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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

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

Mid-Atlantic NNL is History!!

The April meeting featured our **annual auction** attended by 50+ **'plastic fanatics'** in an attempt to raise money to help out **MAMA member Ron Coltrane**. All manner of automotive items were available—unbuilt kits (*including vintage*), built kits, books, tools, and diecasts. All told, the club raised **over \$2,000** at that meeting!! Thanks to everyone who participated—you should all be very proud of yourselves for stepping up and helping out a fellow MAMA member in need the way you have. Ron also very much appreciates the

help, too.

The April meeting also exhibited a high level of anticipation for our upcoming show. When all the dust had settled, we had just shy of **400 models** on the display tables, displayed by approximately 250 people. The awards stacked up thusly: **People's Choice—Junior** went to **Michael Ghidiu**, for an **incredible '66 Shelby**, while **People's Choice—Adult** went to—who else? **Bill Geary**, for his killer **'57 Corvette!** Watch the magazines for the coverage. Better start thinkin' about themes for '04, 'cause I hear the

show date is already reserved for the second weekend in May! **MAMA's Boy Ron Coltrane** was spotted at the show, looking pretty good, checking things out, and takin' it easy. Thanks to everyone who helped out!

Lyle Willits is back with another **Street Rod modeler** fantasy cover—check it out! **Enjoy!**

MAMA will be setting up a **club display** at the **Greenbelt library** in the month of August. So, if you wish to display some of your work, contact an officer in order to help us to plan the assembly of the most professional-looking display possible.

Gumball Rally

(The following article written by Steve Hymon was reprinted from the Times, April 23rd, 2003 edition. If you wanna pop 'Cannonball Run' or 'Gumball Rally' into the VCR, go ahead!)

Money, Speed Fuel Vroom

Mates' Cross-Country Excesses

They drove them like they stole them.

A coast-to-coast rally started with the smell of

money and burning rubber as more than 140 **Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Bentleys** and other exotic cars peeled out of the parking lot of San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel last week. Within minutes, dozens of 911 calls flooded into California

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Crunch Time in Baghdad?!

(The following article written by Nancy A. Youssef, was reprinted from the Detroit Free Press, April 16th, 2003 edition. If you have weak stomachs, you may want to just skip it!)

AT THE IRAQI PRESIDENTIAL GARAGES: Crunch time in Baghdad

You are U.S. Army Spec. Brad Young and you drive a tank. Before you sits a nearly pristine 1955 Chevy Bel Air—maybe a handful of miles on the odometer—straight from deposed Iraqi leader **Saddam Hussein's garage**. (Ed. Note: You see where this is going?)

You get the order: Destroy that Chevy. Young, a 24-year-old trooper from Clinton, Utah, follows orders. He runs over the car with his tank. In 5 seconds, the '55 Chevy is scrap, he recalls Tuesday.

Young's order came in mid-April after U.S. troops found what were believed to be Hussein's collection of dozens of cars, some, like the Chevy, American classics. A number of the cars may have belonged to other ranking members of Hussein's now-defunct regime, U.S. officials said Tuesday. U.S. troops at a palace complex in Baghdad said they began destroying some of the cars because so many people have tried to take them.

U.S. military officials say they fear the cars could be used as suicide bombs or to create dangerous roadblocks.

Destroying the cars has proven more painful for the U.S. troops than for the people who wanted to take them.

"I love cars. It was so hard to see a Bel Air destroyed," said Pfc. Raul Carbajal, 20, of Chicago. "It was painful."

Hussein's palace complex near the Tigris River included two garages with about 60 cars, U.S. officials said. Among the cars: a **1917 Mercedes**, a **Packard** from the **1930s**, a **V8 Woody**, a **1970s Cadillac Fleetwood**, a **1958 Ford** and the **1955 Chevrolet**.

Looters "went straight for the garage," said Army Sgt. Quincy Oree, 26, of Columbia, S.C. "They knew exactly where they were."

The looters got away with about 20 vehicles, Oree said.

Officials say they believe that some of the cars belonged to former Iraqi leaders, while Hussein purchased others as a hobby. Besides cars, the garages held golf carts and gasoline-powered buggies that were perhaps used to ride through the complex.

When the troops arrived at the complex a week ago, many of the cars had been set up as road barricades inside the complex, military

officials said.

U.S. troops said Hussein's cars had not seen much use. Nearly all had fewer than 1,000 miles on them; none had much gas, and all had a key in the ignition. Many had dust on the outside. But inside, the cars were immaculate, Oree said.

Some of the looters grabbed the keys and left, returning later for the car, said Sgt. Paul Harris, 25, of Austin, Texas.

"Men in ratty clothes would come to the gate and say 'I am here to pick up my Mercedes,'" Harris said. "They would wave the key at us."

One man tried to drive a Rolls-Royce out of the complex, but it ran out of gas. Then the man wrapped a sheet



Street Racin' in Baghdad

around the bumper and tried to pull it out. He failed.

Most often, the troops said, residents approached them and asked for a car. The cars were requested more than computers, televisions, telephones, food and water, Oree said.

The cars were among the few things the U.S. troops have been destroying. They have been trying to keep as many things as possible intact to hand over to the new government.

Kinda sad, don't you think? 🤔

Aussie Fords!

(The following article written by Alexander Corne was reprinted from the *carconnection.com* website)

Ford's Crown Vic police car saga could turn ugly for the enduring rear-drive model, but an answer could be located far, far away in a largely unexploited corner of the FoMoCo Empire.

Ford Australia's Falcon family is rear drive, comes with the option of a 390-hp V-8 5.4-liter Canadian-sourced engine and, in certain states of tune and trim, is a firm favorite with Aussie police forces.

Now with its high-tech plastic fuel tank mounted between the axles, the Falcon would certainly avoid the outboard tank hassles blighting the Crown Vic.

If the thought of Aussie-sourced cop cars seems far-fetched, GM was keen to lay its hands on Holden's Commodores not so long ago.

Powered by the 5.7-liter Gen III V-8 Corvette motor and mated to a six-speed gearbox, the large sedan does duty with the forces in Australia as well as many Middle East countries, notably Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

Two years ago there was a substantial investigation into the feasibility of bringing the rear-drive Holden sedans into the U.S. to sell

to police forces, and the forces that turned up to several test drives held by private importers went away more than keen.

Felled by import regulations that effectively barred the car from the U.S. through official channels, private entrepreneurs had hoped to import several thousand a year, but nothing came of the plan. This was possibly because Holden had bigger supply issues to focus on, not the least of which was the Pontiac GTO program.

The Middle Eastern Commodore/Caprice police supply program has dispatched more than 2000 police cars annually at the last count. The police versions of the Commodore and long-wheelbase Caprice ship with push bars, flashing warning lights, internal screens, handcuff restraints and extra wiring fitted at the factory.

But Ford's Falcon platform, while unique to Australia, could also provide a solution to the issues frowning brows at Mercury. Mercury is struggling to find a strong icon car, and the Falcon GT sedan, just unveiled, would make for a pretty interesting study.

With its rear-wheel drive, decent four-door, five-adult accommodation, a thumping 390-bhp V-8 engine with 384 lb-ft of torque, a close-ratio Tremec TR3650 five-speed manual gearbox and massive Brembo brake package, the



GT is one helluva cruiser. It will soon be available with a four-speed Tiptronic-style automatic transmission, too. Independent

tests suggest a 6.0 second 0-60 mph time, dusting the quarter in about 14 seconds.

But Ford has not been in any rush to pull Falcons into the U.S. from Australia even though four of the new BA-series cars are sitting in Detroit at the moment and more, potentially including the GT are in the wings. Ford's J Mays signed off on Scott Strong's Falcon redesign, tidied by former Jaguar X-Type designer Simon Butterworth. A high-ranking Ford Motor Company evaluation program involving four Falcon models, not including GT, is at present underway.

Ford Australia president Geoff Polites is not counting on any momentous bolt of lightning to strike Detroit any time soon that would order up a few thousand Falcon GTs, but for Mercury, a niche high-performance sedan that rivals the Mustang for grunt, grip and overwhelms it in terms of build quality and finish (*if Mustangs exported to Australia are any guide*) could be a major winner.

"We think there would be a market for that product there (*GT in U.S.*), but the U.S. has to make the decision," Mr. Polites said

The Detroit Auto Show in January 2004 would be the ideal time for Ford or Mercury to test market the Falcon GT with its blatant

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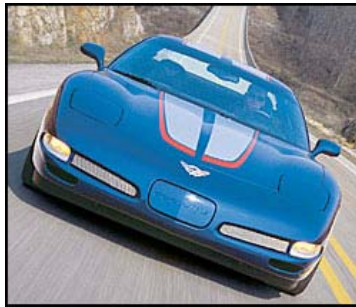


This 'N That!

RC2 (the company formerly known as ERTL/Racing Champions—note name change), has announced the availability of **eight** new, **fully licensed NASCAR stock cars** (four Chevies, four Fords). **Chevies** coming in **July** will include **Bobby Labonte, Tony Stewart, Jimmie Johnson,** and **Jeff Gordon** (was there any doubt?!). **Fords** coming in **August** include **Matt Kenseth, Kurt Busch, Mark Martin,** and **Dale Jarrett** (but I wanted the M & M's car, Dale's team mate Elliott Sadler!)... Chevrolet will produce

a limited number of **2004 Commemorative Edition Corvette Z06s** in honor of the company's 2001 and 2002 GTS class victories at Le Mans. The Le Mans Corvette gets special

badging and the same blue, silver and red paint scheme that will appear on the race cars entered in this year's race. More importantly, it has a **carbon fiber hood**, marking the **first use of carbon fiber as a painted exterior panel on a vehicle produced in North America**, according to GM. It weighs 20.5 pounds, 10.6 pounds lighter than the standard piece. The 5.7-liter V8 remains untouched, but Corvette engineers spent considerable time revising the Z06's shock damping, with much development done at the Nurburgring. The revised suspension will appear on all 2004 Z06s, but the hood will



not. Commemorative Edition base coupes and convertibles will also be available, but with cosmetic changes only. Due to production issues surrounding the carbon fiber hood, Chevrolet is still working out how many Commemorative Z06s will be made, estimating the figure to be "a couple thousand." The company will tack on a **\$3,000-to-\$5,000 price hike** over the standard Z06 when the car goes on sale in August—by which time Chevy hopes to have another Le Mans victory under its belt... **Vette Promos!** Word reaches me from David Palmeto (as posted on the Hobby Heaven message

board) on the dates/ colors for 2003 Corvette promo releases: Convertible in Quick-silver—late May; Coupe in Electron Blue—late June; Z06 in Black—late June; Two-pack ('53 and '63 convertibles),

both White, anniversary plate—late June; Two-pack ('63 coupe in Daytona Blue, and a '63 convertible in Silver Blue)—Problems, no date. They are barely gonna beat the actual car's 2004 production schedule. **Thanks, Dave... More Pricy vehicles!** The **Base price for the 2003 Chevy SSR will be \$41,995 (!)**, including a destination charge of **\$625 (at least according to the June, '03 issue of Sport Truck magazine!)**; Cadillac has priced the 2004 XLR 320-hp luxury roadster to compete squarely with the Mercedes-Benz SL500, Lexus SC 430 and Jaguar XK8. The **\$76,200 base price tag**

is about \$10,000 less than the Mercedes' tag, but \$13,500 more than the Lexus and \$6,200 more than the Jaguar. And how about the autoweek.com road test on the new **Silverado SS EXT pickup**? It cost **'only' \$40,012** as equipped, and had an observed mpg rating of **14.8/14.89!!** Rode rough as a cob, too (at least, according to one tester)! Said he felt as though he jarred a few fillings loose!. Guess this is in line with current pricing, if the soon-to-be-released **'04 GTO** in the **\$30,000 to \$35,000 range** is any indication!! And here I thought they originally talked about pricing the SSR in the \$30,000 range. Shows you what I know—trucks are hot, and they're gonna make you pony up **big bucks** if you want one of these... **NASCAR Loss.** Herring Burl Bailey, known in racing circles for nearly 30 years (1964-1990) as **H. B. Bailey**, passed away April 17th at Methodist Hospital in Houston from heart failure. He was 66... **T-Bird dead—again!** Ford Motor Co. will stop producing the Ford Thunderbird after the **2005** or **2006** model year. Ford Division President Steve Lyons says the current Thunderbird, which Ford introduced as a low-volume glamour car in 2001, won't be renewed after an initial product run of four or maybe five years. The decision isn't related to sales, he says. But Ford planned to sell about 25,000 Thunderbirds annually. In 2002, it sold 19,085 units in the United States and 1,136 in Canada. This year's U.S. sales are off 22.1 percent. Stocks of the car piled up

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through the winter to as high as a 183-day supply on March 1st. "While it may go away for a short period of time, it may reappear from time to time," Lyons says... **More Lincolns?** Lincoln will tackle two new segments—small luxury sedans and sport wagons—but declined to say when the vehicles will reach showrooms. Ford Motor Co.'s luxury division also will introduce a sedan derived from the Lincoln LS platform. Executives wouldn't say whether it will replace the LS. The product plan means Lincoln will get at least three new or redesigned vehicles, probably in 2005 or 2006. Lincoln sales have slipped as the brand's product lineup thinned in recent years. U.S. dealers sold 150,057 Lincoln vehicles in 2002, down 5.6 percent from 2001. Other luxury makes such as Lexus and Cadillac have been quicker to market with new products, especially in the entry-luxury and sport-wagon segments. No images of the promised vehicles were shown, and dates weren't disclosed. The entry-level sedan will feature all-wheel drive. The sedan and the sport wagon meant to fight the Lexus RX 330, will be built off the Mazda6 platform. They will hit the market after the debut of Mercury's vehicles—the 2004 Monterey minivan, 2005 Montego sedan, 2005 Mariner



SUV, and a 2006 sedan based on the Mazda6. Ford Motor execs also indicated that the Continental nameplate eventually would return to the Lincoln lineup, but they said it is not one of the three promised vehicles... **Back to the Futura!** Ford Motor Co. plans to build a long line of mid-sized vehicles off a single platform. The effort will start with a sedan called the **Ford Futura** to go on sale in 2005. The strategy calls for a range of sedans, SUVs and so-called crossover vehicles feeding each of Ford's traditional brands—Ford, Lincoln and Mercury. But it will draw heavily on a global partner by being built off the platform of the new **Mazda6**. When the Futura arrives in 2005, it will fill a gap in the middle of Ford's car lineup—that slot has been empty since 2000, when Ford stopped producing the **Ford Contour** and the **Mercury Mystique**. It will not sport a V-8. It will fit into a slot between the Ford Focus and the Ford Five Hundred, a sedan set to go on sale in 2004. The car will draw some styling cues from the Ford 427 concept car shown at the Detroit auto show in January, most notably the five horizontal bars at the front of the car... **Sharpened Focus!** Ford's wild-looking **Focus World Rally car** debuted in April, in New Zealand. Ford officials



say this new Focus RS, driven by regular pairings **Markko Märtin** and co-driver **Michael Park**,

and **François Duval** and **Stéphane Prévot**, is radically different compared to the car which competed in the series' first three rounds. Numerous changes include an aero package aimed at the faster rallies, a new rear suspension system, improved weight distribution and a new engine developed and built by Cosworth Racing with better response, more top-end power and more efficient cooling. Time will tell... **Sparrow Killed! Corbin Motors**, the Hollister, California-based creator of the **Sparrow**—that cute, colorful three-wheeled electric car touted as the future of wheeled transportation—has gone belly up. After more than a year of battling state investigators, irate customers, lawsuits from would-be dealers, unpaid suppliers and worried shareholders who felt bamboozled, Corbin Motors has filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Unlike Chapter 11, under which a company keeps operating and plans to return to profitability, Chapter 7 is the end of the road. All is not lost, however. Says one Sparrow owner: "**Look at the positive side. We now all own a collector's item.**"... **Carroll Shelby** says he hasn't received any money from **Venture** in two and a half years, he blames Venture for the fall of the **Series 1**, and says he has set

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Highway Patrol dispatchers from frightened commuters reporting crazed drivers.

When the first competitors reached the finish line of the Gumball Rally in Miami on Tuesday night, they had racked up more than 500 traffic citations and countless stories of excessive speed.

The rally is billed as a 'leisurely' six-day drive across the continent. Organizers have repeatedly insisted that the annual event is not a race. However, they've also said it can't be helped if some participants find speed limits too confining for their dream machines as they scream across the countryside.

Drivers in the race said at least one participant had accumulated \$10,000 in fines and bail postings before reaching Louisiana. Another entrant had been cited for going nearly four times the speed limit—210 mph—in his 655-horsepower Koenigsegg in Texas, said racer Brian Kelley of Chicago.

And with the race running through several party towns like Las Vegas and New Orleans, participants said the nighttime celebrations were also on the excessive side.

"Here's how it goes every night," said racer Bo Bridges, 28, a Hermosa Beach photographer. "They go to the bars until they close, then they clean out the mini-bars, and then they find the

nudie bars. Whatever's open, they find it."

The race got off to a roaring start Thursday. "We had reports of BMWs and Porsches going 100 mph on the Oakland Bay Bridge," said Sgt. Wayne Ziese of the California Highway Patrol. "It's dangerous stuff. The speed limit is 50 mph on the bridge, and they were going twice that."

Other cars were seen weaving in and out of traffic on Interstate 80 and using the shoulder to get around traffic. The CHP cited five drivers and impounded five cars: three BMWs, a Mercedes and a Porsche. The CHP also received a report that a Ferrari had spun out in the snow trying to cross Donner Pass in the Sierra Nevada. Ziese said the CHP did not know about the race until the cars hit the streets. Organizers attempted to keep the route secret until the race began. Police in several other states reported they were caught off guard.

In Las Vegas, several motorists called the Nevada Highway Patrol to report two Lamborghinis racing two Porsches on a local highway. The Arizona Highway Patrol issued 25 to 35 tickets to people in the rally, with several citations being handed out soon after the cars crossed Hoover Dam into the state.

In Alabama on Tuesday, a state trooper pulled over a speeding Porsche and then stood on the side of the road helplessly as other exotic cars blew past, said Dorris Teague, a spokeswoman for the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

"If you have trouble hearing me, it's because there's a police helicopter hovering over us," said Kelley, 25, as he sped through Alabama in his Audi S4 on Tuesday. Kelley was pulled over two blocks from the starting line in San Francisco for going 55 mph in a 25 mph zone.

Far from slowing them down, the tickets are a badge of honor for some racers, who have taped them to their car windows.

Kelley said two women were pulled over in Texas for speeding in a Ferrari 575 Maranello. When state troopers approached the car, they found the women were topless.

The officers, according to Kelley's account, then called for backup and posed for photos with the competitors before allowing them to leave.

Officials with the Texas Highway Patrol could not confirm the story, but did say that driving topless in Texas is legal.

The rally has been around in one form or another since the 1960s and was made famous in two films that have become cult favorites of car enthusiasts, "*The Gumball Rally*" in 1976 and "*The Cannonball Run*" in 1981.

The race was revived in 1999 by a wealthy Briton named Maximilian Cooper, who has said he wanted to put together a soiree for 50 of his friends. This year, 148 racers are competing. For the most part, the rally attracts wealthy Europeans willing to pay the entry fee of \$16,500, plus another \$15,000 to \$20,000 to have their

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cars ferried by plane to North America — provided that Cooper accepts their application to enter the event.

Bridges, the Hermosa Beach man, is driving the slowest vehicle in the field, a Volkswagen Eurovan sponsored by the beverage company Yoo-hoo. He described the race as a 3,000-mile high-speed party.

“Most of these guys are from Europe,” said Bridges. “They get tagged at 150 mph, they go to jail and get their mug shots, then post bail. They don’t care. They’re laughing about it in the hotel that night.”

Between San Francisco and

Pensacola, Fla., Bridges was pulled over four times and received one ticket for going “about 120” mph in the Nevada desert. He voiced concern that the van begins shaking violently at speeds over 90.

Bridges said he began the race with five co-drivers, but had lost them all by Florida. A husband-and-wife team were left behind in Reno after they got into a protracted argument. Another “annoying” co-driver was involuntarily dropped off at a checkpoint in the New Mexico desert. The last two teammates were apparently victims of having too much of everything on Bourbon Street in New Orleans.

Many car enthusiasts around the world tried to follow the Gumball Rally over the Internet, but ac-

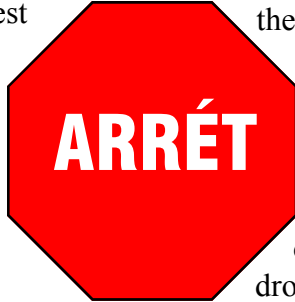
counts were hard to find— apparently because participants found better things to do at night than sit in front of computers and file dispatches.

The racers were well-behaved in San Francisco before the Gumball started last week. “There were an exceptional amount of good-looking people in the group,” said Samara Diapoulos, the Fairmont Hotel’s spokeswoman.

Six days later, employees at the Mandarin Oriental hotel in Miami prepared for the racers to pull past the finish line.

Late Tuesday, the race appeared to be ending as it began: Two contestants in Porsches were thrown out of the Miami hotel for doing doughnuts in the parking lot.

The rally will end on a sour note for valets at the hotel. They were told that Gumballers would park their own vehicles. 🚗



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an April 15th deadline for Venture to pay up or else. Venture Industries has filed for bankruptcy...

Audi's new high-performance mid-sized sedan now has a (high) price tag. The **RS6** hits in July with an **\$82,700** price tag as the first for-U.S. model produced by Audi's performance wing, **quattro GmbH**. That price puts it well above the **\$71,000 M5** (394 hp) and **Mercedes E55 AMG** (469 hp), estimated to have a \$75,000 price tag. It is equipped with a **4.2-liter twin-turbo V8**,



producing **450 horsepower** and **415 lb-ft of torque**, and peels off a **0-to-60 mph time** of just **4.6 seconds**, according to Audi. Compared to the A6, the RS6 is nearly an inch lower and the shocks are firmer by 40 percent. Suspension upgrades include larger stabilizer bars and stiffer springs. Brakes, hidden behind nine-spoke 18-inch rims, measure 14-inches up front, 13-inches in rear. The only transmission available is a Tiptronic five-speed automatic... Didja hear about the **Daytona Yellow Yenko Camaro** that was recently bid on **eBay** to **\$131,000**, and didn't meet the

reserve?! They posted something on the order of 80+ pictures depicting every angle of the car. Better luck next time, I guess... **More eBay Insanity!** How 'bout the **Arnie Beswick "Boss Bird"** (still sealed)? The bidding was running right at **\$500.00**, again, with the reserve not met! Glad to see someone has these things available... **DoD!** No, not the Department of Defense, **Displacement on Demand**. General Motors new **cylinder deactivation technology** will be standard on the **2005 GMC Envoy XL**, **GMC Envoy XUV** and **Chevrolet Trail-Blazer EXT** with the optional 5.3-liter V-8 (Thanks to *Autoweek.com* for much of this good stuff!). 🚗

Model Buffet

This column will continue to appear depending upon the flow of information and new products of interest to MAMA members.

Leon Tefft has resumed limited production of his excellent **Cobra Colors**



automotive lacquer paints. First up, a complete range of **current Ferrari colors**. A 2 ounce bottle, pre-thinned for airbrushing, is \$6.00 U.S., plus \$3.95 shipping. You can also purchase a 4 ounce bottle of Ultra-Gloss clear for \$6.00 U.S. I have several bottles and can vouch for the beauty of the colors and the great service. Act fast to ensure you get in on this deal. Check out the Cobra Colors Ferrari selection and ordering information on the website at: <http://cobracolors.com/>

RnD Unique has announced the introduction of a new line of **exterior rear view mirrors** for model cars.



RDU-1623

A package of four cast white metal mirrors will sell for \$3.50. First up, round



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mirrors (**RDU-1623**) for the '64-'67 GM intermediates (*i.e.*, *Chevelle, Cutlass/442, GTO and Skylark/GS*), and rectangular mirrors (**RDU-1624**) for the '68-'69 Camaro, '69-'72 Chevelle,























'69-'72 Nova and '70-'72 Monte Carlo. Depending on the success of these initial offerings, the line may be expanded.

A new resin caster, **Scale Real-**

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Events

-  **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 18th—Eighth Annual Spring Auto Show**, in Cambridge, MD. Info: Les, (410) 943-0581.
-  **May 25th—16th Supreme Chevy and all-GM Sunday**, hosted by the Heart of Maryland Classic Chevy Club, at 75–80 Dragway. Info: (301) 829-0171, www.7580dragway.com.
-  **May 25th—2nd Annual Fort Meade High Car Show** at Blob’s Park, behind the Route 175 Fire Station in Jessup, to benefit the Meade High Instrumental Music Association.
-  **May 30th & June 1st—Carlisle All-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 7th—Cruise Nite**, sponsored by Hot Rods Car Club at Food Lion in Prince Frederick, MD. All welcome, free registration, DJ, 50/50, door prizes, no alcohol or drugs, a family event, free admission. Info: Jim Mothershead, (410) 535-1933, or jimsnicecar@aol.com.
-  **May 31st—Maryland Penny-saver Superchargers Show-down** at MIR.
-  **June 1st—Burdette Pontiac car show**, in Hyattstown, MD.
-  **June 1st—Thirtieth Annual Classic and Modified Chevrolet Car Show and Flea Market**, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., sponsored by Mid Atlantic Region VCCA at US 29 at Briggs Chaney Rd, in Silver Spring. Trophies, food, free admission. Info: Dan Blades, (301) 262-5148, or d.w.blades@comcast.com.
-  **June 6th to 8th—Thirtieth Annual Street Rod Nationals East**, York, PA. Info: (303) 776-7841, www.nsra-usa.com.
-  **June 6th to 8th—Summer Mopar Madness**, sponsored by Tidewater Mopar Club at Walker Air Field in Dinwiddie, VA, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday car show by the Battleship USS Wisconsin, Saturday solo autocross on the air field. Swap meet, car show, Saturday night cruise-in, live music, free food, trophies, races, entertainment, contests, door prizes, free admission. Info: Bill Laurent, 757-248-5971, president@tidewatermoparclub.com, or www.moparmadness.info.
-  **June 7th—Tenth Annual Pre-1980 Open Car Show**, sponsored by Late Great Chevys of Maryland, at Howard Community College, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. DJ, food & beverages, raffle, 50/50, crafts, flea market. Free admission. Info: Bob Duckett, (410) 647-7310, or www.lategreatchevysofmaryland.com.
-  **June 7th—Cruise Nite**, sponsored by Hot Rods Car Club at Food Lion in Prince Frederick, MD. Info: Jim Mothershead, (410) 535-1933, or jimsnicecar@aol.com.
-  **June 7th—Car Show** to benefit the Easton Lions Club at Talbot Ag Center, Hiners Lane, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Trophies, food, free admission. Info: Ed Yingling, (410) 822-7478, or f100@intercom.net.
-  **June 7th & 8th—Mid-Atlantic Cruise-In & AC Delco Nationals**, held at Virginia Motorsport Park, in Dinwiddie, VA. Info: (804) 862-3174.
-  **June 7th & 8th—Power Festival/ NMCA Super Series car show and swap meet**, at Cecil County Dragway, in Rising Sun, MD, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Info: Chris Van Houten, (231) 873-5671, chris@silverlakemedia.com, or www.nmca-racing.com.
-  **June 8th—The Fourteenth Annual Northern Virginia Car Show**, in Fairfax, VA, sponsored by Kena Temple Shriners, open to all cars and trucks, all years. Trophies, food, door prizes, spectators are free. Info: Don Simmons, (703)

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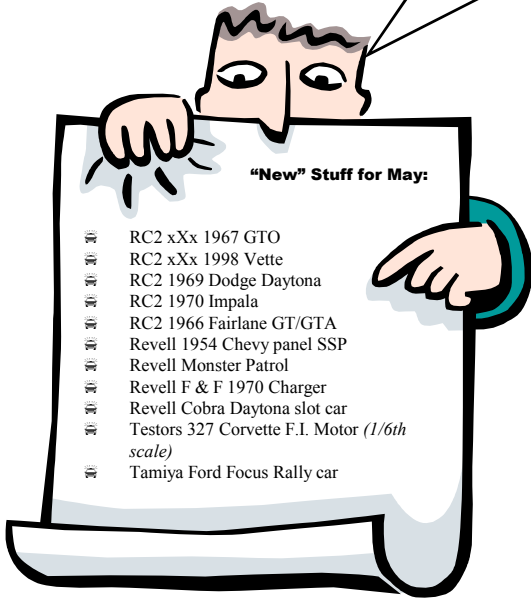
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- 🏆 **June 8th–Twenty-Ninth Annual Chevrolet Car Show**, sponsored by The Free State Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America at Cantonsville Community College. Info: Dorothy Miller, (410) 922-5971.
 - 🏆 **June 8th–All Pontiac Show**, at Capitol Pontiac-GMC in Greenbelt, MD. Info: (301) 249-3830, (301) 261-5569, gtoogy@mindspring.com, or royalgtos.com/.
 - 🏆 **June 8th–18th Annual Spring Old Nostalgia Drags plus East Coast Impala Open ('94-'96 also invited)** at 75-80 Dragway, in Monrovia, MD.
 - 🏆 **June 13th to 15th–Carlisle All-GM Nationals** at the fairgrounds. Giveaway vehicle is a **1965 Buick Skylark 4-door sedan**, with **7,876 miles!!**
 - 🏆 **June 13th to 15th–Kustom Kemps of America Car Show** held at Oakside Park in Bigler-ville, PA. Draws around 800 cars from '35 to '65 (*custom*), and '66 to '03 (*late model*). Info: (717) 637-5229.
 - 🏆 **June 14th–Cruise Nite**, sponsored by Hot Rods Car Club at Food Lion in Prince Frederick, MD. Info: Jim Mothershead, (410) 535-1933, or jimsnice-car@aol.com.
 - 🏆 **June 15th–Twenty-Sixth Annual Original British Car Day**, sponsored by the Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG T Register at Smokey Glen Farm in Gaithersburg, MD. Info: John Tokar, (301) 831-5300, or tokarj@erols.com.
 - 🏆 **June 18th–Silver Anniversary Mountain Motor Nationals** at MIR. Info: mirdrag.com.
 - 🏆 **June 20th to 22nd–19th Annual NMRA Ford Motorsports Nationals** at Maple Grove Raceway, in Reading, PA. Info: (714) 444-2426, www.nmrracing.com.
 - 🏆 **June 21st–Cruise Nite**, sponsored by Hot Rods Car Club at Food Lion in Prince Frederick, MD. Info: Jim Mothershead, (410) 535-1933, or jimsnice-car@aol.com.
 - 🏆 **June 21st & 22nd–Muscle Car Powerfest Car Show, Cruise-In and Race**, sponsored by Virginia Street Rods at 8018 Boydton Plank Rd, in Petersburg, VA. Featuring the fastest door cars in the world, all-make/model car show, trophies, races, food. Info: Bryan Pierce, (804) 862-3174, bpierce@virginiamotorsportspk.com, or www.virginiamotorsportspk.com.
 - 🏆 **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 22nd–Fourteenth Annual Rod Run**, Sponsored by Liberty Street Rods at Winfield Fire Company Carnival Grounds, in Winfield, MD, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-1973 rods, antiques & street machines. Info: Jerry Bowers, (410) 848-1403, or jbowers@carr.org.
 - 🏆 **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–Cruise Nite**, sponsored by Hot Rods Car Club at Food Lion in Prince Frederick, MD. Info: Jim Mothershead, (410) 535-1933, or jimsnice-car@aol.com.
 - 🏆 **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. 🏆
- Sunday! Sunday! Sunday!** Ron Colson in Roland Leong's Hawaiian takes on Shirley "Cha Cha" Muldowney in the Bounty Huntress Mustang. The awesome Chi Town Hustler takes on the number one showman of all time, "Jungle Jim" Liberman in a ferocious 2 out of 3 match race. Long, smoky burnouts, and the most exciting runs known to man will be seen. Don't miss this one! Be there, or be square! Drag fans, do you remember those thrilling days? Who can forget those exciting radio commercials? Now, for a day, you can relive those glorious days when Raceway Park in English-town, N.J. once again hosts the **2nd Annual Funny Car Reunion**, on **July 27th**. The **LIARS club** will also host a **model car contest**. Info: www.funnycarreunion.com, or contact **Ted Pappacena** at Nitroblues@Juno.com.

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ism, is offering a wide range of current style resin tow truck and wrecker transkits, dump bodies and other accessories. Based in Canada, they also sell a utility body that can be assembled with open doors. Check 'em out online at <http://scalerealism.com/>. You can contact them at scalerealism@shaw.ca for more info, or call **Blue Mountain Hobbies** at (604) 937-7177 for phone orders.

Thanks again to MAMA's Boy Matt Guilfoyle for his diligence in bringing us this column. And remember, if you find something interesting, lemme know, and I'll run it here, with proper credit given, natch! 🍷

Fords (contd)

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hood bulge, 18-inch rims, and even the option of go-fast stripes.

Badged by Mercury, the Falcon GT would avoid potential conflict with Mustang, appeal to family buyers with back seat access issues as well as thrill enthusiast drivers from Dallas to Detroit.

In U.S. funds, it's priced at \$36,600, or \$42,700 for the up-spec GT-P model complete with Brembos, more leather and a few added interior fancies. It is not cheap by American standards, but close to what GM is charging for the Aussie-made Pontiac GTO.

For hard-core fans, the GT engine is also fitted to a 'Ute' version called 'Pursuit'; think of it as a two-door sports car with a huge luggage

bay that's a handful in the wet.

The Falcon GT has met with much enthusiasm in Australia, having been absent from the family as a regular member for 30 years, since a political outcry over muscle car performance killed them off in the 1970s.

A brief drive reveals the rumbly V-8 to be flexible, powerful and rewarding, coupled to a chassis displaying BMW-style ride quality. At idle, the V-8's rambunctious tick-over shakes the entire car, and the raucous exhaust note will delight the less subtle members of the go-fast community.

If Mercury is truly searching for a quick-fix icon car, the Falcon GT must be worth a trial. 🍷

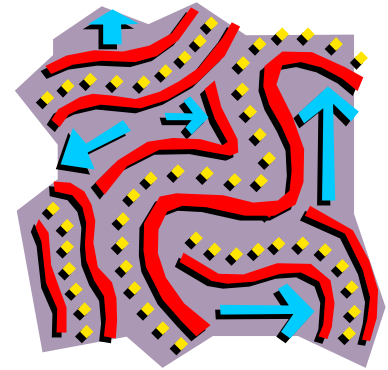
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Directions

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 495/95): 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. 🍷