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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!

- ☛ July 19th
- ☛ August 16th
- ☛ September 20th
- ☛ October 18th
- ☛ November 15th
- ☛ December 20th

Incllement weather phone number: (301) 474-5255. ☛

Car Show Season is here!!

As promised last month, the remaining awards from our show are as follows:

Competition—Leonard Harrod; Curbside—Rodney Jefferson; Custom—Ryc Martin; Miscellaneous—Bill Garner; Replica Stock—Richard Clark; Street Machine—Rodney Jefferson; Street Rod—Jeff Sauber; Truck/Light Commercial—Zoli Honeczy; People's Choice, Motorcycle—Terry Adams; People's Choice, Shelby—Damien Bringear. It should also be noted that our own **Bill Geary** snagged the

People's Choice, Corvette trophy, too!

The May meeting had about 40 modelers discussing **themes** for **next year's Mid-Atlantic NNL model car show**. We got quite a few diverse ideas, but due to the low turnout, decided to table voting on them until this month.

This month, we look at the world of **diecast drag racers**. With the explosion recently in 1/18th scale diecasts, there's a lot of straight line stuff in the pipeline.

Lyle Willits is back with another **Custom Rod modeler** fantasy

cover—check it out!

MAMA will be setting up a **club display** in a case 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 fill the case, and give a good accounting of your club.

The raffle brought in **\$45.00 (plus \$46.00 from the box)**. Kudos to the following people this month: **Irvin Arter, Ron Bradley, Brad, Mike Hemp/Overlea Hobbies, Rick Jones, Rick Meany, Tim Powers, Mark Wheeler, Lyle Willits, Rich Wilson, and Replicas & Miniatures Company of Maryland.** 🏠

C6 Spied!

Here are the latest C6 Vette rumors. The C6's overall length will be slightly shorter than the C5, but the C6 will share the Cadillac

XLR's wheelbase (1.2 inches longer than the C5). Though the



edgier, the nose more blunt and the windshield more upright.

The C6's rear end is more tapered than the C5's. The new Corvette's headlights are fixed units, not hidea-

look isn't a huge departure from the C5, the C6's overall shape is



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Draggin' Diecasts

With the explosion in diecasts that have hit the hobby, an equally impressive number of **vintage drag racing subjects** have been announced. The following info comes from the **Supercar Collectibles** website (<http://www.supercar1.com/>), with stock number, price, and a description (*shop around, and you may do better*):

- **Butch Leal's Duster** (MIC #8 issue, #1971-29283, \$64.95): This is the 1971 version of Butch's "California Flash" Pro Stock Duster. To be made by **Ertl** for **Merchandising Incentives Corporation** (MIC), with delivery expected in May.
- **Arlen Vanke's Duster** (MIC #7 issue, #292??, \$64.95): An Arlen Vanke Pro Stock Duster in yellow and black. To be made by **Ertl** for **MIC**. Delivery expected late May 2003.
- **Mr. Motion Yellow Camaro** (Hobby Issue, #33100, \$31.95): The Yellow 1970 1/2 version of the Baldwin-Motion Camaro driven by Dennis Ferrara, made by **Ertl**. A many time National record holder. Delivery expected in May 2003.
- **Butch Leal's Thunderbolt** (MIC #1 Ford, #28001, \$79.95): This is the 1964 Thunderbolt of Butch in race day



paint. Made by **Ertl** (with the *Precision series mold*) as a limited edition for **MIC**, with delivery expected in June 2003.

- **Bobby Yowell's Duster** (MIC #11 issue, #29327, \$64.95): A Multi-colored Duster Pro Stock car, made by **Ertl** for **MIC**. Delivery expected in June 2003.
- **Motown Missile Cuda** (MIC #10 issue, #1972-29218, \$64.95): This is a version of the Motown Missile Cuda (*others were Challengers*) to be made by **Ertl** for **MIC**. Delivery expected in June.
- **Roy Hill's Duster Pro Stock** (MIC #12 issue, #29328, \$64.95): The blue and red Duster Pro Stock car, made by **Ertl** for **MIC**, with delivery expected in June 2003.
- **Motion/Cars Magazine Maroon Camaro** (Hobby Issue, #33379, \$31.95): This is the maroon Balwin-Motion/Cars Magazine car, driven by Dennis Ferrara, in **Ertl's Baldwin-Motion Series** (limited run for specialty stores). Delivery expected in July 2003.
- **Don Nicholson's Mustang** (MIC #2 Ford, #28002, \$69.95): This is a commemorative car of Don's 1970 Pro Stock Mustang, in race day paint. Made



by **Ertl** as a limited edition for **MIC**. Delivery expected in July 2003.

- **Motown Missile Duster** (MIC #15, #500M, \$69.95): This is a commemorative car in race day paint. Made by **Die Cast Promotions** (DCP) as a limited edition for **MIC**. Delivery expected late summer 2003.
- **Warren Johnson's Vega** (MIC #5, #7620, \$69.95): Made by **Ertl** for **MIC** in their Chevrolet Legends series. A commemorative car, with delivery expected late Summer 2003.
- **Bill Jenkins "Grumpys Toy" Vega** (MIC #6, #7622, \$69.95): Made by **Ertl** for **MIC** in their Chevrolet Legends series. A commemorative car, with delivery expected late Summer 2003.
- **A. Beswick's Mystery Tornado GTO** (MIC #4, #4710, \$69.95): Made by **Sunstar** for **MIC** in their Pontiac series. A commemorative car, with delivery expected late Summer.
- **Arnie Beswick's Tameless Tiger GTO** (MIC #5, #4711, \$69.95): Made by **Sunstar** for **MIC** in their Pontiac series. A commemorative car, with delivery expected late Summer.
- **Butch Leal's Camaro** (MIC #3, #7613, \$69.95): Made by **Ertl** for **MIC** in their Chevrolet Legends series. A commemorative car, with delivery expected late Summer 2003.
- **Bruce Larson's Camaro** (MIC #4, #7618,

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- **\$69.95):** Made by **Ertl** for **MIC** in their Chevrolet Legends series. A commemorative car, with delivery expected late Summer 2003.
- **Bob Glidden's Mustang** (**MIC** #3 Ford, #28003, \$69.95): This is a commemorative car of Bob's 1970 Pro Stock Mustang in race day paint. Made by **Ertl** as a limited edition for **MIC**. Delivery expected in August 2003.
- **Color Me Gone 1964 Dodge** (#50045, \$59.95): These are to be made by **DCP**, as a very detailed, high quality, Max Wedge drag car. Opening hood, doors, trunk, plug wires, battery cables, rotating driveshaft, and more. Delivery expected in August 2003.
- **Ramchargers 1964 Dodge** (#50044, \$59.95): See Color Me Gone above.
- **Judy Lilly's Duster** (**MIC** #13 issue, #1974, \$69.95): This is the 1974 Duster of Judy Lilly in race day paint. Made by **Ertl** as a limited edition for **MIC**, with delivery expected in August 2003.
- **Butch Leal's 1963 Impala** (**MIC** #10 issue, #7628, \$69.95): Made by **Ertl** for **MIC** in their Chevrolet Legends series. A commemorative car,



with delivery expected late Fall 2003.

- **Dyno Don Nicholson's 1963 Impala** (**MIC** #8 issue, #7626, \$69.95): Made for **MIC** in their Chevrolet Legends series. A commemorative car, with delivery expected Fall 2003.
- **Jim Wanger's Royal Pontiac 1962 Catalina** (**MIC** #6 issue, #4712, \$69.95): Made by **Sunstar** for **MIC** in their Pontiac series. A commemorative car, with delivery expected Fall 2003.
- **Ray Allen's 1970 Chevelle** (**MIC** #7 issue, #7625, \$69.95): Made by **Ertl** for **MIC** in their Chevrolet Legends series. A commemorative car, with delivery expected Fall 2003.
- **Arnie Beswick's LeMans White Race Version** (#50150/

\$54.95): Arnie's 1963 Super Duty 421 car with race day lettering by **Highway 61** as a limited edition of 2502 made, with delivery expected in October 2003.

- **Sox & Martin Superbird** (#29353, \$64.95): The red/white/blue 1970 Superbird of Sox & Martin has race day paint, and will have new molds made for the 2 four air cleaner base, Rat Roaster intake,

bucket seats, new correct slicks, raised rear suspension, plus it will have plug

wires, and Keystone mags! Body will also be smoothed of roof lines, side marker lights and mirrors. It will have the S&M crest on the wing, and will not have the RR birds (*as the real car did not have them*). Delivery expected in late October.

- **Bruce Larson's Vega** (**MIC** #9 issue, #7627, \$69.95): Made by **Ertl** for **MIC** in their Chevrolet Legends series. A commemorative car, with delivery expected late Fall 2003.
- **Little Old Lady from Pasadena Red Dodge** (#50247, \$64.95): Yes! Licensed from the song writer, and with special packaging! The "Little old Lady from Pasadena" 1964 Red Super Stock Dodge! A very detailed car by **DCP** (**Highway 61**). Delivery expected in December.
- **Rod Shop Challenger** (#50241, \$64.95): The Rod Shop's 1971 Super Stock Challenger, White with the multiple Blue wave side stripe, and red over the top stripe, by **DCP** (**Highway 61**). Delivery expected in November.
- **Dick Landy's Dodge** (#50246, \$64.95): "Dandy Dick's" SS/A 1964 Dodge in silver with race day lettering, by **DCP** (**Highway 61**). Delivery expected in December.
- **Dick Landy's 440 Dart** (#50242, \$64.95): To be very detailed, with opening hood,

doors, and trunk, plus engine wired and plumbed, rotating driveshaft, and



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This 'N That!

Rumor mill! How about gettin' the *Accurate Miniatures Corvette Gran Sports* back? This time with some new parts to allow the *Pen-ske/Wintersteen roadsters* to be built? Word is that A.M. is arranging GM licensing at this time. This comes from Joe F. Myers, Maj USMC (Ret), the G.M. of A.M. Thanks to the Hobby Heaven message board. Again, time will tell... **More car acronyms.** Here are a few more for you guys: **HYUNDAI**—Hope You Understand Nothing's Driveable AND Inexpensive, and Hysterical, Young, Underaged New Driver At Intersection; **SHO**—Sh** Happens Often (*Thanks, Bob!*); and **AUDI**—Accelerates Under Demonic Influence, All Uninformed Drivers Insulted, and All Unnecessary Devices Installed... **Two Million SSRs Sold!!** If early toy car sales mean anything, the new *Chevrolet SSR* will be a hit when it reaches dealers in August. So far, about two million SSR toy models have been sold—a record, says General Motors Corp. The SSR has been on **15 magazine covers**, and it set the pace for the Indianapolis 500. GM will produce **only 14,000 SSRs a year.** Even if the truck were a hit, GM would be hard-pressed to step up production at its low-volume plant. Remember GM, the toys are **MUCH** cheaper... **Signature Series Chevrolet SSR No. 000002 grabs \$137,850 on e-Bay!** An Ohio dealer snatched the first Chevrolet SSR sold to the public thanks to e-

Bay. GM placed the second SSR to be built for sale on e-Bay, promising the proceeds would go to a Society of Automotive Engineers Foundation scholarship program. Bob McDorman of Bob McDorman Chevrolet in Canal Winchester, Ohio, placed a bid of **\$137,850** two minutes before the auction closed. Bidding began at **\$50,000** in April... **Miss Budweiser will keep racing after owner's death.** The Miss Budweiser team announced recently that it will be business as usual after Unlimited Hydroplane racing team owner Bernie Little passed away on April 25th. The team will be under the direction of Joseph Little, president of Bernie Little Distributors and vice president of Hydroplanes Inc.... **Bigger is Better.** Ford will continue making an F-Series *Harley Davidson* pickup, but the special edition will move to the company's **heavy-duty truck** platform from the F-150. Harley Davidson F-150s debuted in 2000 as part of a five-year marketing deal between the two manufacturers. However, with the launch of the redesigned F-150 and Ford's decision to shelve boutique editions of that truck until 2005 model year (*which means a redesigned F-150 SVT Lightning comes in 2005*), Ford has moved the Harley design to its **Super Duty** platform for 2004. The vehicles

debut next month in conjunction with Ford's 100th anniversary. A Harley F-150 will be available for 2005 model year along with other special editions, such as the **King Ranch** and the **SVT Lightning**... **Droptop Mini confirmed!** The four-seat cabrio is expected to be available by the second half of 2004. However, price range and whether the convertible will be available in both Cooper and Cooper S editions are yet to be confirmed... **Herb Fishel**, executive director of **GM Racing**, will retire Sept. 1st, after 40 years with the company. Fishel will be on special assignment to GM Service and Parts Operations from June 1st until his retirement... **Less is more!** You'll be digging deeper into your wallet—about \$4,500—for the **drop-top version** of *Nissan's 350Z* that goes on sale in August. The **350Z Roadster** with power-

operated fabric roof will start at **\$33,289** for the **Enthusiast version** and **\$38,219** for the **Touring model.** Nissan will not offer the Roadster in Performance or Track models... **One more Porsche** (*and another special edition!*).

Here's one more addition to the list of Porsche 911 variants—the **40th anniversary edition** (*that's 40 years of Porsche*) due later this year... **Night vision system an option for Hum-**



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mer H1. Soldiers aren't the only ones who can see in the dark. Now, wannabe desert raiders who own the civilian Hummer H1 can buy a night vision system similar to the unit used in the military version. **Raytheon Commercial Infrared**, a business unit of Raytheon Co., has designed a **\$5,000** system called **Nightdriver** that can be installed at Hummer dealerships. This is General Motors' second adoption of a Raytheon night vision system. The **Cadillac DeVille** has a factory-installed option that sells for **\$2,750**. Nightdriver allows motorists to see objects in the road **up to 1,500 feet away**. But it does not have the resolution or range of its military cousin, which can spot a vehicle **up to 3,960 feet away**. Just what we need around here on the Beltway... **Hi-Po Saturns!** Starting with a limited-edition 2004 Vue sport/ute, Saturn will offer a lineup of performance-tuned vehicles with the **'Red Line'** label. Enhancements include lowering the body an inch, stiffening the springs, tightening steering and slapping on a set of 18-inch wheels and tires. A customized exterior also comes standard, including Red Line badging, new rockers, rear fascia, front fascia with black air intakes a chrome



exhaust tip, and a monochromatic paint scheme (*available in **black, lime or nickle***). Power comes from the new-for-Vue 3.5-liter V-6 engine. A Red Line version of the **Ion coupe** is also planned in 2004. It will get a **supercharged 2.0-liter inline-four** (*turning out an estimated 200-hp, with a maximum boost of 12 pounds*), sport-tuned handling package, and a **boy-racer external styling revamp**. The Ion Red Line engine is built with lower-compression pistons and other components necessary to handle the supercharged setup. You'll also get a high-flow air intake and exhaust manifold, an upgraded cooling system (*with a larger radiator core and larger cooling fans*), a new five-speed transmission with a higher torque capacity, with a short-throw shifter. This power passes through equal length half shafts (*to limit torque steer*), with a final drive ratio of 4.05:1. It'll stop by way of four-wheel disc brakes (*the Red Line is the first Ion to come with 'em*), and larger five-bolt wheel hubs, brake calipers and pads. The Red Line wears a set of performance tires mounted to 17 x 7 inch, six-spoke forged alloy wheels... **Oneupmanship!** We've had cars with 4-speed automatics for years, with Ford adding a 5-speed slushbox recently, and even one or two 6-speeds, but the gang at **Mercedes-Benz** has trumped 'em

all with the first **7-speed!** M-B will offer its seven-speed automatic transmission in a wide range of models, starting immediately after unveiling the new gearbox in the **\$500** at the Frankfurt motor show in September. In addition to the 5.0-liter V8-powered S500, look for the electronically controlled 7G-Tronic seven-speed as standard equipment in the **E500, S430, CL500** and **SL500**. The new unit, the first production seven-speed, eventually will be offered on other **Mercedes-Benz** and **Maybach** models. It replaces the five-speed automatic M-B has used since 1995, and engineers say it not only improves fuel economy but also cuts 0-to-60 acceleration times. One more neat trick: Two reverse ratios. I don't know about you, but I'm impressed!... **Renault's** return to the U.S. market is not likely until **at least 2010...NASCAR Racin'** **Toyotas!** Toyota is buying a 240,000-square-foot building in Charlotte on a 124-acre plot of land for part of its NASCAR venture, according to NASCAR sources, who report car owner **Chip Ganassi** has already gotten a **check for \$35 million** to crank up a Toyota operation. Toyota officials are pushing NASCAR to OK **fuel injection** and **eliminate the old-fashioned carburetors** used on the 358 cubic-inch racing engines used. **Ford** also is pushing for fuel injection, because the company has developed and patented a **solid-fuel injection system for race cars**, a system better than anything GM or Dodge has.

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Diecasts

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all the other great **Highway 61** features. A limited edition for PYE. Delivery expected late 2003

- **Hemi Honker Dodge** (*MIC* #14 issue, #500H, \$69.95): This is a commemorative car, of the 1964 Hemi Honker drag car in race day paint. Made by **DCP** as a limited edition for *MIC*. Delivery expected in late 2003.

- **Sox & Martin Duster** (#293sm, \$64.95): The red/white/blue 1970 Pro Stock Duster of Sox & Martin! It will have race day paint, and will have some new molds made to be an accurate replica. Delivery expected in early 2004.

- **Shirley Shan's "Drag-On-Lady" Hemi Dart** (#50245,



\$64.95): This is a replica of Shirley's blue and white "Drag-On-Lady" SS/BA Hemi Dart. It has the opened up wheel wells, lightweight seats, and pull strap door windows! A very detailed car made by **DCP** (*Highway 61*) as a limited edition. Delivery expected in January.

- **Bill Bagshaw's Hemi Dart** (#50244, \$64.95): This is a replica of Bill's red and yellow "Red Light Bandit" SS/B Hemi Dart. It has the opened up wheel wells, lightweight seats, and pull strap door windows! A very detailed car made by **DCP** (*Highway 61*) as a limited edition. Delivery expected in January.

- **Hemi Dart** (#50198, \$64.95): This is a replica of how the racers received the 1968



Hemi Dart from Hurst. Primer gray body, black (fiberglass) hood & fenders, and skinny tires. A very detailed car made by

DCP (*Highway 61*) as a limited edition. Delivery expected in early 2004.

- **Gratiot Auto Hemi Dart** (*MIC* #16 issue, #500G, \$69.95): This is a commemorative car of the Gratiot Auto car in race day paint. Made by **DCP** as a limited edition for *MIC*. Delivery expected in 2004.

If any of these interest you, scan the websites below to score one upon its release, or shortly thereafter: <http://www.mic-store.com/index.html> (*MIC*); <http://www.performance-years.com/> (*Performance Years Ent.*); <http://www.replicarz.com/> (*Replicarz*); <http://diecastalley.com/> (*Diecast Alley*); <http://www.legacydiecast.com/> (*Legacy Motors*); <http://www.diecastmuscle.com/store/Home> (*Diecast Muscle*). **Times awastin'! Hit the web!** 🍷

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GM's system has a significant delay when drivers try to get off the gas. NASCAR has been so eager to get Toyota involved in stock-car racing that Detroit manufacturers believe that NASCAR might approve fuel injection...

Oops! Toyota's first wind-tunnel runs with its NASCAR truck didn't go well, according to NAS-

CAR sources, who report that Toyota engineers didn't tie the truck down tightly enough during the runs at the Langley (VA) wind tunnel a few weeks ago. The truck tore loose from its moorings and seriously damaged the facility, forcing it to close for two weeks for repairs. No word on how much it cost Toyota...A 53-year tradition will end in 2004 if (as widely reported) the **Labor Day weekend NASCAR race**

moves from Darlington, South Carolina to Fontana, California. Darlington has hosted the **Southern 500 every Labor Day weekend since 1950.** A fall race will remain, but will be moved to late October, taking the second date from North Carolina Speedway at Rockingham. Fontana will schedule its second race for the Sunday night before Labor Day. (Again, thanks to autoweek.com). 🍷

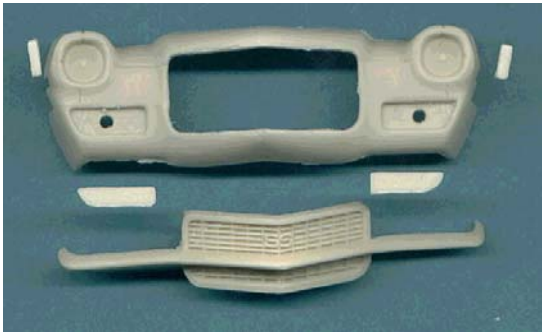


Model Buffet

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

Lookout Design (Matt Conte) has reappeared on the scene after a short hiatus. Offering resin cast parts, including outlaw style hoods, a grille and bumper conversion to create a standard nose '70 Camaro and other small items, you can check them out at: <http://www.lookoutmodel.com/index.html> or contact him at 13828 N. 41st Court, Phoenix, AZ 85053.

John Piotrowski, a true Pontiac nut, has been selling resin cast parts and transkits on eBay for quite a while. He is now offering these items directly. Currently available are a '64 Catalina transkit for **\$25.00**, which includes body w/hood molded in, grilles, 8-lugs, '64 GP interior bucket with buckets, console & dash. Bumpers must be purchased separately from The Modelhaus. Also, a '62 Grand Prix exterior conversion set, which includes nose/grill/headlight piece, rear ribbed tail panel, two GP emblems for the doors and a set of 8-lug rims,



all for **\$8.00**. Parts for sale include 1/18th scale 8-lugs for the diecast '62 Catalina (\$8.00) and '62 and '64 8-lug rim sets (\$2.00/set).

John also has molds for a '69-'72 GP dash, '70 GP bucket seats, '70 Bonneville hubcaps and rear bumper insert, '70 GP body w/no hood, '71-'72 GP hood, and can do any pieces from the above '64

Pontiac kit such as dash, interior tub, GP buckets and console, etc. Shipping varies per item. You can view these items, and

more, on his Fotki photo album:

www.public.fotki.com/

ponchopio/. Contact John at P.O. Box 85, Flossmoor, IL 60422 or e-mail jpiotrowski@primediabusiness.com.

New Stuff from **Model Car World** (<http://ourworld.cs.com/mcwautofinishes/index.html>) includes: **MCW-46 1966 Ambassador 2dr. Ht. \$47.95** (complete car except tires) **OR 1966 Ambassador NASCAR Race Car \$55.95**, with #44 Queen City Rambler decals; **MCW-47 1962 Ford Galaxie 500 2dr. Ht. \$42.95** (stock body, bumpers & hood, interior & vacuformed glass). Use AMT '60 Ford

kit for chassis, wheels, tires, and engine.

With drag decals **\$50.95** (specify red Tasca Ford, red Phil Bonner, or

black Gas Ronda car);

MCW-51 1962 Ford Galaxie 2dr. Sedan \$42.95 (stock body, bumpers & hood, interior & vacuformed glass). Use AMT '60 Ford kit for chassis, wheels, tires, and engine. With drag decals **\$50.95** (specify white cars—Al Means Ford, Les Ritchey, Bruce Larson, Tasca Ford; or choose either white A/FX or black SS/S Dick Brannan). With NASCAR interior & decals **\$50.95** (specify #29 Nelson Stacey red or yellow car, #28 Fred Lorenzen/#0, Dan Gurney, #66 Larry Frank, or #3 Eddie Sachs/#4 Don White); **MCW-44 1963 Pont. Catalina 2dr. Sedan \$57.95** (stock complete car with vacuformed glass—except wheels and tires), with B/MP Edwards Pontiac drag car decals **\$65.95**, **OR 1963 Pont. Catalina 2dr. Sedan 421 SD Nostalgia Drag Car \$65.95** (complete car—except tires, includes Warpath decals); **MCW-48 Arnie Beswick's 1963 Tempest F/C \$74.95** (complete kit includes body, separate extended front end, blown Pontiac engine, chassis, interior, wheels/tires, glass, and decals for Tameless Tiger or Gay Pontiac); **MCW-50 1955 Olds 88 2dr. Sedan \$57.95** (Complete kit includes stock body, chassis, engine, interior, tires & wheels, & vacuformed glass). With NASCAR decals **\$65.95** (specify #55 Junior Johnson, #99 Curtis Turner, or #14 Fonty Flock).

Thanks again to MAMA's Boy Matt Guilfoyle for his diligence in gathering all this info. And, remember, I'll run neat stuff here, with proper credit given, natch! 🍷

RC2 1970 Chevy Impala (#31924)

This kit was last issued in the Limited Edition series in 1996. Once again, it's molded in gray plastic, with two chrome trees and clear and clear red sprues. Build options are stock and low rider, with three different engine variations. The kit is well molded with no visible flash.

Body: The formal roof body is crisply molded in one piece, with a separate hood, firewall, radiator support, front and rear splash pans. The emblems are well done and delicate, so some care will have to be taken not to lose the detail when painted. The hood has engraved lines to open a hole for velocity stacks (*see Engine below*).

Lowrider options include a rear window overlay, custom grille and rear end treatment.

Interior: The interior shows the age of the kit the most, having originally been issued in 1970. It's tub style, and thus will require a bit of work to bring out the door panel details. The bench front seat is comprised of two pieces. The dash and steering wheel show very nice detail. A floor shift is included.

Chassis: The one-piece floor pan and chassis features separate dual exhaust and simple, but well detailed, front and rear suspension. You can build the exhaust either stock or Low rider with resonators. Also included, but not shown on the instructions, are two glass-pack style mufflers.

Engine: A 454 cu. in. big-

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block, with three build options. You can choose stock intake, a tri-carb intake, or fuel injection with velocity stacks. Stock exhaust manifolds and headers are included. There is a four speed as the sole transmission choice, which I think goes back to the original "SS454" version of the

kit.

Decals: Current Texas "BOW TIE" and 1970 South Carolina "70 CHEV" license plates, as well as yellow outline panel decals and red scallop side decals represent the total decal sheet.

Tires: Four solid vinyl Firestone

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bias-ply tires and four hollow vinyl Goodyear Polyglas GT raised letter tires are included in the kit.

Wheels: Three complete sets of rims: Stock wheel covers, Cragar SS mags and what looks to be a set of five spoke American Racing mags.

Chrome: Two nice trees, nicely plated.

Clear: A clear sprue with stock and custom head-lights and a separate one piece front and rear window. The red sprue features stock and custom taillights.

A nice vintage kit that I'm happy to see re-issued.

By: Matt Guilfoyle

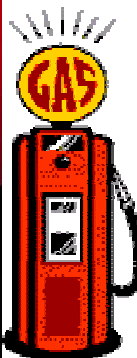
For Sale



I have become aware of **between 50 and 60 vintage unbuilt AMT, MPC, Monogram, Revell, and JoHan model cars**, as well as an assortment of **Revell and AMT parts packs**. Current info has the kit boxes as not being in the best of shape, but the kits inside are reported to be untouched. The kit years range from 1960 to 1974. If you are interested in something from this vintage, get in touch with me, and I will let you know what is available, and the pricing structure. They won't be cheap, but then again, where else are you gonna find things such as a **1960 Buick convertible**, a **Sizzler dragster**, a **'70 Olds 442**, or **'68 Camaro SS396 hard-top**?! Call me at (301) 249-3830, or e-mail me at gtoguy@mindspring.com with wants. ☺



Juan Valdez Racing!! Gives new meaning to coffee can pipes, eh?



Before, during, and after a private test session at Road Atlanta with a six-month old Lamborghini. Ouch, that's an expensive lesson!!

Events

🏆 *June 20th to 22nd—19th Annual NMRA Ford Motorsports Nationals* at Maple Grove Raceway, in Reading, PA. Info: (714) 444-2426, or 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 in Petersburg, VA. Featuring the fastest door cars in the world, car show for all makes, and models, trophies, races, food. Info: Bryan Pierce, (804) 862-3174, orb Pierce@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 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.

🏆 *July 5th—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.

🏆 *July 12th—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.

🏆 *July 11th & 12th—2nd Annual Your US30 Musclecar Madness*, at the York Expo Center in York, PA. Info: www.yorkus30.com.

🏆 *July 11th to 13th—All Chrysler Nationals* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle.

🏆 *July 12th—Hub City Classic Autorama 2003*, sponsored by the Mid Atlantic Impala Association at Hoffman Chevrolet, in Edgewood, MD, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Celebrating 95 years of GM excellence, 45 years of Impala, and 50 years of Corvette. Open to 1908-2003 General Motors vehicles—Buick, Cadillac, Chevy, Pontiac, Olds, GMC, Hummer, etc. Entertainment, con-

tests, food, door prizes. Info: Tom Ward, (540) 664-9273, maia58-70@lycos.com.

🏆 *July 13th—Thirty-Second Rod Run Picnic*, sponsored by Vintage Tin of Maryland at Fort Smallwood Park in Pasadena, MD. Food, prizes, no vans, 4-wheel drive vehicles, motorcycles, trailers in show area. Info: Don & Debbie Hood, (410) 247-8272 (*Rain date July 30*).

🏆 *July 17th to 20th—Super Chevy Show* at Maple Grove Raceway, in Reading, PA. Info: (714) 444-2426, www.superchevyshow.com.

🏆 *July 19th—Celebrate Damascus*, at Damascus Motors, 26100 Woodfield Road, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: (301) 829-0171, www.hmccc.50g.com.

🏆 *July 19th—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.

🏆 *July 19th & 20th—AHDRA Mid-Atlantic Harley-Davidson Nationals* at MIR.

🏆 *July 20th—Christmas In July Toy Run*, sponsored by Lost In The 50s Custom Car Club at MVA on Ritchie Hwy, from noon to 4 p.m. DJ, 50s & 60s music, memories of Elvis, special visit by Santa, food, door prizes, free admission. Info: Walt Miller, (410) 987-6235, or goldenhawk57@msn.com.

🏆 *July 20th—MCA Grand Slam*

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Custom Show, sponsored by MCA-Monte Carlo Association, at Reisterstown Road Plaza, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Shawn Chambers, (410) 521-7554, or mfooster@bexel.com

☛ **July 20th—Eighth Annual Summer Auto Show**, sponsored by Mid Shore Cruisers at Wal-Mart on Rt 50 in Cambridge, MD, 2 to 6 p.m. Info: Bill, (410) 943-1872 or Les, (410) 943-0581 (**Rain date July 27th**)

☛ **July 20th—East Coast Ford 5.0 Shootout**, at 75-80 Dragway. **July 25th to 27th—Summer Carlisle, and Carlisle Summer Bike Fest** at the fairgrounds.

☛ **July 26th—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.

☛ **July 26th—Sport and Compact MD Nationals** at 75-80 Dragway.

☛ **July 27th—Pontiacs at Maple Grove Car show and drag race**. Info: (610) 856-7200, or www.maplegroveraceway.com.

☛ **Aug. 2nd—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.

☛ **Aug. 2nd—Judged Show**, sponsored by Chesapeake Region

AACA at Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Food, \$5 admission. Info: Jerry Gordon, (410) 484-1299, jnpemp@cs.com, or www.aaca.org/chesapeake.

☛ **Aug. 9th—Twenty-Ninth Annual All GM Pre-91 Car & Truck Show, Car Corral & Flea Market**, Sponsored by area Buick & Olds clubs at Montgomery College in Rockville, MD, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entertainment, DJ, food, peer judging, park setting, free admission. Info: Cory Correll, (240) 686-0229, corydraw@starpower.net.

☛ **Aug. 9th—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.

☛ **Aug. 15th to 21st—Corvette Convention**, sponsored by the National Council of Corvette Clubs in Hagerstown, MD. Info: George Gallant, hhlgl2@aol.com, or www.ernccc.org/convention/index.html.

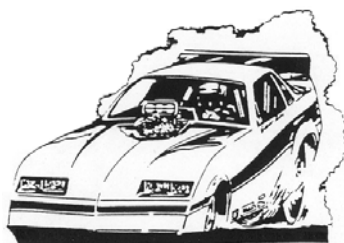
☛ **Aug. 16th—Stars-N-Bars Rockin' Roadshow Car & Motorcycle Show**, at 13989 Jefferson Davis Hwy, in Woodbridge, VA. Car & bike show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 10 rockin' bands 3 p.m. to close. Trophies, entertainment, food, door prizes. Proceeds to support our country's military families. Info: Jimi Crabtree,

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? From week to week, we couldn't wait to hear who was racing whom. Now, for a day, you can relive those glorious days when Raceway Park in Englishtown, N.J. once again hosts the **2nd Annual Funny Car Reunion**, on **July 27th**. Last year's event was a huge success, with over 25 restored and running funnys from the early days of the class.

The **LIARS club** will also host a **model car contest**. There will be two classes this year—funny cars from the **1960s to 1980s**, and **1980 to present**. Trophies and contingency prizes to be awarded. There is no entry fee, and you may enter as many funny car models as you wish. There will be a "No Sweeps" rule in effect. Info: www.funnycarreunion.com, or contact **Ted Pappacena** evenings at (631) 724-0225, or e-mail; Nitroblues@Juno.com. **Beeeeeeeeeeeeee There!!!!** ☛



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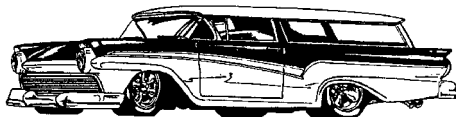
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Aug. 16th—**Cruise Nite**, sponsored by Hot Rods Car Club at Food Lion in Prince Frederick, MD. Info: Jim Mothershead, (410) 535-1933, or jimsnice-car@aol.com.

Aug. 16th—**Annual Tobacco Trail Antique and Classic Car Show**, hosted by the National Capital Region AACA, at Allen Pond, in Bowie, MD.

Aug. 16th—**Silver Anniversary Jet Car Nationals** at MIR.



C6 (contd)

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ways, for the first time since the Sting Ray of 1963. The reason is for aerodynamic advantages, and to reduce wind noise. "Those will be debated 'til the cows come home," a GM design source said. The C6 will share the XLR's hydroformed frame rails and its magnesium, aluminum and high-strength steel cockpit structure. Cutting weight was critical this time around, and it should weigh in around 3100 pounds, about the same as a C5, and less than a Nissan 350Z, one of which was seen traveling with a group of prototypes photographed. The base model's 5.7-liter V8



will produce more than today's Z06, which makes 405 hp. Maybe 410 to 425 hp. There's a next-gen

Z06 engine under way as well. Displacement and horsepower figures are still being determined. Expect more displacement,

torque, and power when the Z06 comes out a year after the first C6s are launched, and stronger brakes to stop it. It will also share Magnasteer, StabiliTrak active handling and magnetic ride control with the XLR. Steering and suspension will be tuned more toward performance than the XLR's setup. Thanks to *autoweek.com*, and **Jim Dunne** for the *photos!*

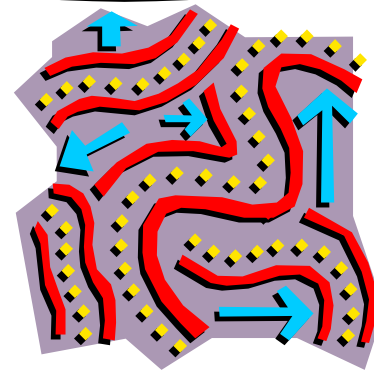
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Directions

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.