

LINCOLN LIGHTNING LEDGER

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Lincoln Johnny Lightning Race Club

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Here at the LJLRC we strive to ensure that all who attend our meetings and racing be they members or visitors have an enjoyable experience each time, every time. Our staff and vendors are committed to providing you with the best available information and products in the diecast industry.

Furthermore, we intend that all of our racing be fun, fair, consistent, and competitive.



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Let's start by talking about our 8th annual Diecast Jam event, which took place on Saturday, July 22nd and Sunday July 23rd. First, I have to say, THANK YOU to my Executive Board, Race Committee and Diecast Jam Staff for going above and beyond, from the planning stages to the Friday night set up, to of course the big weekend! I can't name everyone, because there are so many names to thank, but you all know who you are! Diecast Jam wouldn't be possible each year without my A TEAM! I also must send out A BIG thank you to my good friend and club member Mac Ragan, for making the trip to RI from Chicago to help make the event that much more special. Mac spent most of his time speaking with diecast collectors along with an autograph session where he signed special sheets that he brought with him. Mac also sat with Dave Antonelli during the live auction to answer any questions, along with explaining the details of each Johnny Lightning that he donated from his personal collection. Again, thank you so much Mac for taking time out of your schedule to spend the weekend with us!

I will say that DJ 8 2023 was by far the BIGGEST and the BEST one so far to date! We did a lot of advertising especially on social media (Facebook) and (Instagram). It really helps us because we can share on the many diecast pages and groups. We even had a gentleman from Guatemala attend with his family, which I had to give him a Diecast Jam 8 event car to take home for making the special trip from Central America all the way to little Lincoln, RI. Such a cool thing to happen with our event! I must also say that I was very pleased with how people took care of the facility without making any real messes. I spoke with some of the staff at the MacColl YMCA and they were very happy about how we left their building after everything was finished. I am always happy to hear that from them, because I know we did our job cleaning up and putting everything away. We try to make it like we were not even in the building!

As far as how we did with our auctions, raffles and straw draw earnings, I am still waiting on some payments from the people that won on our facebook live auctions. I will be letting everyone know soon on how much we will be donating to A Wish Come True and Operation Stand Down. I also need to thank another very special member and friend and that is Bob Parker! Bob was in attendance on Saturday where he was signing his e sheets and talking to collectors about his trip to Michigan, where he was invited to attend Larry Woods induction into the car hall of fame. Bob shared some cool stories along with a special Hot Wheels that he brought from the car hall of fame ceremony. Bob is always a huge supporter of our Diecast Jam event, and it's truly appreciated!

Again, I want to thank everyone that made this year's Diecast Jam event possible! Reminder, we will be back in the YMCA Red Barn on Sunday August 13th for our meeting/races. That is all for now, I will see you in August!

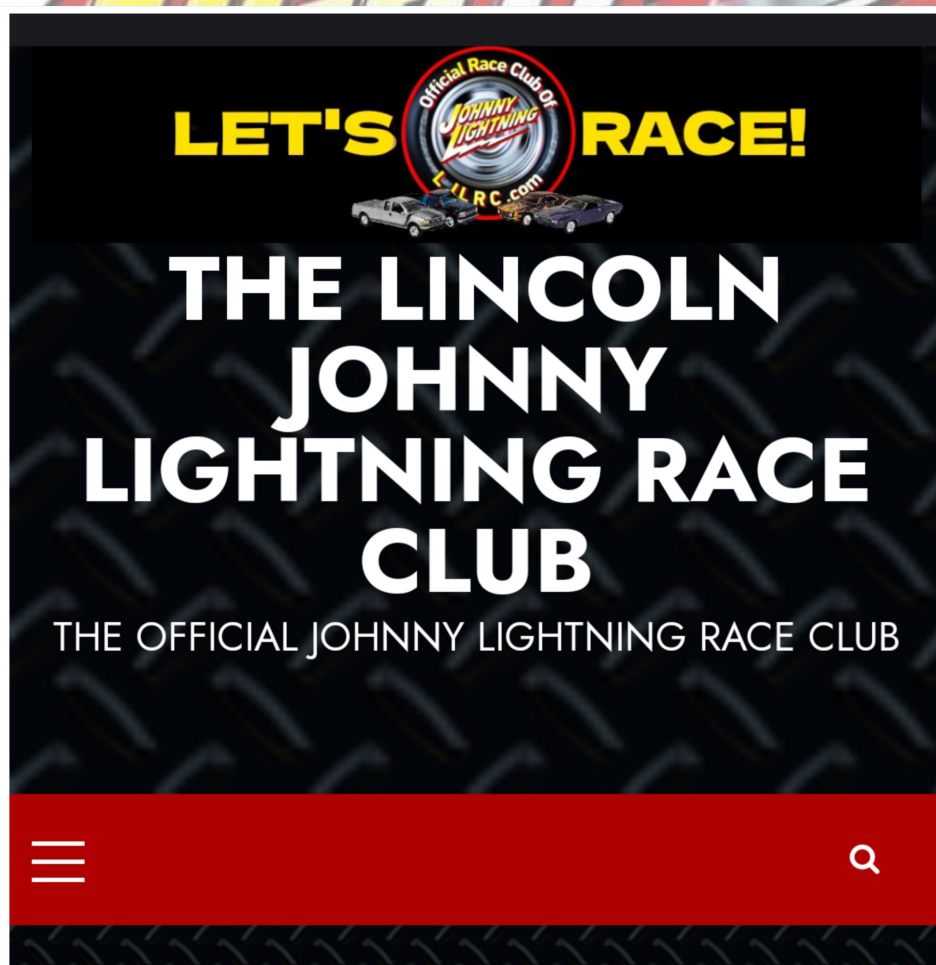
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Jeremy

LJLRC WEBSITE

I am very excited to let everyone know that our website is back up and running and better than ever!

I would like to thank Ray Baek for taking time out of his busy schedule to fix our clubs website. As most of you know that it was down for a few months. Ray did an amazing job and I truly appreciate all his hard work and dedication getting it back up and running. Pictured is the header of the website when you open the page. When you get a chance, please visit the website at www.ljlrc.com and give me your feedback!



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Lincoln Johnny Lightning Race Club of Lincoln , Rhode Island meets the second Sunday of the month at:

Maccoll YMCA Program Center
26 Breakneck Hill Road.
Lincoln, RI 02865

Doors open at 8:30 AM

Meeting starts at 10:15 AM

Admission—FREE

Activities include:

Business meeting,

Door prizes

Diecast vendors Buying/selling Trading

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THANK YOU

We would like to take a moment to Thank everyone that made Diecast Jam 8 a success. Without all of you, there wouldn't be a Diecast Jam! Here is the list of people that made it all possible.

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The Lodge Pub and Eatery

HALL OF FAME

I want to first off congratulate our first 2023 LJLRC Hall Of Fame Inductee Mac Ragan. Mac was inducted on Saturday July 22nd at Diecast Jam 8. I also have to say, what a surprise it was to be presented with a 2023 LJLRC Hall Of Fame plaque of my very own from Ken Dorr, Bill Hicks and Zach Dorr. What an honor to be inducted into our 2023 Hall of Fame Class with Mac Ragan! I was very humbled to say the least!

Jeremy Morin 2023 LJLRC Hall Of Fame Inductee.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 20

Sept 10 (Touch A Truck)

October 8

NEW MEMBERS

No new members this month

JOHNNY LIGHTNING OF THE MONTH

SILVERADO & GOLD

JOHNNY LIGHTNING 2002 CHEVY SILVERADO (1:64 SCALE)

Johnny Lightning is happy to announce the arrival of our 2002 Chevy Silverado heading into Classic Gold with a custom flair. These popular pickups were offered by Chevy in three trim levels: Base, LS, and LT. The 2002 Silverado is a reliable and resilient truck that has found its way into the garages of many across America. So “pickup” one of these stout and sturdy Silverados for your collection next month!

DUE JULY 2023. These were shot from production. #JLCG03



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ron Fletcher

Steve Mason

Jaxon Posada

Happy Birthday to Anyone we missed!!



FEATURE RACE OF THE MONTH



MAC RAGAN COLLECTION

Johnny Lightning 1970 Ford Mustang Shelby GT 500 Convertible, ($\pm 1:64$), casting No. 842B, Musclecars: 1970, released 2007.

MAKING THE CUT: Why This Car Entered the Collection

- By 2007, this casting had been released ten times as a 1969 model. Today's car is the first 1970 version. (See black hood scoops.)
- It's also the earliest to ride on soft "rubber" Real Wheels™ and the first convertible version to wear metallic paint (Acapulco Blue).
- This #macraganoriginal deco design just happens to be one of my top favorites.

I hope you enjoy these personal insights into my collecting choices.

To see more of Mac Ragan's collection, be sure to follow him on Instagram (@macragan500) or Facebook (@macragan). Both pages are closely monitored and kept kid appropriate.

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JULY RACE WINNERS

Congratulations to all our July Race Class Winners! You all won at DieCast Jam!!!
Not pictured (Cameron Daly) on his Lightning-Fast win.



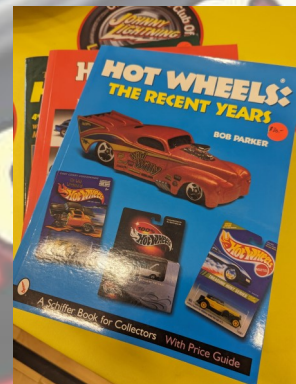
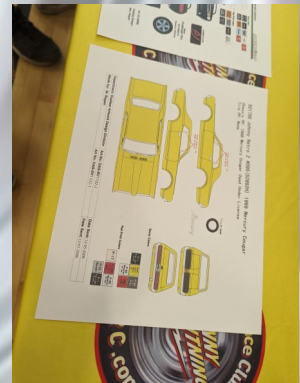
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2023 LJLRC General Racing Rules

REGISTRATION AND TRACKS RULES

- Racing begins promptly at 10:30 AM. (Sign ups for racing close at 10 AM.)
- Racing fees are \$0.50 per vehicle.
- Only race committee is allowed to run the starting gate, finish line, catch box, and run trays (unless specified).
- There will be no pre-race testing of cars on any of the club tracks.
- No do-overs in any of the classes (unless specified).
- No stepping over the tracks or leaning on the tracks.
- You are only allowed to race one of each casting in the same class.
- The club will hold all monthly winning cars until the December finals. (Unless Specified)
- 10 car limit in all classes (unless specified).
- Just first place winners will be inspected/checked for foreign substances.

STOCK VEHICLE RULES

- All vehicles must be 4 inches or less (unless specified).
- There will be no foreign substances allowed on wheels/axles, or modifying the cars in any way.
 - First offense: If substance is found on a car/cars, cars from that day will be disqualified from that racer that month. Also, a suspension from racing for the following month.
 - Cars that have substance found on them will be disqualified and the next qualified car will be deemed the winner.
 - Second offense: You will be permanently banned from racing with the LJLRC.
- Cambered Wheels: We do not allow anyone to camber their wheels on any vehicles. This allows the vehicle to ride on the inner surface of the tire.

CLASS WINNING CARS

- Monthly winners in 2022, you cannot race another one of those castings in 2023.
- **All Classes** –
 - If you win with a particular color casting in 2022, you cannot race it in 2023. You can race the same one of a different color.
 - You can race several of the same castings if they have different wheels and different colors/tampos.
- **December Finals** – There are only do-overs for the fastest car of the class or year. If one car comes off the track both will be run again in the same lanes. This is the only time this will be done.
- **Fastest Car of the Year** – That casting can never return to the tracks to race. (FCOY) can race in Lightning Fast.
- **Racer of the Month** – Racer needs to win 5 or more classes in one month. A medal will be awarded. This will include LF (King of the Hill)

It is the LJLRC policy to ensure the integrity of competition and it reserves the right at any time to limit or disallow any entry that it determines threatening the integrity of competition.

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2023 Race Classes

1. **Kids Division**- The club supplies all cars each month. (12 and under only)
2. **Rip & Race**- Hot Wheels and Matchbox Mainlines only, which are the one dollar cars, current on the pegs. We will alternate each month starting with Matchbox in January. (Open to all ages)
3. **Hot Wheels Stock**- Open to any year Hot Wheels vehicles (1968 to current). No Hot Wheels NASCARS allowed. (Open to all ages)
4. **FTE/High Speed Wheels Class**- Hot Wheels Faster Than Ever wheels along with the FTE 2 cars, along with other types of high speed wheels. (No Ultra Hots or Hot Ones will be allowed) (Open to all ages)
5. **Johnny Lightning Stock**- Open to any year Johnny Lightning vehicles (1969 to current). (No JC black with flames 69 Camaro)
6. **Stock Eliminator**- Open to any year Matchbox vehicles along with any off brand diecast vehicles such as Maisto, Siku, Mattel, Tomica, Tiger Wheels, Johnny Lightning (Forever 64) vehicles, etc. (Open to all ages)
7. **Feature Race**- There is a different race every month picked by the Race Committee or Membership.
8. **Lightning Fast**- This class allows all your fastest cars including Johnny Lightning Black With Flames Camaros, Hot Wheels Funny Cars, Matchbox Laser Wheels, Matchbox Disney Buses, Hot Wheels Redlines, etc.
9. **A Stock**- This is a weight class. All vehicles have to weigh 39 grams or less. No Hot Wheels NASCARS, FTE cars or any other high speed wheels allowed. (Hot Wheels and Matchbox only)
10. **NASCAR Class**- Any brand NASCAR - it has to be a true NASCAR.