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by: "GTO"

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Let me start off by stating that this *rag* was 'put to bed' after the dastardly actions of September 11th (*hence, the lack of any sort of reaction in last month's newsletter*). I was still unemployed at the time, and sat, as I'm sure was the case with many of you, transfixed in front of the television set, watching the horrific images of not one, but two planes impacting, and eventually toppling the World Trade Center buildings. These images will be forever etched in my mind. Words still fail me, but the following column, published in the *Miami Herald* newspaper on September 12th by *Leonard Pitts Jr.* echo my sentiments:

"We'll go forward from this moment. It's my job to have something to say. They pay me to provide words that help make sense of that which troubles the American soul. But in this moment of airless shock when hot tears sting disbelieving eyes, the only thing I can find to say, the only words that seem to fit, must be addressed to the unknown author of this suffering. You monster. You beast. You unspeakable b*st*rd.

What lesson did you hope to teach us by your coward's attack on our World Trade Center, our Pentagon, us? What was it you hoped we would learn? Whatever it was, please know that you failed.

Did you want us to respect your cause? You just damned your cause. Did you want to make us fear? You just steered our resolve. Did you want to tear us apart? You just brought us together.

Let me tell you about my people. We are a vast and quarrelsome family, a family rent by racial, social, political, and class division, but a family nonetheless. We're frivolous yes, capable of expending tremendous emotional energy on pop cultural minutiae – a singer's revealing dress, a ball team's misfortune, a cartoon mouse. We're wealthy, too, spoiled by the ready availability of trinkets and material goods, and maybe because of that, we walk through life with a certain sense of blithe entitlement. We are fundamentally decent, though – peace-loving and compassionate. We struggle to know the right thing to do and do it. And we are, the overwhelming majority of us, people of faith, believers in a just and loving God.

Some people – you, perhaps – think that any or all of this makes us weak. You're mistaken. We are not weak. Indeed, we are strong in ways that cannot be measured by arsenals.

Yes, we're in pain now. We are in mourning and we are in shock. We're still grappling with the unreality of the awful thing you did, still working to make ourselves understand that this isn't a special effect from some Hollywood blockbuster, isn't the plot development from a Tom Clancy novel. Both in terms of the awful scope of their ambition and the probable final death toll, your attacks are likely to go down as the worst acts of terrorism in the history of the United States, and probably the history of the world. You've bloodied us as we have never been bloodied before. But there's a gulf of difference between making us bloody and making us fall. This is the lesson Japan was taught to its bitter sorrow the last time anyone hit us this hard, the last time anyone brought us such abrupt and monumental pain. When roused, we are righteous in our outrage, terrible in our force. When provoked by this level of barbarism, we will bear any suffering, pay any cost, go to any length, in the pursuit of justice.

I tell you this without fear of contradiction. I know my people, as you, I think, do not. What I know reassures me. It also causes me to tremble with dread of the future.

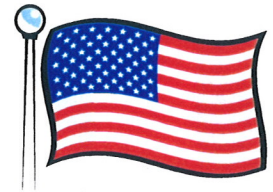
In the days to come, there will be recrimination and accusation, fingers pointing to determine whose failure allowed this to happen and what can be done to prevent it from happening again. There will be heightened security, misguided talk of revoking basic freedoms. We'll go forward from this moment sobered, chastened, sad. But determined, too. Unimaginably determined.

You see, the steel in us is not always readily apparent. That aspect of our character is seldom understood by people who don't know us well. On this day, the family's bickering is put on hold.

As Americans, we will weep, as Americans, we will mourn, and as Americans, we will rise in defense of all that we cherish. So I ask again: What was it you hoped to teach us? It occurs to me that maybe you just wanted us to know the depths of your hatred. If that's the case, consider the message received. And take this message in exchange:

You don't know my people. You don't know what we're capable of. You don't know what you just started.

But you are about to learn."



Well gang, attendance at the *September* meeting which had as its highlight our *annual auction*, seemed to be a bit low, at only 35 members listed on the sign-in sheet. And, as usual, club *Prez Lyle Willits* did an excellent job at prying money from those in attendance for all manner of goodies including built and unbuilt models, diecasts, and reference material. Thankfully, *MAMAs Boy Ron Hamilton* didn't disappoint too badly this year, and did manage some support of our club, albeit not at previous levels. *Thanks, Ron!* The club as a whole would like to extend its thanks to not only the following members who donated items to the auction, but also to those who purchased them: *Matt Guilfoyle, Dave Touns, Lyle Willits, Jerry Frazier, Chris Whalley, Bob Linkous, Bill Geary, Replicas and Miniatures Company of Maryland, (a.k.a. Norman Veber), Your Hobby Center, Tom McFiren (a.k.a. Kar Krazy), Tim Powers, Chuck Conner, Ron Bradley, Bob Ege, Rich Wilson, yours truly, Bill Riblett, Ron Dreschler, Phil Jones, RON HAMILTON, and Brad. Thanks, gang, for your hard work – you know who you are!!*

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 26th
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

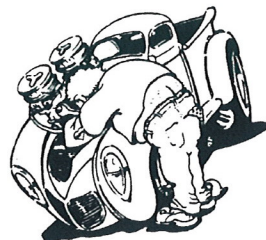
Tire Detailing

Photoetch Techniques – Tim Powers

Displacement 101!

So, you guys think of yourselves as *gearheads*, eh? You can cite horsepower, and torque figures for every American car dating back to the first one? Well, here's an easy little test for you. Well, actually, two tests.

In the first part of the test, determine the cubic inch equivalent of the metric displacements for each of the engine sizes listed on the next page. All engines were installed in *American cars* between the years of 1961 and 1974. Each line reflects a different cubic inch displacement. We'll discuss the second part next month (if I remember!). Who knows? After it's all said and done, maybe I can scare up some sort of *award* for the person who gets the most correct answers? *We'll see!*



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BITS & PIECES

- ☛ **Flash! Geary does Toledo!** Just got word that our own *MAMA's Boy* **Bill Geary** took the assembled masses at the *NNL* in *Toledo* by storm earlier this month. Bill's *incredible '58 Impala convertible* scored nothing less than *Best of Show*, if my information is correct. *Congrats on a well-earned award, Bill!*
- ☛ **RIP Musclicar Review, and Open Wheel magazines!!** It seems as though with the recent acquisition of *Emap USA* by *Primedia*, that the new company apparently no longer feels the need to continue *Open Wheel magazine* (*it will apparently be rolled into Stock Car Racing magazine*), and *Musclicar Review* (*apparently no plans to combine it with anything!*). I don't know about you guys, but I have every issue of MCR, and I will definitely miss it. I have already sent the company an E-mail, informing them of my displeasure at its demise.
- ☛ **Gee, I coulda had a V-8!** Movie star **Ben Affleck** was recently stopped in Georgia by Sherriff's deputies after he was *clocked doing 114 mph* on an Interstate in his *black Cadillac* (*would that have been an LMP?!!*)! He followed a deputy to the local county jail, where he paid his *\$1,114 fine*, and was allowed to go on his way in *less than 20 minutes* without being arrested. *Guess he thought he was at LeMans in one of those Cadillac LMPs, eh?*
- ☛ **MAMAs BoyZ strike again!** The latest *Scale Auto Enthusiast contest annual* recently hit my doorstep, and I am proud to say that we not only got coverage inside with our yearly show, but our own **Bill Geary** received space on the cover



(although partially obscured by the barcode, we know who it is, Bill!). Several other MAMAs Boyz (i.e., *Irv Arter, Lyle Willits, Scott McKenzie, Rodney Jefferson, Max Wolfthal, and the aforementioned MR. Geary*) also received kudos inside for their fine work. *Congrats, gang!*

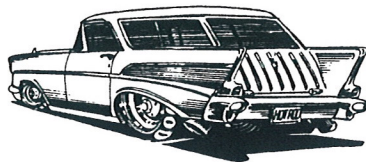
- ❖ **Truck racing!** And I'm not talking about *NASCAR Craftsman Series* either! Thanks to the gang at www.speedvision.com, there is supposed to be *semi truck racing* in North America in 2002! Popular in Europe, these monsters are scheduled to compete in the *ZF Super Truck Racing Championship*, as sanctioned by *Professional Sports Car Racing*, and the *Super Truck Racing Association of North America*. The events are rumored to be road races, with purpose-built machines covered by silhouette bodies. Sounds like the NASCAR series all over again, this time with big rigs! Guess that means we'll get them to moan and groan about '*unfair advantages*' just like NASCAR, too? Thanks to the *Grand Touring and Racing Modelers* newsletter for the scoop!
- ❖ **Aero Troopers!** The *Virginia State Police* are putting '*Slick Top*' cruisers on the road, in an attempt to *lower their visibility* to motorists. The cars are new *Impalas*, which is nothing earth shattering. What is a big deal, is the *lights*. The flashing emergency lights are *hidden* in its *side mirrors, and high inside the passenger compartment*, front and rear. Its radio antennas are all trunk-mounted. There are *no identifying markings on its hood and trunk* – just the *state police logos* on the *doors*, and the image of the *state police badge* on its *license plate*. In fact, troopers say that several people have *passed right by them without realizing that they were police!* Currently, the two of the cars are in use in *Richmond*, while the others are being used along Interstate highways in *Staunton, Wytheville, Pulaski county, Emporia, Lexington, Clifton Forge, Prince William county, and Fairfax*. If that's not bad enough, in the coming weeks, seven more cars will be operating in *Chesterfield county, Fredericksburg, Warrenton, Harrisonburg, Bristol, Waverly, and Winchester*. So, *be on the lookout, guys! Thanks to The Washington Times for the warning!*

COMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Oct. 20th – Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show** at Civic Center Park, in Rockville, MD. For info, call Mike Henry at (301) 309-3330, or visit www.ci.rockville.md.us.
- ❖ **Oct. 21st – The Hunt Country Classic British Car show** will be held in nearby Middleburg, VA, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The MG Car Club of America will host it. For info, contact George Marshall at (703) 913-7550, or Ted Pusey at (703) 922-4438, or visit their website, www.mgcarclubdc.com.
- ❖ **Oct. 21st – Cancer Cure Cruise** at Meriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia, MD.
- ❖ **Oct. 27th – Halloween Cruise in and Show** from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Thompson Creek Mall, at Stevensville, Kent Island, MD. The Kent Island Cruisers will host it, and the registration fee will be canned goods to benefit Food Link. Twenty trophies, 10 for cars "*In Costume*", will be awarded throughout the day. For info, call Tami at (410) 643-0299, Robert at (410) 827-8198, or Paul at (410) 643-2817.
- ❖ **Oct. 27th – TAMS Ninth Annual Model Car/Truck Contest and Swap Meet** hosted by the *Tidewater Chapter, Automotive Modelers Society*, and sponsored by *Hungate's Hobbies, Hobbytown USA, and Phillips Oldsmobile* at the Knights of Pythias Lodge 169, 3467 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, VA (757) 857-4577 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Show themes – "PT Cruisers"* and a *special memorial theme – "Cars Driven by Dale Earnhardt."* Juniors 12 and under free, teen entries (13-18) \$3.00, and adults \$7.00 (*all entries*). For info, call Ronnie Ward (252) 465-9904 (Madmax47@coastalnet.com), Calvin Johnson (757) 416-9536 (CADI936@compuserve.com), or Jerry Quick (757) 468-6854 (Tamsmodeler@aol.com).
- ❖ **Nov. 4th – Annual Capitol Cadillac/LaSalle show** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Capitol Cadillac in Greenbelt, MD. For info, call Bill Brown at (301) 424-0059, or Ben Berman at (703) 437-6820.
- ❖ **Nov. 4th – The LIARS Model Car Challenge** (formerly known as *Hobby Expo*), held at Imperial Manor, 345 Hicksville Road Bethpage, NY (*new location*). 26+ classes will be awarded! For info, contact Tony Delveccio (631) 281-4416, Rich Manson (631) 968-4472, or George Vita (631) 736-3556.
- ❖ **Dec. 1st & 2nd – 12th Annual Street Cars of Desire Car show** at the Cow Palace in Timonium Fairgrounds, in Timonium, MD.

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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