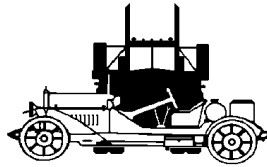


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featuring Morris Minor 1000 van and Mini van

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EDITORIAL

Well another year, another AGM. The guys from Marlborough took the bull by the horns at Alexandra last year and asked for the 2001 AGM even though they had only been in existence for six months or so. Despite this lack of experience they worked hard to put on a successful weekend.

Although the numbers attending were on the low side all those there will agree it was a good weekend with the emphasis very much on the hobby. The format was a little different from recent years in that the competitions and the AGM were held on the Saturday with the prize giving following the evening meal, all held at the Blenheim RSA. This left Sunday free for touring Members collections and Lunch at Cellier Le Brun.

One innovation of the weekend was the sponsorship of Richmond Cycles & Hobbies (240 Queen St, Richmond) who responded well to a low key request and provided a good number of vouchers as prizes for the competitions. Thanks to those members who supported them by buying from their display.

The business side of things went rather quicker than in recent years with the longest item being the reading of last years minutes. The quicker ones among you will have already noted that I am now the President. As such, I believe it is my job to lead the National Executive in ensuring they provide value for the members subs. The main ways of doing this is by ensuring that Miniature Auto provides timely and relevant communication to, and among, members, and by providing a leading role in helping the club grow.

The need for growth and how to achieve it was a major topic of discussion over the weekend. To this end the executive will be seeking the best way for the club to assist the branches in gaining more members. However any effort by the executive will be wasted if potential members initial impression of the club is a poor one, and that relies on you.

With regard to MA I hope to continue the gradual evolution of the magazine to ensure it stays relevant to members interests. Of course if you want to tell me what those interests are or better yet write one article about your modelling interests I will be only too happy to print them.

Happy Collecting
Lee Tracey

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

President's Report 2000.

Firstly I must apologise for not being as effective as I wanted to be as President this last year.

It seems to have been a relatively quiet year. It is unfortunate that some members of the Club have decided to go their own way; especially when model vehicle enthusiasts are relatively few and far between, so any fragmentation will have a deleterious affect on the hobby as a whole.

Perhaps it is time to look at a new format for the Club – restructuring if you like. I envisage a national body that co-ordinates such things as competitions, swap-meets and perhaps a newsletter and the rest is left up to the local clubs to run in any way they see fit. In this way, perhaps we can attract back those that have split in the past.

I would like to thank all those on the National Executive for their work over the past year, especially Lee Tracey and others with the production of Miniature Auto. I certainly for one, appreciate the work put into this publication.

To close this (very) short report; I wish the incoming Executive all the best. Remember, we are a model vehicle club, not a law society or debating club and the art of modelling or collecting is our 'core business'.

Ron Ford,

President,
N.Z.M.V.C 2000.



Eagle Collectibles 1/18
UNHV4409 Land Rover
Series 3 109 Police Patrol

BRANCH REPORTS

SOUTHLAND

Models & Miniatures 2001 (Riverton)

This display was held on 20 & 21 January. Although the weather on both days was quite windy, it didn't deter the public from attending in large numbers.

Our branch was allocated 4 tables, which were longer than anticipated, but we managed to fill them quite well with approximately 400 models from the collections of Fred Hawkes, Owen Dickson, Paul Thompson, John McGregor, Carolyn Gaskin and Stephen Kelly.

There was quite a variety of things to see spread over a number of rooms as well as outside, although a few of the outside displays were either cancelled or transferred to another location within the school grounds, due to the windy conditions. Apart from the weather a great day was had by all.

One of our members did start Saturday off on a bad but humorous note. While unpacking his models to set them up on the table, he bent over to pick up a box and split his trousers. The poor fellow had to continue setting up his models knowing he had split his pants. It must have been uncomfortable and embarrassing but in the end he had to make the trip back to town to change. Admittedly we gave him a hard time when he got back, but he took it all in stride and in good humour as was intended.

I would like to thank all those members who helped for the weekend for a job well done.

Stephen Kelly

Editors Note

As most of you are no doubt aware the branch reports are usually lifted straight from the branch newsletters. However, even though MA is the main (only) means of communication between branches I wonder at the usefulness of continuing with the monthly reports that basically state 'The meeting was held on the ---- at the usual venue and the competition winners were----'. Therefore I have decided to only print reports of meetings that include information of more interest to members outside of the branch, including of course all displays etc a branch might attend. To this end I would ask those branches that do not print a newsletter but do attend interesting events to please provide a short write up for MA.

BRITISH CAR CORNER

The Ford Anglia 105E as featured this month has been modelled by four manufacturers as far as I know.

Matchbox started to manufacture the Anglia in 1961, done in 1/62nd scale and only 66mm long it was No. 7 in the 1-75 range, available only in pale blue with green tinted windows and grey wheels. The grill, headlights, and front bumper are painted silver. The rear bumper is painted the same colour as the car but it does have the taillights painted red. These are a well cast little model and are a true replica of the real car. I am lucky to have a couple of the Matchbox models in my collection.

Another one I have is the Dinky Anglia No 155, also produced in 1961. This one is 81mm long and is approximately 1/43rd scale. Painted in pale green this Dinky is a bit of a disappointment, the casting is of a reasonable quality but the rear window and roof is not right, as it seems to taper down at the rear, and in my opinion the roof is too narrow and too low. The grill, headlights, front and rear bumpers are highlighted in silver paint and the taillights in red paint. Silver metal wheels and black rubber tyres are used, and it does have independent front and rear suspension. A red plastic interior with cream steering wheel and clear windows complete this collectible model. The one I have still has the original sale price of 8/3 on the box.

A Ford Anglia was produced by Spot On from 1961 – 66. The photo I have shows the model in a bright yellow colour with chrome wheels, front bumper, grill and headlights. It appears an attractive model, although the front windscreen appears to be too small causing the roof to have a very rounded effect at the front. Unfortunately I have no other information on the Spot On models.

Released in 1996 were the Vanguard set of model cars from the English firm Lledo. Included in the range were several 105E Anglias. VA1000 is a navy colour with white side flash, VA1001 is a pale green and VA1002 is white with a maroon roof and side flash. A limited edition of Broadspeed racing Anglias are shown in the 1996 catalogue as well as the black Ashfordly Police car from the Heartbeat TV Series. These 1/43rd scale models from Vanguards are undoubtedly the best of the model Anglias as the casting seems to be accurate in most details and the colours correct for the cars. All have interiors colour coordinated for the exterior finish. Wheels are in the same colour as the vehicle and have chrome hubcaps as well as chrome bumpers, grill, side body mouldings, headlights and exterior

wing mirrors mounted on the front mudguards. The front indicator lights are amber, and the rear lights and flashers in red and amber. Several Anglia vans are also available ie Royal Mail, AA Road Service as well as limited edition sets of AA, Post Office, Telephone Service, and RAC.

From 1965 – 67 Corgi produced a Ford Thames 5 cust van. I recently sold one of these models when breaking up a large collection for a friend of mine. Whilst not marketed as a Ford Anglia it does have the bonnet, front guards, grill etc of one. The rear of this particular model had been altered and was fitted out as an ice cream van with sliding windows, fully detailed icebox, sink, and attendant. It is a very colourful and attractive model in blue/white and advertising Walls Ice Cream. By turning a handle at the rear musical chimes play a tune.

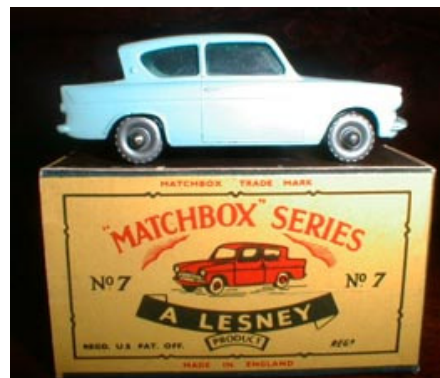
I am surprised that this seems to be the only Thames van produced by any manufacturer until the new Vanguards, and more surprised that Corgi only made this one model Thames van and do not seem to have made an Anglia car.

Russell Corbett



Above: Dinky 155 Ford Anglia

Right: Matchbox No 7. Ford Anglia



COMPETITION

Well I didn't think it was that hard so maybe it was the Christmas preparations that were to blame for the total lack of entries for last month's competition. Whatever the cause the models go back in the pile.

The answers were

1. H.W.M. Racer
2. 194 Patrick Eagle (Indy Car)
3. Bruce McLaren
4. Yardley and Marlboro
5. Jacques Villeneuve (photo in MA 188)

This month Garry and the team at Acorn Models (37 Manchester St Christchurch Ph 03 374 6000 & 381 Gt North Rd Auckland Ph 09 360 0233) have supplied another Formula 1 car, The unique and interesting 1976 Tyrrell P34 6 wheeler as driven by Patrick Depailler.

The Questions:

1. Which Japanese company produced a 1/12th scale plastic kitset of the P34?
2. Who was Patrick's teammate in 1976?
3. The Williams and March teams also showed 6 wheel prototypes to the press. What was the major difference between their 6 wheelers and the Tyrrell?
4. Corgi produced a model of an 'Elf Tyrrell Ford F1' What was it's Catalogue No?

Entries to the Editor (27B Weka St Hamilton) by the 16th March please. Should more than 1 correct entry be received then all correct entries will go into the editorial hat from which the winner will be drawn.

Good Luck.

AGM RESULTS

CLASS 1 First Presidents Trophy
Warren Piesse

CLASS 2 Dinky Diorama Award
Robert Melville Peter Haack

CLASS 3 Chequered Flag Award
Howard Brockie Peter Haack Keith McLeod

CLASS 4 Best Commercial Trophy
Warren Piesse Richard Winstanley Ian Cousins

CLASS 5 Best 1/43rd Scale White Metal Kit
No Entries

CLASS 6 Best Motorcycle
Keith McLeod

CLASS 7 Best Military Vehicle
Warren Piesse Robert Melville Keith McLeod

CLASS 8 Classic Cup
Barry Voss

CLASS 9 Under 16 Trophy
No Entries

CLASS 10 AGM 1/25th Scale Trophy
Warren Piesse Howard Brockie Keith McLeod

CLASS 11 Street Machine Trophy
Peter Haack

CLASS 12 45/55 Trophy
Barry Voss Peter Haack Eric Brockie

CLASS 13 Dinkum & Shunt Diorama Award
No Entries

CLASS 14 10th Anniversary Trophy
Howard Brockie

CLASS 15 Competition Trophy
Howard Brockie Barry Voss Howard Brockie

CLASS 16 Tian Plant Services Ltd – Construction Vehicle Trophy
Keith McLeod Warren Piesse Eric Brockie

CLASS 17 Southwards Trophy
Peter Haack

CLASS 18 Todd Motors Trophy
Warren Piesse David McKelvey Peter Haack

CLASS 20 Best Commercial Kitset 2
Peter Haack Keith McLeod

CLASS 21 Best Kitset Fire Appliance
Warren Piesse

CLASS 22 Ballantynes Trophy
Warren Piesse Keith McLeod Peter Haack

CLASS 23 Ships Trophy
Peter Haack Keith McLeod

CLASS 24 Aircraft Trophy
Robert Melville Robert Melville Richard Winstanley

CLASS 25 Restored Diecast Trophy
Keith McLeod Eric Brockie

CLASS 26 Best Diecast Fire Engine
Eric Brockie David McKelvey David McKelvey

CLASS 27 Diecast Trophy
Eric Brockie Warren Piesse Peter Haack

CLASS 28 Vintage or Veteran Trophy
Eric Brockie Howard Brockie Peter Haack

CLASS 29 Autoway Under 16 Trophy
No Entries

CLASS 30 Clyde Wright Memorial Trophy
No Entries

CLASS 31 Smaller Diecast Trophy
Barry Voss Barry Voss Barry Voss

CLASS 32 Pre Painted Kitsets
Richard Winstanley Richard Winstanley Eric Brockie

SOME NOTES:

The splitting of Class 27 seems to work with 19 entries in Class 27 and even more in class 31.

Strong support in the commercial classes with Class 4 having the most entries among the kitset classes.

Many thanks to Richmond Cycles & Hobbies of 240 Queen St, Richmond Ph/Fax (03) 544 8079, who graciously supplied \$100.00 worth of gift vouchers for use as prizes. So if members are passing through the Nelson area make sure you stop in and have a look.

Five classes with No Entries including both U16 classes. This means ships class has had entries two years running. Is this a record? (Tongue firmly in cheek)

Five classes with only a single entry each.

Despite the above statistics I feel the competitions were well supported with Ron Ford & Lee Tracey being the only attendees not to have brought any entries. (Someone had to stay impartial for the judging.)

MODEL SCRUTINEER

SKID SKW 020 Peugeot 206WRC Gronholm/Rautiainen 1st Rally New Zealand 2000

Peugeot arrived for the Rally NZ 2000 with a 100% win record from their two previous visits with the awesome 205T16 supercar of the mid 80's. Quite a record to uphold. It was also the third Rally NZ for the man who started the year as the teams junior driver, yet who thanks to his win in Sweden and several strong finishes elsewhere arrived in NZ holding 2nd place in the drivers championship. His previous visits had however both resulted in DNF's.

Day one of the rally belonged to the second Peugeot, driven by Francois Delecour. However when he dropped out on Day 2 Marcus Gronholm took a lead that he was never to lose.

Skid have modelled this car as part of their Rally Winners Collection. (A collection somewhat spoiled by the fact that they have not produced any of the winning Subarus from 99 – due to Trofeu having the licence) As expected they have done a good job in capturing this tiniest of WRC competitors. Failure to bring the front of the roof air vent far enough forward is the only casting minus I could find. The paint is crisply applied in what appears to be the correct shade of silver. The decals all look accurate and are crisply reproduced. However the three stickers on the right side of the windscreen have not been reproduced.

Pulling the model apart to do the review I was surprised to find that the body is in fact the only metal part of this 'diecast' model. The cramped confines of the minuscule interior are well captured though looking a little cheap in places such as the use of decals for the harnesses, and the lack of a decal in the instrument pod. The roll cage appears to be a full one with the front uprights coming down well back from the A pillars as per the real car.

The baseplate is very basic with only the most simplistic of suspension details moulded in. Wheels and tyres look good without really standing out. All in all this model is up to the usual standard for the series but with a price of almost \$80 this standard is really too low. It is in fact lower than that of Vitesse models of three to four years ago and certainly not of the standard available from many of the Asian companies springing up.

Lee Tracey

~~THATS NEWS? THATS NEW!~~

TRAX Australia 1/43 Diecast

Valiant S Series (3 cols)
VL Commodore SS Gp A Perkins

XC Falcon Carter/Lawrence Bathurst 78

VITESSE Portugal 1/43 Diecast

VCC070 86 Lancia Delta 4WD
VCC092 Austin 7 Open Tourer
VCC102 29 Austin 7 RK Saloon
VML010 Jaguar D Type 1st LM55

VCC085 65 Lancia Fulvia Coupe
VCC101 89 Lancia Delta HF Integrale
VCC105 66 Porsche 906 Carrera 6

SKID Portugal 1/43 Diecast

SKM147 Mitsubishi Pajero 'HP' P-D00
SKM173 Mits. Pajero 'Nippon Oil' P-D00
SKW022 Ford Focus WRC 1st Cyprus00

SKM159 Mitsubishi Pajero 'Playstation' P-D00
SKM183 Hyundai Accent WRC 'Winfield'
SKW023 Peugeot 206WRC 1st TdC00

ONYX Portugal 1/43 Diecast

XLM036 Panoz Spider LMP #10 LM00
XLM059 Audi R8 #9 LM00

XLM042 Porsche 911 GT3R #73 LM00
XLM060 Audi R8 #7 LM00

ANSON Hong Kong 1/43 Diecast

80806 '00 Chevy Silverado
80811 GMC Terradyne
80813 Dodge Durango

80809 2002 Cadillac Escalade
80812 Dodge Dakota

ANSON Hong Kong 1/18 Diecast

30391 Cadillac 806
30394 '00 Chevy Silverado
30397 '34 Packard
30399 Dodge Durango
30400 GMC Terradyne
30405 Porsche GT3
30343 BMW 2002 Turbo Racing

30392 2002 Cadillac Escalade
30396 '31 Peerless
30398 '57 Plymouth Fury
30340 Dodge Dakota
30404 BMW 635 Csi
30380 '68 Mercedes 280SL Pagoda
30403 BMW 635 Csi 'BMW Parts'

CODE 3 COLLECTIBLES USA 1/64(?) Diecast

12734 Kentland Aerialscope Ladder
12342 Clark Co.NV Cyclone 2 Pumper
12881 Plainfield Pierce Dash Top Mount
12914 Castle Shannon PA Pierce Platform
12260 Chiefs Edn. #10, Luverne Pumper
12889 Toy Fair Pierce Dash Side Mount
12065 Chicago Ambulance 6

CORGI COLLECTIBLES UK Diecast

Dukes of Hazzard Charger + 2 figs (3/01) Back to the Future DeLorean + Doc fig (4/01)
Eddie Stobart Scania Low Loader (3/01) Eddie Stobart Volvo FH Curtainsider (3/01)
New Mini Cooper (5/01)

ORIGINAL OMNIBUS CO UK 1/76 Diecast

OM45501 BMMO CM5T Motorway Coach OM45502 BMMO C5 Lichfield Speedway
OM40201BET Federation Bus Southdown OM43361 Plaxton Premiere Wallace Arnold
OM43701 AEC 3 axle Trolley bus Belfast

EXOTO USA 1/18 Diecast

GPC97100 Ferrari 641/2 Mansell Mex90 GPC97101 Ferrari 641/1 Prost Mex 90
RLG18040 66 Ford GT40 Mk2 Prot (1Q) RLG18042 GT40 Mk2 Sebring 66 #2
RLG18043 GT40 Mk2 66 Daytona#95 RLG18044 GT40 Mk2 66 Daytona#3
RLG18100 '76 Porsche 935 Prototype RLG18101 Porsche 935 Private Team Black
RLG18090 '76 Porsche 934RS Prototype RLG18091 Porsche 934RSR Private Team

LLEDO UK 1/43 Diecast New Tools 1st Half

Vauxhall PA Cresta (4/01) Morris Marina 1800 (4/01)
Lotus Cortina Mk 2 (5/01) Ford Transit Mk 1 (5/01)

The following models have been announced for 2001 release by Minichamps. This is a partial list of the racing releases only. As usual with minichamps the announcement should only be treated as a vague guide.

436 661407 Chaparral 2D 1st Nurburgring 66 Detailed Engine Gift Box (US\$75.50)
436 661409 Chaparral 2D LM 66 Detailed Engine Gift Box (US\$75.50)
436 736006 Porsche 917-30 '73 Can Am 436 911655 Mazda 787B 1st LM 91 *Yee Haa!!*
Chaparral 2F 2 versions Porsche 917K 3 versions
Porsche 917L Siffert/Bell LM71 Porsche 911 RSR 3 versions
Porsche 936 2 versions Alpine Renault A443 LM 78
Alpine Renault A442B 1st LM78 Audi Quattro 6 x Rally Versions
McLaren M8A Hulme Champ 68 McLaren M8B McLaren Champ 69
McLaren M8B Hulme 69 McLaren M8D Hulme Champ 70
McLaren M19 Hulme Monaco 71 McLaren M19 Sunoco Canada 71



Left:
OOC 41907 1/76 Scale
Leyland PD3 'Queen Mary'
Lancaster City Transport

Right:
Eagles Collectibles
UNHV 1716 1/43 Scale
Renault R5 Turbo Rally
Var '82 Driver Alain
Prost.
Note the Marlboro
Sponsorship, a rare
sight these days



Left:
Eagle Collectibles
UNHV 1450 1/43
Scale '64 Plymouth
Belvedere Hard Top.
Also listed 2 racing
versions 'Color to be
determined' Could
one of these be a
#43 STP car