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Pony Cars



Did you know.....

- The term “Pony Car” is in reference to a new class of car with a long hood, short deck, sporty, but with enough room for a small family
 - The term “Pony Car” is also in reference to the Ford Mustang which is considered to be the first “Pony Car.”
 - The Plymouth Barracuda actually beat the Mustang to the market by nearly a month. But due to a massive and legendary promotional effort by Ford, we refer to this style of car as Pony Car rather than fish cars.
 - When Mustang legend Lee Iacocca took control of Chrysler many of the people that worked on the original Mustang went with him. At Chrysler this group of “whiz kids” went on to invent another class of automobile...the minivan.
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From the Editor's Desk...

Well gents its pony car month. Of course if my training was on schedule, I won't be there this month. Since there is no real training at Mike Albert, it is hard to say what the training schedule is. I was really looking forward to this month there though. In case anyone hasn't been paying attention the past few years, I am a huge fan of Pony Cars, especially the Mustang. The Pony Car is truly an American car category with its long hood and short trunk lid, it is definitely one of the most stunning of body shapes no matter if you're a Mopar, GM, or Ford fan.

Jeff

The Prez Sez.....

Bill Bench & I went down to Louisville for the ‘Shoot out’ & had a pretty good time. Both Rockne & I took awards..... That was on Saturday. On Sunday morning, the wife & I drove up to Dearborn & the Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village. Spent all day Monday walking. We did get to see the only operational Jacquard loom (one of only two known to exist). Built in the early 1800's, it weaves patterns by ‘reading’ cards with holes punched in ‘em – same as early computers were programmed – about 180 years later!! Most cool. Also saw about a dozen Model ‘T’ & Model ‘A’ Fords – being used as work vehicles..... Took a ride in one of ‘em.....

Over the years, I've seen several 1927 Ford Touring cars with “15 Millionth Model T” painted on it, in a variety of venues. At the ‘Ford Motor Car’ display in the Village (not in the museum), the attendant tells me that the one on display there came to the display straight from the assembly line & has never been anywhere else.....

The “Vintage Truck” show was on the 7th at Young’s in Yellow Springs. Okey Spaulding & I went up & set up our display of vintage truck models, & had a pretty good time. Had talked to Rockne & he said he hoped to be there...

Turned out that Rockne couldn’t make it, but quite a few guys from the Cincinnati area dropped by to say hello. The one that sticks in my mind is Rick Wiley, of the Back Porch Modelers. Don’t recall if he brought any trucks to display (he isn’t primarily a truck builder), but he did bring his guitar, so we sat around & swapped some tunes..... One guy with an old Chevy truck commented to one of his buddies about me climbing all over his truck for some clear suspension pics, so I told him I built model trucks & could always use reference material. Also told him about our display of such down at the south end of the property & invited him & his friends to drop by & check ‘em out. Dunno if he did or not, but that’s the kind of moment I look for – an opportunity to talk up our models, our model club(s) & to share (sometimes, to even introduce) our hobby to guys that build the same stuff we do, but in a different scale. A lot of these guys are retirees that spent their youth (& often, some of their careers) driving these trucks & they are a wealth of info & insight that otherwise wouldn’t be available to us modelers.

On the home front, Cheri & I have taken in another stray dog – some schmuck moved out of an apartment in the neighborhood & just left the dog there, with the couch & lamp he no longer wanted..... somebody told Cheri & that was that. We are back to being a three-dog family. Robb

Words from Rockne

Greetings Model Citizens!

This month, as part two of proclaiming the features of our website, I would like to call attention to the “LINKS” page. Put simply, the links page contains a large number of instant online connections to kit Manufacturers, resin shops, magazines, books, paint suppliers, accessories, C.A.R. members photo sites and

Other model clubs around the world. This page exists purely for you to use as a shortcut to find products, Info and people involved with modeling. *Rockne*

Contest Corner

Hey guys it’s September, and the theme is pony cars. Camaros, Mustangs, ‘Cudas, Challengers, Firebirds, Javlines (AMX, early Cougars, and Capris as well. Ed.), I think that was all the cars from the Pony Car Wars. I hope to have something on the tables. See y’all Monday. Thanks *Curt*.

Kit Review...Revell’s ‘68 Mustang 2’nd

This Kit is AWESOME!!! If I could leave it at that I would. However I feel the need to explain myself. A little over a year on the market, this new tooling of the famous '68 Mustang offers some wonderful features and options that help an ordinary kit sparkle and come alive. Although the '68 Mustang has been done by AMT, the Revell tooling is ten times more detailed. Plus this is a GT as opposed to a Shelby. Options include a choice of stock or drag racer, racing air cleaner, custom exhaust header, raised rear axle, custom wheels, rear seat delete, roll cage, and also Tasca Ford Cobra Jet race decals. The stock version also features the reversed scooped hood and GT rally type wheels for '68. Custom C-stripes are also featured in either black or white on the decal sheet. Hood stripes, turn signal and reverse lights are also featured on the decal sheet. The tires are whitewall on the box-art and oddly enough in the kit instruction, however the kit tires are not grooved for white-wall painting, nor does the decal sheet feature white-wall inserts that are hard to work with anyway. In a different kit of the same tooling Revell has added custom mag wheels to make the famous '68 Mustang driven by Steve McQueen in the cult classic movie, "Bullit." With a little research, this car can easily be made into one of the thousands of Mustangs that were sold by Ford in 1968. Enjoy. –submitted by Jeff Myers



On the drawing board.....

Must have been about a year ago, I said I'd be covering a bunch of 1932 Ford build-ups over the coming twelve months. At the time, I'd hoped that it would be a dozen different models & that all of 'em would be completed..... Yeah, I know..... Well, the fact is I did cover the work I'd done on ten of 'em, including a fire truck, based on a Vicky, that I musta started over fifteen years ago..... However, the only one I've actually completed is the "B/Comp" 5W I first introduced in this column back in September. I described the progress in the December edition & had it on the table for the January in-house contest. I've also completed a trailer for the car – it's a racer, needs support vehicles - &, despite the simplicity of the build, I enjoyed building the model from beginning to end. In the next few months, I hope to be able to report on the progress of the rest of my "Deuce Build-ups". Take care, **Robb**

BENCH RACING -by Bill Bench A FORD GUY USES A CHEVY TO BUILD A MOPAR? Here was my problem. I was building a 21st century big-block MOPAR engine, and am finding there is nothing out there past 1969 that

would fit my application. Ross Gibson does a fine B1 engine, but that's too radical for what I had in mind.

I needed a single plane intake manifold. After looking through countless kits & parts boxes, nothing was even close.

I finally settled on a CHEVY intake manifold from Fred's Resin Workshop. Honestly, I don't know if it's for a small or big block, but the runners were the correct shape & matched the ports on the MOPAR heads. The only problem...it was too narrow. My solution? I carved away everything that wasn't MOPAR and glued some rectangular evergreen strips to the ends of the runners. I made them a little big, and filed them down to the correct size. as you can see in the first picture.

I had no idea what to do for the valve covers. Mopars are notorious for coming out with a new valve cover every year or so, and unfortunately, the model industry can't keep up. I found a set of resin MOROSO valve covers down in Louisville for a big block CHEVY. I think they are recast from the old RM pro stock Camaro. With some guidance from Travis Jeffrey, I filed down the sides and corners to make it resemble a set of aftermarket MOPAR valve covers. I painted them Star-Spangled Blue for a contrast between the orange & aluminum of the engine as seen in picture two. The heads and headers are from the Dick Landy 69 Dart kit. And in the third picture, you can see that I'm making progress on the Dart. Will I have it ready for the September Contest meeting? Maybe..but I'm not making any promises. I've got a MUSTANG that I want to finish up for Ponycar night! See you at the meeting.

Bill



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America Loses another icon.....

Larry Watson, renowned custom painter, fell to cancer on July 20, 2010. Born in 1938, Watson opened 'Watson's House of Style' in 1956, while still in his teens. He had already built his first custom by then, & the cars rolled out of his shop & straight onto the pages of the leading magazines of the day. He was one of the most innovative painters to work in the custom car field, & has been credited with originating scallops, paneling, lace, cobwebs, veils & fades, as well as introducing metallic, candies & pearls to the custom painter's palette. his legacy will stand as long as guy's customize cars. Submitted by Robb Shelby

Shopping Around Town...

TIM'S TRAINS AND HOBBIES

Most of us know Tim Cook, owner of Tim's Train and Hobbies located at 3439 Decoursey Ave., Covington, KY. 41015. His shop is at appropriately located right by the railroad tracks at 35th and Decoursey Ave. with a beautifully painted mural of a railroad scene on the side of the building. Inside is a huge assortment of modeling supplies, kits, paints, magazines and how-to books for all types of models. The shop has the reminiscent feel of Johnnie's Toys in it's heyday but with a character and atmosphere of it's own. For car modelers there is a good selection of new and vintage kits for sale at reasonable prices. Unfortunately when I was visiting, Tim was not there, but I had a good chat with Terry who informed me that they were developing a display area and meeting room that would be ready for use in the near future. C.A.R. will be holding a model display there when the space is ready. I really liked the shop and I will be giving them my business in the future and recommend that you all go and check it out for yourselves. Their phone is 859-261-4920. They are working on a website that will be up soon and are currently on Facebook under Tim's Trains and Hobbies.

Rockne Riddlebarger



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Check This Out!!!!

This exercise in scratch building was submitted by Rick Wiley of the **Back Porch Modelers Group**. Just remember, everything is a model car part.



Believe it or not, this is just a small sample of what has been done. Google Beer Can models on the web to see all the amazing stuff.

Seen at the Last Meeting



The Last Detail

2010 Themes

Swap Meet and Gravity Drags
September Pony Cars Contest Night
October Same Kit Night 1932 Ford
November End of the Year Contest
December Kit Exchange/Pizza Party/ Awards Ceremony/

Upcoming Events

September 11 Country Boys Modelers 7915 US42 Florence KY
September 11 Tri City Auto Contact Roger Thompson @ My Garage
for info TriCityClassics@yahoo.com
September 18 Rebel Run & Custom Nationals 2750 Harding Hgwy
Lima OH
October 3 Pumpkin Run Owensville OH
October 9>NNL#31 7060 Sylvania Ave Sylvania OH
October 9 KMCC 2817 Hikes Ln Louisville KY
October 23 Circle City Modelers 9401 E25th St Indianapolis IN
October 30 SCIMA Bartholomew Co Fairgrounds Columbus IN
November 6 Daddy Katz Bike Show
November 13 Southern Nationals Smyrna GA
November 13 Daddy Katz model contest
November 28 Midwest Automotive Toy Show Model Contest and
Swap Meet 1000 Gordan M. Buehrig PI Auburn IN
March 27, 2011 Buckeye Model Car Contest Columbus OH
April 16, 2011 **Cincinnati Challenge XVII**

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