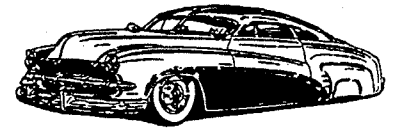




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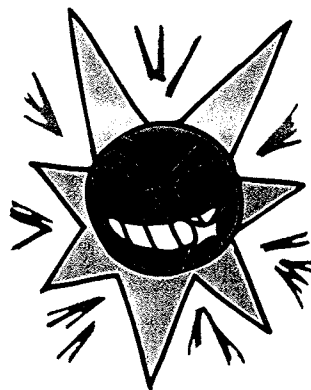
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Summer's Here! It's Show Time!

After some talk from club Prez Lyle regarding his 'flaming' attire (flamed shirt), and a strange digression on piercing (got a mental pic Lyle - don't wanna go there!), the club got down to business (!)

There was again some discussion among the 50-strong members present on our cancelled Mid-Atlantic NNL event. Again, according to Lyle, he seemed to receive the most response via the Internet for this year's show than any other.

Seemingly in response to this, it appears as though the Ruhl armory may be back in the business of renting out its space! Following the lockdown after 9/11, they quickly realized how much they depend on this revenue.



If things go as planned, next year's event could go off on May 10th, 2003! So, I guess we'd all better be giving careful consideration as to some interesting themes, to be discussed in the coming months.

The raffle brought in \$84.00 (while the box contributed \$21.00). The raffle coordinator would like to thank the following people this month: Ron Bradley, Mike Hemp, Barry Horner, Bob Foster, Chris Whalley, Brad, Ed Brown, Phil Jones, Harry Charon, Ron Hamilton, Walt Rook, Sean Brian Kirby, and Replicas & Miniatures Company of Maryland.

A word here about the raffle - with no review samples arriving from the 'Little Three', we can always use automotive-related items to help pay the monthly rent! Thanks, I 'preciate it! 🍷

HOT ROD 'General' (!)

GM Performance Parts now offers consumers a new 2.4L Twin Cam supercharger kit for Chevrolet Cavaliers and Pontiac Sunfires to maximize their horse-

power and torque.

This integral "roots-type" supercharger and manifold design was developed to maximize both engine horsepower and torque without sacri-

ficing durability. The supercharger also has its own unique Vehicle Control Module calibration ensuring performance and driveability. And, the GM Performance Parts supercharger

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Money, Money, Money!

As a follow-on to the "Mo' Money" snippet I ran in April, there was an interesting story in a recent issue of *The Washington Times* newspaper about the flood of exotic cars (*both foreign and domestic!*) being targeted at the 'well to do' among us. We're talkin' in the *\$100,000 plus range* here, gang! *Just barely out of my price range!*

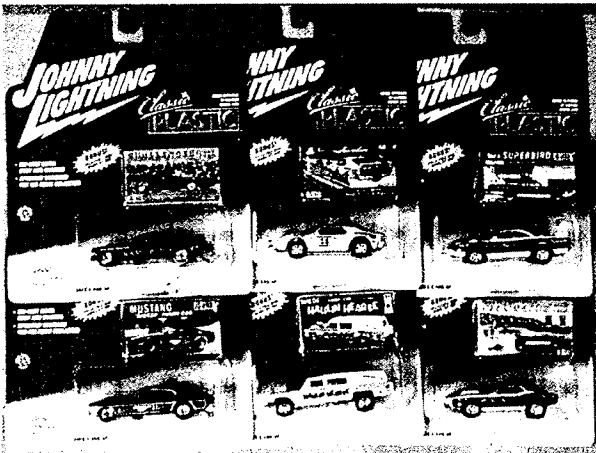
BMW is set to roll out its first *Rolls Royce* – *VW* must give up the rights to the brand beginning in 2003 under a complicated deal signed in 1998.

Meanwhile, *VW* will counter with a *Bugatti supercar*, expected to boast a high-powered *16-cylinder engine*, complemented by an *astronomical price!*

Mercedes is set to launch its

'Classic Plastic!'

The gang at *Johnny Lightning* are hitting 'way too close to home with this series! The 'Classic Plastic' series is based on several of the *old Johan models* we all hold near and dear! As you can see, the packaging includes not only the



Maybach supersedan to counter cars from *Rolls Royce* and *Bentley*.

Ford will be looking for well-heeled enthusiasts to pop for its *\$150,000 GT40 street racer*, due out next year.

GM won't be left out either, when it offers its *\$250,000 V-12-powered Cunningham C7 coupe*, that is currently on the drawing board.

Even *Bentley* is gonna get into the act. They will produce an 'entry level' *Bentley* priced 'around *\$150,000*', targeted at *S-Class* and *7-Series* owners.

In the end, according to the article, it will be how the car company actually coddles the customer, rather than the cars themselves. *Must be nice!* 🚗

car, but a small representation of the actual kit box itself in which it was packaged! As you can see by the photo, this series includes: the *burgundy 'Ram Rod' Challenger funny car*, the *yellow '72 Javelin AMX*, the *blue 'Boss Hoss' Mustang funny car*, the *yellow 'Haulin' Hearse'*, and the *red, white, and blue Sox Martin duo, consisting of the '71 Cuda*, and *'70 Superbird!* Rumor has it that there will be a series two to follow it, but no word on what it will include! If and when more info becomes available, I'll let you guys know, by way of my ever-vigilant son, Nick! 🚗

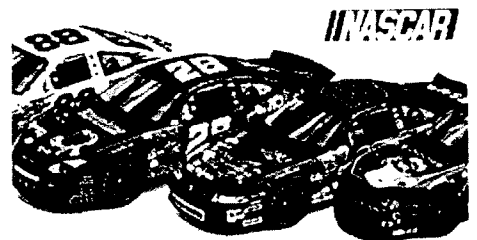
Pro Import?!

This *2001 Lexus drag car*, built by *Area 51 Fabrications*, is the nation's *quickest* and *fastest SC300*. The tube chassis racer features a *twin-turbo Pro Drag inline Six* that produces *967 hp*, good for *8.4-second quarter-miles (!)* Talk about 'Going fast with Class!!' And colorfully, too! 🚗



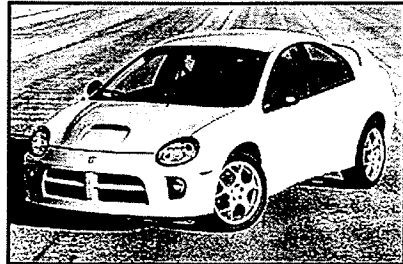
Chizlers!

With car manufacturers fighting for market share and profitability, *Chrysler* has just announced that as of next year, it will no longer honor warranties on new cars and trucks bought in *Canada for use in the U.S.!* Seems as though the automakers typically set lower prices for our northern neighbors, because they have less money to spend (*at least, according to a Chrysler spokesman*). Can you say, North American Free Trade Agreement (*NAFTA*)?! 🚗



This 'N That!

In order to attract more of the youth market, for 2003, **Dodge** will introduce the **SRT4**. It is a **turbocharged 205 hp. Neon**, that is **reported to be faster 0 – 60 mph than any car in the Dodge fleet (except of course, the Viper!)** The car came about due to **26-year-old Chrysler team engineer Marques McCammon**, who reportedly admits that he used to street race his **modified Honda Accord**. Guess he'd rather switch than fight, eh?... **Christie's** auction house will sell **51 Ford Motor Company concept and prototype vehicles** in Dearborn, Michigan on June 16th to kick off the automaker's **Centennial celebration**. Cars available include the **Ghia Selene II**, a **Ghia IXG dragster**, a **2002 Thunderbird concept**, and the **Lincoln Blackwood concept**. The collection's value is reported to be **between \$1 to \$1.5 million**, according to Miles Morris, international head of Christie's motor car department. Proceeds will benefit charity....And speakin' of **Ford**, word is that they are trying to **remove cost and content** from their redesigned **F-150 pickup**, which goes on sale this Fall. This is due to **billions of dollars of losses** last year. This is one of the hottest markets right now – the **SUV/pickup lines** are among the **best-selling** lines ever, as evidenced by the **F-150 being the best-selling light vehicle in the U.S.**, while the



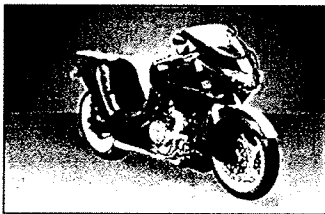
redesigned Silverado/Sierra took the **lead in pickup sales** for the first time since **1995**. Time will tell as to whether or not they will be successful.... **Eldorado – the end of an era!** The last of **1,596 Collector Series 2002 Eldorados** built to commemorate its place in automotive lore, rolled off the assembly line recently at the Lansing Craft Centre, in Lansing, Michigan. It is available in two original colors – **Alpine White**, and **Aztec Red**, and was built to reflect three batches of the **original 532 Eldorados** built back in 1953. The **final Eldorado produced** will be donated to the **Cadillac museum** in honor of Don Massey, of Don Massey Cadillac, formerly one of the largest Cadillac dealerships in the United States. **Nicola Bulgari**, vice-chairman of **Bulgari S.p.A.**, known for their fine jewelry and watches, will purchase the **second to last Eldo off the line** to add to his collection of classic cars in Rome, Italy. The plant will then gear up for production of the **Chevy SSR pickup!**....GM recently confirmed that **Buick** will be the benefactor of the **Oldsmobile division's demise**. Later this year, Buick will receive the **Oldsmobile Bravada** to add to its lineup. The big difference is that the **engine bay** will be crammed full of **aluminum V-8 power!** The **5.3-liter, 285 hp. V-8** will give the new **Buick Rainier** the distinction of being the **only short-wheelbase midsize GM**

SUV to be so equipped. The Rainier will **not get the third row seating option**, either, as in the Trailblazer and GMC Envoys. The **Envoy XL (extended wheelbase)** SUV will also be **equipped** with the **V-8.... Muppet racers!** (both in circles, and a quarter mile at a time!) **NASCAR** racers whose cars will be running Muppets colors include: **Dale Jarrett** (Kermit & Miss Piggy), **Casey Atwood** (Rowlf the Dog), **Johnny Benson** (Fozzie Bear), **Bill Elliott** (Swedish Chef, my favorite!), **Bobby Labonte** (Pepe the King Prawn), **Jeremy Mayfield** (Bunsen Honeydew & Beaker, another favorite), **Ricky Rudd** (Gonzo), and **Jimmy Spencer** (Animal – kinda appropriate, eh?). **Drag racers** involved in the program include **Whit Bazemore** (Sam the Eagle), **A. Cowlin** (Fozzie Bear), **Shirley Muldowney** (Pepe the King Prawn), **Tony Pedregon** (Animal, another fav!), and **C. Treble** (drag bike – Sam the Eagle). And finally, **Danny Lasoski** (Animal) from the **Sprint car ranks**....The long-running **Saturn S-series** (developed in 1991) will be replaced this Fall by the **Saturn Ion**, which, in turn, was preceded by the **VUE SUV**....**Toyota** will have a **ccX coupe**, and a **bbX multi-purpose vehicle** (Black Box in Japan) out in their new **Scion** line (pronounced SY-on). Scion means 'descendant' or 'heir.' Toyota is targeting Gen Y buyers, or Net-gen (as in Internet) with this line of vehicles....If the upcoming **Pontiac GTO** based on the **Holden Monaro**

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is successful, word is that GM may try to bring another Holden (read: rear-wheel drive!) into the country. When asked, Holden chairman Peter Hanenberger said, "Holden has focused on making performance cars that buyers desire as fashion statements. We love cars. We love to drive cars, we are all more or less petrolheads." Does he mean Gearheads?!....An Eagle an hatches alligator! Dan and son Justin Gurney recently released the Alligator, first in a new line of low-slung, high-performance motorcycles designed by All American Racers – the same shop that once built winning Eagle race cars.



Justin is project manager, and also designed the custom bodywork, while Dan designed the chrome-moly space-frame chassis. The 600cc electric start Honda engine is 'tweaked' with fuel injection to yield over 75 hp., which should be sufficient to motivate a 320 pound motorcycle. Top speed is reported to be 'north' of 140mph. An initial run of 36 "Grand Prix" Gurney 'Gators will be painted dark blue and pearl, similar to the paint scheme of Dan's famous Eagle F-1 no. 36. Riders have already claimed over half the first run, each going for about \$35,000 apiece (!) After that, Dan says, "We'll see what happens." While raking in a bit of dough too, eh?



Croozin'!

Okay gang, **REALLY** nice weather brings Croozers out of the woodwork (some spots that may be near you). So, check 'em out!

Every Tuesday:

- From 6 to 9 p.m. at Ledo's Pizza at Park Plaza (on Ritchie Highway) in Glen Burnie, MD.

Every Thursday:

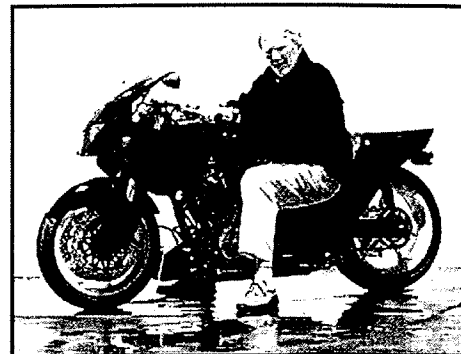
- From 6 to 10 p.m. at Cetrone's Restaurant off Route 450 (behind AutoPro Auto Parts) in Bowie, MD
- Sam's Club paring lot on Route 301/5 in Waldorf, MD

Every Friday:

- From 7 p.m. to ?? At Roy Roger's on Route 40 in Edgewood, MD
- From 6 p.m. to ?? At Tastee Freeze on Route 1 in Laurel, MD
- From ?? To 10 p.m., the Street Survivors of MD cruise the Burger King parking lot corner of Route 2 (Ritchie Highway) and Mountain Road in Pasadena, MD
- 1st Friday of each month at the Denny's on Route 50 in Easton, MD

Every Saturday:

- Sicily's Pizza on Route 176 (Dorsey Road) near the airport in Glen Burnie, MD
- From 6 to 11 p.m. at Ledo's Pizza at Park Plaza (on Ritchie Highway) in Glen Burnie, MD.
- Gathering of the Gearheads Mid-Atlantic 4 x 4 and Speed on Ritchie Highway, between 6th and 8th avenues, in Glen



Another shot of proud papa Gurney and his baby 'Gator!

- Burnie, MD
 - Big M Drive-in in Churchville, MD
 - 1st/3rd Saturday of each month at Jimmy Cone's in Mt. Airy, MD
 - 2nd/4th Saturdays of each month at the Dairy Queen on Liberty Road, in Eldersburg, MD
 - 2nd Saturday of each month at Downey's on Route 213, in Chestertown, MD
 - 4th Saturday of each month the Mid-Shore Cruisers meet in the Wal-Mart parking lot off Route 50, in Cambridge, MD
- Every Sunday:**
- Cheeseburgers in Paradise in Frederick, MD. 🍷



Stephanie Reaves' runs GM's Cavalier in the Modified class. The 2.0-liter EcoTec 4-cylinder motor reportedly pumps out around 800 hp., thanks to turbocharging.

How Bad is Your 'CAR'?

Medical research has consistently upheld the value of hobbies to one's mental and physical well-being. Of course, however, there are limits. At what point does an avocation cease being a healthful diversion and become a potentially destructive obsession?

The purpose of the following test, developed through extensive research, is to determine one's **Car Addiction Rating (CAR)**. This is also referred to in the literature as **Transportation Addiction (TA)**, or **Grand Touring Obsession (GTO)** (*Ed. Note: That's me!!*). The higher one's CAR, the greater the probability one is addicted to cars, and the greater likelihood one's automotive interest is jeopardizing a well-rounded lifestyle.

To determine your CAR, begin by answering the following yes or no questions. Unless directed otherwise by specific instructions in a given test item, score four points for each affirmative response. Finally, note that all automotive references are intended to represent trucks as well as cars.

- 1 Do you think of a **'driver'** as a vehicle, instead of a **wood**?
- 2 Have you ever committed road test results to memory? (*Add two points if you've ever cited such figures at a non-automotive social gathering.*)
- 3 Does a significant portion of your casual wardrobe consist of automotive T-shirts, jackets, caps, jewelry, etc.?

- 4 Have you ever tried to rationalize/justify how much you spend on cars by defending them as being sound investments?
- 5 Do you know more about such automotive notables as **Lee Iacocca, Zora-Arkus-Duntov, John DeLorean, Enzo Ferrari, "Bunkie" Knudsen, Ferdinand Porsche**, or **Carroll Shelby** than you do about some of your own relatives?
- 6 Have you ever been asked what brand of aftershave you were using, only to confess you weren't wearing any at all – the fragrance must have been the lingering, intermingled aroma of paints, solvents, cleaners, polishes, and waxes?
- 7 Do you own a vehicle that accumulates mileage in 1/8 or 1/4 mile increments?
- 8 Are you familiar with the terms torque steer, understeer, neutral steer, and oversteer?

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adds over 40 lb-ft of torque and bumps horsepower up to around 190. The end result is a reliable, compact powertrain that has more power than many V-6 engines.

The supercharger kit contains all the hardware required for a complete installation in one box. All mounting brackets, fasteners, air ducts, adapters, PCV hoses, baffle and tubes are included. A Gen II MAP sensor, four spark

(Score one point if you at least realize that they do not refer to various cuts of beef.)

- 9 Do automotive parts, accessories, or gift items typically top your holiday and Birthday wish lists?
- 10 Have you ever lost sleep worrying about mismatching date or option codes? (*A 'yes' is worth two extra points.*)
- 11 Do you think the evolving controversy over auto show judging criteria is of such importance as to warrant discussion on the **"McNeil/Lehrer News Hour"**, or William F. Buckley's **"Firing Line?"**
- 12 Have your automotive activities ever been a source of friction in your household? (*Double points if they contributed to a separation or divorce.*)
- 13 Do you cringe at the thought of someone changing oil without also installing a new filter?
- 14 Has a 'stray' car ever 'followed' you home?

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plugs, accessory drive belt and four fuel injectors also are included and required for a complete installation. The cost of recalibration of the Vehicle Control Module also is included in the kit but must be performed at an authorized GM dealership. Consumers can purchase the new 2.4L Twin Cam supercharger kit from any GM Performance Parts dealer. So, watch that **Cavalier** or **Sunfire** at the next traffic light – **you may be surprised!** 🍷

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- 15 Do you subscribe to more automotive publications than newspapers and news magazines?
- 16 Have you ever had to rent additional storage space for your cars and/or parts, or been forced to store parts in rooms of your house or apartment normally used to entertain guests?
- 17 Do automotive events receive top priority in planning your social calendar?
- 18 Have you ever assembled an engine? (Score two extra points if it was a mystical experience.)
- 19 For you, does a winding road Caution sign mean good times ahead?
- 20 Do you agree with the following maxim: **"Build the Rod, spoil the child"**?
- 21 On awakening during the night, have you ever checked on your car(s) just to enjoy the sight, and to reassure yourself that everything was all right?
- 22 Does your favorite song sing the praises of a car? (Add two extra points if you think it would be appropriate to include it among the musical selections performed at a wedding.)
- 23 Have you ever been too impatient to work on one of your cars to take the time to change into your work clothes?
- 24 As an adolescent, did you study the newest car magazines while your friends contemplated the latest centerfolds?
- 25 Do the inorganic models displayed at a new car show excite you as much or more than the organic ones?
- 26 Do you daydream about cars more than you fantasize about sex? (If you answered 'yes' to two or more of the last three questions, you should probably seek professional counseling or, at a minimum, read everything ever written by Dr. Ruth.)
- 27 When you hear the **Bible** mentioned, do you first think of **Hemmings Motor News**?
- 28 Do you believe that some of the best automotive sounds are generated not by a vehicle's sound system, but by its induction and exhaust systems?
- 29 Is the number of cars and/or trucks you presently own determined by financial or spatial limitations, rather than by transportation needs?
- 30 Do you consider an automotive service manual to be a fascinating read?
- 31 Have you ever been teased about being buried in your favorite car? (Double points if this is your actual post-mortem plan.)
- 32 Do the officials at your local track or drag strip know you on a first-name basis?
- 33 Have you ever used flatware or kitchen utensils to help detail a vehicle?
- 34 Do most of the packages you ship or receive contain car parts?
- 35 Have you ever tried to assemble a kit car? (Score two bonus points if you successfully completed the project; another two if you were able to maintain your sense of humor.)
- 36 Are any of your vehicles trailered more than they are driven?
- 37 Would your neighbors say that you pamper your cars?
- 38 Do you occasionally reflect, with warm nostalgia, on your first encounter with your favorite car?
- 39 Have you ever worked past midnight on one of your vehicles?
- 40 For you, does the advertising slogan, **"Don't leave home without it"** conjure up images of a radar detector?
- 41 Have blank facial expressions ever conveyed to you the impression you talk too much about cars?
- 42 Do you collect and/or build model cars? (Add two additional points if you're a "big boy" or "big girl.")
- 43 Is the primary function of your living room coffee table to display your latest and most prized automotive books?
- 44 Can you recite, without hesitation, what the acronyms IMSA, IROC, NASCAR, NHRA, SCCA, & USAC represent, but have to think a moment to recall the name of your U.S. Congressman? (Tally one point if you at least avoided confusing the SCCA with the SPCA.)
- 45 Are you someone who feels a

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- need to spend “quality time” with your car(s)?
- 46 Do you have difficulty calming down and falling asleep if you’ve been engaged in a car-related activity too near your bedtime?
- 47 Be Honest. You will score this test yourself, so your answer is confidential. Have you, in any time in your life, ever imitated the sounds of one of your favorite vehicles? *(If you responded positively, you’re likely better off not knowing a Freudian interpretation of such behavior. Suffice it to say, you would probably be well advised to consider some sort of counseling.)*
- 48 Do you have more photos, slides, or videos of cars than you do of friends and family?
- 49 Are you presently restoring a vehicle that has pushed you to the limits of your credit cards, and must now await an infusion of lottery winnings for its metamorphosis to be completed?
- 50 Do you become so emotionally attached to your cars that you have to work through the five stage grieving process whenever you sell one? *(Double points if you’ve never been able to part with one of your vehicles.)*

Conclusion: Add up your points, remembering to score four points for each “yes”, and to include all applicable bonus points. The resulting total represents your Car Addiction Rating (CAR). By comparing it

with the following legend, you can accurately assess just how bad your CAR really is.

0 to 44 points – Non Hobbyist. Cars definitely do not constitute a viable hobby option. Within this classification are automotive views ranging from a probable dislike of cars at the low end, to automotive apathy at the upper end...from viewing the automobile as necessarily evil to accepting it as merely necessary – a fact of life in modern industrial/post-industrial America. Among the lower scores here, primary transportation, reliance typically involves walking, bicycling, public transportation, and/or relying on magnanimous car-owning friends. As scores escalate, auto leasing, and to a lesser extent, ownership, surface increasingly, with Volvos being a disproportionately popular make.

45 to 89 points – Potential. Your interest in cars presently falls below that of the average hobbyist, but is significant enough to make autos a potential hobby – one that could be developed.

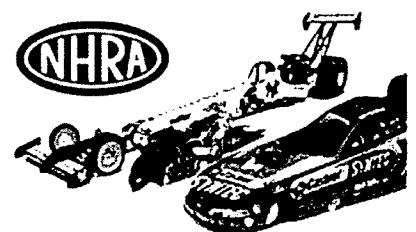
90 to 134 points – Balanced. Cars constitute an enjoyable avocation you have managed to keep in balanced perspective. Your vehicle(s) may not win many shows, but time spent with family and friends is not without its compensation.

135 to 179 points – Neurotic. Your automotive interest is considerable, and has probably caused some disruption in your personal life, but not to the extent you and the rest of your household can’t live with it, at

least most of the time.

180 to 228 points – Psychotic. Your interest in cars is extreme and obsessive. In short, you are an “*autoholic*” - you’re addicted to cars. Vernacular labels for people within this group include “*car nut*,” “*motor head*,” and “*gear head*.” Realistically, you are unfit company for the general population. If your spouse or significant other has not already left you, make every effort to hang onto them because they are singularly patient and understanding for indulging you your automotive shenanigans. Remember, the first step toward recovery is to recognize and admit you have a problem. It is hoped this test helped. If recovery simply does not seem feasible, join one or more car clubs (*in the unlikely event you haven’t already*), and attend all meetings and conventions, so you can fraternize with others similarly afflicted.

P.S. The author scored well within the “*Psychotic Hobbyist*” range. Despite occasional pangs of guilt, and sometimes feeling a bit out of place at non-automotive gatherings, he has no desire to attempt recovery. Instead, he and his compassionate family have resolved to try to cope with his addiction, and he plans to remain a lifelong *MAMAs Boy*, and *Royal GTO member and supporter!* 🏆



Events

- ☛ **June 14th to 16th – Chevytalk Nationals**, sponsored by Chevytalk.com in Carlisle, PA. \$20 admission. Info: Tony Schaefer, PO Box 4875, Mission Viejo, CA 92690, (949) 289-0269, tony@chevytalk.com, or www.chevytalk.com.
- ☛ **June 16th – British Car Day**, sponsored by Chesapeake Chapter of New England MGT Register at Smokey Glen Farm in Gaithersburg, MD. Open to up to 1,000 cars and held in an attractive country setting, with food & drinks available. Info: John M Tokar, (301) 831-5300, tokarj@erols.com.
- ☛ **June 16th – All Chevy Show**, sponsored by Baltimore's Best Classic Chevy Club downtown in the parking lot at the corner of Ellicott Mills and Main St, in Elicott City, MD. Registration 9 a.m. – 12 noon, judging begins at noon with over 40 awards at 4 p.m. Door prizes, raffle and dash plaques to first 100 registered. Info: Mark Brashears, (410) 461-6363 or April Grammont, (410) 876-8898. **Rain date June 23rd.**
- ☛ **June 19th – Mountain Motor Nationals** at MIR, in Budd's Creek, MD.
- ☛ **June 21st to 23rd – Eighteenth Annual NMRA Ford Motor-sport Nationals** at Maple Grove Raceway. Info, contact ProMedia Events, (714) 444-2426.
- ☛ **June 22nd & 23rd – 15th Anniversary Mid-Atlantic Chevelle Show and Swap Meet/ACES Northeast Regional** from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., at the Northeast Community Park in North East, MD. Info: Donnie at (301) 464-7618, or Rick at (410) 879-7893, or www.chevelles.net/mcc/mcc.htm.
- ☛ **June 23rd - NUCAR Pontiac GMC car show** at the Police Athletic League Building on Route 41 in Hockessin, DE, sponsored by The GTO Club of Delaware (*Rain Date is June 30th*). Music, food, and 50/50 raffle. Info: Stan Kaminski, (302) 737-5626.
- ☛ **June 27th to July 2nd – 2002 Classic Thunderbird Club Int'l Convention and Concours d'Elegance**, Sponsored by New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club (NJORTC) at the Parsippany Hilton, in Parsippany, NJ. 1955-1957 Thunderbirds from all over the world will be displayed and vie for various awards for their owners. Over 300 T-Birds and 1,500+ persons are expected in attendance. Info: NJORTC, Mike Meehan, PO Box 565, Hewitt, NJ 07421, (973) 267-2958; nj2002@njortc.org, or <http://www.njortc.org>.
- ☛ **June 28th – 2002 Edition All Truck Nationals**, at Carlisle Fairgrounds, in Carlisle, PA.. Gates open 7 a.m. daily, interested drivers can take part in the Carlisle RTI (*ramp travel index*) Challenge, **Meguiar's Sweepstakes 100-Point Judged Competition** will take place indoors, \$100 pre-registration, burnout demonstration, high/low competition, **Street Glow Competition**; also, 3 days of **Monster Truck Madness**. Info: Carlisle Events Hotline, (717) 243-7855, or www.carsatcarlisle.com.
- ☛ **June 28th to 30th – Stars, Stripes and Stangs car corral, car show, concours, convention, model show, & swap meet**, sponsored by National Capital Region Mustang Club, at Hyatt Fair Lakes, in Fairfax, VA. Fri, Sat 9 a.m. – 11 p.m., Sun 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.. Pre-register to ensure a spot. MCA membership not required (*\$10 registration discount if you are*), \$5 pre-registration discount, \$40 per Mustang entered in concours, unrestored, thoroughbred, street, daily driven, modified or late model classes. Info: Pat Porter, 4886 Tobacco Way, Woodbridge, VA 22193, (703) 590-4512, ranessa@erols.com, or www.starsstripesstangs.org.
- ☛ **June 28th to July 1st – Le Belle Macchine d'Italia car show, concours, convention, flea market, motorcycle show**, in Hershey, PA. The **largest 3 day Italian automotive event in North America**. Trophies, entertainment, food. \$55 registration, \$20 admission. Info: (717) 394-7218, italiancars@aol.com, or <http://mhkaye.com/italiancars/>.
- ☛ **June 29th & 30th – Sixteenth Annual Rod Run**, Sponsored by Custom Cruisers of

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Northern VA, in Leesburg, VA. Sat cruise 6 – 10 p.m., downtown historic City center closed to traffic, entertainment. Sun car show in Ida Lee Park, Rt 15 N, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Show field limited to pre-1972 vehicles, dash plaques for first 100. Trophies, door prizes, NSRA Inspections, 50/50 drawings. \$3 admission, under 12 free. Info: Steve Dodson, (703) 369-2014 or Tank Edwards, (540) 668-0445, tanke2@earthlink.net.

Top 10 Again!

Speed, as they say, is often just a question of money – How fast do you want to go? Submitted for your consideration: 10 of the *fastest, baddest, and coolest* ultra-performance coupes, roadsters, and 2-plus-2s you can buy (*in no particular order*). Well, maybe not you. But we can all look – and drool. Thanks to *Eric Peters*, and the *Yahoo.com* website!

- ❏ Dodge Viper
- ❏ Corvette Z06
- ❏ Porsche 911 turbo
- ❏ Lamborghini Murcielago
- ❏ Bentley Continental R Mulliner
- ❏ Jaguar XKR 100
- ❏ Ferrari 550
- ❏ Mercedes SLK32 AMG
- ❏ Aston Martin DB7 Vantage and Vanquish
- ❏ BMW Z8

Go get yer Lotto tickets, and Good Luck!! ❏

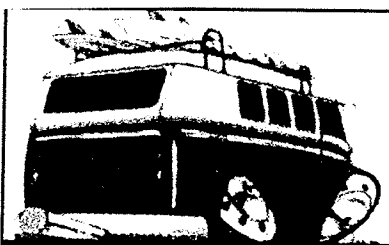
50th Vette!

Lord & Taylor unveiled *Corvette's 50th Anniversary Edition* model on Wednesday, May 22nd. The ultimate fashion accessory, the 2003 Corvette was seen first in the store's Fifth Avenue (*New*



York) windows, a week before it was seen again at the Indianapolis 500 race. Along with the 2003 model, Lord & Taylor also features vintage cars from 1955, 1966, and 1978 as well as blow ups of photos of Corvettes, with human-interest stories featuring the cars of various private owners. The windows will be up until Tuesday, June 18th.

Until Father's Day, June 16th, customers will be able to visit a *Corvette outpost* in all Lord & Taylor stores and select from a collection of 50th Anniversary commemorative merchandise, including ties and a Special Edition Gift Card featuring a 1953 Corvette, and register to win a two-day all-expenses-paid trip for two to the *Justin Bell GT Driving School* in Boca Raton, Florida, plus additional prizes. On June 13th, New York customers had the opportunity to have their picture taken in a Vette. ❏



Pickup Line

General Motors recently released the first image of its new pickup called the *Colorado*. GM will start production of the vehicle at its Shreveport, La., truck plant in the fourth quarter of 2003, which is also when the truck will go on sale. Pricing for the vehicle has not been determined. ❏



Painting Tip

Use *Static Guard* when painting enamels – to keep dirt from being attracted to the model's body by static electricity. Spray it on the floor, in the spray booth, or on the stand for the body. You might even consider spraying it on your shirt sleeves!

(*This tip comes from Al Stout of the Auto Modeler's Group. Thanks, guys!*) ❏

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MAMA's BoyZ do it in scale!



Chrysler Auction

Preceding the Ford auction (*see 'This 'n That, this issue*), The *final Chrysler Prowler and Dodge Viper* will be auctioned separately, to benefit two separate causes.

The Prowler (*w/matching trailer*), is to be auctioned by Christie's to benefit the *National Multiple Sclerosis Society*. It will be the only one available in *High Voltage Blue*, and will feature a time capsule, including rare memorabilia, signed design sketches, as well as a chassis signed by the Prowler Team. In all, more than 11,000 Prowlers

were produced.

The Viper, a *Final Edition GTS Coupe*, numbered 360 of 360, is the last car built on the 2002 Viper platform, and it will be *Viper Red with a dual stone white-stripe paint scheme*. The Viper is expected to help raise money as part of *Norwood University's Sixth Annual Detroit International Scholarship Showcase*. Both auctions should be over as you read this. ☛



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More Sad News!

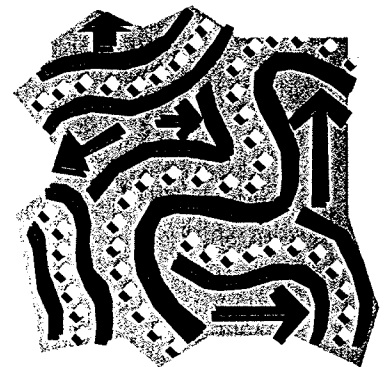
Long Island Auto Replica Society (*a.k.a., LIARS!*) club president, *Tony Delvecchio (a.k.a., Slice 'n Dice)* passed away recently after a courageous battle with cancer. He was the mother hen to a bunch of overaged kids, did a lot for the club, and to promote the hobby. He made the NNL East bus arrangements while undergoing chemo or some other debilitating form of treatment.

The LIARS club had Tony to themselves for a few hours a month and a little bit of him rubbed off on all of them, I'm sure. Please say a prayer for his wife and kids, he was also an intensely devoted family man. Life is short – make the most of friendships you make along the way! ☛

Directions

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 (*read on!*)



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