

CAMS Meeting September 15, 2009

The 15 Sep meeting of CAMS took place at the home of Gordon Barrett way out the Royal Road. Gordon opened his home to Bob Kerasiotis, Steve Milberry, Bill Daisley, Bill Knox, Scott Millican and long time CAMS member Bob Russell and his 2 boys. Little did we know what was in store for us after Gordon plied us with coffee, tea and fresh pie.

After the treats and going thru the new 65 Chev. Stepside Pick-up by Revell and the Royal Rail by AMT, Gordon brought out a teaser, a Lego crane, a fully functional mobile crane with pneumatic boom control, electric boom extender and hook control, and more features than u can



imagine and this was a Lego, and this was just a hint of things to come. Once we regained our composure and were able to function, we ventured upstairs into what I will call Car Modeller's Nirvana.

Gordon is a collector of some note. His collection of model car kits rivals anything I have ever seen before. Unlike photos of some collections where there are multiple copies of a single kit by a single manufacturer, Gordon's collection runs the gambit of scales (1/43 – 1/9), vehicle types (F-1, WRX, NASCAR, Customs), years, genre. As the 5 of us stood open mouthed at the top of the stairs, like kids with their noses pressed up against the toy store window, many a thought went to how many kits we could sneak out unnoticed.

A few kits of note that made this scribe's heart flutter were The Pocher 1/9th scale Mercedes, 1/16th Airfix Bentley, 1/16th Revell 34 Ford hot rod and these were just the big scale

kits. Bob Russell had to be held back from a couple of the big scale exotics. Thankfully damage due to drooling was kept at a minimum and no kits turned up missing.



I'd like to thank Gordon for opening his home to us "group of men with their toys" and showing us his impressive collection of models and model memorabilia and welcome him and Bob Russell back to CAMS and look forward to seeing the results of their modeling skills in the future.

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