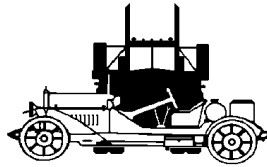


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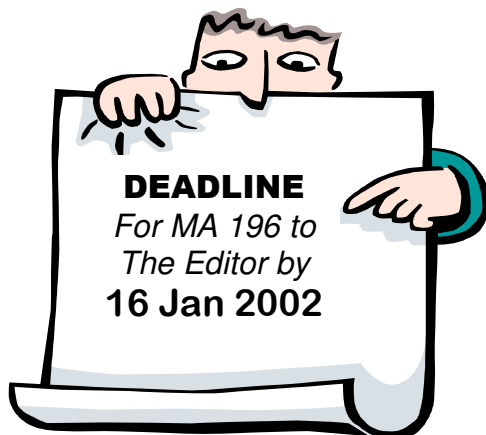
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~~EDITORIAL~~

Merry
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and a

~~PRESIDENT'S PIECE~~

Happy
New
Year

BRANCH REPORTS

SOUTHLAND

Competitions/Display

Our annual Southland/Otago/Points North competitions were held on the 15th September at the Blind Centre on Queens Drive, Invercargill. After the judging was completed the display was opened to the public. A total of 292 models were entered (101 kitsets & 191 readybuilts) by ten entrants. Unfortunately the public didn't arrive in droves to view the display despite the intensive advertising, but the public who did pop in for a peek were impressed with what they saw.

I would like to thank the judges for a job well done and their comments concerning the models entered were gratefully received. I would also like to thank local MP Mark Peck who arrived later on to present the certificates.

I was impressed with the number of kitsets entered, which was definitely up on last year's competition. Maybe that is a sign of good things to come. Congratulations to all placegetters and thank you to all whom entered to make the competitions worthwhile.

Branch AGM

Held on the 17th October, the following are the new committee for Southland Branch.

Chairman: Paul Thompson Delegate: Graeme Robertson
Secretary: Stephen Kelly Treasurer: Fred Hawkes
Newsletter Editor/Competitions & Displays Organiser: Stephen Kelly
Committee Members: Owen Dickson, John MacGregor, Russell Corbett.

Also awarded on the night were trophies for the Monthly competitions

Big Mack Trophy (Most Points Kitsets): Stephen Kelly
Challenge Trophy (Most Points Readybuilt): Paul Thompson
Hawkes Trophy (Most Points Overall): Stephen Kelly

Stephen Kelly

Great Little Train Show

The Great Little Train Show was all Go. Friday the 12th October, in the Badminton Hall. In I came with a draw box full of steam powered trucks & trains. We arrived at 7pm to find out where we were to set up our models, only to find that we didn't have enough models to fill the two tables. The Utes and Panel Vans arrived to fill the gaps and once the tables were full the display looked fabulous. Included in the display were Motorbikes, Utes, Panel Vans, Trains, Land Speed Record Holders, vintage fire units, 100 years of Shell, Lledo models, 1:43 vintage vehicles etc.

Well done to all who helped and organised our 2 days in Invercargill (Fred Hawkes, Stephen Kelly, Russell Corbett and Carolyn Gaskin). Thanks Mum for your help. I hope we can do the same again next year.

Paul Thompson

OTAGO

As usual Otago Branch have planned out their years activities well in advance. Below is the list of events planned in addition to the regular clubnights, which are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the Otago Underwater Club rooms on Corstorphine Rd.

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Sat/Sun 26/27 Jan | Display at Otago Model Engineering Society. |
| Wed 6 Feb | Club Night Alexandra |
| Sat 2 Mar | Display at USA Day |
| Sat/Sun 6/7 Apr | Central Otago Weekend |
| 1 – 11 June | Community Gallery Display & MCF |
| Sat 6 Jul | Display at Autospectacular |
| Sat/Sun 28/29 Sep | MCF Alexandra (Blossom Festival?) |
| Sat/Sun 2/3 Nov | Swapmeet Weekend |
| Sun 8 Dec | Xmas Picnic and Barbecue |

If you are in the area or want to attend any of these events then contact the Branch delegate (Graeme Patterson) or Eric Brockie closer to the event. I know you will be made more than welcome.

Lee Tracey from information supplied by Otago Branch.

Canterbury Branch News

A small group of the faithful has held regular meetings throughout the year. Five meetings have been at The Stags Head Inn in Riccarton, one of which was a video night and another focussed on magazines and catalogues. Peter Haack kindly hosted us at his home for one meeting, where we were able to view his extensive and varied collection. Two very popular meetings were evening visits to local retailers, Fazzaz and Acorn Models. A good number of models were purchased at discount prices and we even had Eric and Dorothy Brockie turn up on the night of the Fazzaz meeting, followed by a Fire engine. It has to be said that it was Peter Haacks car that was emitting suspicious vapours that had attracted the Fire Service, not Eric's van!

Eight members attended our Annual general Meeting held on October 17th, along with Blenheim guest, Barry Voss. We decided to change our meeting pattern and elected John Skene to be our next delegate. He replaces Peter Haack, who has willingly overseen our Branch during a difficult downsizing. We are very grateful for his efforts on the branch's behalf.

Carville Stewart

MODEL SCRUTINEER

AUTOart 52742 Ford Falcon XBGT Coupe

The makers of some of the best 1:18 scale models have recently branched out into 1:43 scale. Better yet for collectors in our part of the world they have over the last year released several models of Australian cars. The initial releases were the new Monaro concept car & the venerable XY GTHO Falcon in a variety of colours. The good news comes with the latest range of releases which include full interior models of V8 Supercars but also various HT/HG Monaros and the Falcon Coupes in XC Cobra and the previously unmodelled XB GT version that is the subject of this review.

Initial impressions of this model are very favourable with crisp castings and very nice paint which has a high gloss in all areas it is supposed to and a nice matt black on the centre of the bonnet. The separation around the two colours is wonderfully crisp and the two small coachstripes on either side of the main black section are clear of any 'bleeding'. True fans of the Ford Coupes will quickly pick out the error in the top line of the rear windows, and the poorly done effort to model the shape of the base of the rear window and the boot line in this area. These, the panel between the tail lights being silver instead of all black, and the fake scoop in front of the rear wheels, which is both overscale and a slightly wrong shape are the only faults I could find against photos of the real car.

Apart from the previously mentioned colour problem the rear of the model is well done with tail lights done in translucent orange plastic with the red sections painted so well you really need to look twice to work out that it is not moulded in two colours. Shame about the large holes for the locating pins. Another very fine touch is the GT351 'badging' in the centre of the tail panel which is so finely done that I needed the Magnifying glass to see it, though it is absolutely crisp under the 'glass. Moving forward we pass the chrome filler cap and door handles the separate body coloured mirrors with reflective faces, more crisp GT351 badges and the overscale radio aerial til we come to the front end.

Here we find two well tampoed hood pins and a very very fine Ford badge. Below these sits the grill which has the distinctive centre bar and quad headlights of the XB there is a very thin chrome strip around these and a nice chrome mesh grill which features a faint red mark that under the magnifier turns into a red GT emblem. The separate yellow bumper sits above a black valance panel containing the painted indicators. Keeping the whole thing off the ground are a very nice

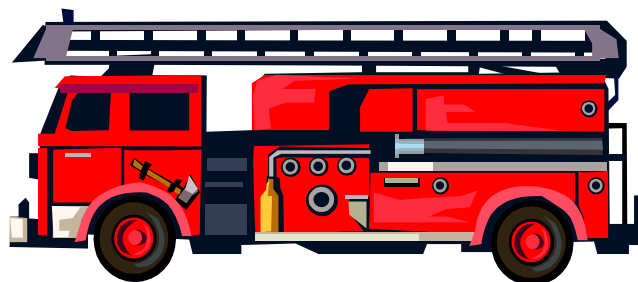
set of silver and chrome steel wheels with 12 holes apparently drilled in each. Each wheel is shod with a vinyl Red Stripe tyre which has a good looking tread cut into it, and NO sink mark. The front wheels also turn to some degree.

Under the car is a fully detailed floorpan and driveline. The latter is picked out with a Ford blue engine, a darker gearbox and black driveshaft and rear axle assembly. The rear shocks are picked out in a third shade of blue, while a couple of pieces at the front of the front suspension are picked out in red. The separately moulded exhausts are picked out in silver.

The windows are wonderfully flush fitting with the only negative being the rear window where the painted chrome strip around the top does not meet the body. The wipers are separate Black plastic pieces. Speaking of Black, this is the overwhelming colour of the interior. So much so that much of the detail here is almost impossible to see without taking the model apart. Without going to this extreme, but making liberal use of the magnifier I can confirm the wood painted gearshift console with black manual shift lever and painted chrome strip around the top edge. Also chrome plated are the spokes of the deep dish steering wheel which hides most of what appears to be a very well detailed instrument panel, certainly the two main dials are well picked out.

Initially I thought these were very highly priced for a 1:43 model but having seen the pricing on the latest Minichamps to come into the country and comparing the level of quality I would have to say these are well worth the investment.

Lee Tracey



BRITISH CAR CORNER

In the last article I said that the MG was a favourite car for model manufacturers, so this month I can say that the E Type Jaguar is probably the most popular individual car modelled. (*British car anyway –Ed*) Most model car makers have at some stage made an E Type Jaguar. The Italian firm Polistil made a 1:16 scale XKE in red. Bburago have a 1:18 scale E Type which I have seen in both silver and green. Franklin Mint have a lovely 1:24 scale green roadster with excellent detail. Gems and Cobwebs listed a 1971 XJ E Type convertible in their 1996 catalogue, available in both silver and white. Several Japanese makers have done some tinplate E types and some have motorised them and offered them in various sizes and colours.

Back in the 1960's I purchased a Lincoln International Hong Kong made red plastic E Type roadster with remote control, battery operated steering and forward and reverse gears. Matchbox released their XKE in 1962, listed as No 32 in the 1-75 range the hardtop model came in either pale or dark red with clear or green tinted windows and grey or black tyres. These were well cast little models in 1:65 scale. The NZ made Fun Ho! E Type Jaguar is only 54mm long and is smaller than the previously mentioned Matchbox model of 67mm in length. The Fun Ho! Models are generally fairly crude in the casting but the E type I have is probably one of their better models, with a good coat of red paint, silver seats and black wheels, but no windows and very little detail.

Corgi Toys started producing model cars in 1956. Their first E Type was introduced at No 307 in 1962 and was available in green with red top and red with hard top, it was DELETED IN 1964. In 1968 Corgi No 335 was made as a 4.2 2+2 E Type in maroon, blue and red. In 1970 No 374 was introduced as an E Type 2+2 in yellow and red and in 1972 a 2+2 V12 in lime gold was produced. Corgi is still making model cars and I have a 1995 release E Type soft-top. Made in China this 1:43 scale model is of excellent quality, painted black with tan roof, seats, dash etc. It is a well cast model with nice chrome spoked wheels, bumpers, exterior door mounted mirrors, door handles and exhaust pipes and is well packaged in a clear solid plastic box with the Jaguar motif in the background.

Dinky No 120 is a red E Type with a removable black top introduced in 1962, it was followed in 1970 by Dinky No 131, an attractive model with opening doors, bonnet, well detailed with nice chrome wire spoked wheels and a good interior. After Matchbox bought the Dinky name another E Type was introduced in 1988. This one is listed as a 1967 Series 1½, painted green with a tan interior and

black roof, chrome bumpers and exhaust, and coloured park and tail lamp lenses. These are nice 1:43 scale models the only disappointment with them is the cheap looking imitation spoked wheels. A yellow model with a black roof and interior followed in 1990 along with a roadster in red with brown interior. Another cream E Type with red interior was offered as part of an English sports car set, and came mounted on a wooden plinth alongside a Triumph TR4 and an Austin Healey 100.

Russell Corbett



MODELLING WITH MAURICE

Handy Hints

Reflectors: Chrome contact paper cut to desired size, using a pin make lots of little indentations on the surface. Spray or brush clear red or clear orange without an undercoat. Marks on the chrome will somewhat simulate the sparkly effect of a reflector.

Dashboard Detail: Can be highlighted by thinning silver paint 50% and touching into instruments. It will flow around the fine detailing and make the numbers etc stand out in great detail. Alternatively, paint instrument dials matt black then using a white lead pencil gently highlight raised lines.

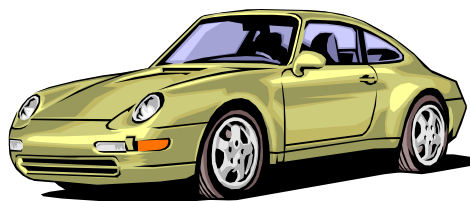
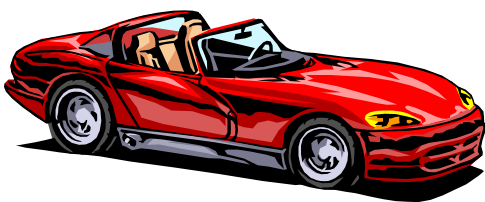
Maurice Boyles

As a follow up on ideas within local branches I was amused to see several die-cast models packaged in an unassembled form. Reasonably priced too, ideal for assembling at speed while blindfolded.

As an added attraction at the Otago Branch Xmas Picnic this year, we have included a series of driving events which involve both the driver and passenger. Designed to be a fun event it should prove to be quite hilarious.

Maurice Boyles

(My car club experience says this sort of thing is best done with a partner other than your spouse!- Ed)



COMPETITION

No entries this time, even with four of the five questions repeated from last years rally quiz! Maybe I am the only rally fan in the club!

The correct answers were

1. 207
2. Corgi
3. Francois Delecour's Ford Focus
4. One
5. Lancia

The Cunico Escort returns to the prize box.

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 given us two models in keeping with the Christmas spirit.

The models are both Ford race cars. So celebrating the end of Ford's 100th year in motorsport we have the following questions:

1. Which UK Toy range released a contemporary Ford Consul as it's first model?
2. Tamiya have just released a 2001 Ford Focus in 1:24 scale. What is its catalogue number?
3. The Matchbox Muscle Car Collection features a Mustang from which year?
4. What is the New Zealand association with Bang GT40 Catalogue No 7081?
5. AMT/ERTL have just released a '34 Ford Hot Rod associated with which Musical movie/stage show?

A little more testing but the answers should come with a little thinking, and remember there are two models as the prize this month! Entries should be addressed to The Editor (PO Box 5453, Hamilton) by 16 January. All correct entries will go into the editorial hat from which the winner shall emerge.

Good Luck

CORGI QUALITY?

For 2002 Corgi have released a new range under the title Corgi Showcase, which includes as part of its advertising the following

A new range of high quality diecast models. Each range... capturing their drama & heroism through a combination of intricate engineering & authentic decoration.

I give you the following two pictures of models in the range so you can judge the accuracy of the above statements for yourselves. The photos have lost nothing in reproduction.

Such a shame given the standard achieved in their other ranges.

Top: CS90010 American La France Bethage FD
Bottom: CS60004 GMC Tanker Texaco Paragon Oil





Above: Minichamps 439 140070 Magirus S6500 Fire Engine
Beloww: Corgi US54311 GM Fishbowl Baltimore Transit
Bottom: Corgi EX55105 Diamond T980 with rouleau STAG



A FEW WORDS

Well another year gone, and a fairly quiet one for the club. Despite the concerns of a few the majority appear to think that things are OK, and given the lack of re-mits and competition for Executive places I think I am safe in predicting the same for next year.

Januarys AGM is our 34th which means that we will be hosting our 35th AGM in January 2003. A very significant achievement. Another milestone in the year ahead will be issue 200 of Miniature Auto. I am hopeful of having something to celebrate these events so keep watching through the year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who have contributed articles during the year, it certainly makes my job easier. Howard, your photos will be published in the new year (I am finally getting on top of my CD drive/scanner problems). Of course I could always do with more articles especially from those members who collect other than diecast race cars.

I hope to see you all at Wellington on the 19th of January. I know I wont but it would be good to see as many as possible turn out as Wellington Branch have made a special effort to make the location and timings as suitable as possible for those who only be able to come for the one day.

Until next year I and the Executive would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Lee Tracey



~~THATS NEWS? THATS NEW!~~

REVELL/MONOGRAM USA Plastic Kitsets All November releases

2348 '29 Ford Rat Rod 3n1 (1:25) 2358 '01 Chev Monte Carlo NASCAR #8(1:24)
4675 Bell Huey Gunship (1:24) 6686 Amigo Pack '94 Chevy Impala Low Rider

TAMIYA Japan Plastic Kitsets 'Recent/Soon' releases

24246 Nissan 350Z (1:24) 24241 '01 Ford Focus RS WRC incl driver figs
14088 '01 Yamaha YZR500 Works (1:12) 14086 '01 Yamaha YZR500 'Tech3' (1:12)
36203 German Tiger Tank Early (1:16) 61081 Focke Wulfe 190 D-9 JV44 (1:48)

HASEGAWA Japan Plastic Kitsets December releases

272 Mitsi Zero A6m5b 'Warship' (1:72) 273 Jacob reflex Yak3 (1:72)
275 Hurricane Mkc2b 274 Sqn (1:72) 276 F-15 DJ Eagle Flight Guidance (1:72)
277 Aichi E13A1 Zero Yamoto(1:72) 9402 F104 Starfighter Italian AF (1:48)
9403 Phantom F4J (1:48)

MINICHAMPS Germany 1:43 Diecast November/December releases

439 140070 Magirus S6500 Fire Engine 430 171891 Volvo S70 Dutch Police
430 068032 '99 Porsche Boxster Red 400 014817 Opel V8 Coupe DTM Haupt
400 014820 Opel DTM Mammeron 430 039104 Mercedes 300 SEL 6.3 Beige Met
430 039204 Mercedes 450 SEL 6.9 430 085106 Ford Taunus Turquoise
430 171626 '69 Volvo P1800 Coupe 430 069305 '99 Porsche 911 Turbo Purple
430 069250 '95 Porsche 911 Turbo Red 400 010116 '01 Sauber Malaysia GP Heidfeld
430 010117 '01 Sauber Malay Raikkonen 400 014808 Opel V8 Coupe DTM Olivier
430 032224 '80 Mercedes 200T Green 430 040200 Opel Rekord P2 white
430 049124 '00 Opel Coupe Dk Red Met. 430 055037 VW 1302 Convertible Green
430 055137 VW 1303 Convertible white 430 171616 '71 Volvo 1800 ES Green
430 038025 Mercedes CL Coupe Blu Met. 430 040210 Opel Rekord P2 Break Grey
530 814307 McLaren MP4 Watson 530 814308 McLaren MP4 De Cesaris
430 069105 '90 Porsche Turbo Green 350 040000 Sherman M4A3 (1:35)

MINICHAMPS Germany 1:18 Diecast November/December releases

180 792881 BMW M1 Procar Winkelhock 100 010016 Sauber C20 Heidfeld
180 120901 Alfa Romeo Guilia 1300 Red 530 011804 McLaren MP4/16 Coulthard
100 010017 Sauber C20 Raikkonen 180 120990 Alfa Romeo Guilia Police
186 736009 '73 Porsche 917/30 Sunoco

CORGI UK 1:50 Diecast Jan 02 releases (EX numbers available now)

CC12004 MAN F/bed & Container 'Craib' CC12901 Scania Topline Curt/side 'Stobart'
CC11504 AEC Mk5 Mammoth Major CC20301 Garret 4CD Showmans Tractor
CC12210 Scania King Trailer & Thames Trader Tipper W.H. Malcolm
CC25205 D/Deck Closed Tram Nott'ham 72011 Bernard Type 110 Fourgon 'Berger'

EX70906 Renault JL20 with Tank Trailer 73009 Berliet GLR Fourgon 'Berger'
 74702 Citroen Type 55 'Berger' EX70205 Berliet GLR8 Fourgon 'Pointseigne'
 EX70905 Renault JL20 Fourgon EX70706 Berliet GLR with Rouleau safi 'STAG'
 EX55105 Diamond T980 with Rouleau EX11402 Bedford TK Pinder 'Kangerous'
 EX72917 Simca Cargo Fourgon Isotherme & Trailer 'Pinder' France
 US54311 GM Fishbowl Baltimore Transit US54905 E-One Quint Ann Arundel MD

CORGI UK 1:43 Diecast Jan 02 releases

US51703 WC51 Jeep US Army Korea 70510 Renault 1000kg 'Berger'
 EX70617 Peugeot D3A 'Poulain' EX 70616 Peugeot D3A Montel de Gelat (Fire)

ORIGINAL OMNIBUS UK 1:76 Diecast Jan 02 releases

OM40501 Feltham Tram London Trans. OM41705 AEC Q D/Deck Bus Westcliff-on-Sea
 OM43304 Plaxton Excalibur 'Elcock' OM43601 Plaxton Palatine II Harris Bus, Grays

AVIATION ARCHIVE UK Diecast Jan 02 releases

AA31902 1:72 Spitfire MK5B 249 Sqn AA30002 1:144 Douglas R4D-5 US Navy VX-6
 AA32904 1:72 Hawker Hunter FGA Mk9 AA32905 1:144 Boeing 707-336 BOAC
 AA31504 1:144 Bristo; Britannia 324 AA30505 1:144 Vickers Viscount 700 'Capital'

LLEDO VANGUARDS UK 1:43 Diecast January 02 releases

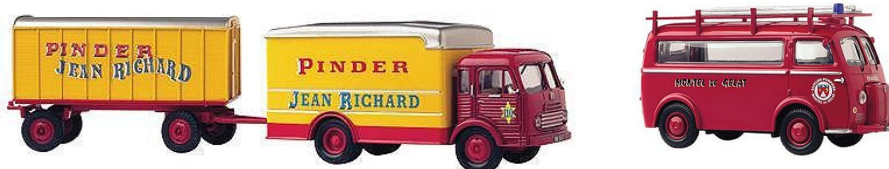
VA6403 Vauxhall Cresta Maroon/Silver VA6802 Hillman Minx IIIA Blue/Grey
 VA6505 Rover 3500 V8 Mexico Brown VA5203 Ford Granada Gt. Manchester Police
 VA6704 Triumph Spitfire Mk2 Hardtop VA4506 Austin Allegro white 'Hidden Treasure'
 Note: There are no Race car Listings for 1st half 2002

LLEDO DAYS GONE UK Diecast January 02 releases

DG91009 Foden Steam Wagon DG3019 Horse Drawn Delivery 'Royal Mail'
 DG8024 Model T Tanker 'Dixons' DG127003 Morris Minor Van 'Pond's'
 DG50045 Bull Nose Morris Van DG149000 AEC Mammoth F/bed 'London Brick'
 DG115000 Sopwith Camel RFC PA4002 Sopwith Camel & Fokker DR1

PEACHSTATE/GMP US 1:18 Diecast 'TBA'

8081 '67 427 Ford Fairlane 500XL H/T 8082 '66 390 Ford Fairlane GTA H/T
 8083 66 427 Ford Fairlane 500 H/T 9061 '88 Mustang Georgia Highway Patrol



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