almost done, just need to finish swamp cooler and a rag top."



Joe Miller



"Latest build - Pacer wagon. Not my best work but it's ok."



"Other is '51 Chevy. I HATED this build. Took me four times of painting, stripping, and repainting. Finally went with semi-gloss grey primer and called it a day. Parts didn't fit, iffy attachment points made assembly tricky...but it's done."

Chuck Herrmann



Heller Renault 4CV pie – Paris Police car. Completed after 15 some years. Finishing up some old stalled builds during Covid. Review in next issue.



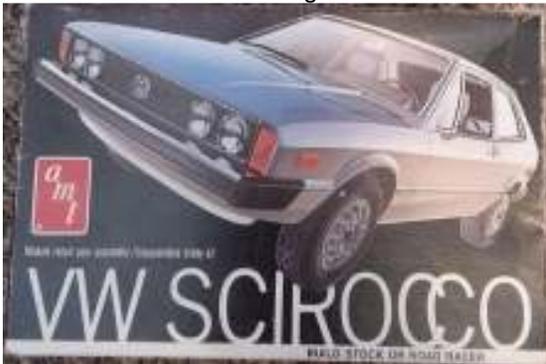
Vintage Kit Review: AMT VW Scirocco



Description: VW Scirocco

Manufacturer: AMT **Scale** 1/25 **Kit** H1317
by Chuck Herrmann

This kit was purchased at a club auction in 1996. I probably started it soon thereafter. I was interested because it was a VW kit I did not have. And it featured the option to build an IMSA style road racer. When my interest in racing and in modeling was rekindled in the mid 80s, the IMSA GT racing classes featured the crazy wide fender extension to allow wide racing tires to fit on GT cars. Some of these were pretty outlandish. Like this kit, not made to depict a real car but rather characteristic of cars running at the time.



AMT first issued this kit in 1979. Somewhat out of the usual subject matter range for AMT, at the time they were owned by Lesney, the English company famous for Matchbox cars.



The box indicates that Lesney AMT was located in Baltimore, MD at the time. So that probably explains the subject. This kit has been reissued several times since, both under the AMT and the Matchbox label.



The kit is typical for these era AMT sports car kits, with a very finicky fit of lots of rather small pieces and some vague attachment points. It is a full detail kit, but the chassis features a lot of molded in detail and the suspension is pretty basic. And the engine is not well detailed, and the front wheel drive is poorly designed. So right away I decided to build it curbside, with some underside skid plates to hide the "change" to a larger engine and rear wheel drive.



The kit features lots of race parts, predominately the large front end with front spoiler and massive IMSA style fender flares. The kit does provide racing wheels, but they are too small to fill the larger wheels. And the kit tires were very small for the stock street Scirocco. So I found some bigger tires and some spoke wheels. These mounted via a metal axle, so filled in the chassis as needed (leaving the engine out for future use) and drilled holes to run the axles through. Not the most realistic way but once the skid plate is mounted it is fine for a curbside build.

A big part of the build was attaching the flares to the fenders. As usual with these type of pieces the fit is pretty vague. There were also some odd openings that needed to be filled. So lots of liquid glue was used to try to mold the parts together then lots of body putty. At the time I was using the cheap Testors body putty, and this is not usually very strong. So it cracked easily during sanding and filing. There were several sessions of prep and primer, then redoing the putty and sanding then finding fault and redoing it over. There were several times that I got frustrated, and/or had to wait for everything to dry, which says things put back in the box for months, or years at a time. To complicate things the kit is molded in bright red plastic so getting that covered was a chore. Eventually I got it decent and primed with probably some Testors rattle can enamel primer.

Then it got put back into the box and sat, until it was packed up for my big move out west.



Fast forward to earlier this summer, when it made it to the top of a pile of started stuff. By now the filler and primer was thoroughly dry, and to my surprise the cheap filler was holding up well. So I figured I should finally finish it. I hot the body with Dupliclor White automotive primer. For the color I used some Testors enamel Camo Gray I picked up at Hobby Lobby on closeout, covered by Testors Extreme Lacquer Wet Look Clear. After polishing it out it came out okay.



For the interior I had removed the back seat and used sheet stock to fill it in and made smooth door handles to do a striped out race car interior. For the roof cage I believe I used the one from the kit (hey, it was probably started 15-20 years ago, hard to remember). I used some foil tape for the floor pan. The shifter and extinguisher were from the spares box. The dash was simplified to remove some trim and street instruments. The interior bucket was shot with white primer. Used paper seat belts.



Underneath I made a skid plate from sheet stock, painted it aluminum. I added a covr in the

rear to hide the axle going through the spare tire compartment, good enough for a curbside. The chassis was shot with Walmart Flat Black. The kit supplied exhausts were cut to fit.



For the body I felt the body need a large rear spoiler to balance out the bigger front end. For some reason there was none in the kit. I found a wing in the spares box and adapted it to fit Then I found a rear window louver that fit without much work. These were sprayed flat black.



The kit decals looked shot, and some were missing. Ultimately I found they would work, see the orange and black stripe in back and the windshield. But overall they looked pretty lame. So I found some numbers and sponsors in my decal stash to depict a club racer version.



So after a long journey in time and miles, this racing VW finally has been completed. This kit is not especially good, I would not build another one. But it came out okay for a shelf model. And it is one more kit off the started but unfinished pile.



Some Models That Were Just Goofy

By Dave Roeder St Louis MO

I build a lot of model cars and trucks and occasionally I just launch into a building frenzy fueled by boredom, alcohol, a contest theme class, or just plain not liking the model as it came from the box. This article will present some of the results of the conditions listed above.



1935 Bentley Brooklands Aero Heller 1/24th scale

I bought this model at a swap meet intending to build it up box stock. When I opened it up I found that the kit was missing the radiator. I built the chassis engine and body, then set it aside for about twenty years. Covid -19 hit and I was going through my unfinished kits and found this one in very dusty condition. It was sort of like a "barn find" as a model car. I decided to build it up with a 1934 Ford truck radiator and then decided to stretch the hood to cover the front mounted blower. As soon as I began, things started to go bad. The plastic was very brittle and the first thing to go was the truss rods under the frame. I replaced them with 1/4 X .060" Styrene. Numerous other details broke off during the construction and I ended up gluing the wheels in place when two of the axles broke off at the hubs. One front spindle broke off so I super glued it back in place. I made a paper pattern for the long hood, then cut it from .010" sheet steel. I formed it to fit, then added a rib down the top. After much more screwing around covering the open part of the passenger compartment, I painted it British green which did not match the previous shade of that color. I decided to call it a 1935 Bentley Brooklands Aero with the back story that it was used to create a new top speed record for the very truck like stodgy Bentley.

1935 Bentley Brooklands Aero with covered Passenger Compartment



1932 Ford Stake Bed "Grapes of Wrath" – The Joad family ride to California

This was my first attempt at building a weathered truck. Back in the day I was stuffing the 392 early Chrysler Hemi into everything I built. I thought I would try something different and stuffed this truck with an early 6 cylinder Chevy. Then I built a wood bed using balsa wood and sheet styrene. The front wheels were from my parts box and may have been from a 1930's Ford but I am not sure. The rear wheels are AMT that I cut the centers out and added the axle stubs to make the appearance of missing hub caps. Since the cab was already painted Brown Testors enamel, I just started weathering it with Floquil dust and rust. I was never really happy with it and never entered it in a contest.

1968 London Taxi – 1/23rd scale



I bought this kit thinking it was 1/24th scale. I was going to build it up as a gasser with a small block Chevy. When I opened the box it looked really large, and so I went on the internet and did some research. I found the specs for these taxis and checked the wheelbase and track against the model. It scaled out as a 1/23rd scale vehicle. I guess those crazy Chinese decided to just make it whatever fit in the box. I have entered it in the large scale class at contests, but it never wins anything and I just end up carrying around to those contests where I want to have something for the large scale class. I should have painted it RED.

1968 Fordolet CRAZY 8 Gasser?????



One contest I enter every year has a theme class and one year it was Crazy Eights. The

class was supposed to center on eight cylinder cars of the Hot Rod/Street Rod type. I took a different approach and decided to build this monstrosity with eight V-8 engines. I started by cutting up an old 1954 Chevy Gasser, then arranging eight Ford engines. I allowed space between each set of two for radiators, connecting gear transfer cases, short drive shafts and motor mounts. I had scrounged up four flatheads and four 289 small block Ford engines. The resulting frame had to be made from brass rectangular tubing for strength. This was a hit at the contest and won first place in the theme class.



1928 Oldsmobile Gasser # 28 B/G

I had an extra resin cast Olds engine and a Heller 1928 Citroen Touring car kit that were just laying around and so I decided to build a Gasser touring car. This was never a body style used for gas class cars. I built it up to NHRA 1963 rules with 10" slicks and full street equipment. I call it an Oldsmobile because who can tell the difference? It never won any trophies, but I know it got a lot of curious looks.



1933 Cadillac Panel truck – Heimberg Casket Company

I bought this Cadillac Kit to get the V-16 Engine, then thought why not build it up stock? I quickly gave up on that and started building a panel truck out of it. I made the decals. I had entered it in light commercial class at a contest in Kansas and a guy came up to me and told me he was a funeral director and that his family had similar cars back in the 1930's. He wanted to know if I had built any Hearses.



1953 Chevy delivery truck – Cordoba Argentina

I travelled around the world working as an International sales manager and noticed a lot of

these trucks in and around Cordoba and Mendoza, Argentina. Flete means For Hire and Juan Morales is from Junin. They were used in the morning to haul workers from the city out to the vegetable farms. Then they hauled vegetables in to the city all day. At night they would haul the workers back to the collection point in the city. It was sort of like a combination bus service and freight transport company. I built the model using a resin cast three window cab and stretched the frame to a one ton chassis. The cargo box is scratch built. It has never won any awards (probably because it is grey and foreign) but I did get to use up the resin cast cab.



1959 Junk Yard Dog Stake Bed

A deep dive into the spare parts box yielded this mashup of early 50's parts. I was having a slump and wanted to build something from scratch that was not a custom or a drag car. I had this old 1937 Chevy body and a 1955 Chevy convertible chassis. I used the 1949 Ford hood and grill, then went into scratch building mode to create this junk yard stake bed. The junk yard is in Montana, so they needed a full cab with heater, wiper and door glass. Big towing hooks on the bumpers are for extracting it from the mud.



1959 Chrysler Crown Imperial Convertible

I entered this car in a theme class that was "Movie Cars". It was in "where the boys are" starring Annette Funicello.

It never won anything and is the least attractive model I have ever built.

Restoring a 30 Year Old NASCAR Kit

By Chuck Herrmann Albuquerque NM

Last month I wrote about the NASCAR model collection at the Albuquerque Wheels Museum which I am restoring and cataloging. Many of the models were the Revell/Monogram kits from the late 80s into the 1990s. There are some older ones that stand out to me, so I thought I would describe the process I use to restore or freshen up the olds kits to go back into the display cases.

One of the kits that I just thought looked pretty neat was this Copenhagen Monte Carlo. As I was really getting back into following racing AJ Foyt was running the red and black Copenhagen sponsorship, and I had built several kits in those markings.



This is the 1/25 MPC kit of a car that ran in 14 races driven by former NASCAR champ Benny Parsons (1972). The tooling was used for several different versions. Here are the kit decals.



As I am restoring these models the most common issues besides dirt are the windows coming loose, which I assume is due to the strength of white glue used to hold clear parts, and the wheels coming off.



On the ones that are a little older such as this one, the rubber seems to have actually reacted to the plastic rims. They have shrunk in diameter

and pushed off the rims. Also they have become very hard. They feel more like resin than vinyl.



Usually you can get these off without too much problem. I sand off the black residue that has attached itself to the rim. Then I open up the diameter of the tire with a hobby knife and press them back on. In this case the Goodyear decal markings had a lot of silvering. I don't know if that was age or if it was always there. I tried to scrape off the most visible areas between the letters and wing foot logo, then applied a new coat of flat clear. It looked a bit better, not perfect. I touched up the gold paint on the wheels, then picked out the lug nuts with silver, and the open slots with flat black.



The whole car was dusted, cleaned and polished. This one was clear coated over the decals so cleaning does not damage them. The white has become a bit yellow due to the clear paint aging. The clear windows were cleaned and polished then reglued in place.



The black and white paint scheme, along with the red interior makes for a distinctive paint scheme.



The model is now ready to return to the display case. Still a lot more models to do!