

AUGUST 2010

MCMA FOUNDED NOVEMBER 1982



**UPCOMING MEETING
DATES:**

September 12

(Senter Park East)

October 3

November NNL

Nov 6

December 5

(Senter Park East)

All MCMA meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month in the Garden and Arts building in Irving unless otherwise stated. Special events such as the Showdown and the NNL LoneStar are held in the Senter Park East building.

Any changes will be made enough in advance for members to be contacted. Please make sure your membership information is correct and up to date. Contact Len Woodruff to make any corrections.

MCMA NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: Aug. 1st
Garden & Arts Center.**

CLUB NEWS by Chuck Cady

Our next big club event will be the NNL LoneStar in November.

Our club has a new web site via GoDaddy.

In this issue of the newsletter I talk about things I learned about or heard about being in our club plus a flyer for the NNL.

No matter what else is going on keep building. When you are finished build some more. Then finish building even more. In between building do some more building.

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WHAT HAVE I LEARNED ABOUT FROM THE CLUB? By Chuck Cady

I have been a member of the MCMA since May of 1983. A long time. Longer than I was married. Sometimes it doesn't seem that long and other times it seems to be even longer.

I've seen the club grow and change and have struggles and lose and gain members. I don't know how some people originally heard about our club. I don't know why some people only stuck around for a few years or even just a few (or even one) meetings. What caused folks to leave? Personalities? The club not cover their specific interests? Waning interest in car modeling? New hobbies? We may never know.

But I got to thinking about what I have learned about model car building since I joined the club. I've learned quite a bit. A lot actually. Twenty-seven years is a long time and I might not remember everything I learned in the club but I will try and lay some of them out.

When I started I had never heard about ejector pin marks and parting lines. These molding process marks are now oh-so visible but I just didn't know about them. Once learned I adjusted to looking for them on model parts and eliminating them. (At least those that show).

I didn't know about Bare Metal Foil (or other similar products) until I saw in on some members models in the mid-eighties. While I haven't ever been able to have a steady enough hand to use it for emblems or body trim on model I have used it for headlight and taillight backing and such.

I don't recall what the first resin parts I ever saw at club meetings were. But I remember some that were really impressive and others were useless blobs or were sticky or full of pits and voids. Luckily the aftermarket resin industry got better or else it might just have died off in the '80s. At the various Southwest Challenge and Showdown events I got to purchase a lot of resin parts from companies such as AAM, The Modelhaus, Mike's Miniature Motors and some others whose names I don't remember.

The first aftermarket decals I saw were the myriad of racing sets produced by Fred Cady at some of the club meetings. I ended up buying some at meetings then at Wild Bills and a few other places that aren't around anymore. Later on Floyd Bryant had sets to sell from a flow of new companies such as JNJ, Slix, Chimneyville and some "no-name" companies. Of course Floyd over the years offered an odd assortment of resin parts from various casters.

The first aftermarket metal parts I saw were from Mike Siegman from his PJS Enterprises operation. It seemed quite impressive at the time and quite novel to have metal parts to use to enhance plastic model kits. Then at Southwest Challenge events and Showdowns I got to see more of these items. I remember buying some but can't remember ever using any. What I ultimately did with them is anybody's guess. (LOL).

Better painting is something that I've learned. I only paint from spray cans and have no interest in air brushing. (It's just how it is with me). But seeing the better paint jobs at our meetings and contests plus hearing what others do has inspired me to do better

Lone Star NNL #6

Saturday November 6, 2010



Location: Senter Park East
228 Chamberlain St. Irving, TX 75060
see website: www.themcma.com for map

3 Peoples Choice Classes
Great Pumpkin Classic (Black & Orange)
1st, 2nd & 3rd

The "Theme" category is "Wild Life".

Some of the cars that fall into the category are Cougar, Falcon, Mustang, Cobra, Jaguar, Impala, Sting Ray (Corvette), Mako Shark, Pinto, Barracuda, Firebird, Thunderbird, Skylark, Eagle, Cheetah, Panther, Viper ETC. 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Best of the Rest 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Free food & drinks

Just ½ mile from the largest hobby shop in DFW (Wild Bill's)