

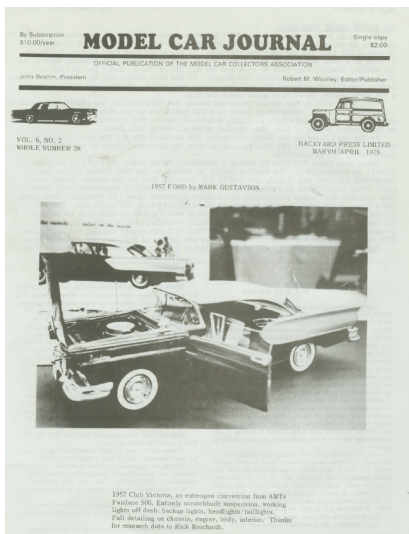
1957 Ford Club Victoria

(1978)

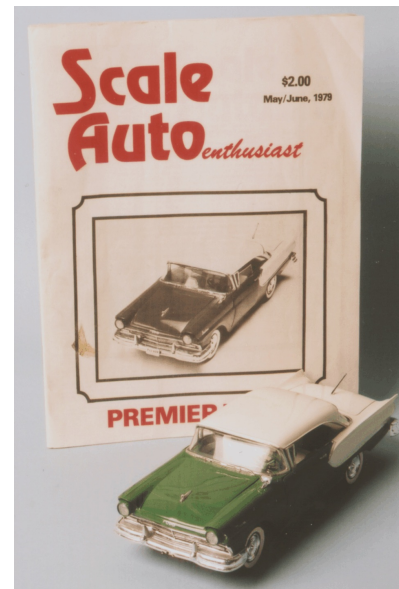


IN 1978, I DECIDED TO BUILD A REPLICA-STOCK MODEL OF A 1957 FORD CLUB VICTORIA – A VERSION OF THE CAR I HAD LONG ADMIRER. I GRABBED AN ORIGINAL ISSUE AMT KIT AND CONVERTED IT TO RESEMBLE THE VICKY TRIM LEVEL:

- ▶ I removed all of the Fairlane 500 trim on the front fenders, doors and rear quarter panels;
- ▶ The chrome on the drip rails, and the chrome trim above the windshield, were removed, and the factory “rib” was added above the windshield;
- ▶ Strip styrene was used to create the trim on the rear quarter panels (later covered with the then-new Bare Metal Foil);
- ▶ The rear leaf springs were scratch built from strip styrene, the Y block was somewhat detailed to factory specs with plumbing and wiring. Emergency and hydraulic brake details were added, too;
- ▶ The model was shot with DuPont acrylic enamel: Cumberland Green and Colonial White.
- ▶ But the original model was crude – in fact, *really crude* as you can see.



The original model was featured on the cover of the first issue of *Scale Auto Enthusiast*, and on the cover of the March/April 1978 issue of *Model Car Journal*.



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(2011-2012)

FAST FORWARD TO 2011 AND I'VE DECIDED THAT I WANTED TO BUILD ANOTHER MODEL USING THE SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES THAT I'VE LEARNED SINCE 1978:

- ▶ 20 years ago, I purchased a 1:1, very low mileage, historic '57 Ford Club Vicky that Mike Smith is now detailing for me. I'll use information gleaned from that car to build a scale replica of my actual car;
- ▶ The project will use the venerable AMT kit as the basis, and use a lot of parts from AMT's '58 Edsel kit (floor pan, engine compartment panels, and frame) mixed with a selection of exterior trim parts from a Danbury Mint '57 Ford retractable hardtop diecast (emblems, vent windows, and a few underhood parts), and augmented by some parts from Replicas and Miniatures (Bendix brake backing plates, brake drums, and the like);
- ▶ The model will be painted to match my real car - Starmist Blue and Colonial White (in acrylic lacquer);
- ▶ I'll be using brass-cast front and rear bumpers, chrome-plated, to add more realism to the model;
- ▶ The model will be built with a unified body/floor pan (to mimic factory assembly techniques, and to minimize "variables" during final assembly) and will be assembled "through the doors"; and
- ▶ This project will be kept reasonable in scope and will NOT be another of "those" projects; and
- ▶ *Model Cars Magazine* will carry series of construction articles on this model starting early in 2012. **Thanks, Gregg!**



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Check out my web site on the car and this project by going to:

<http://www.clubvictoriaproject.com/>