

## Building the Ranchero Part 7

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Welcome to the new year! Well, I finished enough to bring the Ranchero to the World of Wheels show on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of January. It wasn't all done but I brought it anyway. I just decided it was time to finish it.

After checking the body for chips and scratches, I went on to foil the chrome the chrome trim and the trim around the bed. After trimming the foil I had to go back and touch up the chips and scratches I had created by trimming the foil. <SIGH>

I clamped the glass in place because there was a bit of misalignment due to age or just a bit of bad molding. Remember this is really a repop of an old kit. Next was just a matter of gluing in the interior bucket and setting it aside.

I then went on to test fitting the grill and rear bumper. The locating pins on the rear bumper didn't quite line up so I just had to do a little filing with a round file to the slots on the body. Actually this worked out well because I had to scrape the paint and chrome off to glue it in place.

The front bumper/grill needed a little massaging and filing to fit correctly but not bad all things considered. I used the Model Master Turn Signal Amber (#2723) for the front directionals and with the black "wash" on the grill, it looks pretty good. The rear lights are just chrome dishes for want of a better word. I stood the model on it's nose and filled the dishes with Model Master Stop Light Metallic (#2724) and let sit overnight. (Notice that I wasn't smart enough to do this prior to assembly.....)

Lastly I assembled the outside mirrors using pins. I filed the base of the mirrors and then drilled holes in the bottoms with a #78 drill and a pin vise. I installed some small pins with some super glue and let set for about 15 minutes. Then I looked at some pictures of some Rancheros and based on them, I drilled holes in the doors approximately where they should go. I put a small drop of super glue on the pins and installed them. *NOTE: Do NOT use too much super glue as it WILL fog over the paint.* I used very little but I kept air moving over the area until the glue was dry and got no fogging. Below are 4 pics of the finished model.



This project has covered a lot of ground. Through this I have had experience with resin (engine), kitbashing and scratch building (chassis), writing and photography (these articles). I have some more articles planned for the future but I'm trying to finish all my projects on the shelf. If all goes well these will be the restoration of a pair of 1962 Mercury Montereys I picked up at the LIARS show this past year. With the newsletter

going bi-monthly I hope to be better prepared and at least one article ahead each month (RIIIIGHT!) It should also give some of you other members time to do a review of a kit, a web site, or place of interest to the reading members. This doesn't take a lot of time and is easy....try it! Enjoy!