

Albuquerque Model Car Club Newsletter

May 2021



**Resin Citroen
SM Kit
Review
By David Allin**

Albuquerque Model Car Club

**2021 Meetings: TBD usually 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

**New Meeting Location: Wheels Museum
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

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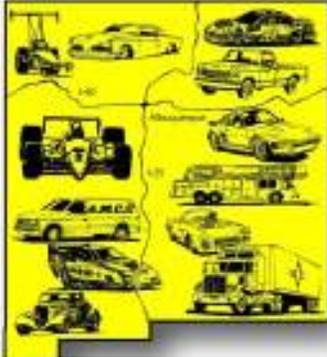
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The AMCC Newsletter is written and edited by Chuck Herrmann. If you or your club has news that you would like to pass on to the modeling community, send the info on to me digitally at ABQMCC1@yahoo.com and I will add it to this newsletter. Show dates 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.



News

AMCC Meeting Minutes



No April Meeting

There was no regular meeting last month! With the March meeting being later than usual and then the date conflict with Easter we skipped April.

May Meeting

We will a May meeting, After the successful March meeting at Wheels Museum we are now back on track for the usual first Sunday date, at the Wheels Museum, on May 2! It is a city building so masks will need to worn. Also we will space things out and need to clean up afterwards. Of course this all depends on the Corona virus situation but things hopefully continue to improve.

There will some more stuff from the Sheila Gibbs estate available for sale at the meeting, sales benefit the club.

I am still going through the paperwork and magazines from Sheila's collection. I have many old AMCC newsletters from before my current version. I will be asking members for missing back issues to complete the set soon. Also there are copies of old ERTL *Blueprinters* and *Replicators*, their in-house newsletters now available to view at the Wheels Museum, along with some old Revell, Monogram and AMT catalogs.

Club Notes

AMCC Treasury March 2021: \$635.45

This will increase thanks to the raffle and sales from the Shiela Gibbs collection.

AMCC Online Virtual Quarterly Contest

Kyle Anderson created a post on January 14 on the AMCC Facebook page regarding a Virtual Online Quarterly Contest. With in person meetings again the section in red is a change we decided at the meeting.

It seems like the club is going to be online only for the foreseeable future. I don't know about everyone else, but since we stopped meeting I've had little motivation to build much. That said with everyone's approval I'd like to sponsor the first virtual quarterly contest! Theme will be "Roadtrip", only rule is it must be a road legal non commercial vehicle started after this post. Entries were due Sunday April 18th. Now they are due by the May club meeting. They can either be posted on our page or, now that we are meeting, brought in to the May meeting. Winners will be picked by votes at the meeting (we will have the online photos available to view). For any non Facebook users, email photos to Kyle at camaro71454@gmail.com. Prizes for 1st-3rd place will depend on whether the entrant is local or out of state. 1st place will be \$25 Hobby Proz or Hobby Lobby gift card, 2nd \$10 card, 3rd \$5 card. Let's get some activity on the AMCC Facebook page!

If you can send a photo of the unbuilt kit first that would be great but otherwise we will go by the honor system. Just indicate on your post or email you want to enter the online contest. You can enter multiple models but only one prize per person.

For those of you would like their entries to be seen on our Facebook page but who do not use Facebook, send them along to me and I can post.

Quarterly Contest Schedule

The quarterly contests are back now that we are meeting in person. The first one will be a combination of the Roadtrip Virtual Contest initiated by Kyle, with models brought in to the May meeting. We will resume the previously chosen schedule that was delayed due to Corona virus disruptions, same themes just date changes.

May 2021: Roadtrip

August 2021: Cars built in a year ending in 0

November 2021: Service vehicles (taxis, police, ambulances, tow, etc.)

February 2022: Cars built in the year of your birth

May 2022: Cars with patina/rust

AMCC at Wheels Museum

Several members put models in the case at the March meeting. Also Dave Allin left some behind when he moved away so I will be adding some from his collection.



We are always looking for models and related items, like posters and art, for display. 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.



These 1/32 models were part of the Sheila Gibbs collection. I was able to find almost all the parts, so these are cleaned and touched up and reassembled. They will be displayed as survivors in the Wheels Museum.

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. If you do not do Facebook but would like your photos posted send them via email to me and I can post them.



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.

Museum Show Canceled

There will be no Museum Show at the Albuquerque Museum this year due to Covid.

Mopar Show Cancelled

It has been confirmed that the Mopar Muscle Club of NM will not be given a permit for the park this year to hold the Mopar Fest. This is again due to COVID, the gathering restrictions, the possibility of another spike in cases, and the uncertainty of where all of this will be in June.

The Show Committee has decided to hold a Mopar Fest Cruise on June 19, 2021 in Albuquerque on historic 4th Street. Many successful 4th Street cruises have taken place there with many members participating and enjoying themselves and the Albuquerque spectators that come out to watch. This cruise is also where we will give away the 18 ft dovetail car trailer that we bought for the 2020 Mopar Fest and were unable to raffle off at that time.

The cruise will start with a pre-meet at our starting point which is Car Crafters on Montano at 3:30 p.m. At 5:00 p.m., we will cruise to 4th Street as one, big Mopar group. This will give everyone time to gather, including folks who may come from the surrounding Albuquerque area. The cruise will again take place back and forth across 4th Street from Solar to Pueblo Solano. The owner of the lot just North of Dan's Boots and Saddles on the opposite side of the street will have his Mac's Steak in the Rough food truck set up in his lot and at 8:30 p.m., this is where we will draw the winner of the trailer.

Virtual Contest – Desert Scale Classic 17

The Covid situation has again forced the Phoenix, AZ Desert Scale Classic to go virtual again this year.



Registration Open through May 31.
www.dscv17.com

May 1-June 30 New Mexico Lowrider and Arte Culture Exhibit.
Santa Fe Place Mal, Santa Fe NM

This will be a two-month event held inside the Santa Fe Place Mall (In the old Mervyn's / Sports Authority building) from May 1st - June 30th! Our main goal is to display the best of NM Lowrider Arte Culture including but not limited to: Cars, Trucks, Bikes, Motorcycles, Tattoos, Paintings, Drawings, Photography, Model Cars, and much more! This exhibit will be FREE to the public and will be a COVID safe event, social distancing and masks will be enforced!

May 1 Grand Opening Carshow at NM Lowrider Arte & Culture Exhibit parking lot at Santa Fe Place Mall.



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

May 4-7, 2023 GSL 28 International Scale Vehicle Championship
Salt Lake City, UT
www.GSLChampionship.org

The date has been set for the final GSL, pushed out to May 4-7 2023.



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

Stuff that was not able to make it to the meeting...since there was no April meeting!

Kyle Anderson



"Update on the roadtrip caddy. Paints polished and ready for final assembly. Gonna have to Alclad chrome the windshield frame and make glass for some dumb reason."



Matt Barranca



“Hello, this is Matt Barranca building another lowrider, this one is a 1967 Chevy Impala SS. It is a candy pink raspberry. And I am going a little custom on this one. Here are a couple pics and I will be sending more after its finished.



The latest build. A 1967 Chevy Impala SS. It is almost complete! Should have it done by this week to show the full finished product, with the full description on the build. Till then everyone be safe.



Don Jones



“Just finished my road trip entry. Ford Raptor pickup”



Chris Werme



“Little paint on the 1/16 scale 55 convertible.”



John Pattison



“Here’s my entry for the road vehicle contest. It’s in the display case at Hobby Proz.”



Chuck Herrmann



"Here is my first completed RoadTrip online/Quarterly contest entry. This is a MotorMax diecast VW Dual Cab Pickup. Ride was lowered, some interior upgrades, added exhausts and taillights. Body had the molded in turn signals and taillights removed, the toylike mirrors also removed and filled in. Painted in a rat rod style"



And here is my second completed RoadTrip entry.



"AMT's new 1963 Chevy II Nova Wagon. Paint is Krylon Shortcuts Cactus Green. Chrome is Molotow pens. Kit had no engine so I added a V8 from the parts box, with International valve covers, and added wires. No battery or radiator in the kit so I added some from the parts box. Interior has added seat and bed covers (magazine photos with white glue), also custom steering wheel and floor shifter added. Mag wheels and tires also from the parts box, larger than the kit versions."



Stay Safe and Keep Building!

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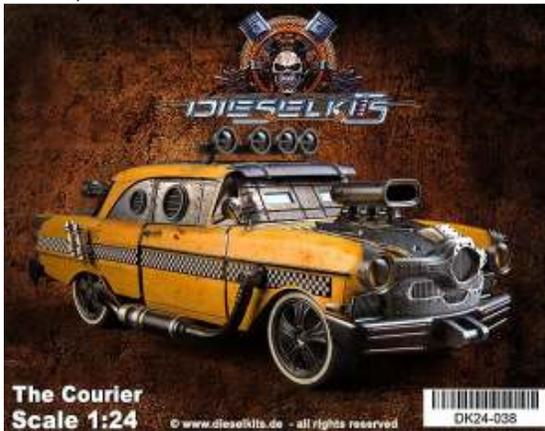
by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News

Diesekits

Recently I have been interested in building fantasy style vehicles, like Mad Max/Road Warrior or Steampunk. While reading some club newsletters online I came across a relatively new company, since 2019, putting out this genre of kits, called Diesekits. These are from Germany, and they are 3D printed. So no molds are needed, but they are not cheap.

Subjects include several vehicles and figures in 1/16, 1/24 and 1/35 scales.



These have a small parts count, 30 to 40 per kit for the vehicles. So they are curbsides.



Some include figures, and figures are also available separately. Prices on the web vary from 70 to 150 Euros. Figures are 15 to 20 Euros. The quality is hard to tell from the online photos, and the descriptions indicate that they are more for experienced modelers. These look pretty neat, I will be on the lookout for some. And the box art can be used for inspiration to kitbash similar designs.

Besides the subjects these kits are an indication of one future path for scale modeling. They are resin plastic. The models will be delivered with already removed support structures, another 3D printing characteristic. And the comments online note:

Please note, that a 3D printed model can show some kind of "steps" on the model. This is a result of the thousands layers used during the printing process. The visible steps will be nearly disappear after you have primed the model with several fine layers by using a primer, if possible with microfiller! For the assembling and if you want to add parts to the model use superglue only. If you need to fill some gaps you can use any filler/putty from modeling brands!

Most thoughts on 3D printing's impact on the hobby usually concern printing out stuff at home. This shows how kits can be offered without developing expensive tooling, and may be a way to get subjects that would not be popular enough to justify the investment for injection mold tooling. But the cost is above what we are used to paying.



Transkit for the Tamiya Mustang GT4



2019 Supercars Ford Mustang Conversion kit for 1/24 Tamiya Mustang GT4 kits Classic Racing Resins \$65.00

This resin kit converts the 1/24 Tamiya Ford Mustang GT4 kit in an approximate replica of the 2019 Australian Supercars Ford Mustang. This kit comes with a reconfigured nose, hood, rear wing assembly and also has other detail parts unique to the Austrian Supercars series with a right-hand drive dash and seat mounting assembly.

Decals available separately from Indycals.



Decals for the first three finishing cars.

MENG Ford GT MkII in 1/24



After the recent 1/12 scale Ford GT, Meng has announced a new kit of the Ford GT MkII.



Release date TBD

Atlantis



“Test builds of the 57 Caddy, Green Elephant Funny Car and the Tom Daniel Unreal Roller!”

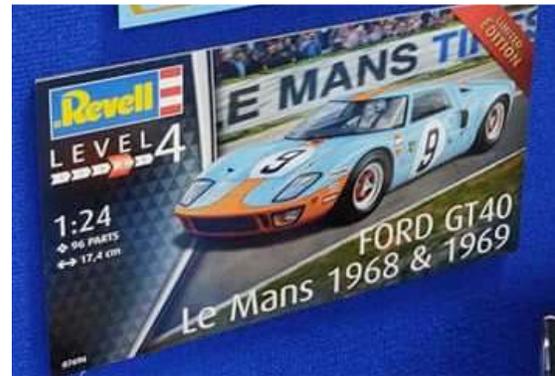
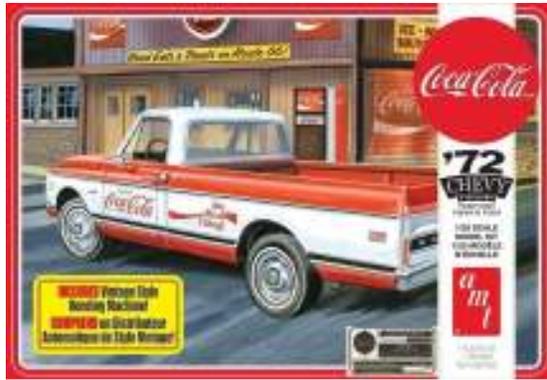
Salvino JR

Next release from Salvino is the Junior Johnson Racing Darrell Waltrip 1981 Monte Carlo one race only livery from Riverside California



Shipping in April

AMT



I assume this one is a reissue of the Fujimi kit.



July release date 1964 Oldsmobile



Revell



Here is the Revell display at the IPMS/Roscoe Turner (Indianapolis) show in April.



Tamiya 1/12 Brabham

From www.Tamiya-us.com



Coming soon!

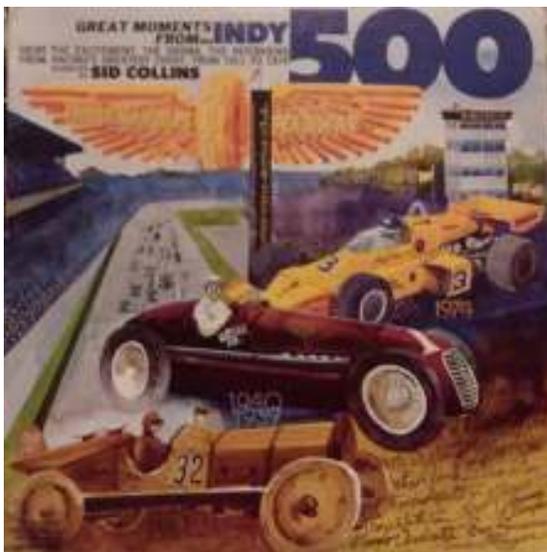
The 12042 Martini Brabham BT44B is a re-release of our legendary 1/12 scale kit from 1975. This kit includes a highly-detailed V8 engine, moveable front and rear suspension systems and a sheet of photo-etched parts. It even allows the removal of the front fairing, cockpit fairing and induction box to show off the details underneath!

High-quality Cartograf decals are also included to depict Martini and Goodyear logos.

12042 Tamiya Martini Brabham BT44B Model Kit



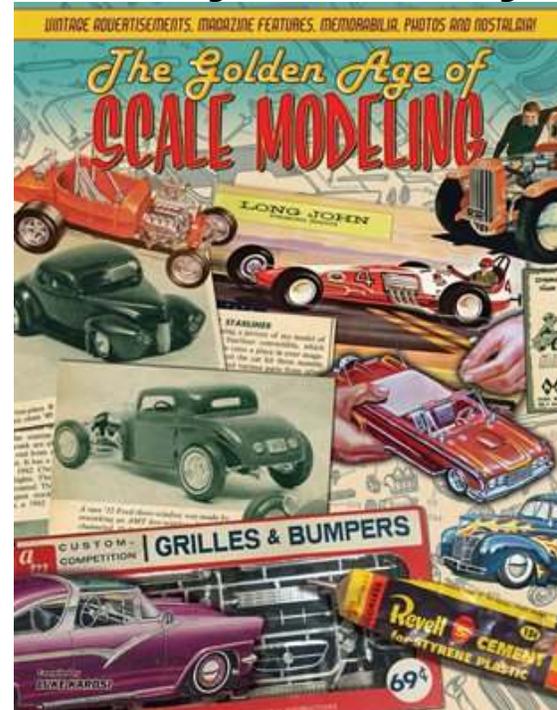
Media



As I was unpacking my vinyl LP collection recently I came across this LP album. It is a vinyl 33 1/3 record on vinyl. This is a spoken oral history of the Indy 500 race, narrated by

legendary race and radio announcer Sid Collins. It covers the history of the race from 1911 through 1974. There is a brief description of most races, with some live recordings. Something interesting to get in the mood for the Indy 500 later this month.

The Golden Age of Scale Modeling



This book, released in December 2020, is a collection of vintage advertisements, magazine articles, memorabilia, photos and nostalgia. If you grew up in the '50s, '60s or '70s and built scale automobile models, then this soft cover book will be a blast from the past.

It is available at magcloud.com. \$15 plus shipping.

ETC.



I just returned from a road trip to Arizona. In Tucson at a vintage swap meet I saw this kit at one booth. Not one I was looking for, I had this years ago. But when I picked it up, it was heavy. There were 10 bottles of Model Master paints inside, plus the hobby knife, some brushes and glue. Once home I found four bottles of paint and the glue were dried out. Still, six bottles of paint, the knife and the started kit for \$8. Sometimes you just stumble onto a good buy. CH

Ghost Rider Corvette



By Robert Bernahl IN

And DONE!!! I'm still debating if I am going to use the "Corvette" windshield banner and "Chevy bow tie" for the back window. But I finished the MPC GhostRider Corvette. This was a bit of a challenge for a 1984 (re released in 1988) model kit.



The pros: multi piece body kit (Eklar Daytona kit in real life) removable T-tops, front wheels that steer, GREAT detail in some areas (kit has separate sun visors and a CB radio). The cons: car has an insanely high ride height, kit is advertised as having "cross fire injection" yet the kit supplied engine is just a 4 barrel carburetor, POOR detail in other areas (the glass doesn't fit at all like the real car) had to extensively modify the kit to get it to fit "close enough."

What I did was lower the car so the arch of the wheel wells would perfectly align with the tires, however in order to do that the steerable wheels had to fixed into place. I wanted the body kit to be completely seamless (no lines showing whatsoever) so countless amounts of body filler and sanding and primer had to be done.



Here you can see this is a 1993-1997 LT-1 engine. With A/C & power steering.

I thought the kit supplied engine was lame so I kit bashed the engine and transmission from my parts stash (Chevy LT1 w/700R4 trans.) I added some more body cladding underneath car to make

it look more "complete" and made the exhaust exit out where the license plate would be. The whole car is murdered out with the exception of whatever chrome I left chrome. I originally painted it gloss black, but after a debate on Facebook I changed it to a shimmering black pearl and I'm glad I did.



I remember on these vintage "Custom 70's Era Corvettes" they also had the headlight buckets that eliminate the pop-up feature and as a kid I liked those so I fabricated my own on this kit. I'm happy with how it came out and it looks far better than the one I did when I was 10 years old.



Interior has been flocked, and chromed for the instrument clusters. Giant T handle for the transmission.



The gigantic tail pipes existing where a license plate should be.



Citroen SM Resin Kit Review

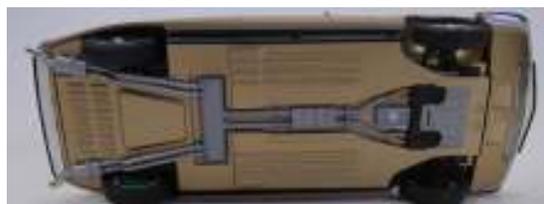


Subject: Citroen SM 1/24
MFG: Ukrainian Scale Cars Production 1/24
Review by David Allin OK

It would appear that the Ukraine is becoming a center for production of model cars. This kit is from a new company called Ukrainian Scale Cars Production, and it is undoubtedly the best resin kit I have ever built. Of course, you get what you pay for. The kit cost my California customer \$200 (with taxes and shipping), but the quality of the kit makes that seem fairly reasonable. The kit is made from a very dense but pliable grey resin that in some respects resembles the grey plastic of old AMT kits. I only found two very tiny pinholes, and both were in locations that could not be seen on the completed model. In addition to the grey resin parts, there are clear resin lenses for the lights, vacu-formed windows, authentically molded Michelin XWX rubber tires, and a sheet of photo-etched parts. Altogether there are over eighty parts, carefully packed in separate bags. Like most resin kits, it is a curbside, but the details on the car are simply outstanding.

The kit comes with a color booklet of instructions in good English, with clear assembly drawings and call-outs for paint colors. All the parts are manufactured to extremely close tolerances and exactly replicate the real car in every detail, as confirmed by Joe Ballengee, who owns a real one. You have the same options in building the car as you would in buying a new one. You have your choice of steel wheels with hubcap and trim ring or five-spoke mag-style wheels. You can build it as a stick shift or an automatic, with power windows or roll-up, and with a radio-cassette

or a radio-delete panel. As you may know, the real SM has a hydro-pneumatic suspension that raises and lowers the car as desired, and the model suspension can be set at either medium or raised position. The PE sheet comes with a variety of European license plates, but the model cannot be built as the American version, which had uncovered headlights, a different tail panel, and side marker lights.



The wheels and bumpers are not chrome plated; I covered the wheels with Bare Metal Foil and painted the black and aluminum sections, while the bumpers were painted with Tamiya gloss black rattle-can paint and then Spaz-Stix chrome. The suspension was tricky to assemble, and the holes for the rear trailing arms had to be drilled out, but otherwise the chassis was a simple assembly. The wheels must be glued on, so they will not roll, and you won't be able to push it across the floor while saying "Vroom, vroom."



The interior is simply a masterpiece. The seats and door panels were air-brushed with Model Master Leather enamel, an almost exact match for the real cars. The PE parts exactly replicate the dash and console, and if you choose the automatic version, the PRNDL letters are legible on the shifter plate. Although it is virtually invisible on the completed model, there is even a separate lever by the driver's seat for raising and lowering the suspension. The heater vents on the console, the rear ash trays, and the speaker grilles are all separate PE parts. The legible instruments are printed on shiny paper and are covered by a resin piece for the black rims; over that goes a PE piece.



The most difficult part of the assembly was the windows. While they are fairly thick vacu-form with no bubbles, figuring where to cut them out is problematic. And they must be cut to exactly the right size for them to snap into the shallow grooves for the windshield and backlight. Plan to spend a lot of time trimming and testing until they are just the right size. I did not get the bottom edge of the windshield right, which led to problems fitting over the dashboard. And with all the body parts, do a lot of test-fitting. The parts fit together tightly to start with, and the addition of paint will interfere with the fit, so I suggest you make the parts fit a little looser before you paint.



I washed all the resin parts with Dawn, but I encountered no problems with leftover mold release. I used Tamiya primer, and rattle-can Duplicolor automotive paint for the body. The body drops down over the chassis/interior with pegs at the rear and a screw to hold it on at the front. There is a separate oil pan that covers the screw head. The outside mirrors come with a thin resin post that glues to shallow holes on the doors. Since I would be shipping the model, I replaced the resin pins with metal pins after drilling small holes in the mirrors and doors. For the large taillight panel, I first applied BMF to the outside, using the engravings on the lens, and then painted the inside with dark red, amber, and white, using the BMF as a guide.



Although it was sometimes difficult, the model goes together very nicely and looks outstanding. The manufacturer went to great lengths to get all the shapes and details right, producing the best model of a Citroën SM you will probably ever see. I found it very interesting, but I have two friends that own real SMs, and most people have never even heard of them. I just hope that the company introduces other models of this quality and chooses subjects a little less obscure, so that they can sell more kits. Maybe a Bugatti Chiron, or a Cobra Daytona coupe?

The Real Thing



AMCC's Joe Ballangee has the real thing, seen here behind Old Town ABQ.

