



May 2018



President – Tom Finch Vice President – Steve Berguetski Sergeant at Arms – Bob Halliday Treasurer – Scott Harvieux

“RPM is a club created for the building and enjoyment of race car and sports car scale models”

May 19 - RPM Meeting/ Retired/Deceased Racers **May** 20 NNL North – 20th Anniversary!!

June 16 – RPM Meeting /24 Hours of LeMans

July 21 – RPM Meeting /Oldest built model in your collection

We will be at the Edina Library for May's meeting!

Address is:

5280 Grandview Square, Edina, MN 55436



*President's
Message*

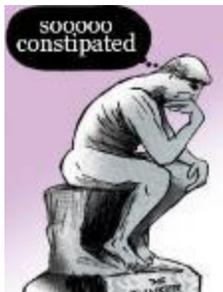
Hi everyone! Hope all is well. I haven't had a chance to catch up with many of you since the March meeting, as I made my annual MotoGP pilgrimage to Austin Texas the third week in April. I felt really good about my decision to go to Texas only two days after our 21 inch mid April snowstorm. Steve, Scott, Mark, and the others I have talked to said that the club auction went great. I hope everyone had a good time, and came away at least entertained, and with some good kit scores. Thank you to everyone that donated kits for the auction, and thank you to Steve, Scott, Mark, Toby, and the rest of the crew for making it happen. I was also told that Steve even brought his own gavel to the meeting to keep order, but never had to actually use it. This month (May) will be a hectic one, as everyone scrambles to get the last minute touches on their NNL entries. The NNL North will be held at the Knights of Columbus building Event Center 1114 W. American Blvd. Bloomington, MN 55420 on Sunday May 20th. This months meeting will be at the Edina library, and the theme is deceased, or retired racers. Hopefully everyone can make it!

Tom



***...On the table is postponed
due to April's auction.***

We will try to catch up with everyone that brought models to the April meeting at NNL and photograph to include in next months newsletter.



Deep Thoughts by Scott Harviuex.....



Greetings Glue Girls!

I hope this beautiful spring day finds you well and happy! I did not get much sleep last night, and with me, as is with most of you out there in newsletter land, there can only be two reasons for that. 1.) Something stressful is on your mind preventing sleep from coming or 2.) You had so much fun the night before that excessive giggling in your sleep is keeping away your slumber! Since this is the morning after the Saturday night RPM meeting, I think you have already guessed that it is, in fact, number 2! LOL. I want to dish out a very special thanks to Tom, Steve, Nick, Bernie, Bill, Bob, Clint, Russ, Cameron and Toby for being in attendance! With me, that makes 11 members which I believe is a record amount for these "old time" events. For now, I will leave it right there and perhaps give a bit more information with the top ten list coming at the end of my column.

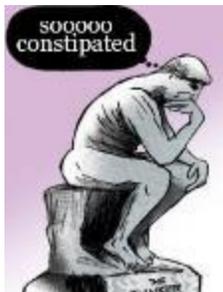
The first thing I would like to provide you with is an 'out of the box' review of the just released Lamborghini Huracan LP610-4 1/24 from Aoshima. As most of you are aware, I have a woody for million-dollar super cars right now, so normally, I would be thrilled with the announcement of this kit made earlier in the year. But after the failure of their Pagani Huayra a couple years ago, I was skeptical, and kinda sat on my hands and waited to see it first! Now that I have seen it, I must say I am pleasantly surprised.



As you can see, the box art is clean and modern looking which is appropriate for a car on the lunatic fringe of today's technology! But the real pleasure was upon seeing the virgin body!



Notice the Huracan on the left (one piece) and the Pagani on the right (23 pieces!) Hmmmm... I am going to go out on a limb here and say that the Huracan is probably going to be a more enjoyable build?? Don't get me wrong... I like opening body panels as much as the next guy, but I don't like them if they cannot be fully closed properly to show the lines of the cars design. And I just could not do it with the three Pagani kits I used! Now, of course, I figured it was probably my mistakes that prevented this, but Muggsy also had the same problem and blew his up with a small stick of dynamite! Furthermore, the Pagani has been out for about 2 years now, but I have not seen one built that has the body panels open and yet still close to an acceptable tight fit! So instead of blowing mine up like Muggsy (since I am more sophisticated than him I use C4), I sold the 3 boxes of messy parts on eBay!



Deep Thoughts by Scott Harviuex.....



Here are some shots of the parts count of the new Huracan. As you can see, even without opening panels, there are plenty of parts to keep you busy! And since these cars have a completely covering bottom chassis plate and clear rear window, this makes the $\frac{3}{4}$ engine detail enough to satisfy the rendition of a complete engine. I have this car on my "next to build" list so I will keep you informed.



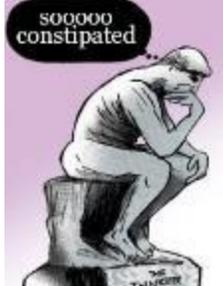
RPM (Real Pretty Men) **Member Profile**

***And now on to the RPM Member Profile! This month it is long time member Steve Helfman!
Enjoy!***

Hi, I live in Bloomington with my wife Lisa and my daughter Lizzie who is 4 (going on 2 sometimes). My wife and I will be celebrating our 10 year anniversary this year. I've lived in Bloomington for almost 18 years now and was planning on moving, but that idea got postponed earlier this year.

I currently work for LaMettry's Collision in their Bloomington location as the Parts Department Manager and have worked for them for almost 5 years now. It's a very challenging position and very stressful at times, but I love it and I'm very good at what I do too! Prior to this, I worked as Title Insurance Examiner and a Commercial Office Space Planner.

I also have degrees in Architecture and Auto Body. I've been building model cars for almost 30 years now and for most of that period I wasn't really any good. There were only a couple of my friends that built models but no one was seriously involved with it. So, I didn't really know any better for a long time. The various pictures in the model car magazines I bought periodically made me disappointed for the most part. You are your own worst critic, right? I mostly built models from Monogram and Revell because that's what was available. Plus, I didn't really care for AMT or MPC models (and still don't).



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RPM (Real Pretty Men) Member Profile

I pretty much started using spray paint right away with some, ahem, interesting results. I didn't know about gloss coats or about polishing out the body either. So, to my eyes today, it looked like I painted some of my cars with a somewhat heavy spray technique and possibly with my eyes closed. I was actually pretty fair about painting the engines and the interiors, but of course, in only what the instructions called for and we all know how correct most of those were, right?

I still have an old Monogram Testarossa that I painted the exterior a light blue with a white and black interior and white rims! I have no idea what I was thinking back then except...Cool!! I won't ever get rid of it either due to what I had to do to get it. I was in Snyder's (remember those) and saw the kit for sale for like \$8. I asked my Dad if I could have it and he told me that he would buy it for me but I would have to "work for it". I was so excited that I immediately agreed (stupid!) He had me strip the old outdoor carpet off of both stoops of our house, remove and replace the glue and then install new outdoor carpets on both! So, I'll never, ever get rid of that model kit!

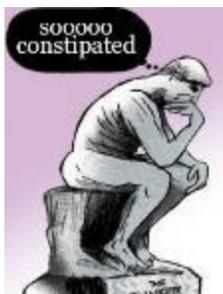
I enjoy building a variety of model cars: Muscle, Hot Rod, Exotics, TV/Movie, etc. I usually end up just replacing what I had previously built from way back when so my built collection really isn't getting larger. I have probably rebuilt some of my models 3 times. I still have a long way to go. It's getting a bit difficult and expensive to find replacements of the kits I built way back when I first started. I'm also purchasing and building Japanese kits because their quality is outstanding, but they can be very expensive too.

It wasn't until I joined up with an online forum group (not sure which one) that Don Stadick reached out to me to come check out RPM. The first time I came to the meeting, I was hooked! This was exactly what I was looking for. I wanted to ramp up my skills and I this was a perfect way to do that. Most everyone has been willing to help me out with advice, techniques, etc. Since joining the club, I've picked quite a few helpful skills and techniques including how to airbrush (still learning), polishing, using BMF, photo etching, etc. I like to show off my models to friends and family, but am not really interested in getting them judged. Just the act of building and painting them is what I enjoy the most when I have the time.

These days, unfortunately, I don't have enough. I'm currently building a Testors/Fujimi Lamborghini Countach LP500. It's an enthusiast series kit that has nearly 400 parts and it's been quite a challenge to build! Props go out to Scott Harviuex for selling me another kit when I started inadvertently breaking suspension pieces on my original one. (Yes, I'll pay attention next time to the seller on e-Bay, Scott.)

Here are a couple pictures of my builds:





Deep Thoughts by Scott Harviuex.....



And finally..... The Top Ten List!

Top ten things witnessed at the May 5 RPM Saturday night!

10-Tom has a beard problem under his helmet!

9- Russ schools us about the strip clubs of the south!

8-Cameron gives us all a Strawberry Shortcake!

7- I play with my lizard!

6-Clint shows up without Don! (wtf?)

5-Toby sits in my chair and declares 'Now I have an itchy butt!'

4-Nick acquires a hitchhiker spider!

3-Steve gets really weird with a piece of roast beef!

2-Bob insults a short guy!

And the number one thing witnessed at RPM sat night.....

1- Bernie and Bill do the Toledo Ted Walk!

That's it, boys. See you at the meeting!

Scott



Torben Challenge Projects..... to be completed!

Name	Model/Kit
Bob Halliday	Petty 1964 Plymouth Stock Car
Bob Knudsen	Ferrari 550
Bob Maderich	BMW 635 CSI
Cameron Jamison	Porsche 935
Clint Williams	Elvis Speedway 1967 Charger
Don Stadick	1933 Willys Gasser
Don Stauffer	KK Midget
Erik Zabel	Opel Bus
Jim Allen	V W Polo R Rallye Car
Jim Kampmann	V W Sedan Delivery
Mark Jacques	Peugeot 206 WRC
Nick Amburgey	1950 Chevy Belair
Scott Glastein	Hod Rod
Steve Helfman	1969 Ford Mustang
Tom Finch	Estafette
Torben Rothbeb	Tim Flock 1955 Chrysler 300 Stock Car
Tyler Halliday	Hairy Canary 1966 Valiant

Good Luck to everyone!!

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APPLY TODAY!

HELP WANTED

RPM Model Club
Is looking for a dedicated
volunteer to edit our
newsletter in 2019

JOB POSITION
Prepare newsletter each month with calendar of
upcoming meetings/events, meeting location,
president's message and on the table, and any
other creative additions you may want to add.

**APPLY IN PERSON AT ANY MEETING FROM
NOW UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR**

JOB OPENING

I will be stepping down from putting together the newsletter at the end of the year. I encourage everyone to think about volunteering to take it over during the next few months. It is pretty simple – just a little bit of time each month, and you have quite a bit of free range to add your own creativity to it.

If interested, just speak up at one of the meetings between now and the end of the year.

2018 Club Themes



Here is the list of monthly themes for 2018!

January- Weathered Vehicles



February- Cars that raced at Daytona. (The 500 or the 24 Hours event)



March- Rally cars



April- The club auction



May- Retired/or Deceased racers

June- cars that ran at the 24 Hours of LeMans

July- the oldest completed model you have in your collection



August- 1960's Drag cars



September- The club swap meet

October- Out of the Closet



November- The Club contest

December- The annual "White Elephant" kit exchange

