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2003 Meeting Schedule

All club meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month, but will be **confirmed quarterly**, and are subject to change prior to confirmation. Do **NOT** assume meeting dates - confirm them with a club officer!

- ☛ January 18th
- ☛ February 15th
- ☛ March 15th
- ☛ April 19th
- ☛ May 17th
- ☛ June 21st

Inclement weather phone number: (301) 474-5255. ☎

NNL East is Here!!

The February meeting was very nearly cancelled, due to the *blizzard* that we were subjected to starting that morning, and lasting into Sunday. All told, accumulations of **15+ inches** were the norm! It was sparsely attended, with about **25 to 30 diehards present** (*Ron Bradley was among the missing*). Those in attendance decided to **post-pone the benefit auction for Ron Coltrane until April. So, bring money!**

A highlight of the meeting was a *seminar* by *Irv Arter* on *body prep and polishing*. **Thanks, Irv!** There

should be no excuse now for killer finishes from all of you guys!

Lyle Willits is back with yet another fantasy car magazine cover. This time, it's **Custom Rod Modeler. Enjoy!**

Reviews? We have a *resin review* by *Ron Hamilton* on *Scale Coachworks 1970 Dart Swinger*, and one on *XS Tuning's new wheel and tire package* by *Walt Rook*.

So, the *Winston Cup* season has begun. At this point, the score is Ford-2, Chevy-1, Pontiac-0, and Dodge-0.

Did you guys see

probably the *best car commercial currently on TV*? To this point, for me, it was the **"Honey, I bought a race car"** *Cadillac LMP ads*. Well, the *Dodge boys* just upped the ante (*a bunch!*). It plays off the earlier *Hemi Ram pickup* towing the *Hemi Charger*. In this one, the Hemi Ram pickup is sitting at the light, when a *rail* pulls up next to him! Same conversation—comparing Hemi engines, until the dragster shows him something he doesn't have a—parachute, at which point, he lights up the **tires up across the intersection, straining against the chute!!** **Priceless! Best yet!** 🏆

Tuner Time!

The following ebay item was too good to pass up! Just don't laugh so hard that you hurt yourself!!

It's a **1983 Nissan Sentra 2 door**, with a 1.5-liter 4 cylinder/5-

speed transmission, and **256K original miles** on it. He says it's quicker than you think, and is able to spin the tires on dry pavement. It's been in the family since new. They took excellent care of it and it should have no problem reaching 300K miles. It runs fine

and passed Utah emissions the last time it was registered. He is technically the third owner. He thinks the only thing wrong with it is a cracked windshield. In the last year, he has installed a new starter, brakes, and CV joints. He

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Resin Review: Dart Swinger



While perusing the *Hobby Heaven Model Message Board* recently, I discovered a company that produces a resin transkit to convert Revell's 1968-1969 Dart into a **1970 Dart Swinger Hard-top** (Kit # SCW-TK03, \$35.00, plus shipping and handling). There was a link to **Scale Coachworks** (www.scalecoachworks.com), which I believe is run by **Dan Janssen**, one of the modelers on the board. The Dart Swinger is a model I have been looking to add to my collection, so I placed an order for one.

Within a week, I received a package. Inside was what I consider to be a nice rendition of the aforementioned Swinger. The kit consists of the following pieces:

- ☛ Body
- ☛ Front bumper/grille

- ☛ Rear bumper
- ☛ Front and rear roll pans
- ☛ Hood with twin scoops
- ☛ Red translucent taillamps
- ☛ Air cleaner/ "Dart Swinger" emblem decals

The parts were cleanly cast in a beige polyurethane resin, similar in feel to a Modelhaus offering. The flash had to be cleaned up from the edges and window cavities, and the body should be soaked in a solution (*whitewall tire cleaner, i.e. Westley's Bleache White*) to remove the mold release. Bumpers should be chromed, as they are not in the kit.

Once prepped, this transkit should blend with one of the available Revell Dart kits (*interior tub, chassis and running gear*) to make a convincing rendition of a Swinger.

For the model to be truly accurate, the seat upholstery patterns of the Revell kit have to be modified to match the actual interior, as well as sourcing a Mopar 340 V8, and Mopar rally wheels (*AMT 1971 Plymouth Duster 340*), or any other powertrain/wheel combo of your choice (*slant-six, steel wheels/dog dish hubcaps from the Lindberg 64 Dodge 330? Hey, Guilfoyle!!*). With a little work, you too can have a Swinger on your shelf. Am I impressed with this kit? You bet. This is a very good value for the money, and I recommend it to anyone who loves these cars.

By: Ron Hamilton ☛

New Stuff!

Thanks to **Tom C.** and the **Hobby Heaven message board** (and our own **Matt Guilfoyle**) for the following **AMT goodies**:

- ☛ Production has been halted on the **1932 Ford phaeton** to produce the correct interior tub. Extras will be provided for those who purchased early kits with incorrect Vicky interiors
- ☛ The **xXx Corvette** is a 1998
- ☛ The **American Graffiti 1955 Chevy** is on hold to consider the option of using a modified version of the current 1955 Chevy
- ☛ The **Ghostbusters 1959**

Caddy (licensing), **1964 Ford** (incomplete tool), and **1971 Roadrunner** (incomplete tool and non-cooperative licensor) kits have been dropped.

New kits and expected street dates:

- ☛ **2003 NASCAR Monte Carlo—4-5 all-new kits** (TBA—June)
- ☛ **2003 NASCAR Ford Taurus—4-5 all-new kits** (TBA—June)
- ☛ **Fast & Furious 1969 Yenko Camaro** (modified tool—June)
- ☛ **Fast & Furious 1970 Charger** (modified tool—correct rear window—June)
- ☛ **Batmobile** (June)
- ☛ **Batmissle** (June)
- ☛ **1955 Chevy Cameo** (July)

- ☛ **1957 T-Bird** (July)
- ☛ **1955 Bel Air Street Machine** (July)
- ☛ **Robocop police car** (July)
- ☛ **1984 GMC shortbed pickup** (a.k.a. 'Fall Guy'—Aug.)
- ☛ **Vanishing Point Challenger** (modified tool—Aug.)
- ☛ **Batskiboat** (Aug.)
- ☛ **Batwing** (Aug.)
- ☛ **1957 Chevy Bel Air Street Machine** (newer tool—Oct.)
- ☛ **1962 Chevy Bel Air** (Oct.)
- ☛ **1969 Mustang fastback** (Oct.)
- ☛ **Great Dane 40' trailer** (Oct.)
- ☛ **Joker Goon car** (Oct.)
- ☛ **1925 Ford "T" Coupe or Roadster "Switcher"** (Limited Edition Toy Fair exclusive) ☛

XS Tuning Wheels

I first heard about XS Tuning from our fine newsletter editor (*Aw shucks, Walt!*). I quickly checked out their website, www.xstuning.com. They sent a sample set out in response to a brief e-mail.

A letter came with the package explaining XS's plan to satisfy newer, younger builders with subject matter that is closer to the 1:1 cars that are running rampant on the street scene today. Like it or not, tuners are the hotrods of twenty-somethings today. The presentation of the product was professional, similar to what you get with kits from the major Japanese manufacturers.

Packaging is one of the most secure I've seen. They are shipped in a 3"x3"x1" box with a tab on top for displaying on the store's pegboard. Clear information is provided on top listing the style, size, finish, and a nice graphic of the enclosed tread pattern. My example was the Street S17 style, 17-inch, aluminum finish, with a gatorback-style tread pattern. Opening the box reveals two stacked, interlocked trees. One holds eight rotors with calipers molded on and four adapters. The other tree holds the wheels already shod with rubber. The trees have standoffs molded into them that keep the important stuff from rubbing the packaging. It would take a major shipping accident to mar the excellent finish of the product. The packaging places the wheels in a TV-like 2.25" square window

so they are viewable in all their glory. Clearly "*what you see is what you get.*"

The instructions are clear and well thought out, with specific instructions for *Revell/Monogram*, *Tamiya*, *Hasegawa*, and *Fujimi*. Four of the rotors are made specifically to fit Revell/Monogram tuner kits and the other four are for Tamiya applications. The Fujimi builder gets left out on using the beautifully molded rotors out of the box and must use the original kit rotors (*too bad*).

The rotors are cross-drilled spiral pattern with a ring of bolts on the hub that appear to mount the rotor to the hub. The calipers look like Wilwood four piston units without the brand name molded in. A little black wash for the cross-drill holes and some paint on the calipers is all that's needed to make these stand out.

The wheels are excellently molded examples of those seen on tuners with eight lug holes and hexagonal center caps, but lacking valve stem detail. There is no flash or cleanup necessary. The only thing to do is cut them from



the tree!

The tires are perfect examples of what appear to 40-series tires with Goodyear gatorback tread patterns. All mold lines appear to be on the inside of the tire, where it comes in contact with the rim. The finish on the tires is a bit on the shiny side (*kinda looks like a fresh coat of Meguiar's Endurance high gloss*). Leave it alone to make the car look **NOPI show-ready**, or scuff the tread and use your favorite abrasive scrub to remove some of the sheen from the sidewall. The only drawback to the tires is the lack of sidewall detail to mention at all.

My test subject is a *Fujimi Honda Civic Type R* to be built as a **JDM** (*Japanese Domestic Market*) spec car with a few extra tuning goodies. Being that this kit is of a Japan-only Civic, and the fact that they offer a left-hand drive dash in the kit will make this effort a breeze. Some dry fitting makes this tire/wheel combo look like they will fit perfectly within the wheel wells and also prove that the adapters have been engineered for a fit that is comparable to the original kit wheels.

XS Tuning offers four different wheel styles with three different finishes (*chrome, matte aluminum, and white*) in the first run. I highly recommend that you try these on a future tuner project. With an MSRP of **\$8.99**, they are a good value for the money. I don't think anyone will be disappointed. ***I just hope I can find an exhaust tip large enough to do these wheels justice!***

By: Walt Rook 🍷

This 'N That!

Trumpeting the news! The **Trumpeter 1960 Pontiac** is now scheduled for **May** in the **USA**, according to those in the know. The **Nova** is now in tooling, and will likely be a few months behind. The resin Nova "master" is here in the USA, and has been approved by GM already... **Colorful news!** That would be the new **Krylon Fusion** line of spray paints designed to be shot directly over plastic without prior priming or sealing. Now available in **16 colors**. Go to http://www.krylon.com/product/op_consumer_product.asp... **Scale Harleys!** If you're interested in **1/24th scale motorcycles**, there have been few choices until now. **Maisto** (www.maisto.com) has just released the first two in a line of Harley Davidsons. Available in three colors each, the **2001 FXSTS Springer Softail** (Black, Deep Red, and Dark Blue) and **2000 FLSTF Fat boy** (Black, Pearl White, and an unusual Red-Orange) are on the shelves now. Also to be released are a **1948 FL Panhead**, **2000 FXDX Dyna Super Glide Sport**, **1903 Harley Davidson**, and **2001 FLSTS Heritage Springer**. Let's hope these are successful and prompt Maisto to expand the line. The bikes can be found at your local Wal-Mart. **Thanks, Matt!... Foreign pickups in NASCAR?!** Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. recently announced plans to begin participation in the **NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series** in 2004 (see story on page 7). Can the **new Nissan Titan** be far

behind?! **What's the world comin' to?!?...**

There will be a **NASCAR**

IMAX movie to be released by next year's **2004 Daytona 500**. It was made around this year's 500. ...**No more Winston in Winston Cup?!** After a 33-year association, **R.J. Reynolds is considering pulling out as the title sponsor** of what is now the Winston Cup series. The company has five years remaining on its contract with NASCAR but could withdraw if a replacement is found. Time will tell... **And NASCAR taketh away!** Looks like NASCAR is trying to **'realign'** (read: get more money!) their schedule to add new tracks, and steal dates from tracks currently with two dates in their schedules. **Charlotte, Atlanta, Darlington, and Rockingham** could lose one of their two dates to either larger markets or new tracks (that'll make Bruton Smith **REAL happy!**)... **Unocal calls it quits!**

ConocoPhillips, owner of the 76 gasoline brand, told NASCAR that they would **end their 50+ year sponsorship** as the **"Official Fuel of NASCAR"**... **Return of the SS?**

The Chevrolet Impala and Monte Carlo will get V8s when re-



Mercury Montego

styled versions come out for the 2006 model year, dealers were told.

You'll have to make do with

optional supercharged V6 engines for 2004... **Mercury** will revive the **Montego nameplate**, a nameplate dormant for 25+ years, for its new sedan. It will be built at Ford's Chicago assembly plant along with the new **Ford Five Hundred sedan** and **Freestyle sport wagon**, and will hit showrooms in late 2004... **Hummer** will introduce the **H2 SUT (Sport Utility Truck)** in spring 2004. Think of it as a Hummer with a pickup bed... In 2004, **Chevrolet** will sell two inexpensive versions of the **Aveo (the subcompact Daewoo Kalos, a vehicle sold in Europe and Asia)**. Two models, a four-door sedan and a five-door hatchback, are expected to fill the hole left when the **Chevrolet Metro** was discontinued in 2001. "They are all-new vehicles, never

been sold here before," said an unidentified industry source.

"Some of them were introduced a short time ago in other markets."

In a recent interview, Gary Cowger, president of GM North America, said only one GM brand in the United States will

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2004 Impala SS



2004 Monte Carlo SS

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get GM Daewoo vehicles. Ford plans to counter with the **Ford Fusion**, a front-drive car assembled in Brazil,



scheduled to arrive in 2004... **Z car goes topless!** Less than a year after the **350Z** hit the market, Z buyers get an open-top option. The convertible Z, called the **350Z Roadster**, debuts at the New York auto show in April and hits showrooms this summer. It has a power-operated cloth top with glass rear window. Price wasn't immediately available... The **Pathfinder Armada** goes on sale this fall as a 2004 model, and will use the same platform as the Nissan Titan full-sized pickup. Nissan will produce another version of the full-sized SUV for its **Infiniti** luxury division... **Deep sea Volvos!** Volvo took the biggest hit to its already tight supply of **North American Truck of the Year XC90 sport/utility vehicles**—when a Norwegian-registered car-carrier sunk on December 14th in the English Channel, after colliding with another ship. Of the 2,862 vehicles aboard the vessel, 2,014 were Volvos, including **358 XC90s, 637 S60s, 173 V70s, 314 XC70s, 274 S80s, 119 S40s, 46 V40s, 67 C70s**, and the remainder in miscellaneous customer-owned Volvos. **Saab** lost more than 500 cars, mostly 9-3s, while **BMW** lost **335 3, 5 and 7 Series models**. A

Volvo spokesman said all lost vehicles will be scrapped (*duh!*). As a result, deliveries of XC90s (*sold out through May*) will be delayed by a few weeks'...

Minivan Mania!
Buick

(*expensive*) and

Saturn (*cheaper*) will get **minivans** in 2004, General Motors VP John Middlebrook said... **Daimler Chrysler 'Smart'?! Word is that Smart cars will arrive in the U.S. before the end of 2004.** Official press material lists 2005 as Smart's U.S. entry date, but word is that the company will launch its U.S.-spec, Brazilian-built hatchback—called "**Forfour**"—by December 2004... **Jeep Pickup!** Jeep will sell a pickup derivative of the **Wrangler** in 2004. The **Scrambler**, developed initially for military use overseas, goes on sale as a 2005 model in mid-July 2004... **Studebaker returns?!?**

The **Avanti Motor Corporation** (www.avantimotors.com) premiered the **Studebaker XUV** at the Chicago Auto Show. The **first Studebaker produced in 37 years**, has a starting price of **\$75,000** and includes many luxury features. The Studebaker XUV (*which stands for "Xtreme Utility Vehicle"*) is 215.5" long, 80" wide, and 79.6" tall with 5-speed automatic transmission, and comes with a choice of a **V8 Turbo Die-**



sel or V10 (unleaded gasoline) engine. Built on a **Ford truck platform**, it has a **12-inch longer wheelbase, two more inches of ground clearance** and can **tow nearly twice the weight of an H2.** It is also the first vehicle of its kind to offer **rear sliding doors**, and comes standard with a **retractable rear top that completely opens up the back of the vehicle.** Chairman of the Avanti Motor Corporation Michael E. Kelly says, "The Studebaker name is



timeless and it represents one of the best auto makers in the history of the automobile." (Ed. Note: *That's why they are still around, eh?*) Keeping with

the Avanti tradition, owners can choose any exterior color (*Whoa! Whatta concept!*), as well as every interior detail including the trim and color of their custom leather seats (*another novel idea!*). During the first model year, they expect to produce approximately **150** vehicles. Standard safety features include anti-lock brakes, driver/passenger airbags, side door beams, and **built-in rear view camera.** Development is also

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2004 –Year of the Goat!

With the year 4700 by the Chinese calendar—the *Year of the Goat (!)*—which began on Saturday, February 1st, the *title of this column was a slam-dunk!*

The following letter was sent to Sean Mattingly at the *Ultimate GTO website* (<http://ultimategto.com/>) following the release of the *2004 Pontiac GTO*, in response to negative comments on the new GTO, and the apparent lack of substantial familial heritage (*i.e., hood scoops, hood tach, etc.*).

Apparently, there are quite a few ‘car guys’ who are not crazy about the new GTO (*myself included!*). The car retains too much of its Holden identity, down to and including the leather interior keyed to match the exterior paint.

Heck, even new *Grand Ams* tout *Ram*

Air, and can now be purchased with *twin-scooped hoods!* You be



the *Judge* (*pun intended!*).

Date: Wed, 15 Jan 2003 17:12:32 - 0500

From: Bob Lutz

To: Sean Mattingly

Dear Sean,

Thanks for the e-mail. It's pretty

obvious that the dyed-in-the-wool old-line GTO fans (*mostly probably also collectors*) are disappointed that it's a non-retro themed car with few throwback GTO cues. But that's not what we set out to do. We wanted a modern interpretation, with a really slick chassis to go along with a big engine. It will more than live up to the GTO heritage in terms of driving excitement and performance. We really would like to draw new customers, rather than traditionalists.

I also suspect that, after a few highly-charged negative reactions, herd instinct took over. The car is, in real life, not likely to be confused with a Cavalier, Grand Am, or Grand Prix. Hood scoops are for the 2005 model.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Lutz 🍷

"Element-ary, my Dear Dr. Watson"

The following photos depict some fanciful and imaginative re-designs of the funky new little *Honda Element*. There were a couple dozen of them on the web-site, but I selected the best of the bunch. Can you guys come up with anything better? Personally, I like the ‘*Flamethrower*’ look! Thanks to *Matt Guilfoyle*. 🍷



Toy(ota)s in NASCAR!?!

While it's years from an official announcement, word is that an agreement has been reached between **Toyota** and **NASCAR** for **Toyota to race in Winston Cup in 2007** (three years after it starts in the Craftsman Truck series in 2004).

In a related development, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. recently announced historic plans to participate in the **NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series**. **Toyota Tundras** will make their debut at **Daytona International Speedway in February 2004**. Toyota has assembled the full-size Tundra exclusively at its Princeton, Ind., plant since its debut in 1999. "Everyone at NASCAR is looking forward to Toyota's participation in the NAS-

CAR Craftsman Truck Series," said **Mike**

"Gimme Money" Helton, president (and chief whore) of NASCAR. "We feel their integrated approach to this series is going to provide our drivers, teams, tracks and fans many benefits. There are



many NASCAR fans working in Toyota facilities, manufacturing plants and dealerships throughout America. We know they're thrilled at

the prospect of a Tundra showing up in NASCAR Victory Lane (!?) in 2004." Beginning with the season-opening NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race at Daytona, as many as **six Toyota Tundra race**



trucks may be entered for competition. Team affiliations will be determined at a later date. Toyota Racing Development (TRD), U.S.A. will design, develop, and build the Craftsman Truck Tundra V8 to NAS-

CAR specs in its Costa Mesa, Calif., facility.

Toyota engineers are working on the carbureted V8. It's still on the computer at this point. One problem with the engine is casting it in iron. Most Toyota blocks are aluminum alloy, but engineers found a Toyota facility in Japan that still casts in iron. The **Craftsman entry** will feature a **Tundra** body and the **Winston Cup car** will be a **Camry**, "whatever the Camry will look like then," Toyota sources said.

The four-cylinder **Daytona Dash series** will reportedly be disbanded after this year. Toyota has won there as well, with the Celica model. 🏆

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performs maintenance (spark plugs, wires, cap/rotor, fuel/air/oil filters, oil, etc.). He needs to sell it to fix his **nicer (!?)** car. It's original—never been in a wreck.

The **'unique'** aspect of the car is the **custom body kit** and **spoiler** made of **wood**. **Yeah, I said WOOD!** It's made out of **plywood, glue, brads, and screws**. The wood is currently unfinished, and



dirty in spots. Some sanding, and it would look brand new. Or, paint or stain, it, but the cool thing about it is the fact that it is wood, so you want people to see it. He never finished the front end, but for a little extra, he could

do that too. As it sits, it has a hood scoop, fenders, rear bumper, and spoiler. It all started with the spoiler. It is rumored the car gets more at-

tention than a Ferrari. He was apparently poking fun at all the imports with obnoxious body kits. It can be removed, leaving some screw holes. He did it once, and you can't even tell unless you are up close.

The car has tinted driver, passenger, and rear quarter windows. Supplies to tint the back window are included. It has a Pioneer tape deck and two 6" door speakers.

No idea what it went for! **So, who pays for the termite inspection!?!?** 🐜

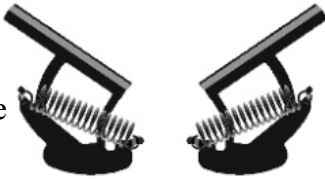


Model Buffet

This column continues to appear, based on the flow of information and new products of interest to MAMA members.

Want to display that engine detail you worked so hard on? Then **J3 Models "Fixed Open Hood Hinges"**

are just the item to add the finishing touch. For



\$4.95 (plus \$1.45 shipping & handling), you get enough pieces for two sets of 1960's to 1980's factory stock hood hinges, including springs. Contact J3 Models at P.O. Box 489, Wheaton, IL 60189 or check them out at <http://hometown.aol.com/j3models>.

Alclad II has released their **Chrome paint** in a **spray can** for those who don't fool with air-brushes. The 3 oz. can is being marketed to the RC car hobby (the can is marked "Chrome for Lexan"), but is the same formula as the bottles. I have also heard they offer their own **gloss black basecoat**. Check with your local hobby supplier.

Scale Motor Sports (<http://www.scalemotorsport.com/default.aspx>) is working on one of their great superdetail sets for the new **Tamiya Enzo Ferrari** kit. Because so much of the car utilizes carbon fibre, it is anticipated to include **seven sheets** of "templated" decals. No price info yet. It could debut out as early as July or as late as September. Stay tuned.

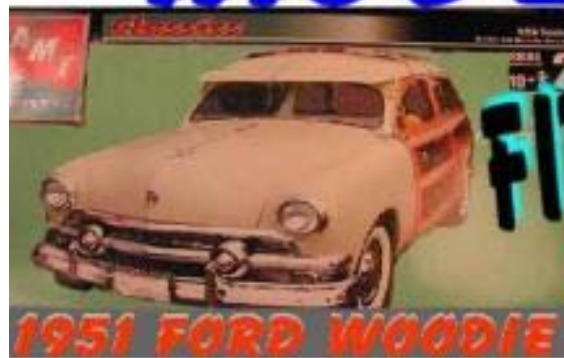
Thanks again, **Matt!** 🍷

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Events

☞ **March 22nd—Seventeenth Annual NNL East** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Parsippany PAL building, in Parsippany, NJ. Themes are **“Hollywood Boulevard”** and **“3 Cheers for the Red, White, and Blue.”** Info: <http://members.aol.com/nnleast2003>.

☞ **March 28th & 29th—Thirty-Third Annual Indoor/Outdoor Auto Parts Meet & Auto Auction**, in Frederick, MD. Info: (301) 831-0300.

☞ **April 4th to 6th—Spring Mopar Madness** at Virginia Motorsports Park. Car show, drag racing, vendors, burnout contest. All makes. Info: (757) 248-5971, www.tidewatermoparclub.com or www.vpccc.org.

☞ **April 5th—Fourth Annual Run to the Beach**, North Beach, 410-257-7633

☞ **April 23rd to 27th—Spring Carlisle** at the fairgrounds.

☞ **April 26th—National Capital Region Mustang Club Spring Show** at Montgomery College, in Rockville MD (*Rain date April 27th*). Info: <http://www.ncrmc.org/>.

☞ **April 26th—3rd Annual Eastern Technical High School Car & Truck Show** in Essex, MD, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: (410) 887-0190.

☞ **May 2nd to 4th—Carlisle Custom Compact Nationals** at the fairgrounds. Info: <http://www.carsatcarlisle.com>.

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☞ **May 8th to 10th—Thirtieth Annual East Coast Military Vehicle Rally, Car Show, Auction, Swap Meet & Flea Market**, in Churchville, MD. Info: (443) 243-1000, mywebpages.comcast.net/wacbgmvt/club/club_home.html.

☞ **May 10th—7th Old Dominion Late Great Chevy Show (open to 1976)** at Southside Bapt. Church, 6000 Ironbridge Rd. Info: (804) 743-8294.

☞ **May 10th—Spring Fling Car & Craft Show**, Frederick, MD. Info: (215) 234-8301, stlukesobelisk.com.

☞ **May 10th—Mid-Atlantic NNL Model Car Show and Swap Meet** at the Ruhl Armory in Towson, MD. **Show themes** are **Corvettes, Motorcycles**, and a special **Shelby award**.

☞ **May 15th to 18th—Cruisin' Ocean City** on the Boardwalk in Ocean City, MD.

☞ **May 16th to 18th—Carlisle Import, Kit, Replicar Nationals** at the fairgrounds. Giveaway vehicle is a **1970 Fiat 850 Spyder**.

☞ **May 17th—Orphans in Alexandria**, Alexandria, VA. Info: (703) 838-4994, lyceum@ci.alexandria.va.us, or www.alexandriahistory.org.

☞ **May 30th & June 1st—Carlisle Al-Ford Nationals** at the fairgrounds. Giveaway vehicle is a **1987 Mustang GT convertible**.

☞ **May 31st—Thirty-Fourth Annual Maryland Antique Fire Apparatus Muster**, Westminster, MD. Info: (410) 848-

9112.

☞ **June 1st—Burdette Pontiac car show**, in Hyattstown, MD.

☞ **June 6th to 8th—Thirtieth Annual Street Rod Nationals East**, York, PA. Info: (303) 776-7841, www.nsra-usa.com.

☞ **June 8th—All Pontiac Show**, at Capitol Pontiac-GMC in Greenbelt, MD. Info: (301) 249-3830, (301) 261-5569, gtoGuy@mindspring.com, or royalgtos.com/.

☞ **June 13th to 15th—Carlisle All-GM Nationals** at the fairgrounds. Giveaway vehicle is a **1965 Buick Skylark 4-door sedan**, with **ONLY 7,876 miles!!**

☞ **June 13th to 15th—Kustom Kemps of America Car Show** held at Oaks Park in Biglerville, PA. Draws around 800 cars from '35 to '65 (*custom*), and '66 to '03 (*late model*). Info: (717) 637-5229.

☞ **June 21st & 22nd—16th Annual Mid-Atlantic Chevelle Show/ACES Northeast Regional**, in Northeast, MD, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: (301) 464-7618.

☞ **June 27th to 29th—Carlisle All-Truck Nationals** at the fairgrounds.

☞ **June 27th to 29th—Stars, Stripes and Stangs**, Fairfax, VA. Info: (703) 590-4512.

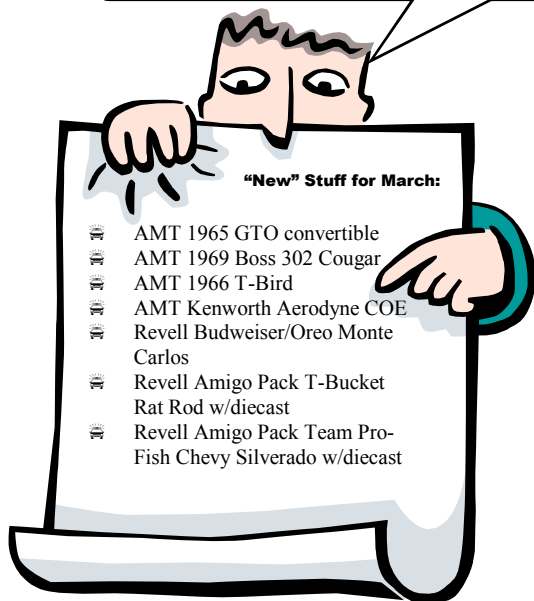
☞ **June 28th & 29th—Fun Ford Weekend** at VA Motorsports Park, Dinwiddie, VA. Info: (804) 862-3174.

☞ **June 28th & 29th—16th Rod Run & Car Show** hosted by Custom Cruisers of Northern VA at Ida Lee Park, Leesburg, VA. Info: (703) 777-1664. ☞

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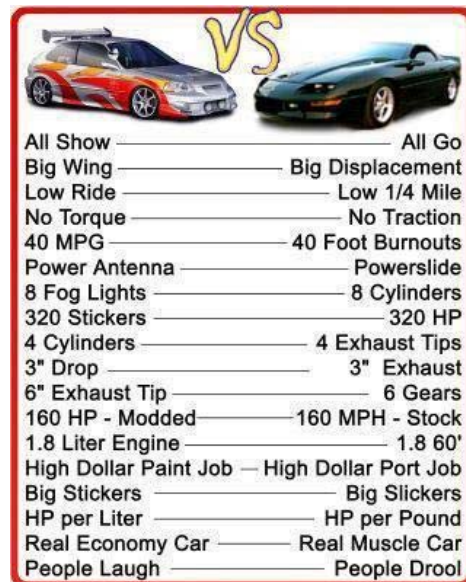
- AMT 1965 GTO convertible
- AMT 1969 Boss 302 Cougar
- AMT 1966 T-Bird
- AMT Kenworth Aerodyne COE
- Revell Budweiser/Oreo Monte Carlos
- Revell Amigo Pack T-Bucket
- Rat Rod w/diecast
- Revell Amigo Pack Team Pro-Fish Chevy Silverado w/diecast

JATO Jake

Y'all remember the item 'way back in our newsletter (November, 1995, to be exact!) about '**JATO Jake**,' the guy who strapped the **solid-fuel rocket** to the roof of his **Chevy Impala**, only to supposedly embed himself in the face of a sheer cliff, 'cause the road turned, and he didn't? Well, there's a show on the **Discovery Channel** entitled "**Myth Busters**" that attempts to debunk **Internet legends**. A recent show explored whether or not a **1967 Chevy** can be turned into a **350-mile per hour road warrior**! Show hosts attempted to prove or disprove this urban legend. They mounted



three JATO units onto the car's roof, and launched it (*by remote control*) across the desert. Conclusion? The story is just that—a legend! **Thanks for the call, Walt!** 🚗



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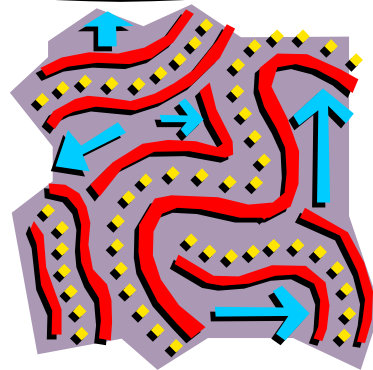
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nearly complete on their next sports car. Michael Kelly says the new model will be on a chassis developed by Avanti to replace the outgoing model, based on the **GM F-body platform** that ceased production in 2001. He says the next Avanti, due this fall, will carry much of the same styling, but will be powered by the new three-valve 4.6-liter V8 Ford is building for the 2004 Mustang. In a related development, **General Motors is suing Avanti Motor Corp.**, calling the Studebaker XUV an infringement on one of the world's largest automaker's company trademarks. (Thanks to *Autoweek.com* for a lot of this good stuff!) 🚗

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. 🚗