

The Parting Line

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From the Presidents Workbench

Autumn is clearly here again with the cooler temperatures. We extend a big **thank you** to Doug DeMars and his wife for opening their home for our September club meeting. Check out the photos in the “meeting notes” section of the newsletter for a glimpse of the action.

Once again, the Algonquin Township Office has made the decision to remain closed to the public for the month of October (do you see a trend here?). As a result we will be holding our October meeting at the home of Ken Kellner. You will find meeting details later in this newsletter!

Not all plastics are created equal...

With the cooler temps outside, does that mean we will be spending more time indoors building? I know that I will spend more time on my December contest build. Lately I have been neglecting my model car hobby as my focus has been on rebuilding the brakes on my Corvette. Running new hard lines with limited space and be a bear.

I haven't totally neglected the model car hobby as I have been looking into other aspects of the hobby, technical aspects to be exact. Did you know that the early plastics used in our model cars were considered “virgin” plastic, nearly pure form of styrene plastic? Did you know that the kits found on the retail shelves today contain a very high percentage of regrind? Regrind is essentially recycled plastic which could be test shots, scrap from the manufacturing process, or any other scrap styrene that has been ground up and mixed with the “virgin” plastic.

You might say that recycled plastic is a good thing, that is until you use a primer or paint that is a bit too “hot” and etches the plastic or worse, melts it! Today's model kit plastics are more sensitive to the types of paint you may use as a result of the increased regrind content. The same applies to the chemicals you use to strip paint. The greater the percent of regrind, the greater the degradation of the plastic's performance.



So what's a model car builder to do? Stick with hobby paints if you want to avoid problems. There is good news, Tamiya continues to use virgin plastic to produce their kits. If you choose to experiment with automotive paints, keep some large body parts on hand. In a pinch some bare parts trees will work.

Once again, the primer (or paint) you use will make a difference, this time your build may depend on it. Choose wisely...



Happy Modeling,
Craig

October Show-N-Tell



Fall Regular meeting:
Big Screen & TV Vehicles

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Model Industry News & More from the VP

By Dave Green

Well here we are at falls front door. Not a lot going on in the model world right. Expecting some really neat stuff for X-mas or the beginning of the year. There's a rumor going around the Revell is taking measurements of a 71 Mustang. Something new Revell?

Attached are some photos of new stuff on the hobby shelves. The 69 cobra is a reissue from several times before. The 65 ford is something I have not seen before. It's a gasser which in real life would not be practical as the car would be way too heavy to be raced.



95 Eclipse is from the Fast and Furious collection. The full bumper Camaro is a reissue of the spilt bumper car. The 57 Bird is a reissue in 1/16th scale, complete reissue with vintage box art. For the custom show car guys, there is the reissue of the Milk Trike.



Now a word of warning on Grumpy's Vega. I was hoping that it would be a complete reissue since the box had original art. Wrong, the body is great with several

hoods. The pro stock motor in there but there are several extra parts that were not part of the original kit. There are blower parts, 3 different hood scopes and an odd single mag wheel. Nice decal sheet. Oh yeah. If you can find a kit grab one or two, as they are sold out at most hobby shops. I will assume that Round 2 will do another run.

Some of the swap meets are still in the works. Mini motors in December is still set to go. They will be in the big round building as it is set up better for social distancing and the building they usually are in, there will be gun show.



DuPage is cancelled, Countryside, Kalamazoo is still going for November 28 but may cancel, we will have to see. Tinley Park holiday toy show is cancelled. Circle City is having a contest and swap meet on Saturday October 24th at a new location – UAW Hall Local 933 2320 S Tibbs Ave Indy. Hours will be from 9am to 4 pm. You can find Circle city Modelers on Facebook.

Well that's it for now may have more info at meeting. Happy modeling, stay safe, wear your mask, and social distance where possible.

your VP. - Dave

Last Month's Meeting Notes...

By Joe Salzburg

- The Plan for the Club Christmas Party was discussed. **PLAN A:** Is for the Christmas party location to be at Humberto Garcia's home. Wife Bibiana made the offer to open their home. **Plan B:** Is for bringing it back to the township building, if they ever open it to the public.

- **We WILL need a count of those who WILL attend.** We need solid commitment and a vote on the food selection. **The food selection:** *Tommy's Italian beef & sausage; pizza from Donkey Inn or Rosati's Pizza; or???*

- The November auction has been determined to be a no-go for this year and instead we are asking club members to donate TWO sealed kits back to the club. Monetarily it makes more sense than what little we might make from the auction. The sealed kits should be something that the member would build and not a cast off from their junk pile. We also would ask that the member put their name on the bottom of the box.

Views from the August meeting...



UPCOMING NEWS & Business for the October C.A.R.S. in Miniature Club Meeting:

- The club continues to be mobile for October as we meet at our 5th, Temporary location at C.A.R.S. in Miniature member, Ken Kellner's home in McHenry, IL. Ken's address is 404 Wimbledon Trail, McHenry, IL
- Ken will be serving chili and cornbread muffins.
- Club President, Craig will NOT be in attendance due to a scheduling conflict with a college reunion. All of the other officers will be in attendance.
- For the Month of November, *Joe Salzburg* will again offer to host the club meeting, going back up North to Richmond, IL. *That is... UNLESS our building at the Algonquin Township Highway Dept. reopens for us.* There will be NO Club Auction for the month of November (See Minutes of the Meeting for more info).
- We DO have plans (Listed above too) ... **Plan A:** Is for the Christmas party location is Humberto Garcia's home in Carpentersville, IL. Bibiana made the offer to open their home. **Plan B:** *We will meet at our "Home Base location"...* *That is again... UNLESS our building at the Algonquin Township Highway Dept. reopens for us.*

Observations from Joe's Workbench

The turnout or attendance for the past few club meetings have been pretty good. And with that being said, we have to give thanks to both ends of that... and NOT in any particular order, so I will begin with the club members themselves. THANK YOU for continuing to make the club meetings a BIG part of your life, especially during these crazy times of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We know and understand everyone's concerns or opinions of all that is going on. And regardless of how seriously or not, everyone feels about the virus being out there, EVERYONE has taken the Safety and Cautions of this very seriously. We do have an older group of club members, and it is justified. We also however need to carry on, and so does C.A.R.S in Miniature. We all know and understand that our hobby has taken a downward turn over the years, long before this pandemic has taken its toll on pretty much everything! Our model car club, just like ANYTHING ELSE right now, continues to need your patronage and support. And for the most part, the majority of our club membership has done just that. We've had very good turnouts at the past few club meetings, and we hope to continue seeing that at each location. The way things are currently going, we really don't think things will change for the next few months at least. That of course means that we may also not be able to use our "Home Base", the Algonquin Township Hwy. Dept. building. It's difficult to believe... definitely for myself, that we have been fortunate to have had this building as our club meeting facility for the past 19 years! YEAH THAT'S WHAT I SAID! 19 YEARS! Crazy I know right? That building has been PERFECT for us and our needs in many ways over all those years... So to be without it, has been difficult, but the generosity of a few of our club members have made the temporary transition of holding our meetings elsewhere so as we can HAVE a meeting... Has been tremendous, to say the least. So THANK YOU to ALL those club members that have been coming out to the club meetings and moving along with them. PLEASE, Continue to do so, as we are very appreciative to see all of you and have your support during all of this.

NOW... to our gracious hosts... THANK YOU AS WELL! So far, we've had club members Ken Kellner, Joe Salzburg, Humberto Garcia and Doug DeMars host club meetings at their homes. Now I apologize to Doug

DeMars, as I chose to spend the day and evening with my dad as he reached the plateau of his 80th birthday. I was hoping to go, and see Doug's "Digs" if you will, but in this case it being my father... whom I am still extremely grateful to still have with me (As I know some of you may unfortunately not be able to say that anymore), would probably understand and justify missing the club meeting for. Plus being his 80th, I just wanted to be with him more than anything that day. Now getting back to our hosts... Most, including myself have provided either dinner, snacks and drinks or all of the above for all the club members that attended. And jokingly, perhaps that's what has helped fill a room... But regardless if that's a reason or not, I know the main reason is that people DO want to get out... people do want to keep themselves busy and involved in the hobby, and people DO want to continue to support C.A.R.S. in Miniature. Regardless of the building itself where we meet... Or if we have meetings at another location, that being a club member's home... It's not about a building. It's STILL a matter of sharing a hobby and a pastime that you love and enjoy with others that feel the same way about it. That's really what it's all about, and that's really what's STILL important! As much as we hope this hobby will transcend on to future generations... that really cannot be foretold at this point. We can all try, but we know this has largely become an adult hobby, moreover an older adult hobby. Still we are in a good place in this hobby, as some technology is in our favor (More on that in a bit.

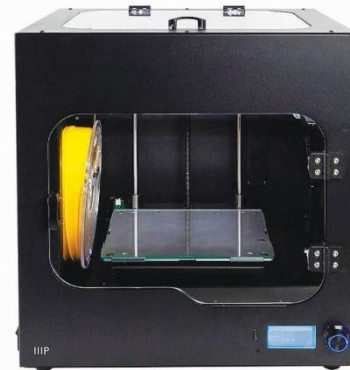
Nevertheless, THANK YOU! THANK YOU to ALL our club meeting room hosts, and THANK YOU to ALL of our club members for attending the club meetings and continuing the fun! THANK YOU to EVERYONE for using/wearing your masks, washing your hands and practicing SAFE social distancing! For the October club meeting, we will return to our FIRST stop on the "C.A.R.S. in Miniature" COVID-19 Tour"... (Hoping I can add some humor with that...) as we head back to McHenry to Ken Kellner's home in McHenry THIS SATURDAY. Ken will open his basement... Or his garage (I think he was deciding on either one the last time, but the basement won out.). Ken will again provide chairs and tables for everyone and the models. If you have a folding chair you wish to bring, please bring it along anyway! And again, if

anyone wishes to bring some snacks or desserts to pass, please don't hesitate in doing that... The More the Merrier!

For November, we may move another 15 minutes North to my home (Joe's) in Richmond, IL. I hosted the July club meeting at my home on the fly... as it worked out, but because it was a late decision (As we were not sure where we'd be that month till the eleventh hour), I scrambled preparing an area to have the meeting. I will be much more prepared and ready to go, but we will confirm the meeting place at the October Club Meeting. For December, Humberto and Bibi Garcia offered to host the party at their home in Carpentersville, IL. They also opened it up to other clubs to join us as well. We will discuss what we will do further for the club party at the October club meeting, but it looks like we have our meeting locations set for the club for the remainder of the year, UNLESS the Algonquin Township Dept. let's us use the building again. Once again... THANK YOU TO EVERYONE for helping to make the club meetings work in alternate locations during this pandemic.

Regarding my earlier comment about today's technology being a help to the hobby... We all know that technology has made the craft and hobby of model building... Rather dare I say "Old tech"... Or even "No-Tech" as hobbies are concerned anyway... As video games, VR (Virtual Reality), online gaming, phones, downloading music, movies, games and other things have simply made building a model car for many... Well uhm passé. Boring perhaps... whatever. We as model builders think differently of course, and for the most part, discount any kind of observations of the like. But as model kits and perhaps producing them as manufacturers go on into the 21st century, you cannot deny that technology (Behind the scenes anyway) has become a big part of the process of producing a modern-day model kit. It was 1994 when I first learned of CAD (Computer Aided Design) was used the first time to produce the (Then ALL-NEW for 1994) Ford Mustang GT kit... Which sold very well for Revell-Monogram I might add. The late Bill Lastovitch as our guest speaker at our Club's Christmas party back in 1995 explained the process of how Revell supplied the CAD drawings for the real car, to Revell (Scaling them down to 1:25th in size) to produce the model car to the exact proportions. I, among others, found that to be an extremely forward advance for the model car

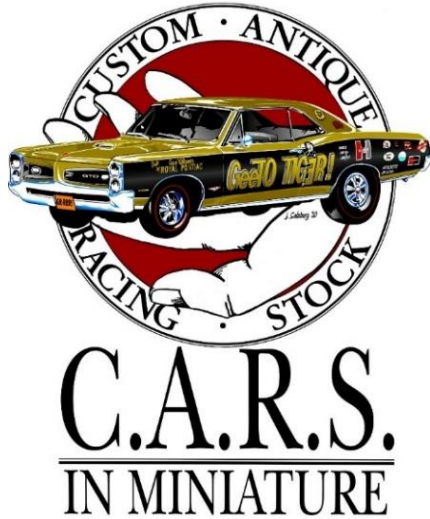
industry. And now in producing any model car kit, I know computers are much more common now to produce a 3D wire frame rendering of not only the body, but the chassis, interior, engine... EVERYTHING on the car. Particularly on a late model or ALL-NEW model car that is being replicated in scale. We know that has been a factor for some time now.



The boom of 3D Printing is also another incredible NEW tool in model design as well Now that a buck or a prototype or a test shot can simply be created as a 3 dimensional model from engineering or CAD drawings only improves on the accuracy of every dimension of the model car in kit form. Now 3D printers, haven't become all that common yet as to where your everyday model car builder can afford one. However there are some 3D printers that are going towards that direction. When that happens and a good, useable 3D Printer comes down in price for the average model builder... One can imagine what a model builder CAN DO with one of these. Some of your custom, higher end, "One-Off" model makers have gone to using 3D printers, much like many have been using small milling machines to make small metal components for models over the recent years. I do see the future of 3D printing becoming more common if they 3D printers begin to go down to a more basic machine and a more affordable price, much like a desktop paint booth or a small tabletop milling lathe. It's something to think about, but our hobby has room and possibilities to allow for technology to enhance and help the model kit hobby. There are other things happening too, but I think 3D printing could be a cool tool for the future of our hobby!

See you all Saturday! Be Safe!

Joe



2020 Show-N-Tell Themes



- January** – What's on Your Workbench?
& Past People's Choice Entrants
- February** – Vehicles in Red & cars you LOVE
- March** – Not from here: European & Asian Cars
- April** – My favorite Kit & Cars in Song
- May** – Auction Night
- June** – Odd Scale & Metal
- July** – Build Night - Kit bashing & Customs
- August** – Build Night – Straight Out of the Box
- September** – Pure Stock & Drag Racing
- October** – Big Screen & TV Vehicles
- November** – Hot Rods & Nominations
- December** – Gen-X, Vehicles 1967 -1982

How my model car almost wrecked Dad's New Riviera...

Provided by Hemming's Classic Car, by Rick Hanmore

My father was a car guy, just not in a mechanical sense. I never saw him turn a wrench, but he always loved cars. Every year, when the new models were introduced, we would visit showrooms to check out the latest that Detroit had to offer. His business did well enough to afford to feed his passion for new automobiles, so there was never anything more than two years old in our garage. Mom and Dad each had their own car, and in the early Sixties, the list included some that I would love to have today. There was a 1959 Oldsmobile 88, traded for a baby-blue '61 Buick Electra, and then came a '62 Oldsmobile Starfire: all were convertibles. The string of convertibles ended with a beautiful 1964 Buick Riviera, deep blue with a silver interior. Not gray, mind you, but silver vinyl seats and door panels with black and woodgrain trim. Even then, as a 14-year-old kid, I remember thinking what a stunning car that was!

As for me, I was, and still am, a model-car builder. I have been involved with scale automobiles of many types all my life, and if there is indeed a "car gene," my dad passed that on to me. I learned early on how to paint my models with the small rattle cans of hobby spray paint. I fashioned a hook of sorts that suspended the



model body, which I hung from the handle of the open overhead garage door. That provided me with a place to paint that was sheltered, but open enough so that the paint fumes would blow outside and not into the house. If you are thinking that this is a story about getting paint on my dad's car, you are wrong—it gets worse than that. I was aware of overspray getting onto the family cars, so I wouldn't paint if the car was in the garage.

Very often, my father would park in the driveway, nosed up to the garage door. Not wanting to get overspray on the hood of the car, I had figured out on the Starfire that I could get in the car, slide the automatic console-

mounted shifter into neutral, and the car would slowly roll backward down our gently inclined driveway, just enough to be safely clear of my painting area. I had done this a number of times when I wanted to paint (without parental guidance, of course). I would roll the car back about a car length, and then slide the shifter back into park.

The Olds was barely rolling, so when I clicked the lever back into park, the car would stop. Back then, you didn't need a key to move the shifter on an automatic transmission. That feature came along later, probably to guard against idiots like me. It got so routine that I could lean into the car, over the closed door, and slide the shifter back and forth. I didn't even have to get into the car. I know that was a dumb thing to do, but it worked every time! I had been allowed to drive the family cars in the yard from time to time, but I did not have free access to the keys.

One day, I was getting ready to paint another one of those three-in-one customizing kits. I opened the garage door and there sat the new Riviera, with its gleaming Diplomat Blue paint, about a foot from the door opening. The Riviera was too close to my painting area, so I decided to move it back, as I had done numerous times with the Oldsmobile. I leaned in the open driver's window, slipped the car out of park, and it slowly began to roll back. After about a car length, I pushed the shifter back to the park position, as I had done with the Starfire, but it wouldn't go. All it did was make a grinding sound as the car continued to roll and pick up a little speed. No pushing of buttons or movement of the shift lever made any difference. I began to panic.

The incline of the driveway increased as it neared the street. I pushed myself off the door and tried to stop the progress of the car by grabbing the vent window post. The Buick just dragged me along as if I weighed nothing (and looking back, that was the second stupidest thing I did that day). By the time I tried to open the driver's door so I could jump in and hit the brakes, it was too late. I ran alongside the Riviera, barely keeping up as it quietly rolled down the last 20 feet of the driveway and into the street.

Fortunately, our home was located on a dead-end street with only five other houses, so there was no traffic. Still, my heart was pounding as the car easily crossed the pavement, heading for the curb on the other side. I thought it would stop when the rear tires hit this, but it takes more than that to halt a 4,000-pound Buick. I watched as the rear wheels jumped the curb, followed shortly by the fronts. The car finally stopped about a foot from Dr. Weiner's rose bush, sitting fully on his lawn facing the street and our house. Naturally, now it would go into park!

What to do? The whole thing had happened so quickly and silently that no one was running out of the house screaming. Not from our house, or our neighbor's house. There I was, standing on my neighbor's lawn next to my father's car, and nobody was aware. Nobody saw it happen. I am now reminded of the scene in the movie *A Christmas Story*, where Ralphie almost shoots his eye out, but then realizes that no one saw it happen. I thought for a moment that if I could somehow get the keys, I could pull the Riviera back into the driveway before anyone figured out what I had done. It was worth a shot. Of course, I bumped into my father as soon as I entered the house. With as much calmness as I could muster, I asked if I could have the keys to the car because I wanted to move it.

He asked me why. There was no way out now. I had to tell him that I had tried to move it, but it rolled down the driveway. He looked out of the window and saw his brand-new Riviera neatly parked on our neighbor's lawn. If there was a "for sale" sign in the windshield, the image would have made more sense. I offered to move it (perhaps to save him the embarrassment of going over there), but he declined. He was obviously irritated, but surprisingly, I didn't get chewed out. I was given that disappointed dad-look and told never to try that again.

He walked across the street, got into his new car, and drove it up the driveway and into the garage, closing the overhead door behind it.

I found a new place to paint.

Vintage CARS in Miniature Club Shirts

We have several extra club shirts left from over the years. Extras that we ordered back in the day and items we STILL have to sell!

ALL items have been marked down and ALL proceeds go directly to the Club's Treasury to help fund our activities!

Here are the remaining items listed with the quantity, design/color and sizes.

Sweatshirts: (\$12.00)

- (1) White / 10th Anniversary Shirt Md

Polos: (\$10.00) (1) Red / '69 2XL

T-Shirts: (\$10.00)

- (1) Black / '67 GTO 1XL
- (2) Red / '69 Mustang - Sm
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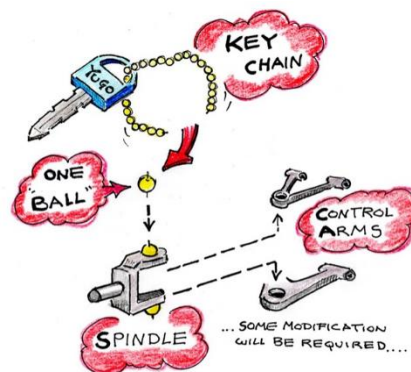
Hats: (\$5.00) (1) Grey / Black Logo

Kit Reviews

If you have recently completed a kit or opened a kit to evaluate the difficulty, send in your thoughts.

Tech Tip of the Month - provided by Scale Auto

Here's a tip that will add a touch of realism to a front suspension system. To make a ball joint, use one link from a key chain. Remove the two adjacent balls and retain the one with the pins on both sides. Drill appropriately sized holes in the upper and lower control arms and insert the pins into the holes. Secure the ball on each side with a dab of epoxy or drop of superglue. Once the new ball joints are in place, you can add the spindles to complete the front suspension. Some modification to the spindles or control arms might be required. A small amount of effort will result in a very cool detail.



Club Dues are Due

Club DUES are due for 2020, and most have renewed their dues for the year. As of right now with the current situation, we haven't pushed club dues. If you haven't paid your 2020 club dues you can still do so by sending a check made out for \$20.00 to C.A.R.S. in Miniature. Mail it to:

C.A.R.S. in Miniature
C/O Ken Kellner
404 Wimbledon Trail
McHenry, IL 60050-5290

Club Demos

We are looking for modeling related DEMOS for 2020! If you have a technique that helps you with your builds, or a slick trick for detailing your build, regardless of how big or simple, please share it with the club.

Please share what you know! We'll publish it in the newsletter!

The Lil' Swap Meet

Wanted: Revell '67 Corvette 427 convertible kit that anyone would like to sell or trade. Contact Craig Z.

BUILD BETTER MODELS



The Club Event Calendar

October 2020

- **October 10th...** C.A.R.S. in Miniature Club Meeting
- **October 18th...** Countryside Collectors Classic Show, Park Place of Countryside, Countryside, IL www.uniqueevents.com
- **October 24th...** Circle City Model Show & Swap Meet
- **Oct 31st...** Winnebago Area Model Classic at the Hilton Garden Inn, Oshkosh WIWAMclassic@gmail.com

November 2020

- **Nov 1st...** Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show at Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI www.uniqueeventsshow.com
- **November 14th...** C.A.R.S. in Miniature Club Meeting / Auction Night
- **November 14th...** Butch O'Hare Model Contest & Swap.
- **November 15th...** Detroit NNL **CANCELED!**
- **2020 SEMA Show** in Las Vegas **CANCELED!**

December 2020

- **December 12th...** C.A.R.S. in Miniature Club Christmas Party (**The Party is ON, stay tuned for details**)

Hope to see everyone at Ken's place for the October meeting!

For the month of October, CARS in Miniature meeting will be temporarily held at the home of Ken Kellner;
404 Wimbledon Trail
McHenry, IL



2020 Club Officers

President, Craig Zaplatynsky
Vice-President, Dave Green
Secretary/Chapter Contact, Joe Salzburg
Treasurer, Ken Kellner
Newsletter Editor, Craig Zaplatynsky

C.A.R.S. in Miniature



Club meetings occur on the second
Saturday of each month at 7:00 PM
Algonquin Township Offices
3702 U.S. Highway 14, Crystal Lake IL



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On-line Modeling Resources

(please note that some of these businesses may not be operational during the pandemic)

Business	web site	offerings
Altered States Models	alteredstatesmodels.com	resin bodies, parts (drag racing only)
Bandit Resins	banditresins.com	short track resin bodies, decals
Best Model Car Parts	ebay.com/str/bestmodelcarparts	dashboard decals, resin kits
Big Donkey Resin	bigdonkeyresin.com	short track resin bodies, decals, parts
B-N-L Resins	b-n-lresins.com	resins parts, engines
Car Tech Auto Books	cartechbooks.com	automotive reference books
Competition Resins	compresins.com	resin bodies, parts, decals
Custom Squads	customsquads.com	police and emergency vehicle parts
Dean's Hobby Stop	deanshobbystop.com	kits new & old, decals
Fred's Model World	fredsmodelworldonline.com	model kits new & old
Futurattraction	futurattraction.com	Ford Fairmount bodies & accessories
Jimmy Flintstone Studios	jimmyflintstonestudios.com	resin bodies, accessories
Kaucher Kustoms	kaucherkustoms.com	resin bodies, references
Morgan Automotive Detail	madmodeling.com	resin parts, bodies
MCW Automotive Finishes	mcwautomotivefinishes.com	resin bodies, paint
Micro Mark	micromark.com	tools, supplies, resin & plastic kits
Missing Link Resin Casters	missinglinkrc.com	resin bodies/kits
The Model Car Garage	modelcargarage.com	parts, photoetch
Model Roundup	modelroundup.com	model kits new & old
Motor City Resin Casters	motorecityresincasters.com	resin bodies, resin kits
New Century Hobbies	newcenturyhobbies.com	paint, Gofer decals
Perry's Resin Replicas	perrysresin.com	resin bodies/parts
Polecat Decals	polecatdecals.com	short track decals
Resin Realm ???	resinrealm.net	resin, resin kits, parts
Round 2	round2corp.com	kits - AMT, MPC, Polar Lights, Lindberg, Hawk
Slix Decals Inc.	slix.com	decals
Southern Motorsport Hobbies	smhracing.com	resins, model kits, decals
Speed City Resin	speedcityresin.com	resin bodies, parts
Spotlight Hobbies	spotlighthobbies.com	kits, decals, diecast
Ted's Modeling Marketplace	tedsmodelingmarketplace.com	kits- new & old, paint
TNT Hobbies	tnthobbies.com	Race car resin kits only
Whoopie Kat Decals	whoopiekatdecals.com	drag racing decals