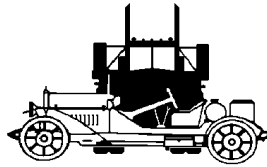


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EDITORIAL

Terrible thing this collecting bug. You start out either collecting just one theme or else you collect 'what I like' until you find as time goes by that you in fact have several themes going. In fact the what I like collector often finds that eventually cost or space problems lead to the inevitable cut back when they then have to decide what to keep, which usually means themes. Then a new theme catches the eye and off we go again!

I found myself with this 'problem' a while ago as following some discussion on one of my Internet boards I visited the model shops in Auckland and found myself seeing models of this theme everywhere I turned. So now I have a new theme – Jagermeister race cars. Of course I set a few ground rules for this one. Only Diecast and only 1/43. I have since picked up a total of 8 models ranging from a Bburago BMW through to a BMW Edition German STW Touring series car. However I have a wants list of over a dozen more. And now I have discovered the Scala43 range of kits that include such beauties as the Racing Trabi, DeTomaso, and NSU TT. All genuine Race Cars carrying Jagermeister sponsorship, all unlikely to be modelled by diecast firms.

Of course this theme has to be fitted in with the new releases in my Mazda collection (Quartzo 787B and Ebbro RX7) as well as all the others I want but can't fit into the priority buying list. Heaven forbid I may even have to think about rationalising my collection.

Had a very pleasing experience the other month. Following the purchase of the BMW Edition Jagermeister car from Ecurie Lievre and some talk on one of my Internet boards I popped into the Hamilton BMW dealer to see what the story was with availability of BMW Edition models through them.

"No problem, heres a pamphlet."

"What about this Benetton B186"

"Lets see. Got one in Auckland, be here tomorrow"

"How Much"

"\$53 + GST"

"Sold"

Not used to this fast a level of service. Also the prices on the street cars are very good. So I would recommend a visit to your local BMW parts Dept. if there are any BMW models you are thinking of buying. Also worth a try for several other of the European brands as well. I know that Audi and Mercedes have Minichamps promos for sale through their dealer networks. Worth checking out.

Lee Tracey

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Being October it is Branch AGM time again. Time to reflect on the achievements of the past year and plan for the next.

So far this year there have been several questions asked about the future of the club. There has not been a lot of response to these questions. I can only suppose that this means the questioners are in a very small minority in seeing a problem in the future of the club. Thank Goodness for that! I thought the fact that two Branches have seen their numbers halve and another Branch drop to the minimum number of members permissible was a bad sign. Silly Me! Cancellation of long established competitions is obviously a good thing. Not enough members to hold club night competitions is a good thing.

I am sure you are sick of hearing this and any similar 'political' talk (I'm certainly sick of banging on about it) but without addressing these issues there will not be a club to do the hobby things in. Prove to me that YOU want the Club. Better still, prove to YOURSELF you want the Club.

So at that Branch AGM get Active, COMMIT to raising one new member for the next financial year, COMMIT to one large display in front of the public, COMMIT to one small display, COMMIT to one article for MA. Not a Branch commitment, Your PERSONAL commitment to the club. If you can't commit that much to YOUR club then maybe Carville is right and it is time to look at winding the club up.

Also time to start thinking about the AGM to be held in Wellington at the Thordon Primary School over the weekend of 27/28 January. I believe Wellington Branch are planning on the business and competitions being held on the one day with the second day for the social aspects, but I'm sure the Wellington guys WILL LET US KNOW beforehand.

Finally, another sad loss to the club with the death of Bob Melville. While not well known to members in general he will be missed by the members of Marlborough Branch. Our condolences to Kathryn and the girls.

Lee Tracey

BRANCH REPORTS

Otago Branch

Autospectacular 2001

This event took place on Saturday 7th July and as usual the Otago Branch put on a great display. Mike Kelly, Bruce Boothby, Graham Patterson and Howard Brockie supplied models. We chose as our theme this year, Standard Road Cars in a variety of scales, and as usual, the display was of a high standard with good exposure for the club.

Bill Richardson's Truck Museum

On Sunday 15 July 20 Club members and their families visited the truck museum that Bill has been developing for a number of years in Invercargill. We spent a couple of hours viewing the collection of 147 trucks of all shapes and sizes that are on display. The whole complex is a credit to bill for what he has done. Apart from the truck collection there is also an extensive collection of Petrol Pumps and other motoring memorabilia that is a feast for the motoring enthusiast.

One member from Dunedin who was not that keen on going because his interest was not in trucks was amazed and glad that he did take the opportunity to visit the collection.

Bill has sourced all the trucks from New Zealand apart from three purchased in the US and five from Australia. He knows the history of all the trucks down to the smallest detail and many of those on display are some of the early trucks that were owned by the family business. His memory is also outstanding in the fact that a friend of mine from Invercargill who visited with us was known to Bill. Bill told him the date he started to work for his father and his first job was to go to my friend's fathers farm and pick up a couple of pigs. A great day enjoyed by all.

Otago Swapmeet 2001

This was held over the weekend of 28/29 July, and a great weekend of activities were held. It was good to have Stan Beavon and Vanessa Beavon down from Christchurch for the weekend. Hopefully they may talk other Canterbury members into coming down next year. Because of family health commitments Robin

Austin was unable to attend this year and we missed his attendance, but stalwart Evan Blanch from Clyde again made the trip.

Saturday morning saw the competition models go on display and the judging commence, while visitors were given some free time. After lunch we visited an American Car collector who had by my count over 60 vehicles of all types around his property, but his passion was for American cars and he had several of these restored and others under restoration. We then visited the inside of the house to view the model collection which consisted mostly of 1:18 scale models plus several yesteryears.

From there we paid a visit to the new Motor museum in North East Valley and while we had to wait a while for him to open up we eventually did get inside to view the collection. The full size cars were MGs, which are the owners main interest. As well as the cars there was a range of Petrol Pumps, Motoring Books, Maps, Models, Paintings and other memorabilia.

Saturday evening we went out for a meal. Sunday morning we visited Bruce Boothby's collection. This was followed by a workshop session on taking photographs of models, which I unfortunately had to miss. We then had a break for a barbecue lunch followed by a workshop on competitions and then the prize giving of the previous days competitions.

An enjoyable weekend for all those who attended.

Eric Brockie

(July was certainly a busy month for Otago Branch members! – Ed)

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COMPETITION

Not so many entries this time maybe it was the trick question, which did catch a few out. However this months winner not only got the trick question right he also caught the quizmaster out with an answer that the quizmaster had forgotten. Well Done Alan Race. Hope you enjoy your new Porsche!

The correct answers were

1. Porsche (This was the original name for the 911 until Peugeot pointed out they had the rights to all 3 digit numbers with a 0 in the middle)
2. Peugeot
3. Mazda
4. Bristol (and, thanks to Alan, VW)
5. BMW

Well done to all the others who got them right.

This Month Garry and the team at Acorn Models (37 Manchester St Christchurch Ph.03374 6000 & 381 Gt North Rd Auckland Ph. 09 360 0233) have supplied a nice Ford Escort, being a model of the 1995 Mille Miglia winner driven by Cunico/Evangelisti.

Rally Model(The Mille Miglia is classed as a Rally these days), Rally NZ just finished so I guess Rally Questions:

1. Dinky released a BL Works Rally Team version of the TR7. What was it's Catalog No?
2. Which Company put out a model of the winning car in the original London – Sydney Marathon?
3. Which Works rally car in this year's Rally NZ carried a special paint scheme in memory of the World Trade Centre/Pentagon victims?
4. Lledo released a model of the Works Austin Allegro rally car. How many rallies did it compete in as a 'Works' entry?
5. Which manufacturer has won most World Rally Championship Events?

Once again pretty easy! Entries should be addressed to The Editor (PO Box 5453, Hamilton) by 16 November. All correct entries will go into the editorial hat from which the winner shall emerge.

Good Luck

~~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~~

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Editorial in MA193, I do not have the solutions but would like to compliment Carville on the user friendly language Mission Statement and Strategic Plan. Many years ago I tried to make sense of legal language on several occasions but eventually gave up deciding that maybe one day I would grow older and understand it. Well at least I was half right!, ie I have grown older. The understanding part has yet to eventuate!

Times certainly have changed (and we don't always like the changes). As one of my workmates once said "one of the most constant things in life is change". Yes, it is easier to obtain models and information these days (although I'm not up with 'the net' yet), but it is also enjoyable for a group of people with a common interest to maintain some sort of connection through a club, even though they may not have time to take part in all the activities of said club due to life being so busy.

I enjoy receiving Miniature Auto and having a magazine which is not too long and heavy to read. There is of course nothing like a good article with a sense of humour to lift one briefly out of the normal fast pace of life. At sad times, when the club loses a member through death it is always interesting to read something about that person's life and achievements as was recently written about Tony Robinson by the Wellington Branch.

Finally I would like to take the opportunity to say thanks to the regional delegates and those on the National Executive for all their work and effort contributed to the club over the years.

John Henderson

IMHE REPORT

The Radio Control Hobby and Trade Association held their annual show in Chicago between 6 – 9 September. This year the name was changed to International Model Hobby Expo to reflect the broader nature of the event over recent years. The biggest news of the show was the acquisition of the loss making Revell-Monogram company by Alpha Industries, owners of Gearbox Toys. The Deal includes Revell AG.

With the industry suffering from a cyclical downturn many companies have cut back on new releases and are filling their ranges with reissues. Below is a list of some of the releases announced at the show that I have managed to find from the net.

AMT/ERTL

Announced they have terminated all non car plastic kits. The kits listed below are all 1:25 scale

A La Kart Show Car	58 Plymouth Belvedere
66 Mustang Hardtop	57 Chevy Hardtop
57 Ford Hardtop	56 Ford Victoria
66 Ford Galaxie Hardtop	Chevy Nova Street Machine
72 Chevelle SS	68 Plymouth Roadrunner
67 Mustang GT Fastback	53 Ford Pick Up Street Machine
97 Ford F150	

CAROUSEL 1

New Range of 1:43 Indy winners. Will not be cheap apparently. The three 60's cars are all Watson Roadsters.

1911 Marmon Wasp	1960 Ken-Paul Special
1961 Bowes Special	1962 Leader Card Special

CMK

Not a company I know anything about. They seem to specialise in military models. The three listed below are all in 1:35 scale

Kriegslocomotive BR 52 (See cover photo)
Studebaker 750 Gallon Fuel tanker Studebaker 2½ Ton 6x6 truck

GMP/Peachstate

This companies big announcement is the move into 1:43 scale with the following definite releases and confirmation that the McLarens will also be done.

Penske 3 car Lola Set	Bowes Special Set 3x A.J. Foyt cars
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HASEGAWA

Lancia 037 'Jolly Club' Lancia Stratos 77 Monte Carlo Winner
Add to this the apparent announcement of a Delta S4 and Fiat 131 both in Rally spec and there is much to be happy about for the classic rally modeller.

MAISTO

1:18 Jaguar X Type (And no doubt many others)

MINICRAFT

1:16 scale Ford V8 Flatbed Pick Up Truck

POLAR LIGHTS

Very big on TV & Movie related releases all either 1:24 or 1:25 scale
Jetsons Family Car Back to the Future Delorean (New Tooling)
Ghostbusters Ecto 1 (New Tooling) Richard Petty Dodge Charger
Richard Petty Ford Torino Talladega Buddy Baker K&K Stock Car

REVELL-MONOGRAM All 1:25 scale

'Blade' Metal Body Dodge Charger Corvette C-5R 2001 Daytona
35th Anniversary Chevy Camaro 81 Chevy Citation Low Rider
New Beetle Tuner Series 67 Plymouth GTX 2n1
US Army Top Fuel Dragster 59 Corvette 2n1
58 Ford Thunderbird Convertible 2n1

TAMIYA

1:12 Yamaha YZR500 Works (Owl6) 1:24 Ferrari 360 Modena Spyder
1:24 Ferrari 360 Modena 'Yellow' 1:24 Subaru WRC 2001 (Available)



GMP 1:43 Bowes Special 3 Car set featuring a Dirt Champ Car, a Midget and a Vintage Sprint all Driven by US Racing Legend A.J. Foyt. The quality of these is apparently exceptional especially given a US release price of US\$69.95

VALE

On August 18 2001 the Marlborough Branch of the New Zealand Model Vehicle Club Inc lost a foundation member when Robert Edward (Bob) Melville passed away suddenly, aged 46. While Bob had been ill for some years the death was a shock to our members. Bob will be remembered for spending 2 days at the Omaka fly in held over Easter 2000, and again at the Airshow held at Omaka over Easter 2001, where he would talk to the public about the aircraft models on display, many of which he built.

During our Branch's short history Bob would attend our monthly meetings and offer information on aircraft. Bob attended the AGM held at the Marlborough RSA early in 2001, also the dinner where he collected several Trophies.

David McElvey and Barry Voss were pallbearers at Bobs service which was also attended by several other members of the Branch. On the casket were 2 models that Bob had built, a Spitfire and a Tank. Bob leaves his wife Kathryn and daughters Melissa, Janine and Angela.

Barry Voss



Above: Pre Production samples of the new ebbro RX7 Daytona 24 hrs GTU Class entries.. I can't wait for these to go on sale.



Code 3 LTI Tractor Drawn Appliance Washington DC livery.



Corgi US55020 PCC Car New Jersey Transit

~~THATS NEWS? THATS NEW!~~

CODE 3 USA 1:64 Diecast

12332 Ferrara Pumper, Gary IN	12291 Sutphen Pumper W. Haverstraw
12931 Sutphen Tower Ladder, Syracuse	12352 Mack C, Baltimore
12602 Bell 412 Helicopter, Metro Dade	12892 Pierce Dash SM, LA City
12920 Pierce Quantum Ladder, Dade	E-One Cyclone Pumper, Washington DC
E-One Platform Ladder, Boston	Firehouse, Washington
LTI TDA, Washington DC	Mack CF Pumper NY Dept of Corrections
Mack CF Pumper, Christmas	Pierce Dash SM Pumper 2001 Toy Run

EAGLE COLLECTIBLES China 1:43 Diecast

Renault Scenic RX4	Renault Clio Maxi #30 Portugal Rally
2001 Chrysler Prowler Met. Orange	Renault 5 Turbo #35 5 th '86 Tour de Corse

EBBRO Japan 1:43 Diecast

43182 Porsche 911GT3R Taisan LM'00	43183 Porsche 911 GT3R Taisan JGTC '00
43165 Dome S101 Test Car (10)	43199 Toyota Supra JGTC '01 Zent (10)
43200 Toyota Supra JGTC '01 #38 (av)	43206 Toyota MRS JGTC '01 #71 (av)
43211 Dome S101 LM'01 #9 (10)	43212 Dome S101 LM'01 #10 (10)
2001 Honda Fit (aka Jazz) (10)	2001 Honda Integra Type R (10)
Mazda RX7 Daytona 24 Hrs	Toyopet Crown Police
Nissan Sunny Pickup	

LLEDO UK 1:43 Diecast

VA1116 Morris Minor Van Eddie Stobart	VA1117 Morris Minor Van Hoover (10)
VA1415 Mini Van Bristol Water (11)	VA1706 Austin A35 Van MEB (av)
VA3015 Austin A40 Van Castrol (av)	VA6302 Morris Marina 1800 Essex Police
VA6401 Vauxhall Velox Stockport Police	VA6503 Rover 3500 V8 Hampshire Const.
VA6603 Ford Transit Eddie Stobart (av)	VA6605 Ford Transit Cumbria Police (10)
VA6700 Triumph Spitfire Mk2 Open (av)	VA6702 Triumph Spitfire Mk2 Closed (11)
VA6703 Triumph Spitfire Mk2 Open (av)	VA6800 Hillman Minx Mk3a Red/Cream (11)
VA6801 Hillman Minx Mk3a Police (12/01)	

MINICHAMPS Germany 1:43 Diecast October releases

400 016931 Porsche 911GT3R #31 Day'01	400 016943 Porsche 911 GT3R #43 Day'01
400 016957 Porsche 911GT3R #57 Day'01	430 736900 '73 Porsche Carrera RSR
430 085804 72-73 Ford Capri RS2600	430 085506 69 Ford Capri Red
430 040560 Opel Vivaro Delivery Van	430 019230 '64-67 NSU Spider Blue
430 019220 59-67 NSU Sport Prinz Silver	430 032204 '76 Mercedes 230E Green
430 796912 Porsche 936/78 LM #12	430 796914 Porsche 936/78 LM #14
436 039401 '32 Maybach Zeppelin Grey	430 032214 '77 Mercedes 230CE Green
430 043006 '62-65 Opel Kadett A Red	430 046114 '66-71 Opel Rekord C Break

430 046124 Opel Rekord C Coupe Red 430 051022 VW Karmann Ghia Coupe
430 069005 '77 Porsche 911 Turbo Green 430 166060 '01 Toyota Yaris TS Black
430 706702 Porsche 917K 1st Daytona 70 439 380022 Mercedes Benz Atego 'Dachser'

MINICHAMPS Germany 1:18 Diecast October releases

AC8004807 Opel V8 Coupe DTM 'Reuter' 540 861812 Lotus 98T Senna
100 010005 BMW Williams FW23 Ralf 100 010006 BMW Williams FW23 Montoya

AMT/ERTL USA 1:18 Diecast

66 Nova SS 2 colours (11) 66 Pro Stock Nova 2 cols (11)
35 Auburn 851 Silver/Green (av) '34 Ford Hot Rod 'Grease' (av)
57 Chevy 'Grease' (av) '55 Chevy Convertible 'Grease' (av)
'51 Mercury Custom 'Happy Days' (10) '55 Chevy 'Happy Days' (10)
'60 Ford Starliner 'Happy Days' (10) '70 Chevelle SS '10 Fastest' (av)
'70 Hemi Cuda '10 Fastest' (av) '66 Cobrs 427 '10 Fastest' (10)
'63 Corvette '10th Ann.' (11) '66 Pontiac GTO '10th Ann.' (av)
'69 Chevy Camaro '10th Ann.' (10) '69 Plymouth Roadrunner '10th Ann.' (10)
'70 Chevelle '10th Ann.' (11) '70 Mustang Boss 302 '10th Ann.' (12)
'57 Chevy Bel Air Chicago P.D. (10) '68 Mustang 428CJ TASCAs Ford (11)
'69 GTO 'Super Judge' Arnie Beswick (av) '68 GTO Judge Arnie Beswick (12)
'57 Ford Thunderbird 'Ford 100 coll.' (12)

IXO China 1:43 Diecast

MOC005 Mitsubishi Lancer EVOVI.5 MOC006 VW New Beetle Cow Special
MOC007 VW New Beetle Wasp Special RAM011 Seat Cordoba WRC E3 Canellas
RAM015 Mitsi. Pajero 'Telefonica' P-D01 RAM010 Seat Cordoba WRC E3 'Repsol'
LMC001 Jaguar D Type 1st LM57 LMC005 Jaguar XK 120C #20 LM53
STB004 '99 Yamaha R7 750 RAM001(?) Yamaha YZF R7 Deletang '00

CORGI UK 1:50 Diecast

CC10701 Scammell Highwayman Tanker CC12501 Atkinson Borderer Tautliner
CC12503 Atkinson Borderer Fridge (11) CC12504 Atkinson Borderer Flatbed (12)
CC12601 Scammell Crusader F/bed (av) CC12602 Scammell Crusader Sleeper Tilt (av)
US50801 Seagrave K, Jackson TN (av) US53803 Mack CF Tower, Philadelphia (av)
US50503 Seagrave 70th Ann Miami (av) US50802 Seagrave K, NASA FL (11)
US50407 Huey Iroquois Texaco (10) US51402 Transtar with King Trailer & Sub (11)
US55704 Kenworth, Pipe Load & Mutt(12) US53404 MCI 102 DL3 Greyhound (av)
US54310 GM Fishbowl, Chicago (av) US55019 PCC Car, Capital Transit (av)
US55020 PCC Car, New Jersey Transit (10)

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