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Greetings Model Citizens!

The Cincinnati Challenge Committee met on Sept 1 to work out some details of CC18. As many of you know, the club passed a resolution to reform the Challenge contest & raffle format. The contest changes mean that we will present 14 awards at CC18: 'Best of Show', 'Theme Award', 'Best Beginner', 'Best Junior' & 10 'Best Adult' (equally placed & unranked). NGDA & Club Challenge awards remain unchanged. The committee has decided to have a CAR-member judging panel pick the winners, rather than the contestant vote of past years.

The raffle will now be a 'split-the-pot' event.

The theme of CC18 will be "Woodies, Wagons & Willys".

The committee would like to thank all of the membership for their input, discussion & support of the Challenge reforms. See you on the 10th.

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from the editor's desk

a note about the NNL,

Spoke to a fellow that had been a vendor at last year's NNL, & got some confusing information about this year's event. So, I wrote to a guy I know with the North Coast club (that's the club that has put together the NNL in past years), & while he's not involved, himself, he connected me with someone that is. I received this from Glenn Merek on 8/21. ~ On Saturday (10/6) we open the doors to the NNL area @ 1PM. Admission is \$10. @ that time, you may purchase a coupon that will allow entry into the toy show area. That coupon will cost an additional \$4. NNL hours are 1PM - 7PM. Toy Show hours on Saturday are 1PM - 4PM. Toy Show hours on Sunday are 8AM - 2PM. Sunday's Toy Show admission is \$8. ~

Robb

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I've just learned that Dan Wright passed away in early July. Many of you may remember Dan for the very impressive sprint car diorama that he brought to our Owensville contest in the early 90's. Dan was an absolute authority on dirt race cars, owing to the years he spent building & racing 1::1 cars. As a contest judge, it was hard to slip 'ify' race car construction past him, but he always made sure, in my case anyway, to explain what I was doing right & what I was doing wrong. His input, I believe, made me a much better builder, not just of race cars, but of models in general. I will miss him.

Dan was, for many years, an active member of the Kentuckiana Model Car Club & I can hardly imagine what their shows will be like without him. He was 63.

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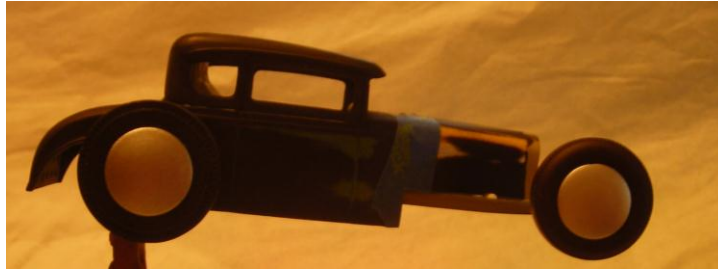
the 'zine scene

If you dig nostalgia drag racing (& who doesn't?), you'll wanna check out "*Elapsed Times*", the current annual from the 'Car Craft Archives'. It is 92 pages of mostly B/W photos of old drag cars or, as the cover proclaims, retro drag racing at its best. It'll be on the shelves of your fave grocery store until the early part of October.

Oh, yeah, it's got some model car stuff, too.....

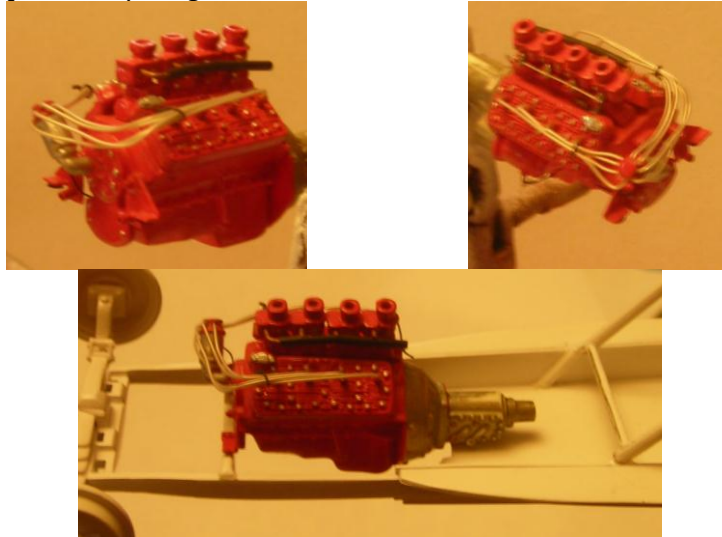
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*On the drawing board: Model 'A' Drag Coupe*



**Part Two: The Engine & Interior**

Actually, the first thing I wanna mention, here, is that I shot a couple of coats of flat white on the frame/front & rear axles/roll bar/floor assembly. No attempt to be especially neat, just everything covered in white - it's a race car.....



At the moment, I can't recall just why I chose not to reuse the blown flathead from the roadster, but that was the decision. The engine I will use for this project is, of course, a flathead, but one I built several years ago as a display piece in a garage diorama that changed directions a couple of times before it sorta fizzled out..... At any rate, this particular engine is based on a third-generation block with aftermarket heads. A scratch'd log manifold mounts four carbs in a row, a Vertex-style magneto mounts to the camshaft end via a 90 degree drive. The water outlets have been capped & the water pumps/engine mounts have been scratchbuilt. Plugs are wired & carbs are plumbed & I've fab'd a non-progressive throttle linkage. The trans in the roadster was a top-loader, whereas this'n has some of the shifting linkages molded to the side of the case. I see an opportunity for some additional detailing here..... I've located, but not yet prepared, an interesting set of headers, of unknown origin. Six tubes, long & twisted, with bell-mouthed ends - almost cartoonish, but interesting.....



The interior has been lifted almost entirely from the wrecked roadster. As mentioned earlier, the roll bar from the roadster went into the coupe with very minor modifications. As presented in the roadster (above), the roll bar supported a sling seat, with a fuel tank mounted alongside. I decided to move the tank away from the driver. I'll use the same sling seat, just moved to the middle of the car. I've saved the steering wheel & column, & will likely reuse 'em. I'm partial to a steering box mounted under the cowl, with the steering shaft comin' thru the side of the bod. Reusing the pedals & attendant linkages would probably be more trouble than it's worth, so all that stuff, I'll just build from scratch, as I did for the roadster. The seatbelts & hardware, from the roadster, came thru in perfect condition & I really like the way they look, so those will likely wind up in the coupe.

I'm thinking 'bout straddlin' that driveshaft & the more I think about it, the more I think some sort of restraint is in order.....

Next: Details & Paint

Later,  
Robb



**Dateline: August 14, 2012**

We opened our August show by wrapping up our June event. All that remained was the final round to determine Division Eliminators & Runners up.

This went pretty quickly, giving us these results:

**Division I**

Eliminator - Robb Shelby/Blk Bug

Runner up - Robb Shelby/Frog

**Division II**

Eliminator - Jeff Myers/Concord

Runner up - Robb Shelby/Trustee

**Division III**

Eliminator - Robb Shelby/Dub

Runner up - Robb Shelby/Kahuna

Our congrats to our winners & thanx to our crew & all who participated.

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Now, on to the August show.

Our opening round in Div I, heat one, brought Ed Linz's Ranger Pickup & Robb Shelby's #34 to the gate, with the Ranger leading the way to the finish line. Heat two pitted Kevin Belanger's 2010 Volkswagen against Robb's veteran Suede coupe, Suede getting

the job done. In heat three Jeff Myers' Concord showed its taillights to last event's division Eliminator, Robb's Blk Bug. Robb's ZR1 put away his Digger in heat four & in heat five, Robb's Lil Red rolled a successful bye.

Div II, heat one, Kevin's first-time Cobra fell to Robb's 29 Ford coupe. Then, in heat two, Robb's 1918 Model T roadster put away Ken Linz's Big Blue Burb. Robb's Texaco pickup faced, & lost to Kevin's Supercab Ford, in heat three. In heat four, Ken's 39 Chevy delivery couldn't catch Robb's Dub, & in heat five, two of Robb's VW's, Lady Bug & Frog faced off, with Frog pulling down the win.

In Div III action, Ed's Dodge Challenger outran Robb's 55 Chevy. In heat two, Kevin's Big Green Burb put away Robb's Kahuna & in heat three Robb's Trustee Jeep out-rolled his 1903 Ford truck. In the fourth, & final heat of the round, Robb's Bomber fell to his Blazes.

Returning to Div I for the second round, Ed's Ranger put away Robb's Suede, Jeff's Concorde pulled a successful bye run & Robb's ZR1 fell to his Red VW.

In Div II, Robb's 1918 Ford beat his 29 Coupe, Kevin's Ford Supercab rolled a bye & Robb's Dub put the hurt on his Frog.

In the second round of Div III action, Ed's Challenger failed to get around Ken's Big Green 'Burb & Robb's Blazes fell to his Trustee Jeep, to set up the Div III final.

Both Div I & Div II had enough entries to generate an extra round before their final. Ed's Ranger opened the Div I round with a bye run, & then Jeff's Concorde beat Robb's Lil Red, to move to the final.

In Div II, Robb's Model T couldn't catch Kevin's Supercab & then, Robb's Dub ran a clean bye.

The finals:

Div I Eliminator- Jeff Myers/Concord

Runner up- Ed Linz/Ranger

Div II Eliminator- Robb Shelby/Dub

Runner up- Kevin Belanger/Supercab

Div III Eliminator- Robb Shelby/Trustee

Runner up- Ken Linz/Big Green 'Burb

Our congratulations to the winners, & our thanx to our crew & to all of the participant

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The NGDA Points Chase 2012

Top Ten (after 4 events)

1) Dub	55 pts	6) Black Bug	19 tie
2) Ranger	43	6) '39 Chev PD	19 tie
3) Trustee	38	8) Big Grn Burb	17
4) Concord	31	9) Frog	14
5) Kahuna	23	10) Challenger	13

For a complete listing of all 2012 competitors & the points standing of each, make request at < robbshelby@cinci.rr.com > or see me at any meeting. Robb

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**2012 C.A.R. THEMES**

Sept 10-Daniels vs. Roth (custom genius) + Contest Night  
Oct 8-Same Kit Night (1955 Chrysler C300) + Swap Meet & NGDA Gravity Drags  
Nov 12-End of Year Contest  
Dec 10-EOY Awards, Election of Officers, Gift Exchange, Pizza Party

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**upcoming events:**

Sept 9 Mercy Pre-War Historical Auto Show Cincinnati OH  
Info: 513-948-6702

Sept 15 SCIMA Model Contest & Swap Meet Columbus IN  
info: Bill 812-552-3318 or < scima58bz@yahoo.com >

Oct 27 Circle City Model Contest & Swap Meet Indianapolis IN  
info: Chris 317-372-0569 or < cgbeach1221954@yahoo.com >

Nov 25 Midwest Auto/Armor Toy Show, Model Contest & swap Meet Auburn IN  
info: Jim 260-489-5015 or Preston 260-493-2032

**NEXT MEETING:** North-Central Branch Library  
11109 Hamilton Ave Cincinnati OH 45231  
visit us @ < [www.cincinnatiautoreplicas.org](http://www.cincinnatiautoreplicas.org) >