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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

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

To the Workshops!

There were about 45 members present for the October meeting, which saw a **'mildly upset' Prez Lyle Willits** on a rant (*tell us what ya really think, Lyle!*). Apparently, things are changing again somewhat with regard to our monthly meetings. We rent the room for four hours, and four hours **ONLY**. Consequently, we will no longer be able to access the building early like we used to do. In other words, noon to 4 p.m. means we get in at noon, and get out at 4 p.m.

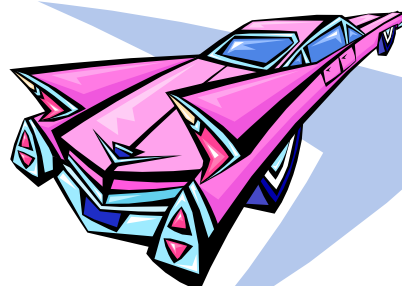
We did have a cake to celebrate our Anniver-

sary in September, but it would have been a bit stale had it reappeared for the October meeting. **Thanks for nothin', Isabel!**

Coverage of the **annual UPS car show** appears inside.

This show is growing every year, and it manages to cut across all makes and models. Check it out next year!

I threw in a few **web-sites** that you guys may



or may not know about inside.

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

The raffle yielded **\$88.00 (plus \$96.00 from the box)**.

Kudos to the following people this month: **Brad, Ron**

Bradley, Bob Foster, Mike Hemp, Rick Meany, Frank Ramos, Bill Riblett, Lyle Willits, Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD, and Overlea Hobbies. 🏆

Chinese Connection

Revell-Monogram is moving to a 200,000-square-foot facility in nearby Northbrook by Jan. 1. Its domestic manufacturing operations are also being phased out early 2004 and relocated to China, making it the

last major plastic-model maker to move manufacturing overseas.

Revell-Monogram's current-tooling will move overseas. About 150 tools will be moved to a facility near Hong Kong, where the company has

an office. Unused tools will be stored at the new facility.

Revell-Monogram will also expand their line with Tiger slot-car accessories, a Monogram line from the 1960s. It will debut in March and feature driver, crew, and officials figure sets. 🏆

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UPS Show

Well gang, the Third annual UPS car show at their Sweitzer Lane facility is history, having been held on the same day as our October meeting. I talked to show organizer Jim Lanham, and this year's show had a grand total of 600+ Street Rods, musclecars, trucks, customs, and tooners. Given this show's phenomenal growth in its short three-year history, Jim is preparing for **1,000 cars** for next year's show. Be there, or be square! 🍷



First Scion xB on this coast!



SRO!



UPS (contd)



Flames & Mercs—love ‘em!



A new supercharged SS pickup, from Sport Chevy.



MAMA's Boy Charlie Magers made it!



Willys, Willys everywhere!



No shortage of trick trucks, like this Pro Street S10, and this...



...wild blown V8-powered 4x4 Ranger!



The Tooner crowd was back, stronger than ever, too.

This 'n That

New Diecast goodies! Apparently, our own *MAMA's Boy Bill Geary* just got his new *Exoto* catalog, and couldn't wait to share! Watch out for: **1954/55 Mercedes Benz W196 Streamlined**, **1964/66 Ferrari 275 GTB and GT/4**, **1960/61 Ferrari 250 GT SWB Berlinetta**, **1959/61 Maserati Tipo 60 and 61 Birdcage**, **1956 Lincoln Continental Mark II** (all 1/18th scale), and a **1959 Aston Martin DBR1** (late 2004, no scale listed). He also listed a host of **superdetailed 1/43rd scale cars**, such as: **1965 Cobra 427**, **1955-1957 Jaguar D-type**, **1959 Ferrari 250 TR59**, **1960-1963 Aston Martin DB4GT Zagato**, **1962-1964 Ferrari Lusso**. Thanks Bill... **Four-Wheel Drive GTO?!** **Holden** is reportedly gonna offer permanent four-wheel drive in the **Monaro**, the right-hand-drive equivalent of the reborn Pontiac GTO. The two-door revealed at the recent Sydney motor show also gets a host of exterior styling changes. The car goes on sale in Australia next June, but it is doubtful the four-wheel-drive system will make its way to the U.S. due to problems with fitting left-hand drive and the four-wheel-drive system into the car. They are already working on a solution for left-hand-drive cars, which it hopes to adopt in time for the next-generation Monaro/Pontiac GTO due out in 2007... **"Here Come de Judge?!"** The 2004 GTO has yet to arrive on these shores, but I'm already hearing

rumors about the return of Pontiac's spoof of the psychedelic decade! Rumor has it that it will be done not by Pontiac, but by Ed Hamburger, a.k.a. **SLP Performance!** It is reported to have a horsepower rating of **421 hp!** Imagine, bringing that famous number back from Pontiac's past to power a special GTO... **No more**

Pontiac in Nextel Cup series?! Following the end of the 2003 NASCAR season, GM will consolidate its resources in NASCAR to exclusively support the **Chevrolet Monte Carlo** and further advance and solidify the dominant position enjoyed by Chevrolet in this series. "GM Racing will focus its 2004 NASCAR program on the Chevrolet Monte Carlo, and will no longer race or support the Pontiac Grand Prix race car," said Doug Duchardt, director of GM Racing. "This transition will enable GM Racing to strengthen its Chevy Nextel Cup program and, at the same time, work with Pontiac on its future racing plans." Thanks to **Jayski.com**, for the bad news... **"Pumped Up" Silverado SS pickup?** Not surprisingly, **Sport Chevrolet**, in nearby Silver Spring, is pushing an **'exclusive' Supercharged Silverado SS pickup** called the **SS-500**. It is supercharged to produce **over 500 horsepower**, and also includes a race-inspired heavy-



duty brake system, and dual cat-back exhaust. Wonder how much that adds to the **forty-large bottom line... Hot Rod SSR!** That partnership between Michigan's specialty car developer **ASC** and California's **SOCAL Speed Shop** bears its first fruit at the SEMA show this month in Las Vegas in the form of the West Coast edition of the

Chevrolet Super Sport Roadster. Already fitted with an ASC-developed retractable hardtop, the West Coast SSR is lowered four inches in the front and six inches in the rear, and adds running boards, a louvered hood and decklid. But the best part is under the hood, where a **supercharger** boosts the SSR's 5.3-liter V8 by 120 hp to 420 hp... **Tuckered out. Preston Tucker Jr.**, son of the automaker, died Oct. 12 in his home in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was 78... **GT Cruiser Coupe?** Unveiled at the SEMA show, Chrysler suggested this PT Cruiser fol-

low-up possibility. It is built from a two-door PT convertible. With **suspension** and **drivetrain** borrowed from the **Dodge SRT-4**, it is powered by a **255-hp, 2.4-liter turbo four** linked to a **five-speed manual transmission** driving **19-inch wheels**.

Don't look for the coupe—or its **900-watt, 18-speaker sound system**—to make production... **New Bugatti Boss!**



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VW has appointed a former investment banker, Thomas Bscher, to head up its troubled Bugatti division. The German takes over from Karl-Heinz Neumann, who plans to retire at the end of 2003 after a 38-year career with Volkswagen. Bscher is best known for his exploits behind the wheel of the **McLaren F1 GTR**, in which he won the 1995 FIA Global Endurance Championship and finished fourth at Le Mans in 1996. Bscher's priority is to get the delayed **Bugatti Veyron supercar** to customers by **April**. ...**Chevy 'Toons.'** The new **Chevy Colorado Sport** (formerly known as the *Xtreme*?) comes with Bilstein shocks, lowered sport-ratio coil springs, quick-ratio



steering, 17-inch low-profile all-season tires and aluminum wheels, fog lamps, wheel flares, grille surround, center bar and bumpers. It is only available in **red, black, white** and **yellow**. It comes with either a 2.8-liter, 175 hp four-cylinder engine, or a 3.5-liter, 220 hp inline-five. Both have a five-speed manual transmission... **Crossfire misses the mark?** The Chrysler brand casts the flashy Crossfire as a halo car to get upscale customers into showrooms. But after four months of sales, the \$35,000 sports car is off to a modest start. Dealers report the car is selling at sticker, and waiting lists of eager buyers have not material-

ized... **Global Volvo.** Volvo and **Pininfarina** have formed a joint venture to design and build the next generation **Volvo convertible**. It will be the first time Pininfarina has built a car outside Italy. The new venture, called Pininfarina Sverige AB, will manage Volvo's factory in Uddevalla, Sweden. Pininfarina will own 60 percent of the joint venture. The firm will be managed by a combination of Pininfarina and Volvo execs... **New 'moons' for Saturn?!** Saturn's lineup will double to six-vehicles within the next three years. They have announced plans to add the **Relay minivan** next year. The other two slots could be filled with something

similar to the **Sky concept roadster** unveiled in 2001, and a **sport wagon** for the 2007 model year... **Morgan returns to U.S.!** The new **Aero 8 GTN** should race in the Daytona and Sebring enduros early next year. Not only is it planning to use the races to prepare for an attack on Le Mans, but the Aero 8 road car will be launched in the U.S. market early in 2004. Morgan team manager David Dowse said: "Doing Daytona and Sebring will tie in with the Aero 8 going on sale in America, but it will also help our Le Mans program. Our long-term goal is to do Le Mans, and we will do as many races as possible to help us get

there."... **Super Duper Super7!** The Nanaimo Airport recently halted takeoffs and landings to let **Super7 Cars Inc.** of Chemainus have the run of the field. Driver/company owner David Saville Peck was out to prove the Super7, which evolved from the 1950s Lotus Super7 roadster, is the fastest production



road-legal car built in Canada. The current evolution of the car is built in Chemainus and is powered by a **185 horsepower, 1,300 cc Suzuki motorcycle engine**. The event, co-sponsored by Nanaimo Flying Club, attracted a large crowd of spectators and media. "I was amazed at the number of people that turned up," said Peck. "I didn't really think it would be much of a public event because how interesting can it be to see some car going backwards and forwards down a runway." Ladysmith RCMP and Speedwatch volunteers came out to clock the car on radar as Peck attempted to set new acceleration, breaking and top-speed records. "We shattered every Canadian record known to man," said Peck. Times clocked included a **0-100 km/h** time of **3.78 seconds**, and a standing quarter mile time **12.4 seconds** at **174.6 km/h**. The car was run in various configurations from full road trim to stripped for racing. The highlight of the event was the

fastest top speed in reverse attempt. The car was clocked at **164.47 km/h**, just shy of the **world rec-**



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Model Buffet

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

Australian resin aftermarket company **Cavalier Model Productions** has sold their manufacturing component, according to our OZ info source, Andy Douglas. The new owner, **Havacorn**, will continue the unique injection molded urethane resin process that sets Cavalier's product apart from other resin kits. This change will allow Darryl, Cavalier's founder, time to concentrate on creating masters and other product development.



**Scale Auto Style
Civic Coupe**

Although it appears Cavalier will not offer a Mad Max 2/Road Warrior car to complement their recently released **Mad Max Interceptor** (as

Aoshima now offers one in plastic), possible future releases include a **Holden HQ Monaro** (YES! My absolute favorite Ozmobile!) and an Aussie **Valiant Charger** (Walter!!!!). Available now through **Scale Automobilia** (www.scaleautomobilia.com.au) is a 1960 **Holden FB Ute**.

Scale Auto Style (<http://www.scaleautostyle.com>), a new British



**Scale Auto Style
Civic Hatchback**

aftermarket company has announced several new aero body transkits for the **Sport Compact crowd**. Priced between \$13 and \$20, the transkits offer builders more options for the **Revell Civic Coupe** and **Hatchback**, along with the **Tamiya 350Z** and **Ferrari 360 Modena**. For photos of these and more products, along with ordering info, go to

their website.

KED Toys (<http://www.grm.net/~kedtoys/>), a relatively new aftermarket company previously mentioned here, has introduced a 2 wheel-drive conversion for the re-issued **AMT GMC 4x4 pickup** (a.k.a. "Fall Guy" pick-up). For \$10

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Websites

It seems as though I am constantly running across neat websites, either on my own, or as links from someone on the Hobby Heaven message board (or, *HHMB for short*). Take a look at a few, and see what you think.

Leon Tefft's excellent **Scale Auto Kingdom** website (<http://carmodeler.net/>) is finally back online. Among other things, it features a wealth of links to clubs, personal websites, and aftermarket manufacturers, paint chip info, a gallery of Leon's models. A must-see!

The next one is really neat! **Ken's Miniature Internal Com-**

bustion engines (<http://www.nvbackflow.com/inprogress/mpegs.htm>) features actual running scale model engines! He has videos of a variety of engines that can be viewed. This is what **Bill Geary** needs for his next project!

Dave's Show Rods website (<http://show-rods.com/>) is very

kewl! It features every model show rod from 1960 to 2001,

how-to articles, guest gallery build-ups, a Show rod collector cards/sticker gallery, a discussion group, and original Dave Marek artwork (like the enclosed **Badmen III P/M Chevy!**), and photos of his

1973

GTO

muscle-car.

If anyone out there has some neat websites, why not make me aware of

‘em, and we can share them with the rest of the club? 🍷



Model Buffet

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you get all the suspension components for this version. You can check out this set, along with resin cast rims, tear-drop hoods, and soft resin cast tires on their website.



**Scale Auto Style
350Z**

A preview of coming attractions—watch for several *MCW* issues, including 1962 and 1963 *Chevy Biscaynes*, 1966 *Rambler Ambassador*, *Modelhaus* 1962 *Cadillac 62 Series Coupe*, and a *Jimmy Flintstone* chopped 1956 *Ford sedan delivery*. So, watch for 'em!

Thanks again to our own *Matt Guilfoyle* for his diligence in bringing us this column! Remember, if you find something interesting, lemme know, and I'll run it, with proper credit given, natch! tin' for?! 🍷



KED Toys GMC 2-wheel drive conversion

Lyle Willits Collectible Cover

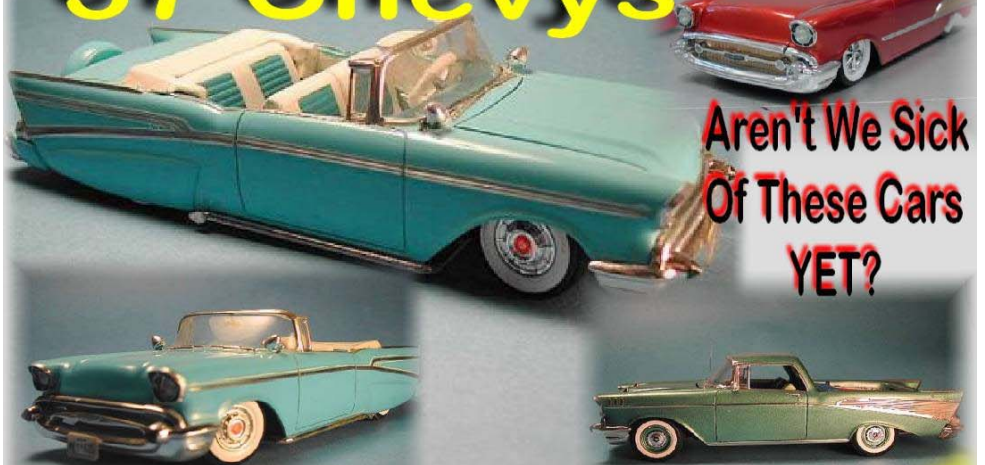
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Oooops!



Now, **HERE'S** an Earnhardt fan!! Should be easy enough to make that an '8', for Junior, eh?



I'm amazed that this model showed up as quickly as it did (at the October Toledo NNL event). It just appeared in the September, 2003 issue of our newsletter.



Nov. 16th—**Mid-Maryland Fall Toy Show and Sale**, at the Howard Co. fairgrounds, in West Friendship, MD, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: (410) 489-7020, or info@tenoakstoys.com.

Dec. 6th & 7th—**Fourteenth Annual Street Cars of Desire Car Show, Auction, and Swap Meet**, at the Cow Palace, in Timonium, MD. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Info: David Cohen, (410) 628-6262, jitrbug57@hotmail.com, or www.streetcarsofdesire.com.

Dec. 14th—**Annual Toy & Train Show** at the Fallston Vol. Fire Company, 2201 Carrs Mill Road, Fallston, MD, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: Hoby Howell (410) 879-8289, or Joe Golabiewski (410) 592-5854.

Feb. 1st—**Super Sunday Collectors Toy Show**, at the Shrewsbury Fire Hall, in Shrewsbury, PA, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Info: Carl Daehnke (717) 764-5411, or Joe Golabiewski (410) 592-5854.

Mar. 6th—**Birmingham Classic 2004**, sponsored by The Magic City Car Modelers and IPMS Birmingham, from 8 a.m. to

5 p.m. at Clay-Chalkville High School. This years' theme is **TV Tuners**—and if tuners aren't your thing, just build your favorite movie or TV show car! **Show info:** Tim Kolkankiewicz, 1028 J Eagle View Dr. Birmingham, AL 35212, TimKustom@aol.com. **Vendor info:** Dan Morgan, Magic City Car modelers, P.O. Box 988 Cullman, AL 35056.



Fun 'N Games Answers

(Reprinted from the Carolina Classic Pontiac newsletter—surprised?)

Car Match

1959—B (*Pontiac Wide-Track*)
1960—D (*Chevy Corvair*)
1961—E (*Pontiac Tempest*)
1962—C (*Buick Special V-6*)
1963—A (*AMC Rambler*)
1964—G (*Ford Division*)
1965—H (*Pontiac GTO*)
1966—J (*Olds Toronado*)
1967—F (*Mercury Cougar*)
1968—H (*Pontiac GTO*)

From the Grille!

1 1964
2 1962
3 1967
4 1966
5 1963
6 1965

"And now, a word from our Sponsors..."

Chevrolet—F (*Bonanza*)
Dodge—G (*Lawrence Welk*)
Edsel—A (*Howdy Doody show*)
Ford—H (*Dragnet*)
Jeep (Kaiser-Jeep)—B (*Maverick*)
Oldsmobile—E (*Jerry Lewis*)
Pontiac—D (*Sing Along with Mitch*)
Studebaker—C (*Mr. Ed*)

Hey, Matt!

Muscle Cubes

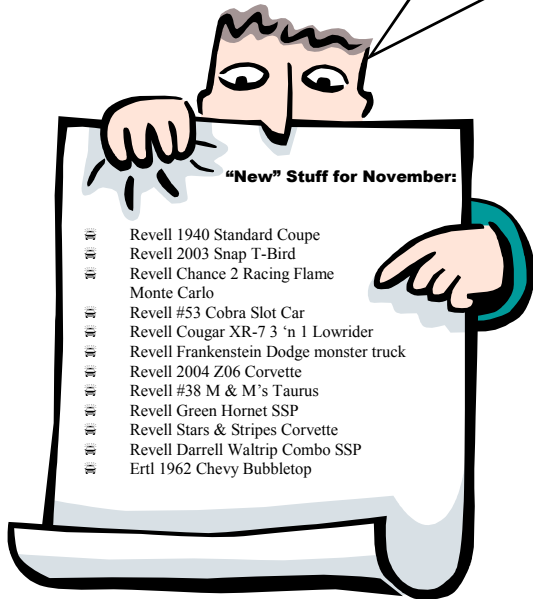
1 Buick Wildcat—D (425 cu. in.)
2 Chevy Impala SS—G (427 cu. in.)
3 Corvair Monza—E (164 cu. in.)
4 Chrysler 300—J (383 cu. in.)
5 Dodge Charger—I (426 cu. in.)
6 Ford Fairlane GT—C (390 cu. in.)
7 Mercury S-55—H (428 cu. in.)
8 Oldsmobile 442—B (400 cu. in.)
9 Pontiac GTO—F (389 cu. in.)
10 Rambler Marlin—A (327 cu. in.)



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MAMA's BoyZ do it in scale!



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ord of **165.08 km/h**. It was extremely difficult to control in reverse at those speeds. "The most difficult thing was trying to stop," he says. "And actually, I spun out every time I tried to stop"...**Last Beetle!** Production finally stopped June 30th after **21.5 million VW Beetles** came off the line. Of this number, only the final 3000 came in what **VW de Mexico** calls the **Ultimo Edition**. This meant chrome bumpers and trim, white-wall tires, and a CD player. Otherwise they're not a lot different than the millions of other Beetles still circling the planet. (Thanks to *autoweek.com*, as well as other Internet sources for this insanity!)



Reference

A new magazine hit the newsstand recently, **Hemmings Muscle Machines**. The second issue, November 2003, is out now and it's a winner (*the premiere issue is still available through Hemmings*). The goal of this new arrival is to display American muscle cars of the 1950's through the 1980's. If you wonder what a 1950's or 1980's muscle car would be, check it out.

They promise none of the standard Camaros and Mustangs found elsewhere. Prominently featured in Issue #2 is the cover car, an **Australian 1975 Ford Falcon**, the basis for the Interceptor used in the **Mad Max** movies. If



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!*)

you're thinking "Falcon, what the heck does that have to do with performance?" you need to look closer.

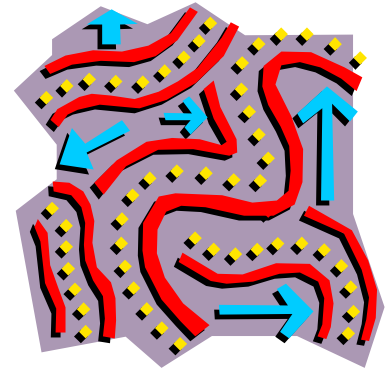
Also included in this issue is a **Tri-Power 1960 Pontiac Ventura hardtop**, a head to head test of a **1966 Buick Wildcat** vs a **1970 AMC Rebel Machine**, and much more (*Ed. Note: Don't forget the 1962 413 Dodge Savoy, or the vintage drag racing and Trans Am Javelin photos Matt!*).

The price of admission for a one-year subscription is only \$12.00, while a two-year subscription will set you back only \$18.00. You can't find a better value anywhere for the money. **So, what're you waitin' for?!**

Matt Guilfoyle 📧

We're on the web!

<http://www.toadmail.com/~mama/>



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. 📧