



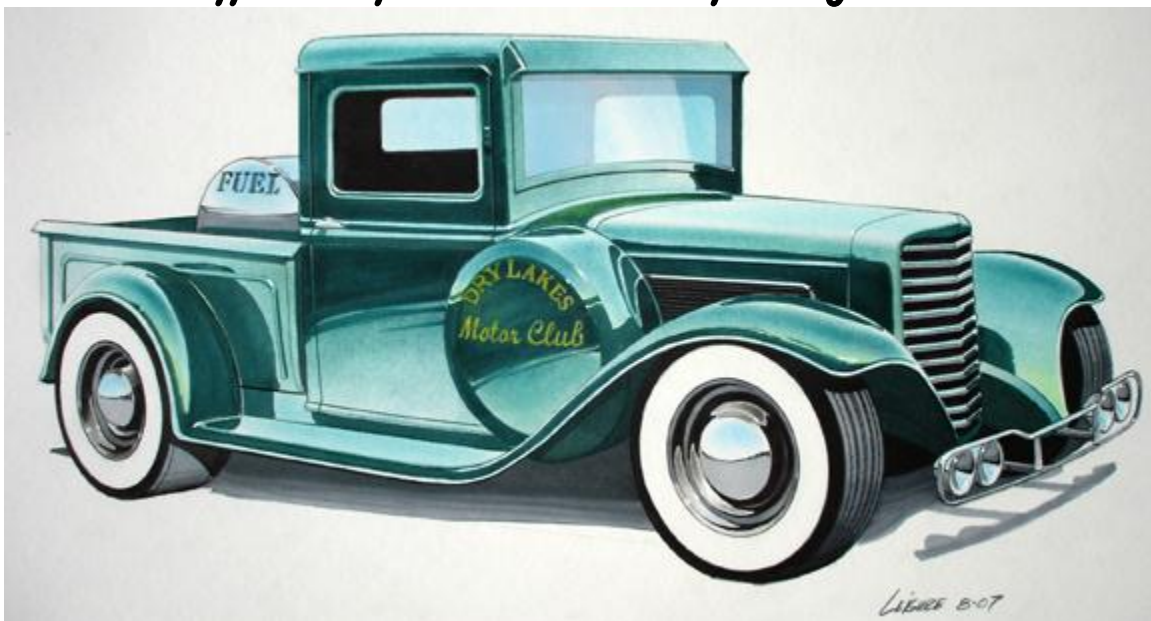
# C.A.R. Times

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*the president's report*

Greetings Model Citizens! If you were unable to attend the February meeting you missed a very good turnout, especially for the theme contest. "Paint it Black" only drew one contestant last year and was carried forward to this year and the entries this year probably rank right up there in the largest numbers for a theme only month, with 33 models gracing the tables. Thanks to everyone who brought a model and congrats to Curtis for taking the win! I would also like to say thanks to Jim Wilkins for bringing items for auction on a regular basis, over time these small amounts of money add to the club bank account and we all appreciate that.

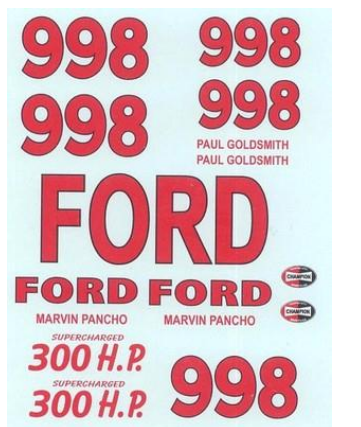
The club has had the pleasure of the return of some former members lately and we would love to have more of our old friends come back. If you haven't been to a meeting lately, please consider doing so, we would all like the chance to see you again. A note to you regulars, please remember to pay your dues for this year if you have not already done so. See you all on March 12!

*Rockne*



FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Strange as it may seem, along with the word that Revell would soon be releasing the 1957 Ford Custom (much lower on the food chain than AMT's Fairlane 500), came the announcement from Southern Motorsports that livery for the Paul Goldsmith 57 Ford NASCAR effort (generated by Plastic Performance Products) would also be available.



That's not the strange part. No, the strange part is that I can't seem to find any documentation that Goldsmith campaigned a Ford in 1957. That year Goldsmith drove a Pontiac for Smokey Yunick - that much is well documented, but I've found nothing on the Ford. As I said - strange. BTW, Marvin Pancho is actually Marvin Paunch - Poncho was his nickname..... & he spent 1957 in a Ford alright - a semi-streamlined T-Bird known as the "Battlebird". Nonetheless, I'm looking forward to the 57 model. 'Fireball' Roberts drove one & Fred Cady did the graphics for it.

*Robb*



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*kit review:*

## 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air 2-door sedan



(Revell #4251, 1/25; 150pcs in white, chrome, black vinyl, clear & clear red; instructions & decals; two building versions, skill level 2)

Ok, I know what you are thinking, not another '57 Bel Air. And normally I would agree with you, but this does merit some attention. This is part of Revell's California Wheels collection, but what sets this off from other '57's is the fact that it is a pillared 2-door sedan as opposed to a hardtop. Think of it as Revell's 150 Black Widow kit with Bel Air trim. I was, of course, a little skeptical at first that such a creature even existed, but was later proven wrong. Also this kit features both stock and custom build options as well as 3 different types of wheels to choose from.

The engine is the same basic GM block that Revell has been using in all their Tri-5 Chevey's, but this does have the option of custom air cleaner and valve covers.

Lowered front and rear axles as well as either stock wheel covers, chrome 5-spoke 'mags', or even baby moons. The baby moons are designed to fit the same tire as the 'mags' which is your modern "love-it" or "hate it" rubber band tires.

Here is where it gets interesting to me and allows you to be creative. You have the option of either putting the bumper cushions on, or leaving 'em off. This tells me that Revell is using the same bumper for both the 150 and Bell Air.

The waterslide decals feature yellow, black, and blue flame patterns, interior trim seat inserts and dash detail and outside scripts in silver. There are also 3 different license plates; however one alludes to this car being fuel injected, while the kit offers only a carbureted set-up.

Modeling is all about enjoyment so build something and enjoy.

*Jeff*

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## *Bench Racing*

**"GRANDPA, CAN WE BUILD A MODEL?"**

My Granddaughter, London, just turned 4 last month. Being a Grandpa with a Hot Rodding addiction, I've always tried to give her a proper education in the joys of cool cars, both 1:1 and smaller scale. To make sure she got off to a great start, I wore my red club T-shirt with the C.A.R. logo. Rather than give her a ball to play with, I always slipped her some kind of toy car. I was even hoping to get her to say "VROOM-VROOM" before she could say "MOMMY", but to Tim Allen's and my dismay, it didn't happen. I even took her to our local cruise-in last year for a little "field trip" into her automotive education. She showed a genuine interest in all the cars and trucks that

were there, and probably set a record for saying "Grandpa, what's this?" I was patient and briefly explained all of her questions. No need to burden a 3 yr old with the technical differences between a Stromberg and a Holley carb. Doubt she remembers what everything was, but I'm sure someday she will.

About a week after London's 4th birthday party, she said those words that every middle-aged modeler who is worried about the hobby's future long to hear. "Grandpa. Can we build a model?" Part of me was overjoyed...and part of me was thinking "what's the best way to do this?". I'm pretty patient with kids, but I knew we needed to work on something that would go together fairly quick. Based on past experience, I picked out a Revell Snap-tite '34 Ford coupe. It's cool-looking enough, and I've put one together in less than 20 minutes, so I figured it would be perfect.

So we get everything out of the box and we figure out how we want to build it. I was hoping she would choose fenderless, but she went with the more traditional route and chose to build it with fenders. We started out with the interior. I was amazed how straight she put on the stickers for the speakers and the dashboard. Throughout the build, I'd show her how to put things together and then take it apart and have her do it. For the most part, she did pretty well. I even showed her how to sand tire treads to make them look used, which she thought was really cool. Being 4, she really doesn't have the strength to snap some of the parts together all the way. After putting the wheels, tires, and axle assemblies together on the frame, she got more encouraged, and with some teamwork from Grandpa, we managed to get it all assembled. We then decided to use the flame stickers. In her enthusiasm, London started peeling off stickers and stuck them on the side of the cardboard box. When we pulled them off part of the box came with them, which left us with some brown, fuzzy residue. Not a good thing. We decided to use what stickers were leftover and we wound up with a tasteful looking '34 Ford Coupe. It only took us 40 minutes. She was proud of it and couldn't wait to show her Mommy. I took a picture of it and sent it to her Mom, and posted it on our Facebook page. Afterwards, she decided it needed more flames, so she stuck one sideways on the roof, and the last remaining one kinda cockeyed on the deck lid. Not exactly contest correct, but she's happy, and wants to build more. She even said she wanted to build a GLUE kit!! After having a vision of glue in places everywhere but where they belong, including her long blonde hair, I told her "Someday, but let's build a few more snap kits first." and she went along with my logic.

So now I'm gonna have to keep my eyes peeled for some hopefully, cheap snap kits. So whenever you see me wandering thru the swap meets with my eyes peeled, be sure to say "Bill! I have just what you need right here!!" As I walk away with my purchases, and my eyeballs are slowly unpeeling, I'm hoping I've got enough kits to keep her busy for awhile. Because I don't know about you, but at my age, peeled eyeballs hurt! LOL! See you at the meeting.

Bill



London's 34 Ford Coupe

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drawing board .....

earlier, I was looking thru the latest newsletter from HMCA, & there was an article about bringing some long-term projects to the 'front-burner', & that got me thinking about my own incomplete projects, & guys, I got a million of 'em..... Well, OK, maybe not a million, but a lot. & the major stumbling block on almost every one of 'em is paint!

My paint booth is (weather permitting) my back yard, & my medium is the lowly rattle can. Couple of years ago, I found a great aid to my way of painting - don't have any idea what the proper name for it is - it's a pistol-grip thing that clips to the top ring of a spray can. This one single tool has improved my painting by at least 1000%, I kid you not. After finding several different design & trying all, I've settled on one that slips over the ring & twists to lock on. I found one design that 'slips' on - & anything that 'slips' on, also 'slips' off. Oddly, that same one was featured in SAE some issues back..... anyway.....

I just looked out the window & the sun is shining, the sky is clear & it must be well into the 50's out there (not bad for mid-winter) & I'm thinking "why don't I get something painted". Good idea. See ya @ the library.

Robb

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### 2012 C.A.R. THEMES

- 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 (Vrooom) + 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 & NGDA 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:

Mar 25 Buckeye Classic Columbus OH 9AM-3PM info < [www.bsacohio.com](http://www.bsacohio.com) >

Apr 14 Cincinnati Challenge 17 Clermont County Fairgrounds

info: < [www.cincinnatiautoreplicas.org](http://www.cincinnatiautoreplicas.org) >

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

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**NEXT MEETING: North-Central Branch Library**

**11109 Hamilton Ave Cincinnati OH 45231**

**visit us @ < [www.cincinnatiautoreplicas.org](http://www.cincinnatiautoreplicas.org) >**

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**The NGDA Report for February 2012**

We opened our 2012 season on Monday night at the February CAR meeting, with sixteen cars in three competition divisions.

In round one of Division I action, heat one saw Ed Linz's Ranger outrun Kenny Linz's Purple 'Vette. Randy Wilson's Torino put away Robb Shelby's vintage "Suede" in heat two & in heat three, Robb's ZR1 turned the tables on Randy's Stang to finish the Div I round.

Division II, round one opened with Kenny Linz's '39 Chevy Panel putting the hurt on Robb Shelby's "Kahuna", Then, Rockne's "Holy Cheese" did it to Robb's Model T Roadster, as well. Heat three provided a bye run for Ed Linz's Challenger.

In Division III, Robb's 72 Chevy PU outran Randy's Tubine Car in heat one, while Robb's 55 Chevy PU failed to catch Ed's "Grn Burb" in heat two & Randy's 53 Ford Custom rolled through a heat three bye pass.

Back to Division I, for round two, Ed's Ranger defeated Randy's 1968 Torino & Robb's ZR1 pulled a bye, to set up the finals.

In Division II, Ed's Challenger ran a bye, While Kenny's '39 Chevy Panel ran around Rockne's "Holy Cheese".

For Division III, Randy's 53 Ford Custom fell to Robb's '72 Chevy PU, & Ed's "Grn Burb" rolled a bye for a berth in the finals.

& in the final round of Division I, Ed Linz's Ranger beat Robb Shelby's ZR1 for the Eliminator title. Division II Eliminator was Kenny Linz's '39 Chevy over Runner-up Ed Linz's Challenger. Division III Runner-up Ed Linz's "Grn Burb" fell to Eliminator Robb Shelby's 1972 Chevy PU.

Div I Eliminator: Ed Linz/Ranger

Runner-up: Robb Shelby/ZR1

Div II Eliminator: Kenny Linz/'39 Chevy Panel

Runner-up: Ed Linz/Challenger

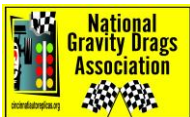
Div III Eliminator: Robb Shelby/'72 Chevy PU

Runner-up: Ed Linz/"Grn Burb"

Congratulations to our winners & thanx to all participants & crew.

Robb

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SECOND EVENT of the 2012 SEASON, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>

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### ***THE POINTS CHASE***

With the opening of the 2012 racing season, we've chosen to reintroduce an awards program based on earned points, accumulated over the course of the five-event season.

Points are awarded to 'ENTRIES' not 'ENTRANTS' as individual entrants may account for multiple entries. For identification purposes, all 'ENTRIES' should have an individual identifier, such as a NAME or NUMBER. It makes keeping track a bunch easier.

Points will be awarded in the following manner:

All entries will be awarded one (1) point to appear in 1st round.

Entries which appear in 2nd round will receive one (1) additional point.

Entries which appear in 3rd round will receive three (3) additional points.

(however, in the event that the 3rd round is also the Final round, Final round points will be awarded)

Entries which appear in 4th thru Final rounds will receive five (5) additional points.

Entries which survive Final round (actual Eliminator) will be awarded seven (7) additional points. As you can see, being the 'Eliminator' provides a wealth of points for any other entry to overcome. Of course, continued participation will rack up the points just as readily as one big win.....

Obviously, more entries means more rounds, which means more available points.

My thinking here is that to do well in a small field is OK & will generate points for those entries that participate. However to do well in a larger field is statistically more difficult & should 'pay' better.

If you wish to compete in the points chase & have questions, please ask.

This is how it looks after our first event. We have a three way tie for first place with each entry having fourteen (14) points. Another three way tie for fourth place exists with each entry having seven (7) points. Yet another three way tie covers seventh place, each of these entries having two (2) points. & a seven way tie, one (1) point each, for tenth place rounds out the standings. This will spread out more, as new cars will show up to compete, some current cars will fail to reappear, some winners will fall behind, while some back-markers will show improved performance. Hey, it's racing.....

Points as of 2-14

Kenny Linz/'39 Chevy Panel, Ed Linz/Ranger & Robb Shelby/'72 Chevy PU: 14pts

Ed Linz/Challenger, Kenny Linz/Grn 'Burb & Robb Shelby/ZR1: 7pts

Randy Wilson/'53 Ford & '68 Torino & Rockne Riddlebarger/"Holy Cheese": 2pts

Kenny Linz/Purple 'Vette, Randy Wilson/Turbine Car & '70 Stang, &

Robb Shelby/"Suede", "Kahuna", '55 Chevy PU & '18 Ford Roadster: 1pt each

Robb

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## *Robb's Garage*

presents

The Riverside II Trailer Kits ~ Deck  
size: 175" lg x 87" wd ~ 1/25th scale  
Single Axle unit includes:

- +Frame Kit with deck & ramp lumber
  - +Tongue Kit with hitch & jack-stand
  - +Suspension Kit with axle & springs
  - +Tandem Axle units are available
  - +Frame, Tongue & Suspension Kits  
are available separately
  - +All kits are multi-media but are  
primarily styrene
- Kits do not include wheels, tires,  
fenders or lights
- +Skill level 3

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