

# MONZA MODEL QUARTERLY

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## SUBMITTING ARTICLES



# The Editor's Desk

First, I would like to thank Stan Light for getting this newsletter started, and for the first seven issues he was able to publish. Unfortunately, due to other commitments and three major moves across the Eastern U. S., Stan felt he could no longer publish the "Monza Model Quarterly". After talking to several other collectors of Corvair models and toys, I found that I wasn't the only one who would miss this source of information. Let's face it, not much else is out there. So with your help the MMQ will continue.

I will write each issue and Nick Whitlow from Springfield, Illinois will do the printing. Hopefully this will keep the costs down so we can feature more photographs in each issue. Anyone who would like to submit an article, story, or whatever may do so at any time and it will be published with their 'by line'. There were several regular contributors and I hope they will continue. This issue is a preview of what Nick and I have planned for the MMQ. If you like what you see, let us know. If you don't like what you see, let us know. If you have any ideas on improvements, drop me a line. Thanks.

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### COVER PHOTO:

This issue the cover photos show the KTS stock Corvan from the editor's collection. (MMQ Photo)

Here are some suggestions:

1. Have you been to a toy show or model meet? What Corvair models and toys did you see or get? Prices, colors?
2. Find something at a flea market, auction, or garage sale? Let us know.
3. Tell us about your collection. Do you build or collect or both. Do you have kits, promos, or toys? Tell us about yourself and how you got into Corvair models or toys.
4. Have a tech tip or short cut? Let us know.
5. Do you have photos of your cars? (If you have a nice photo of a decent model Corvair, sent it in. It will be returned.
6. Are you working on a model project? Tell us about it.
7. Have you seen an article or photo of Corvair models or toys in another magazine? If so, tell us where and when.

This is just the start, but if it has to do with Corvair models or toys, it can be in print in MMQ.

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### WHEN WILL YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRE?

Stan has sent the records on all former subscribers to me and most will expire with this issue. There are several who are still due to receive issues through Volume 3 and they will be honored. If your subscription is up and you are still interested in the MMQ, please renew ASAP. We are in essence starting again from scratch and we need to start a cash flow to continue. Send subscriptions to:

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# Feature Article

This issue the feature article is on the Corvair 95 vans and pickups made by KTS of Japan, A-1 of Japan, and MF from China. These were all pressed aluminum (tin) toys and were part of the flood of "Jap Tin" toys imported into the USA in the '60's. Lucky for us the Corvair 95 was a popular subject and is well represented by several makers.

First is KTS from Japan. They were sold as "Frankonia Toys" which was no doubt a reference to their distributor. These are very well done pressed aluminum toys with almost all the details printed on. All were 8" long and are approximately 1/20th scale.

Next is MF from Mainland China. These are also good quality and appear to be a copy from KTS. The Rampside is the only example I have seen, but I wouldn't be surprised if more were to turn up.

Last are the A-1 Vans from Japan. These are only a fair quality toy, but the headlights, grille, bumpers, and the windshield frame are all separate pieces. They are all larger than the KTS trucks and are 9" long. The following is a list of known examples. If you know of any others, please let MMQ know so they can be listed in a future issue.

## KTS JAPAN

1. Rampside (stock)-Has "Corvair 95" emblems, solid blue with white stripe.
2. Rampside (ABC Rescue truck)-Also has "Corvair 95" emblems; white with silver stripe, service truck version and rescue markings.
3. Greenbrier (stock)-Has "Corvair 95" emblems so this would be a Corvan with the optional side windows; green with white stripes.
4. Greenbrier (school bus)-No Corvair emblems; yellow with silver stripes and school bus markings.
5. Corvan (stock)-Has "Corvair 95" emblems, no side windows; red with a white stripe. License number "1961" all others have number "1069" friction motor is in the rear, others I have are in the front.
6. Corvan (telephone truck)-Has "Corvair 95" emblems; olive drab with white stripe and Bell System markings.
7. Corvan (REA Express)-No Corvair emblems; green with no stripe, but has a silver roof and REA markings.
8. Corvan (REA Air Express)-Same as above but the markings are Air Express.
9. Corvan (Coca Cola)
10. Greenbrier (Pan Am Airport Service)-Eight door window van; blue from top of body stripe down, white above including roof. Pan Am Airport Service markings and Pan Am logo on roof.

## MF CHINA

Rampside - Almost an exact copy of the KTS Rampside but no Corvair emblems; light blue with white stripe, cab roof is white.

## A-1 JAPAN

1. Corvan - Solid red and has side windows. Box art shows a red with a white stripe Corvan. Rear doors open.
2. Corvan - (Bread van) No side windows. Baker and loaves of bread logo.
3. Corvan - (Milk van) Same as above, but has cows and milk bottles.
4. Corvan - (Fruit van) Blue and white, rear doors do not open. No side doors. Fruit truck with pineapple logo.



KTS Stock Corvan



KTS REA Air Express Van. Green with silver roof. Note side marker lights. (MMQ Photos)



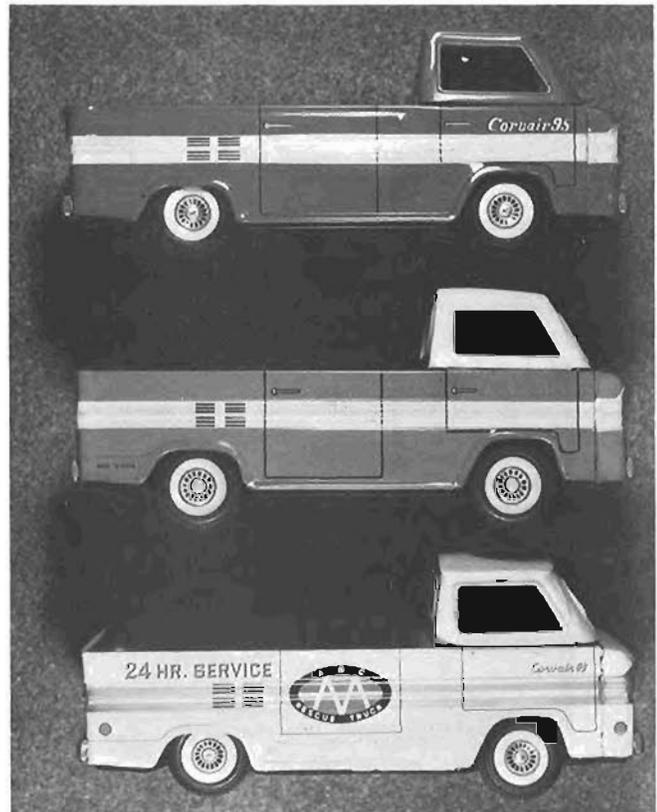
Less than mint KTS Pan Am Airport Service eight door Greenbrier; blue with white top. (MMQ Photos)



A-1 Fruit Van from China. Example shown has had the nose section repainted. Note the lack of side doors. In the rear view you can see the single rear door and the incorrect tailights. (MMQ Photo)



A few KTS 95's from the Dave Newell collection. (Left to right) Stock Corvan, school bus, MF Rampside, ABC Service Rampside, REA Air Express; van in rear is the Bell System Corvan. (Dave Newell Photo)



Top: KTS Rampside (stock)  
 Center: MF Rampside  
 Bottom: KTS ABC Service  
 (Dave Newell Photo)



# Tech Tips

## MAKING CONVERTIBLE TOP BOOTS

By Nick Whitlow

Converting your Corvair model to a "ragtop" is not a hard job to do, but the problem of the top boot scares many model builders away. Believe it or not, making the boot from another kit fit your Corvair is not as hard as it may seem.

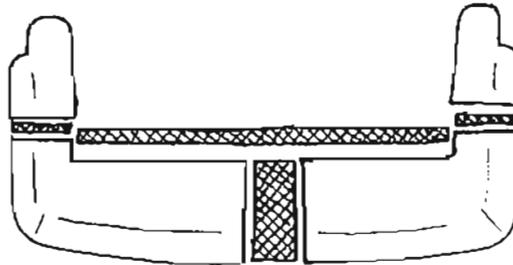
If you have been building models for a while you probably have a spare parts box. You may be surprised to find the boot from that old Chevy or Edsel convertible you had way back when in there. If you don't have one, try your model building friends or look in part boxes at model car swap meets. Try to find one that is the general shape of your early or late model boot, but slightly larger.

First, remove the roof from your model and place the

boot along one side in the position it should be. Mark the middle of the interior opening on the boot and cut the boot apart on this line. Tape the short half in the proper position and place the other part in its position and mark where they overlap and cut that piece off. (see illustration)

After sectioning the boot, it can be taped together for a trial fitting and trimming. When the shape is right, glue and fill any seams with body putty, finish and paint. If you happen to have an old Mattel Vac-U-Form around in working order, make a few copies for yourself or friends.

Also, don't forget to add sunvisors to the inside of the front windshield frames. They can be made from sheet plastic or cut from other convertible kits.



Typical sectioning of a convertible top boot to fit a Corvair model.



1962 Monza Convertible built from the AMT Styline kit.



1965 Corsa "180" Convertible built from AMT hardtop.



## MODELING TIPS

By Brent Covey

1. A bottle of paint thinner (not turpentine) can be a great help during painting. It has two main uses:

Before spray painting, wipe down the body with a clean rag that has been dampened in the paint thinner. The thinner will lightly etch the surface of the plastic, allowing better paint adhesion, as well as cleaning oils and other contaminants off the body surface.

The bottle of paint thinner also is handy if you botch up your paint job, like getting a hair on it. Just douse the model in the thinner while the paint is still wet, then dry off the model. The paint will come off instantly, and the model will still be ready for a repaint. Also, the thinner can be used many times over for this purpose before it loses its strength.

2. Using factory paint colors. You know how you can never duplicate Marine Blue, Aztec Bronze, Seafoam Green, and the two weirdest '65 Evening Orchid and '67 Royal Plum with storebought paints, even after an afternoon of mixing? Well, if you use a base coat of Gloss White, you can paint virtually any strength of factory paint on top. I recommend the "Pactra" name as a base coat. With a glossy base coat, lightly sanded to get any orange peel out, you can use laquers without 'crazing', that is, a unique, but unattractive crackle finish.

3. As AMT didn't think to include a spoiler in the '66-69 kits, you'll have to make your own from sheet plastic. The front of the frame rails on the chassis is about perfect to mount it on.

4. In the late kits, the plastic rear axle is a disaster, causing wheel wobble, etc. Unless you are showing off the bottom of your car, throw it out and use a heavy duty coat hanger wire of the same diameter or greater. Use a small drill bit to bore a small hole in the rear wheel facing and carefully force fit it together. This assembly is much more durable and can be oiled or covered with vaseline to ensure smooth operation.

5. The MPC '69 Firebird Convertible kit features front seats that nearly match '67-69 Corvair kit seats with headrests. It also includes a good '68 steering wheel.

6. The '69 Chevelle kit from AMT includes a '67-69 wood grained steering wheel that is very accurate.

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Coming Soon:  
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In our Summer issue we would like to feature picture of some of our readers model Corvairs. If you have any good shots or can get them, just drop them in the mail and we'll try to use them (they will be returned). Deadline for these photos is July 4, 1986. Our Summer issue will come out about late July, 1986.

Sorry that our first 'new' issue is a little later than we planned, but next issue should be on time and reach our subscribers about mid-May.

## Limited Edition



## CORVAIR PLASTIC MODEL GUIDE

By Nick Whitlow

This recent publication is packed full of info and photos of most of the plastic Corvair models produced. It contains over 30 photos of box art, built and unbuilt kits and promos, plus descriptions of many of the models, pros and cons, and lists of promos and Corvair-based cars. This 5½" x 8½", 20 page plus cover booklet is a must for all Corvair people. Order yours today for only \$5.00 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling. Nick Whitlow, 2605 Somerton, Springfield, IL 62702