



# C.A.R. Times

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This Month:

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Contest Corner

In-house contest results from March 2012

Factory Stock

- 1st Bryon Doss Miami Vice Ferrari
- 2nd Curtis Epperson Eldorado
- 3rd Dennis Tull 56 Plymouth

Street Machine

- 1st Randy Wilson 61 Ford
- 2nd Randy Wilson 61 Ranchero
- 3rd Kevin 57 Chevy

Straight Line Comp

- 1st Curtis Epperson 68 Camaro
- 2nd Curtis Epperson 57 Chevy ProStock
- 3rd Robb Shelby "2Pans" HD 'liner

Street Rod

- 1st Paul Snodgrass 37 Chevy PU

Curbside, Street

- 1st Jim Wilkins 60 Fury Wagon
- 2nd Jim Wilkins 59 El Camino
- 3rd Jim Wilkins 58 Buick

Collectors Diecast

- 1st Ben Gibson 52 Hudson Hornet
- 2nd Kevin 03 Top Fuel Dragster
- 3rd Bryon Doss 94 Porsche

Out of Box

- 1st Curtis Epperson 60 Impala Lowrider

Out of Box Plus

- 1st Ben Gibson 53 Hudson
- 2nd Dennis Tull 58 T-Bird
- 3rd Dennis Tull 59 Impala

Theme Award Randy Wilson 61 Ford

Model of the Month Paul Snodgrass 37 Chevy PU

Curtis

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From the Editor's Desk

As I write this, it is May 4th, early morning. Later today, I'll start loading my truck with the stuff I plan to take to Indianapolis on Saturday. I've a table at the HMCA show & I plan to enter a couple of models in the contest as well. I've attended this show every year for something like twenty years now & I always have a good time, so I'm really looking forward to it. By the time you read this, the show will have come & gone, but I hope I will have seen a few of you there.

Postscript- I sold enough to cover the cost of the table & took a third in the street rod class with my vintage "#25" Model 'T' R/PU.....



Robb

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The National Gravity Drags Association (Cincinnati Chapter) Report for April 2012

We had a really good turnout for our second event of the season, a field of twenty-eight racers, spread out over three racing divisions. The show opened with Div I, round one. In the first heat, Ed Linz's Custom Ranger put away Robb Shelby's Corvette ZR1. In heat two, Robb's first-time-out #34 Ford fell to Ken Linz's Purple Vette. In heat three, Randy Wilson's 70 Mustang out-rolled Robb's veteran "Digger". In the fourth, & final heat, Robb's vintage "Suede" shut down Randy's Torino. Tonight's Div II field was by far the largest we've seen in several seasons & in the first heat, Robb Shelby's new 29 Ford Coupe failed to impress, falling to Ken Linz's 39 Chevy SD. In heat two, Robb's "Trustee" 54 Jeep showed the way home to his 1918 Ford Roadster. Heat three found a pair of Robb's veteran Chevys, "Texaco" & "Blazes" in the gate, with "Blazes" getting down the track ahead of "Texaco". In heat four, Robb's 72 Chevy Pu faced his "Lil Red" VW, beating the VW decisively. Heat five saw two more of Robb's VWs, "Frog" & "Black Bug" squaring off with "Frog" advancing. The fourth of Robb's VW stable, the vintage "Lady Bug" out ran Ed Linz's new "Aces & Eights" 36 Ford, for a place in the next round. In Div III's opening round, Robb Shelby's 55 Chevy Pu fell to Ed Linz's Challenger. Robb's 39 Chevy SD, the "Kahuna", showed Ken Linz's Suburban who's boss in heat two. & in heat three, Robb's 1903 Ford Van out-rolled Randy Wilson's Chrysler Turbine Car. Heat four found Randy's beautiful 53 Ford Vic in the gate opposite Robb's aggressively ugly 39 Ford "Bomber". Sadly, ugly is as ugly does, & the "Bomber" advanced to the next round, closing out both Div III & round one.

Round two, Div I, heat one found Ed Linz's Ranger in the gate opposite Ken Linz's Vette, with the Ranger taking the win. Next up, Randy Wilson's Mustang pulled a bye, when Robb Shelby's "Suede" failed to answer the 'call-to-race' for an automatic DQ, thus setting the stage for the Final. In Div II action, Robb Shelby's "Trustee" put away Ken Linz's 39 Chevy Delivery to make Div II a totally Robb Shelby show. His "Blazes" Blazer fell to his 72 Chevy PU "Dub" & then his "Frog" VW lost to his "Lady Bug" Volks. At this time, we stepped out of our 'SOP' to roll another round of Div II, so that all divisions would reach the finals together. In this 'extra' Div II round, "Trustee" ran a bye, & then "Dub" shut down "Lady Bug" to establish the division Final. Div III's round opened with Ed Linz's Challenger failing to catch Robb Shelby's Chevy "Kahuna" SD, & then Robb's 1903 Ford "Mail Truck" couldn't get around his "Bomber", setting the stage for the Final.

In the Final rounds, this is how it ended:

Div I Eliminator: Ed Linz/Custom Ranger

Runner-up: Randy Wilson/70 Mustang

Div II Eliminator: Robb Shelby/Trustee 54 Jeep SD

Runner-up: Robb Shelby/Dub 72 Chevy PU

Div III Eliminator: Robb Shelby/Kahuna 39 Chevy SD

Runner-up: Robb Shelby/Bomber 39 Ford Coupe

I wish to extend congratulations to our winners & thanx to all participants & crew.

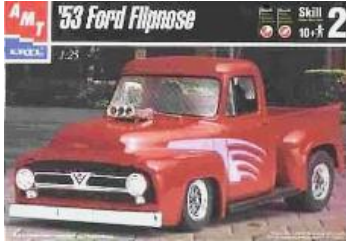
We'll do it again in June.

Robb

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### On the Drawing Board

This month I've pulled out an old project that has been hiding in my shed for a couple of years: a curbside 53 Ford PU based on the AMT (ex-MPC) "53 Ford Flipnose" kit #6341.



It probably never even occurred to me to build this PU as the kit designers intended. It's what I think would have been called a street racer or a 'pro-street'. I've no place for such a vehicle in my collection but, I can always use another truck. So my goal was to build it as a more mundane street vehicle ..... To that end, I immediately dumped the kit-offered undercarriage - frame, wheels & tires, suspension, engine & running gear, with the intention of building, with a little bit of Evergreen tube & sheet, a new bottom for the truck. This would allow me to establish a more level stance, as well as allowing for a less 'showy' set of wheels & tires. But the first thing I would need to know was the exact wheel-base. For that, I pulled the frame, the front axle/springs & the rear axle/springs, taped 'em all together & measured the axle center-line distance. My tubing is .125"sq, the rail length is aprox 4.5". I cut two pcs that dimension. In order to use the same size tube for axle housings, my axles would need to be about .060"dia. Not a real problem, as AMT originally used piano wire axles of just that diameter in all of their kits. I got a shoe-box full of 'em. I also have a box full of the original wire-wheels AMT used on their 32 cars & 34 PU. & of course, tires to match (these, though, came from the newly reissued Double T). I cobbled up a set of rollers & that gave me an axle housing length. I cut a piece of sheet (.040"thk, I think), about an inch or so wide & a little longer than the wheelbase, as a floor. After marking center-lines on the floor & the axle housings, I glued one of the housings to one end of the floor, aligning marks. I then glued the rails to the housing & the floor, getting all items flush on one side. The second housing was glued to the rails, centered as the first was, but on the floor instead of at the end. My final configuration features a front axle housing, two side rails & a floor, flush on the bottom, with the rear axle housing .040" lower. That was to give the truck a bit of a "rake", but nothing like the kit offering. Adding a set of 'Moon' discs gives it a semi-custom flavor, as well as hiding the 30's era wires..... I did all this, a couple of summers ago. Last weekend, I started on the body.

I began the body buildup by taping the major body pieces together, to get an idea of how it all fit. The first thing I found out was that very few of the pieces have positive locators. So I had to guess. Once I had the bod figured out, including separating the front splash apron from the radiator bulkhead & molding the apron in place & scratch'g a small scoop to cover the hole in the hood, I laid primer on everything. & that's where the project stands today. Although my current 'vision' sees this truck as a mild custom, the next step will be to make the interior look a little more stock-ish.....

Robb

The C.A.R. Calendar

2012 C.A.R. Meeting Themes

- May 14 Six or More Wheels (You'll know it when you see it) + Contest Night
- Jun 11 AC Cobras (Vrooom) + Swap Meet & NGDA Gravity Drags
- Jul 9 Film and TV Cars (ready for their close-up) + Contest Night
- Aug 13 Gassers (breaking the wind) + Swap Meet & NGHDA Gravity Drags
- Sept 10 Daniels vs. Roth (custom genius) + Contest Night
- Oct 8 Same Kit Night (to be announced) + Swap Meet & NGDA Gravity Drags
- Nov 12 End of Year Contest
- Dec 10 EOY Awards, Election of Officers, Gift Exchange, Pizza Party

Upcoming Events

- Jun 10 Cincinnati Concourse Ault Park  
info: nothing in hand as of today.....
- Jun 14-16 National Hot Rod Reunion Bowling Green KY  
info: 1-800-884-6472 or < [www.museum.nhra.com](http://www.museum.nhra.com) >
- Jun 21-23 Road Rocket Rumble Indianapolis IN  
info: 317-244-8271 or < [www.indyroadrockets.com](http://www.indyroadrockets.com) >
- Jun 22-24 Vintage Gran Prix Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course  
info: 800-MID-OHIO or < [www.midohio.com](http://www.midohio.com) >
- Jul 26-29 KKOA Leadsled Spectacular, Salinas KS  
info: 317-847-2940 or < [www.kustomkempsofamerica.com](http://www.kustomkempsofamerica.com) >
- Jul 28 Derby City Shootout Louisville KY  
info: vendors 502-637-7628/ contest 502-239-1761
- Sept 15 SCIMA Contest & Swap Columbus IN  
info: contest & vendor 812-552-3318 or < [scima58bz@yahoo.com](mailto:scima58bz@yahoo.com) >
- Oct 27 Circle City Contest & Swap Indianapolis IN  
info: 317-372-0569 or < [cqbeach1221954@yahoo.com](mailto:cqbeach1221954@yahoo.com) >
- Nov 25 Midwest Automotive/Armor Toy Show, Contest & Swap Auburn IN  
info: 260-489-5015 or 260-493-2032

NEXT C.A.R. 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 (Cincinnati Chapter) Points Chase Top Ten

Entry	Points as of 5-1	Entry	Points as of 5-1
Custom Ranger	28	Challenger	9
72 Chevy PU	24	Grn 'Burb	8
"Trustee"	17	ZR1	8
39 Chevy Panel	16	70 Mustang	8
"Kahuna"	15	"Bomber"	7

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