

# THE C.A.R. COURIER

DECEMBER 2017

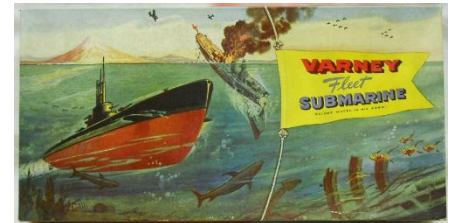
Channel Auto Enthusiast  
and Car Club

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Let me start off by saying that there is not a large amount of information available for the Lindberg company. What I put together here are just bits and pieces from different articles and websites.

Paul W. Lindberg began his career as a designer of model airplanes and as an editor of Popular Aviation magazine in the 1930's. He would eventually begin to produce balsawood and tissue kits of his designs, and after WWII, team up with a man named Olsen creating the O-Lin company. O-lin were pioneers in the plastic model kit industry, specializing in aircraft, their first kit was the P-80B Shooting Star. O-Lin were the first to use polystyrene for their products. They would later acquire the tooling from the Varney company which would give them a submarine, a LST and a PT-17 Stearman. Early sales were poor for these 3 kits, pushing Varney back to their core business, HO scale model trains.



Lindberg would eventually buy out(?) Olsen and rename the company Lindberg Products Incorporated, this would be early in the 1950's and the products would receive the Lindberg Line logo. Lindberg's product line covered just about every subject imaginable, but aircraft remained their top item. Like Aurora, Lindberg used exciting box art to move kits off the retailers shelves. The main artist was Ray Gaedke, who created most of the early artwork, and his work would be reused for several years.



When the hobby turned towards automobiles, Lindberg was a bit behind the curve. They would release some hot rod Ford kits, These kits were typical early 1960's and quite simple. Many could be motorized (like many of Lindberg kits) with an electric motor that the model builder made himself



with parts within the box. Scales varied from 1/32 to 1/24 and some were box scale. It seems Lindberg competed with Aurora more than AMT or Revell.

Through the 1960's Lindberg would continue expanding their product line chiefly with aircraft, ships and boats. A few car kits were introduced, the majority of them however were in the Mini-Lindy line of 1968. These were 1/64 scale car and truck kits which have become quite collectible today. These kits were simple, squarely aimed at the Hot Wheel buyer. These were also offered as a cereal premium in Kellogg's Corn Flakes as well. Lindberg produced model cars in a multitude of scales ranging from 1/64 to 1/8 scale and with exception of the Mini Lindy series, most have been customs or hot rods. A series sports cars were introduced such as an Aston Martin and Ferrari in 1/32 scale. A couple of classic cars were introduced, a Mercedes SSK and a Bugatti Napoleon, both in 1/24 scale. These

were pretty good kits, especially for Lindberg and have been reissued a few times.

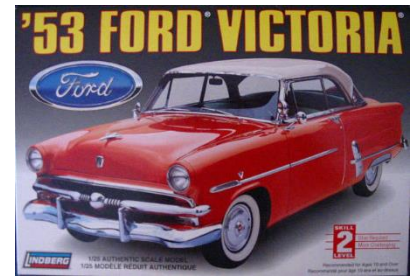
The 1970's would bring some new products, some came by the buyout of Pyro and Palmer. Lindberg would gain the 1/32 series of car kits from Pyro, as well as some of their airplane kits. Palmer kits were pretty bad, so only a couple of those have been re-issued by Lindberg were the 1971 Ford Mustang and a 1972 Dodge Challenger, neither kit being very accurate. More sports cars were added to the and a series of 1/32 scale snap kits of (then) current American cars were also introduced, which included a Ford Granada and Pontiac Grand Am. These are the only kits of these cars. Lindberg offered more 1/32 scale cars than 1/25 scale.





Craft-House would buy Lindberg in the late 1980's, and hire George Toteff who had been MPC's founder to run the model kit division. The 1990's would see an introduction of 1/20 automotive kits that were better than anything Lindberg had

ever done before. Although good kits, the odd scale put off many builders. As the '90's continued, a series of 1/25 scale kits would emerge, '61 Impalas, '64 Dodge/Plymouth B-bodies, a '66 Chevelle, a '67 Olds 442 and an impressive '53 Ford Victoria. AMT's 1934 Ford Pick-up would also wind up in the Lindberg catalog. Other new kits included a 1997 Ford F-150, A Dodge Dakota, a Ford Crown Victoria police car and a 1/24 scale 2006 Dodge Charger, which was offered as an SRT and later as a police car. Lindberg had become a serious contender in the model car industry. Unfortunately, the Charger kits would largely be the end of new kits coming from Lindberg.



Craft-House was a division of RPM who also owned Testor's. Testor's in turn, had the old Hawk and IMC tooling, which would be folded into Lindberg. RPM would sell off Craft-House to J Lloyd in the 2000's and J.Lloyd would cast off Hawk/Lindberg to Round 2 in 2013. Round 2 is currently reissuing many of the Lindberg 1/25 scale car kits with new box art, decals, and newly tooled parts as well.

## **CLUB BUSINESS SECTION**

**DECEMBER 2017**

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT** by Rockne Riddlebarger

Season's Greetings Model Citizens! The completion of 2017 celebrates 32 great years for our club. I know we're all looking forward to year 33 and another year of friendship and fun sharing the common interest of our wonderful hobby. I wish you and your families the best of everything in the New Year.

The December meeting is always a special time when we share food, exchange gifts and enjoy the company of all. On the business side, we will be confirming Dennis Tull as VP, Mike Jinkens as Editor and Kevin Belanger as Secretary. Let us thank these three for offering their service and thank all of those who have served in the past, thank you!

### **MEETING NOTES** by Edgar Linz

We had 25 members and 83 models for the year end contest. The raffle kit was the Revell '30 Ford Model A coupe which is a rare kit. Bill Bench had the winning ticket, and he was all smiles as he picked up his prize. Roger Paul took a Revell '68 Mustang Bill Owen got a Revell '07 Shelby as door prizes.

### **VP VIEWS** by Randy Wilson

It's been a busy month at the new house in H'boro. We've been shuttling boxes here and trying to find a resting place for all the contents, then taking empty boxes back to Country Lane and refilling and repeating. I'm happy to say that I am finally able to break some boxes down. We are 95% moved out of the old house. I'd like to give a shout out to Erik McCullah for helping me get rid of some large items.

Sadly I have run out of space trying to find a place for all the extra models that I have. I could put them in an unheated garage, but I would prefer to sell them, cheap, to the club members. I have around 150 kits that need a new home. I don't have any sort of list, so if you need something you think I might have,, Please,, write it down on a piece of paper and give it to me at the meeting. I'll have more time in January to search for all the requested kits. \$10.00 each cheap enough?

I received the Insurance policy in the mail last week. The rate did not go up.

I'd like to say Thank You to Dennis Tull for stepping up and accepting a nomination for the V.P. position.

See ya'll on Monday.

### **FROM THE EDITOR** by Mike Jinkens

I was rather surprised by the lack of information about the Lindberg company. They were one of the early pioneers of the plastic kit industry, and even converted their first jet plane, the Lockheed P-80A Shooting Star from wood kit to plastic, updating it to a 'C' model in the process. This old bird has been in their catalog forever!

## WINNER'S CIRCLE by Curtis Epperson

Hey Guys and Gals its pizza party time and gift exchange so bring your appetite and a sealed kit and have fun.

Year-end contest awards will also be given out. I hope everybody is happy with the themes for next year. I'm hoping to have something new on the tables every month. See Y'all Monday.



## IN THE GARAGE:

### Leaking Testor's Lacquer Spray Cans

When the Testor's first introduced their lacquer paint line, I was hooked. The factory colors, the wild metallics, and cheaper than Tamiya. Plus easier to find than Tamiya to boot. But they don't age well. I have found three cans leaking out of the bottom seal, a rubbery goo. Needless to say once this happens, the paint is useless.

Just a public service reminder to check your spray cans before use!



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# THE FINAL LAP

## C.A.R 2017 THEMES:

**MONDAY Dec 11** - Pizza party & Gift exchange

## C.A.R. 2018 THEMES

January- **Corvettes**

February- **Plymouth**

March- **Dodge Brothers**

April- **100 Years of Ford Trucks.**

May- **Ford Torinos.**

June- **Bonneville Salt Flat cars**

July- **Broncos,Blazers,RamCharger: first SUVs**

August-**Jeeps.**

September- **Chevy Impala**

October- **Same Kit Night: AMT 59 El Camino.**

November- **End of the Year contest**

December- **Pizza Party/ Gift Exchange.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb 17, 2018**

**Blizzcon. 44th Annual Columbus Model Contest and Swap (IPMS)**

Arts Impact Middle School 680 Jack Gibbs Blvd., Columbus, OH, 43215

Contact: T. J. Misiolek 1-614-541-9082 [tjmisiolek@columbus.rr.com](mailto:tjmisiolek@columbus.rr.com)

**March 10, 2018**

**Roscoe Turner IPMS Contest/Swap**

Raymond Park Middle School 8575 E. Raymond St., Indianapolis, IN, 46239

Contact: Erik Fox 1-317-600-7463 [kriegkafer@hotmail.com](mailto:kriegkafer@hotmail.com)

**March 17, 2018**

**Buckeye Classic Contest Swap**

Franklin County Fairgrounds 4100 Columbia St.,Hilliard, OH 43026

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