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“From the Iron Works”

By

Big Bill Schwarz. Pres.

Hi all! Hope summer is going well or you guys. I'll be staying home during the heat so my leg doesn't get infected. Not much new on this end. The show is paid up and booked or 2025; the group Wildcat build is going well; and one more important thing—**WELCOME TO THE E-BOARD ERIC SCHROETER!!!** He will be a welcome addition as well as be the future o the club! Thanks for standing up and taking charge! With that said a BIG< BIG< BIG thanks to Vince for being there all these years by my side, and doing your thing to keep the club solvent. **WELL DONE OLD FRIEND-WELL DONE.**

TWO MORE THINGS: July meeting is BBQ night at the Knights-ribs, burgers, dogs, beers, etc. so come hungry. Lastly, Martin has a new thing on the club Facebook page. It's called member's models! GREAT IDEA! Some or all of you send a picture or two of your recent builds (NOT 10 or twenty!!) So he can put them up to show people how many of you are so good.

That's it, see y'all FRIDAY NIGHT! Be well, stay cool, and enjoy life.

Regards,

BB Pres.



Big Bill sent a photo of his 3-D printed Disney Nautilus!

I'm sure we all give our best to Vince for his years of being on the E-Board, and Congratulations to Eric Schroeter for moving up to Vince's spot. Ed.

THE CONTACT'S VIEW

By Mike Pavlo, VP



Hard to believe that it's already June...weren't we all just at MosquitoCon? Time flies. Several weeks ago I was in Raleigh NC, accompanying my wife on a business trip. I prepared an itinerary beforehand of things to do and see, and of

course it included several hobby shop destinations. Just within 20-30 minutes of our hotel, I was able to visit 3 nice hobby shops. There was another one that I had to miss because of some time and weather constraints, otherwise it could have easily been 4 shops. It made me contemplate why in the world don't we have more hobby shops around here. It's hard to fathom how the NYC metro area is practically devoid of hobby shops. The only one I can think of is Jimmy P's Ridgefield Hobbies. All of the other brick and mortar shops are gone. We're familiar with all the usual reasons why this has happened, but it's still saddening. To a modeler, there truly is nothing that quite compares to walking into a hobby shop, especially one you've never been to before. Luckily I was able to do that down in North Carolina.....too bad it has become such a rarity.

Best Wishes,

Mike P.

Sad but true! Ed.

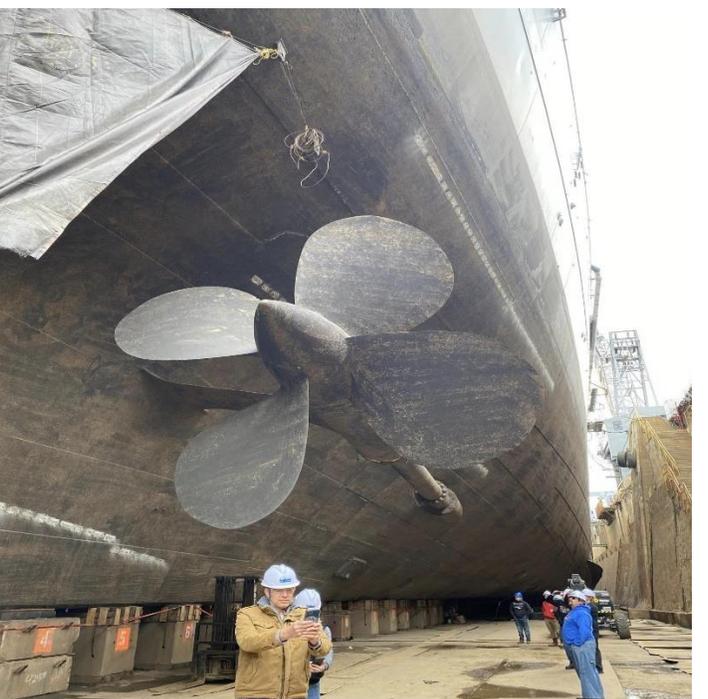
THE JUDGES TABLE

By Jon Da Silva



Hello everybody! In club business, I'd like to ask if anyone would like to sponsor a themed night for the remainder of 2024? We've been a little light this year but all still good fun. I'd like to collaborate with Big Bill to figure out when the 1/48 Wildcat Group Build is due. My suggestion would be early '25 but his opinion might differ. Congratulations to Eric on his new found club responsibilities!

As many of you know, I took some time back in April to visit USS New Jersey in drydock at the former Philadelphia Navy Yard. This past weekend a friend of mine and I returned to see New Jersey. I feel I have a truly unique experience being able to see the before and after of this great ship. I have taken more photos than I can possibly share in a NL article, but I'll leave you with a few!



Thanks Jon!

FROM THE EAGLE'S NEST

Mike Dobrzelecki

NNL EAST 2024 SHOW – MOST EXCITING NEW KIT – JAMES BOND'S ASTON MARTIN DB5 from REVELL OF GERMANY!

On Saturday April 27th, a bunch of club members attended the 2024 NNL Model Car Show held at our same Mosquitocon Venue at the Wayne PAL Hall. If you never checked out an NNL show, I highly recommend it, as the top car model builders from around the country, and from foreign countries bring their work for exhibition there. Probably the most fun I had at the show was talking with guys around me while waiting in line (which wraps around the whole building before they open) to get into the show.

Besides the great car models on the table in the big gym, the vendors are in the Bingo Hall area and the smaller gym where Mosquitocon has the models in competition. Revell/Monogram and Revell of Germany also had a display table promoting their new and upcoming kits; their new James Bond Aston Martin DB5 drawing the most attention. As a kid growing up in the 1960s, I was (and remain) a huge James Bond fan. The first James Bond Movie I saw was “Goldfinger” which starred introduced 007's gadget-filled Aston Martin sports car during Christmas time in 1964, which I saw in the Paramount Theater in down town Newark, NJ. The movie was such a huge success, that a few weeks later in January 1965, they re-released the two earlier James Bond movies, “Dr. No” and “From Russia with Love” on a double-bill at the Loews in downtown Newark, so I saw the first three 007 movies within a month's time, which is about the best one could do binge-watching a series in the mid-60s. Like every boy in the mid-1960s, I wanted to grow up and be James Bond!

Fast-forward to the summer of 1966, my mom rented a bungalow down the shore in Belmar, and besides riding the waves on my canvas raft, I liked playing miniature

golf and going to Dairy Queen the most, carefully budgeting my allowance to cover my vacation fun. I would also walk the entire length of Main Street, checking out the stores, which had all kinds of kid's beach gear, each with a small shelf of model kits to keep kids busy on rainy days. And there was the Sportsman Shop on Rt.35 in Neptune with its larger selection of kits to check out (I bought my first Scale Modeler magazine at this shop). One day while I was walking the magic mile of shops on Main Street, I saw the Craftmaster James Bond 007 1/24th scale Aston Martin DB5 on the shelf and immediately snagged this golden treasure. For me this was the ultimate cool model kit, which featured all the gadgets in Bond's sleek sports car, including a spring-loaded ejection seat! The store's paint rack also had a new type of hobby spray paint – a metal-flake system, which required two cans – a silver base coat and translucent colors for a top coat. Wow, I just had to try this paint. Even though the DB5 was a silver birch color, I bought the blue metal flake system. I built the model when I got home and used the metal flake paint, priding myself for being a hotshot Jedi-modeler at age 11, even though it had drips and runs on the finish. Over the decades that followed my James Bond Aston Martin was probably sacrificed in the usual Viking Firecracker/Funeral Pyre Fest during the summer. I somehow managed to hang onto the "Double-Aught" spy attaché case with his pistol, pistol stock and hand grenade, though.

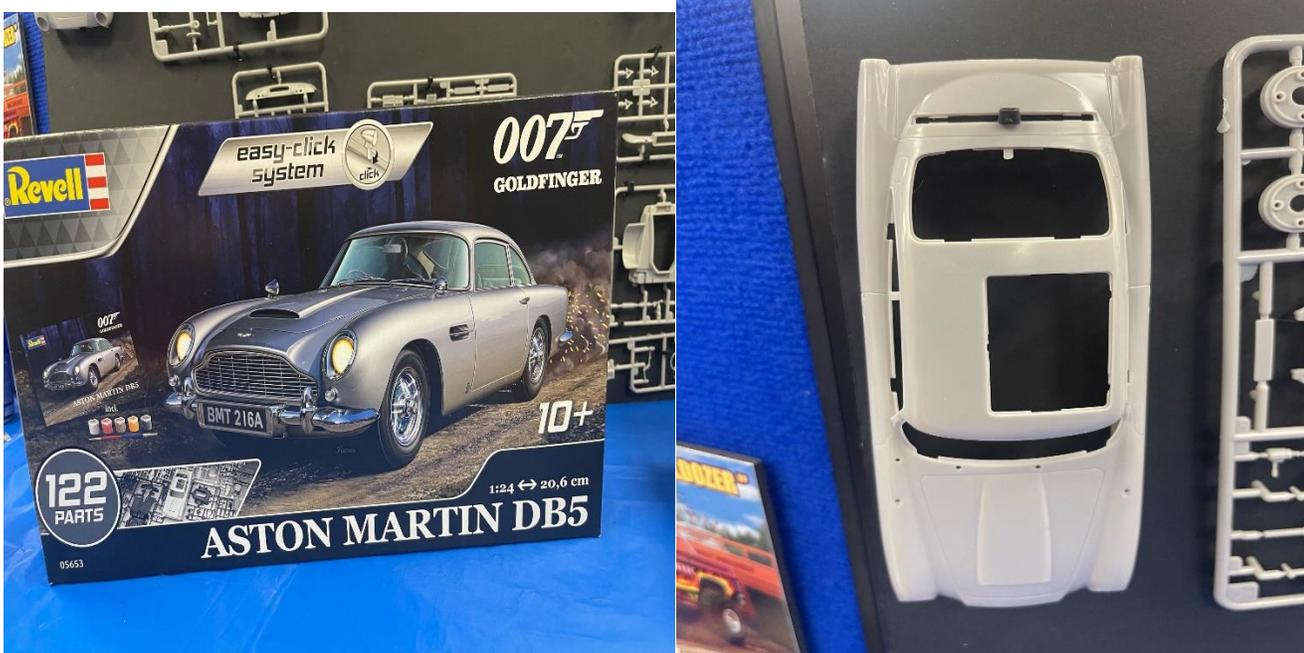
Fast-forward again to the 21st Century, and I started thinking about building this kit again with all my updated skills and after-market products now available. Over ten years I was able to obtain two junkyard Craftmaster kits, and a host of after-market photo-etch, resin parts, decals, and wire wheels. I also bought the Doyusha 1/24th scale Aston Martin DB5, and a Monogram Aston Martin DB4. The interior in the Craftmaster kit is shit, the one in the Doyusha kit not much better, so I intended to incorporate (with modifications) some of the interior parts from the Monogram BD4 into the DB5 build, with the Doyusha kit probably going to be the choice for the exterior body. Aurora also made a James Bond Aston Martin, but that kit is universally panned as a piece of crap.

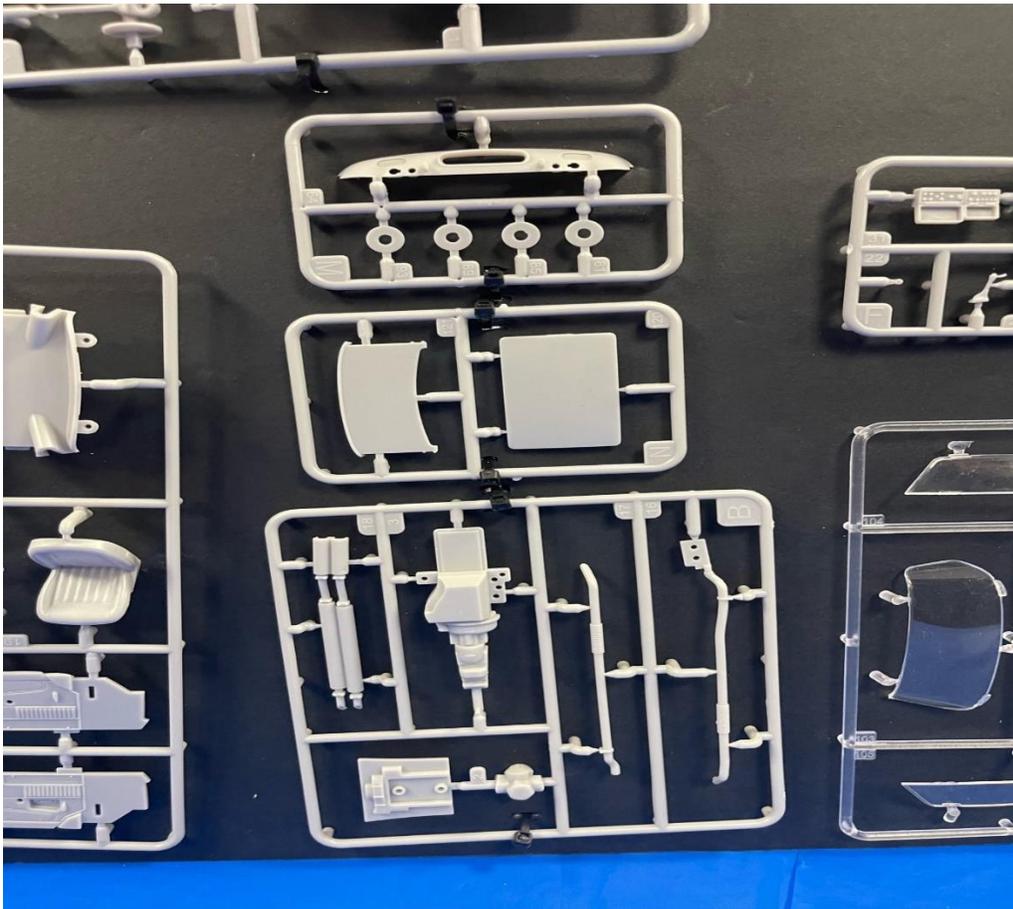
Like the Airfix Craftmaster kit, the Revell kit has the various devices, e.g. machine guns, rotating number plates, oil slick and smoke screen devices, tire shredders, a bullet-proof shield, and an ejector seat (not spring-loaded, though) for the bad guy.

Inside the car there was an electric follow-up map and a telephone. Revell's kit supposedly can be built largely without glue, using its so-called "easy click" system. One possible reason for that may be that you can change between Bond's car and the ordinary Aston Martin version since the parts are not attached with glue.

The kit doesn't have an entire engine, so the bonnet (hood) and the boot (trunk) do not open. The amount of detail was reasonable and the fit of the parts is reportedly good. The only part where Revell had cut corners is the front grille. It is a chrome part but without the ventilation openings between the bars. Perhaps the photo-etch grill I have for the Craftmaster kit will fit the Revell kit, but I bet the after-market industry will be releasing accessories made to fit the Revell kit shortly.

There was a dedicated silver birch hobby paint produced for the JB Aston Martin, but it is no longer available, though Tamiya's TS-17 gloss aluminum is reportedly close enough. Conceivably, one could use the engine parts and other missing details and features from either the Craftmaster, Doyusha DB5 kits or the Monogram DB 4 kit to dress-up the Revell kit, though the interior of the Revell kit looks pretty good. I found one on eBay for about \$5, shipping included, and I should have it at the may meeting for the members to fondle.





To Fondle!?!?!?
Looking forward to the build!

Now on to the kits from last month.



Antonio Merolli brought in a Hasegawa 1/72 Yak-3.

Antonio added some cockpit details, and hand-painted the nose.

Dave Goldman brought in a 1/25 scale bust from Revell title. "The Outlaw."





John Bucholz brought in Max Factory 1/20 VF-31C



One of our newer members, Dave Dikun showed of a 90mm figure, but gave us no manufacturer, I'm guessing Verlinden.

Martin Orlando, another new member, brought in more WarHammer figures.



This is WarHammer Custodian Champion, which Martin did some extra sculpting and conversion to be more accurate.

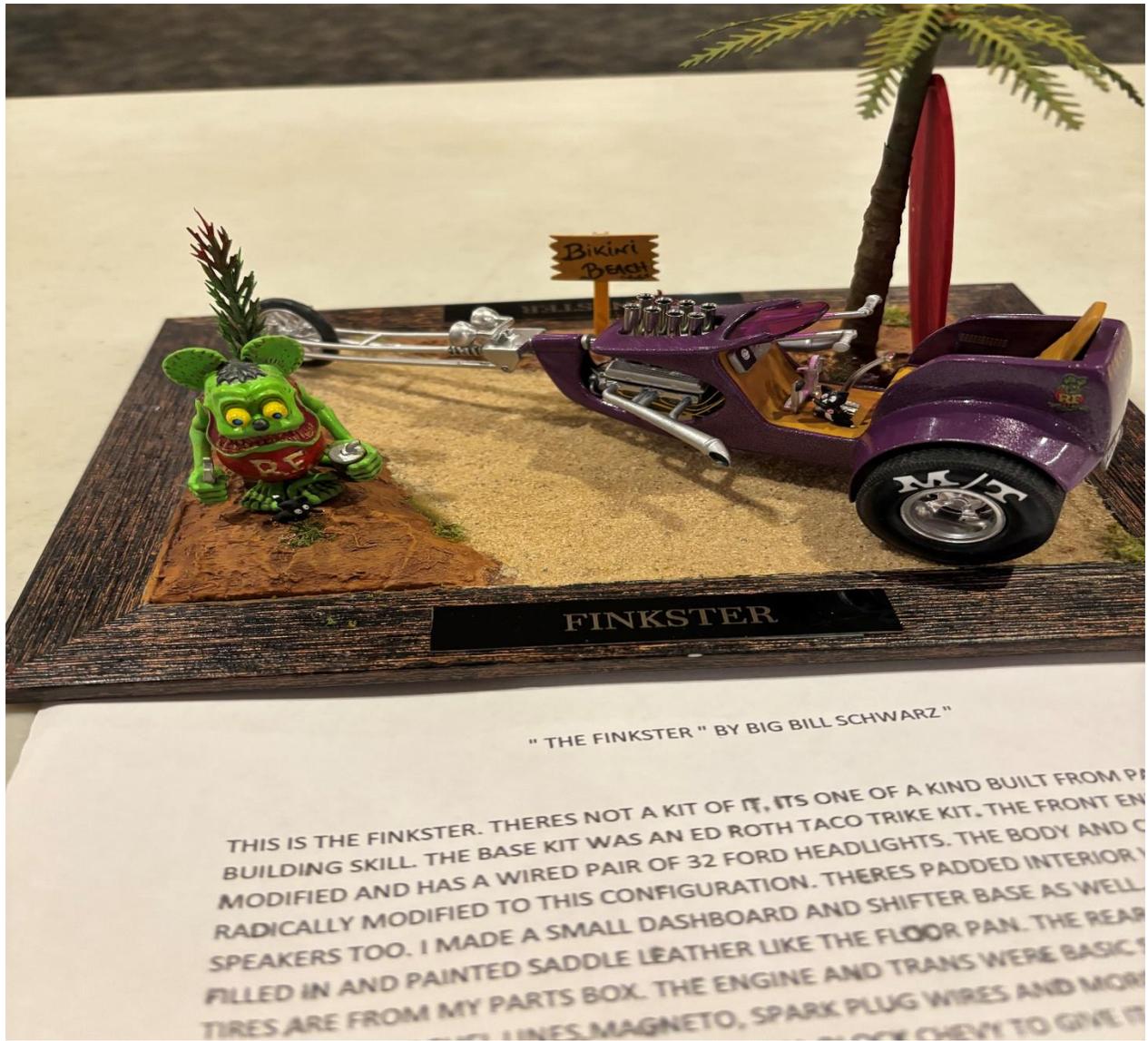


These are Custodian Wardens

This is Wolf Hall



Big Bill brought "The Finkster" a great old idea from I think Aurora?



That's it!! Sorry for all the blank space, which I usually fill up, but I lost a day due to having work done in my house and could not work on the NL till Thursday.

Don't forget the BBQ on Friday Night!!

Bill Schroeter, Editor