

End of Year Round Up

As Christmas will soon be upon us we would like to thank everyone who has supported us at the shows and online throughout 2005 and wish you all a very happy and paint spattered New Year!

Kris & Lyn

2005 Events

PT Cruiser Show

The Annual Party in the Park for the PT Cruisers took place at Billing Aquadrome mid September. This crazy crew have more chrome and customized PT's than you can shake a stick at including one with a 4" roof chop!

These modern day hot rods are such fun. We judged the light show and the winners Keith & Tony had worked really hard on their vehicle.



Lyn & I are always keen to support local shows, if we have a spare weekend free in the calendar.- invitations welcome for 2006 !

Hot Rod Xmas Cards

A superb range of Hot Rod influenced Christmas and birthday cards are available from **Cruiz-in**. Based in Bordon in Hampshire you can get these cards with a difference by mail order. **They can be contacted on (014) 204-74836**



Most interesting vehicle of 2005 award!

Goes to the futuristic Conquest 850. Based on the BMW R850R it is the UK's first mass produced high performance tricycle that can be driven from a wheelchair!



It boasts :

- 6 forward gears + reverse.
- Automatic Lowering and raising access platform.
- Security monitoring and tracking systems hardware.
- Metallic paint.
- Waterproof interior trim
- VDO Dayton single CD Tuner with 30 radio pre-sets.
- Optional extras include:-
 - Parking sensors
 - Satellite Navigation

www.martinconquest.com

Letter from America

Hi Kris, great newsletter, with regard to last months hints & tips I would also add try using a product called Penetrol, also know as Owatrol. It's an additive for oil based paints that allows the paint to flow better. Therefore your gold ! shot will flow out of the brush better if you use more metallic than solid color in the mix. You can also use House of Kolor Gold Striping Urethane. Gold or silver covers as well as any solid color in 1 Shot.

Good luck to all you UK stripers
Herb Martinez

Airbrush Artist *Ty Lawer*

We know that many of you also appreciate airbrush art or want to get some done so we are going to be including whenever possible details of Airbrush Artists whose work we can fully recommend.

This month's artist is **Ty Lawer** from Pageant Paint Work in Norfolk, who has been airbrushing since 1986 to probably the highest standards the UK can offer. His work is truly awe inspiring



Baked Bean Harley! Look closer!



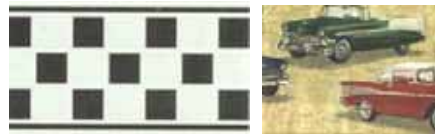
www.pageantpaintwork.com

Hot Rod Décor II

Got so many compliments about the inclusion of interiors item last month that we have decided to show you a few more of the great wall papers and borders from US company Lelands.



Borders too are funky. They don't just do motor themes – they have themes on virtually any subject. Well worth saving to favourites and ordering it from states if you want to be unique.



www.lelandswallpaper.com

 **Last posting dates for Xmas** 

Our last despatch day for UK Xmas orders will be 16th December and EU will be 10th December. Please make sure we receive your orders in good time.



Hints & Tips

#2 Infills

In a lot of American striping, you will see areas of solid colour surrounded by striping similar to this Turtle Top engine cover for a Holden I did last year. Note the central bullet.



Most strippers create the outline first and then infill.

It is actually far easier – and quicker (providing you have planned the design and not as an afterthought !) to paint the solid first **then** outline. The lining will cover any raggy edges and make the spear or solid look very professional.

You can also take the opportunity to use some traditional decorators techniques and “sponge” it. Best to keep a small piece of natural sponge in your kit. Mask the surrounding areas off first – then dab over the required area.

This will create an interesting area of broken colour and you can layer a second colour on top too to add even more interest. You can use crumpled paper or cling film instead of sponge to get alternative marble effects. Using the Oneshot Metallic or Pearlescent paints for the solids also adds interest.

If you can cut a stencil shape from Paint Mask/Frisk Film or even thin acetate you could even use the stencil to put down some goldsize then fill with Gold Leaf or Dutch Metal (the cheaper version)

Bob Bond runs an excellent course on gold leafing for anyone who might wish to learn. You will need to go to the US though !

Featured Pinstriper “Gooldie”

Our featured artist this month is Mark Goold aka “Gooldie”. Mark hails from Kinkardine in Fife. He has been striping, flaming, scalloping and generally abusing cars for over 20 years. His background is in graphic design and he uses all his talents to produce one off artwork.



T: what is your background?

G: My background is in graphic design, I ran my own design house come sign makers for a while then got a gig with British Airways designing stuff for their global campaigns, that got me around the world a bit and introduced me to the states

T: how did you get started?

G: I have always been a petrol head and a rockabilly so 50's hotrods and kustoms were always my thing. And being an artist stuff like flames, scallops and pinstripping caught my imagination, so I started to ruin my own cars then other peoples then I got quite good at it.

T: who are your influences?

G: The obvious ones are Roth and Von Dutch like every striper but there are a few other people that got me fired up for one reason or another. Like the guy who done the cartoons at the top of the pages in Hot Car in the 70's or the first time I saw Fat Frogs work.

But the most influential striper in my life has to be **Coop Cooper**. I met him in Daytona and started talking to him about striping and stuff. At that point I classed myself as someone that could stripe a bit, after showing him my work, he convinced me I was a pinstriper and not just someone that can stripe (there is a big difference). That was the confidence boost I needed and I have never looked back. Thanks Coop



T: what is your favourite kind of job and why?

G: I like to do late 50's /early 60's striping it flows better than the earlier stuff and you can use a larger colour pallet, recently I have started doing wood cut outs (Ratfink, Hotstuff, Lady luck, that sort of thing) and I'm really enjoying that.

T: what are your ambitions?

G: I want to stripe in Vegas, We are going there in April to get married at VLV, so hopefully I can arrange a gig then, I am trying to open a Tattoo studio, and generally just to get as good as I can be at whatever I do

T: do you have any advice for budding strippers?

G: Yep don't expect to get rich!!! be fair with your pricing and practice, practice, practice. You won't be Von Dutch overnight



T: and a last word of wisdom.

G: Stay cool, it's only striping. If you cock it up wipe it off if you keep cocking it up, wipe it off and walk away, Tomorrow's another day. Some days the paint just won't go where you want it, but other days the stripes just fall out of the brush and that's the days when you know why you are a stripper

We wish Gooldie and the future Mrs Gooldie all the best for their wedding in Vegas next year. But the question is - will he be wearing a pinstriped suit? Photo's will follow!

You can check out more of Gooldie's work at www.freakypinstripping.com

Welcome to my World – Steve Kafka – DVD



Anyone who stands in awe of the pinstriping of **Steve Kafka** will be pleased to know that a new DVD is now available showcasing his distinctive style.

This is Steve's first DVD in a series of six planned. It has received top reviews from all in the business who have seen it.

Steve debuts his line of custom made brushes of his design, and demonstrates his techniques in a multi-colored panel design followed by his multi-colored rendition of Kafka on a black C-5 Corvette, one of the most exquisite canvases on the planet.

This DVD lives up to the standard of all of Steve's offerings in this art form

We are pleased to be Steve's UK supplier for the DVD and of course his Scroll and new Longliner brushes.

Check out our supplies page for your Kafka items now.



Ingham & Fallon

The latest company to start using Mack Brushes in the UK and in particular the Series 40 Broadliners is Ingham & Fallon



The Ingham and Fallon families are two of the most respected names in the Travelling or Gypsy Community. The family has been dealing in, and building wagons for generations. Originally from Sligo, the family crossed the Irish Sea in the mid nineteenth century, settling in horse drawn Gypsy Caravans in the North of England.

Based in Lancashire you can check out their site at www.gypsy-wagons.com

*Have a Happy and Safe Xmas
– until 2006 Kris & Lyn*