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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

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

Hot August Nights!

The June meeting was very laid back, with about 45 members in attendance. Conspicuous by his absence was Ron Bradley, a.k.a. Bradley's Model Car Collectibles. This meant that for many of us, our **'Plastic fixes'** for new stuff went unanswered! Ron has taken his show **'on the road,'** so to speak, since the purchase of a **new motorhome** was completed. Hopefully, we'll see him this month.

We discussed **MAMA's new website**, single-handedly put together and maintained by **MAMA's Boy Tim Pow-**

ers. The website address is on the back page of the newsletter. **Thanks, Tim!**

If everything goes as planned, **Model Car Garage** proprietor **Bob Korunow** will be in attendance at this month's meeting, on a well-deserved vacation. **Welcome, Bob!**

Finally, discussions were completed on the club display at the Greenbelt library. Kudos to **club Prez Lyle Willits, Harold Bradford, Steve Buter, Walt Rook, Matt Guilfoyle, myself (and Nick!),** and most importantly **Ray Wickline** for completing this setup

earlier this month. It was to have been sooner, but there was some repair required to secure the case prior to setup. All things considered, it turned out very well. Stop by to see it, if you get the chance.

Lyle is back with yet another **Street Rod modeler** fantasy cover.

The raffle brought in **\$60.00 (plus \$62.00 from the box).** Kudos to the following people this month: **Larry Boothe, Brad, Mike Hemp, Ron Hamilton, Phil Jones, Tim Powers, Rick Weeks, Lyle Willits, Rich Wilson, Replicas & Miniatures Company of Maryland, and Overlea Hobbies.** **Thanks!** 🍷

Farmer Injured!

Arnie "The Farmer" Beswick injured! Arnie was on the return road after a run at **Mid-America Raceway** in Missouri, when a track worker heard a hissing noise. Realizing it was a

nitrous leak, he tried to get him out of the

car, but failed before it exploded. The car was damaged, but not destroyed. Arnie received third degree burns to his hands, and severe burns to his nose, mouth, and ankles. He is

OK, and recovering in **St. John's Mercy Medical Center.** Send cards to the burn center (615 South New Ballas Road, St. Louis, MO 63141), or his home (10643 Old Court Road, Morison, IL 61270). **Get well, Arnie.** Thanks to Lyle and Matt for the scoop 🍷

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Test Drive

It all started when a coworker showed up with a formal invitation to an event that he could not attend. "Hey do you want to go to this?" It was an exclusive invitation for two to **Jaguar's "Born to Perform" tour** at Summit Point Raceway. This included admission to the **12th Annual Jefferson 500 vintage racing event**. I invited another coworker (*our wonderful editor, Tim*) (**Ed. Note: Flattery will get you nowhere!**) to accompany me.

I was weeks away from picking up my latest set of wheels, a base Mazda Miata, red with silver steel wheels, no power steering or A/C (*what a throwback machine*). I figured this would be a great shake-down run for the new (*to me*) ride.

The trek started with us rolling out of the beautiful suburbs of Glen Burnie on a soggy Sunday morning. Initially, it was too cold and rainy to drop the top. Our journey took us quickly out I-70 and down 340. After a slight diversion, we navigated back through Charles Town, West Virginia. At the last stop sign before the long stretch of twisty two-lane that led to the track, another red Miata popped up in the rearview. It seemed like we were both having fun negotiating this stretch of road. Prior to the recommended 15mph turns he would drop back,

let me clear the turn, then play catch up, taking the turn at his own pace. It must have looked like two dogs with the rips, chasing each other.

Upon arrival at the gate, we were given our exclusive Jaguar credentials and directed to the tent. They provided an excellent continental breakfast. After we wrapped that up and perused the documentation provided, we decided that we would take our turn at the Jaguar XJ test drives that were being offered on the Jefferson circuit, a smaller road course used for training purposes. When the shuttle dropped us off, there they were, a series of brand new

Jaguar XJs and XJRs sitting in the pit glistening with the light rain of the day.

"Which one would you like to drive?"

asked one of the gentlemen riding along for the test

drives. **"I don't know, what are the differences?"** we responded. After listening to the descriptions of the others, he detailed the XJR. Supercharged V8, aluminum-bodied, with huge rubber and massive Brembos. **"I'll drive the XJR (of course!)"** was my immediate reply. After a brief description of the accouterments of the car and a quick adjustment of the mirror, it was time to roll out on the course.

Driving in a vehicle that had a **higher cost** than **ALL** of the vehi-

cles my spouse and I have owned collectively, I was understandably cautious, rolling on the throttle and applying the brakes more assertively with each turn. All the while, the Jaguar assigned co-driver was prompting me to go harder on the throttle and to brake

later into the turns.

This thing performed better on the course than the "sports car" we showed up in,

while being more comfortable than my living room. After my drive was complete, I switched places with Tim who already had the opportunity to ride the course, albeit from the back seat while I drove. He exercised the abilities of the car further than I did and was still prompted to be more aggressive by the co-pilot. After getting out Tim and I bantered that **"\$70K+ doesn't seem all that expensive for a car that can perform like that one did."**

After the test drive was done, we took the shuttle to the paddock where we were dropped off at another Jaguar tent. In it were vintage Jaguar racecars (*XKs if I recall*), that were restored to perfection. There was an impressive array of vintage European racers and Corvettes throughout the paddock. Our credentials allowed us to go out on pit lane, to the wall next to the longest straightaway on the track. Most predominant at the event were the small English and German marques. The English cars probably felt most at home on the cold, damp track.

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There was a beautiful example of a blue Corvette Grand Sport under a tent. It was perfect, and looked as if it hadn't seen a day on the track. Another highlight was the Greenwood Corvette. The owner saw us ogling it. Tim had asked the driver to open the door so he could get some interior photos. The owner was more than happy to let Tim open it up himself to get the shots that he wanted. He told us the story as to how he acquired the car from somewhere in Europe, and how he occasionally drives this PA licensed historic racecar on the streets of his hometown. Imagine the intimidation factor pulling up to a traffic light in this all-out race



machine! Also lurking in the pits among the many race machines were various Porsches and Ferraris being driven by men that looked as if they should be driving Cadillacs (*soft ones*) at a retirement home in Florida, with their left blinker continuously blinking. There was a brand new Cayenne that we saw accidentally back into a 55-gallon drum (*what a shame to scratch that paint!*).

After having our fill of the paddock, we returned to the hospitality tent for our complimentary lunch that was prepared and presented better than most of the restaurants I frequent with tablecloths and silverware. It brings a



new meaning to race food.

We proceeded to the grandstand adjacent to the hospitality tent to watch more racing until

the dampness and temps got the best of us. It was interesting seeing these drivers tossing these old, narrow-tired machines through a series of curves drifting, accelerating, and braking, to disappear over a hill to the straightaway.

On the way home, near Frederick, the rain stopped and it began to clear. Finally, a chance to drop the top. We ran sans top on old route 40 until we got back near Baltimore, then the rains started again (*back up with the top!*). All in all it was a fun, albeit a cold and damp day.

By: Walt Rook 🍷

1954 Corvette Corvair Show Car

[R & D Unique stock no. RDU-2886; 1/25 Scale transkit for use with the AMT 1953 Corvette]

When Matt Guilfoyle handed me this item and asked for a review I was pretty happy, until I opened the box. The body is molded in a light tan-colored resin, and the first thing you notice is that it appears to be mildewed. There are small, dark blotches covering the upper surfaces of the body from front to back. It also has a somewhat oily feel, perhaps excess mold release agent.

A closer examination reveals numerous surface flaws. There are



fingerprints in the hood. Some areas show light scratches and a rough, pebbly surface texture. There are some pinholes, one at the juncture of the left rear C pillar and the rear fender that goes completely through the body! The areas around all of the windows are very rough and the top edge of the windshield opening has heavy flash. The seam line around the driver's side door is very rough. You know those mold separation lines that you see running along the top of the fenders on injection molded styrene bodies? They are still present on this

body!

The scripts are very lightly molded and will probably disappear under a couple coats of primer. That may be a moot point, as the scripts will probably get sanded away as you're trying to fix the other problems.

In comparing this body to pictures on the Internet, it appears to have the correct shape and proportions. I'm afraid that's the only good thing that I can say about it. You'll spend a lot of time and effort to make this thing presentable. You might be better off starting with a stock Corvette body and doing the conversion yourself!

By: Chuck Conner 🍷

As a follow-up to the June item I ran on drag racing diecasts, a further search yielded the following additional subjects:

Motown Missile Pro Stock Challenger (*MIC #5 issue*, 29232, \$64.95): The 1971 Motown Missile Challenger, in the race day Black & Yellow colors.

Dick Landy Pro Stock Challenger (*MIC #4 issue*, 29209, \$64.95): The Silver car with Red & Blue trim in the MIC (*Merchandising Incentives Corporation*) "Mopar Performance Cars" series.

Wally Booth "Rat Pack" Pro Stock 1971 Camaro (*Supercar Limited Edition*, 29247, \$59.95): Just 1500 made by Ertl, for Supercar Collectibles as Pro Stock Series #5.

Don Grotheer Pro Stock 1970 Cuda (*Supercar Limited Edition*, 29242, \$59.95): Pro Stock Series issue #4 car, with just 2000 made by Ertl, for Supercar Collectibles.

Bill "Grumpy" Jenkins Pro Stock 1970 1/2 Camaro (*Supercar Limited Edition*, 29167, \$99.95): Made by Ertl as a Limited Edition of 3500, for Supercar Collectibles. All the race day lettering & decals, a lift off hood to see the two big Holleys on a tunnel ram intake, a cool can, fuel line, race seats, tach, and roll bar (*in the back seatless interior*), Cragars, slicks, and wheelie bars!

Dick Landy Super Stock 1970 Challenger (29153, \$79.95): This is a replica of the Dick Landy SS/D Hemi Challenger, a Limited Edition of 3,700 made by Ertl for PYE. Features Cragar Super Trick

Still Draggin' Diecast

wheels, a roll bar, dash tach, fuel gauge on the hood, race graphics & lettering, and more!

Sox & Martin Super Stock 1969 GTX (29110, \$125.00): The Heritage Racing Series #2 car is the "Sox & Martin" SS/D Super Stock Hemi GTX, a limited edition of 5,000 made by Ertl for Supercar Collectibles. In the race day Red, White, & Blue paint scheme, with Keystone mag wheels, and slicks.

Sox & Martin Super Stock 1969 GTX (29110auto, \$175.00): *Autographed* by Ronnie Sox & Buddy Martin (*on the box clear window area*).

Shirley Shahan "Drag-On-Lady" Super Stock 1969 AMX (29136, \$79.95): The Drag-On-Lady AMX, painted in it's Red, White & Blue race day graphics, w/two four barrels on a cross ram, velocity stacks, headers & slicks, a limited edition of 4,002 made by Ertl.

Dyno Don Nicholson Super Stock 1968 Mustang (29141, \$59.95): This Cobra Jet Mustang drag car is a replica of one of the most famous Ford drivers, Dyno Don Nicholson! White with race day lettering & graphics, Cragars on the front, chromes & slicks on the rear, a Limited Edition of just 3700 made by Ertl for Supercar Collectibles, in the Heritage Racing Series as Issue #4.

Dick Landy Super Stock 1968 Charger (*MIC #9 issue*, 29281, \$64.95): This is replica of the Dick Landy Super Stock Dodge, a

limited edition of 2508 made by Ertl for M.I.C. Minor paint differences

from the 1969 version, and it has a new mold (*scooped*) hood.

"Old Reliable" 1968 Camaro (210, \$89.95): This is the famous "Old Reliable" driven by Dave Strickler. This bronze metallic 1968 Z/28 is a limited edition of only 3996, made by Lane Collectibles in their own Exact Detail Series. It is the SS/F car with slicks, Cragars, traction bars, open headers, and all the race day lettering & sponsor decals.

"Mr. Bardahl" 1968 Camaro (213, \$89.95): The Yellow & Black "Mr. Bardahl" Camaro driven by Bill Hielscher, (*recently deceased*). A limited edition of 3750, made by Lane Collectibles, in their Exact Detail Series.

Sox & Martin 1967 Hemi Belvedere (50028, \$99.95): These Sox & Martin Belvederes are neat! A very detailed, high quality car, with just 2502 made.

Sox & Martin 1967 GTX 440 (50026, \$89.95)

"Tin Indian" 1967 Firebird (401, \$99.95): This car is limited edition of 3000, of a very detailed & colorful drag car, made by Lane Collectibles, in their Exact Detail Series. Opening hood, doors, trunk, wired & plumbed, carpeted, folding seats, & spatter paint in the trunk.

Fred Gibb's "Little Hoss" Super Stock 1967 Camaro (211, \$89.95): This is the Fred Gibb drag car in Royal Plum Metallic, with race day lettering, the 302 with headers & race induction,

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This 'n That

New Stuff! The gang at **Mono-gram** has announced it's Fall releases. They include: **UPS Taurus** (8/27), **M & M's Taurus** (10/29), **Dale Jr.'s E concert Monte Carlo** (10/1), **Chance 2 Racing Flame Monte Carlo** (10/29), **Impala SS lowrider 2 'n 1** (rumored to include the large 5 spoke wheels and tires from other recent kits! 10/1), **Yenko Camaro** (10/29), **"Stars & Stripes" Corvette** (N/A), **2004 Z06 Corvette** (N/A), **1964 Impala SS lowrider** (N/A), **1965 Impala SS convertible lowrider** (N/A), **"Jaws Bigfoot" monster truck** (N/A), **"Fast & Furious" Mitsu Eclipse and Honda Civic coupe** (the last five metal bodied – 10/1), **Pepsi/Mountain Dew D.W. combo** (N/A), **Ed Roth's "Scuz-Fink"** (N/A), and the **Green Hornet** (N/A) (the last three being SSP cars). Additionally, **release dates** have been **updated** for some other cars, specifically, the **1940 Ford Standard coupe** (9/03), **1966 Chevelle wagon** (9/03), and the **2003 Viper** (9/03). (Posted dates are Hobby Heaven's info) **Kewl, Thanks, guys!...Model museum closing!** No, not the **International Model Builder's museum**, the **Milano model museum!!** Apparently, their lease is up for renewal, and the landlord has decided to raise the rent to an amount they can't possibly afford, so unfortunately



they will be closing the museum. Their last day of operation will be Sunday, September 14th. Word is that rather than store the incredible amount of history contained therein, Dean Milano will reportedly be putting the whole kit and caboodle on ebay. **Sorry to see ya go, Dean...Prayers and Best wishes!** Apparently, according to the Hobby Heaven message board, **Ed Fluck** of **F&F Resin** has undergone cancer surgery. His wife Mary posted a follow-up to say his operation went well, but that he's in a lot of pain, and that they found another tumor in his intestinal tract. Hopefully, they got it all before it could spread too far. On a brighter note...both of his sons are carrying on the casting business while he's recovering, so if you need anything, order it. They had a great teacher. You can send him a note at ffresin@resinkits.com, or through his wife, Mary via mary@resinkits.com. **Get better, Ed...High-priced Ponchos? Trumper** has priced these kits (*coupe and convertible*), so they are able to establish a USA suggested retail price of **\$39.95**. These came in a bit higher than was hoped, but doesn't everything in modeling? As those of you who saw the resin master photos last year know, this kit will be of a quality unmatched. Not sure of a

delivery date, but is still scheduled for this year. I can't wait...

Scaleracecars.com! From MAMA's Boy Chuck Conner is another on-line source for kits, decals, tools, and various other motor racing modeling related items: **Scale Race Cars**. This outfit is located somewhere in Ohio and is run by a fellow named **David Durst**. He became aware of them through an eBay auction and decided to check out their website (scaleracecars.com). It is designed for easy browsing of an impressive selection of reasonably priced racing related kits and aftermarket items. The description of individual items features a real-time inventory status. If the item is not in stock, a block can be checked that will generate an email to you when the item is restocked! There were a couple of Studio 27 decal sheets and a Sakatsu turned metal detail piece that Chuck couldn't live without, and he found the on-line ordering function of the site to be very user friendly. He placed his order on a Thursday morning, and had the items in hand the following Saturday!



Good selection, reasonable prices, fast service. He'll be back! How to order: The fastest method is using the website for automated ordering. You can also fax your order to (513) 688-0045 24/7, or phone your orders to (513) 688-1884 between the hours of 5:30 P.M. and 10 P.M. EST. Thanks also to **Matt Guilfoyle** for

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this scoop...**More online model madness! Horse Trader Model Parts** is a new online forum in message board format for those looking to buy, sell, or trade model kits, kit parts, and resin. It's open to anyone with web access and you can check it out at: <http://www.b2g5.com/boards/board.cgi?&user=eyerush...> **"The Devil made 'em do it!"** Apparently, **Route 666 (a.k.a. Devil's Highway)** in northwestern New Mexico is among the missing. Ever since the announcement that the state was changing the highway's name, every sign identifying the road has been stolen. The road runs from Gallup north through southwestern Colorado and then west to Utah. Colorado and Utah transportation officials also reported a rash of sign thefts since the American Association of State Highway and Transportation changed the number from U.S. 666 to U.S. 491 in June... **Tooner Trans Am?!** Apparently, the dimbulb who 'toonerized' a straight, original mid-eighties trans Am did it because it is his hobby to fix up (!) cars like this. The car has the original 5.0



liter V8 with a 5-speed, which runs strong, according to him. It needs some interior work, and maybe a clutch in the near future. He is selling it because he has too many "toys" to keep. Bidding on ebay had

reached a **whopping \$2,175** when I found it. No word on what it finally sold for... **"Daddy, can I borrow the car?"** That's what a 3-year-old German tot would have said, if given the chance. You see, his dad was busy playing soccer when the tot made off with his keys. He opened the door of the **Renasult Laguna** with the remote keyfob, and was able to shift the automatic transmission into reverse without touching the pedals. He plowed into the neighboring campsite, mowing down two tents, and injuring two 11-year-olds. **Wonder how long he'll be grounded?!...Pricey Plastic?!** A rare **1967 L88 Chevrolet Corvette**



brought a record price for a production-model Vette at the Mecum Gold Rush Corvette Auction at the 31st Annual Bloomington Gold Corvette Show in late June. Buyer Roger Judski of Roger's Corvette Center in Maitland, Florida, paid **\$640,000** for the car. Must be nice to be independently wealthy... **Sad news.** Subaru's Mark Lovell, and co-

driver Roger Freeman were killed instantly in Oregon Trail ProRally crash. They ran their WRX off the prescribed course only a quarter-mile into the rally's first stage, Saturday, July 12. They were the first team to tackle the Hillsboro, Oregon, course... **Sporty Poncho?** General Motors is studying whether to assemble the **Pontiac Solstice roadster**, in its plant in

Delaware... **Black Beauty!** Remember the **Green Hornet**? Aided by his karate-chopping sidekick Kato, the Green Hornet fought crime on your TV screen from 1966 to 1967. But it was his car, **Black Beauty**, that was the star. Now the show is coming to the big screen in **summer 2005** and Miramax Films wants a record **\$35 million** to place a **'cool car' product** in the movie... **Briggs Swift Cunningham II** died in early July. He was 96... Sources in Maranello say Ferrari engineers are hard at work on a **road-going version** of the **seven-speed sequential gearbox** used by Michael Schumacher in the F1-2003GA. Plans call for putting the trans into

the next-gen Ferrari 360 due in 2007... **He hates SMART Cars!!** **Italian** police have arrested a deranged man with a **grudge against Daimler-Chrysler Smart cars** after he **torched 15 of them**. The 25-year-old set fire to 15 parked Smarts, as well as 15 other cars, in Rome over the past two months, using a cigarette lighter with a powerful flame, police said. The cost of the damage was almost \$868,000. "I can't stand the sight of smart cars," police quoted the man as saying. He developed the grudge against the compact cars after authorities seized two of his own Smarts for traffic and parking offenses. Doctors have diagnosed the man as psychologically unhinged and a danger to society. **Of course! He was driving a Smart car... Lincoln Aviator flies coop**

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by 2005? Rumor has it the small Lincoln, a clone of the Explorer, has apparently experienced poor sales, possibly due to its high price (*Doh!*). It may be replaced in the lineup by a new sport wagon produced on the Mazda6 platform beginning in August 2006...

ANOTHER Special Edition

Cruiser! (Surprised?) The **2004**

Chrysler PT Dream

Cruiser Series 3 is powered by a 220-hp turbo four-cylinder engine hooked to a five-speed manual

tranny, and comes in a blue and silver two-tone with blue-tinted glass and 17-inch chrome-alloy wheels. It costs \$29,400... **PT Cruiser knockoff!** General Motors will build a

new retro-looking cross-over wagon it



calls the **Chevrolet HHR**. The 'tall wagon' is due for the 2006 model year and is set to be Chevrolet's halo vehicle. A GMC version is not expected. Styling closely resembles the Chrysler PT Cruiser (*rumored to be bigger, though*), with a high hood, low headlights in the fenders and 1940s-era grille. It will seat five and have

a flat load floor, folding second-row seat, and a double-overhead-cam, 4-cylinder engine with output that will range between 140 hp and 220 hp

(including the supercharged Saturn Ion Redline engine). HHR stands for **high heritage roof**. The concept was inspired by the **1949 Chevrolet Suburban**, which Gary Cowger, president, North America, called the first true cross-over, and the



2004 Chevrolet SSR convertible pickup. Unlike the limited-production SSR, the HHR will be a higher-volume vehicle. "It will definitely be a more affordable type vehicle (*than the SSR*),"

Cowger said. The SSR has a base price of \$41,995 including destination charge. **Took 'em long enough, don't ya think?!... Factory 'Tooner'**



Honda! Honda is adding a performance package for the **2003 Accord V-6 Coupe**. The dealer-installed package includes a sport-tuned suspension with recalibrated shocks (*tuned for enhanced road handling*) and springs, new 17-inch Yokohama performance wheels and tires, an aerodynamic rear spoiler and lower body kit, and performance-oriented interior enhancements and exterior badging (*'performance-oriented?!? Gimme a break!*). The package can be installed by a Honda deal-

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The next wave in 'Tooner' fads—Pipes (both organ and half)!!



Draggin' (contd)

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plus more. In Lane Collectibles Exact Detail series, with just 2,500 made.

Bill "Grumpy" Jenkins 1966 Nova (MIC #1, 29264, \$64.95): The Red & White Nova of Bill "Grumpy" Jenkins has all the race day lettering & sponsor decals. Issue #1 in their "Chevrolet Racing Legends" series, with just 3000 made!

Arnie Beswick 1966 GTO (50024, \$69.95): A multi-color (Crème/Orange/Brown) paint job, a **VERY** detailed supercharged Poncho motor with plug wires, fuel lines, and **REAL** metal tube headers, tilt front end & lift off body! You can then see the **REAL** metal roll cage, the working gas pedal & working brake pedal! Made by Die-Cast Promotions, packaged as Highway 61 Collectibles.

"Jolly Green Giant" 1965 GTO (1810-2, \$39.95): This is the B/S "Jolly Green Giant" GTO

driven by **Arnie Beswick** (Ed. Note: **TUNED** by **Arnie**, and driven once by **Arnie!**) 2nd Issue, but with regular slicks (*not cheater slicks*), a front hubcap added (*to be correct*), and blackwall tires

Black Baldwin Motion 1965 Cobra (33059, \$39.95): A run of only 4,998 hobby only issue (*not in chain stores*) of the Ertl Thunder Super Stock series, the Black Baldwin-Motion "King Cobra" Shelby Cobra drag racer. It has two fours, plug wires, and a new "top up" roof made for this issue, plus new shorter side exhaust, and undercar exhaust, too.

Gas Ronda 1964 Thunderbolt (Supercar Limited Set, 29241, \$84.95): The 1/18 & 1/64 "Gas Ronda" Thunderbolt in accurate Russ Davis Ford race day paint. A very detailed car with opening hood (*real hood pins*), plug wires, opening doors, trunk, gas door, working suspension, rotating driveshaft, seats adjust, plus a key in the ignition! A 1/64 replica is included in this limited edition of 2500, #10 in the Heritage Racing

Series.

Packer Pontiac 1962 Catalina (29263, \$69.95): The "Packer Pontiac" Super Duty drag car, restored & campaigned across the country by Bill Blair of High Point, NC. A limited edition replica made by Ertl, for Merchandising Incentives Corporation (MIC).

Yellow Greer-Black-Prudhomme 1960+ Dragster (14004, \$119.95): GMP produced this very nicely detailed Hemi-powered bright yellow dragster, lettered up as the Greer-Black-Prudhomme front-engined rail.

So, there you have it. Pick yer poison, and get yer credit card ready! Check out the following websites:

<http://www.mic-store.com/index.html> (MIC)

<http://www.performance-years.com/> (Performance Years Ent.)

<http://www.replicarz.com/> (Replicarz)

<http://www.gmpdiecast.com/products/> (GMP)

<http://diecastalley.com/> (Diecast Alley)

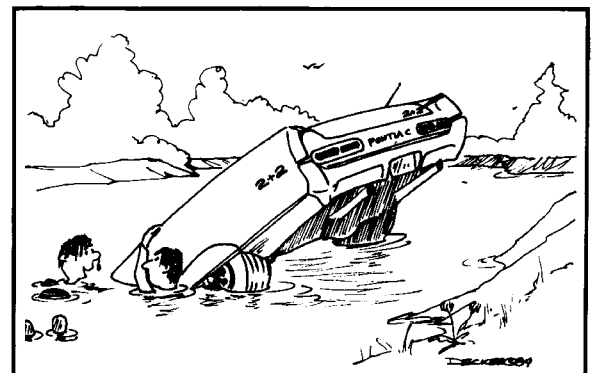
<http://www.legacydiecast.com/> (Legacy Motors)

<http://www.diecastmuscle.com/store/Home> (Diecast Muscle). 🚗

For Sale



I have become aware of **50 to 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 this vintage, get in touch with me, and I will let you know what is available, and the pricing structure. They will not be cheap, but then again, where else are you gonna find things such as a **1960 Buick convertible**, a **Sizzler dragster**, or **1968 Camaro SS396 hardtop**?! Call me at (301) 249-3830, or e-mail me at gtoguy@mindspring.com. 📧



"LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE: YOU'VE GOT YOUR OWN CATALINA ISLAND."

Model Buffet

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

Bad news: As you read this, *Machined Aluminum Specialties* will have closed it's doors, due to low sales volume, a move in his real world job to Warren, Mi. from Flint a year ago in April, and a lack of time and energy.

This was a tough decision, but one that Mark was forced to make. This was causing major customer service problems and, if he can't keep his customers happy, there is no point in having a business. All outstanding customer orders will be filled. Mark says he *MAY* do a few shows like NNL East, Toledo and the like, but will no longer do mail order or custom work.

And still more bad news! Due to circumstances beyond his control, *Leon Tefft* cannot proceed with plans to restart *Cobra Colors* at this time. No one is more disappointed than Leon. However, his sincerest apologies to those of you who have been anticipating the reopening of Cobra Colors. The newsletter will also be canceled, and all members automatically unsubscribed.

An emerging aftermarket company, *KED Toys* (www.grm.net/~kedtoys) is offering some interesting items. Along with pre-wired distributors, resin cast car and truck rims and tires, and various other pieces, Kevin lists several "teardrop" hoods for \$5 each, including 1956/1957 Ford, 1960-

Lyle Willits Collectible Cover

FOR TERMINALLY GULLIBLE MODELERS

STREET ROD MODELER

July 2003

REVELL'S EAST COAST-ONLY
NEW RELEASE

1940 FORD STANDARD COUPE

1:25 Scale Kit That Doesn't Actually Exist

Build 1-2 Wires
Construction and
body out of darts

KIT BUILDUP REVIEW

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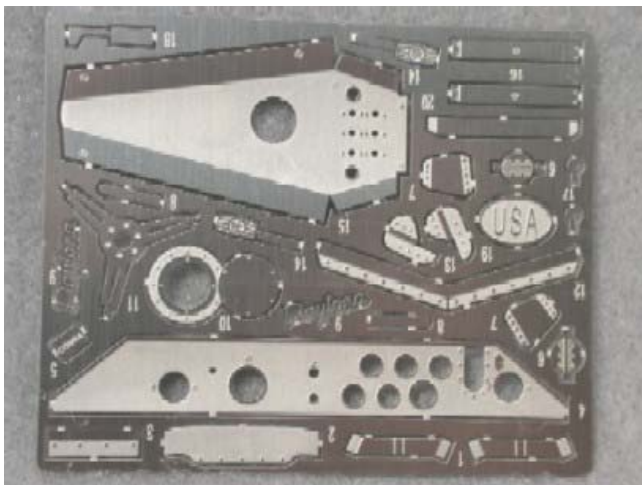
own *Matt Guilfoyle* for his dili-

gence in bringing us this column! Remember, if you find something interesting, lemme know, and I'll run it, with proper credit given, natch!



Historic Racing Miniatures' Cobra Daytona

Well gang, it's finally here – **Harold Bradford's Cobra Daytona multi-media kit**. For the paltry sum of **\$175.00**, examine the pics below to get a glimpse of what you can expect to receive: A complete kit (*160+ resin pieces in all, as well as 20 photoetch parts*), including full suspension, interior, clear cast glass parts, Weber-carbureted engine, Halibrand wheels w/separate knockoffs, acetate gauges, decals, full instructions, and 16 color reference photos !! The kit can be ordered in cash or money order directly from Harold Bradford, 14008 Adkins Road, Laurel, Maryland 20708. Credit card users can get one from Norman Veber, a.k.a. Replicas & Miniatures Company of Maryland, 210 Roosevelt Avenue, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060. What're you waitin' for?! Better get yours before they disappear! (Ed. Note: *Hope I got all the details right Brad and Norm. If not, I apologize!*) (P.S. The pictures just don't do it justice!!) 🍷



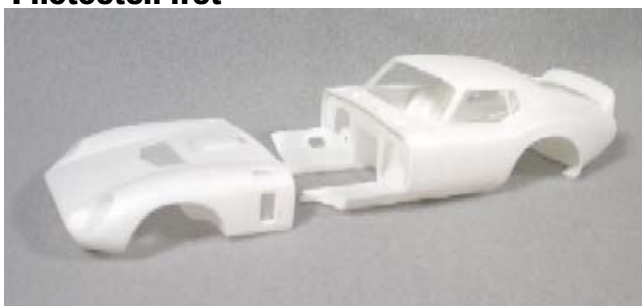
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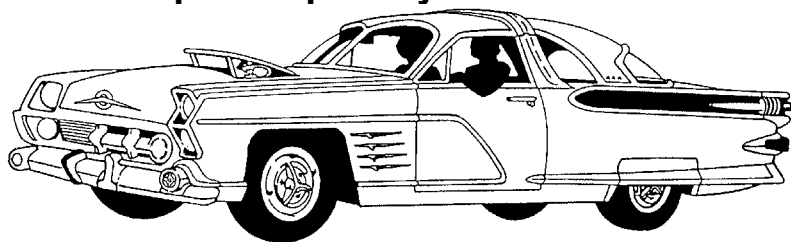
Wheels and tires



Impressive parts layout!



Body w/separate front end



For those of you waiting with bated breath for the answers to last month's puzzle, here they are:

- 1951 Kaiser (windshield)
- 1955/1956 Ford Crown Victoria (door post)
- 1956 Chrysler (lower roof, rear window)
- 1957 Pontiac (hood ornament)
- 1970 Plymouth (hood scoop)

Auto Unscramble

- 1967 Pontiac (right headlamp assembly)
- 1965 Rambler Ambassador (left headlamp assembly)
- 1961 Dodge (right front bumper)
- 1953 Chevrolet (left grille)
- 1956 Olds (front hubcap)

- 1960 Lincoln (front fender, door trim)

- 1962 Cadillac (lower rear fin)

- 1955/1956 Imperial (rear front bumper)
- 1959/1960 Studebaker (rear tail light)
- 1958 Mercury (upper rear fin)

How'd you do? Hope you enjoyed it. 🍷

Events

- ☼ **Aug. 15th to 21st—Corvette Convention**, sponsored by the National Council of Corvette Clubs in Hagerstown, MD. Info: George Gallant, hhlg2@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 bands 3 p.m. to close. Trophies, entertainment, food, door prizes. Proceeds to support military families. Info: Jimi Crabtree, 703-257-9670, beatcad@rcn.com, or www.cheaterslicks.free-web-space.org.
- ☼ **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 Cat Nationals** at MIR.
- ☼ **Aug. 22nd to 24th—2nd Annual Pro Hot Rod & Muscle Car Nationals** at Maple Grove Raceway, in Reading, PA.
- ☼ **Sept. 6th—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.
- ☼ **Sept. 7th—18th Annual Fall Old Nostalgia Drags** at 75-80 Dragway.
- ☼ **Sept. 7th—Thirteenth Annual Benefit Car Show**, sponsored by Lost in the 50s at MVA on Richie Hwy (Rt 2) in Glen Burnie, MD from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entertainment, food, door prizes, free admission. Info: Steve Hare, (410) 526-0686, dharex54@comcast.net.
- ☼ **Sept. 7th—Second Annual Open Car and Truck Show**, sponsored by Maryland Chevrolet Club at 600-800 block of Frederick Rd in Catonsville, MD, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds benefit Believe in Tomorrow, National Children's Foundation. Trophies, entertainment, contests, food, door prizes, free admission. Info: David Leasure, (410) 744-0329, mdchevelle-club@aol.com.
- ☼ **Sept. 13th—Fourth Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show, Cruise-In & Swap Meet**, benefiting the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company at 1341 North Main St, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Hampstead, MD. DJ, games, food, door prizes, trophies. Fun for the whole family, help support your local volunteer fire department, free admission. Info: Jeff Lowe, (410) 374-6751, ffemt2088@yahoo.com.
- ☼ **Sept. 13th—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.
- ☼ **Sept. 13th & 14th—Twenty-Second Great Firemen's Muster, Truck Show & Flea Market**, of Delmarva at Salisbury City Park, Main St, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. An event to help educate the public about the fire service, it's history, and future. Trophies, races, contests, food, free admission. Info: Gregory Smith, (410) 548-3187, gregorysfd@hotmail.com.
- ☼ **Sept. 20th—Central Maryland Mid-Atlantic Mopar Show** at 75-80 Dragway.
- ☼ **Sept. 20th—Fall Mopar Madness**, sponsored by Tidewater Mopar Club at Northeast Dragway in Dinwiddie, VA, from noon to 7 p.m. Show car fun runs, 1/8th mile drags, trophies, entertainment, food, door prizes. Info: Bill Laurent, (757) 248-5971, president@tidewatermoparclub.com, or www.moparmadness.info.
- ☼ **Sept. 20th—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.
- ☼ **Sept. 21st—Super September Showdown IV model contest and vendor show**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gilbertsville Fire Hall. **Theme: Cadillacs.** Info: Len Feinberg (610) 923-7534, FnPlastics@aol.com. ☼



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MAMA's BoyZ do it in scale!



New Website



some customized diecasts. Check 'em out! 🚗

I ran across the following website in my travels, but info on it is lacking: <http://photo.starblvd.net/McKustoms?st=album&pg=0>.

Looks like some neat dioramas, eh? Even more impressive when you realize that they are **1/64th scale diecast cars!!** He also has



We're on the web!

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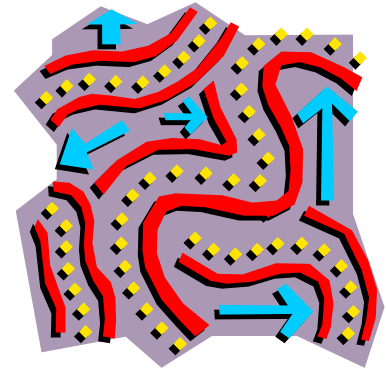
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ership on any Accord V-6 Coupe (manual or automatic transmissions). It is covered by warranty and is priced at \$4,204 for auto trans versions and \$3,492 for manuals. Installation is extra... **Kudos!** Finally, kudos to the **Scale Auto Kingdom website** (<http://carmodeler.net>) for exhorting Internet users to **"Visit MAMA's Diner to take a closer look at one of the premiere model clubs around. Their outstanding newsletters are now available to download and view!"** Thanks Leon, we try. Check out Leon Tefft's excellent site! (Thanks to autoweek.com, and other Internet sources for this insanity!) 🚗

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. 🚗