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Well it's been an interesting month with a few major snowstorms along with a bunch of minor ones thrown in for good measure. The snowbanks at the end of the driveway and around the house were at least eight feet high ! That is until last Friday when it warmed up and rained causing a minor flood in the dungeon. Not much of a flood, but just enough to have to run around getting boxes of tether car parts off the floor. Luckily , it soon stopped and didn 't ruin anything. Sure is going to be a fun mud season !

I was so disappointed with the way the bidding went on the Earnhardt car that I worked a deal with the buyer and got it back. I'll try again at a later date. Bidding on E-bay has been a little erratic lately as it always is around tax time. Been OK for buyers but not so good for sellers unless it was something really special.

After that I was looking for something else to do so I bought two 1/18th scale '32 Ford Roadsters and a Grand Sport Corvette to do Cox conversions on. Well they weren't going to lend themselves to an easy conversion so I looked for something else and spied the Mini Frog from TLC that I've had for awhile.

Let's see, hmmm, I've got a NIB Cox .010, some small bearings and gears and some slot car wheels. So I built the Frog instead and here it is !



That was a fun little car to do and was sold before it was even finished !

Back to the '32 Fords; while waiting for paint to dry on the Frog I took another look at them. I decided to try milling a frame and putting the engine under the hood with a gearbox instead of using the Cox chassis.

The bearings in my new lathe seized up so I couldn't do much about axles and the gearbox so I milled the frame and mounted the Brod ak .061 engine and the body. Parts for the lathe should be here in a day or two. Here's how it looks so far.





Once the lathe is up and running again I'll be trying my hand at making wheels for the '32 and possibly a Moon style fuel tank to mount in front of the radiator. For tires I'm using some hard rubber ones similar to TD tires. Should be a neat little car when finished.

This month's featured car belongs to Franck Monteil from France. The car is a DB MONO 1000 of French design and is twenty inches long, the engine is a Micron .60. Franck spent five years gathering up the parts for this beautiful car and now it is nearing completion. I can't wait to see the finished car !





Lot's of upcoming projects waiting in the wings to keep me busy for awhile. Plus fishing season is only a month away although it will probably be June before I can dig the bass boat out from under the snowbank. Here's a picture of Elvis, Ralph and me taken a week ago. The boat is under there somewhere!

That's it for this month. Think Spring !!
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