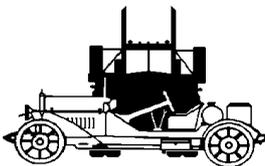


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Minichamps 1:43 McLaren M23 Denis Hulme with engine detail. Now Available



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EDITORIAL

The keen members amongst you will have noticed this issue of Miniature Auto is once again late. My apologies. Unfortunately I had a major falling out with my flatmate during July. The upshot of this is that I had to find a new place to live during the latter part of the month.

This is now done and I am preparing this issue of the newsletter surrounded by many unopened boxes of household effects, especially models. I think moving house must be a collectors worst nightmare. All those models to pack up safely then unpack at the other end. On the upside I can now get that extra shelving I have been promising myself for the last 6 months then I can reorganise the displays and rediscover the joys of some models that have spent a bit too long languishing at the back of the cabinets.

The other unfortunate side effect of shifting is the diverting of funds from the hobby just at a time when the diecast manufacturers are going through a feast of great new releases. Worst of the lot to me is the news that ixo are releasing a new range of models commemorating the Le Mans 24 hr race winners. Just at a time when the subject is starting to interest me. The problem is that the releases are scheduled at two per month.

Also of interest to me is the discovery by at least two companies of Lamborghini's pre Countach history. The Look Smart models in particular look fabulous. Thank goodness for the current health of the Kiwi dollar.

I will leave you with two things to remember

New Editorial Address (for all those articles promised at the AGM)

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2004 Annual General Meeting

Date: January 17 2004
Venue: UFS Hall, Tay St, Invercargill

Lee Tracey

PRESIDENTS PIECE

Last year I checked out model shops in Australia. Last month I was able to check out Singapore's model shops. The conclusion I have come to is that here in Christchurch we can enjoy the best selection of models available with prices very comparable to those in Australia and Singapore. One shop I visited in Singapore had two large stacks of old stock UT and Chrono 1:18 scale models at give away clearance prices (UT \$15.00 and Chrono \$25.00). Unfortunately they didn't have anything that I didn't already have, so nothing came home in the suitcase.

The end of this month marks the end of our current financial year so that means that subs will be due again in September. Subs have been held at \$20 again for the 2003/2004 year.

Southland Branch have confirmed they will host the 2004 Annual general Meeting on the 17th January in Invercargill. Lets all mark our calendars now and support Southlands efforts. I'm sure they would be delighted to see a large turn out of members.

Happy Modelling
Stan



Corgi CC12217 Scania 4 Series Flatbed Crane Trailer with Palletised Load. Marley Building Materials

BRANCH REPORTS

OTAGO BRANCH

Autospectacular 2003

The weekend of the 5th July was certainly not what you would call the best weekend to be putting on a display of models, however the Otago Branch did as usual turn up and placed a great quantity of models on the display. Models were supplied by Graham Patterson, Eric Brockie, Mike Kelly, David Peipi, and the display looked great. The theme for our display this year was for any Fords as this was the Centenary of Ford

When we all awoke on Saturday morning we were greeted by a white Dunedin as we were blanketed in snow, and some of the hills took some careful negotiating to get to the bottom.

Because of the weather we did not expect a great crowd to arrive and while many of the stall holders from out of town did not arrive and others were not set up by the 9am deadline they did have a good turnout of the public during the afternoon and again good comment about the Club display.

Eric Brockie

DEAR SIR,

The Otago Branch receives newsletters on a regular basis from the Southland branch and the odd one from the Canterbury Branch but what about the rest of the country?

The Otago Branch sends copies of all their newsletters and competition details to all club Delegates as well as the President and the Editor, but what about the other branches and activities that they may have. Members are always able to read reports in Miniature Auto from the Otago and Southland Branches but what about the rest of the country?

We in Otago are of the strong belief that if you do not go out and display before the public then the chance of an increase in membership in your area is not so

likely to happen. In Otago we never push a person to join the Club but supply them with Club information and invite them to a club night without first joining the Club.

If they join then we will have gained a new member without any pressure being put on them and we hope that they will remain with us for some considerable time. Some members will remain with the club for a lengthy period while others may only stay a short while, but it is up to the Branch and the individual members of the Club to promote the Club and try and attract new members.

We read nothing in Miniature Auto about what happens in Canterbury, Marlborough, Wellington or Hamilton. Does this mean that the areas are dead with no activity or meetings being held because if so what chance do you have of getting new members let alone holding on to them as members? Even if there is only one member in your area who is interested in promoting the Club then why not go ahead and arrange a display even in a shop window, if not a car show or the likes, because the Club gets promotion by being in front of the public to let them know the Club does exist.

At the Annual General Meeting in Christchurch earlier this year every member present was asked if they would write an article for Miniature Auto and everyone said they would, but where are the articles. As National Secretary I had written to all those members a reminder but I am still waiting to see the article from some (*most-Ed*) of the members.

Remember the Club will not survive without members and active members at least, and Miniature Auto will not survive without articles for Lee to print so what about it Branches and individual members???

It is up to you

Eric Brockie

While I cannot answer for all the areas I can state that there is no news from Hamilton for the exact reason Eric surmises ie nothing happens. As the only member North of Wellington I find that working 70 hours a week does not leave me with the necessary energy or enthusiasm to start a Branch from scratch in the Waikato region.

One of the things Eric mentions to promote the Club is displays in shops. Else where in MA you will read of the Otago Branch display at auto spectacular 2003.

The theme for this was the Ford centenary. Have just thought that this may provide a chance for some Club promotion by displaying at the local Ford dealer. Given the big deal Ford are making over their 100 years surely the offer of a display of models of Ford cars through the years would be of interest to them. For a theme perhaps the cars that display 'Ford spirit' as shown in Classic driver magazine or one car for every year as per Peter Haacks display at this years AGM.

With regard the articles committed to for MA I did not follow up the lack of them this month due to my move. However it is interesting to note that of the three articles supplied so far two have come from members who would be amongst the busiest in the club (as may be Warren for that matter - I just don't know him well enough to comment). So what is the excuse for the rest of you. Ed

MODELLING WITH MAU-

Am keeping this short in an effort to make issue 205. No mean feat when glancing at the deadline printed in MA 204!! And month issue April!!! Who is kidding whom? *(Er yes. Sorry about that folks. More haste less speed when proof-reading in future. Ed)*

I can honestly say I have done a little model detailing - on a trailer. Alas it is a diecast trailer, however it needed some detail to give it realism.

I haven't been to many model displays this year. My last attempt to display models at Dunedin's Autospectacular was foiled by the weather. Snow to low levels covered our driveway all weekend preventing safe driving so we remained at home.

Enjoyed viewing Le Mans racing & the sneaky way of a copter cam to get close up coverage of racing!

Fantastic

Maurice Boyles

MEMBER PROFILE

I collect both readybuilts and kitsets, but mainly build kits. My main preference is Chevy kits, but if I find something I like, and if I can find it I will buy it. So that is why there are cars, vans, utes and planes in the kit side of my collection. The planes come from my late fathers estate and they are to be built as a memorial to my father. My latest project, just finished, is a 1963 Impala low-rider, which has turned out rather good. It is painted dark pink with transfers from the box added as a final touch.

I also collect readybuilts with Hot Wheels models forming the bulk of the ready built side of the collection. When it comes to readybuilts my preference is Corvettes, Minis, Volkswagens and of course any Chevys I can find. My favourite car of all time is the 57 Chevy, and if I can't have the real car then models are the next best thing eh!

I enjoy building kits and collecting readybuilts, but most of all I like being a member of this club. I really enjoy meeting anybody with the same passion and I also enjoy displaying my models at displays, as it gives me a thrill to see other people checking out our displays and the feedback we get from them is encouraging to one and all.

Stephen Kelly

The above article is reprinted from the Southland Branch newsletter.

Any one of the models listed among Stephen's preferences would make a sizeable collection in their own right so to see all of them must be some site.

My thanks to Stephen for writing the profile of his collecting/building interests as I believe this is something that we need to share more of within the club. Perhaps a couple of those AGM articles still to come could follow this theme. Ed.

THAT'S NEW? THAT'S NEWS!

CORGI 1:50 Diecast UK

Wouldn't you know it but after holding back as long as I could with the last issue of MA Corgi released their second half schedule 3 days after I sent the masters to the printers.

CC12217 Scania 4 series F/B crane trailer CC12218 Scania 4 D/side Crane trailer (9)
CC12610 Scammell Crusader 3 axle L/L CC13103 Volvo F88 Tautliner New L/E (8)
CC13206 DAF XF Space Cab B /Tipper CC13301 BMC 4 wheel D/side Lorry Stobart
CC99129 Norfolkline Set New Tool(7) CC99130 Pollock Trans. 3 Tractors 1 trailer (9)
CC13104 Volvo F88 3 axle L/Loader & load Hoveringham Gravels (8)
CC13209 DAF XF Ballasted Tractor, Nicholas Bogies and Load TSL Vanguard (11)
CC11406 Bedford TK Luton Pickfords CC11407 Bedford TK Luton Van Houltts (10)
CC11408 Bedford TK Luton Ulster (12) CC13303 Morris Luton Bishop's Move (11)
CC10306 AEC Water Crash Tender Notts

CORGI 1:43 Diecast UK

US06005 '70s Dodge Monaco CHP (8) US06006 70s Dodge Monaco NY State Police
CC07709 L/Rover 110 Police Heathrow CC07707 Land Rover 110 Manchester Fire (9)

ORIGINAL OMNIBUS CO 1:76 Diecast UK

OM41007 AEC 4Q4 S/Deck LT post war (7) OM40506 Feltham Tram C/Entry Metro (7)
OM40808 Bristol Lodekka Hants & Dorset OM43102 Leyland Lynx Mk1 Ribble (7)
OM42501 E. Lancs Lowlander Ipswich (7) OM42502 E. Lancs. Vyking London Gen.(9)
OM42503 E. Lancs Lolyne Notts City (11) OM43306 Plaxton Premiere Scots. City link (8)
OM40403 AEC Regent/Weyman LT (8) OM45114 MCW Metrobus Mk2 Walsall (9)
OM42902 Optare Delta Wilts.& Dorset (9) OM41104 Leyland PD2 E. Lancs Stockport (8)
OM43705 3 axle Trolleybus Rotherham (9)

EBBRO 1:43 Diecast Japan

22004 Honda RA271 '64 German GP 1:20 43463 Toyota Supra '03 JGTC TRD Test Car
43461 Honda NSX '03 JGTC Raybrig 43459 Honda NSX '03 JGTC Takata
43447 Dome S101 LM02 #16 'Holland' 43411 Prince R380 Japan GP67 Blue
43283 Honda NSX 02 JGTC Mobil 1 43252 Toyota 2000GT '68 SCCA white/blue
43251 Toyota 2000GT SCCA white/red '03 Honda MDX 3 colours
43449 '03 Honda FCX Fuel cell concept '74 Honda Civic 3 door 3 colours
'62 Toyota Crown RS41 3 colours '68 Isuzu 117 Coupe 3 colours
'01 Honda Odyssey 3 colours '03 Honda Accord Euro-R Japan version 3 col

AUTOART 1:18 Diecast China

'88 Audi Quattro SWB 2 colours 70505 '73 BMW 2002 Turbo Black
BMW 2002 ti 2 colours 70601 BMW 2002 Tii Touring Blue
BMW 2002 Tii Baur Convertible BMW 3.0 CSL 3 colours
BMW E30 M3 2 colours BMW 635 CSi 3 colours
BMW M635 4 colours '78 Corvette 25th Anniversary

71081 '53 Chev Corvette White	71141 '59 Chev Corvette Roman red
71131 '61 Corvette Mako Shark Blue	71201 '82 Corvette Collectors Edition Silver
Ford Escort RS 1600 Mk 1 2 colours	72861 Ford sierra RS Cosworth Black
Jaguar E Type S3 Cabrio V12 2 colours	Lamborghini Countach 5000 S 2 colours
Lamborghini Muira 2 colours	Lancia Delta HF Integrale Evo 2 colours
74701 Lancia Fulvia HF 1.6 Red	Lotus Espirit V8 2 colours
76131 Mercedes Benz 190E 2.3-16 Evo2	78733 Toyota 2000GT cabrio White
Toyota 2000GT Coupe 3 colours	88501 Audi Quattro SWB MC85 Blomquist
89046 BMW E30 M3 Cecotto Warsteiner'	88586 Jaguar D Type Haethorn/Bueb LM55
87171 Porsche 917L #21 LM71	80353 Bentley Speed 8 1 st LM 03
80354 Bentley Speed 8 2 nd LM03	80177 Skyline R34 '01JGTC 'Xanavi'
80178 Skyline R34 '01 JGTC 'Pennzoil'	Peugeot 206CC with working Roof 4 colours
70661 BMW M3 CSL Silver	Mazda RX 8

AUTOART 1:43 Diecast China

Alfa Romeo 1750 GTV 2 colours	Jaguar E Type S3 Cabrio V12 2 colours
53781 Jaguar E Type S3 V12 Coupe Gn	54531 Lamborghini Countach 5000S Red
54501 Lamborghini Diablo 6.0 Orange	54521 Lamborghini Diablo GTR Yellow
54591 Lamborghini Diablo Roadster Red	54581 Lamborghini Diablo Coupe SV Blue
54571 Lamborghini Diablo Coupe VT	54541 Lamborghini Muira Yellow
55321 '02 Lotus Elise Blue	Mazda RX 8 4 colours
'69 MGB GT Coupe Mk 2 2 colours	'69 MGB Roadster Mk2 2 colours
VW New Beetle Cabrio 5 colours	'01 Subaru Impreza WRX Wagon Sti 3 col
65586 Jaguar D Type 1 st LM55	65487 Jaguar D Type 1 st '54 Rheims12 hr

AUTOART 1:64 Diecast China

Mazda RX 8 4 colours	'02 Nissan Fairlady Z (350Z) 2 colours
Porsche 911 turbo (996) 2 colours	VW New Beetle Cabrio 3 colours



Corgi CC13303 Morris Luton Van
Bishops Removals



Autoart 80178 Nissan Skyline R34 JGTC '01
1:18 scale. This and the sister Xanavi model
do not have opening parts.



Upcoming/Recent Ebbro releases:
Above: Isuzu 117 Coupe

Right: 1:20 Scale Honda RA 271 F1 Car as raced at the 1964 West German GP.



Below: 2003 Honda Accord Euro-R Japan Market Model

