



# C.A.R. Times

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\*\*\*\*\* President's Report \*\*\*\*\*

**Greetings Model Citizens!**

Happy New Year! I hope each and every one of you has a happy and bright 2013! May you all have increased creativity, abundant time and the resources to accomplish your goals. I wish you good health and vigor and for those around you. May your models all be masterpieces and your paint never run.

*Rockne*

\*\*\*\*\* Bench Racing by Bill Bench \*\*\*\*\*

STARTING 2013 WITH GREMLINS ALREADY!! 2012 proved to be an interesting year. The Mayans got the date for the end of the year wrong, I only finished one model, and I've decided to start off 2013 by building some Gremlins! Why is this white haired model builder with one of his nicknames being "BLUE OVAL BILL" messing around with an AMC product? Only thing I can figure is the challenge of making something as unconventional looking as a Gremlin and turning it into a Bad to the Bone looking Hot Rod.

After lots of mods to the Round 2 1976 Gremlin X, I'm starting to close in on having my first build for 2013 finished. With influence from local Drag Racer, Mike Glancy's '72 Gremlin Bracket Racer, I opted to pattern my '76 after his with a different paint scheme. You can see the progress pictures below.

Now help me figure this one out. I have not one, but TWO of the Round 2 '76 Gremlin X model kits. I have one of the Fresh Cherries Die Cast '74 Gremlins and a very cool looking Vaccu-formed Drag Racing '74 Gremlin. I walk into my local hobby shop, Hamilton Hobbies, with the intention of buying one of Revell's magnificent 1957 Ford sedans that are finally on the shelves with some of my Christmas money. Looking thru the shelves, I see one and hold it in my model building hands. Out of the corner of my eye I spot something that shoots Plan "A" to pieces...Round 2 has re-issued the 1975 Gremlin in the original box art!



Back on the shelf goes the Ford as I snatch the Gremlin into my hands. Checking out the box art, I'm enticed by the tasteful graphics and the '75 is just a little bit different from the '76 Gremlin to make it interesting. Decisions, decisions...do I go with the superior quality '57 Ford or do I go with the issue-plagued Gremlin? I'm going to say that in the end, the fact that they had eight of the Fords and only 2 of the Gremlins made my decision easier, and I'll pick up the Ford by the time you read this, but the truth is.....The Gremlin made me do it!!

See you at the meeting.

*Bill*

~~~~~ from the editor's desk ~~~~~

Boys & girls,

To begin with, I hope everybody enjoyed the holidays with family & friends. Welcome to 2013. The CAR logo on page one is courtesy of the Indy Road Rockets website. It's a pic of my jacket, thrown over an easel, at the Indy World of Wheels, where I displayed a couple of tables of traditional hot rod models as part of Motorama 1962. See the current flyer elsewhere this ish.

Cincinnati's Cavalcade of Customs will be coming up Jan 11-13, if you'd like to add it to your schedule. Admission is \$15 for adults. I first displayed model cars at this show in 1960, as part of a model car club from my hometown of Mt. Healthy. The cost of the 10'x10' space was \$0 - it was there for the asking. As I recall, there were at least three other model car clubs, one of which was another club from Mt. Healthy, set up around the show, which was held at the Music Hall. There were a ton of hot rods & customs - I don't recall any new car displays - with Roth's Beatnik Bandit on display in the lobby..... Great memories.....

*Robb*

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===== the contest directors report =====

### The Year-End Contest

Factory Stock:

- 1st Mike Jinkens, Chrysler 300
- 2nd Robb Shelby, 34 Ford PU
- 3rd Curtis Epperson, El Dorado

Street Machine:

- 1st Bill Owen, 69 Corvair Monza
- 2nd Bill Bench, 06 Mustang
- 3rd Scott Spraul, 69 Super Bee

Straight Line Comp

- 1st Don Perkins, 57 Chevy Gasser
- 2nd Bill Owen, Anglia
- 3rd Curtis Epperson, King Cobra

Comp Other:

- 1st Curtis Epperson, Sprint Car
- 2nd Bill Owen, 66 Penske Corvette
- 3rd David Ginandt, #25 Midget

Street Rod:

- 1st Bill Owen, Outlaw
- 2nd Curtis Epperson, Granny's Hot Rod
- 3rd Paul Snodgrass, 37 Chevy PU

Juniors:

- 1st Scott Spraul, Pink Cadillac

Curbside Street:

- 1st Randy Wilson, 68 Torino GT
- 2nd Curtis Epperson, Escalade
- 3rd Bill Owen, 69 VW Beetle

Curbside Comp:

- 1st Scott Spraul, 68 Charger

Pre Decorated:

- 1st Randy Wilson, 67 Mustang
- 2nd Randy Wilson, VW Van
- 3rd Curtis Epperson, 06 GTO

Commercial:

- 1st Kevin Belanger, IH Lone Star
- 2nd Robb Shelby, Cowboy Cadillac
- 3rd Robb Shelby, Bitch Creek Ale

Misc:

- 1st Rockne Riddlebarger, Bulldozer
- 2nd Rockne Riddlebarger, Park Ranger 6X6
- 3rd Curtis Epperson, Rat Fink

Collector's Diecast:

- 1st Rob Rudney, 58 Chrysler
- 2nd Rob Rudney, 48 Buick
- 3rd Rob Rudney, 54 Cadillac

Out-of-Box:

- 1st Curtis Epperson, Ghostbuster Ecto1
- 2nd Paul Schneider, Torino Cobra
- 3rd Curtis Epperson, 06 Camaro

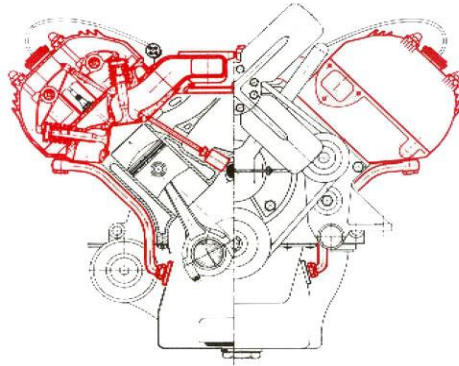
Out-of-Box Plus:

- 1st Curtis Epperson, Opel GT
- 2nd Bill Owen, Black Widow
- 3rd Dennis Tull, 58 TBird

Model of the Year - Rockne Riddlebarger, Bulldozer

*Curtis*





'Ardun Cutaway' from "The Ardun White paper" by Tom Senter 1971

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**In my opinion, these kits are skill level**  
**3.**

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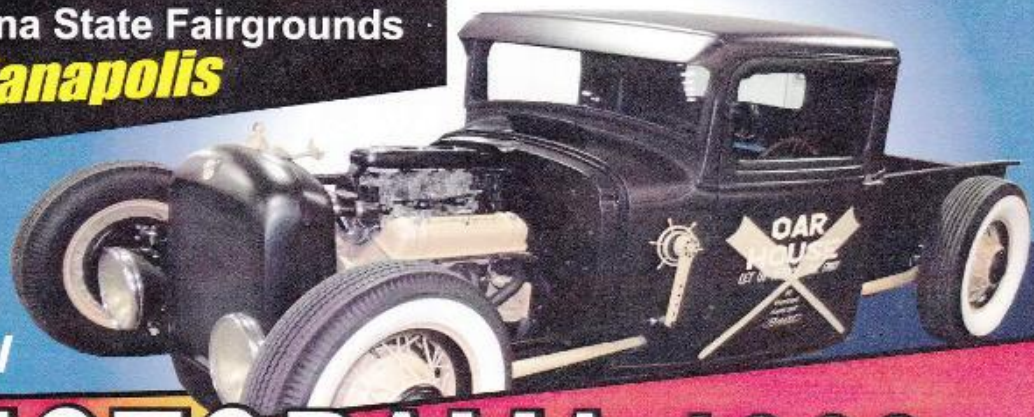


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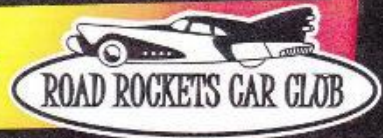
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