

MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: "GTO"

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Well gang, the *January* meeting had about 60 (!) members in attendance, who did their civic duty, much the same way as those poor, confused people in Florida who 'mistakenly' voted for George Bush, Pat Buchanan, or Ralph Nader, instead of Al Gore!! Yup, that's right – elections (*and, guess what? Al Gore didn't win the Presidency here, either!*). One major difference here for our election was that we had no problems with Chads of any sort – hanging, pregnant, whatever. As a matter of fact, we haven't seen Chad in some time?. Wha's up wit dat? At any rate, the new club officers are the same as the old club officers. That's right – the current slate was unanimously reelected, meaning the *Club Prez* is *Lyle 'Street Rodder' Willits*, *VeePee* is *Norman "Resinville" Veber*, *Treasurer* is *Matt "Geezeerguy" Guilfoyle*, and *Newsletter Editor* is *yours truly, Tim "Goatboy" Sickie*. Guess things can get back to normal now, with *NNL East*, and our *annual show* fast approaching! And, don't forget the "*Big Car Challenge*" thrown out by *Ron "Land Yacht" Hamilton*. So, drag out all those 'land yachts' - Impalas, Caprices, Bonnevilles, Grand Prixs, Eighty Eights and Ninety Eights, Imperials, New Yorkers, and on and on. His challenge has been posted on the *Hobby Heaven message board* and is quite simple. Merely build a 'Big Car' (*wide-open interpretation with regard to stock, racing, etc. The key factor is to start out with a big car!*). Then, simply bring your completed masterpiece to our *NNL* next *May*, where we will attempt to make display space available. There was some discussion of some sort of award for the lucky winner. No word on how the winner would be determined, though. We'll let you know when more info becomes available. In the meantime, what're you waitin' for? *Get started!* We also need to thank *Tim Powers* for the *seminar* in which he demonstrated *photoetch polishing techniques*. *We 'preciate it, Tim!*

The raffle raised \$91.00 (as well as \$74.00 from the box). The club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: *Brad, Mike Hemp, Ron Bradley, Ron H, Walt Rook, Rich Wilson, Ron Roberts, Jim McGuinness, yours truly*, and *Replicas and Miniatures Company of MD*. As always, special thanks also go to those listed below:

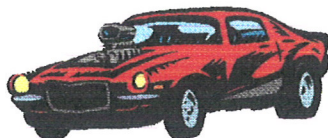
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Double Zero One (2001) MEETING SCHEDULE

Well guys, here it is, just as I promised ya! Ain't it great when things work out like they are supposed to? Thanks again 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!*). *Please note that in ALL cases, the meeting is on the Third Saturday of the month, thus making it easier to remember!*

January 20th
February 17th
March 17th
April 21st
May 19th
June 16th



July 21st
August 18th
September 15th
October 20th
November 17th
December 15th

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 - Ron Hamilton ✓

Airbrush Technique

Restoration of a Built-up model

Decal Application

Scratchbuilding small details (*acetate windows, antennas, etc.*)

Building a resin kit/conversion

Tire Detailing

Photoetch Techniques - Tim Powers

BITS & PIECES

- **Diecast Cops and Robbers!** *Danbury Mint* will be releasing....drum roll, please....the *Barris Batmobile!!* It is rumored to list for \$149, payable in five installments of \$29.80, plus \$8.00 shipping and handling. Release date is listed as 'late 2001.' They can be reached at 47 Richards Avenue Norwalk, CT 06857, 1-800-854-7108 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time). Thanks to our own Irv Arter for this info. Further info can be viewed at: <http://www.javelinamx.com/Batmobile/danbury.htm>. And, if cops 'n robbers are not to your liking, how about lead sleds? Well, they have you covered there too, with their new 1949 Ford appropriately titled, "Lead Sled"! It features a radically lowered stance, frenched headlights, skirts, a custom Carson top, a 'custom' paint job, and a multi-carb Cadillac mill! It features a removable Carson top, opening doors, hood, and trunk, which features a removable tool kit and spare tire. The tires spin, and wheels steer through the steering wheel. The final touch is a scale "Do Not Touch" sign for the windshield!! No word on how much, but if you are interested, contact 'em at the number listed above. And yet one more! How about you *Fomoco* fans? Want a 1961 T-Bird? This one is in the factory Turquoise Metallic, with a white top and interior. It features opening doors, hood (*to showcase the 300 hp., 390 cu. in. V-8*), and trunk, lift-off top, and removable fender skirts. Additionally, the steering wheel swings away, just as on the real car. This one is only \$112, payable in four monthly installments of \$28 (*plus a total of \$7.80 shipping and handling*). And last, but not least, the Maryland Terrapins '50 Chevy pickup. Basically a reissue of their '50 Chevy pickup in *Terps* colors, including optional accessories such as: a Weber kettle grille, director's chair, Maryland helmet & jersey, duffel bag, bag of nuts, two coolers, and a figurine of "Testudo", the beloved *Terps* mascot. This one lists for \$145, payable in five monthly installments of just \$29 (*plus a total of \$7.50 shipping and handling*). There you go, something for everyone!
- **New stuff!** Word reaches me about some new stuff from the gang at *Revell* slated for release in the third and fourth quarters. They include: a *ProFinish PT Cruiser Slammer* (*Posie-styled two-tone*), a "Vanishing Point" metal '70 Dodge Challenger, a "Gone in 60 Seconds" metal '67 Ford Mustang, #88 UPS Taurus ProFinish, #24 Gordon ProFinish, a '56 Chevy Delray (*new tool!*), a '70 Torino Cobra, a 25th Anniversary Firebird, a lowrider, '69 Superbee 2 'n 1, '58 Corvette convertible, Ferrari 360 Modena, a California Dune Buggy, #6 Viagra Taurus, #24 Gordon (*glue kit*), '41 Willys street rod (*based on the Mazmanian tool*), a 1/8th scale Jag XKE Coupe, an Amigo Pack Dodge Ram pickup w/a 1/64th scale diecast, an Amigo Pack T-Bucket w/a 1/64th scale diecast, and Jungle Jim's Monza funny car w/figures (*'Jungle' Pam?!).* Several other 1/64th scale diecasts are also enroute, including a '29 Roadster rat rod, 'T' pickup rat rod, '29 Ford Tub rat rod, a 1/25th scale "Vanishing Point" Challenger w/figure, and a 1/25th scale "Badman" '55 Chevy w/Tom Daniel figure, as well as several color variations of current diecasts. Additionally, a recent story on the new NASCAR website talks about Revell's latest and immediate future stock car releases. They discussed the #1 Mopar Performance Dodge truck, #28 Havoline Taurus, #17 Dewalt Taurus, #36 M & M's Pontiac, #43 Hot Wheels Dodge truck, #43 Cheerios Intrepid, #24 Dupont Monte Carlo (*ProFinish & glue*), #88 UPS Taurus (*ProFinish & glue*), and the #6 Viagra Taurus (*glue*). They also mentioned that they wanted to add another Intrepid stock car to the lineup, and are talking to a few Dodge teams about that. For obvious reasons, guess we can automatically rule out the Coors Light, and Kodiak cars, eh? A good one could pole-winner Bill Elliott's Ray Evernham-owned Dodge Dealers #9 Intrepid. The article can be seen at http://www.nascar.com/2001/FANS/collectibles/02/11/scale_modeling/index.html.

- ❑ **Straight-Line museum!** Recently surfing the Internet, I stumbled upon the *NHRA museum*. Some of you may already know about it, but here it is if you don't: <http://nhra.com/museum/index.html>. Some of the pictures I gazed at included: *Mickey Thompson's 'Attempt I'*, *Warren Johnson's 200 mph Firebird Pro Stock*, *Bob Glidden's Fairmont Pro Stocker*, *Tommy Grove's Doug Thorley's '66 Chevy II funny car*, just to name a few! So, check it out!
- ❑ **New stuff continued!** This time, its *ERTL/Racing Champs*. Visiting their website, a press release dated February 11th, they list several series of diecasts being released. These include: *Musclecars*, with new releases for 2001 such as a '68 Chevelle SS396, and '71 Torino Cobra; *Memories*, including cars such as the '60 Ford Starliner, and '58 Plymouth Belvedere; *Chrysler Collection*, including cars such as the '57 Chrysler 300-C; *Cars of the Stars*, obviously including things such as the highly successful "American Graffiti" cars; *Ten Fastest Musclecars*, including names like *Hemi*, *Stage I*, and *Cobra*; *Police Cars*, including for 2001 cars such as the '60 Ford Starliner, '49 Merc sedan, and both '58 and '64 Impalas (all 1/18th scale); *Musclecars*, again including the '57 Chrysler 300-C; *Mint 50 Fastest Musclecars*, including cars such as the '61 Impala SS409, '62 Ford Galaxie, and '64 T-Bolt (among others!); *Body Shop* (prefinished, unassembled 1/24th and 1/18th scale kits); and *Precious Metal* (24K gold-plated collectors coins in sets such as *Kings of the Street*, *Pony Express*, and *Greatest Cars of the Century*) (1/64th scale, except as noted). Check 'em out for yourself at www.rcertl.com.
- ❑ **Retro Viper!** For model year 2003, the new *Dodge Viper*, which will be powered by an 8.3-liter V-10 producing 505 horsepower, and 500+ foot-pounds of torque, will sport a pushbutton starter, much like the new Honda S2000.
- ❑ **Mini designer dead!** *John Cooper*, a car designer who was responsible for designing the rear-engine Formula One racer and the lovable *Mini Cooper*, died of cancer recently in Worthing, England at the age of 77. The Mini was the *first British car to win the European Rally Championship*, and took the *checkered flag at the Monte Carlo Rally three times!* Savvy readers will call to mind the movie entitled, "*The Italian Job*", which starred this lovable little car (Michael Caine was also in it, too!).
- ❑ **More Condolences!** *Don Tognotti*, well known for *designing Tognotti's King T*, was recently found dead inside his Fair Oaks home. He was said to have shot his ailing wife then himself.
- ❑ **Valet Parking?!** A 20-year-old Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel parking attendant took an unintended wild joyride recently in a \$170,000 1998 Ferrari F355, losing control of it and hitting a tree on the hotel grounds enroute to the parking lot! Word is that the car was severely damaged, and may be unsalvageable. Boy, I wouldn't want to be the insurance company on *THIS* case!!
- ❑ **More Club meetings.** *Mark Wheeler*, founder of the "*Our Model is Christ*" model car club, has announced the relocation of this club to the Hagerstown area. Their first meeting of the year will be held on *February 18th (Daytona 500 Sunday)*, at the *Church of Christ*. Any questions, give Mark a call at (301) 293-3207.

COMING EVENTS

- ❑ **Mar. 3rd- Birmingham Classic 2001 Model Car Show and Swap Meet** at the Oporto Madrid Armory in Birmingham, AL. This year's theme is "*Then and Now*"- meaning two models, one built as it would be 'Now', the second built as it would be 'Then' ('Now' and 'Then' defined in whatever way you want them to be!). This year's special guest will be *Jairus Watson!* For show info, write to Tommy May c/o Magic City Car Modelers 5605 12th Avenue South Birmingham, AL 35222, (205) 591-8038, tmaymccm@aol.com. For vendor info, write to Dan Morgan c/o Magic City Car Modelers P.O. Box 988 Cullman, AL 35056, (256) 739-1819.
- ❑ **Mar. 4th- Chesapeake Miniature Vehicle Collector's Club forty-first Collector's Diecast Toy Show** from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Fire Hall, in Shrewsbury, PA. For info, call Joe Golabiewski at (410) 592-5854, or Carl Daehnke at (717) 764-5411.
- ❑ **April 1st- Capitol Miniature Vehicle Collector's Club 62nd Annual show** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire House Community Hall on Gallows Road in Dunn Loring, VA. For info, send an SASE to James William Brostrom, Show Manager, 6632 Cardinal Lane, Annandale, VA 22003.
- ❑ **April 1st- Winross Collector's Club of America Spring Toy Show** from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the York Fairgrounds (in Memorial Hall) in York, PA. For info, contact the club office at (717) 653-7327.
- ❑ **April 7th- 8th Annual Model Classic 2001** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fairfax High School on Old Lee Highway in Fairfax, VA sponsored by the IPMS Northern Virginia IPMS. Contest, vendors, raffle, and a "Make and Take" program for young modelers! For info, call Tom Henderson at (703) 680-9354 (E-mail to thomash281@aol.com), or Keith Sullivan at (703) 644-8539. Or, check 'em out online at <http://www.novaipms.org>.
- ❑ **April 8th -14th Annual Coming Out show** at Charlotte Hall Center in Charlotte Hall, MD. For info, call (301) 884-5717.
- ❑ **April 19th to 22nd - Spring Carlisle** at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.

- ❑ *April 28th- First Annual Car and Truck Show* at Eastern Technical High School in Essex, MD. For info, call (410) 887-0190.
- ❑ *April 29th- Sixth Annual Car and Truck Show* at the Lynch Manor Shopping Center, in Dundalk, MD. For info, call Ron Waugh at (410) 284-4711.
- ❑ *April 29th - Saint Mary's Rod and Classic "Spring Fling XVI"* in Leonardtown, MD. For info, call 301) 475-7285.
- ❑ *April 29th - Chesapeake Classic Car Show* at the Elks Lodge in Easton, MD. For info, call Paul Haddaway at (410) 822-3815.
- ❑ *May 4th to 6th- Custom Compact Power Jam* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- ❑ *May 6th - First Annual Blessing of the Bikes and Car Show* at the North Beach Waterfront in North Beach, MD. For info, call 301) 855-6681 or (410) 257-9618.
- ❑ *May 12th- 10th Annual Mid-Atlantic NNL Model Car Show and Swap Meet* from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ruhl Armory in Towson, MD. This year's themes are *Foreign Sports Cars* and *Dioramas (300 sq. in. max)*. For vendor info, contact Norman Veber at (410) 768-3648; For show info, contact Lyle Willits by phone (*after 6 p.m., please*) at (410) 796-2768, or E-mail MAMAp rez@aol.com.
- ❑ *May 17th to 20th - Cruisin' Ocean City* at the Inlet Parking lot in Ocean City, MD. For info, call 1-800-OC-OCEAN.
- ❑ *May 18th to 20th- Carlisle Import/Kit/Replicar Nationals* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- ❑ *May 25th to 27th - Fifth Annual Big M Spring Bash* at the drive-in in Churchville, MD. For info, call (410) 879-5558.
- ❑ *June 1st to 3rd- Carlisle All-Ford Nationals* at the Fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- ❑ *June 24th - Liberty Street Rods 12th Annual car show* on the Winfield Fire Department grounds in Winfield, MD. For info, call Al Rhoton at (410) 848-5141.
- ❑ *June 29th to July 1st - Carlisle All-GM Nationals* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- ❑ *July 13th to 15th- Carlisle All-Chrysler Nationals* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- ❑ *July 14th - Second Annual All Makes Car and Truck Show and Vendor Swap Meet* at the Walkersville Fire Carnival Grounds in Frederick, MD. For info, call Ron after 6 p.m. at (301) 694-7093.
- ❑ *July 27th to 29th - Summer Carlisle* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- ❑ *July 29th -- Pontiacs at the Grove* drag race and car show at Maple Grove raceway, in Mohnton, PA.
- ❑ *Aug. 24th to 26th- Corvettes at Carlisle* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- ❑ *Sept. 7th to 9th - Tenth Annual Big M Birthday Bash* at the drive-in in Churchville, MD. For info, call (410) 879-5558.
- ❑ *Sept. 16th - 6th Annual Cumberland Valley Classics Car Show* at the Carlisle fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA. For info, call Denny at (717) 258-6278.
- ❑ *Sept. 30th -- Walker Pontiac All-Pontiac Car Show* at Walker Pontiac in Bowie, MD (*Rain date is Sat., Oct. 6th*)
- ❑ *Oct. 4th to 7th -Cruisin' Ocean City* at the Inlet Parking lot in Ocean City, MD. For info, call 1-800-OC-OCEAN.
- ❑ *October 4th to 7th - Fall Carlisle* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE - Minolta X-700 35mm camera with 50mm and 70-200mm zoom/macro lenses. Includes strap and spare battery holder. \$300. Contact Tim Powers at (410)-255-3976, or see me at a meeting.

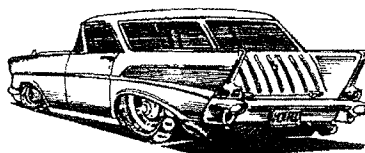
WANTED - Photos and/or magazine references on *Scott Pruett's 1994 Championship-winning Oakwood Homes Trans Am Camaro racer*. Contact Dave Johns at (410) 437-1893, or catch him at an upcoming meeting.

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).

WANTED - Back issues of Motor Racing Replica News and/or Motor Racing Models. Contact me by E-mail at thereckners@erols.com, or see me at an upcoming meeting (*J C Reckner*)

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