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This Month.....

Officer's Reports ~ Coming Events



*The above four models were built, with a little kit-bashing, from the
AMT Double Dragster kit*

**NEXT MEETING: North-Central Branch Library
11109 Hamilton Ave Cincinnati OH 45231
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-----from the editor's desk-----

Fellow CAR guys,

I wanna thank you for allowing me both the pleasure & the honor of editing the club newsletter for the last two years. I've enjoyed every minute. I hope you will show Mike the same support & encouragement you've shown me.

As I hope you all know, the December meeting will be our annual gift exchange & pizza party. Bring a gift to exchange. Also, it's been mentioned to me that Laura Griffin has unearthed more of Bob's collection & would like to make it available to others, & by doing so, add to her children's education fund. Randy is the CAR guy she contacted to help her out & if you don't hear from him, either through this missive or by direct contact, you might wanna get in touch with him, in order to make this happen. It is a more than worthy cause. For many years, our first outside event of the year was the Model Car Contest held at Cavalcade of Customs, & sponsored by various outa town organizations. &, yes, I know that not everyone has fond memories of that. Nonetheless, this year, I've reached out to the Squires show committee, offering to present a display of models at the show. I'm doing this on my own dime, with every intention of seeing it through! As yet (11/29), I've received no response, but in the event that I do & in the event that the response is positive, is anyone interested in being a part? I hope to know more by our meeting - give it some thought.

BTW, if it hasn't as yet been decided, & I haven't heard that it has, I wanna cast my vote for the AMT Double Dragster as our 'Same Kit' for 2014.

Robb

RESULTS: Hamilton Hobbies November Contest

Junior

1st Jacob Smith Type 7-C U85
Submarine

2nd Jacob Smith F86 Sabre Jet

Custom

1st James Norman 1966 Cadillac
Hearse

2nd Gene King PT Cruiser

3rd Ted Quinn 1940 Ford PU

Street Rod

1st Larry Young 1932 Ford Sedan

2nd Robb Shelby 1929 Ford A Roadster

3rd Larry Young 1937 Ford Coupe

Military

1st Doug Mule SU-152 Tank Destroyer

2nd Robb Shelby 1923 Ford T

Ambulance

3rd Swede Ware M113 Personnel

Carrier

Aircraft

1st Swede Ware Supermarine Spitfire
MK1

2nd Rick Goodin Mitsubishi Zero

Street Machine

1st Don Perkins 1963 Corvette

2nd Ted Quinn 1956 Chevrolet

3rd Curtis Epperson MPC School Bus

Drag Racing

1st Larry Young 1966 Nova

2nd Don Perkins 1956 Chevrolet

3rd Larry Young 1933 Willys

Oval Track

1st Richard Gray #34 1934 Ford

Modified

2nd Robb Shelby #34 1936 Plymouth

Modified

3rd Gene King #24

BEST of SHOW Larry Young 1966 Nova



BENCH RACING - by Bill Bench

SEDUCED BY BOX ART....AGAIN!!!

Let's be honest, we've all been drawn to a pretty face or memory that brings us back to our youth. My latest seduction was the AMT/ Round 2 1965 Chevrolet El Camino. I was in Rodger's Hobby Shop in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas on a Monday during our annual week-long visit with Barb's family.

I bought 3 model kits that I thought were a good buy. I was happy with my purchase until I spied the El Camino sitting on top of the shelf. There it was in the reproduction box art that brought me back to my teenage years when I was in Heck's department store in Ashland, Kentucky and saw that way cool box ART. Tastefully done in Yellow, White, and Black, the El Camino was a cut above normal trucks and Chevelles. Lighter than pickup trucks and no back seat made it an affordable coupe.

With a blower and injector scoop sticking out of the hood, exhaust pipes protruding out from underneath the rocker panels, drag slicks, Cragar S/S wheels, and the words DRAG CAMINO on the sides really got my attention and imagination!

Fast forward 45 years. I had two other 65 El Caminos, but neither with the few extra options and that magnificent box art. So I leave without it. A few days later, Barb asks me if I saw anything else I wanted there. I tell her about the El Camino and how cool the box art is, but I really don't need it. Unlike 99.9 % of the other spouses in the world, she says, "Why don't you go ahead and get it?"

I think about it and the next time we go by there, which is a Friday, I tell myself that if it's there, then it's meant to be. So we stop by the Hobby/Muffler shop, and a few minutes later, I exit with the El Camino in my hand and \$26 poorer....but you know what? It was worth every penny!

It'll be awhile until I get around to building it, but until then, it'll sit proudly on my desk and remind me of that day in Heck's and the day I wrote this article with a smile. B-)

See you at the meeting.

Bill

WANTED: Monogram: original wire wheels & tires from 'Stock' issue of 1934 Ford Coupe/Cabriolet. Monogram: door tops & cowl from any issue Model A &/or 34 Cabriolet. Also, AMT: 'Red Line' M&H slicks (7prs) to trade for wide white M&H slicks. Thanx, Robb 513.312.9715 or < robbshelby@cinci.rr.com >
