



Stacey Cheeks stirred up the meeting last month with his HEMI-powered Trabant wagon. So what the heck is a Trabant?

Back in the cold war days of the 1950's, an East German manufacturer VEB Sachsenring Automobilwerke Zwickau began the development of a people's car for the communist side of Germany. In 1957 the first car, the P50 began production as a 1958 model. With unibody construction, front wheel drive, composite bodywork, and

independent suspension, it was actually quite advanced for the era. The Trabant was powered by a two-stroke 500cc engine that originated in the 1930's by DKW. The engine capacity increased to 600cc. Horsepower was initially 20, then increased to 24 with the larger engine. This little two-stroke put out a lot of pollution even by 1950's standards. The 600cc cars were called P60's.

The Trabants body was constructed out of a product called Duroplast, essentially a resin mixed with recycled wool or cotton fibers and formed into shape, a poor man's fiberglass. The body panels were quite strong, but did put off some horrific fumes as it cured giving your new Trabant an interesting smell.



The little car could hold four adults, was simple to repair and really all the East Germans had. The average lifespan of the P60 was a remarkable 28 years and used ones were often sold for more than their original price. This was due to the fact production was slow for new ones, taking up to 10 years for a new car to become available.



The P601 was introduced in 1964. This was still the basic P60, but with new body panels. The P601 was available as a four door sedan and as a wagon. There was also a doorless off-road version. Over 3,000,000 Trabants were built between 1958 and 1991. The Trabant was a victim of the unification of East and West Germany. Once this happened, the car hungry East Germans were able to buy much nicer used cars that had been forbidden by the communist government.

Like most automobiles, the 'Trabi' as owners referred to their beloved car, has a following, and some are even raced in road rallies where their light weight make them quite competitive. Others have become art cars with wild paint jobs. Not bad for a car that often places a top of those 'worst car' lists.



Kit wise, Revell of Germany offers both a sedan and wagon versions of the P601 in 1/24 scale. These are the only kits I'm aware of.

FROM THE PRESIDENT by Rockne Riddlebarger

Greetings Model Citizens! This year it seems like there are fewer model shows being put on but August brings the dilemma of three shows on the same day, all within driving distance. On August 20 there are contests in Lafayette, Indiana, New Albany, Indiana and Louisville, Kentucky. All have varying classes, vendor costs and setups. I made my decision based on classes that my models fit the best and vendor fees and drive time. I'm going to New Albany, IN at the 1st annual Southern Indiana Modelers contest. Before that, of course, I'll be seeing all of the C.A.R. members at the Aug. 8th meeting for Chevy Nova Night and the swap meet!

VP VIEWS by Randy Wilson

Thanks to all that came out to my Model-Car-Garage sale. I am going to do it again on Saturday, August 13th, from 10 AM – 3PM. I recently purchased another collection that includes mostly parts kits, and some older original kits. Come check it out.

Are we still looking for a Challenge theme? I didn't get a very good vibe when I suggested a Custom theme. Tell us what you think, OK?. See ya on the 8th.

FROM THE EDITOR by Mike Jinkens

I got nothin'!

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY by Edgar Linz

We had 37 members and guests with 62 models on the table. Really great turnout for summertime. Bob Baker won the the kit raffle, a Revell Model A Ford coupe. Door prizes were won by Paul Schnieder (Wynn's Charger) and Bill Owen who took home a '37 Ford.

WINNER'S CIRCLE by Curtis Epperson

Hey Guys and Gals, its August and the theme is Novas. I hope to have something new on the table. Let's start thinking about themes for next year. See Y'all Monday

JULY CONTEST RESULTS

Factory Stock 1st Bill Owen 66 Fair lane 427 2nd Bill Schneider 60 Corvette 3rd Curtis Epperson 65 2+2 Mustang

Street Machine 1st Stacey Cheeks 66 Trabant 2nd Derek 66 Chevelle.

Straight Line Comp. 1st Alan McDonald 71 Vega funny car 2nd Bill Bench 71 Cuda 3rd Alan McDonald 66 Nova.

Competition Other 1st Curtis Epperson 240 Z 2nd Robb #2 Crown gas 3rd Robb #34 Ford Modified.

Street Rod 1st Robb A tub 2nd John Ginandt Green T 3rd Bill Bench 34 Ford.

Beginners 1st Nathan ? General Lee 2nd Monster truck 3rd 70 Challenger.

Curbside Street 1st Kenny Reiter 66 Buick 2nd Rockne 49 Ford 3rd Bill Bench 66 Fairlane.

Commercial 1st Liam 66 Chevy PU 2nd Robb Sierra Club

Miscellaneous 1st Antonio Holmes S-15 Silvia 2nd Antonio Holmes Nissan 3rd Antonio Holmes Suberu Impreza.

Collectors die cast 1st Todd Timerding 57 Chevy 2nd Todd Timerding 51 Merc. 3rd Todd Timerding 41 Willy's.

Out of box 1st Kenny Reiter 66 Nova 2nd Curtis Epperson 66 Mustang 3rd Derek 96 Ford dually.

Out of box plus 1st Rockne Bugging Out 2nd Bob Baker 66 GTO 3rd Derek Toyota Supra.

Theme and Model of the month Stacey Cheeks 66 Trabant.



BILL SCHNIEDER



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BILL OWEN



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THEME AWARD AND
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ROCKNE RIDDLEBARGER

Free to a good home; NASCAR programs, dating back to the late '80's 'til 2013. See Randy at the meeting. If I get no takers they will be recycled.

THE FINAL LAP

C.A.R 2016 THEMES:

Jan 14 - Odd Ball 50s-Not from the big three-contest

Feb 8 - VW Night-display/swap/gravity drags.

March 14 - Going Racing-contest

April 4- Galaxies & Comets Night-display/swap/gravity drags.

May 9 - Cops & Robbers-contest.

June 13 - Dart Night -display/swap/gravity drags.

July 11 - 1966 (Fifty years ago)-contest

Aug 8 - Chevy Nova Night-display/swap/gravity drags.

Sept 12 - Show Rods-contest

Oct 10 - Same Kit Night - Revell '29 Ford Model A Hotrod-display/swap/gravity drags.

Nov 14 - End of the year contest.

Dec 12 - Pizza party & Gift exchange

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 13, 2016

Hoodlums in the Holler Car Show and Model Contest

4399 Open fork Rd. Morehead, KY. Call or text Doug @ 606-356-1588

AUG. 20, 2016

LAFAYETTE MINIATURE CAR CLUB CONTEST AND SWAP MEET
COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 2501 S.18TH STREET LAFAYETTE IN 47909
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AUG. 20, 2016

Southern Indiana Modelers Model Car Contest and Swap Meet

2818 Green Valley Rd. New Albany, IN 47150.
For info call: Chris B. @ 502-712-1771 or Alex M. @ 812-267-9695

AUG. 20, 2016

Hot Rod Haven Car Show and Model Contest

7901 St. Anthony's Church Rd. Louisville, KY.
Info online at web site and Facebook.

SEPT 24, 2016

SCIMA 18th Annual Model Contest and Swap Meet, Bartholomew County Fairground
Theme: *Think Pink*, plus Johan Gold Cup and NGDA Gravity Drags
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