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by: "GTO"

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Well gang, the *March meeting* had about 54 members turn out to acknowledge the (*triumphant*) return of *Chad Shapiro* from his *excellent NNL East adventure, from which he managed to come away, after the smoke had cleared, with the Best Junior award! Waytogo, Chadwick!!* Sadly, I have no other results as to whether or not any other MAMA's BoyZ did anything - Sorry!

Our *NNL show* is fast approaching, and final arrangements are being made as I write this. Remember, the themes this year are *Wagons, Woodies, and Deliveries*, along with *1940 Fords*, so let's get busy and get those projects finished, so they can make the show! Some of you may be '*drafted*' in order to smooth operations on show day, so be prepared! And, speaking of shows, it was discussed at the meeting that the gang at *Kalmbach* will be *running coverage of our last NNL bash (once the requisite release forms are signed and returned, natch!)*. So, watch for it this Fall!

The raffle raised *\$69.00 (as well as \$44.25 from the box)*. The club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: *Mike Hemp, Bill Spradlin, Mark Mason, Ron Bradley, Lyle Willits, Ron Hamilton, Matt, Tim Powers, Walt Rook, and Replicas and Miniatures Company of MD*. Special thanks also go to those listed below:

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Double Zero (Y2K) MEETING SCHEDULE

Well guys, here it is, just as I promised ya! Ain't it great when things work out like they are supposed to? Thanks to Matt Guilfoyle for his hard work in ensuring that we have a place to meet every month next year! Yup, we are back at the *Greenbelt Community center* multipurpose room for the dates listed below. As usual, the meetings start at noon, and last until 3 or 4 P.M. (*and maybe even later, depending on what is going on!*).

January 15th
February 19th
March 18th
April 15th
May 20th
June 17th



July 15th
August 19th
September 16th
October 21st
November 18th
December 16th

From the Baltimore Beltway (RT 695): Take Exit 7, Route 295 (*Baltimore-Washington Parkway*) south towards Washington approx. 18 miles to Route 193 (*Greenbelt Road*), and exit. When on the off-ramp, stay to the right and merge right onto Southway (see below).

From the Washington Beltway (RT 495): Take Exit 22 north, towards Baltimore. Stay in the right lane and take the first exit onto Route 193 (*Greenbelt Road*). When on the off-ramp, bear to the right and take Greenbelt road west, towards College Park. Stay in the right lane and immediately after passing over the Parkway, make a right (*at the light*) onto Southway (see below).

Once on Southway: Go straight to the second (*2nd*) STOP sign. Make a left onto Crescent road. Go to STOP sign and make a right into the parking lot behind the Greenbelt Library. Once in parking lot, look to right. The large, white building is the Greenbelt Community Center. Enter building using doors near fenced tot lot. The multi-purpose room is on the second floor. There is an elevator to the left of the entrance.

Seminar Listing

Bare Metal Foil-Ron Hamilton ✓
Gold Foil application-Matt Guilfoyle ✓
Fear of Photoetch-Lyle Willits ✓
Interior Detailing
Panel Opening-Bill Geary ✓
Engine Detailing-Norman Veber
Paint Polishing

Airbrush Technique
Restoration of a Built-up model
Decal Application
Scratchbuilding small details (acetate windows, antennas, etc.)
Building a resin kit/conversion
Tire Detailing

SNEAKIN' A PEEK!

This column appears as frequently (*or infrequently!*) as new releases from the manufacturers. The idea behind it is to give a "thumbnail review" of the releases as they hit the shelves with a more detailed review to follow at a later date (*hopefully!*). We'll see how it goes! How about this, gang? To better identify possible kit reviews, at the end of the item on the kit, the words 'Available' or 'Not Available' will appear. Obviously, a club member may reserve any kit that is available with a simple call to the Editor. Conversely, a kit which is 'Not Available' was either already reserved by someone, or was something new inserted by yours truly, and paid for with my hard-earned moolah! (*Ed. Note: The kits are listed in no particular order*):

- **'New Thunderbird'** (Revell 'Wheels of Fire' #1916): Molded in red, black, and chrome....nice rendition of the Thunderbird concept car touring the country, preparing the public for the next-gen 'Bird....no engine (curbside)....tub-style interior w/two-piece bucket seats, drop-in door panel, and dash gauge face markings (adhesive-backed)....option of tonneau cover or up-top (w/porthole!) included....separate grille, headlights, clear red tail lights....chrome wheels and rubber tires....stylized Thunderbird logo for side of car, along with 'Thunderbird' script for rocker panel, 'T 2000' plate, and aforementioned gauge face marking. (*Available*)
- **'57 Chevy Bel Air'** (Revell 'Wheels of Fire' #1912): Molded in black red, and chrome....tub-style interior, with drop-in door panels....one-piece chassis....chrome hubcaps mounting tires which include whitewall inserts....chrome headlight bezels, w/clear lenses.... adhesive-backed peel and stick markings include flame decals for sides of car, 'FINS' plate, Bel Air side cove trim, and a few scripts for the sides of the car as well. (*Available*)
- **'Badman'** (Monogram Classic #0229): Molded in Yellow....Apparent straight reissue of the original classic '55 Chevy, molded in yellow...15-piece supercharged small block V-8....tub-style interior, mounting two racing buckets, dash, steering column/wheel, three-piece roll cage, separate pedals, fire extinguisher, shifter, and trans tunnel....chrome straight front axle, simplified rear suspension w/ladder bars and wheelie bars....'Badman' trading card included. (*Available*)
- **Quaker State March Indy Car** (Monogram #4171): Molded in white....Straight reissue....Multi-piece Porsche V-8....five-piece driver figure included...choice of Road Course or Speedway configurations for front and rear wings....decal sheet is small, but appears to be very crisp, and inclusive of all necessary markings. (*Available*)
- **Mazda MX-5 Miata Complete** (Revell #2156): Molded in red, and chrome....Straight reissue....simplified engine and trans unit included....simplified front and rear suspensions....two-piece exhaust system....platform-style interior w/separate, drop-in door panels....two-piece (each) bucket seats....four-piece radiator....disc brakes all around....outside rear view mirrors w/separate chrome faces....choice up convertible top, stock boot, or racing boot....decals consist of twin black and white stripes for the hood and trunk, black and white stripes for the rocker panels, and single license plate....also included is a set of paints, paintbrush, and a small tube of glue. (*Available*)
- **#28 "Havoline" Thunderbird** (Revell #2990): Molded in white....with the exception of the very nice gold foil graphics, a straight reissue of the company's excellent '87/'88 (a.k.a. 'Bullet Nose') T-Bird.... (*Available*)
- **1940 Ford Convertible ProModeler** (Monogram #5961): Molded in White...multi-piece chassis, w/separate 'X' member....upper and lower hoses....brake backing plates, complete with detail!...rolling stock choices consist of either skinnies with wide whitewalls, steel rims, dog dish hubcaps, and trim rings, or big 'n little Goodyear Eagle ST tires, mounting slotted wheels....platform-style interior....separate sunvisors, dash cluster, shifter, and pedals....separate running boards and rear fenders....(white) molded up convertible top or boot....Edelbrock chrome cylinder heads, beehive oil filter, and twin-carb intake....choice of single or dual exhausts....2-speedrear end....billet steering wheel....decals include flames, (5) sets of license plates, (1) set of 'Ford' ovals, (2) sets of tag frames: '1940 Ford - Flatheads Forever (black/silver), and 'Ford' (gold/silver);, (3) gauge clusters- black or white faces, and one stock, red and white scallops, and assorted sponsor decals. (*Not Available*).

- '68 GTO Street Machine (Revell #2985): Molded in white....straight reissue of earlier '68 GTO, this time in white....tunnelram-equipped 400 cu. in. V-8....interior is straight from the '69 GTO..., and therefore, totally incorrect for the '68 (darn!)...Goodyear GT Radials mounting a nice set of five-spoke mags....platform-style interior....sidepipes....'69 Judge spoiler included....decals include flames for fenders of car, '400 cu in' markings for the hood (?!), a 'GTO' band for the windshield, and a set of CA plates – 'GOAT', along with GR-RRR', and 'GOAT' generic plates....box art features a stylized drawing of the car on the top and end flaps, and pictures on the side (*Not Available*).

[Note to all concerned: *It has been brought to my attention of late that there is a potential problem with regard to the review articles published in this newsletter. Let me give you a little background on this subject. The model manufacturers (AMT/ERTL, Revell-Monogram, and Lindberg) all attempt to send our club current releases in exchange for our critiques on what we liked and didn't like about them. That means that we need to get written reviews published in the newsletter in a reasonable time frame to accomplish this. If you will recall, I have stood up at recent club meetings to enlist the aid of the members in attendance to get kit reviews. At present, Ron Hamilton has done more than his fair share of reviews. In the past, Lyle Willits also did his share of reviews, as well as yer Fearless Editor. If anyone wishes to see reviews written by someone else (or take a crack at it him or herself), they need to contact me, in order to determine which kits are available for review. I don't have the time to chase anyone down and browbeat him or her for a review. Rest assured though, if you take a review sample, I will be your worst nightmare if I don't get a review within a reasonable time (right, Leonard?). You may also rest assured that if you take a kit for a review, and do not return a review of it within a reasonable time, that you will not receive another!]*

Street Scene Display Case

[Revell #1331]

Here we have another variation of display cases, for those of you out there who have no large display case of sorts, to keep the dust off of your masterpieces.

This particular one is a portion of a street and a corner. Visible is a portion of a crosswalk, and a street light, which mounts on the sidewalk. While perusing another club newsletter, it was pointed out how '*politically incorrect*' this diorama really is, what with no handicap access at the corner! The street is weathered somewhat, displaying areas which would simulate the area where the car's tires would roll.

This is topped off with a large, clear cover, and backed by a backdrop, all in the guise of adding a bit more realism and interest to the display, which it does.

Other display cases in this lineup include an *Off-Road version*, which includes muddy tire tracks on a grassy green base (*and a skeleton, to boot!*), and for you roundy-rounders, a *NASCAR-inspired pit road case*, which includes a section of pit road, showing the pit stall markings, a portion of the wall. Each has an appropriate backdrop. The NASCAR version can even be linked to other NASCAR cases, allowing you to build a pit road diorama. Recommended!

By: Tim Sickle

'40 Ford Convertible

[Revell-Monogram ProModeler, 2 in 1 options, 1/25 scale, 190 pieces, white, clear, chrome, 2 sets vinyl tires, skill level.....Duh, ya glue it together]

Getting right to the point, this is *one fine kit!!* The builder has the options to create an *extremely accurate* and *detailed replica stock, fully factory optioned model or an equally accurate street rod with modern rod components*. This kit contains all the correct "*down in da weeds*" *chassis components* for the street rod builder as opposed to last year's Pro-Modeler 48 Ford which left the builder to his own devices and parts box to "*get it right*" for a street rod version. The *instruction booklet* included is *noteworthy in itself*. There are many black and white detail photos of an actual restored 40 Ford and every color is correctly called out for each part.

ENGINE: 32 engine parts are provided to replicate a *stock or rodded Ford Flathead*. This may be one of the *most accurate flatheads in plastic kit form* and *some components even come close to rivaling Replicas and Miniatures Co. of Maryland excellent flathead parts....well, maybe not*, but the kit parts are pretty cool! Noteworthy are the separate front engine cover, the separate distributor, stock and finned beehive oil filters and the custom chromed Edelbrock finned heads.

CHASSIS:

The stock chassis consists of **23 parts** and builds into an exact replica of the real thing. This assembly is superbly detailed and includes the *factory-optional Columbia 2 speed rear end*. (*I think this is a first in a model kit*). For the street rod version,

another 22 (!!!) parts are provided for the *modern front and rear suspension, front disc brakes, modern exhaust, etc.*

ROLLING STOCK:

Stock 16-inch wheels with molded in valve stems are included for the *beautifully detailed new stock tires with separate white wall inserts*. I suppose it could be argued that the stock tires should be Firestone instead of Goodyear, but they are really sharp, nonetheless. The *chromed trim rings* and *Ford Deluxe caps* are just beautiful. These are the first trim rings I've ever seen in a model kit that are in scale and fit the wheel, as they should. The street rod tires are *14 and 15 inch Goodyear Eagle ST* and I believe are from a brand new tool also. *Chromed ET style custom wheels and billet center covers* are well done.

INTERIOR:

Comprised of 14 pieces, the interior builds up from the floor panel, which then attaches to the separate floor pan, which in turn, mounts onto the frame. All of the interior parts are very well detailed and accurate. The *most realistic convertible boot* I've ever seen in a kit is provided along with a *dead-on accurate up top*. Now...I know we can't have everything, but the *street rod builder is limited to the stock interior* with the *exception of a custom steering wheel* and a *gauge panel insert*. Oh well, it's fun to make custom interiors and I'm sure the aftermarket will come up with a few options.

BODY:

The stock version is comprised of 41 pieces including all external chrome handles, ornaments, mirrors, wipers, vent window frames and "glass", bumpers with separate brackets, etc. The front fenders are molded to the body. The two running boards and rear fenders are added separately. Very nicely detailed *hood hinges* eliminate the *old AMT "lumps wedged into the holes" approach* for keeping the hood open. The hood emblems and side chrome trim is very crisply molded.

DECALS:

Here we find *really nice flames, 3 sets of gauges, 6 sets of license plates with 2 sets of plate frames, in-scale pin striping in red and in white, various small sponsor logos, the correct stock underhood markings and even the Columbia 2 speed decal for the stock windshield.*

The *kit bashing options* with this kit is *almost endless*. Yes, the *AMT 40 Coupe* and *39/40 Tudor Sedan bodies* fit this kit perfectly. For that *nostalgia Revell 32 Ford rod* you've wanted to build, all the parts are in this kit: *the steelies, trim rings, wide whites, flathead, rear end, etc.* Throw the *modern Ford engine* from the *32 kit* into *THIS kit* and you still haven't lost anything. And, I understand a *certain Mr. Rik Hoving*, should be receiving his kit right about NOW, so look for *chopped, smoothed, swoopy things in resin very soon!!*

I haven't built any plastic in almost a year now...THIS is the one bringing me back!!!!

Lyle

Super Stallion Mustang

[Revell # 2571; 20 chrome parts, 38 white parts, 5 clear parts, 2 clear red parts, 4 vinyl tires

Ford's SVE team built *Super Stallion* the 1:1 in seven months. Unfortunately it was intended as a one-off exercise to show that horsepower need not suffer in a zero emission environment. In fact this multi-fueled engine burns cleaner as the horsepower increases. On *pump gas, 97 octane*, it develops *545 hp*, on *E85 Ethanol*, 100% alcohol, it develops *590 hp* at *8-12 pounds boost* from its *supercharger*. On *pump gas* the Super Stallion goes *0-60 mph in 4.3 sec.*, and *12.7 sec. @ 112.8 mph in the ¼ mi.* On *E85* it goes *0-60 in 3.7 sec.* and *117.0 mph in the ¼ mi.* It has a theoretical top speed of 175 mph, though until extensive wind tunnel tests are completed that won't be tested.

The 5.4 L DOHC modular engine in the Revell kit consists of 16 pieces and should build up to look good despite the fact it is somewhat simplified. The front cover and the serpentine belt are one piece as are the cylinder heads and the intake manifold. But there are upper and lower radiator hoses and it has race type headers and tons of chrome. Believe it or not the chrome is correct for this kit.

This entire kit seems to be based on the snaptite kit, though very little seems to suffer for it. The interior has only 9 pieces and a decal for the gauges. The chassis has a separate exhaust system, 4-piece front suspension and a 3 piece rear suspension, though the latter should be an independent rear suspension. It was this car that helped develop the IRS for the '99 Mustang. All 4 corners have unchromed disc brakes. The kit brakes seem to measure out to 12" even though the 1:1 has 13" front and 12" rear brakes. I wouldn't complain about such a slight difference, especially when you consider that Revell has included cross-drilled dot pattern decals for both sides of all 4 rotors and Brembo decals for the calipers. Way to go Revell!! The tires on the 1:1 car are 265/40ZR-18" while the kits are 245/45ZR-17". While this is not correct it's a great deal closer than other kits in the past.. The kit wheels depict the real ones very well, but the chrome needs to be toned down a little with clear flat or metalizer. I suspect this is what Revell expects us to do. There are carbon fiber decals to fit on the

fake side scoops for the rear side windows and the lower body . The windows are one-piece front, rear and sides and there are clear headlights and driving lights with chrome reflectors for the driving lights. The engine hood has been correctly modified to duplicate the real one.

The decal sheet contains all of the green stripes needed plus a stripe of blue to help simplify duplicating the unusual paint job. There are carbon fiber decals for the ground effects panels as well as "Super Stallion" lettering for the front and rear bumpers and labels for the engines cam covers.

Despite a few short cuts this kit should build up to be a very nice model. Those who like to be real picky can correct those few problems if they want. Kudos to Revell.

By Rich Wilson

"Interstate Batteries" Pontiac Grand Prix

[Revell #1645; 60+ pieces; Pre-painted body; molded in lt. Gray, black, and clear]

The 'Interstate Batteries' Pontiac Grand Prix was released this year in Revell's regular glue line-up, alongside the 'Caterpillar' Grand Prix. This version is in their new Skill Level 2 snap series of kits. These kits have a slightly increased level of difficulty, due to the addition of engines with opening hoods, and driver figures.

Engine: Yup, this one's got an engine. It is actually a decent rendition of the *new SB2*, which the GM teams are running. It has the usual longitudinal split, and separate oil pan. It also features a set of headers, which are one piece each, a simplified belt assembly, manifold and carb, and cold air box.

Chassis: This unit includes one-piece side rails as in the glue series, padded shifter, dashboard, and seat. Vinyl hoses are included for driver cooling and ventilation. The driver's side window net is also vinyl. The simplified front suspension includes small metal pins for the front tires, while the rear includes a metal axle.

Wheels and Tires: A very nice set of their latest tires, with the Goodyear marking tampo printed on them. Open Bassett wheels show off the disc brake rotors at all four corners.

Body: The body looks properly aerodynamic, and includes the roof rails and flaps.

Glass: Already installed in the car, it is already painted black on the rear as necessary.

Decals: The majority of the decals are already on the car, so the decal sheet includes several of the smaller contingency markings, headlights, and driver items, such as seat belt, and helmet markings.

The kit went together very well, with one small exception. The driver's seat interfered with the flexible window net, bulging it outward. That wouldn't work in the real world, with all the emphasis put on aerodynamics. So, a bit of judicious use of a file to reshape it, and an attempt to 'adjust' it inward a bit did the trick.

This model, when finished, compares favorably with not only Revell's earlier snap kits, but AMT's as well. The addition of the engine and driver detail is just a bit of icing on the cake.

By: Tim Sickle

Team Rayhal Shell Reynard

[56 pieces molded in white]

This kit accurately portrays the *Reynard* that was campaigned on the *CART circuit* for *1998*. This kit allows you to build the *road course car* or the *superspeedway car* with two different sets of wings. It also gives you *two sets of tires*, one being a set of slick tires, and the other rain tires, for the road course car.

The *chassis* is accurately reproduced with removable side pod covers but the bad part is that there is no detail for them to reveal so they are rendered useless unless you want to spend a lot of time scratchbuilding all the components for the engine compartment. The top engine cover is molded in one piece with the rest of the monocoque. The *rear suspension* is fine but it is mounted to a very poor representation of a transaxle (but for a curbside kit, it is what you would expect). The *front suspension* is fine with the lower a-arms molded to the rest of the monocoque. This is good in some ways as in durability of the front suspension to keep the front wheels attached. Now, to slow the car down as it approaches the corkscrew at *Laguna Seca*, Revell has given you a fairly decent representation of slotted rotors and a set of *Brembo racing calipers*. Now to where the power meets the pavement - the wheels and tires. Revell gives you a set of *two-piece BBS racing wheels* that represent the real thing pretty well. With the front wheels having a separate lugnut but the rear wheels are all in one piece for the solid rear axle to fasten the rear wheels to the chassis.

The interior of this car is not very roomy by design. In the kit, they give you a two piece seat with detail including the sequential gear shift on the right and the weight jacker on the left, both molded into each side of the seat. The neat thing with the interior is that Revell has supplied a driver figure with the kit. The windscreen in the kit is like the other Indy style

windcreens, but this one has the side mirrors molded in to the windscreen as one piece. Eliminating the tiny mirrors that were some what of a hassle to put on.

By: Dave Wilson

BITS & PIECES

- **Top 10 Listing!** I recently came into possession of a listing of the *Top 125 plastic model kits* by *Revell-Monogram* sold *from March of 1999 through February of 2000*, and there are quite a few surprises. The *top 10* are as follows: *10 - '60 Chevy Hardtop lowrider, 9 - '32 Ford 3-window Coupe, 8 - '69 Shelby Mustang 2 'n 1, 7 - Pre-finished Snap #24 'Dupont' Monte Carlo, 6 - '99 Mustang GT, 5 - NASCAR display case, 4 - Snap Hummer, 3 - '68 Corvette Roadster 2 'n 1, 2 - Snap Gravedigger Monster Truck*, and are you ready for #1? Drum roll please.....*1 - Snap VW New Beetle!!* Interesting that there were 3 snap kits in the top 4. *Other performances of note: '69 GTO - 114, '67 SS396 Chevelle - 109, '98 Corvette Roadster - 103, '71 Hemi Cuda - 100, '32 Ford Highboy - 94, '87 Monte Carlo SS Aeroback - 86, Snaptite Impala SS - 84, '66 GTO - 80, Dick Landy's Dodge Charger - 78, Snap '97 Ford Expedition - 75, Prowler w/trailer - 69, '99 Corvette hardtop - 66, visible V-8 - 52 (?), '98 Firebird Ram Air - 43, '93 Mustang Cobra - 37, '41 Chevy pickup - 35, '99 SVT Lightning - 32, Dodge Ram VTS pickup - 31, '69 Charger - 30, Sidewinder show truck - 19, '70 GSX 2 'n 1 - 17, RMS Titanic - 13 (!)*. Keep buying and building!
- **Internet Monopoly!** *Go straight to the Internet, do not pass Go, do not collect \$200!* Punch in www.nitrofan.com; click on 'site map'; click on '25 questions'; click on 'Garlits, Don, Big Daddy'; and check out *question #24-does "Big" REALLY believe in Alien presence here on Earth?!* Thanks to long distance member *Tom Gunshannon* for this one! Tom says this is one of the best websites for drag racing fans ever made! *Thanks, Tom!*
- **More diecasts!** This time, from, of all people, the gang at **Revell-Monogram!** Apparently, they are re-entering the premium diecast market with their line of 'Creative Masters' 1/20th scale diecasts. Included in this release are the following significant cars: *a '67 427 Corvette Roadster (#8805; \$99.95), a '69 Z28 Camaro (#8826; \$129.95), a USRRC Shelby 427 Racing Cobra (#8824; \$99.95), a '69 Ford GT-40 Lemans Wnner (#8829; \$129.95), a '92 Viper RT/10 (#8822; \$99.95), and finally, a '66 Shelby Shelby Mustang GT-350H (#8828; \$129.95)*. They will be produced in limited quantities (*no word on how many*), and will be available in the *Spring (#8805 & 8826); Summer (#8824, and 8829), and Fall (#8822 and 8828)*. *Watch for 'em!*
- **Retired!** The gang at **Danbury Mint** are retiring another of their fine diecasts! This time, it is *their 1958 Chevy Impala convertible*, complete with continental kit at the rear! *It features opening doors, hood, and trunk, as well as a genuine rubber spare tire*. It will be available until June 30th of this year, so if you are interested, don't hesitate! It goes for only *\$112*, payable in four convenient monthly installments of \$28 (*Plus a total of \$7.80 shipping and handling*). You can reach 'em at 47 Richards Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06857, or call toll-free at 1-888-854-7108, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.
- **New Stuff!** The latest **Modelhaus catalog** lists the following for *Spring 2000*: *A 1957 Plymouth Suburban station wagon, a 1958 Buick Limited 2 dr. hardtop, a 1960 Olds 98 2 dr. hardtop, a 1964 Comet A/FX Drag car, and a 1961 Plymouth Fury 2 dr. hardtop*. You can reach 'em at 5480 Traugher Road, Decatur IL 62521-8800, or check 'em out on the Internet at www.modelhaus.com!
- **'Modeling in the woods!'** Our own **Chuck Conner** is actively trying to get a *modeling club* started in his neck of the woods. It's not that he is trying to, as he puts it, "One-up anybody", he's a MAMA's Boy for life! He does not intend to compete with MAMA, he would just enjoy the luxury of being able to share the hobby we all hold near and dear without driving over an hour one way! If you live in *Chuck's 'Neck of the Woods'*, he has reserved the meeting room at the *Charlotte Hall library* on *June 10th*, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Watch for flyers and directions at upcoming meetings, if you are interested!
- **More new stuff** Got my new **Fred Cady catalog** in the mail the other day. There are several new listings for later this year. How about *1968 Mustang C stripes (white/black), 1968 Torino side stripes (white/black), 1964 Ford GT40 Lemans cars (#10, #11, & #12), 1965 Ford GT40 Daytona #72, and #73, 1973 Porsche 911RS BF Goodrich, 1976 Porsche 934RSR Bosch, 1965 Ford Richmond Motor Co. champ, 1965 Ford Holly Farms, 1962 "Royal Pontiac/Tin Indian" Catalina, 1965 Chevy II/Z-16 "Retribution II", 1966 GTO Knafel "Tin Indian", 1966/67 Mercury Comet "Eliminator", 1970's "Akron Arlen" Duster, 1990s Indiana and Pennsylvania State Police markings, 1969 Yenko 427 Camaro (white/black), 1969 SS396/ZL-1 hood/side stripes (white/black), 1969/70 Mustang GT-350/500, 1970 hood art (white/gold/blue/black), 1970 Ford Mustang factory Trans Am team (#15 and #16), 1970 Challenger T/A and R/T stripes (white/black), and lastly, 1970 Barracuda rear fender stripes (white/black, 340, 383, 440, & HEMI)*. The last several are, believe it or not for 1/18th scale diecast!

- ❑ **Apologies!** In a recent issue of this rag, I was crowing about results from an *IPMS event* in which several MAMA's BoyZ placed very well. Allow me to add *MAMA's Boy Barry Dukes* to this list. Barry took *three models* (a contemporary pickup truck, a mildly rodded '53 Ford Crown Victoria, and a 'Killer' '41 Plymouth street rod) to this show, and came away with *four awards*- including *Best of Show* for the *Plymouth!!* And, let's not forget our own *Norman Veber*, who took the trophy for *Commercial Light Duty*, for his '47 *Chevy Sedan Delivery*. *Waytogo, guys! Ya'll need to let me know these things! Thanks to Steve Strauss for setting the record straight.*
- ❑ **Going in Style!** Douglass R. Hayes Jr. recently shuffled off this mortal coil we know of as earth. Why is this worthy of mention? He was a car guy, specifically, he was *co-founder* of the *Packards of Virginia club* (his collection consisted of nine, one of which was a 1952 Packard hearse). The *hearse* was pressed into service to *carry Mr. Hayes body to its final resting place, in a caravan totaling 14 Packards!* Including a *Packard flower car* in addition to the hearse. Thanks to The Washington Times for this piece.
- ❑ **More Club meetings.** Mark Wheeler, founder of the "*Our Model is Christ*" *model car club*, has announced their *2000 meeting schedule: January 16th, February 20th, March 19th, April 9th, May 21st, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th, September 17th, October 22nd, November 12th, and December 3rd* (Christmas gift exchange and Christmas party as well!). Mark's club meets at *Fork Christian Church, 6908 Sunshine Avenue, Fork, Maryland 21051, (410) 592-2292*. Meetings will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. For further info, call Mark at (410) 551-4230.

COMING EVENTS

- ❑ *April 22nd- Lost in the 50's 3rd Annual Swap Meet and Flea Market* at 2301 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD (the Cruise lot behind Sicily's Pizza). For info, call Sally Evans at (410) 224-6406, or Bill Bogdan at (410) 761-1320.
- ❑ *April 22nd- Delaware Model Car, Diecast, & Kit Collector's meet* at the NUR Shrine Temple on Rt. 13 and Rt. 40 split, just off I-95. For info, contact John Carlisle (See listing for Gilbertsville show on Feb. 27th).
- ❑ *April 29th- The First Annual Scenic City Classic NNL Model Car Show/Expo* sponsored by the Chattanooga Auto Replicas in Scale at the Camp Jordan Arena in scenic Chattanooga, TN *Themes* are "*Anything with a '1' in it*", and "*Fun in the Sun.*" For *vendor info*, contact *Lee Baker* at 927 Belvoir Hills Cir. East Ridge, TN 37412 [(423) 629-0121], or E-mail augie@vol.com; for *sponsorship* and *other show info*, contact *David Rose* at 3856 S. Quail Lane Chattanooga, TN 37415 [(423) 870-9619], or E-mail cars@vol.com. Check out their website at <http://www.CARSModelCarGallery.com!>
- ❑ *April 30th- Fifth Annual Car & Truck Show* sponsored by the *Cruisers Unlimited Car Club* and *Mars Supermarkets* from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lynch Manor Shopping Center, 7800 block of Wise Avenue, in Dundalk, MD. Top 30 awards, Club participation, door prizes, raffle, dash plaques to first 125 registered, and DJ will be there. Proceeds to benefit the Disabled Students that attend Battle Monument School in Dundalk. For info, contact Bill Hewitt at (410) 388-9391, Mike Carbaugh at (410) 592-6296, or Mike Barborka at (410) 282-5296.
- ❑ *May 7th- Car show* presented by the *Asphalt Angels Car club* at *Cetrone's Catering* on Annapolis Road in Bowie (behind Footlocker and AutoPro) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dash plaques for the first 50 cars, *People's Choice trophies*, bake sale. \$5 pre-registration, \$10 day of show. For info, call Marty Pierpont at (301) 459-6925, or Lyn Hubbard at (301) 262-6026.
- ❑ *May 12th to 14th-Flowmaster Pro Street Invitational* at Norwalk Raceway Park in Norwalk, Ohio. For further info, check out the website: spittleproductions.com or E-mail Frank at s.spittle@worldnet.att.com.
- ❑ *May 13th- 9th Annual Mid-Atlantic NNL Model Car show and Swap meet* sponsored by the *Maryland Automotive Modelers Association* at the Ruhl Armory in Towson, MD from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Themes are *Woodies, Wagons, & Deliveries*, and *'40 Fords*.
- ❑ *May 13th- 20th Annual High Performance Pontiac magazine All-Pontiac Show and Go* at Old Bridge Township Raceway Park, in Englishtown, NJ. For info, call (732) 446-7800.
- ❑ *May 18th to 21st- Cruisin' Ocean City 2000*. For info, call (410) 798-6304.
- ❑ *May 20th- 2nd Annual Antique and Classic Car, Van, Truck, Fire Truck, & Motorcycle show* (whatta mouthful!) at the Prince George's Equestrian Center & Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, MD from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to benefit the Mary Baker fundraiser. Dash plaques to the first 150 vehicles, vendor spots available (\$25.00), door prizes, and music by way of a DJ. For more info, contact Carol Kiernan (swap meet) at (301) 345-9463, Vivian Morgan at (301) 736-7176, or Mary Russell at (301) 449-3995 (all after 6 p.m., please!).
- ❑ *May 21st- 49th Pennsylvania Model car, Diecast, & Kit Collector's meet* at the Gilbertsville Fire Hall in Gilbertsville, PA from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is \$4.00, children 12 and under are free. For info, contact John Carlisle (See listing for Gilbertsville show on Feb. 27th).
- ❑ *May 27th & 28th- 14th Annual Rod Run* sponsored by *the Custom Cruisers of Northern Virginia* at historic Ida Lee Park on Rt. 15 north of the city limits in Leesburg, VA. Streets closed 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday night, live band,

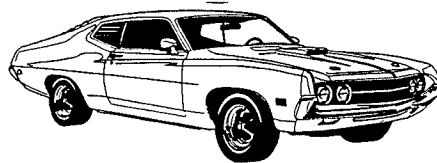
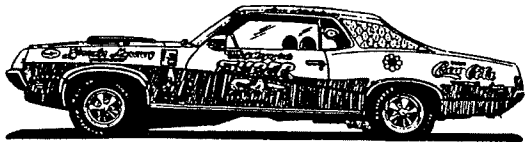
car show at Ida Lee Park on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with dash plaques, door prizes, Top 50 awards, Club participation. Open to Pre-1972 Street Rod, Street Machine, Custom, Antique, Muscle Car, and Classic vehicles only. For info, call Chuck Sommers at (703) 777-3632, or John Ennis at (703) 754-7453.

- ❑ *June 15th to 18th- Bowtie/Late Great/Yesteryears Chevy Eastern National Convention* hosted by Baltimore's Best Classic Chevy club at the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn in Baltimore, MD. Open to all 1955-1972 Chevy cars/trucks. For more info, call April Grammont at (410) 876-8898; AprilG57@Juno.com.
- ❑ *June 24th & 25th- 13th Annual Mid-Atlantic Chevelle Show & Swap Meet/ ACES Northeast Regional* in NorthEast Community Park in Northeast, MD.
- ❑ *July 15th & 16th-York US 30 Dragway Reunion* at York Fairgrounds in York, PA. *Race car art, vintage photos and T-shirts, diecasts, books, magazines, videos, toys, signs, models, well, you get the picture!* A one-day ticket is \$10, or you can get a 'York Club Package' (two-day pass, VIP parking, name badge, and program) for \$25. Vendor space (one or both days) is 10X10, and costs \$50. Reply to **Frank Spittle**, P.O. Box 490, Cornelius, NC 28031; (704) 892-8008.
- ❑ *July 23rd- 50th Pennsylvania Model car, Diecast, & Kit Collector's meet* at the Gilbertsville Fire Hall in Gilbertsville, PA from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is \$4.00, children 12 and under are free. For info, contact John Carlisle (See listing for Gilbertsville show on Feb. 27th).
- ❑ *July 30th- Sixth Annual Pontiacs at the Grove*, drag Racing, car show, and flea market at Maple Grove Raceway in Mohnton, PA. For info, cal (610) 856-7200, or check out their website at www.maplegroveraceway.com.
- ❑ *Sept. 10th- 12th Annual Out of the Past Revue Antique Auto Show* at Spring Hill Recreation Center in McLean, VA, featuring *Washington Times' Autoweekend cars*.
- ❑ *Sept. 15th to 17th- East Coast Nationals* hosted by *The Goodguys* in Rhinebeck, New York. If you are in possession of *model cars, pedal cars, or other 'Cool Nostalgia Stuff'*, then the Goodguys want you to bring it out! For info, contact Rick Hanmore at (914) 564-3757.
- ❑ *Oct. 7th- Volunteer Classic VII* presented by the Knoxville Scale Modelers and the Ridge Runners Car club at the Sevier County Fairgrounds in Sevierville, Tenn. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Rain or Shine!). 20 trophies to be awarded! Door prizes, vendor swap meet. For info, contact Bruce Cloninger at (865) 693-3496, or Bill Crowder at (865) 983-3336.
- ❑ *Oct. 14th- Inaugural 2000 Great American Car Show and Picnic* sponsored by Start Your Engines from noon until 7 p.m. Fireworks, food, raffles, games, entertainment, hydraulic competition, Top 50 plaques. For ticket info (Pre-registration only!), call (410) 335-5545.
- ❑ *Oct. 29th- 51st Pennsylvania Model car, Diecast, & Kit Collector's meet* at the Gilbertsville Fire Hall in Gilbertsville, PA from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is \$4.00, children 12 and under are free. For info, contact John Carlisle (See listing for Gilbertsville show on Feb. 27th).
- ❑ *Nov. 25th- 2nd Delaware Model Car, Diecast, & Kit Collector's meet* at the NUR Shrine Temple on Rt. 13 and Rt. 40 split, just off I-95. For info, contact John Carlisle (See listing for Gilbertsville show on Feb. 27th).
- ❑ *Dec. 2nd & 3rd-11th Annual Street Cars of Desire Car Show* at the MD State Fairgrounds, in the Cow Palace at Timonium, MD.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED - SAE magazine binders; old custom parts; old model boxes, empties, any condition-even just tops. Call Mark Mason at (540) 371-8931, or see me at the meetings.

WANTED - Front and rear 1966 Barracuda glass. Call Joe Bush at (410) 592-7926.



Anyone having an item for the newsletter, whether it is a Bit, a Piece or even a Classified, it can be included by contacting one of the individuals listed below:

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