



Tribute To The Rat Fink

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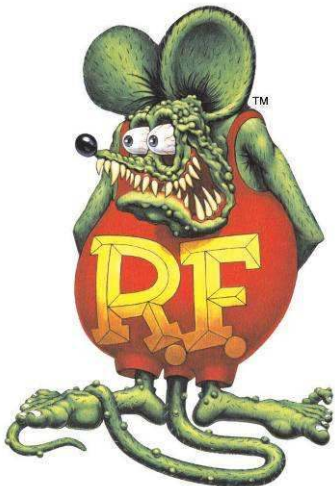
The Rat Fink

In the 60s Ed "Big Daddy" Roth was known for his elaborate chopped cars. He made some of the most unique hot rods that had ever been seen. His cars brought people from miles around to car shows to see what Big Daddy had cooked up this time.



A Rat Fink chopped car. Creating wonders with fiberglass.

Big Daddy's trademark was the Rat Fink, a stylized green rat with a toothy smile, big ears, and a bright red R.F. muscle shirt. Every kid knew who the Rat Fink was.



The Rat Fink logo.

In the 60s Revell took some of Big Daddy's designs and made a series of Rat Fink models. These models featured an elaborately chopped car being driven by a demonic looking guy or by the

Rat Fink. They drivers generally featured bulging, bloodshot eyes, toothy grins, and muscles poking out all over. The cars always had a huge melty looking engine and a gear shift knob that stood as tall as the driver.



One of the Rat Fink models.

As a kid, I built Rat Fink models, sometimes modifying them to suit my own needs. For example, the Football Fink had my dad's college numbers and colors, which pleased him to no end. And, while I have not made a Rat Fink model in many years, they have all held a special place in my memory. So, this year, I put my imagination to work and created the *Tribute to the Rat Fink* rocket.



The Tribute to the Rat Fink rocket.

Designing the Tribute to the Rat Fink Rocket

To fit with the Rat Fink tradition, the *Tribute to the Rat Fink* rocket needed to be very car like. It had to have an internal combustion engine, a steering wheel and a gear shift knob. It's