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this month:

officer's reports on the drawing board kit reviews upcoming events



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the president's report

Greetings Model Citizens!

Happy New Year to all with the hopes you enjoy a prosperous and satisfying 2012. Congratulations are in order for Robb Shelby, our new newsletter editor and many thanks to Jeff Meyers for his years of service on the clubs behalf. Our thanks also go to Randy Wilson and Ben Gibson for their continuing service. I'd like to thank everyone who brought a gift for the Toys for Tots program. We were able to donate 16 items to that worthy cause. Now, before I close out this "Thanksgiving feast", I'd like to say thank you for voting my "In the Outback" diorama as model of the year for 2011. It is an honor I will not forget. Also, congrats to all that won an End of Year contest award, all of the models were great!

I will see you all on January (for the first meeting of the year where it will be contest night with the theme of "Cars of the 21st Century.
Rockne

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*from the editor's desk*

First things first, I wanna thank you for allowing me to care for the newsletter for you for the next couple of years. CARTimes is the voice of the club, & I understand how important this is to you (& me). It is your newsletter, it is your voice that speaks. It is the vehicle through which club news is relayed to you, but it is also how we, as a group, speak to the hobby & the industry. Your voice, your words..... Speak up.

Also, I hope everyone had a happy holiday. January will be the first In-house Contest of 2012. Let's have a good turnout. I'll see you then.

Robb

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~~~~~2011 END OF YEAR CONTEST
RESULTS~~~~~

FACTORY STOCK

- 1st. Bill Bench '66 GTO
- 2nd. Greg Neuman '53 ford Crestliner
- 3rd. Bill Bench '69 Opel GT

CUSTOM

- 1st. John Ginandt '53 Chevy
- 2nd. Greg Neuman '49 Ford
- 3rd. Greg Neuman '62 Thunder
Charger

STREET MACHINE

- 1st. Travis Jefferies Green Hornet

STRAIGHT LINE COMPETITION

- 1st. Travis Jefferies Magician F/C
- 2nd. Greg Neuman '57 T-Bird
- 3rd. Curtis Epperson Stingaree

COMPETITION OTHER

- 1st. Curtis Epperson Hemi Under Glass
- 2nd. Robb Shelby #34 Bailey Modified
- 3rd. Curtis Epperson S15 Silvia Champ
Drift Car

STREET ROD

- 1st. Greg Neuman '32 Sedan
- 2nd. Vince Kelly '32 Sedan
- 3rd. Robb Shelby #67 Model A
Roadster

CURBSIDE STREET

- 1st. Curtis Epperson Percha
- 2nd. Travis Jefferies Paddywagon
- 3rd. Greg Neuman '49 Ford

CURBSIDE COMPETITION

- 1st. Bill Bench '71 Comet
- 2nd. Bill Bench '76 Mustang II
- 3rd. Curtis Epperson Dale Sr.

PRE-DECORATED

- 1st. Bill Bench '05 Mustang
- 2nd. David Ginandt #29 Late Model
- 3rd. Bill Bench '34 Ford Coupe

COMMERCIAL

- 1st. Rockne Riddlebarger Ford C-800
Semi Tractor
- 2nd. Greg Neuman '45 Cabover
- 3rd. Robb Shelby Arrikis Water Co.
Truck

Miscellaneous

- 1st. Travis Jefferies Chitty-Chitty
Bang-Bang
- 2nd. Rockne Riddlebarger "In the
Outback" Diorama
- 3rd. Robb Shelby "Hog Heaven"
Diorama

COLLECTOR'S DIECAST

- 1st. Rob Rudney '60 T-Bird
- 2nd. Rob Rudney '56 Buick
Roadmaster
- 3rd. David Ginandt #83 Scott James
Late Model

OUT OF BOX

- 1st. Travis Jefferies Peanut 1
- 2nd. Curtis Epperson Rommel's Rod
- 3rd. John Ginandt '66 GTO

OUT OF BOX PLUS

- 1st. Travis Jefferies '63 Rodshop
Corvette
- 2nd. Curtis Epperson Midget Racer
- 3rd. Greg Neuman '60 Sunliner

2011 MODEL OF THE YEAR

Rockne Riddlebarger "In the Outback" Diorama
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CLUB T-SHIRT AND HAT ORDER STATUS

We started collecting money and orders for t-shirts and hats at the December meeting and fell short of the minimum number of items needed to place the order. We need one more t-shirt and four more hats. Anyone interested in getting in on this, bring your money (cash or check) to the Jan. meeting. Hats are \$9 each and t-shirts are \$11 for S-2X, \$12 for 3X and \$14 for 4X.

kit reviews.....

Boys & girls, we have a couple of reviews this month, two versions of the Revell 2010 'Stang. Photos courtesy of the Revell website.

2010 Ford Shelby GT500



(Revell #85-4938, 1/25 scale, Street Burner skill level 3)

In the beginning, Iaccoca created Mustang, and it was good. (People lined up and even camped out overnight to get one.)

Then Iaccoca said unto Carroll Shelby "build me a Mustang with great power that will be competitive on the track" and this he did, and profits soared, and Iaccoca was pleased. And then it came to pass that Shelby built one of the fastest Mustangs and it was called GT500, and the legend was born. But, all too soon Shelby grew tired and weary of this machine and said unto Ford and Iaccoca "screw you, I'm going to Africa."

Well, in 2005 Ford decided to bring the famed Shelby back, the car - not the guy, only this time as a regular member of the lineup, and in 2010 the car received a "refreshed" look featuring a very aggressive front end and a "love it" or "hate it" rear.

As model kits go, the GT500 can best be described as a modified reissue. The 2010 Ford Mustang GT was released over the summer, and this is pretty much that same kit with features that make it the Shelby version. This is also a stock kit, meaning there are no options spelled out in the directions.

There is not much more I can say about this kit. It carries over from the aforementioned Mustang GT, and build quality is the same, directions are clear, and decals feature either silver or white stripes, but only one instrument panel color as opposed to the ColorFX of the GT. I will say that the wheels and tires look top rate as compared to the 2008 Shelby which looked off scale and chunky. Also every little badge and sticker is represented on the decal sheet. Something that Revell has been doing for some time, and it does add to the overall quality of the finished model. Enjoy

Mr. J

2010 Ford Mustang GT Convertible



(Revell # 85-1963, 1/25 scale, Snap Tite skill level 1)

I have to admit that after building models for close to fifty years, Revell products have never been my favorite. Lately, however, I've been impressed with some of their new releases, particularly the new & old Mustangs & Shelbys.

While I was in Toledo in October, Revell was displaying a test shot of the 2010 Mustang GT convertible from their Snap Tite line of models. The representative for Revell related that they hoped for a late 2011 release. It's here, just in time for Christmas.

The body, hood & deck lid spoiler are molded in color (I believe it's called Saturn Gold), while most everything else is molded in Satin Black. The kit features rubber tires, a modest chrome tree, red & clear plastic, metal axles & screws, along with a sheet of peel & stick decals.

The instruction sheet lists all of the parts on the second page. This is very helpful for young modelers because some parts are molded slightly different & do not interchange.

The one-piece body has good color throughout, however, there are slight mold release lines on the front & rear bumpers, not bad though. Assembly is relatively easy. One problem area is the one-piece clear headlight/fog light - this refused to snap into place without trimming the holes for the fog lights. The holes are molded much too deep into the body for the parts to clear.

The most unforgivable gaff is the kit's clear windshield unit - it is far too short. There is a recessed area where a rear-view mirror would locate, an upper console area that is clearly visible when the windshield is placed in the body. This also prevents the sunvisors from looking to scale. There is no inside rear-view mirror. A convertible kit without one..... tsk, tsk.

The plastic body is very pliable. You'll appreciate that when you place the body/interior on the chassis.

I prefer water-slide decals over stickers, but the ones provided are suitable & result in a nice looking shelf model. I may build another one & use decals from another Mustang or Shelby kit to create a unique version.

Look for the completed model at the January contest.

Randy

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**Guys,**

**I rec'd this email & figured to pass it along to you. Can someone help him out? I know a few of you build military stuff, & this might be fun. I've included the gentleman's address - feel free to touch base with him.... Robb**

**To: C.A.R. Members**

**Subject: Vietnam Veteran / Model - Help me ?**

**Date: Tuesday, December 27, 2011 6:36 PM**

**Dear Model Builders,**

**My name is Ralph Jones and am a Vietnam Veteran. I put my unit back together in 1997 and now have about 200 members. We were called "Proud Americans 2nd/32nd Field Artillery". We were the Big Howitzers (8" Self Propelled & 175mm Self Propelled Howitzers) in Vietnam.**

**Today I am looking for someone who is really good at putting models together & is willing to help.**

**I have a model that needs to be built & I'd like it to look real. It's to be a diorama centered around a 175mm Self Propelled Howitzer, a model of a full scale howitzer, the "Proud American", that has been donated to the Fort Sill (Oklahoma) Museum by us. I'll want to donate the built diorama to the Fort Sill Museum as well.**

**I hope you can steer me in the right direction to have this done.**

**God Bless,**

**Ralph Jones < [rjones2u@hotmail.com](mailto:rjones2u@hotmail.com) >**

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..... on the drawing board

This month, I want to bring you up to date on a couple of models I've had on the back burner for way too long. First up, a 1932 Ford Fire Truck, built on a passenger car chassis & featuring a 150 gallon water tank, 4.5" diameter hard suction pump, a pair of 8' hoses, two 3" outlets & 60' of soft hose on a tray above the tank, all scratch built & mounted on a scratch built bed. The incorrect diameter wheels & tires that AMT provided (as well as the brake detail that AMT failed to provide), have been replaced by scratch'd 10 1/2" drums plus 21" dia disc wheels & 3"x30"OD tires from a Heller truck kit. The four wheel mechanical brake system has been detailed out as well. The engine, a 221" Flathead, remains unbuilt, but I have progressed a bit with the body, adding a bunch of gold striping to the fire-engine red paint. Period fire-truck details are slowly, but surely turning up: the recent re-release of the MPC "Fire Truck" Show Rod provided a couple of items, including a vintage fire extinguisher. This beast will get done.



Another long time project is one I call "BLKCOOP" based on the ZZTOP Eliminator kit from Monogram. This one is old enough to feature the engine from the 40 Pickup kit & wheels from the Edmunds Supermod kit (both from before Monogram began putting great flatties & stock wheels in their old car kits....). However, this one also predates my habit of scratch building entire interiors from Evergreen, & that was my stumbling block at the time – how to cut down the interior panels to accommodate the channeled body (did I mention that I tossed the fenders – but maybe you knew that....). I now feel confident that I can do the interior justice & so, out of the shed & back on the work bench. Haven't actually done anything yet, but it'll come.



Robb

2012 C.A.R. CONTEST THEMES

- JANUARY 9-21st Century Cars (2000 and up) + Contest Night
- FEBRUARY 13-Paint It Black (black cars) + Swap Meet & NGDA Gravity Drags
- MARCH 12-Fins (cars with....) + Contest Night
- APRIL 9-Camaros (all 45 years of `em) +Swap Meet & NGDA Gravity Drags
- MAY 14-Six or More Wheels (You'll know it when you see it) + Contest Night
- JUNE 11-Ac Cobras (Vroom) + Swap Meet & NGDA Gravity Drags
- JULY 9-Film and TV Cars (ready for their close-up) + Contest Night
- AUGUST 13-Gassers (breaking the wind) + Swap Meet & NGHDA Gravity Drags
- SEPTEMBER 10-Daniels vs. Roth (custom genius) + Contest Night

OCTOBER 8-Same Kit Night (to be announced) + Swap Meet & NGDA Gravity Drags
NOVEMBER 12-End of Year Contest
DECEMBER 10-EOY Awards, Election of Officers, Gift Exchange, Pizza Party

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upcoming events:

Feb 4-6 V-Twin Expo Duke Energy Center info: 1-866-427-7583

Feb 10-12 Easyriders/V-Twin Bike Tour Columbus Conv. Center info: 1-800-962-9857

Feb 10-12 Motorama 62 @ World of Wheels Indiana State Fairgrounds

info: < www.worldofwheel.com >

Apr 14 Cincinnati Challenge 17 Clermont County Fairgrounds

info: < www.cincinnatiautoreplicas.org >

May 5, HMCA #32 9AM-4PM KofC Hall 511 Thompson Rd Indianapolis IN

NEXT MEETING: North-Central Branch Library
11109 Hamilton Ave Cincinnati OH 45231
visit us @ < www.cincinnatiautoreplicas.org >

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Robb's Garage

presents

The Riverside II Trailer Kit

Deck size: 175" lg x 87" wd

1/25th scale

Single Axle unit includes:

(1) Frame Kit with deck & ramp lumber

(1) Tongue Kit with hitch & jackstand

(1) Suspension Kit with axle & springs

Tandem Axle units are available

Frame, Tongue & Suspension Kits

are available separately

All kits are multi-media, but primarily styrene

Kits do not include wheels, tires, fenders or lights.

In my opinion, these kits are skill level 3.

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