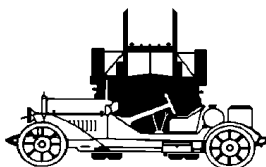


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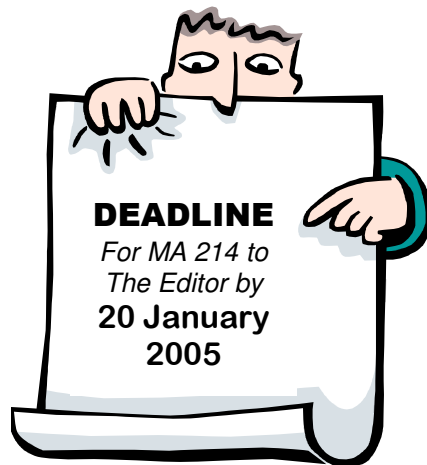
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# EDITORIAL

Merry Christmas to all the members from the editorial team. And yes it is now a team, with several members sending contributions to Ian over the course of the year. In fact that has been the best part of the year for me with a significant number of articles from members (OK half of them were from Ian). In particular it was good to see some new names who I hope will continue to contribute.

For those of you who haven't contributed yet, how about making 2005 the year to come alive. Nothing to write about? Bought/built a model during the year? Attended a club event/display? Don't know how to write it up? Check through back issues of MA, or ask myself or Ian for some help.

One of the better issues of 2004, in my opinion, was MA 210 the all kit issue. For 2005 I would like to repeat it. As well, I would like to try another theme. Therefore MA 216 (April) will be a non car issue. As with kits I am not a collector of non car themes (one Matchbox Truck & Trailer and half a dozen utes) so I will be relying on those members who collect themes that are not car related, so send in your truck, construction, fire, ambulance, motorcycle, whatever articles.

Being December it is time for most of us to reflect over the year that was. The model that has had most impact for me is the Possum Bourne Subaru from Autoart. Other highlights have included the ebbro Mazdas and Bluebird 510 Safari winner, Bizarre Jag XJR-5, Kyosho Miura Jota and the Trax London - Sydney Falcon. Highlights in the industry have been the continuing rise in quality by many of the 'lesser' manufacturers. Coupled with the rise in quality has been a larger variety in subject matter, maybe this is driven by licence fee costs, I don't know, but seeing more classic cars, especially pre 50's or previously unmodelled marques is great. One downside is the long lists of announced models from the larger companies that have not yet seen the light of day, it would be nice if companies were to announce less models and concentrate on getting what they do announce out to the market.

2005? Who knows. There is a list of new models I have been able to find so far in the Whats New That's News section at the back of this issue. One thing I can predict is that it will be an even better year for the hobby than 2004.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

*Lee*

# PRESIDENTS PIECE

Another year is almost over with Christmas only a couple of weeks away. Its time to start wondering about those models that might make their way into your Christmas stocking.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hopefully a good number of you will attend the Annual General Meeting in Dunedin. I look forward to seeing you there and sharing ideas and enjoying your company.

Happy Modelling

*Stan*



Above: Code 3 Christmas Appliance 2004

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21 – 23 January 2005  
Caversham School Hall DUNEDIN  
GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN **NOW!!!**

# BRANCH REPORTS

## MARLBOROUGH Model Expo, Blenheim

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2004, members of the New Zealand Model Vehicle Club (Marlborough Branch) and the Nelson-Marlborough Truck Modeller's Club held a combined Model Expo at the Redwoodtown Hall, Blenheim.

Setting up for the Expo began at 7:30pm for a 9:30am start and it was all hands on deck to get everything ready. With the tables set out the ten exhibitors set out their models for display. Models exhibited included trucks, race cars covering Can Am, F1, Australian V8s and rally cars, Fire Engines, Aeroplanes, Tanks and Tractors. Overall it was a very good display covering a wide range of vehicles in many different scales, both kit set and die cast.



When the show opened to the public at 9:30am there was a waiting queue and a steady stream of people came through for the rest of the day. Overall nearly 500 people came to look at the one day Expo. There were lots of positive comments made and this showed that the public had enjoyed looking at the displays. The Marlborough Branch had one new member join on the day, with several other enquiries being made.

The turnout at the public display was helped by publicity in the local Saturday paper in the form of a front-page photograph of Warren Piesse (Marlborough Branch delegate) with his Autocar Cement Mixer (MA #203, April 2003).

The two clubs hope to hold another Expo next year.



Barry Voss's Aussie Touring Cars



*Warren Piesse*

Top Left: Philip Creswell's Tractors  
 Top Right:: Steve Wards Fire Engines  
 Centre Left: Warren Tysons Military  
 Above: Warren Piesse's Porsches and others  
 Left: James McCallum's Aircraft

## **SOUTHLAND**

Southland Branch held their AGM in October with no change in the Office Bearers nor I think in the rest of the committee. It seems the discussion on holding a Branch Model competition had a positive outcome with the committee to finalise plans to run a Competition in May. Well Done Southland, keep us informed!

## **OTAGO**

### **Swapmeet**

This was held in November as usual. Hopefully I will have a report in the next MA. It may be of interest to note that Otago are currently polling their members regarding moving the Swapmeet to the third week of February (and shifting the Community Gallery display to August).

# VIRTUAL MODELLER

One of the fascinations of the modelling hobby is always the thrill of looking at someone else's collection or their workmanship. Whether this is inspirational or depressing depends on the gap between the models being viewed and one's own efforts. With the advent of the Internet it is now possible to get a close look at some of the best modellers in the world. This article takes a look at a couple of sites that I have bookmarked on my computer.

## **Italianhorses.net**

Those model builders amongst you who regularly get Scale Auto will be familiar with the name Alex Kustov. Italian Horses is Alex's personal modelling web site.

The front page welcomes you with a nice picture of his latest build (a 59/60 TR LM at the time of my review). Also listed on the front page are the links to the rest of the site. Across the top are Wallpapers (a nice collection of computer wallpapers featuring Alex's models), Ferrari 1/24 kits, which takes you to a 'database' of every non F1 plastic kit of a Ferrari in 1:24 or 1:25 known to Alex. Next across the top line is a link to Alex's list of Tamiya 1/24 plastic kits. The next link is entitled tutorials. Kit Reviews is the title of the next link. The final link across the top is called publications and leads the viewer to a page of thumbnails of articles Alex has had printed in Scale Auto & Model Cars magazines. Clicking on the thumbnails will enlarge the page to a readable size. Below the photo of the latest build is a series of links to individual model builds that Alex has done. These links are divided into the following sections - On the Workbench, Other Makes, Bikes and Ferraris.

The Ferrari database/list is split into several pages that list the models from early 250 through to Enzo. Each entry contains a thumbnail photo of the box art (if available), name and short description of the model, the kit number (again if known), Type /media (p/e, slot base, motorised etc) and finally alternative boxart. Taking the 250 SWB as an example, Alex lists 7 versions of the kit (4 ESCI, AMT, Italeri and Gunze Sangyo Hi-Tech and gives a brief account of the kits accuracy, provenance (eg all ESCI and the AMT come from same moulds), quality/ease of build and rarity.

The Tamiya list just gives the kit No., title and whether or not the kit has an engine or is motorised. Clicking on the Tutorial button sends the reader to a page containing a list of the tutorial articles Alex has written for Scale Auto and Model Cars Magazine. Each item links to a step by step tutorial with photos showing



how to make those improvements to your model. Kit Reviews takes you through to a list of in box reviews with photos of a series of kits Alex owns. Unfortunately these are almost all Model Factory Hiro kits which are priced well beyond the pockets of most of our members. There are also reviews of a couple of detail sets and transkits which may be of more use to members.

With the exception of on the workbench which is largely just a series of photos of in progress builds, each of the bottom links takes you to a build diary of the listed model. Topping the diary is a brief look at the kit pros and cons and a verdict. This is then followed by an illustrated step by step build of the kit.

As a professional writer and builder Alex has a nice style that is easy to read while giving all the important information in a clear easily understood manner. The photos in the tutorials and build diaries are large, clear and explicit. The tutorials are cheap to build improvements and easy enough even a klutz like me can follow.

[www.fmf.nl/~ivo/F1models/](http://www.fmf.nl/~ivo/F1models/)

Diecast collector pages tend to usually take a slightly different tack with personal web pages usually taking a larger view of the collectors area of interest. This often means the site contains more than just the collectors own models The result is a page that may be less personal but which instead gives the viewer a better overview of models on that subject, particularly rarer versions.

"The Premier Database for F1 Diecast Collectors" is the bold claim on the front page of Yuui's F1 Scale Models where the visitor is greeted with a picture (at the time of this review) of a Sachs promo of a Minichamps Sauber Petronas. Next to the title are buttons for VC-Models, Minichamps, Danhausen, Kyosho, Onyx, Tamiya, Eligor, Quartz, Search and Whats New. Whats New leads to a list of updates to the site.

The manufacturer buttons lead to a page that either tells you to use the search facility or has a list of sub categories eg Minichamps has headings for 1:24/1:43 and Junior & UT 1:43 models all of which tell you to use search. In addition there are links for boxes in 1:24 & 1:43, Minichamps & Onyx common boxes, Minichamps to come, catalogs, and a wish list. Unfortunately many of these pages have not been updated in some time.

Search allows visitors to search for models by Driver, Team, Year, Manufacturer and Scale. Using the search function is a relatively simple operation which is marred by the results being printed in Yellow on a White background making them difficult to read. Information on the models includes year raced, Catalogue

number, Driver, Main sponsor and a link to photos.

Other links listed below the picture include the sites sponsors, links page (which contains categorised lists of diecast sellers, info sites/forums, personal pages manufacturers and auction sites). About/contact/copyright, thanks (to those who helped with the site), For Sale/Swap and bad ebay sellers which lists a couple of sellers with whom the site owner has had 'trouble'. While the site does give pretty comprehensive coverage to its subject I would be very worried as an F1 collector if this is the premier site as stated. Poor layout and an unattractive look mar the viewers pleasure. Also the omission of Brumm from the site is notable, as, whilst many consider them to be at the bottom of the model quality scale, they make many subjects that none of the more fancied brands cover (particularly if you are a fan of Chris Amon).

*Lee Tracey*



Franklin Mint 1:24 1940 Ford Pick Up Christmas 2004

*Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year  
To All Members  
From Your Executive*

# THAT'S NEW? THAT'S NEWS!

## REVELL-MONOGRAM 1:24 Plastic Kits USA

Below is a partial list of Revell releases for 2005 as taken from a Yahoo! Group

1930 '05 Corvette C6 Conv. ertible(11)	1933 77 Chev Monte Carlo easy kit (3)
2861 Acura RSX-S (9)	2863 63 Corvette 427 Racer Sep 05
2866 69 Corvette California Wheels (6)	2867 Hummer H2-California Wheels (9)
2868 Miami Vice Daytona (4)	2869 Miami Vice Ferrari Testarossa (4)
2870 67 Chevelle Pro/Street(2)	2874 65 Mustang Shelby GT350R (7)
2877 59 Chevy Impala Hardtop (12)	2879 65 Chevy Impala Hardtop (12)
2882 56 Chev Del Ray Calif. Wheels (7)	2883 60 Chevy Impala Hardtop (4)
7681 1:16 California Charger AA/FD (7)	2810 1:12 69 Chevy Camaro Z/28 (9)
7806 Ford F-350 Duallie Pick up (5)	7807 Tom Daniel's Paddy Wagon (6)
7808 59 Cadillac Eldorado Seville (8)	

## CLASSIC CARLECTABLES 1:18 Diecast Australia

18083 Monaro 427 GRM 1 <sup>st</sup> Bath 24hrs04	18146 Commodore VY McConville 04 (le 500)
18147 Holden VY J & S Richards Bath04	18108 Ford DJR S. Johnson (LE800) Dec
18109 Ford DJR W. Luff (500) Dec	18116 Holden VY SS Ute w/canopy Black Dec
18088 Holden VY SS Ute Green (Dec)	18136 '65 Mustang Pete Geogehan Castrol

## CLASSIC CARLECTABLES 1:43 Diecast Australia

1033-1 Holden VY McConville (1250)	1034-5 Holden VY Tander (1250)
2017-9 Falcon BA S. Johnson (1500)	2018-6 Ford Falcon BA DJR Luff (1250)
43521 HQ Panel Van Sunburst (2005)	43523 Holden HJ Panel Van Mandarin (12)
43525 HX Panel Van Yellow (Early 2005)	43524 HX Ute Mandarin Red (early 2005)
43578 HJ Ute Mint Julep (early 2005)	

## FRANKLIN MINT 1:24 Diecast USA

'55 Porsche 356 Speedster Black	'57 Cadillac Brougham Met Blue
'48 Chrysler Town & Country Conv. Blue	Ford Tractor w/wagon Xmas (1:12)
'40 Ford Pick Up Xmas	2003 Dodge Viper SRT-10 Conv. Silver
'77 Pontiac Trans Am Police 'FOP'	2004 Corvette Conv. Blue
'48 Tucker Dark Green	'58 Corvette conv. White

## BIANTE 1:18 Diecast Australia Early 2005 releases

A87360 Falcon XY GTHO Moffat 73ATCC	A87310 Falcon XY GTHO Carter 73 ATCC
A72581 LC Torana XU-1 Lina Mint	A72582 LC Torana XU-1 Rally Red
A87961 Torana A9X Jansen/Perkins 2 <sup>ND</sup> Bathurst 79	

## REVELL 1:24 Plastic Kits Germany 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2005

7361 BMW Z1 January R/Release	7363 Porsche 944 Turbo April (ex Hasegawa)
7364 Ferrari 612 Scaglietti February	7374 Ford Escort Mk2 Rally March (ex Italeri)
7545 Peterbilt Alaskan Hauler Feb R/R	7547 Show Truck Sinalco & Trailer March

7934 Norton Manx April (italeri/Protar)      7935 MV Agusta 500 March (Italeri/Protar)  
7447 Ferrari Testarossa Jan (Monogram)

**CORGI 1:50 Diecast UK**

CC10806 Foden S21 3 axle flat Lorry Richard, Johnson & Nephew Jan  
CC10506 ERF KV 8 Wheel Dropside Lorry Rileys Transport Feb  
CC11509 AEC MkV 4 axle flat Lorry William Nuttall & Sons Ltd Mar  
CC10603 Leyland Octopus Platform Lorry Edward Derbyshire Apr  
CC11610 Albion Reiver Platform Lorry Pollock May  
CC11704 Guy Invincible 8 Wheel Platform Lorry Frederick Ray Ltd Jun  
CC13110 Volvo F88 2 Axle low loader & portable building Heanor Haulage Apr  
CC12513 Atkinson Venturer 2 Axle low loader & propeller Rawcliffe May  
CC13309 Morris Dropside Lorry & Barrels Brickwoods Ales Jan  
CC10507 ERF KV 4 Wheel Flat lorry & Sheeted Crates Showerings Ltd Feb  
CC13310 Austin 4 Wheel Dray & Crates Gaymers Cyder Mar  
CC13311 Morris flat with sheeted crates E Lacon and Son Ltd Apr  
C13410 MAN TGA XXL Pollock (Scotrans) Jan  
CC13218 DAF XF Space Cab Jack Richards & Son Ltd Feb  
CC12923 Scania Topline Macfarlane Transport Ltd Mar  
C11412 Bedford TK Luton Van Walkers of Wakefield Apr  
CC11003 Thames Trader Luton Van G W Jeakins May  
CC11413 Bedford TK Luton Van J A Coles Jun  
CC99155 Scania @ Stobart Set      CC19801 Moffett-Kooi M5 20 3  
CC13411 MAN TGA XL Sided Crane Trailer & pallet load RDL Distribution Jan  
CC13217 DAF XF Space Cab Curtainside Ramage Transport Ltd Jan 1  
CC12919 Scania Topline Livestock Transporter MacTaggart Bros & Co Jan  
CC12427 Volvo FH Sided Crane Trailer & pallet load Inta-Site Haulage Jan  
CC13510 Volvo FM Bulk Tipper James Booth (Bolton) Ltd  
CC13407 MAN TGA XL Feldbinder Tanker Tarmac plc Feb  
CC13408 ERF ECT Olympic Curtainside Richard Read (Transport) Ltd Feb  
CC13406 MAN TGA XXL Box Trailer - Saints Transport Feb  
CC13601 DAF CF Curtainside R Swain & Sons Ltd Feb  
CC12813 Scania T Topline Bulk Tipper Bartlett Haulage Ltd (Helldrivers) Jan  
CC99164 Pride of the Dales Set Alan Lodge Road Haulage Mar  
CC13602 DAF CF General Purpose Tanker Suttons Tankers Mar  
CC12920 Scania Topline Fridge Trailer A L Campbell Haulage Apr  
CC13506 Volvo FM Box Trailer E Pawson & Son Ltd Mar  
CC11912 ERF EC Series step frame curtainside K & P Iddon Transport Mar  
CC12921 Scania Topline Bulk Tipper Kenneth McWilliam Transport May  
CC13507 Volvo FM C/side R F Fielding (4)  
CC13409 MAN TGA XXL C/side John Mitchell (4)  
CC12428 Volvo FH Livestock Transporter Fred Greenwood & Son (6)  
CC12814 Scania T Cab GP Tanker Atchison Topeka Ltd (5)  
CC13603 DAF CF Curtainside Tyson H Burrridge Ltd May  
CC99165 Lord of the Isles Set D R Macleod of Stornoway Jun  
CC12922 Scania Topline Fridge Trailer Trevor Pye Transport Jun  
CC13508 Volvo FM Bulk Tipper Yuill & Dodds Ltd Jan  
CC13604 DAF CF Aggregate Tipper RMC Aggregates Feb

CC13509 Volvo FM Bulk Tipper J W Morrison Mar  
 CC13605 DAF CF Aggregate Tipper Charlie Lauder Transport Apr  
 CC25802 Leyland Tiger Cub Weymann King Alfred Motor Services  
 US53509 ALF 700 Closed Brook Park, OHUS50809 Seagrave K Open Cab LA  
 US52512 Seagrave 70th Ann. Semi Closed Pumper Kentland, MD  
 US52506 Seagrave 70th Ann. Tractor Drawn Aerial Baltimore, MD  
 US54019 GM Old Look 4507 Green Bus Lines  
 US54409 GM4501 Greyhound Scenicruiser Washington, DC  
 US55708 Kenworth W925 Lowboy Trailer

#### **VANGUARDS 1:43 Diecast UK**

VA08908 Austin 1800 Cardiff (5)	VA01418 Mini Van Almond Green (2)
VA02309 Austin A35 Country Cream (3)	VA05404 Morris Oxford VI Rose -White (4)
VA08301 Morris 1000 pickup Sea Blue (1)	VA01121 Minor Van Bus Interest Group (6)
VA09500 Ford Escort Mk I Red (5)	VA09501 Ford Escort Mk I MP Racing (6)
VA02110 Ford Popular 100E Red (4)	VA06618 Ford Transit Van 40th Ann. L/Ed. (3)
VA04109 Lotus Cortina Mk II Jade (2)	VA06104 Ford Zodiac Mk II 2 tone Blue (1)
VA09600 Range Rover Adriatic Blue (6)	VA07608 Land Rover Blue (4)
VA09103 Jaguar XJR Ebony (5)	VA08608 Jaguar XJ6 Series 1 Primrose (3)
VA05905 Jaguar XK120 Lav. Grey (1)	VA09201 Rover 75 Firefrost Red (5)
VA09005 Rover Vanden Plas White (3)	VA06513 P6 3500 V8 City Grey (1)
VA09300 MG ZT Trophy Blue (1)	VA09200 Rover 75 British Racing Green (1)
VA09006 Rover 3500 SD1 Sussex Pol.(3)	VA08207 Triumph 2.5Pi Dorset & Bo/mouth (2)
VA09502 Ford Escort Mk1 Suffolk (6)	VA01419 Morris Mini Van Ayrshire Const. (5)
VA04006 Singer Coupe Silver Metallic (2)	VA06809 Hillman Minx IIIA Glade Green (4)
VA05309 Dolomite Sprint Tahiti Blue (3)	VA07403 Herald Convertible Royal Blue (1)
VA06710 Triumph Spitfire 40th Ann. (5)	VA09401 Vauxhall Astra Digital Green (6)
VA06409 Vauxhall Cresta Access Taxis (2)	VA09400 Vauxhall Astra Star Silver (1)
VA05806 Morris Minor Met. Traffic Police 75th Anniversary Ltd Edn (1)	
VA08706 Vauxhall Viva HB Wedgwood Blue (4)	
VA07504 Morris Commercial Dropside Severn Valley Railway (2)	

#### **ORIGINAL OMNIBUS CO 1:76 Diecast UK**

OM99166 The Solent Bus Set (1)	OM41304 Wright Eclipse Fusion First London (1)
OM43509 Blackpool Balloon Tram Eclipse(4)	OM44106 Optare Solo Ulsterbus (5)
OM43312 Plaxton Premiere Wilts & Dorset(5)	OM41208 Eclipse Gemini London Utd (6)
OM41207 Wright Eclipse Gemini Yellow Buses(2)	
OM42410 Bedford VAL-Panorama I Yellowway (3)	
OM41109 Daimler CVG6-East Lancs Bradford City Transport (2)	
OM43311 Plaxton Excalibur Oxford Bus Company (Oxford Express) (3)	
OM40305 Leyland Royal Tiger-Burlingham Seagull Barton Transport (4)	
OM44704 Dennis Dart SLF-Plaxton Arriva Kent & Sussex (Transweald) Jun	

**TAMIYA** Various Plastic Kits Japan December releases

24276 Impreza WRC Rally Japan04 (24)    24277 Xanavi Nismo Z 1st JGTC04 (24)  
14099 Honda NSR500 86 Japan RRC (12)    12601 P/E parts set for Kit 24276  
12602 P/E parts set for Kit 24277    32505 Early Sherman M4 Tank (48)  
32507 Sturmgeschütz III Ausf. B (48)    31614 USS New Jersey BB-62 (700)  
31615 HMS Prince of Wales Malaya (700)    12023 Porsche 935 Martini (12 R/R)

Announced at Tokyo Hobby Show October 2 2004. No release dates given.

14012 Kawasaki KR1000F 81 WEC (R/R)    14098 Yamaha YZR-M1 MotoGP04  
14028 Kawasaki KR500 82 GP (12) (R/R)

**WELLY** 1:18 Die Cast China

12520 '70 Mercury Cougar Eliminator	12521 '70 Mercury Cougar XR7
12523 '03 Ford StreetKa	12531 '62 VW Microbus
12532 VW Touareg	12533 '01 VW Passat sedan
12536 '03 Range Rover	12540 '04 Alfa GT
12542 VW New Beetle Convertible	12543 '70 Chevrolet El Camino
12544 '03 Citroen C2	12545 '61 Lincoln Continental
12546 '82 Corvette	12528 '02 Dodge Ram 1500Quad Short Box



Above: Franklin Mint 1:12 scale Ford tractor with trailer and Christmas load

Right: Franklin Mint 1:24 1977 Pontiac Firebird Police Car in Fraternal Order of Police colours



## A VERY HALLMARK CHRISTMAS



The 2004 range of Hallmark Xmas tree ornaments include  
 1933 Harley Flathead VXD  
 2002 VRSCA V-Rod  
 Antique Tractor  
 ALF 700 Pumper (New Series for 2004)  
 1929 Chevrolet Fire Truck  
 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado  
 2002 Ford F150  
 Locomotive 'Hiawatha' - tender and passenger  
 car also released separately

