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horses, whether they ever show the horse or not. Instead, Corky is steadily completing her customers' orders so she can finally start on the horse of her dreams. It won't be for sale at any price... because she wants to show it.

You suggested a solution of showing under "different judges! New judges!"—but if you stop and think about it, that action could have some unpleasant consequences. Your club's president has been holding two series of open photo shows all throughout 1991—but since she has obviously seen some of my horses in club shows, she is no longer a "different" or "new" judge. What your solution seems to boil down to is that anyone who owns remakes but isn't a remaker should not enter photo shows held by judges that are members of your club! That doesn't seem fair to those judges.

The repercussions of your group's actions may well shake the ethical foundation of the hobby. Screaming never solves problems; rational discussion might. Here's a suggestion for a compromise: if remakers what a customizer's club, that's fine, but each member must have written permission from a model's current owner to show it within the confines of that club. If the owner says "no," then the model can not be shown. If a club member wants to sell a model on the condition that he or she is allowed to show it within the club, that's fine too—as long as the buyer is aware of that condition up front, and so can choose whether or not to give that artist their business. The hobby's best interests would be the top priority, rather than having fun at a fellow hobbyist's expense, and I think it would work. But again, this is only one person's opinion...and this isn't my hobby or your hobby, but OUR hobby.

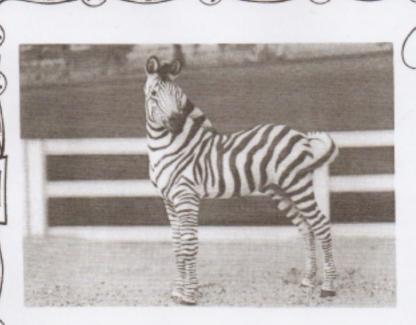
So readers, whether you're an artist, a customer, or an interested observer, please write in with your views on this controversial topic, and I'll devote a future column to your thoughts and ideas. Actions do have consequences. Whatever decision we all reach will affect the hobby of the future...and perhaps the hobby's future, too. Please write! The address: The Inside Straight, c/o Ardith Carlton,

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Thanks to everyone in the hobby that has made this past year something really special. To all of the old, the new and future friends. May your holidays be filled with nothing but the best.

Carol Hale

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