



# Car Times

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made Chryslers, Dodges, Plymouths, Desoto, and  
Imperials of Chrysler Corporation  
Fiats and Mercedes need not apply*



**CHRYSLER**

## *From the Editor's Desk...*

I'll admit it. I enjoy the classic looks of Mopar. I learned to drive on a 1978 Plymouth Volare', and as a result I have a small collection of them sitting next to my beloved Mustangs and I am always looking for more. In addition I also have a soft spot for the 1968 Roadrunner. This was the car that my father owned when he met my mother and I grew up with stories of this car (ask me some time about my Mother in the Roadrunner drag racing my Aunt in a '67GTO). My Grandfather owned nothing by Chrysler products, and growing up, that is all that was my parents bought. I guess I broke the chain of insanity by purchasing and enjoying my '96 Ford Escort. The truth was, by '96 the great Mopars of the past were long gone. I have a '70 Roadrunner that I was planning to trade some custom parts from a '70GTX, maybe it is time to re-open the box.  
JEFF

## *Contest Corner*

Hey guys it's June already and the heat is here. This month's theme is Mopars and most you should have at least one. I brought mine last month so I will have to dust something off. No time to build something new. Thanks for the Model of the Month vote it is my first and hopefully not my last. It is also a Gravity Drag and Swap Meet Night. See y'all at the meeting. Thanks, **Curt**.

## *May's In-House Contest Results*

**Factory Stock** 1) Greg Newman '57 Ford Sunliner 2) Robb 1934 Ford Pick Up 3) Bill Bench '69 Mustang Coupe

**Customs** 1) Greg Newman '49 Ford

**Straight Line Comp** 1) Travis Magician Funny Car 2) Curtis Epperson Stingaree 3) Jim Wilkens Mustang Flip Nose

**Competition Other** 1) Curtis Epperson Hemi Under Glass 2) David Ginandt #4 Monte Carlo SS 3) Curtis Epperson Falcon Modified

**Street Rod** 1) Robb 1927 #25 Pick Up 2) Greg Newman Delivery T 3) Robb 1934 Ford 3 window Gold 34

**Curbside Sreet** 1) Rockne Falcon 4x4 ute 2) Travis 1970 Plymouth Super Bird 3) Greg Newman Prowler

**Curbside Comp** 1) Bill Bench 71 Comet

**Commercial** 1) Curtis Epperson Li'L Yeller Skool Bus

**Miscellaneous** 1) Robb Hog Heaven 2) Curtis Mustang 3) Curtis Stingray

**Collectors Diecast** 1) Robert Rudney 1960 Ford T-Bird Drop Top

**Out of Box** 1) Curtis Epperson Love Bug 2) David Ginandt 06 Magnum 3) Rockne Mustang Theme Travis Magician Funny Car

**Model of the Month** Curtis Epperson Li'L Yeller Skool Bus.

## *THE MEETING NOTES* by Mike Jinkens

May's meeting had a light turnout with only 17 members, and 3 guests (Bob Trout and family) attending.

There were no kits for door prizes or a kit raffle due to Ben being out for a Funeral and Randy was out sick.

July will be here shortly which means the Derby City Shoot-out in Louisville on July 30.



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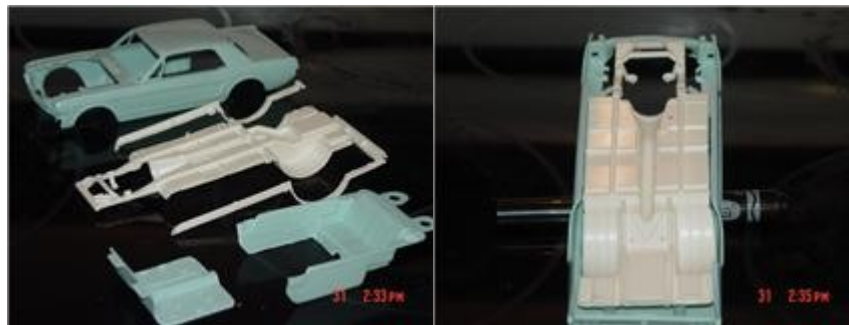
## ***BENCH RACING*** -by Bill Bench HONEY-DO'S OR HEMIS?

Memorial day has come and gone. Instead of spending time working on the latest project for this month's meeting, I opted to spend some quality time painting my kitchen and helping my Wife with the flowerbeds. How does this relate to model building, you ask? I'm still trying to figure out the flowerbeds, but I had to use a couple of modeling tools on the kitchen. I used a paintbrush that I normally use for models to touch up a few places on the wall where the white paint kept bleeding thru the green. I also used a modeling saw to trim away the excess shims that I used to align the kitchen cabinets.

This is the same saw that I used for one of my better kit-bashing projects. Even though I used an AMT '66 Mustang, the same principle would apply to most any model, even a MOPAR. I wanted to tub a '66 Mustang, and the best chassis to use was AMT's '66 Nova Street Machine. The wheelbase is almost perfect, but it's a little wide for the Mustang. The Mustang interior doesn't fit well either. So, measuring twice and cutting roughly 1/16th from both sides of the chassis. As you can see from the pics, it fits rather well. After cutting the floor out of the Mustang interior, I think it's going to work rather well.

Still have lots to do to finish this model, but you get the idea. Hopefully, I'll get it finished sometime next year, but got lots of projects ahead of it, namely a MOPAR that's being difficult! LOL!

See you at the meeting, **Bill**



## ***JMCA 2011***

This was a brand new venue for this long-standing model contest. The Knights of Columbus hall was very cramped, but featured the closest to an actual restaurant seen at any model contest, and a full bar. Seen at the show were John and David Gidant, Kevin Bellinger, Mike Jenkins, Robb Shelby, Rockne Riddlebacher, and Jeff Myers. Out of the group of us, only Rockne was able to walk away with any prizes. However it should be noted that Jeff managed to win a \$50 door prize.

### ***Results:***

Rockne: 1st place Diorama class - "IN THE OUTBACK"  
2nd place Misc. class - "HOME-MADE SNOWCAT"  
3rd place Misc. class - "MATER"  
3rd place Heavy Truck class - FORD F-350 CONSTRUCTION TRUCK.



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## ***Industry News***

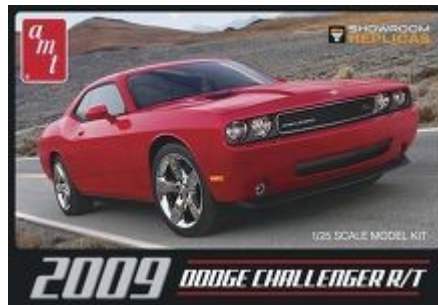
Replicas and Miniatures releases two new '32 Ford bodies. Cabriolet and Sport Coupe bodies are made to fit the Revel '32 Ford kit. Also now available is a set of resin tires made to fit the new Revel Midget kits.

Trumpeter models release 1964 Falcon Sprint HT. Convertible and Ranchero based on the same tooling due out later this year.

Possible new AMT Parts Pack from Round 2 containing 4 different sets of M&H vintage slicks. No release date or pricing available. If you want this parts to become a reality, tell your hobby shop or supplier to order AMTPP001 MH Tire Parts Pack

New Releases from Revel/Monogram. 2010 Ford Mustang GT, Ferrari 458 Italia, 1997 Ford F-150 XLT, 1955 Mercedes SLR

## ***Kit Review*** AMT 2009 Dodge Challenger R/T...The Return of the Annuals



Not to many years ago, when AMT was still a big player in the model car industry, and places like Wal-Mart still carried model cars, AMT carried a line of model cars called Snap Fast Plus. These required low skill level to build and were marketed to young modelers. In many cases these were unbuilt promos. Fast-forward a few years, Wal-Mart (and similar stores) doesn't sell models, and AMT is not what it used to be. Many of us were excited when AMT announced that it will be producing models of more modern makes, primarily the Dodge Challenger and Chevrolet Corvette.

Marketed as "Showroom Replicas," the 2009 Dodge Charger R/T is nothing more than the Snapfast Plus Kits of nearly a decade ago. Granted, the several "change-of-hands" of AMT in the recent years may have prevented using the Snapfast Plus name, or the manufacturer is trying to create new sales with a new line. The truth is, where we are concerned, it is a unpainted quick build kit with a platform chassis.

Build quality and plastic fit and finish are OK with no custom build options. Plenty of decals add detail to the interior and scripts for the exterior. Red, white, and black, R/T stripes are provided so you are not limited to a particular paint option. Curiously, the hood is a separate piece, which would make me believe that an engine option was planned. If you are a replica stock builder, there is no color guide to match body colors, stripes, and interiors.

There is also a 2010 Challenger kit available as well. Which only means that the current AMT has revived an old AMT tradition, the modified reissue.



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## ***Building Better Models...Paint Prep and Priming***

Before you can paint your model, it must be prepped. Rough ridges need to be smoothed, joint lines need to be filled, and the model should be washed.

Remove any rough spots by using the back of a hobby knife, or by sanding. Fill unwanted gaps by using a body putty. Use a small dowel, paintbrush handle, or small putty knife to apply. Sand off excess till smooth when putty dries. Apply putty in layers when reshaping areas. For contour sanding, use a dowel, flat, or shaped piece of wood to achieve desired shape. After market preshaped contour blocks can also be purchased.

Wash the model in a mild detergent to remove any oils left on the model prior to priming. A simple coat hanger can be bent to support the model while it is being primed and painted. Primer can be either brushed on, or sprayed. If you are spraying, use short quick passes over your model. This will help prevent paint runs.

## ***The Last Detail --- 2011 Themes***

June	MOPARS*
July	Foreign Invasion
August	Motorcycles*
September	Circle Track
October	Same Kit Night-Midget Racers*
November	End of the Year Contest
December	Awards Ceremony, Kit Exchange, Pizza Party Free for All BYOD (Bring your own Drink)

\*gravity drags and swap meet months as well. Bring your down hill racers, and items that you wish to sell, barter, or trade with.

## ***Upcoming Events***

**July 30, 2011 LMCC Model Car Contest** Holy Family Parish Church Saffin Center, 3938 Poplar Level Rd, Louisville, KY 40213

**August 6, 2011 LT 8<sup>th</sup> Model and Die cast Collectible Show**, Labor Union Hall, 4580 South Dixie HWY, Lima OH 45806

**September 16-18**, Goodguys Indianapolis, Model and Pedal Car Show, Speedway Nationals, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Speedway IN

**October 1, 2011 SCIMA**, Bartholomew Co. Fairgrounds, 4H Pavilion, Columbus, IN

**November 27, 2011 Midwest Automotive Toy Show, Model Contest and Swap Meet**, National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States, 1000 Gordon M. Buehrig Pl., Auburn IN 46706

## ***Classifieds***

- I have some models that I will be selling. But I am not looking to rent a whole table at shows. Please contact me if you are interested in splitting a table at various shows throughout the year. Jeff M 513-936-0163

\* A good friend and supporter of our club needs to find a Linberg "62 Bel Air or Impala for an upcoming project. -- He really just needs a complete chassis with the exhaust, but will purchase an entire kit if need be.

If you have one, please let me know.—Randy

\* Wanted: parts for convertible conversions,'60's boots and sun visors. fender skirts and whitewalls. -- 426 Hemis. Scrap '66 or '67 Dodge Charger body for glass, roof and interior. See Greg or call 513-571-9566.



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