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by: "GTO"

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Well gang, the *August meeting* had about 42 members in attendance. All those *summer activities* (read: car shows!) are still apparently taking their toll on meeting attendance. Nothing of any great consequence was discussed. People were already arranging rides to *Toledo* for the *upcoming NNL* in October. If you are planning on going, and don't have your transportation arranged, it might be too late!

We will most likely be discussing our *annual picnic* coming up the weekend following the meeting. Please attempt to bring an edible food item, and your appetite!

September picnic shindig at Patapsco State Park. Bring some food and yer appetite!

The raffle raised \$60.00 (as well as \$30.00 from the box). The club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: *Brad, Rich Wilson, Mike Hemp, Ron Bradley, Irv Arter, Ron H, Mark Mason, Jerry Frazier, Bill Spradlin, and Replicas and Miniatures Company of MD.* As always, special thanks also go to those listed below:

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On an unrelated note, check out the club calendar, and don't forget the *club picnic*, on September 23rd of this year!

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

Estes Great Garages Model Garage Kit

[Estes #8050; 1/24th scale; Price - \$19.89; approx. 205 pieces, no chrome or decals]

As you know by now, one of this year's themes for the *Mid-Atlantic NNL* is *dioramas*. I know some of you out there have never built a diorama due to price, or lack of imagination, or haven't a clue as to where to start? Well, all of these excuses must be pitched out the window. If you are able to paint and detail a model car or truck, then you can build this kit with no problem! If you still persist in abstaining from building a diorama, this kit must still be a part of your collection. Just think what you could do for a *utility truck* or *pick-up load*! I have priced the individual pieces from a variety of aftermarket sources, and found it would *cost* about *\$200 in resin (!)*

Let's start out by talking about the display case supplied. The base is a two-piece unit that locks together with four slabs of concrete molded in. Two sidewalls are included. Details are printed on two peel 'n stick sheets. You get one clear front wall, and a clear end wall. All walls lock into the base very well. A clear sheet is included for the top, which slides into channels above the walls. A number of additional peel 'n stick items are included, such as *six car pictures, five posters, a clock, a bulletin board, and 16 sets of different auto-related logos*. The usable space inside the case is 12" long x 8" wide, x 4 1/2" high (*Ed. Note: Or, about 96 cu. In. for those of you who are mathematically challenged!*)

What follows is a list of some of the items included:

- A Stereo Amp w/two box speakers
- A 35mm camera
- A two-door wall cabinet (*with separate doors*)
- A two-door wrench cabinet (*with separate doors*)
- A five-tier metal shelf unit, with back brace
- Two wall mount shelves with brackets
- One small toolbox (*molded closed*)
- One tool box open, with removable top tray
- A workbench, with a four-legged stool and a molded closed file cabinet
- A two-tube fluorescent shop light with separate hanging brackets
- A rolling tool chest (*with one open drawer*)
- A large top tool chest (*with one open drawer and a lid*)
- A rolling battery charger with lines and clamps
- a cutting torch with lines, molded-in regulator and gauges, torch head, and rolling hand cart
- An air compressor on wheels, with lines, hoses, and both a paint spray gun and small orbital sander
- A complete mig welder on wheels with lines, clamps, a nice pair of gloves, and face shield molded on top of the unit
- A rolling floor jack
- Two jackstands
- A very realistic-looking engine stand, with engine plate
- Benchtop drill press
- A dual head bench grinder, with separate wheelguards
- A bench-mounted vise
- A complete parts washer, with separate lid
- A shop broom and dustpan
- A hand-held shop light
- Two drill motors, with bits molded in
- A small fire extinguisher
- A three-stack of books
- A creeper
- Two one-gallon gas cans
- A one-gallon antifreeze container

- ❑ Five one-quart plastic oil cans
- ❑ Three round one-quart oil cans
- ❑ Two one-gallon washer fluid jugs
- ❑ Tools including a hacksaw, vice grips, bolt cutters, screwdrivers, hammers, channellocks, files, open-end and box wrenches, pliers, 3/8" drive socket set (*in a box*), 1/2" drive socket set (*again, in a box, with both sets having separate lids!*), a 1/2" drive ratchet wrench, adjustable wrenches, scissors, and a four-way lug wrench (*Note: No markings are included for the containers*).

That's a whole lotta stuff for **under 20 bucks**, so what else could you want?! How about a **10-piece small block V-8** consisting of two engine halves (*with lifters and pushrods molded in*), separate heads (*detailed on both sides*), oil pan, intake manifold, exhaust manifolds four-barrel carb, open-element air cleaner, and finned valve covers. **PLUS**, eight separate pistons with molded-in connecting rods!?!

Now that you know what you get for your hard-earned scratch in this kit, I can't believe that you wouldn't want a couple of these. If you didn't use the base in favor of all the other parts, it would calculate out to somewhere **less than 25 cents apiece for the remainder of this kit**.

Those of you who know me, know I love building dioramas, and I have to tell you, this kit its highly recommended!

So, if anyone is looking for me, ***I'll be in my garage -scale, that is!***

By: *Bill Richards*

Mr. Norm's 1968 Dodge Dart GSS

[Revell-Monogram #85-7667; 1/25th scale; 117 pieces; molded in white, clear, transparent red, vinyl tires; one version]



I have a confession to make: I had never heard of this car before the kit was announced. Not having any point of reference, I presumed that this kit would be a kit of some racecar that Mr. Norm's sponsored, much like the Mr. Norm's Charger funny car from Polar Lights. Imagine my surprise when I first saw the box art and spied a stock-appearing 1968 Dart! "***What makes this a Mr. Norm's car?***", I asked. "***Beats me,***" replied the storeowner.

Before beginning this review, I did the requisite research on this car and Mr. Norm. Here's what I learned. Norman Kraus and his brother Len established **Grand Spaulding Dodge** in the fall of 1962 on the site of their father's gas station - the corner of Grand Avenue and Spaulding road. The brothers had been selling used cars from a side lot there since the late 1940s. They focused on dealing in manual shift and performance cars, establishing their reputation as purveyors of performance.

The title, Mr. Norm, came not from any planning or slick marketing effort, but from a source that no one would have expected: Norm's name was too long to fit in a newspaper ad in the mid-1950's, so it was abbreviated. The shortened version simply caught on.

After converting their renowned used car lot into Grand Spaulding Dodge, Norm and Len formed **Mr. Norm's Sport Club** to continue their emphasis on performance, and to maintain relations with their performance-oriented customer base. By the mid-1960's, Mr. Norm was sponsoring its first drag racing team, and the dealership had entered a seven year long streak where new car sales doubled every year. By 1966, Norm Kraus and Gary Dyer had created a supercharged altered wheelbase Dodge Coronet that laid the design foundation for what would become the professional funny car class. Grand Spaulding Dodge's performance division had grown to be the largest in the country, and featured two Clayton dynamometers that ran full-time to keep up with the demand for Mr. Norm's dyno-tuning services. The dealership's phenomenal growth established it as the largest high performance Dodge dealership in the country.

By 1967, Mr. Norm's notoriety and sales power gave him the clout to work directly with Chrysler. He created the prototype 300 horsepower, 383 cubic inch Dodge Dart GTS for Chrysler. The availability of the Dart GTS sated the high-performance customer's need for speed. For a little while, anyway. Like any other addiction, performance buyers wanted more, and Mr. Norm set out to get it for them. In 1968, he pitched to Chrysler the idea of producing a 440-powered Dodge Dart. Legend has it that Chrysler engineers said it couldn't be done. Something about insufficient room in the engine compartment for a 440. The story goes that Mr. Norm went back to his shop, pulled the engine out of a 383 Dart GTS, and through some test-fitting, figured out how to shoehorn the big 440 V-8 into the confines of the Dart's engine bay.

Now, I don't know Chrysler engines all that well, but I'll be hanged if I can see a physical difference between the 383 Magnum and the 440 Magnum, aside from air cleaner decals and paint color. They appear to me to be based on the same block and head castings. Different versions of the legend state that the driver's engine mount had to be modified, or that the battery had to be relocated to the trunk. All I know is that in the one engine bay photo of a documented 1968 Dart GSS that I saw, the battery appears to be in the stock location. What is certain is that Chrysler's engineers adopted Mr. Norm's 375 horsepower, 440 cubic inch Dart GSS as the prototype for the 1968 440 Dart GTS.

Chrysler contracted the manufacture of the 1968 440-powered Dart GTS to Hurst-Campbell, Inc. of Michigan. The initial batch of 48 cars featured Torqueflite transmissions. The second batch of 30 cars featured manually shifted transmissions.

Although any dealer could have ordered the 440-powered 1968 Dart GTS, Grand Spaulding Dodge seems to be the only one that actually did. It appears that while those 440 GTS cars that received special tuning in Mr. Norm's facilities were rebadged as GSS cars, Mr. Norm's also continued to assemble some GSS cars themselves as well.

Mr. Norm continued to rack up many racing successes, and eventually grew Grand Spaulding Dodge into the world's largest Dodge dealership. But what did the *GTS* and *GSS* acronyms stand for? On the factory cars, *GTS* stood for *GT Sport* (presumably, the *GT* stood for *Grand Touring*.) On the Mr. Norm's dyno-tuned cars, *GSS* stood for *Grand Spaulding Special*. And that's what this kit depicts, a dyno-tuned 1968 GSS straight out of Mr. Norm's performance shop.

This kit is a *modified reissue* of Revell-Monogram's much-heralded 1969 Dodge Dart *GTS* kit (#7603) from 1995. As such, it shares many of the finely detailed parts that were created for its older sibling. This includes the entire engine and Torqueflite transmission assembly. Apparently, Revell-Monogram couldn't detect any outward physical difference between the 383 Magnum engine and 440 Magnum engine either. The chassis, styled-steel wheels and tires, are also identical between these two kits. Everything else has been re-tooled, so we'll focus this review on the 'new' parts.

The first part you see in this kit is the *re-tooled body*. It now features a vinyl top. While this is a fine addition, the chrome trim around the base of the vinyl top is weak and will require some finesse to highlight with chrome foil. Also, the kit uses decals to represent emblems on the C-pillars. The texture of the vinyl top will cause great difficulty in getting these decals to adhere without silvering. Fortunately, the Model Car Garage will include a pair of C-pillar emblems in their 80-piece photoetched set for this kit due to hit the shelves shortly.

The *hood*, *trunk lid*, and *both fenders* now feature *GSS lettering*. These are lightly engraved, and will likely be buried under the first coat of primer. The decal sheet includes decals for these emblems, but the middle 'S' of all four of these decal emblems is off-center. You have three options: 1) cut the decals into small parts and apply the letters individually, 2) attempt to foil those lightly engraved letters, or 3) wait for the aforementioned Model Car Garage detail set, as it will include these emblems. Round side marker lights appear to be correctly sized and properly positioned. As with the 1969 variant, this body features separate windshield wipers and door handles, but not everything here is the same. Revell-Monogram has improved the already good door handles. The new handles are a bit longer and more squared off, looking much more like the prototype. The non-functional hood inserts have been properly backdated to a correct 1968 appearance. One little touch that was very nice to see was the removal of a rocker panel trim piece that was present on the 1969 body.

Along with the *body*, the *grille*, *taillight panel*, and *both bumpers* have been *modified*. What's that, you say? You can see why the grille and taillight panels were modified, but you know for a fact that the bumpers were the same on 1968 and 1969 Darts? You're right, but recall that the 1969 version of this kit had notches on both bumpers for mounting small bumper guards on each. The 1968 variation does not use the guards, so the bumpers have had the notches removed. Oddly, the guards are still included on the chrome tree. While new, 1968-style taillight lenses were created for this kit, backup lenses are curiously molded in place on the taillight panel.

Speaking of the *grille*, it is not as deeply pointed in the center as the 1969 grille was in the previous kit. Because of this, the striker plate for the hood latch (*part #78*) has been narrowed by almost half. It looks a bit funny when directly compared to its counterpart in the older kit, but most people won't notice.

With the exception of the dashboard, the *interior* of this kit is *all-new*. Even the handle on the shifter has been re-tooled to 1968 styling. The seats, door panels, have all been modified. Of interest, these were available on 1968 models, it kit didn't have them.

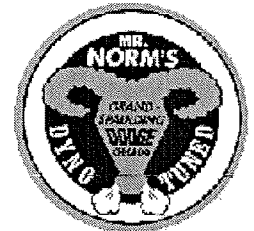
The *decal sheet* is completely new. *black 'Bumblebee' stripes for the rear wheel centers, 440 Magnum air cleaner four sets of license plates, C-pillar Pack' emblems*. Also included are some of *license plate frames*, the previously *Grand Spaulding Dodge decals*, and *decals*. A very nice inclusion on the *shifter faces*.

The *instruction sheet* is laid out well, and provides handy painting tips. Except for the engine - maybe. The instructions guide you to paint the engine Chrysler engine red. However, in the one engine photo of a documented 1968 Dart GSS (*owned by Richard Myers of Wallaceburg, Ontario*) that I saw, the 440 Magnum engine was blue. I have found plenty of photos of 440s in both colors in other cars. I'm going to go with what I saw of the real thing, and paint the engine in my GSS blue.

In all, this is a very well done kit.

For more information about these powerful compact cars, check out the following websites on the Internet:

<http://www.speedvision.com/pub/articles/classisc/04muscle/200419a.html>



It features *red*, *white*, and *of the car, redlines for the tires, label, underhood fan caution, emblems, and two Dodge 'Scat Mr. Norm-specific decals*: a set mentioned *GSS emblems*, *three three Mr. Norm's Dyno Tuned sheet* is a set of *dash, radio, and*

<http://www.citizenstandard.com/extramile/99xm/xm1122.htm>
<http://www.mnorms.com/history/>

Thanks to Revell-Monogram for the review sample.

By: Tim Powers

Predecorated '41 Ford woody - Another man's opinion

[AMT kit # 30248; 1/25 scale]

I must say when I first opened this kit I expected only a painted body and the rest of the parts to be unpainted. That assumption was totally wrong. Almost every part in this kit is not only painted but detail painted as well. Since our own Tim P. did a thorough review of this kit for the May newsletter I won't bother with a parts description except to add two things. The stock wheel backs are not in this issue of the kit and ponder this, there is *no* alternator or generator but there is a battery.

I'm confused as to the intended market for this kit. It seems too expensive for younger modelers and doesn't offer them any chance to get experience at painting. While the older modelers who could afford them would rather paint it themselves anyway. I suppose the younger modeler can gain construction experience and still end up with an attractive model.

The first thing you notice is that all the parts have been separated from the trees, painted, then placed in long narrow plastic bags. Each part is separated from the other by a heat seal and its compartment is labeled with the part number. Some of the parts are plated while others have a single color on them and still others are multi-colored. For example, the engine front cover/engine mount is chromed and the mount portion is finned and painted turquoise and the distributor cap is black. The cylinder heads are painted turquoise with silver fins and boltheads and the radiator hoses are flat black with silver clamp detail. The grilles have black paint in their recesses already. The interior panels appear to have been spray painted then tampo painted for the details like the framing and door handles. The surfboard is my favorite with its paint job made to look like an old wooden surfboard. *Really cool!* My only complaint is that the mold seams are still visible on the body and there is need for more wood grain detail, but fixing these things may not be economically feasible. The body also needs to be polished and/or clear coated.

More than a few fellow modelers have expressed concern that these predecorated models will be entered in model contests by unscrupulous people in an effort to win undeserved trophies. Quite frankly, I can't make up my mind whether I like or dislike these kinds of kits. Also, the colors used are not my first choice, but that doesn't mean this is an undesirable kit. I could always repaint the body a different color or chrome foil the trim. If you haven't bought one yet do so and see what you think.

By: Rich Wilson

Plastic on plastic

There's a new model magazine on the block, and, Oh boy, is it a doozy! What's that, you say, you haven't seen a copy on your local newsstand? Well guess what Bunky, you won't, 'cuz this new model magazine comes on a plastic disc, not paper. Kinda poetic, don't you think? Calling itself a "*Website on a CD*", *eScaleCars.com* has everything you could ask for in a model magazine, and then some. You want How-to's, new products, kit reviews, and feature cars? They're in there. People profiles? You bet. Event coverage? By the ton; both model events and full size car events, and coverage in full of both models and 1:1 cars at the shows where both are featured.

The product of computer wizard *Rick Hanson* and publisher *Roy Sorenson*, formerly of "*Plastic Fanatic*" magazine, these discs are an absolute treasure trove of modeling information. Naturally, they're priced like your typical CD rather than a paper magazine, but the sheer volume of information make them a bargain when compared to the number of issues it would take to print the same stuff on paper. As an example, consider that the last two editions have over 2,000 color photographs each.

The first CD is called "*American Graffiti*", and starts with a set of first-rate "*Graffiti*" models by *Shuichi Sakamoto* which you must see to believe. He also has a nice trick for background scenery to photograph a model with. Then check out Jerry Amaral's workshop; you'll love the pool Cue Incident diorama. Try this year's Grand National Roadster show, both models and rods. Add a dozen kit reviews, and a build-up of *Revell's new Target Reynard Champ car*. Six years of NNL Western Nationals coverage; over 200 pictures. The Hot Rod Nationals 1990, how to restore an older built-up, and more.

The next CD, "*Drag Racing*", includes five feature car articles, a how-to on sectioning, a build-up review of the *AMT/ERTL '57 Chrysler 300-C*, and other reviews. Seven shows are covered, from *NNL East #10* to the *Birmingham Classic NNL 2000*. Reference photos of Top Fuel dragsters and Bonneville cars; around 200 great detail and overall photos. And wait 'til you see *Prestige Hobbies*; if this don't make you want to move to the left coast....

The next CD is entitled "*Rods & Customs*". Twelve feature articles from a *'32 Bonneville Roadster* to the "Salt Flats Garage", and check out "Modeler in Town", you'll love Bill's bedroom, just like home. How-tos include a wild interior, and a "Super Street" hood. Can you say Cowl Induction?! An in-depth build-up of the *Pro Modeler '40 Ford convertible*, coverage

of seven contests, including TamiyaCon 2000, and over 600 photos from NNL East 2000 that are sure to include a few familiar items. There's lots more in here, too.

The newest disc is entitled "*Turn Left.*" Seven feature articles including tours of the *Petersen Automotive Museum* and the *NHRA National Museum*. Nine kit reviews with build-ups of the '39 "*Wagon Rod*" and *Revell's SMART car kit*, new product listings, more 1/43rd scale it reviews, a series of lowrider articles that we haven't even talked about yet fill out the middle, and there are eight shows to choose from. Over 2000 photos, like I said.

So, there you have it. Choose any one of the discs that sound good to you, and give it a try. But, be careful, once you try one of these, you'll end up taking them all; so don't say I didn't warn you! (*Ed. Note: How's that saying go? "Once you've had plastic, you'll never go back?!"*) Subscriptions are available to cut the cost, thank heaven.

By: Tom Gunshannon

Pro Finish SMART Car

[Revell #1347; 1/24th scale; 54 pieces; pre-painted body, molded in black, blue, green, and yellow]

The *SMART* car is a unique vehicle that has been engineered with an eye toward the future. The car's practicality and compact size may make it a common site on European streets.

This kit features easy snap-together assembly. Just as the real car, this kit comes with interchangeable body panels. These panels make it possible for you to mix and match them in any manner you choose.

The kit seemed very straightforward (read: easy!), so as requested, I gave it to Malcolm and let him have at it. A few problems cropped up in the assembly process. Oh, and yes, I did take into consideration that Malcolm is two years younger than the recommended age on the box. We realized from the beginning that he would not be able to build the kit on his own. We started with the dash, where the gauge cluster was a tight fit, and almost impossible for Malcom to insert himself. As I recall his exact words were, "*I don't like this part. It's too hard*", which he said quite often throughout the assembly process. Be sure to use caution when connecting the dashboard top to the base. The top may need some attention in order to fit flush, plus, the steering column has a tendency to make it a bit difficult when mating the two dash pieces.

When connecting the front and back seat pieces, you may have to glue them together. They seem to fit fine when initially attached but, once placed in the interior, they separate at the top, leaving a nice gap. The remainder of the kit seemed to go together well. The kit does not include an engine, which in my opinion is a good thing. It scares me to think what it would look like!

Overall, Malcolm liked this kit, despite his difficulty with assembling a few of the parts. Compared to others he has assembled, that is. I think I may purchase another and save it for the time when he is old enough, and compare. Thanks to Revell-Monogram for the review sample.

By: Elvis & Malcolm

BITS & PIECES

- "**Don't leave home without it!**" Drivers in *southern Wisconsin* better not leave home without their *plastic*. State Troopers in Kenosha county (*between Chicago and Milwaukee*) are packing *wireless terminals to pay fines for speeding and moving violations with a simple swipe of a credit/debit card!!* The nation's first test of the new technology, with MasterCard International and Elan Merchant Services donating ten terminals in mid-July to troopers patrolling the county is scheduled to last one year. Cigarette carton-sized machines run on an eight-hour battery, and send transmissions via cellular frequencies, and come with an onboard printer for receipts. Transactions take only seconds, and drivers are credited with paying their fines the next day. Motorists may still show up in court and recoup any money if their citation is reduced or dismissed. One trooper collected **\$2,000 in fines** in only **three days** using the system!! **Charge it!**
- **Diecast Goats!** Word reaches me about the release of several new *1/18th-scale diecast GTOs*. Slated for release by *Peachstate Musclecars* beginning early next year is a series of **three GTOs**. The first will be a **1970 Orbit Orange Judge** with a black interior, while the second issue will be a **Cameo White 1971 Judge convertible** sporting a white interior, and the third and final GTO will be a **1972 Cardinal Red hardtop** with a Saddle interior. They will come equipped with either **Rally II** or **honeycomb** mag wheels. The photo on the website depicts this car with a rare **ducktail spoiler option**, which was similar to the early 70's Trans Am spoiler, rather than the pedestal spoiler, which appeared on the Judge. These premium diecasts will feature **opening hoods, doors, trunks, retractable windows, and steerable wheels. Additionally, full engine compartment wiring (ignition, fuel, brake, and cooling lines), working front and rear suspensions, and a metal chassis molded separately from the floorpan.** All these features will obviously equate to a somewhat higher price. How much higher? About **\$110**. Check 'em out on their website - http://www.peachgmp.com/muscle_cars/Pontiac/pontiac.html. **Mine should already be reserved as you read this!**

- ❑ **Black Tie Prowler!** For the 2001 model year, *Daimler-Chrysler* will release a *Black Tie Prowler* (an attempt to take the Prowler's image upscale from the Plymouth brand to Chrysler?). The car will be *Prowler Black* over *Prowler Silver* (separate by a bright silver pinstripe). It will be limited to only *162 copies*, and be in showrooms by early September. Oh, did I forget to mention the *matching trailer available*? No word on *cost*. As of July 2000, *6,000+ Prowlers have been sold - 1,797 black, 1,350 purple, 1,358 red, 854 yellow, and 92 black and red two-tone*. Obviously for you future collectors out there, the yellow and red/black two-tone have the greater possibility of being worth more money, so go get 'em!
- ❑ **Oops!** In Littleton, Colorado, a deputy stopped a man for speeding. He was nice though, letting him off with a warning. When the deputy returned to his car to turn off his flashing lights, he felt something hit his car. Yup, *the truck driver he had just issued a warning to had put it into reverse, lurched backward, and struck his cruiser!* Nobody was hurt, but the *cruiser sustained more than a thousand dollars damage!* No *warning* this time - the deputy issued him a *citation* for *careless driving!*
- ❑ **New MCG!** Never one to rest on his laurels, *Bob Korumow*, a.k.a. *Model car Garage*, has several new items slated for release very shortly. They include the *1940 Ford*, *1966 Buick Riviera*, *1969 Camaro* (1/12th scale), *1968 Dodge Dart*, *piano hood hinges*, *keys & keyfobs*, *lowrider license plate frames*, and *NASCAR hood and trunk hinges*. Model Car Garage is a seemingly limitless source of detailing items extraordinaire - **Thanks, Bob & Tim!**
- ❑ **Kudos!** The latest *Scale Auto Enthusiast* has hit the shelves, and includes coverage of *NNL East* within the covers. *MAMA's BoyZ Chad Shapiro* and *Bill Geary* are featured, with Chad getting *two photos* included - one in the article, and one in the Table of Contents. *Congrats, guys!*
- ❑ **Focused!** In the first five months of 2000, the *Ford Focus* outsold the *Toyota Corolla*, *Chevy Cavalier*, and the *Dodge/Plymouth Neon* (without incentives). Over *228,000 Focuses* were sold in 60 countries, with a total of one million Focuses already having been produced in Cologne, Germany. The previous best seller was the *VW Golf*.
- ❑ **Custom floormats!** What better way to top off your brand-new *Ferrari* or *Prowler*?! For example, *Michael Jackson* wanted a *royal crest* (copied from England's Prince of Wales seal), *Shaquille O'Neal* prefers a *Superman logo*, *Magic Johnson* got abstract graphics for his Navigator, *Snoop Doggy Dogg* wanted *Doberman paw prints* in *Black Mouton fur woven into his mats*, while *Nicholas Cage* got *dragons* for his Rolls Royce, *Eddie Murphy* wanted just plain *white sheepskin*, and *Sylvester Stallone* was content with a *gun design* (big surprise!). Floormats can be done from fax photos and sketches, in three to four weeks, with prices ranging from *\$200* to *\$2,000*.
- ❑ **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

- ❑ *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.
- ❑ *Sept. 16th- Wyoming Valley Model Car Championship* presented by the *Luzerne Merchant's Association* at the Merchants Fall Festival. For further info, please send an LSASE to Model Contest, Suite 301, 161 Main Street, Luzerne, PA 18709.
- ❑ *Sept. 17th- Custom, Classic, and Rod show* sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Arlington from noon to 5 p.m. at 5115 Little Falls Road in Arlington, VA. The \$2.00 entry fee will benefit the Make-a-Wish foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. Spectators are free, but donations are welcome. For info, call John Thompson at (202) 842-9612, or check out the website - www.kofc.homeip.net.
- ❑ *Sept. 17th- Annual Jaguar Concours d'Elegance* sponsored by the Nation's Capital Jaguar Owners Club at the Rockville campus of Montgomery College. Jaguar vendors available, cars for sale, food, and a bagpipe band will also be on hand. For info, call Jim Lindquist at (703) 631-1034.
- ❑ *Sept. 23rd- "Summer's End" Car show and bull roast* hosted by the Tri-County Cruisers and the Brandywine Lions Club from 2 to 8 p.m. at Route 301 and Cherry Tree Crossing road in Brandywine. For info, call Roger Hamilton at (301) 292-3238, or Steve Padgett at (301) 259-2872.
- ❑ *Sept. 23rd- Annual MAMA Picnic* at the Patapsco Valley State Park, in beautiful Elkrigde, MD! Look for us at the *Avalon area, Shelter #104*, and bring your appetite!
- ❑ *Sept. 24th- Buick show* hosted by Buick Owners of Maryland (a.k.a. *BOOM!*) at Miller Motors, 5937 Bel Air Road from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For info, call Michael Lawson at (717) 428-3408.
- ❑ *Sept. 24th- The Super September Showdown Model Contest and Vendor Show* from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gilbertsville Fire Hall, in Gilbertsville, PA sponsored by *The Model King* and *Fantastic Plastics* in conjunction with

the *Central Pennsylvania Model Car Club*. Old and new kits, parts, decals, built-ups, diecasts, etc. Contest entries and registrations accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., awards at 3 p.m. For info, call Dave Burket at (732) 240-3987, or Len Feinberg at (610) 923-7534 [or fax to (610) 252-3051], **OR**, E-mail FnPlastics@aol.com.

- *Sept. 28th to Oct. 1st- Fall Carlisle 2000* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- *September 30th- Chevrolet Show* at Bob Bell Chevrolet in Bel Air, MD. For info, call Tom Totushek at (410) 729-2211.
- *Oct. 6th to 8th- Super Chevy Show* at Virginia Motorsports Park in Dinwiddie, VA.
- *Oct. 6th to 8th- Annual East Coast Buick Performance Meet* at Cecil County Dragway and Cecil County Community College.
- *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. 7th- Fall car show* at the American Legion Post in Bowie, MD. For info, call (301) 464-9814, or E-mail carshowbowie@aol.com.
- *Oct. 7th to 10th- Endless Summer Cruisin' II* in Ocean City, MD. For info, call (410) 798-6304.
- *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. 22nd- 3rd Annual Cancer Cure Cruise, Car show, & Parade* at Meriweather Post Pavilion, in Columbia, MD. For info, call (410) 531-6737.
- *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. 11th- Modcon 2K Third Annual Model Show and Contest* sponsored by the North Central West Virginia Scale Modelers at the Ramada Inn [(304) 296-3431] in Morgantown, WV. Trophies for 1st through 3rd, 10+ "Best of..." Awards, 45+ Contest categories, and room for 75+ vendor tables! Last year's show had over 500 models in competition. For info, E-mail Tom Gilpin at tgilpin@wvu.edu, Chip Wamsley at chip@wamsleycycles.com, or Gary Kulchock at gkulchock@aol.com, or visit their website at <http://wvnm.wvnet.edu/~tgilpin/home.html>.
- *Nov. 11th- 2000 NNL Southern Nationals* hosted by the Atlanta Car Model Enthusiasts (*ACME*) at the Smyrna Community Center in Smyrna, Georgia. Themes are *Box Stock*, and *Car of the Century!* For Vendor info, contact Paul Wehner at 2459 Jacks View Ct. Snellville, GA 30078, (770) 985-5953.
- *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.
- *Dec. 10th- 1st Annual DC Motorsports Expo* at the Capital Expo Center (*North building*) in Chantilly, VA. Factory displays, Vendors, collectible show.

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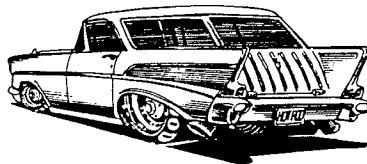
WANTED – *CM Sept. 1990 back issue (Vol. 1, No. 3)*. Call Roman Podolak at (410)882-6942, or E-mail podolakfamily@aol.com, or see me at a meeting.

FOR SALE – *1968 Pontiac 455 HO* bored .060 over, with an extra set of heads for \$600. E-mail Dan Chicorelli at danchic@netzero.com.

FOR SALE – *Assorted kits*, ranging from *Street Rods*, to *Exotics*, to *Pickup trucks*. Thinning collection, not quitting. See me at a meeting for a list. *Tim Sickle (Or, E-mail me at gtoguy@mindspring.com)*.

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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