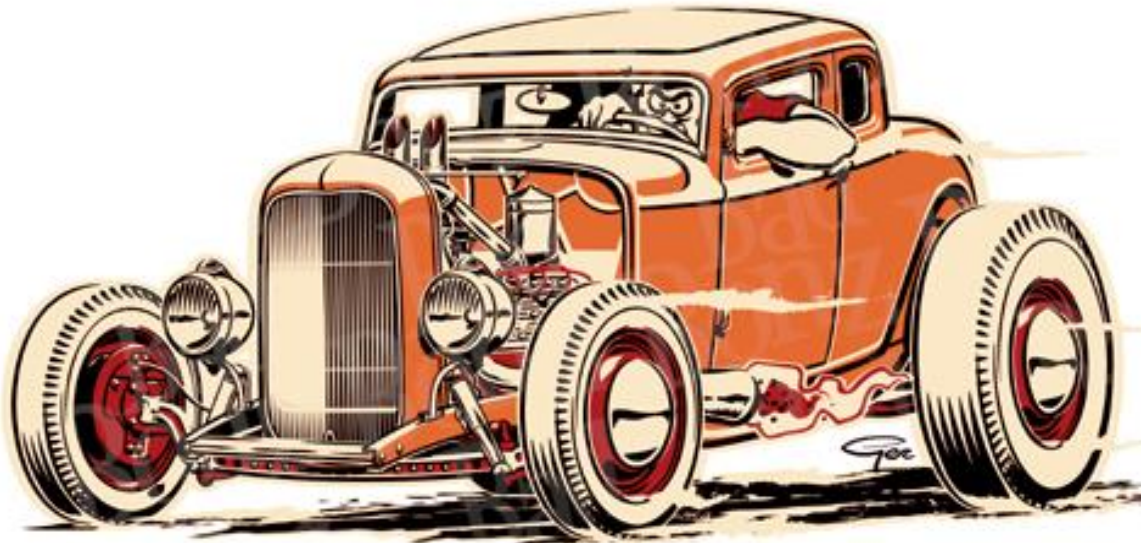


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This Month.....

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*ain't it cool....*

+ Coming Events + Kit Review +

~~~~~ from the editor's desk ~~~~~

Since our August theme is JoHan Nite, I thought I'd ask Okey to fall by, so let's see a good turnout of JoHan models. & as it's also swap night, he may well bring some product with him. It's also gravity drags night. I've missed the last couple of gravity drags event, so I'm pretty much lost as far as how it's been going..... Fact is, I've been unable to attend the last few meetings due to the fact that I don't have any wheels right now.

This month I've included a review of Revell's 'Rat Roaster' 32 Ford kit. Hope you find it informative.

Another thing - how do you feel about club jackets? I know mine is starting to show its age. I don't have any other input on the subject just now, but somebody could look into it. Or several somebodies.....

I haven't listed it in the 'coming events', but the Vintage Truck show, sponsored by Vintage Truck magazine, will be on August 3rd this year. Okey Spaulding & I have displayed our scale vintage trucks there for quite a few years (Mike Napoleon was with us the first year - it's been that long). At least one time Rockne displayed there, as well. But any one that builds, or just enjoys, old trucks is more than welcome to come & display with us - just bring your own chair & even a table if you're bringing enough trucks.

See you at the meeting (really.....)

*Robb*

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~~~~~ bench racing ~~~~~

### ONE HOT CUDA AND COOL JOHAN MODELS



Our theme for our August swap meet is JOHAN NITE. We have all had the pleasure of having built and owned a JOHAN model kit over the years. My first one actually came from Ford as a 1970 Maverick promo. Even back then I couldn't leave anything stock. Using one of Mom's steak knives, I proceeded to cut a hole in the hood and stuff a 427 SOHC engine in it. It was pretty crude, but I was happy with it.

Fortunately, my skills have improved, and I've built some nicer JOHAN kits over the years. The only drawback is...I'm out of them, and I want to build something new. So I figure out what I want to build, and I decide to build a '71 Cuda.

Now everybody and his sister has built a Sox and Martin '71 Cuda, but me, I gotta be different. I got one from Jeff Spraul that is molded in ORANGE. That in itself would deter most people, but I have a vision!! Instead of building it as a Pro Stock, I'm gonna build it as a Bracket racer!

So arming myself with some #0000 steel wool, I proceed to attack all of the flash and mold lines. Once I was happy with that, I went over the body with #3600 sand-paper. When I had it sufficiently sanded and cleaned, I spray painted it with Testor's White



## KIT REVIEW:



Stacey David's 32 Ford Rat Roaster (Revell #85-4995; 148 pcs in white, chrome, clear & black vinyl, with instructions & waterslide decals; 1/25 scale, one\* building version, skill level 2)

When this kit was first announced I wondered how much Revell would alter their 32 Hiboy tool to produce the Rat Roaster. Well the answer is: quite a bit, starting with the engine.....

First off, it's a SBC. Or, rather, that's what the proto has & this looks pretty much like one. The 22pc assembly features a 'split-down-the-middle' block & trans. The heads are the basis of my Chevy guess, that & the water pump. The alternator is tucked down below the left head, & there's a separate oil filter, fuel pump, starter & a second belt/pulley assembly for the 6pc blower (all chrome, & featuring a handful of decals, including one for the blower belt). All of this is topped off by a pair of 4bbl's. Here's where you get some options (though not enough for me to consider calling it a second building version): there's a pair of normal air cleaners for use when the hood is used. If you wanna run it without the hood, you get a pair of large velocity stacks that the air cleaners sit on top of. Over-the-rail sprint car style headers also hint at the Chevy powerplant. The 'trees', both white & chrome that contain the majority of the engine parts look to be exclusive to this kit. Not 'retooled', but 'additionally' tooled.

The 21pc chassis appears to be identical to that found under the five previous Revell 32 kits. You get spreader bars, front & rear, dual exhausts trapped by a separate 'K' member, & a dropped tube axle that's located by hairpins & operated by cross-steering. Implement-style headlights get clear lenses & incorporate the front shocks. The drive-line portion appears to be based on a mid-to-late 50's GM rear axle with a separate drive shaft & coil-overs. The complete front end is chromed, but only the ladder bars that locate the rear axle add any 'shiny' to that assembly. I say 'appears to be identical' because while you get all of the same stuff, almost everything has been tweaked, at least a little.

The interior is all different. That assembly consists of 11pcs (floor, door panels, rear bulkhead, console, buckets, dash, steering column & wheel) of plastic & 45 decals!! That's a lot of detailing *before* you scratch the seatbelts..... the bulkhead & door panels add a 'WWII' fighter look. Fighter/bomber style seats would have helped that look.

That interior assembly fits into a roadster body with separate fender splash aprons. This, in turn, along with a universal-jointed steering shaft & gas tank top half, mounts to the chassis assembly. A really nice, seriously stock firewall, a pair of what appear to be bobbed, stock rear fenders, a hood top with two rows of chrome portholes & a 3pc, chopped windshield (frame, glass & mirror) pretty much wrap up the main bodywork. An 8pc (counting coolant hoses) radiator assembly & a 4pc 'Moon' fuel tank finish off the front end.

