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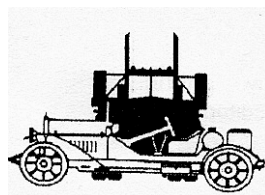
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well the AGM has come and gone once again and a very quiet meeting it was. Elsewhere in this issue you should be able to read my presidents report and while not as positive as I would like it is what I would call a truthful report. The only major change instigated at the AGM is that Miniature Auto will now come out 4 times a year instead of 6 but with some colour and without subscriptions rising.

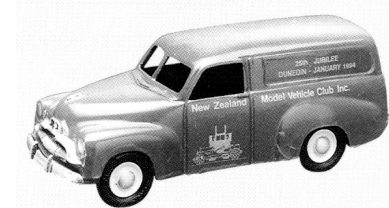
As you are all aware the original date organised for the AGM had to be cancelled as we were not going to get a quorum present and I do offer my apologies to those who had organised time off work to attend that one and then could not make the amended date. In particular to John Henderson from Christchurch who had already left home and continued his journey to at least as far as Dunedin. John is one of our more enthusiastic members who like Ian Cousins from Wellington make great efforts and hardly ever miss an AGM.

Another topic of discussion at the AGM was what format the AGM should take. While it is up to the organising branch to do what they like (SOUTHLAND IN 2011) what would it take to get you to attend? Each year there seems to be only 4 or 5 people apart from John or Ian who make the effort. The fact that they do year after year (at some considerable cost) means that they obviously think it worthwhile.

Perhaps there could be some input to Miniature Auto from those who do travel as to why they do and why more should or from those of you that don't as to why you don't or what it would take to get you there. Perhaps we need to come up with a totally different concept altogether after all it is now 2010 and perhaps we should move with the changing times.

Happy modelling to all!

Howard Brockie



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another year passes and nothing changes. 2009/10 has been a very quiet year on a National front and the club is in much the same position as we were this time last year except that this year I have at least remembered to prepare a report for presentation to the AGM.

At the AGM in Invercargill last year there was much discussion about the future direction of the club and how we could possibly increase membership. Personally I left that meeting with a really positive feeling about the clubs future. A survey was sent out to all members and once replies were received and information collated it became very clear that the members wanted no change to the structure or direction of the club.

So we take from this that the majority of you are happy with the future of and what you are getting from the club. I believe that over the years our expectations have changed and as models and information has become easier to obtain that the club has become more social. Combine that with our busier lifestyles and perhaps we have the reason why lots of members seem to contribute so little to the club. Like anything you only get out of any club what you put into it.

My fear however is that without change in the clubs direction or attitude it may not have a future. Every year we seem to lose a few more members and without the efforts of a few key members in the 3 surviving branches I wonder if even they would survive. This may sound negative but the truth is that after 41 years I would hate to see the club slowly fade away. Keep putting in the same or doing the same and you get the same result and over the recent past the clubs direction overall has not been bright.

I don't know what the answer's are but I do know that I appreciate the better than ever variety of models available and the ease with which I can now obtain information. With all this the club should be stronger than ever and the future for our hobby is bright so let's make the most of it and make the future of the club bright also. Here's hoping that you all manage to add lots of models to your collection this year and have lots of fun doing so.

Howard Brockie

BRANCH NEWS

OTAGO:

For our May club night, we paid a visit to the new private residence of Roy McDonald; well, not quite as it was to view the enormous steel showroom that was part of his residential property that includes Roy's collection of motor vehicles.

Roy's collection is great and all the items on display were full sized vehicles as his models were still packed away but will be shown when the next stage of development is completed.

I am sure that all members who were present would have been dreaming about how they would like a similar building to house and display their collection in!

Real vehicles on display included a 1932 Ford Rod imported from the United States and the only one in New Zealand. Others on show were a 1953 Chevrolet pick-up, XP Falcon, Chevrolet Corvette, Ford Mustang, Ford GT40, Chevrolet El Camino, 1965 Shelby, Ford Cortina mk.II plus a few more.

A great collection and as usual, Roy made all of us so welcome and explained all the details of any vehicle that was there.

I would love to see the building when it is finished with all the models on display as well.

Many thanks to Roy.

June Club night was held in our usual club room venue in Christophine and we had a good turn out of members.

Competitions were for any model with a two-tone paint finish and a great selection of models were entered and displayed on the tables.

We also had a great display of motorcycle models; some of them also had a two-tone paint finish.

Results of the competition were as follows:

Diecast	1st Shayne Spicer	Subaru Rally Car
	2nd Steve Ferguson	FJ Holden
	3rd Kevin Horne	'57 Harley-Davidson Sport
Kitset	1st Graeme Obrien	Ford Models A Woody
	2nd Graeme Obrien	Mercer
Members' Choice	Shayne Spicer	Subaru Rally Car
Lucky Door Prize	Graham Patterson	

Eric Brockie

SOUTHLAND

Our **May** meeting was held at Paul Thompson's in Wyndham and was small with only 4 attending members. The Jaguar raffle was drawn and won by Paul's Mum.

Competition Results:

Kitsets:	No Entries	
Diecast Large:	1st Paul Thompson	Falcon
	2nd Fred Hawkes	Lancia Beta
	3rd Fred Hawkes	FJ Holden Ambulance
Diecast Small:	1st David Peipi	Bullnose Morris Van
	2nd Paul Thompson	Studebaker Pickup
	3rd Fred Hawkes	Mercedes Ambulance

Winter has arrived now so everyone will be parked by the fire building up some of those kitsets that have been in storage for years or polishing up and reorganising all the diecasts. Yeah.. Right!

Meeting for June was held at Russell Corbett's and was attended by 7 members. Discussion was held on the Hot Rod Show that is to be held on Labour Weekend and the fact that it clashes with The Great Little Train Show. No final decisions have been made and Russell is to contact the organisers. Also covered was the AGM in Dunedin and members were updated on the meeting.

Russell had put pen to paper and his report on the trip (including the visits to the model Shops) was sent to all Southland members.

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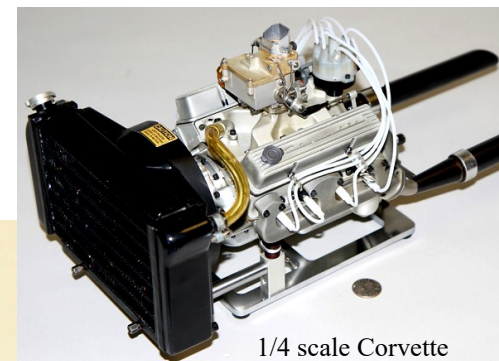
Kitsets:	No Entries	
Diecast Large:	1st Russell Corbett	Bedford Bus
	2nd Roger Larsen	57 Ford Sunliner
	3rd David Peipi	57 Ford Ranchero
Diecast Small:	1st Graeme Robertson	Lincoln Continental
	2nd Graeme Robertson	Chevrolet Station wagon Fire Chief
	3rd John Macgregor	Vauxhall FB Victor

Wanted wanted Wanted wanted Wanted wanted
 Kitset News,
 Diecast News.
 Any Hobby News whatsoever!

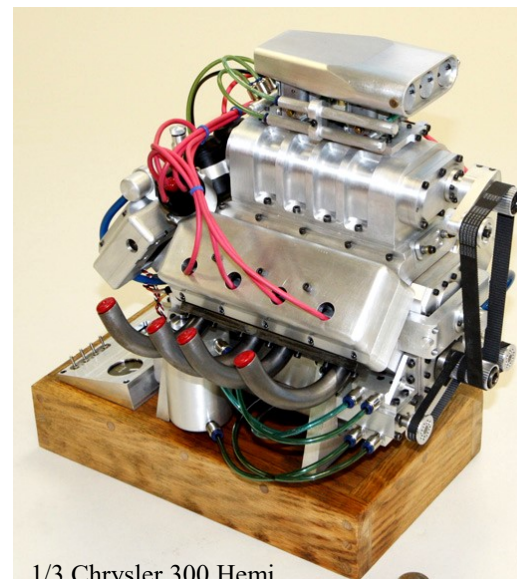
MODEL MOTORS

Wellington member, Paul Alcock, has sent some links to Web sites that feature working models of engines both automotive and aeronautical.

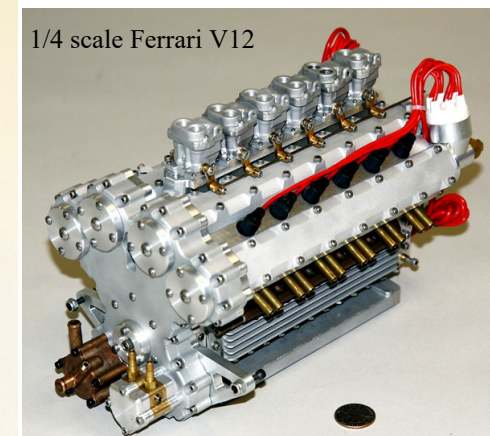
<http://www.craftsmanshipmuseum.com/>
<http://www.weberprecision.com/>
<http://www.moyermade.com/>
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1/4 scale Corvette



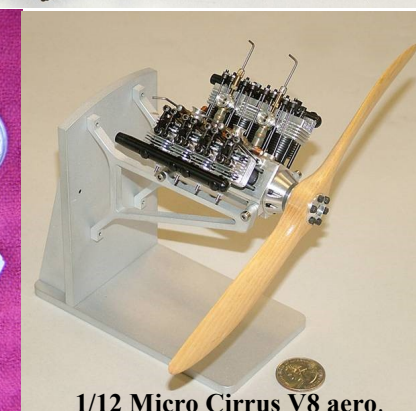
1/3 Chrysler 300 Hemi



1/4 scale Ferrari V12



1/6 Corvette parts



1/12 Micro Cirrus V8 aero.

ASHBURTON MODEL TRUCK SHOW. PHOTOS BY ERIC BROCKIE



BBURAGO

Bburago models (toys?) are well known on the New Zealand market. Up until recently, Bburago were made in Italy, but the inevitable happened and the company went into receivership. Maisto from China came to the rescue and now the models are made in China. If you have ever wondered why the name has a double B at the start? It is reported that place names cannot be used as trade names and Burago is a small town in northern Italy where, the models were made. Of course, many sellers and references leave off the Bb.

Now the make has started reappearing in the shops in New Zealand. There is a noticeable improvement in the quality as the Italian ones would be best described as 'cheap and cheerful'. Unfortunately, there also seems quite an increase in price, so they have changed in both respects.

Most offerings in NZ are 1/18 scale but 1/24 and 1/43 can be found. My preference is for 1/43 and I must admit that Bburago have quite a cavalier approach to the size with perceived value overruling the scale fidelity. That is small models such as the Fiat 500 and Mini are made bigger to fill the box.

One annoyance of late is that Bburago do not put the make of the car on the box (licence problems?) and some are hard to recognise from their profile as the grille and signage is usually obscured. The only way sometimes is to de-box the model to check it out and I'm sure the shop keeper would not be happy with this. Another problem is the models come in a carton stacked with models 3 deep and about 6 down, so the only way to see what is on offer is to empty them out over the floor usually. Another activity that would vex the shop keeper!

Anyhow, after that preamble, I did manage to buy a few recent releases from Toyworld:



Left to right: Lamborghini Murcielago LP640, Nissan GTR 2009, Lamborghini Reventón (in matt black!). All 1/43 and cost \$8 each.

Ron

IMPORT DUTY CHANGES

The Consumer magazine reports that as from July 2010, the New Zealand Custom Service will apply an import transaction fee (ITF) of \$24.75 (\$22 plus GST @ 12½% [15% from October 1st]) to a range of personal imports that attract GST and import duty. In addition, a MAF Biosecurity (BSEL) entry levy of \$12.50 (including GST) is also been charged whenever ITF is applied. The BSEL is used to offset border risk management costs.

The ITF applies to goods valued over \$400, but some categories the duty is payable on values less than that. One example given is for "Toys and Models"

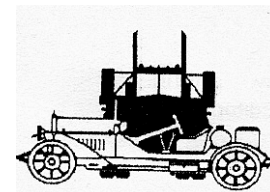
Customs value	\$380
Duty	0%
Freight Cost	19.00
GST value	\$399
Duty payable	\$0.00
GST payable	\$49.88
Total duty and GST payable	\$49.88
<i>(does not exceed minimum of \$50)</i>	
ITF	Not payable
BSEL	Not payable
Total payable	\$0.00

With items such as jewellery and clothing have Duty of 5% and 10% respectively and doing those sums, they end up paying \$94.13 for a Customs value of \$300 for the jewellery example and \$99.13 for \$250 of clothing.

Note that Customs value includes all costs—purchase price and postage charges, etc. I am not sure what the 'Freight cost' is in the table.

It is easy to see that imports should always be kept under the \$380 level. Beware of the increase in GST which would change the whole equation: The GST payable in the above example goes up to \$59.85—above the \$50 minimum (and the whole amount is to the total not just the difference between \$50 and \$59.85), the total payable under those figures is now \$97.66! **THIS IS A GUIDE ONLY AND THE NEW ZEALAND MODEL VEHICLE CLUB (Inc) ACCEPTS NO REPOSIBILITY FOR ANY ERRORS AND OMMISSIONS).**

Check out www.customs.govt.nz for more and full information



MORE NEW ZEALAND RELATED MODELS



Apart from the two Siku shown on the front cover, here are another 2 models connected with New Zealand.

Above: Dauntless 1/48 Franklin Mint RNZAF WW2 (similar to the one described by Evan Blanch).

Below: Hercules C130 'Operation Deep Freeze' as flown out of Christchurch. I was on a similar one in 1964 down to 'the ice'.



LETTER

What a surprise to see the Air New Zealand Electra on the back page of MA 238. I well remember first Electra of TEAL (Tasman Empire Airways limited, later renamed Air New Zealand) to arrive at Christchurch Airport (Harewood) and going there for a 'walk through' during the open day for the public. This must have been 1958 or '59. It was either this flight or one shortly after that an Electra averaged over 500 miles per hour across the Tasman and under 3 hours for the distance. This was due to the aircraft picking up a east to west 'jet-stream' all the way and it was a phenomenal performance for a propeller driven airplane, especially as it was a commercial airliner and not a military version.

When the Electra was introduced in the USA, there were several accidents with them due to wing loadings and failures. Lockheed had to virtually redesign the aircraft and by the time it was finished, it was being overtaken by jets; Boeing 707s, etc.

It was a good aircraft for trans-Tasman service being a quick climber and could get above the weather to give a comfortable ride (most of the time!). The Electra morphed into the P3 Orion and the engines and wings are found on the C130 Hercules.



RNZAF Harvards: some of the airframes of these planes found their way back to the USA after the sell-off of these and at least one has been rebuilt into RNZAF colours; which makes it very different from a T6 or TEXAN as they are called there. There is or was another in England which was seen on the air show circuit there and around Europe. Even the Aussies have acknowledged our Kiwi emblem, well why not, their Kangaroo is not unknown here along with the colourful SAAF (South Africa) scheme and a blue US Navy T6 to be seen flying out of Wanaka.

Further New Zealand orientated models:

I have a Matchbox kit Douglas Dauntless dive bomber in RNZAF no. 25 squadron (Solomon Islands, 1943). They were in US Navy colours dark blue on top and light blue underneath with NZ roundels over the US star. One of these originals has been found in the USA and carries period RNZAF markings.

NZ Siku specials. Although these are good representations (as far as decoration goes); the vehicles are not as used in New Zealand; being BMW and Mercedes, etc (although the ambulance is pretty close). The alternative would be to use the correct vehicle (probably from Trax), but that would be horrendously expensive.

Evan Blanch

MODEL MART

Models – some recent but mostly well obsolete. All 1/43 scale, boxed in mint or near mint condition.

OXFORD:	Mini pick-up “Shell-Mex – BP” livery	\$15
	Austin 3-way van “Lancashire Evening Post	\$25
VITESSE:	231 Saurer type C 1943/76 lorry ‘Chocolat Suchard’	\$40
	280 Cadillac El Dorado 1950/53 open Cabriolet	\$30
BROOKLIN:	BRK9 Ford Delivery van “Ford” livery	\$100
	BRK126 1936 Pierce-Arrow convertible	\$80
AUTO PILEN:	323 AMC Javelin	\$40
	294 Peugeot 504	\$40
	Ferrari 512S	\$40
GAMA	1167 Mercedes Benz 190 saloon	\$30
ELIGOR	Ford van “Chocolat Suchard”	\$40
SOLIDO	233 Renault R35 tank	\$45
	234 Somua S35 tank	\$45
	6022 Marmon military truck	\$40
	4003 l’age d-or Talbot T23	\$20
NOREV	Fiat X1/9 (Jet-Car metal series)	\$20
CHAIKA (USSR)	50’s Cadillac copy	\$60

Carville Stewart, PO Box 42 SEFTON 7445, North Canterbury

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The following models are for sale. All are mint and boxed 1/18 scale at very good prices:

MIRA	‘64 Ford Mustang Roadster (white)	\$35
CORGI	MG MGF (grey)	\$35
ERTL	Pontiac Trans Am (red)	\$40
ERTL	1957 Chevrolet Bel Air (dark pink)	\$40
MAISTO	Hummer (red)	\$35
MAISTO	Mercedes A Class (red)	\$30
MAISTO	Audi TT Roadster (red)	\$35
MAISTO	Mercedes Benz CLK GTR (silver)	\$40
MAISTO	989 Mercedes 500SL (grey/purple)	\$40
MAISTO	1955 Mercedes 190SL Roadster (white)	\$35
SOLIDO	Ferrari 365 GTS (red)	\$30
REVELL	Goggomobile (red)	\$25
SUNSTAR	Facel Vega HK500 (black)	\$30
SUNSTAR	Triumph GT6 Mk.III (red)	\$30
MIRA	1949 Ford Coupe (brown)	\$30
ROAD SIGNATURES	Fiat Abarth 695SS (red)	\$30
UH	Alfa Romeo Spyder (red)	\$30
BURAGO	1961 Porsche 356B (red)	\$30
BURAGO	Dodge Viper GTS Coupe (blue)	\$35

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THAT'S NEWS?—THAT'S NEWS!

Classic Carlectables (Australia)

1/18 Holden EH sedan



Biante (Australia)

1/18 Holden HX Sandman van

1/18 Holden HX Sandman Utility

1/10 scale 2010 Jim Beam Ford FG Falcon

Look at the difference in size compared to a 1/18 scale model!



Oxford Diecast (United Kingdom)

1/43

Armstrong Siddeley Lancaster

Armstrong Siddeley Hurricane

1/76

Alvis Speed 20

SS Jaguar

MGZB sedan

Riley Kestrel

Standard Flying 12

Wolseley 18/85

Trax (Top Gear) (Australia)

1/43 Select Series No.2 1974 Leyland P76 Force 7 Coupe

These are limited once only run. Only the number ordered will be made.

1/43 1960 Ford Falcon XK Sedan

Gold plated to celebrate 50 years of Falcon Australia

1/76 **Trux** 1951 AEC Regal Mark III Sydney single deck Government bus

Mattel Hot Wheels (USA)

1/18

Ferrari 308GTS

Ferrari 360 Challenge Stradale 2004

Ferrari 250 LM 1963-65

1/43

Ferrari 330P4

Lamborghini Murcielago LP640

Ferrari F430 Scuderia Elite

Model Icons (United Kingdom?)

1/18

Jaguar Mark II 3.8litre *Available in various finishes including race and Police.*

Ford Escort Mark II Police

Ford Escort Mark III Police

Model Motors (Italy)

1/18 Fiat Grande Punto 2010

1/24 Fiat 500 Abarth 2009

Spark 1/43 RESIN readymade

Creation Judd Autosportif #4 Le Mans 2009

JPS Team Lotus F1 transporter 1972

Peugeot 205 Turbo 16 1985

Lotus 102D 1992 South African

GP #12

BMW 3.0CSL 1972

Porsche 935 bicycle speed record

1977

Triumph Spitfire #60 Le Mans 1965

Mercedes-Benz SLR 722 GT Trophy

Jaguar XJR12 #3 Le Mans winner 1990

Mercedes-Benz W196 Italian GP

Fangio

Bizarre (Spark) 1/43 RESIN readymade

MGA Twin-Cam #314 Monte Carlo rally '62 Mazda RX7 #86 Le Mans 1980

Kyosho (Japan) 1/18

Mercedes-Benz CLK DTM AMG cabriolet

Lotus Europa Special JPS 1973

Classix 1/76 (United Kingdom)

Trojan 20cwt van 'Brooke Bond Tea'

Austin K8 3 way van 'Pink Rarafin'

Base Toys 1/76 (United Kingdom)

Bristol HA artic flatbed
ways'

Leyland FG crew bus 'British Rail-

Foden FG tractor and trailer

Corgi September 2010 until April 2011

new releases:

Vanguards 1/43 Subaru Impreza Turbo TCM 2008

Vanguards 1/43 Ford Sierra XR4i

Trackside 1/76 Coles Argus 6 ton crane
(like Dinky Toy)



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