

2022 CAMS New Year Challenge

Model builders everywhere know that the 2020s have been hard on everyone with COVID-19 running loose, cancelling meetings and model shows, and CAMS has been no different. A bright light shone this year with the CAMS Annual New Year Challenge (NYC). The NYC was designed as a way for modellers to show off what they built over the last year, something that is even more important with the cancelling of the shows.

Starting things off this year was Steve Knox. Steve has been away from the hobby for a few years but came back with a vengeance. His first entry “The Wide Body Daytona” was an exercise in using aftermarket and 3D printed parts to create a special take on a classic muscle car.



Next up was a scratch-built Winnebago camper. This featured a completed interior and a dual turbo charged Chev engine. An interesting take on the traditional camper.

Following up Steve was Darren Anderson who has been a past winner of the Challenge. This year he pushed the envelope hard by building a 2 tone Safari bug with the push out windshield. This Kool bug would be right at home cruising down the road with the tunes blasting away.



Steve Milberry a name well known within the modelling circles in the Maritimes sent in two entries this year. First up is what he called the “Frankenstein Truck” because most of the parts of the 71 C-10 pick-ups were robbed from other kits to build this beauty.

Steve's second entry is a more traditional Steve build of a 66 Impala. It features many kit custom parts as well as Steve's signature faded paint job. Another well done entry.



Next up is Bob Kerasiotis with two entries of his own. First up is "Grampy's Hot Rod" a 67 Chev Impala 4 door sport sedan. The car features a plumbed engine and detailed interior and a candy red finish.

Bob's second entry is the Hemi Dart. The kit featured engine and interior and detailing as well as a fair amount of scratch building to add to the kit.



And now comes the kit we have been waiting, the Winner of the NYC is Gordon Barrett with his custom made Gran Prix stock car "Spin Cycle" based on this story: During the late 90's, during his first race, up and coming driver Orville H. Onyx (O-HO for short) spun so much that the TV announcers didn't know if he was coming or going. To save face for his second race his team prepared a special car for him they affectionally names "The Spin Cycle" the rest is racing history.

Gordon used 2 Monogram 1/24 Gran Prix kits grafted them together, added complete interiors and covered them in custom orange paint, printed off the Tide decals and side numbers.



Congratulations to Gordon for his fun and creative build, he showed a lot of imagination in this creation.

Kudos also go out to all the other Modellers who entered the challenge, some fine-looking kits were entered again showing we have some of the best car modellers around

Thanks go out to Gordon for organizing the event, Scott of Elm City Hobbies for the first-place award, Blacks Trophy's for the winners Trophy and finally Valerie Dubois for all her work on the website and keeping track of entries and voting.

Here is hoping everyone involved in the NYC enjoyed themselves and those who couldn't enter enjoyed what was presented and maybe we rekindled the building spirit in an old modeller or encouraged a young modeller to build. Remember to *Share the Hobby*.

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