



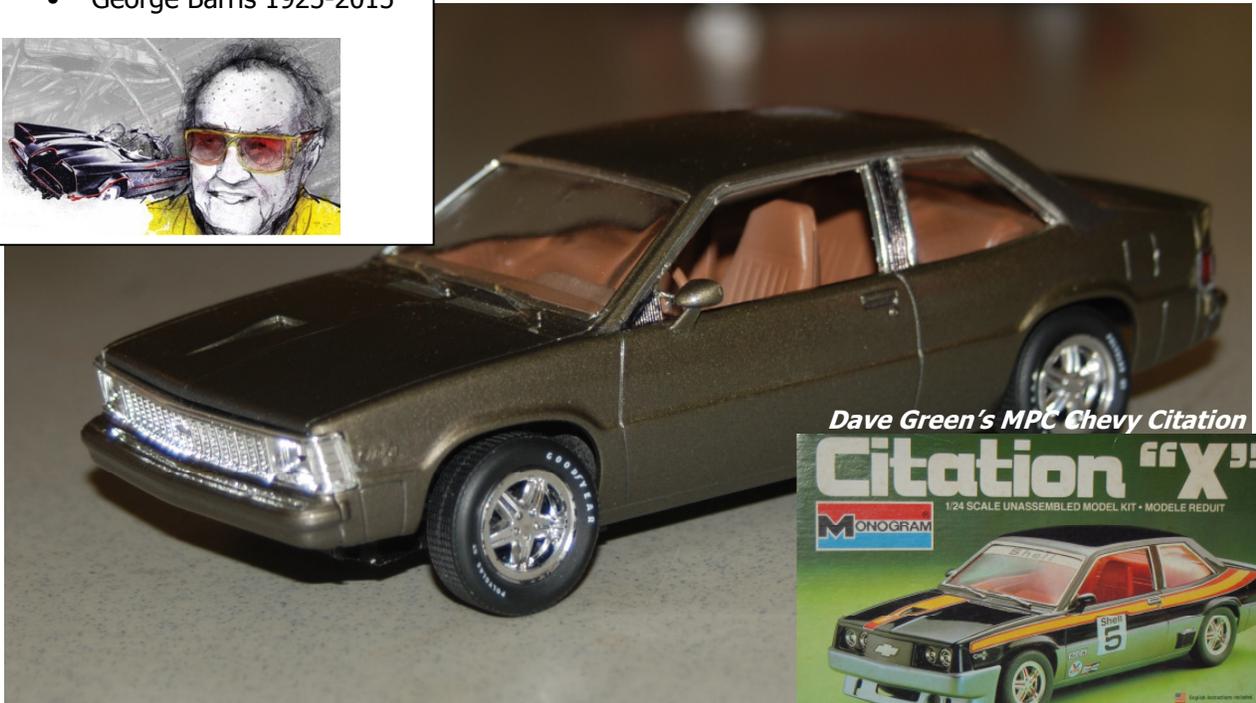
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Newsletter

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GTR MAILBAG

By Chuck Herrmann

REAL WORLD

AMC's Old Corporate HQ for \$500?

Wardsauto.com

A corporate headquarters for \$500? That's what Wayne County MI set as the opening bid in a tax foreclosure auction for the former American Motors Corp.'s once-stately headquarters on Plymouth Road in Detroit. A measly \$500. Oh yes, and payment of \$232,000 in back taxes. There was one winning bidder, but the deal fell through when he missed the payment deadline.

Unlike the Packard Motor Car complex that lies in ruins and has become world-famous as a backdrop for the city's woes, AMC's office tower complex still looks as grand as it did in 1927 when it opened – at least at first glance. Closer inspection reveals the site has become a dumping ground, and scrappers and thieves have taken their toll, especially at the rear factory section where refrigerators and helicopters once were assembled.

AMC never built cars at the location; its assembly line was in Kenosha, WI, where the former Chrysler Corp., which acquired AMC in 1987, also produced engines until 2011. Although AMC moved its corporate offices to a modern glass-and-steel skyscraper in nearby Southfield in 1975, it continued to use the Plymouth Road complex to design and engineer trucks and SUVs, as did Chrysler after acquiring AMC. As part of the federal bailout in 2009 that saw Fiat SpA take over the former automaker, the property was designated as part of unwanted "old" Chrysler and put up for sale. What's now Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) in 2009 transferred 1,500 employees to Chrysler's Auburn Hills Technical Center north of Detroit, ending all operations on Plymouth Road.

Because a qualified bidder has not been found, ownership is expected to revert to the City of Detroit. But what can it do with the sprawling 1.4-million-sq.-ft. (130,064-sq.-m) facility, which stretches over 54 acres (18 ha) and is in a neighborhood that saw its best days long ago?

INDUSTRY NEWS



'72 Oldsmobile Indianapolis 500 Pace Car with Linda Vaughn figure
 Revell
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1972 Oldsmobile Indianapolis 500 Pace Car
 1/25 scale # 85-4197

The 1972 Olds Cutlass pace car for the 56th running of the Indianapolis 500® Mile Race has been released by Revell.. Kit details include special edition Pace Car decal graphics, detailed Rocket 455 cubic in. engine, Rear spoiler and convertible top in up or down position and a finished "Miss Hurst" Linda Vaughn figure.

Revell 2016 1st Quarter Releases

2016 FIRST QUARTER NEW RELEASES

SnapTite
 AGES 8+
 SKILL LEVEL 1
 85-1987 • 2017 Ford GT • 1:24

FOOSE
 AGES 10+
 SKILL LEVEL 3
 85-4398 • Foose 2013 Dodge Challenger SRT8 • 1:25
 85-4397 • Foose 2015 Corvette Stingray • 1:25

TRUCKS
 AGES 12+
 SKILL LEVEL 4
 85-7225 • '66 Chevy® Fleetside • 1:25
 85-4370 • 2013 Camaro® ZL1™ • 1:25
 85-4379 • 2014 Mustang GT • 1:25

PERFORMANCE
 AGES 14+
 SKILL LEVEL 5
 85-4329 • Porsche 918 Spyder • 1:24
 85-4377 • '67 Nickey Camaro® RS™/SS™ 427 • 1:25
 85-7824 • LaCrosse Missile and truck • 1:32

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Revell Monogram has announced their early 2016 releases. The new Ford GT in a SnapTite kit is interesting as is the US boxed Porsche 918. The 67 Camaro has a new Nickey's variant and there are two Foose products, snap Viper and Corvette kits.

Heller Jaguar E-Type Reissues



Heller has announced three new reissues of their series of 1/24 Jaguar E-Types. Retail is 27 euro.

Oakridge Hobbies



While at the IPMS/Butch O'Hare event we drove by a new (to me) hobby store. So of course I stopped in. Oakridge Hobbies is a large store, mostly toys at the expense of models. But there are a number of kits, most new stuff was on the shelf and there is a full line of paints, tools and supplies. So if you are in the neighborhood (near Downers Grove) stop in.

Oakridge Hobbies and Toys
7511 Lemont Rd. Darien IL 60561
630.435.5900 Oakridgehobbies.com

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MEDIA

In the December 2015 issue of *Scale Auto*, The Bench Racer column by Andy Kellock gives a step by step guide to backdating the Accurate Miniatures McLaren M8B kit to the earlier M8A that won the Can Am series in 1967.



More 2016 GTR Summer NNL inspiration.



IPMS News

GTR is a local chapter, in Region 5, of IPMS/USA. We have successfully completed the annual chapter renewal process for 2016. We needed five current IPMS/USA and we had enough. We still encourage those who have lapsed to renew their IPMS/USA membership, or if you have never been a member enroll now! Details can be found at their web site, www.ipmsusa.org.

The 2016 Region 5 Convention will be in Omaha, NE, date and details should be announced soon.

IPMS Calendar

Aug 3-6 2016 IPMS/USA Nationals
Columbia, South Carolina
www.ipmsusa2016.com
2016 IPMS Region 5 Convention Omaha, NE
July 26-29 2017 IPMS/USA Nationals
Omaha, NE

2016 GTR Club Project



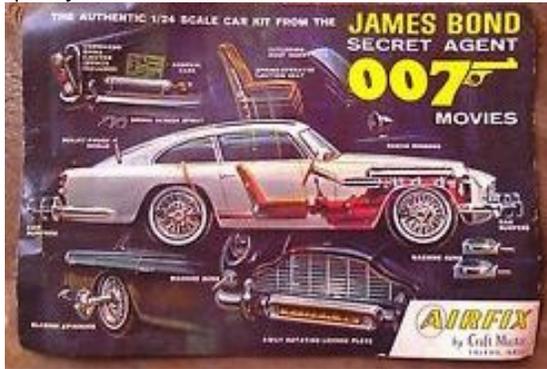
The 2016 GTR Club Project Build will once again be the models fitting our GTR Summer NNL Themes, for 2016 TV & Movie Cars and CanAm. I will be putting some inspiration kits in this space to get you planning and building.



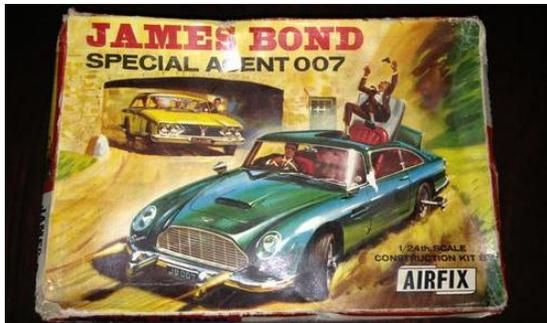
From the movie *Vanishing Point*, AMT has recently released a full detail plastic kit. Dave Green had one at our November meeting and noted that it is a convertible body with a separate roof. The fit is bad and it also is a vinyl top! So making an accurate movie car is not very easy.

James Bond's 007 Car Models

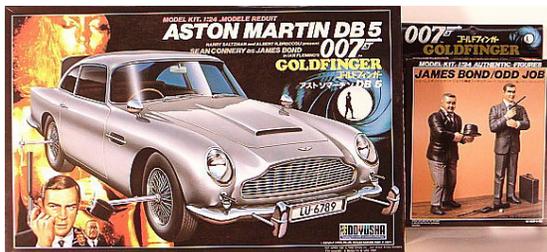
With the most recent release of the James Bond 007 franchise, SPECTRE, now in theaters keep in mind that there have been model kits of the cars featured in the films over the years that qualify for the 2016 GTR Summer NNL theme.



The Aston Martin DB5 remains the most iconic of all the 007 cars.



These kits are all pretty old, it would be nice to have a new or at least readily available kit.



Fujimi has recently announced a new release of this subject, I don't know if it is new or a reissue.



IPMS Butch O'Hare

The 33rd Annual IPMS/Butch O'Hare Open Model Contest and Swap was held on Saturday, November 7, 2015. This is an all category contest, and the judging is Chicago Style. This means that instead of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in specific classes, builders are judged on the merits of each model. Awards are Gold, Silver and Bronze.



The event was held at Lakeview Jr High School in Downers Grove, IL. The Automotive table was filled up with many nice builds. GTR was represented by several members. Gerry Paquette won a gold (for his 68 Hemi Dart that won Best Theme at our Summer NNL) and a silver, Chuck Herrmann won a silver and a bronze, Patrick Kay won several silvers and bronzes.



Above is the Best Automotive entry, a Ferrari by Carlos Martinez.



The new El Rio kit.





Table of F1 cars



Egg Roll truck!



Abe Lincoln was there..



Since this was an IPMS show there were a lot on nice non-automotive models on the tables.



I don't have numbers but the show was well attended, I had to park on the grass! Thanks to IPMS/Butch O'Hare for putting on a fine event. Also thanks to Mike Fuller for additional photography.



He enjoyed the show!

News

GTR Update

The December regular GTR meeting will be Saturday, December 5, 7:00 pm at the Algonquin Township Building.

T-Shirts: We have the new club T-shirts for 2015. The cost is \$10 to GTR members. If you ordered one and have not yet picked it up you can next meeting. And we did order a few extras so you can get one while they last.

We still have some of the black 2014 GTR Club Polo and T Shirts available. We will be selling these off at the bargain price of \$5. Let me know if you want one, once they are gone they are gone.

We will again be doing a GTR club photo calendar for 2016. Steve will have the photo booth for the last shoot at the December meeting, so bring in some models for him to shoot if you want to be included. This year you will need to get your order in before the January meeting in order to get the club price of \$10, since that is a special sale price. If you want any later you will need to pay the full price at that time.

We will have our annual GTR Christmas pizza party at the December meeting. Please be sure to RSVP so we order enough.

Future regular monthly meetings will meet at the Algonquin Township Building. Any member who wants to bring up other ideas or suggestions for future meetings or activities, do so either at the meeting or contact me.

GTR on Facebook

GTR has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! We encourage members and fans to post photos of your models or projects. Also the GTR Newsletter can be accessed as well as information and entry forms for the GTR Summer NNL.



November GTR Meeting

The November GTR regular meeting was held Saturday, 11/7/2015 at the Algonquin Township Building. During the business portion, we went over the Treasury Report, and we discussed upcoming events and the IPMS chapter renewal process.

Then it was on to Show and Tell. There was a lot of stuff on the table, here are some.

Chuck Herrmann had a restored glue bomb, the AMT 55 Chevy Nomad kit. Still needs the roof rack and surfboard added.



Also the L&S kit of the Chaparral 2C, 1965 Nassau races version, last time this car ran.



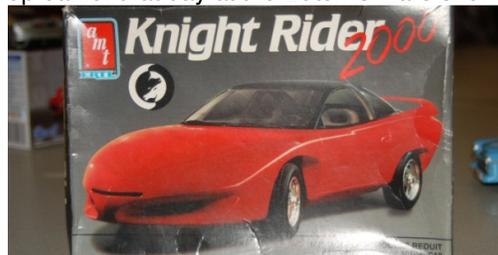
Steve Jahnke had several of the new C7 Corvette Revell snap kits. One completed in blue.



Two more painted bodies.



Steve also had the Knight Rider 2000 kit picked up earlier that day at the Butch O'Hare show.



Rick Hannah has rebuilt the Silver Bullet 68 Plymouth street racer he had earlier this year.



Gerry Paquette had the Model Factory Hiro metal kit of the 1961 Ferrari 156 F1 car.



And a pile of recent aftermarket detail stuff.



Ed Sexton showed a Big Daddy Roth 57 Chevy. This was the Revell snap kit, not the current version with the opening door tooling, utilizing the great decal sheet from their latest release.



And he brought along a preview body of the new Revell NASCAR Ford Fusion from the upcoming new release...



John Walczak keeps building AMC subjects.



MPC Pacer



74 AMT Javelin



71 JoHan Trans Am



JoHan 69 Javelin



Also the Revell Raptor snap kit.



Dave Green brought some recent finds, like this 65 AMT Charger box and some pieces,



Also he showed us his completed MPC Chevy Citation kit, a nice build of a kit with issues.



Finally the AMT 70 Monte Carlo reissue.



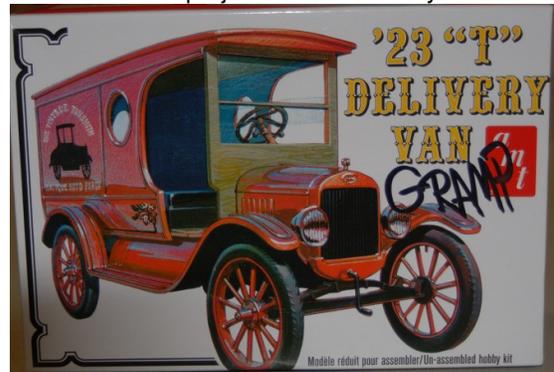
Dave Edgecomb's latest diecast, the Spark 1/18 LeMan 2014 Porsche



George Pritzen showed two projects, first a revell Ferrari F430



And his newest project. a 23 T delivery van.



Since The Stig has break from his TV duties he is now our latest club Test Driver



Tips & Tools

All club members as well as all GTR newsletter and Facebook fans are welcome to submit ideas and photos of tools, products and techniques other car modelers might find of interest. This month:

How to Make Rust from Steel Wool

Reprinted from the November 2015 *Roll Call* – newsletter of the IPMS/Prison City Modelers (Leavenworth, KS)

By Rick Brownlee

Some years ago I used to exchange e-mail with Vegard Henenger, who lived in Scandinavia. He was a fine model builder and passed on to me a formula for making “real” rust from Steel Wool. And in photo #1 you see what I started with.



Start with a fine grade of steel wool. In this case I used #0000. Pick a container that you can throw away when the process is completed, as there is quite a bit of rusty residue in the container when the process is finished. Put a number of small amounts of steel wool in the container, and add water so that the steel wool is submerged in it. Lastly, add salt as this speeds up the process of turning the steel wool into rust.



Photo #2 shows the container after the steel wool has been soaking for several days. (I think putting the container under a hot light or heat lamp would speed up the water evaporation, but haven't tried that, myself.)

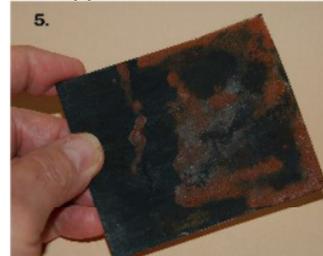


Photo #3 shows the container with the steel wool almost completely dried out. Then photo #4 shows the container and the wood dowel rod I used to smash the rusted steel wool into a powder form. The red arrow points to the steel wool, now in powder form, in the lower left hand corner of the container.



Next, I placed the rusty powder into another container, added Elmer's Glue and water, to put the rust into a semi-liquid state. Then I use an old paint brush to apply the rust to my modeling subject.

For this article, I used a piece of styrene card stock and gave it several coats of acrylic black. Then I applied the semi-liquid rust with an old brush. In photos #5 and #6 you see the results of that application.



The final picture, photo #7 shows a styrene set of steps with platform I fabricated in approx. 1:20th scale for a figure composition. The individual steps were fashioned from brass screen.



George Barris

1925-2015



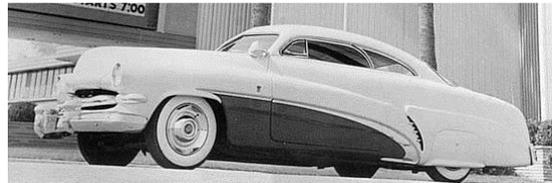
George Barris was known throughout the world as the 'original' King of Kustomizers. His creations are legendary in the world of television and motion pictures including the likes of the original television series Batmobile, Munster Koach, Beverly Hillbillies, KITT from Nightrider and more! His personal Star Collection includes the General Lee, Starsky & Hutch Torino, Green Hornet and Monkee Mobile.

Following is a summary from his official website: www.barris.com

George was born in Chicago in the mid twenties. In 1928, he and his older brother Sam moved to Roseville, California with relatives after their parents died. They both were excellent students especially in drama, music and drawing. George pursued a passion for building scratch-built aircraft models which led to model cars. He won competitions for construction and design. Eventually they moved up to real cars. The family gave the brothers a 1925 Buick in need of repair for the work they did at their restaurant. This Buick became the first "Barris Brothers" custom car. The old Buick needed much attention and their creative urges to make it different took hold. They straightened the body and added bolt-on accessories before George hand painted the car in orange with blue stripes. It was promptly sold to purchase a 1929 Model A and he never stopped.

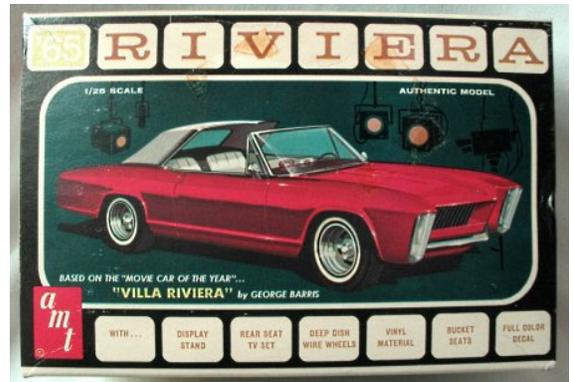
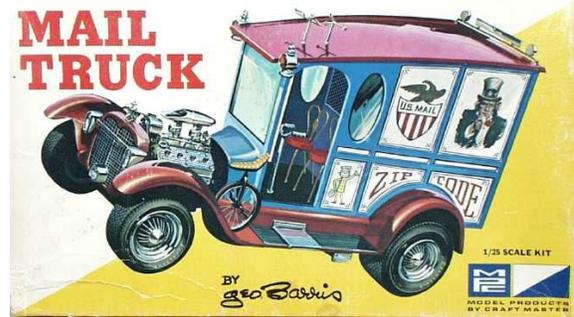
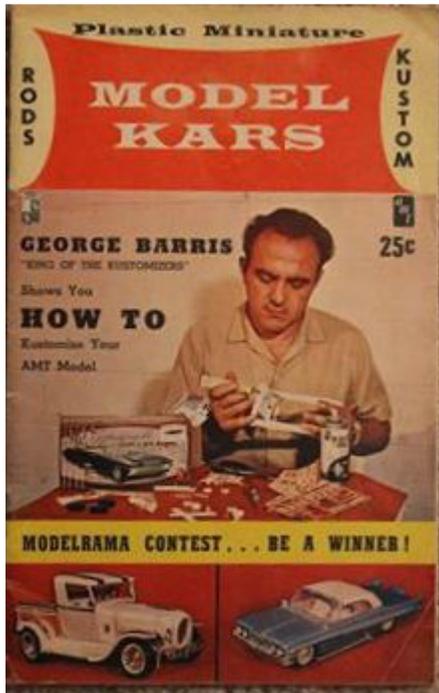
After Sam entered WW II, George moved to Los Angeles where his talents began to flourish. He soon opened his first shop in Bell, a Los Angeles suburb in late 1944. Sam joined him after his discharge in 1945. They opened a new shop on Compton Ave. in Los Angeles. The shop was known as the "Barris Brother's Custom Shop". Sam's natural metal craftsmanship served as a perfect foil to George's desire to design, paint, manage, and promote. George also began photographing autos professionally and writing for car magazines. He was able to promote his business by demonstrating their techniques

through how-to articles. The Barris brothers outgrew their shop on Compton and moved to a larger shop in Lynwood where the famous Hirohata Merc was born. Sam bought a new two-door Mercury and knew it would make a great custom. He figured it out all in his head and began cutting it up and reformed the car. Bob Hirohata admired Sam's style and brought in his '51 Merc for a full custom job. Sam finished his car so it could be shown at the 1952 Motorama. It turned out to be the sensation of the show.



The movie studios had taken note of Barris customs on the streets and at races and came to George for cars for their films. One of the first films Barris made cars for was called "High School Confidential". The success of the initial movie car venture motivated George to seek business in Hollywood. This included customizing the personal cars of the stars as well. As the past forty plus years have shown, this association with the studios and stars has been long and fascinating.



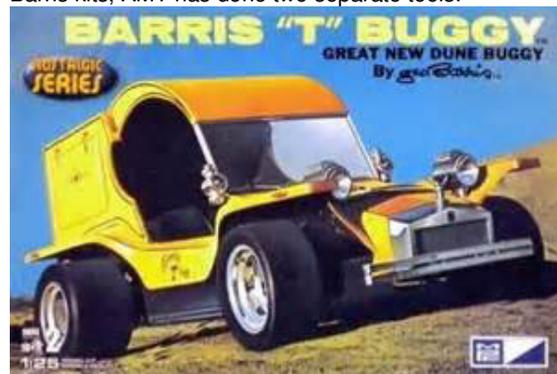


In the late 50's Revell began making model kits of George's cars. AMT soon joined with the "Ala Kart." Plastic model kits became the biggest selling toys at the time.

Lots of the annual kits from the 60's featured customized versions designed by Barris.

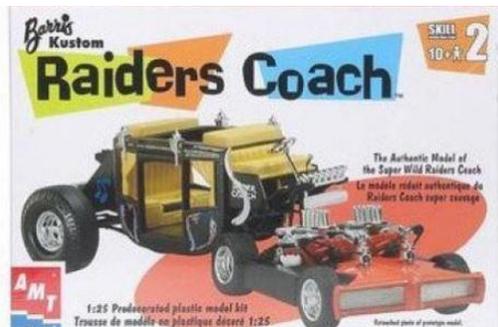
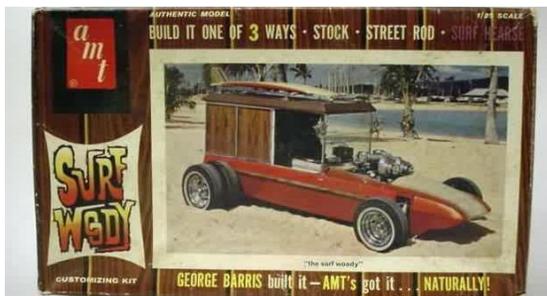
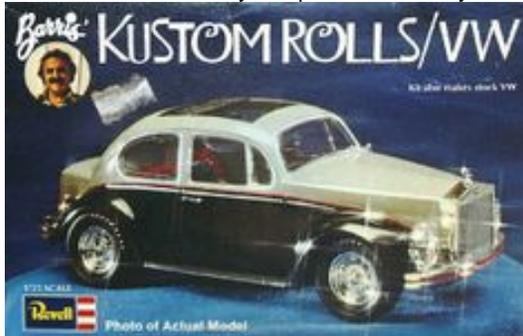


The Ala-Kart has always been one of the favorite Barris kits, AMT has done two separate tools.

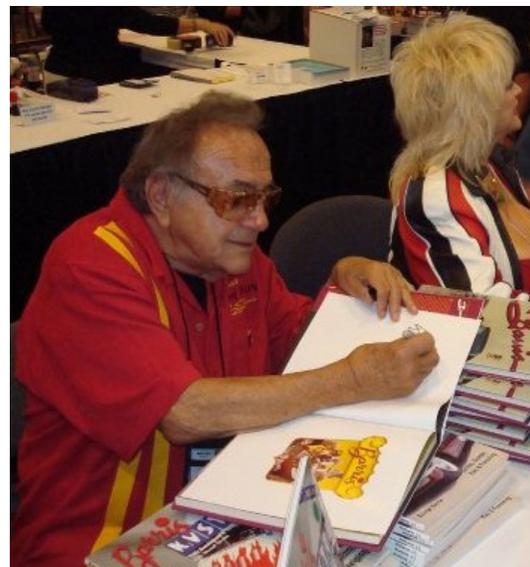
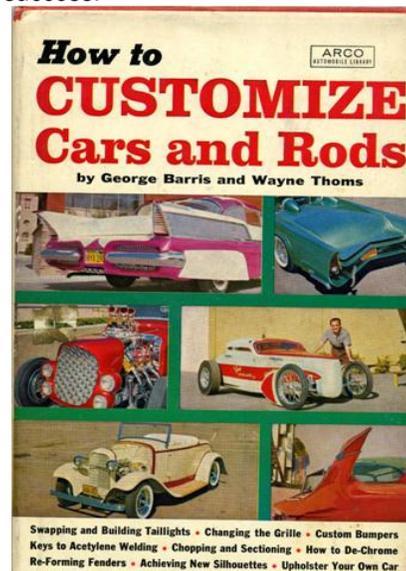




Barris worked with many companies over the years



Early success.



Barris was active right up to the end, often appearing at car shows. Here is signing autographs alongside Linda Vaughan (who is also referenced on page 2)

2016

GTR Summer NNL

9th Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR

Theme:

TV and Movie Cars

Subtheme:

50 Years of Can Am Racing

Attention Automotive Modelers; we have a summer show and swap meet for you! You are invited to our GTR Summer NNL contest and swap meet.

The Summer NNL will be held on Sunday August 7th 2016 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Algonquin Township Building, 3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014

For the out-of-towners, there are tons of local accommodations from Days Inn to Holiday Inn. Admission to the show is a measly 5 bucks; you can enter as many models on the tables as you like (no additional charge) and we will serve a pizza lunch (again, no additional charge, soda extra; sorry had to draw a line somewhere) to all show entrants.

Did we mention that there is a swap meet too? There will be a free "trunk sale" swap meet in our spacious parking lot, vendors and show goers are encouraged to open their trunks and sell-sell-sell rain or shine. Vendor set-up starts at 8:30AM. Also we raffle off some nice prizes.

Our NNL style contest bestows "Best Of" awards as mandated by popular vote as determined by show attendees, official judging and nit-picking is strictly forbidden, praise and admiration from fellow modelers strongly encouraged.

Classes:

Competition Open Wheel	All scales	F1, Indy, Drag, etc
Competition Closed Wheel	All scales	NASCAR, LeMans/IMSA, Can-Am, Drag
Street	All scales	Street legal - Muscle Cars, Sports/Exotics, Tuners, beaters, factory stock
Custom	All scales	Modified custom vehicles
Commercial	All scales	Trucks, Taxis, Police, Ambulance and Emergency
Motorcycles/ Miscellaneous Curbside	All scales	All types
	All scales, all types	Hood closed, judged as displayed, includes slammers
Out of the Box	All scales, all types	No modifications to the kit except filler, paint, decals and foil
Theme: TV and Movie Cars	All scales, all types	Any vehicle featured <i>prominently</i> in a TV show or Movie Cars from Cam Am or USRRC 1960-1974 – No GTs
SubTheme: 50 Years of Can Am Racing Chris Ducey Memorial Award	All scales, all types	Best Ford Kit
Tim Leicht People's Choice Award	Any model in the contest	

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GTR Event Calendar

Dec 6 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show
Tinley Park HS Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 6 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet
Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeeeminimotors.com

Merry Christmas
from GTR!

2016 EVENTS

January 3-16 DAKAR Rally
Bolivia – Argentina

Jan 30-31 Rolex 24 Hours IMSA
Daytona International Speedway, FL

Feb 2 19th Hope it Don't Snow Show
IPMS/Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers
Kahler Apache Hotel, Rochester MN
Chris Krco 507-254-4646

Feb 21 Daytona 500 NASCAR
Daytona International Speedway, FL

Feb 28 67th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

March 4-6 Brushmasters Model Car Contest
Presented by World of Wheels
Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont IL
Chicagobrushmasters.com

March 5 21st Mad City Annual Model Show
by IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Labor Temple, Madison WI

March 12 Model Contest and Swap Meet
Hosted by IPMS/Roscoe Turner
Raymond Park Middle School, Indianapolis IN
www.ipmsroscoeturner.org

March 13 Cedarville Model Car Swap & Contest
Jane Adams Community Center Cedarville IL
Scott Baldauf 815-238-0634

March 19 Sebring 12 Hours IMSA
Sebring, FL

April 9 NNL 24 Hosted by AMG
Theme: 100 Years of the Indy 500
Subtheme: Anything that that raced at IMS
Special Feature: Indy Pace Cars
Excellence Center Waukesha WI
mdowd@wi.rr.com scottiek@charter.net

April 10 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet
Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeeeminimotors.com

May 21 NIMCON 5
Hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake IL
Phil Pignataro 847-658-9920

May 29 Indianapolis 500
Indianapolis Motor speedway

June 11-12 Heartland Model Car Nationals
Hosted by KC Slammers
Overland Park Conv Cntr, Overland Pk KS
Vern Lyon 913-522-9170

June 18-19 24 Hours of LeMans
Lemans, FR

July 26 Brickyard 400 NASCAR
Indianapolis Motor speedway

Aug 3-6 2016 IPMS/USA Nationals
Columbia SC, OH
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August 7 GTR Summer NNL 9
Theme: TV and Movie Cars
Subthemes: 50 Years of Can Am
Algonquin Township Building, Crystal Lake IL



SUMMER NNL9

Sep 25 68th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

Oct 15 SLAM NNL
Southern Lakes Auto Modelers
Johnstown Comm. Center, Johnstown WI

