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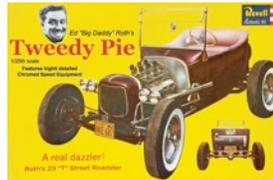
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New kits this month - Revell

KS Pittman Willys



Corvette Grand Sport



Club Calendar

March 17, 2012

Meeting, Edina -
Library, 1:00 P.M.
Theme: Mopars

March 24-25, 2012

IPMS Model Show
Fairmont, MN.

March 30-31, 2012

Modelmania
Duluth, MN.

April 21, 2012

Meeting, Edina -
Library, 1:00 P.M.
Club Auction



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Maplewood, Minnesota 55119



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Presidents Message March 2012 By Scott Harvieux

Good morning, sprue benders! I had a good time at the meeting and I hope all you did as well! This month I want to talk a bit about "Hide From The Spouse Expensive". Don't laugh because you know you have all done it.. Put your new model kit in the garage when you get home and wait until the wife goes to sleep before bringing it in the house. Or how about this one? "It's not mine, honey. I'm holding it for a friend.." Sounds like the pot-smoking days, doesn't it? Or how about this one? "But, my dear, it was on sale and will never be this cheap again, or similarly: "It's going out of production and will be much more expensive in the future." I even had a customer on eBay this week send me a message stating: "Scott, will you take a money order for payment? The reason is that a money order flies under the wife's radar and Paypal does not." I replied, "Normally no, but since you made me laugh I will make an exception!"

Yes we all do this and I am not really sure why. I mean look at some of the stupid crap they buy! Like shoes, for example. OK, shoes are not stupid, and are a necessity, but46 pairs?! Anyway, I am drifting off topic here. My purpose with all this is to give you helpful hints for explaining that expensive "fun" purchase. In fact, I think it's time for a 'Top 10 List'!

TOP 10 EXCUSES TO YOUR WIFE (OR GIRLFRIEND) FOR BUYING THAT EXPENSIVE MODEL KIT

10. "I bought it for Hugh cause I am his 'eBay Bitch'." (Actually, forget that one for it only works for me.)
9. "I stole it from an MCCM member." (He won't build it anyway.)
8. "I'm holding it for Jim." (By the time she calls all the Jims in our club she will forget what she was calling for!)
7. "But I had this same kit when I was a kid, and worked on it with my brother..." (Not valid if you're an only child or your brother is gay.)
6. "Honey, I bought it for you so we could share an activity together!" (Be careful with this one, for she may suggest a different activity like "scrapbooking".)
5. "Mark Egge gave it to me for free, see it's still in primer!" (This actually worked for me a few times.)
4. "I am holding it for Clint because his wife will kill him if she finds out!" (Be very careful here for this is true!)
3. "I found it on the floor of a house I busted in to to save a man from a raging fire started by a cigarette." (That reminds me I promised Mulligan I would give his back to him at the next meeting).
2. "No honey, I promise this time to finish it! Cross my heart and hope to die!" (Rest in Peace, Denny.)

And the number one excuse to your wife or girlfriend for buying that expensive kit...

1. "Hey it could be worse...Harvieux spent \$3100 on a fu*king fish!"

That's it for now, my friends. See you at the meeting!

Scott



On the Table by Mark Rollie

February in Minnesota is usually a time to hide inside the warm house and only venture out for milk and pizza, but the unusually warm winter we've had brought us a nice day for the club meeting, and more of the members showing up for the meeting as well. And with more members in attendance, more stuff to show off On The Table.

Hugh Heidt brought in the new release of the Ford GT GT1 Matech kit from Simil'R, which looked very impressive and detailed, although Hugh pointed out the instructions somehow omitted the step to attaching the doors!

Steve Kitowski brought in a '41 Plymouth WIP, which included photo-etched parts and a 390 engine from a Torino kit. Another WIP from Steve was his '66 GTO wagon, which he was debating on the right wheels to mount on it. Steven also brought in his very first model built, the AMT '57 Chevy Pepper Shaker, and now inside a display case.

Bob Halliday also brought in one of his first kit builds, a Maserati, along with a Don Garlits Swamp Rat dragster and the Hawaiian Dodge Charger f/c, which was his White Elephant pick.

Toby Halliday was the next member to bring in an early build, an old Model A car, and something more recent was his Fujimi GT40, the #98 car that raced at Daytona.

No early builds from me (only 2 of mine from the 70s are still with me, neither one cars), but I followed up with another Fujimi GT40, the Alan Mann Racing test car that I had brought in last month as a WIP. It built up nicely but the fit is awfully tight for the final assembly, and I found the decals very thin, with one breaking into 3 pieces. I used Plastikote gloss clear over the Montana Gold Linden Green, with the wheels being brushed Tamiya Smoke to cut down on the shine.

Bob Maderich showed up with his entry for the Classic Car Challenge, a Monogram '41 Rolls Royce that was a WIP. Another one of his WIP cars was the '49 Mercury, with some aftermarket parts to help on details, and being built for the '49 Merc Challenge.

Going from cars to motorcycles was Brad Knight's Hasagawa kit, painted with Tamiya Brilliant Blue and Fluorescent Red.

Don Stadick went to small scale with his 1/43 AMT '36 Ford, which he turned into a street rod, helped out by using rims from a die-cast car.

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On the Table - Continued

Jim Kampmann's Revell '32 Ford 5-Window Coupe was based off a real car, and he brought in another '49 Merc for the Merc Challenge that is in connection with the model car contest at this year's MSRA Back to the 50s car show.

Andy Martin brought in an mid-30s Mercedes by Italeri that is molded with a multi-piece body, and 3 primed bodies of LeMans kits, a white metal Jaguar XJ13 and two Bugatti Type 57-C kits, a '37 and an '39.

John Munoz showed up with only the hood for his Tamiya BMW 320i, as the rest of the car wasn't ready yet for prime time. Tamiya Orange from the rattlecan was used. John also brought in a Russian T34 tank, from 1941, a Tamiya kit that was built OOB.

Don Stauffer had his small-scale 1906 Renault, an old Pyro kit.

A guest to the meeting was Jeff Knight, Brad's brother, who brought in two 1/16th drag builds, the first being the Mickey Thompson yellow Grand Am and outfitted with front wheels from Competition Resin, and a front engine dragster with the Don Prudhomme Wynn's Winder kit used as the base.

And going back to old builds, Steve Helfer brought in one of his, a Testerosa sports car.

And one more old build was brought in by Torben Rothgeb with his '69 Camaro pace car, and a newer build with his Porsche 956 by Tamiya.

And rounding up the month was Bill Johanneck's Monogram '39 Chevy Delivery and the AMT Gremlin X.