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November 2023

Keeping History Alive....One Model At A Time

2023 ACME Southern Nationals

By Rocky Sink

A few members of the club attended the 2023 ACME Southern Nationals held in Cartersville, Georgia on October 27 and 28. The event had been for the last 27 years held in Smyrna, Georgia but due to outgrowing the venue and the host hotel becoming not so accommodating the host group (Atlanta Car Modelers Enthusiast) moved the show to Cartersville and the Clarence Brown Convention Center with the Marriott hotel next to the convention center being the host hotel. For those that had attended the show at the old venue and host hotel your first thoughts when arriving were..... WOW! What a difference in both the hotel and convention center. The hotel was clean, lots of room to socialize in the lobby, lots of parking, and just a few steps from the convention center. The Convention center had almost double the room the old venue had and as well had tons of parking which the other venue didn't.

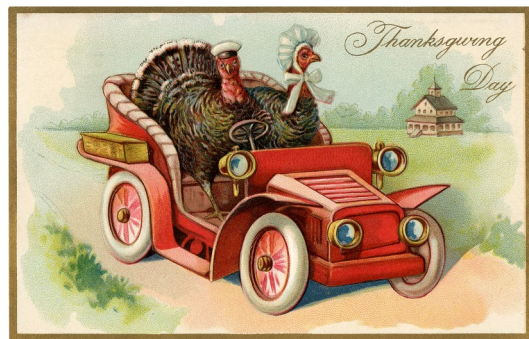


On Friday as the attendees from everywhere started arriving everyone started mingling in the lobby of the host hotel, with most being content creators who have various YouTube channels. On Friday afternoon the registration area opened for those that had pre registered or needed to register. Also while this was going on the host club had organized a hospitality area at the hotel where they had finger foods and drinks available for those that wanted to socialize in there.

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Welcome

The club members would like to welcome Buddy Wilsher officially to the club. He likes to build 3D printed models, mostly Sci Fi and alike. Welcome Buddy to the club when you see him around!



-REMINDERS-

November
Build/Business Meeting
November 16 @ 7pm

December
Christmas Dinner
December 8 @ 7pm

January 2023
Build Meeting
January 11 @ 7pm

Christmas Dinner Information:



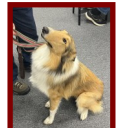
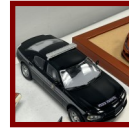
A reminder that our annual Christmas Dinner will be on Friday, December 8th. This will be our only meeting for December. The Dinner will be located at Jersey Lily's in Salem which is located across from Lewis Gale Hospital. This is where we have had the last couple Christmas Dinners. Please make sure to bring one (or more) wrapped gifts for the Dirty Santa gift exchange. The members in good standing will receive as a gift \$15 towards their meal as in the past. The dinner will start at 7pm, or come earlier if you want a drink from the bar.

Jersey Lily's Roadhouse-1650 Braeburn Dr.-Salem, Va-540-387-9061

MEETING
REMINDER

Only One November Meeting!! November 16th.

October Club Contest:



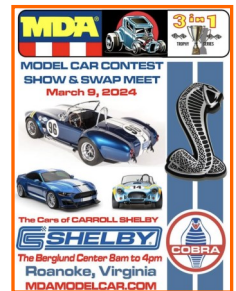
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WE NEED YOU!!

This year we are going to be working hard to recruit new members. Start thinking of ways we can reach out and bring new members to the club. We are going to see if we can do more demo's and other events to get our name out there more. We need new members!!



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After everyone settled for the evening they began to gather in the lobby and outside sitting area of the hotel to tell stories, gossip, cut-up and talk models. Around 10 o'clock or so things wound down and everyone headed to their rooms to get ready for the big show the next day.

On Saturday morning everyone was up early for a buffet breakfast the host club provided and then it was off to the convention center to get in line for those that had early bird pass's to get in early. Normal opening time was going to be 10 am, but with a special early bird pass you had to purchase you could get in at 8 am which allowed you to get a prime spot for your models as well as hit the vendor tables early to get that early great find.



When the doors opened at 8 am it was a controlled, calm, rush to get to the contest tables. Even with the mad rush everyone was aware of those that were doing the same thing and everyone worked together to have room and not push into each other.

This years show had a record breaking 973 models on the tables and it's a good thing that the new venue had more room because it was needed. The three themes for this year were, 100 Years Of LeMans, 70 Years Of Corvette and 75 Years of Nascar. All three of these theme class's were bulging at the seams with entries.

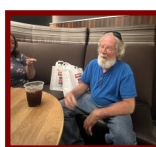
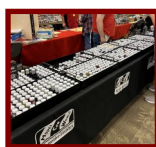


After everyone got their entries on the table they headed to the vendor area just next to the contest to look for those hot deals. There were tables full of old and rare models, current models, 3d printed items, decal companies, aftermarket items like photoetch and detail items, paints, art prints and numerous other hobby related items. Of course most everyone was seen making more than one trip back to their room or car to drop off a load of goodies they had purchased.

By late afternoon it was time for the awards and announcements. The themes for next years show were announced which are 60 years of Mustang and Pick Up Trucks. Those two should make for some full table as well again. The top ten awards were announced as well as the themes and best of show. Its hard to pick ten best of out of 973 contest models on the table but it was done by vote for those attending.



After the show everyone again headed out to eat supper and return to the hotel for more socializing and good times. Thanks to the ACME group for a great show, venue and most of all a great time!



South Carolina Modelers Association Presents

17th Annual S.C.M.A. "Hope It Don't Snow" Show & Contest

1/20-21/2024

10000 Highway 17, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29204

9:00am - 5:00pm

2024 Theme: **ANIMALS**

Registration: \$10.00 (includes contest entry)

Contestants: 17 & over

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th

Super Raffle

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Northern Virginia Modelers

Model Classic 2024

The Road to Victory

80th Anniversary of D-Day

June 6, 1944

Saturday, April 13, 2024

10:00am - 5:00pm

1001 Linn Run, Fairfax, VA 22030

General Admission: \$10.00 (includes contest entry)

Contestants: 17 & over

Awards: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th

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Deadline for newsletter submissions is the second Wednesday of each month.

All submissions should be emailed to Rocky Sink:

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along with any photos, write up and/or kit reviews pertaining to the article you wish to submit.



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UPCOMING DATES:

January 5, 2024	Chatanooga Modelcon Chatanooga, TN	Ben Gibby bgibby1964@outlook.com
January 20, 2024	S.C.M.A. "Hope It Don't Snow" Show Spartenburg, SC	Chuck Cox hobby4fun@yahoo.com
February 24 2024	Old Dominion Open Richmond, VA	Richard Leininger raleininger@verizon.net
March 9, 2024	MDA Model Car Show Roanoke, VA	Dennis Smith eastsmith1@aol.com