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CLUB MEETING AND EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE 2009

- 20 RPM Monthly Meeting, Edina Library 1:00 PM
Car's from the 60's theme
- 28 Model Show 3rd Annual Model Car Show - New Ulm, MN

JULY 2009

- 4 RPM Tonite - OPEN
- 18 RPM Monthly Meeting, Edina Library 1:00 PM
Car's from the 70's theme

AUGUST 2009

- 1 RPM Tonight Open
- 15 RPM Monthly Meeting, Edina Library 1:00 PM - Cars from the 80's
- 15 Model Show 6th Annual Model Car Show - Wells, MN



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Welcome to the June Newsletter!

We had another great turnout at the May meeting with 22 members and 2 guests. Little did they know that it was going to be such a spirited gathering!

We started the discussion with the definition of a business term known as the “elephant in the room” – which translates to something that everyone knows, but nobody talks about. There has been a lot of discussions away from the normal meetings about various subjects and I thought that it would be best to bring them out in the open at our normal meeting for discussion amongst the group. It was full of high energy and very engaging as I expected to it be. We have some very intelligent members of our club and the debates were something straight off Perry Mason. Here’s what you can expect from the results:

- * RPM stands for Racing Plastic Models. Not everyone in the club knew this when they joined. We will make sure we relay this to all new members.

- * RPM’s focus always has been, and will continue to be racing plastic models. This means mainly racing cars, but can also include racing motorcycles and racing boats. It also means that we focus on plastic models, not metal diecast.

- * If you want to show a model car that you have completed that does not fit into the racing plastic models focus, a separate table will be set-up for you. These models will be discussed after the normal show-and-tell.

- * Racing Updates – these will continue, but please try to hold them to a reasonable time limit and also make them engaging to hold everyone’s interest.

- * Models Update – if you have information about upcoming releases from Revell, AMT, Tamiya, Hasegawa, Model Factory Hiro, etc., please share them with the entire club.

- * Please be courteous and respectful when others are talking during show-and-tell.

As you will notice, there is not much change to the normal format of our meetings with the exception of the additional table at the end of the meetings. This is because RPM is a very well-oiled, precision machine that only needed a little clarification to keep it on track. No major adjustments are required.

Please note – there was genuine concern that allowing model cars other than racing would somehow detract from the original focus or change the club into something similar to one of the other clubs in town (that shall remain nameless). I ask that you please remember that it’s the members that make up the club, not what we put on the table. The club must evolve so that it does not become extinct. We are the elite model club. We are up to NNL North standards!

Speaking of our NNL, it was a huge success. We had more people show up than any other year that I’ve attended. There were 330 models on the table, which was a much better turnout than we expected. The venue was large, open, and much more organized than the Comfort Inn in my opinion. Vendors and great deals were to be found everywhere. Kudos to everyone involved for putting on a great show.

I will not be able to attend the June meeting because it is Back-to-the-Fifties weekend and my extended family has a large gathering at the Fairgrounds every year. July’s meeting falls on the same weekend as Car Craft Summer Cruise, but I’m still going to try and make the meeting.

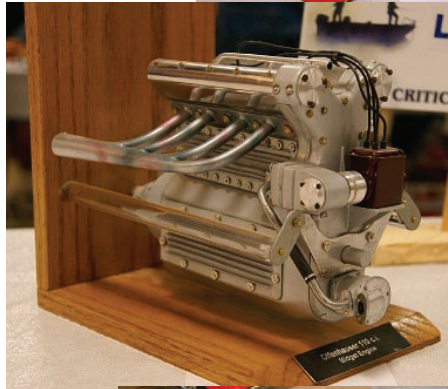
Thanks,

Don



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Some photos from the NNL North #11





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May On-The-Table
By Bob Maderich

Besides our usual builds and in progress cars, we celebrated the 1950's with a variety of cool stuff.

Jim Mulligan brought his 1/24 Hasegawa Testa Rossa that he completed last year. It's a fine box stock build, with of course, one of Jim's patented "Painters Touch" finishes. He also brought a 1958 Thunderbird custom with a wild paint job.

Tom Thoren gave us a 4 door 1955 Chevy sedan. The body is a resin piece from All American models. Tom used the guts of the AMT 55 to finish it off.

Clint Williams showed off the new Challenger kit. Though a curbside, it looked nice. He plans to have one built by the NNL.

Andy Martin had another of the fine Spark diecasts for his Mini collection. This one was a pickup. He also had an old Finecast kit of the Bugatti Type 59 GP car. This looks like..... umm a challenging kit to say the least.!

Jim Kampmann had his finished 2008 Cobra Jet Mustang for us. He combined pieces from 4 different kits (and some of Don Stadick's decals) to complete this SEMA show entrant. Some old kits were also on display. The Black Widow and the Midget racer from long ago.

Don Stauffer had 5 cars from the 50's. A Jimmy Bryan Kuzma, the Etzel Midget, a Merit Maserati 250F, and two Kurtis roadsters from the Indy 500. One was Rodger Wards car, which was built box stock, and the other was the 1954 winner of Bill Vukovich. Don did some scratching to get this just right.

Bob Maderich brought along a bunch of 1/43's from the 50's Lemans era. He also had a Fisher Porsche RSK, and two of Chris Etzels fine kits. The Midget of Rodger Ward and the 1959 Indy winning Watson roadster. He showed his almost completed 1/6 scale Honda 750. This is a Tamiya kit of the 1970 Daytona 200 winner.

