



Located in Utah, the Bonneville Salt Flats is managed by the Bureau of Land Management and when conditions are right, a popular place for land speed record attempts.

Named after U.S. Army officer Benjamin Bonneville who explored the area in the 1830's, the salt flats were thought to be a shorter route to the Pacific Ocean. In 1907, a Pierce-Arrow would become the first automobile to cross the salt, and a rail line would become the first permanent crossing in 1910. 1914 would mark the first year a land speed record attempt would be made here. A 300 HP Benz, named "Blitzen Benz

2." Driven by Teddy Tetzlaff broke the world land speed record mark by running 142.8 MPH. Eventually the area within the salt flats would become Bonneville Speedway where racing is conducted. The 1930's would see an uptick in land speed record popularity, but WWII would slow things down.



After the war, drag racing and land speed attempts grew in popularity. One of the more interesting cars created in this time frame was the Belly Tanker or Lakester.

These cars were fabricated using military surplus fuel tanks from various aircraft, initially from P-51 Mustangs. These 165 gallon tanks were really too small with the engine up front and the driver behind, but the 315 gallon from the Lockheed P-38 Lightning proved to be the right size. The engine could be fitted behind the driver creating a more aerodynamic shape and giving the driver a better view of the track.

The first of these cars appeared in the late 1940's, but the most famous came from the So-Cal Speed Shop owner Alex Xydias. The So-Cal car was known for its white and red paint job (all of So-Cal cars sported these colors) and was first powered by a Ford flathead 60 V8. That engine was swapped for a larger Mercury flathead of 296 ci which propelled the car to 195.77 mph setting a new record for its class (1951). That record would be broken the next day by another belly tanker, powered by a Chrysler Hemi and driven by Mal Hoopster who set the record at 197.88 mph. Although the fuel tanks were engineered by Lockheed, the cars were sheer small shop know how. Many of these men who created these cars were veterans of WWII who may have picked up their skills in the military or in the least had those skills sharpened.



As the years passed, the supply of WWII vintage fuel tanks dried up so hotrodders began using the larger tanks from jet aircraft, such as the F-4 Phantom.

There have been multitude of land speed records set at Bonneville. Those records could change as quickly as the next driver made his run down the track. Check out the table, it shows just a few of the different classes at Bonneville Speedway.

Category	Speed (km/h)	Speed (mph)	Vehicle	Operator	Date	Certifying entity
Land speed record	1,227.985	763.035	<i>ThrustSSC</i>	Andy Green	15 Oct 1997	FIA
Wheel-driven	737.794	458.444	<i>Vesco Turbinator</i>	Don Vesco	18 Oct 2001	FIA
Motorcycle	605.698	376.363	<i>Ack Attack</i>	Rocky Robinson	25 Sep 2010	FIM
Diesel-powered	563.998	350.452	<i>JCB DieselMax</i>	Andy Green	23 Aug 2006	FIA
Electric-powered	550.627	342.144	<i>Venturi VBB-3 Streamliner</i>	Roger Schroer	19 Sep 2016	FIA
Steam-powered	238.679	148.308	<i>Inspiration</i>	Don Wales	25 Aug 2009	FIA
Wind-powered	203.09	126.19	<i>Ecotricity Greenbird</i>	Richard Jenkins	26 Mar 2009	NALSA
Human-powered	144.17	89.58	<i>AeroVelo Eta</i>	Todd Reichert	17 Sep 2016	IHPVA
Solar-powered	91.332	56.751	<i>Sky Ace TIGA</i>	Kenjiro Shinozuka	20 Aug 2014	GWR
Radio-controlled car (rocket)	338.14	210.11	<i>Black Knight</i>	Anthony Lovering	4 May 2016	GWR
Radio-controlled car (battery)	325.12	202.02	<i>RC Bullet</i>	Nic Case	25 Oct 2014	GWR
Tracked vehicle	82.23	51.10	S2000 Scorpion Peacekeeper		26 Jan 2002	GWR

CLUB BUSINESS SECTION

JUNE 2018

FROM THE PRESIDENT by Rockne Riddlebarger

Greetings model citizens! The only real news, for those not present at May's meeting is that we have the date of May 4, 2019 for our Cincinnati Challenge! This gives us the opportunity to get away from the early April date when there are four model shows on the same Saturday. This should give us the chance to put on our best show ever, so spread the word in any manner you have at your disposal. See you all on June 11!

VP VIEWS by Dennis Tull

June Theme: Bonneville Salt Flats Racers & Swap

In recent years, I have had the opportunity to travel quite a bit to different parts of the world for vacations and business. More and more lately I try to tag on side trips and stops that relate to my interest in automobiles, such as museums, hobby shops, car shows, old factories, etc. One of my biggest regrets in that regard was to pass on by the Bonneville Salt Flats without stopping, due to a tight travel schedule, while touring out west. Since then, I've seen the movie "The World's Fastest Indian", another documentary on TV about Speed Week and an old Legends of Motorsport newsreel style film about MG land speed record cars of the 1950's and the actual Ab Jenkins 1936 Duesenberg record setting car at the Ault Park Concours. It all has the effect of exaggerating my disappointment in missing the stop at Bonneville. However, now I get to look forward to seeing it all in miniature and talk to the creators of these magnificent machines. It'll be like having a pit pass!

MEETING NOTES by Kevin Belanger

At the May meeting there 22 members and 24 models on display. Randy Wilson won the kit raffle, a Revell '80 Jeep Hondo. Door prizes were won by Jim Wilkens (AMT Belair 409) and Curtis Peterson (AMT 34 Ford).

FROM THE EDITOR by Mike Jinkens

WINNER'S CIRCLE by Curtis Epperson

Hey Guys and Gals it's June and the theme is Bonneville Salt Flat cars. I Hope to have something new on the tables. It is also a Swap Meet night. See Y'all Monday night

June Contest Results

Factory Stock 1st Bill Owen 59 Ford Skyliner 2nd Jeff Myers 69 Talladega

Customs 1st Jim Wilkins wild customs 2nd Jim Wilkins 41 Plymouth

Street Rod 1st Steve Bowser 29 Ford 2nd Jeff Myers 32 Ford red roadster 3rd Jeff Myers 32 Ford 3 window

Curbside street 1st Jeff Myers P T Cruiser 2nd John Ginandt 84 Corvette 3rd Jeff Myers 56 Desoto

Curbside comp 1st Tom Selvaggio Ricky Rudd #5 2nd Bill Bench Red 69 Torino 3rd Bill Bench Green 69 Torino

Misc 1st Jeff Myers Test car 2nd Rockne Monowheeler

Collectors Die-cast 1st Jim Wilkins 55 Buick 2nd Jeff Myers Ferrari 550.

Out of box plus 1st Chad Selvaggio 68 Bullitt Mustang 2nd Vince Kelley 68 RoadRunner 3rd Bill Schneider 80 Ford Ranger.

Theme Award Bill Bench Red 69 Torino.

Model of the month Chad Selvaggio 68 Bullitt Mustang.



Jeff Myers



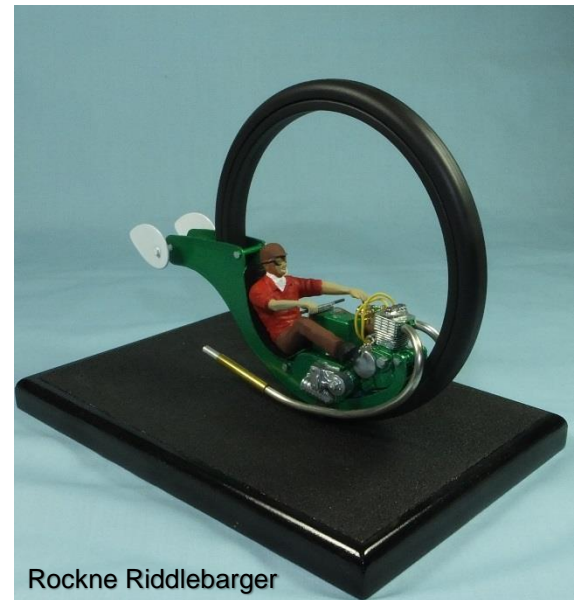
Bill Bench



Jim Wilkins



Bill Owen



Rockne Riddlebarger



Bill Schneider



Chad Selvaggio



Bill Bench

Factory Tour of AMT

Allen McDonald has recently been in touch with some of the folks at the AMT factory in South Bend, Indiana. Tours of the facility are available Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm. They are located at 4073 Meghan Beeler Ct. South Bend, IN 46628 and the phone is 1-888-910-2889. This is a four plus hour drive from Cincinnati but if you are in that area you may want to check it out. If there is enough interest in going we may be able to put together a group road trip, we can discuss that at future meetings.

IN THE GARAGE:

Bill Owen often rebuilds glue bombs. I mean he **really** restores them. This Revell 1959 Ford Skyliner was purchased as a half started wreck, and Bill disassembled and put together one of the most difficult car kits ever made. The hood, roof and trunk move as intended by Revell all those years ago and Bill gave it a pretty slick two tone paint job suitable for a car from the 1950's.



Ford debuted the Skyliner in 1957. It was a hardtop convertible with the retracting mechanism controlled with several switches, jacks, relays and motors controlling the roof position. With over 600 feet of wiring running to all of these components, it was a total nightmare when it didn't work. The typical mechanic was wise to avoid working on one these contraptions. The Skyliner was unique to Ford and lasted until 1959.



Revell's kit featured a folding top, opening hood and trunk. Typical of many Revell kits of the era, it also included a couple of figures to sit in the front seat. Although well detailed for the time, it was also from the multi-piece body era all of which created one difficult to assemble model kit!



Original box art for the Revell '59 Ford

THE FINAL LAP

C.A.R. 2018 THEMES

January 8 - **Corvettes**

February 12 - **Plymouth**

March 12 - **Dodge Brothers**

April 3 - **100 Years of Ford Trucks.**

May 14- **Ford Torinos.**

June 11 - **Bonneville Salt Flat cars**

July 9 - **Broncos,Blazers,RamCharger: first SUVs**

August13-**Jeeps.**

September 17 - **Chevy Impala**

October 8 - **Same Kit Night: AMT 59 El Camino.**

November 12 - **End of the Year contest**

December 10 - **Pizza Party/ Gift Exchange.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 14, 2018

Ohio Valley Regional Model Show and Swap Meet

Sun Valley Community Center

6505 Bethany Lane Louisville, KY 40272

Contact: Chris Baskett 502-438-8580 (between 11am and 9 pm please)

Email: info@derbycitymodelcarbuilders.com

August 18, 2018

LMCC Model Car Contest and Swap Meet

Community Reformed Church

2501 S 19th St. Lafayette, IN 47909

Contact: Bill Erdes 765-418-4236 or email: scubedu@comcast.net

September 30, 2018

Kentucky's Largest Slot Car Show and Model Swap Meet

Paroquet Springs Conference Centre

395 Paroquet Springs Drive Shepardsville KY 40165

Contact:Steve Crum 270-312-7900

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