



***December Meeting
Canceled due to
Corona Virus***

Albuquerque Model Car Club Newsletter

2020 Our 30th Year

December 2020

Happy Holidays!



**Vintage Kit Build: Heller
1955 Renault 4CV Police Car**

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

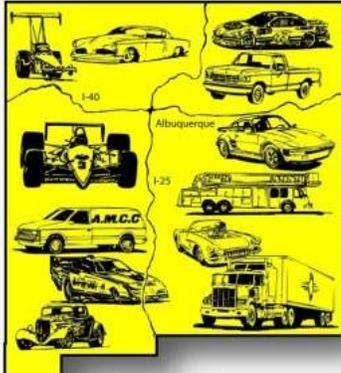
**Meeting Location: Worldwide Automotive/Old Car Garage
3232 Girard NE Albuquerque, New Mexico**

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, 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



November Meeting Canceled

There was no regular meeting last month. The meeting that we had hoped to hold on Sunday, November 1 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 December Meeting

Our next regular meeting would have been scheduled for Sunday, December 6 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 have been 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.

Members on Display at Hobby Proz

AMCC was represented in the display case at Hobby Proz this month.



Jason Schofield



Jim Symonds



AMCC MAILBAG



by Chuck Herrmann

Media

Model Cars Magazine Update

Great news, friends of MCM! Issue #207 is at the printers and will be in the mail to our subscribers and at our dealers shortly! The long wait is over!

Best regards,

Larry Greenberg

Associate Editor

MODEL CARS Magazine

larrygre@modelcarsmag.com



As I finish up this issue of the newsletter I have not yet received my copy. They confirmed my subscription is still good so once I get it I will comment on it. Several comments online and in other newsletters have been generally positive.

Editorial

We can hope that the demise of *Scale Auto* this creates an opportunity for *Model Cars* to fill the gap. The November issue of *Fine Scale Modelers* had one automotive article, for kit reviews and new stuff they say to check their on line site. I did, there are auto kit reviews there by many of the same reviewers from *Scale Auto*. It also looks like the stuff in the readers forums were moved over from the *Scale Auto* website.

While at Barnes and Noble recently, I noticed at least six magazines devoted to military modeling, not counting *Fine Scale*. And a recent email from Kalmbach listed at least five model railroading magazines. So the question is why did *Scale Auto* stop publication? Kalmbach has also ceased publication of their *Bead & Button* crafting magazine, my wife used to attend their big annual bead convention in Milwaukee that was sponsored by the magazine which has also ended.

I can only assume that the readers of the remaining modeling magazines actually support them, via subscriptions and buying from advertisers. Being in the hobby for a long while now I know many car modelers were griping about the quality of *Scale Auto* toward the end, it was not big enough, too expensive, etc. Which I disagree with, in my opinion. Being in other IPMS clubs over the years, it seems like the military and figure guys are usually more willing to support their magazines, and are willing to spend more on kits and aftermarket stuff. While there are many car modelers willing to spend what is a considerable amount on their passion, there are a lot more who are always complaining about the cost of kits and supplies, and saying they could buy one more kit a year instead of subscribing to a magazine. That attitude leads to fewer offering for our interests, both models and supporting parts and literature. While there may be other issues at Kalmbach I am not privy to, I assume if it was making money *Scale Auto* would have continued. So just like it is vital to support your local hobby shops if you still have one, it is also important to support other related aspects of the hobby to keep it alive and growing.

I am happy that *Model Cars* is reawakening after their recent difficulties and I intend to support it in the future. I hope enough car modelers do likewise.

FSM/SA Contest Cars Annual

I have seen several comments on the Internet claiming the old *Scale Auto Contest Annual* special issue will be continuing. We await the official announcement.

Industry News

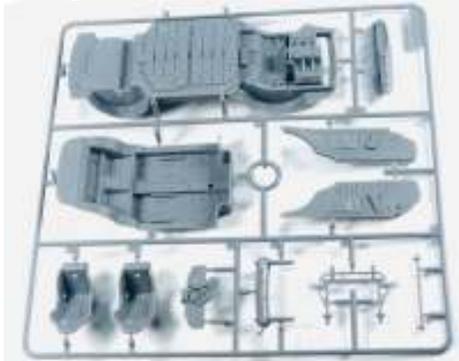
NuNu Platz 1/24 Porsche Rally Kit



Coming in January, Porsche 911 SC/RS 1984 Oman Rally Winner. New tooling kit. Curbside.



It looks like you would need to get the extra detail set to get the Rothmans tobacco decals.

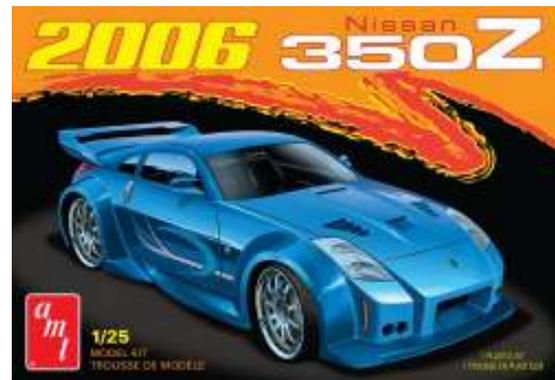


The real thing.

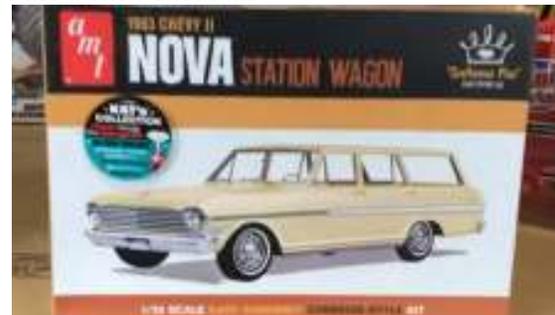
AMT



AMTPP010 Chevy Corvair and Vintage Chrysler Engine Pack model kit



AMT1220M looks like basically a reissue of The Fast & The Furious kit.



First pictures of the actual 1963 Chevy Nova Wagon reissue. Looks like the trailer and extra parts are not included.



Tamiya

From tamiya.com



Tamiya's new Lotus Super 7 Series II is a beautiful rendition of the British sports car in 1/24 scale. This is a re-issue that comes with some updates from the original; redesigned decals and seatbelt stickers, photo-etched parts and the C-Parts tree is molded in white to allow easier painting and detailing.



Hot on the tails of our latest Lotus Super 7 release, we've got another new release from the UK - the Lotus Europa Special! Kit 24358 This is actually a re-issue (previously under part number 24212) but still features the "big valve" 126hp 4-cylinder engine, 5-speed transmission and beautifully detailed body and interior. The re-issue comes with a new rear wing, additional set of RS Watanabe wheels and a photo-etched parts set that includes some grill parts, brakes, floor pedal, seatbelt items as well as carb funnels.

MENG 1/12 Ford GT

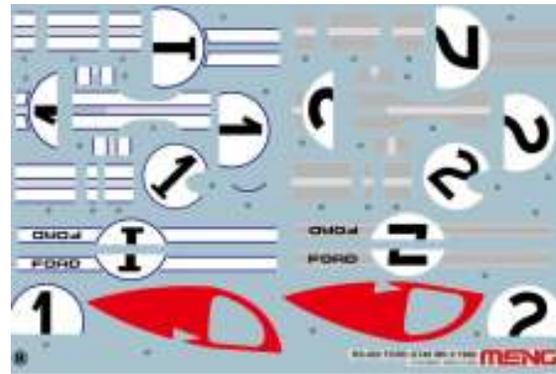
Online dealers are taking preorders for this new kit. Prices range from \$450-\$380.



Ford GT40 Mk. II '66
1/12 Scale



MENG



Decals for two versions.

Italeri

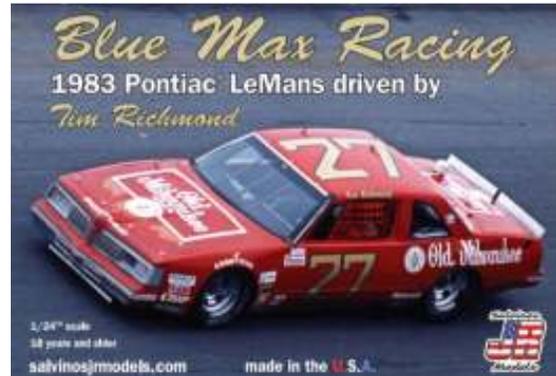
From a post on Italeri's Facebook page, this is a new release. I was not sure if it is a new tool or a reissue. Someone on Facebook said it is the old ESCI tooling.



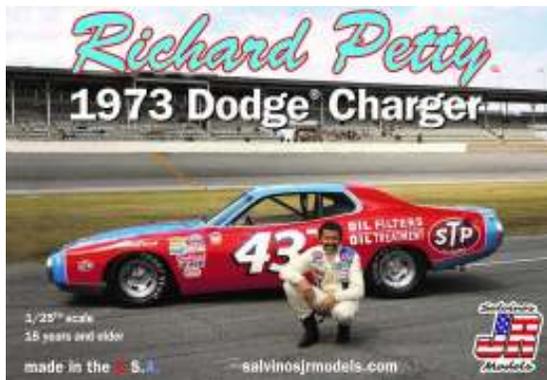
Mercedes 450 SLC Rally Bandama 1979 - 1/24

Salvino JR

Here is the November kit of the month.



The big news from Salvino is the first of their Chrysler license cars will be coming out in February, the Richard Petty 1973 Dodge Charger.



Looks like there will be a heavy demand for this one so act now if you want one. I am not sure how much is new tooling but the body is.

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 Supnationals 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 Supnationals *Cancelled*

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 for the local real car event schedule.

Always check with organizers 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...

Len Faulconer



"Jo Han 1966 Cadillac Hearse with a luggage rack ready for assembly."



Matt Barranaca



"Just finished the latest project, 58 Impala convertible."





“And almost finished!!! Just showing the latest project I am working on. A 1960 Chevy Impala convertible.”



Steve Martinez



“A little more progress on the Mack truck build.”
Then, “Which to build first ?”



Mark Parker



“Just finished the Belvedere. Good kit!”

Joe Ballangee



“My latest build...wooden model of the Ecto-1. 137 pieces and 96 assembly steps. Pretty intricate. Mostly held together by friction (“tab A in slot B”) but I used a few drops of Elmer’s here and there. I enjoyed the project as it was a different challenge. Plus it brings my Ecto-1 collection up to about 15 vehicles of different scales.”



Don Jones



“It’s coming along slowly.”





"Finished the walls, floor and running gear"

Chuck Herrmann



"Just finished! Tamiya Mustang GT4. Phantom livery, using some of the kit decals, plus some from the Revell Ford GT and an old Chimneyville NASCAR sheet."



"While I thought I would not start anything new until I cleared up a few in the works, you know how that goes. I saw an ad on Facebook Marketplace for the latest Joker Goon Car. When I replied he said if I bought the two kits he listed I would get a bonus. I really wanted the resin figure, so I wound up with the kit, and a built up Batmobile with working lights as well as the resin Batman figure from the new release and another Batman figure as well as a GTO kit. I will use the Joker decals on the built one on the right I did several years ago. And I started the Gotham City police car, the very poor 1977 Dodge Monaco that has been issued many times. In a few days I did the chassis, engine and interior seen above, the body has been prepped, primed and gloss white done. Once that sets then masking, black sections front and rear and decals. Unless something else pops up...."

Eddie Corbin



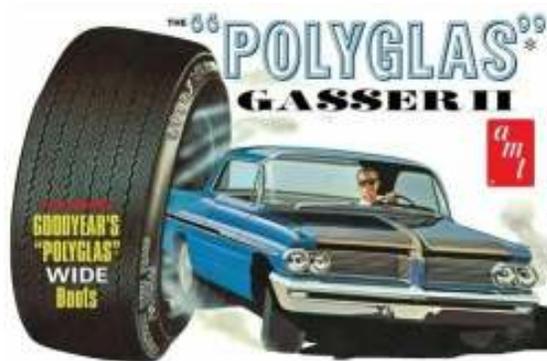
"This is a model of my Ford Mustang Boss 429 and a hauler. The truck was built from a Moebius 1971 F100 kit, made into a F350 one ton. Lots of extra mods on the truck"



Darren Bishop



"Been working on a 1962 Pontiac full custom lowrider. Not a lot of progress just yet, more to come.



The base kit.



Scratch built hydro pumps.



Cancelled 2020 IPMS Nats Called for Virtual Entries/Photos

With the cancellation of the 2020 IPMS/USA National Convention planned for San Marcos Texas this past summer, IPMS/USA requested for members to submit images of their (planned) National Contest entries that they would have brought to the show. This gave members an opportunity to show their hard work and creativity for models that would have been brought to San Marcos this year. Submitting photos of a model did not impact its eligibility for any future contest, so bring it to Las Vegas in 2021!

These photographs were published in the Sep/Oct 2020 issue of the *IPMS/USA Journal*. The article featured 12 pages with 91 photographs across all classes.

2020 NNL Southern Nationals On-Line Model show

by Dave Roeder St Louis, MO

Here is a report on the recent on-line model car contest hosted by Atlanta Car Model Enthusiasts (ACME) and sponsored by Kalmbach Publishing and Fine Scale Modeling.

After being canceled due to Covid 19 pandemic, The 25th Southern Nationals Model Show & Contest went on-line this year. Entries were allowed during the month of October and voting was the first week in November.

The rules were simple: There were six classes that closely aligned with the IPMS guidelines.

Classes:

- Open wheel competition
- Closed wheel competition
- Showroom Stock/Factory stock
- Hot rods and customs
- Street Machines & low riders
- Motorcycles, commercial & non tracked military

You could enter up to three photos of your model and enter as many times as you wanted in all six classes.

Entry was easy once you logged in with your e-mail address and some basic information.

My inventory of completed models stands at 599 and I have photos of all of them. I really got into this and over the month of October I entered 167 models. I only entered one photo on many of them to save time.

After seeing the models that were being entered by others, I did not expect to win any awards.

The totals were amazing: 1,257 entries by modelers all across the country - 4,534 entries most of which had three photos - 2,896 e-mail votes for the six classes.

After the voting ended I received notice that I had won the #5 attendance prize which was paint and supplies.

This was the most fun I have had in a model contest and I will enter again if given the chance. The upsides are : No driving for 5 or more hours, no hotel, no meals, no entry fees and no limit to the number of entries due to space in the trunk. The only downside is the absence of a swap meet where you can wander around and find deals on kits. This contest was the first bright spot in an otherwise depressing year.

Check out the results at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/198430483814/permalink/10158616892343815/>



**Happy Holidays
from Albuquerque
Model Car Club!**

Vintage Kit Review: Heller Renault 4CV pie 1955 Paris Police Car



Description: Renault 4CV Voiture Pie Police Car
Manufacturer: Heller **Scale** 1/24 **Kit** 764
by Chuck Herrmann



This is a full detail kit from Heller. It appears to be their first time release, but it has been reissued since. There is a complete engine, interior and suspension. The suspension looks a bit simplified but then these were very basic cars. This version of the 4 CV was used for police, mail and other civil vehicles; the most unique feature was the doors. Heller also did this as the standard sedan. The kit was molded mostly in white with chrome pieces and vinyl tires. Lots of small parts with fiddly fit issues, typical Heller.

I acquired this kit via trade at the NIMO event in 1998. My file does not say what I traded to get it. I probably started it soon thereafter. The plan was to build it as the box art. At that time the internet was just starting to become a user friendly research tool, so I did not have all the reference photos that are now available. I followed the instructions for colors. I did wire the engine. I had made decent progress, including the interior which includes a fire extinguisher. but in a test fit one of the plastic stubs broke off a wheel hub, that and some indecision on trying to

do the white walls which are not included in the kit made me put it back in the box. Which is where it stayed. I occasionally took a peek but it was not restarted, so it was packed up and made the move from Chicago to New Mexico.

A few months ago I was looking for a kit that fit one of the quarterly contest themes for the local club, this fit two of them. Since it was mostly done I figured it would be a quick job.



The body had been primed, but I did another coat of Dupicolor white primer, then Testors lacquer Classic White. Then it was masked for the black, which was WalMart Flat Black. The masking tape stuck to the white, I could not sand it off. So the body went into the purple bath to be stripped.



In the meantime I fixed the wheel mount by drilling a hole and using some plastic rod. Then I went ahead with then white walls, hand painting them on with Tamiya Flat White acrylic. There was a ridge on the tire to get it almost even, it came out good enough. The inner wheel hubs were also painted white, the molding here was very faint so I had a hard time getting it looking good enough.

I did the body again, the white went on well enough, after masking and spraying the white it needed some touch ups. The black edges eventually were ok, but there were spots in the

white that I sanded through. I first tried to cover that with some weathering, but that looked bad. So I masked the edges to touch up the white. This time the masking tape did not cover everything, plus I missed a few places where the white came through from underneath. The WalMart Flat Black spray does a decent job in covering, but whatever it actually is it does not sand or polish well. So back into the purple bath it went.

The next time it was Duplicolor White primer followed by Ace Hardware Gloss White spray. With the demise of Testors Model Master paint I had been looking for alternatives. The Ace paint actually covers pretty well and can be polished out. For contest builds I will probably use Tamiya paints and use up my Testors cans but I can see using the Ace paints for lots of project. Plus it is about \$4 for a large can, a lot cheaper.

This time I decided to finish this up, so I decided to just leave the hood and trunk black and the body white. It is not exactly a replica of a Paris police car but who would know. And I did see some variants in internet photos. See the box art and the final photo of a real one to see the difference.



I painted the underside of the body in a Testors light flat gray, it did not match the grey seats but I do not know what that paint was that I did years ago. The bumpers and wheel covers were gloss white. The headlight bezels I did in black for some contrast. A Molotow chrome pen was used for the front grill and some trim and touch up of chrome parts.



To finish it up I was worried that these forty year old decals might not work. But the ones for the dashboard went on okay, a bit thick but Heller decals are always like that. At least they were sticking. So I used the decals and they were okay. Luckily there are not too many. I used a bit of black decal to go under the white police decals on the rear door.



The finished project came out looking pretty good. There were some fit issues, many pieces have faint mounting points or the holes had to be drilled out. With lots of small pieces it is a fragile model. But it sits level, with no noticeable gaps. I think the whiter paint scheme looks a bit better. Any time I can get a Heller kit to actually go together it is a successful build.



Building the ICM 1/24th Model T Ford and Renault Kits

by Dave Roeder St Louis, MO

I recently bought four ICM models of early 1900 designs. They were the 1911 Model T Ford touring car, the 1912 Model T Ford Panel truck, the 1913 Model T Ford speedster and the 1911 Renault Paris taxi. These kits are very nicely detailed and parts fit without any fiddling. The 1911 Touring and 1912 Panel were built out of box. The 1913 Speedster was modified to represent a TROG (The Race of Gentlemen) entry. The 1911 Renault Taxi was built out of box to match photos I found on the internet.



1911 Ford Model T touring car ICM 1/24th scale



1912 Ford Model T Panel truck ICM 1/24th scale

I made the decals working from an old photo I found. I added the orange acetylene hose to the generator to match this detail which shows up in photos of these cars. The driver sat out in the open and had only the windshield for protection. The Straub grocery store is still in business in Webster Groves, MO.



1911 Renault Paris Taxi ICM 1/24th scale.

The meter is included in the kit with two very small decals. I painted the flag red and added the two decals to it. The poor driver had no windshield and sat out in the open. I guess the slow speed of this Taxi made wind and rain in the face minimal.



1911 Renault Paris Taxi ICM 1/24th scale. The hood is removable.



1911 Renault Taxi ICM 1/24th scale driver side.

I made the two brass handrails on the driver seat from brass wire because the plastic parts broke

when removed from the sprue. Note driver entry is from the left side only



Front and rear axle sub-assemblies



Chassis sub-assembly with engine/transmission installed

The frame sides were slightly warped and had to be twisted gently to get them in alignment. The assembly steps had to be followed in order for the frame/chassis and fenders to be fitted. The two black tabs on the inside of the rear fenders fit into the body at final assembly. I found photos of the actual car and painted the red engine compartment to match the prototype. The engine is a nice detail. I was surprised to see it was a two cylinder and how small it was. These cars must have been very underpowered.



Chassis Sub-assembly with radiator installed

The cooling system consisted of this huge brass radiator behind the engine which had a fan cast into the flywheel.



1913 Ford Model T Speedster Modified for: The Race of Gentlemen (TROG)

I built this ICM 1/24th scale kit up as a TROG entry. The rules require nothing newer than 1936 and have classes for Ford 4 cylinder and V-8 engines. I added the hand fuel pressure pump and pipe.



The engine is a modified Ford model T with dual carburetors and a custom open exhaust. I modified the Ford hood to clear the carburetors and exhaust. Wheels and tires are from a Monogram 1/24th scale Ford Model A kit.



The body is minimal with just a dashboard and two sides. I scratch built the battery box and added a 6 volt battery. The steering wheel and shaft are from a Monogram 1/24th scale Model A kit.



The rear bumper is from a 1/24th Monogram Model A Ford. The rear axle is a modified 1/24th scale part. I made the license plate decal as well as the number and class decals. Paint is Tamiya rattle can Italian red.