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2004 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month (*unless noted otherwise*). Do **NOT** assume meeting dates—confirm them with a club officer!

- ☞ March 20th
- ☞ April 24th (**4th Saturday!**)
- ☞ May 15th
- ☞ June 19th
- ☞ July 17th
- ☞ August 21st
- ☞ September 18th
- ☞ October 16th
- ☞ November 20th
- ☞ December 18th

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

Hit the Workshop!

Nothing of any consequence happened at last month's meeting, other than **Ron Coltrane's Birthday (!)** It was very laid back, with everybody either 'strutting' their stuff on the tables, or checking out stuff being 'strutted!' Everybody was awaiting word regarding the **"Little Three (or Four? Or five?)" model kit manufacturers' 2005 releases.** Hopefully, there is some useful info inside!

This month we will attempt to make a collection of toys for the annual **"Toys for Tots" drive.** With any luck, **"Mr. & Mrs. Santa"** (a.k.a. **Norm and Mary Vember!**) will be able to do their usual good deed and deliver the collection to a local pick-up point, as it would be too late if we attempted this at the December meeting. **Thanks Norm and Mary!**

Well gang, the **Pontiac special theme issues,**

have **FINALLY** concluded. Thank **Matt Guilfoyle** for all his hard work on this column (*so far!*). What now? **Look inside, and see for yourself!**

The raffle yielded **\$54.00 (plus \$70.00 from the box).** Kudos to the following raffle donors: **Brad, Ron Bradley, Steve M. Buter, Charlie Magers, Gary McNutt, Rich Meany, Bill Riblett, Ray Wickline, Rich Wilson, Kalmbach publishing, and Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD.** ☞

Cars of the Rich & Famous?

Seems as though the Big Three are all star-struck. They all have (*or want badly*) cars in the exotic or near-exotic price range. Coincidentally enough, both **Maybach** and **Rolls Royce** flounder.

Once touted as slam dunks, the **\$300,000-plus Maybach** and **Rolls-Royce** sedans are falling far short of their 2004

sales goals. Analysts cite the vehicles' lofty sticker prices. For many, the cars are too ostentatious. And the Maybach suffers from limited brand awareness. But the shortfall also may be the result of unrealistic sales predictions made years ago. The **Maybach 57** is **\$318,000**; the **Maybach 62** is **\$369,500**; and the **Phantom** is **\$324,000**

(*gas-guzzler tax included*).

Maybach has more dealers than Rolls: 70 vs. 29. But Boland says the automaker has no plan to reduce the number of outlets.

DaimlerChrysler expects to sell about 600 Maybachs worldwide this year, about 50 percent of them in the U.S.

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New Stuff!

Well gang, as you read this, the annual **RHCTA show** has been over for about a month, and the dust has finally settled. Listed here for your enjoyment is the rundown for 2005, with approximate release dates (*we all know how well THAT works!*). The pictures are for representation only, and the final products may vary from the picture. Read on!

Revell 1/24th scale Kits

1994 Goodwrench Lumina, Feb.
 "Miami Vice" Daytona Spyder, Apr.
 "Miami Vice" Ferrari Testarossa, Apr.
 1991 Ford F-350 Duallie Pickup, May
 Paddy Wagon Show Rod, June
 2005 Matt Kenseth DeWalt Taurus, June
 1965 Mustang Shelby GT350R, July
 1965 Penske Corvette Racer, Sept.

1/25th scale Kits

1965 Chevy Impala Hardtop Low-rider, Dec. '04
 1959 Chevy Impala Hardtop Low-rider, Dec. '04
 1957 Chevy Hardtop "Easy Kit" with custom wheels, Jan.
 1970 Chevelle Hardtop "Easy Kit" with custom wheels, Jan.
 1967 Chevelle Pro Street, Feb
 1963 Corvette Conv. "Easy Kit" with custom wheels, Mar.
 1977 Monte Carlo "Easy Kit" with custom wheels, Mar.
 1960 Chevy Impala Hardtop Low-rider, April
 1969 Corvette Coupe with custom wheels, June

1956 Chevy 210 Del Ray 2 door with custom wheels, July
 1959 Cadillac Eldorado Seville Hardtop, Aug.

Acura RSX-S, multiple wheel and wing options, Sept.

Hummer H2 with custom wheels, Sept.

2005 Corvette C6 Conv. "Easy Kit", Nov.

1/16th scale Kits

Keeling & Clayton "California Charger" front engined dragster, July

1/12th scale Kits

1969 Camaro Z-28 Hardtop 3 in 1, Sept.



AMT/ERTL Kits

There will be 12 cars in a new series called "**Trends**," and each will have cool new custom wheels and tires and in some cases some new accessories. The boxes will indicate that they highlight the hottest vehicle trends on the streets and on the **Boyd Coddington American Hot Rod and Rides television shows**, and **Blvd** magazine. The stock wheels and tires will not be included, but the stock

version of many of the kits is already available at this time as well.

"Trends" Kits

1957 Chevy Hardtop, Jan
 1962 Corvette, Jan
 1965 Ford Galaxie 500 Hardtop, Feb
 1997 Mustang GT, Feb
 1967 Chevy Impala Hardtop, Feb
 1972 Chevy Fleetside Pickup, Apr
 1932 Ford 5-Window Coupe (MPC), Apr
 Prowler with trailer, Apr
 1955 Chevy Nomad, Apr
 1940 Ford Sedan Delivery
 1949 Mercury Coupe
 1966 Nova SS

RHCTA Show Special

"Bantam Blast" AA/Fuel Altered

Stock Kits

1969 Buick Riviera, Feb
 1969 Barracuda Fastback, Feb
 1951 Chevy Fleetline Fastback, Apr
 1977 Mustang II Hatchback, Apr
 1964 Mercury Marauder Hardtop, June
 1976 Chevy Nova, June
 1932 Ford 5-Window Coupe (*in addition to the "Trends" kit*)
 1972 Pontiac Ventura
 1987 Mustang
 2005 Bentley Continental GT with custom wheels
 2005 Hummer H2 with custom wheels

NASCAR Kits

2005 Tony Stewart Home Depot Monte Carlo, May
 2005 Dale Earnhardt Jr. Bud Monte Carlo, June
 2005 Jeff Gordon Dupont Monte Carlo, June
 2005 Jimmie Johnson Lowes Monte Carlo, June

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Polar Lights Kits

1964 Pontiac GTO Convertible, three color choices, Jan

2005 Ford GT-40, three color choices, Jan

2005 Mustang Fastback, three color choices, Feb

2005 Pontiac GTO "Drift Car", three color choices, May

1965 Dodge Coronet Convertible three color choices, Mar

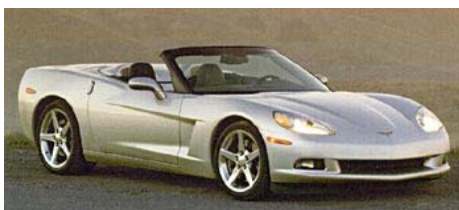
2005 Mustang Convertible, three color choices, Nov.



Miscellaneous

Testors

1/4 scale Visible Hemi engine kit



Diecasts

Flash! This just in! **RC2/Playing Mantis/Johnny Lightning** (whew! Say that three times fast!!) are set to release several kewl **1/24th scale preassembled diecasts** for 2005. They include but are not limited to the following:

2004 Ford E-250
 1957 Ford Sedan Delivery
 1951 Studebaker Starlight Coupe
 2003 Monster truck (*Huh?*)
 1957 Chevy 150 utility
 1961 Ford Econoline Pickup
 1965 Chevelle 2 door wagon
 1959 Chevy Brookwood wagon
 1950 Jeep pickup
 2004 International Beverage Truck *
 1948 Chevy Beverage Truck *
 1941 Chevy Beverage Truck *
 1965 Mustang Fastback
 1965 GTO Hardtop
 1968 GTO Hardtop
 1969 Camaro
 1969 Nova SS
 1969 Mustang Mach 1/Boss (*that's what it says*)
 1969 Charger
 1970 Firebird Trans Am
 1970/1971 (*that's what it says*) Torino Cobra
 1970 Superbird (*fear not, it will be a **PLYMOUTH** Superbird*)
 1970 Cuda Hardtop
 1971 Duster 340

They should retail for about \$12.95 each, and the pictures are for representation only—final diecasts may vary from the enclosed pics.

Again, thanks to **Matt** and

Hobby Heaven for the scoop!

One way or the other, looks like a banner year!

* 1/34th scale



1:24 Scale Muscle Cars



'70 Firebird Trans Am



'65 Mustang Fastback



'70 Pontiac Superbird



'70/'71 Torino Cobra



'69 Mustang Mach 1/Boss



'65 Pontiac GTO



'70 Plymouth Cuda



'69 Chevy Nova SS



'68 Pontiac GTO





'69 Dodge Charger









'69 Chevy Camaro









'71 Plymouth Duster 340


1:24 Scale


		
'04 International Bev. Truck	'04 Ford E250 Van	'51 Studebaker Commander

		
'48 Chevy Bev. Truck	'57 Ford Sedan Delivery	'03 International Monster Truck

		
'57 Chevy 150 Utility Sedan	'61 Ford Econoline Pickup	'65 Chevelle 2-Door Wagon

		
'59 Chevy Brookwood Wagon	'50 Jeep Pickup	'41 Chevy Beverage Truck

This 'n That

Bad news, Good news! Sadly, it is my duty yet again to inform the membership of another untimely passing—that of **MAMA's boy Al Starr**. He died approximately a week before this month's meeting. Al had been battling cancer. Another pioneer of the hobby is gone—**Jack Besser**, the **founder of Monogram Models** has passed away. There was talk recently of his health problems, but it was hoped that he would recover. **You will both be missed!** The good news finds **Don Holthaus** recovering from **Open heart surgery with quadruple bypass (!)**. It all started on Oct. 30 with some classic symptoms—chest pain, arm and jaw numbness, and sweating. There had been no definable prior symptoms. A trip to the emergency room was followed by a scheduled cardiac cath on Oct. 31, with the expectation that there would be some balloon and stent procedures. Boy were they wrong!! Don was in and out of the hospital in less than a week, and endured six hours worth of surgery, and 20 hours in cardiac surgical recovery. Don and Carol feel that the surgery and recovery have been way too smooth and uneventful to be just lucky. They feel that there has to have been a powerful force from the modeling community through thoughts, concerns, prayers, and support, and want to thank each and every one of you. So, if you have orders with Don, please be patient! (*Thanks to Matt*)...**Major announcement!** After more than 25 years in

business, **Dave VanderWal** (a.k.a. **R & D Unique**) has, after much soul-searching **sold the business**, lock, stock, and barrel, to fellow modeler (and *faithful, dependable shop manager*) **Tony Willing!** Dave and Tony expect a seamless transition in the next few weeks, with the only noticeable change being in the address of the business. Good luck to both of you. Thanks to **Matt G.** and the **Hobby Heaven message board** for the scoop...**Small-scale Fans Rejoice!** Great news for 1/43rd scale model car fans! There was a lot of concern when **Provence Moulage** went **bankrupt** recently. A new company, **Provence Miniature Automobiles** (http://www.mafma.com/provence_miniatures.htm) has risen from the ashes to replace the old company. The new company includes **Starter** and **Nationale 7**, too...**More Porsches**. Word from the **GTR Auto Modelers** newsletter heralds the next release of the **Fujimi Porsche 917**—it is rumored to be the **1971 LeMans-winning Martinin car...Herbie Returns!** Also from the **GTR Auto Modelers newsletter** comes word of a **new Herbie movie** on the horizon, entitled **"Herbie, Fully Loaded."** It appears as though the little VW that could takes on NASCAR. He took to the track at Fontana during the Busch race to get some camera time. The car reportedly sports a NASCAR-style rear spoiler (*with supports*),



and NACA window ducts. The burning question they asked was, after the Polar Lights' release of Herbie, would they modify this tool to replicate **THIS** version... **Hot Rod Caddy!** If you follow the success of **Cadillac's SCCA Speed World Challenge racing program**, you might wish your off-the-shelf CTS V-Series performed with the same gusto as Caddy's race car. Now, thanks to Michigan-based **Katech Inc.—Cadillac's race engine builder**—you can at least narrow the performance gap between your street-legal V and the winning World Challenge car. Ironically, while the CTS-V race car must run a production-based engine per SCCA rules, Katech's K-Series draws power from a 6.7-liter engine crafted from the same General Motors race block used to build **7.0-liter Corvette C5-R V8 competition engines**. Engineers claim it is good for 525 hp at 6200 rpm, with **zero to 60 mph** coming in **4.6 seconds**, and the **quarter-mile** in **12.65 seconds at 117 mph**. At roughly **\$38,000** (*on top of the stock V's \$49,995 sticker*) for the entire shebang, the K-Series isn't the deal of the century, but it will likely cost a few grand less than BMW's E60 M5. If you want one, get it quick: Katech hasn't finalized production plans, but will build no more than 50 vehicles per year...**IRL not worth it?** GM officials finally decided that being in the Indy Racing League wasn't

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worth the cost. In a decision expected for months (*and maybe since Toyota and Honda joined the IRL prior to the 2003 season*), GM announced Nov. 3 that it will not extend the contract to keep its Chevy brand in Tony George's series. The 2005 season will be Chevy's last...



Topless Rolls! Rolls-Royce confirmed today that a new model is on the way, a two-door, four-seat convertible, expected to be unveiled in 2007. The new model will be based on the existing Phantom and will be built using similar aluminum space-frame chassis technology. Power will come from a **6.75 liter, V12 engine**, the same engine that powers the Phantom. It will be the second Rolls-Royce model to be hand-built at the company's Goodwood, England plant...**European Mustang!** The **2005 Mustang** may be **THE** Ford Motor Co. North American vehicle that could generate excitement for Ford's European operations. At least some Europeans are clamoring for the reborn sports car, which bears a close resemblance to the classic 1969-70 Mach I. The very first retail sale of a 2005 Mustang went to a German couple who bought the car in California and shipped it back to Germany, said Hau Thai-Tang, the Mustang's chief engineer. Mustang team members met

with Ford of Europe officials, to see if there was a business case for the new Mustang to be sold there. In other Blue Oval news, **John Coletti, director of Ford's Special Vehicle Team**, says the **Lightning pickup truck** is not dead, just delayed until engineers can create a new version that fits in with

Ford's marketing and production "cadence." Coletti said the truck will be back in the lineup, but didn't say when.

He did say the **next SVT product**, the **Mustang Cobra**, will be launched in 2006 as a **2007 model** and that the emphasis will be on fine-tuning the handling, brakes and dynamic performance along with the usual massive dose of horsepower...**Honda pickup?!** Honda's all-new **4-door, 4WD truck** will be named the **Ridgeline** when it goes on-sale at Honda dealerships nationwide in Spring 2005 as a **2006 model**. It will be powered by 3.5-liter, high-output, V6 engine and 5-speed automatic transmission with a fully automatic 4-wheel drive system and a list of standard safety features including 4-wheel anti-lock brakes, side curtain airbags and Vehicle Stability Assist (*VSA*) with traction control...**Hot Rod Grand Prix!** That noise you hear from California is burbling from the quad exhaust outlets of **Pontiac's hottest Grand Prix in nearly two decades**—the **2005 Grand Prix GXP**. The GXP's **5.3-liter, 290-hp V8** is Grand Prix's first V8 since 1987. It will feature

"Displacement on Demand" technology (Ed. Note: *Can you say Cadillac V8-6-4?!*). DOD cuts off four cylinders during low-load conditions, improving fuel economy by an estimated 12 percent. It goes on sale next spring, priced slightly higher than the 2004 Grand Prix Comp G...**He's number 1!** To no one's surprise, **Tonight talk show host** (and car guy!) **Jay Leno** was the first U.S. customer to plunk down his hard-earned dollars (\$450,000 of 'em, to be exact!) for a **limited production Mercedes Benz SLR McLaren supercar**...**He liked it so much, he STOLE the car!**

Indiana resident Zachary Hayden liked the **Ford Escort used car** he test drove while visiting in Utah so much, that he stopped at the bank to get some money. Problem was, he didn't have an account. He robbed a Wells Fargo bank, then used the Escort to attempt to make his getaway! 6 hours later, Nevada police nabbed him about 200 miles away, with the car still displaying a chalk-marked **'\$1,895'** on the windshield...

MAMA's Boy Mark Wheeler has reconstituted the model car club he founded. **Our Model is Christ** will hold its first meeting on December 4th, from one to four P.M. at Frederick Church of Christ, 1305 North Market Street, Frederick, MD. For info, call (301) 293-3207, (301) 662-5789, or e-mail him at markwheeler1@peoplepc.com. **Mark sez, "Bring a model, and let the fun begin!"** (Thanks to the *Washington Times*, *autoweek.com*, and other Internet sources for this insanity!) 🍷

Cars (contd)

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The company had projected 800 worldwide sales. In the late 1990s the company had projected about 1,500 annual sales.

Rolls-Royce launched the Phantom sedan last year, expecting to sell 1,000 annually worldwide. As of Sept. 30, 485 had been sold. About half of those were in the U. S. A spokesman for Rolls-Royce Motor Cars expects sales to pick up in November and December, hopefully reaching 1,000 cars. The start of the 2005 model year will help.

Meanwhile, GM has dropped plans to compete with Maybach and Rolls-Royce, but is still considering *six-figure*

Cadillac. GM Vice Chairman

Robert Lutz believes there's a sweet spot for a limited-edition Caddy sedan priced a few notches above **\$100,000**. But a car to compete in the same league as the Maybach and Rolls-Royce Phantom is out of the question. "We still have the dream of the ultraluxury flagship at the top of the Cadillac lineup; something that would do 1,000 units a year," said Lutz, who was interviewed last month at the Paris auto show. But "when we look at the success of Maybach and Rolls-Royce, I think we would probably be less enthusiastic about a \$300,000 car than we were perhaps two years ago."



Ford GR-1

The same is true for Yukitoshi Funo, CEO of **Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. Inc.**, who has said that a \$100,000 car is

high on Lexus' wish list. But he also said that a \$300,000 vehicle was out of the question.

The **Chrysler ME Four-Twelve** supercar will be priced above the **\$140,000+ Ford GT**—if execs give the concept a thumbs up on production.

"You couldn't build this car for \$140,000 with the current performance specifications," Joe

Eberhardt, Chrysler group exec vice president of sales and marketing, said at the Paris auto show.

The ME Four-Twelve features a **mid-engine**

5.9-liter quad turbo V12. The engine produces **850 hp** and 850 pounds-feet of torque. AMG, Mercedes-Benz's performance group, developed the engine. Executives say the two-seater can go from **0 to 60 mph in about three seconds**.

By comparison, the **2005 Ford GT** has less horsepower. Its V8 engine is rated at **550 hp**. The base price of a GT is **\$143,845**, including a **\$1,250 destination charge**, and a **\$2,600 gas-guzzler tax**.

The automotive press received the ME Four-



Ford GT

Twelve enthusiastically at the car's unveiling in January at the Detroit auto show. But unlike previous Chrysler group con-

cepts, the car was engineered for evaluation and testing. Selected journalists drove the car in August.

Eberhardt said the Chrysler group is considering three business scenarios that would determine sticker price. A decision on whether to build the car is expected by year's end.

Ford Motor Co. is one step closer to building another high-priced, low-volume sports car after GT production ends.

Ford has prepared a concept that will be shown Aug. 12 at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in California. The coupe concept is an evolution of the two-seat **Shelby Cobra roadster project** shown at the Detroit auto show in January.

The company has not said whether it will build the car. Even if Ford has approved the plan, it's unlikely to announce that decision soon. Ford doesn't want to detract from the launch of the GT.

Ford intends to produce about

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Chrysler ME Four-Twelve

New Website

This month's website is for all the drag racers among you. Specifically, the top of the 'food chain,' if you will—**Pro Mod drag racing!**

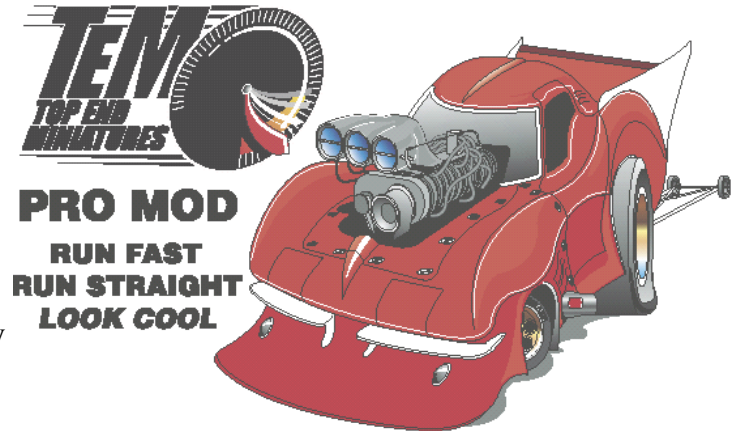
The really neat thing about this website (<http://topendminiatures.com/>) is that it is a partnership between *long-time drag racing fan and North Carolinian Chris Buck*, and *MAMA's boy Rick Gondeck*. While Chris provided me a detailed bio, very little is known about Rick. Why don't I let Chris tell you in his own words how TEM got started?

"A little over two years ago I thought of putting together a 'how-to' manual that would show a modeler how to build and detail a scale replica of a present day Pro Mod machine. It would contain photos of real cars, and of scale build-ups, line drawings showing how to wire and plumb the model correctly, detailed instructions, hints and tips, and a list of various modeling resources. This manual would be in an Adobe Acrobat (*pdf*) format and be offered on a CD. I then started looking for bodies, engines, and parts that I could use for the model build-ups. I discovered that there were only a few aftermarket model companies making these items (*Comp Resins, Perry's Resins, AFXnScale*) so I shelved the idea for a couple of months. Then I thought why wouldn't it be possible for me to make the items I needed. I would need some help so I contacted a friend living in Arkansas and told him about it. He was very enthusiastic but too enthusiastic. He

wanted to do everything, even diorama items. I knew that I would have to teach myself the art of making molds and casting the necessary items which would take time, but I didn't

know how much time. I also knew that I would have to design and fabricate the parts which would require some special tools. And one more item, money (*and more than I had*). So, I started slowly and made a very rough scale version of a three speed Lenco transmission. In March of 2003 I made an announcement on the Straight Line Modelers Yahoo group stating my plans, and was contacted by Rick shortly after that announcement. The friend in Arkansas would rarely stay in contact with me so I made the decision that Rick would become my primary partner in this venture. Needless to say, Rick jumped at the opportunity and we have both become very good friends.

Shortly after Rick and I started on this venture, we began contacting various Pro Mod racing teams. One of the first was Carl Bullock. Carl was running a '41 Willys at the time and he said we could use the photos from his website in the manual. He also supplied me with some additional photos of his car. Two teams that have allowed me to visit their shops—those of Mitch Stott ('63 Corvette) and Charles Carpenter ('55 Chevy). I have taken over 1500 reference



photos of each car and that of Charles' team-mate Pat Doherty ('57 Chevy). Rick and I have both learned quite a bit about the art of making molds, bodies, parts, and casting them in the past year or so. We just went into production this past June. We have had our fair share of failures and success, but we are now at a point that we have worked out most of the problems we have encountered. We feel very confident that we can supply the modeling world with very high quality products. Earlier this summer, we met Wayne Gunnell and he has become our webmaster. Wayne also put together a photo reference CD for us which went into production soon after we met him. Wayne will also be helping Rick with some future body designs, the first being a 1970 Challenger R/T.

Where do we plan to go with TEM? By this time next year we plan to have no less than 10 to 15 new Pro Mod body styles, the first of our Pro Mod chassis kits, at least two engines, and many detailing items. I am currently working on the design drawings for a nitrous engine based on the Donovan big-block Chevy with Olds heads that will be released early

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next year. We also have decals in the works or planned. Our two year goal is to become the main source of aftermarket parts dealing with the Pro Mod class.

My responsibilities in this venture are research, designing the engines, transmissions, drive-train parts, engine support items, suspension parts, making all molds, casting bodies and parts, taking orders, and shipping. Rick's responsibilities are designing the body and chassis master models, designing and making the decals, and handling all PR work."

TEM kits are skill level 5 kits, requiring experience working with resin. That said, let's get to their line. It includes bodies such as the '41 Willys, '63 Corvette, '53 Studebaker, '56 Ford, '68 Camaro, '55/'57 Chevies, a new Chevy SSR, and coming soon will be a '67 Mustang.

TEM is planning the release of a 1/25 scale resin engine kit modeled after a Pro Mod nitrous motor (from Pat Doherty's '57, a teammate of Charles Carpenter). And it reads like a demented speed shop's shopping list—dry sump oiling, sheet metal intake manifold, nitrous regulators, solenoids, and distribution blocks, spark plugs, plug wires w/boots,

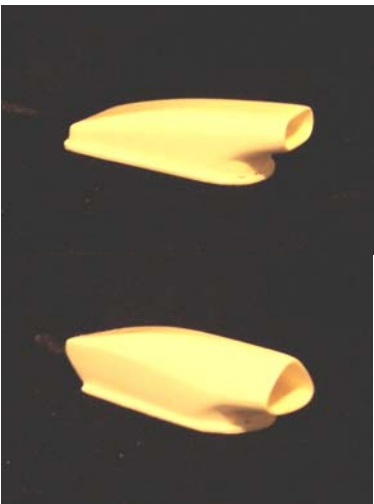
carb linkage, starter, headers, AN fittings and all braided and hard lines. As it stands now, they are planning to offer this **super resin engine kit for under \$30 (!)**

They are also planning on doing chassis for these cars, and they already have available two different transmissions and rear ends.

They offer a CD jam—packed with reference photos of the actual cars they base their models on!

Their site also includes both model and full-scale links, as well as a link to the Straight Line Modelers website.

So, if you have developed a hankering to build a Pro Mod, check 'em out! 🏁



Model Buffet

Fantastic news for exotic car builders! **Leon Tefft's Cobra Colors** (<http://cobracolors.com/main.htm>) has re-opened for business. In addition to the great line of **current Ferrari colors**, he now offers factory colors for the **Lamborghini Miura** and **Diablo** (Blu LeMans, Lambo Thirty Metallic, and Titanium Metallic), **Nissan 350Z** (love that LeMans Sunset!), and **British Racing Green**, accurate for **Jaguar D and E types** from

1954-1973. This color can also be used on other vintage British sports cars. Also available are a complementary line of primers (required for the very hot lacquer paints) and clear coats. I've purchased paints from Leon when he operated Cobra colors in the past and can highly recommend him and his products. I suggest anyone interested in advancing their painting skills check out the excellent tutorials covering all facets of application and polishing paint. Thanks to **Matt Guilfoyle**, **Bob Downie**, and the **Hobby Heaven**

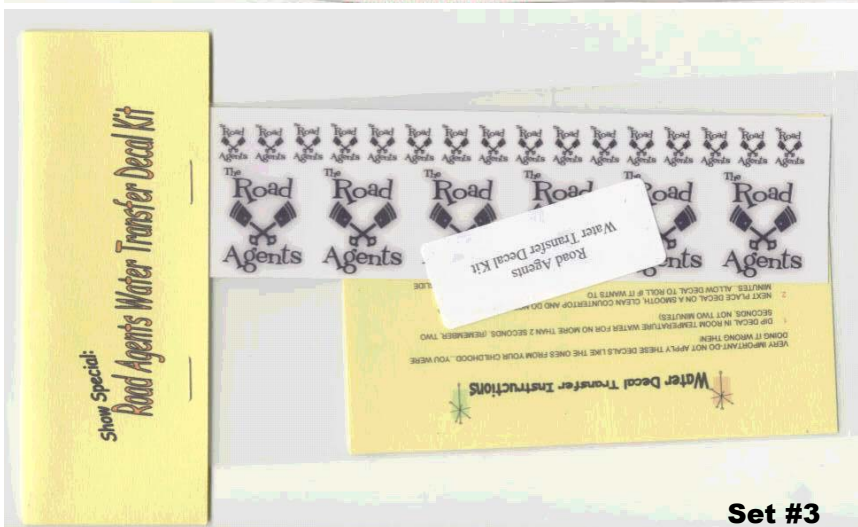
message board.

Some neat decals for those looking at building a **"rat rod" style model** are available from a 1:1 car club, the **Road Agents** (<http://theroadagents.com/>). Offered in 1:25 scale are three different sets of water slide decals, which appear to be essentially the same, except you get more decals in kit #3 and a better deal for the modeler. Decal kits numbers 1 ("The Drag Coupe Pak") and 2 ("The Green Faced Pak") are limited edition commemorative sets, and are **\$8.00** each, plus

\$1.00 shipping. Decal Kit #3 ("Cross Piston Logos") is **\$5.00 plus shipping**. Contact Matt (no relation!) at diamond-deucecoupe@hotmail.com.

Model Car World (<http://ourworld.cs.com/mcwautofinishes/index.html>) has introduced a great new reference source for using their paints. The **"Model Car World Automotive Paint Reference Guide for Model Cars"** (\$12.95, available from MCW) lists vehicle manufacturer's color codes, the name of the color by make, the MCW airbrush paint number, and MCW aerosol paint number (if available). A short description of each color is included (NOTE: this is NOT a paint chip catalog). The guide will be especially valuable to those, like myself, that build something other than Ford, Chevy, and Plymouth. So, if you want to find out if MCW stocks 1957 Mercury Sunset Orchid, Persimmon, or something as mundane as Fiesta Red for your next project, just check the guide for a stock paint number. The Guide does not replace MCW's standard paint catalog.

As always, many thanks to Matt Guilfoyle, for his constant hard work at bringing this column to the membership. If you find something, send it along! 🍷



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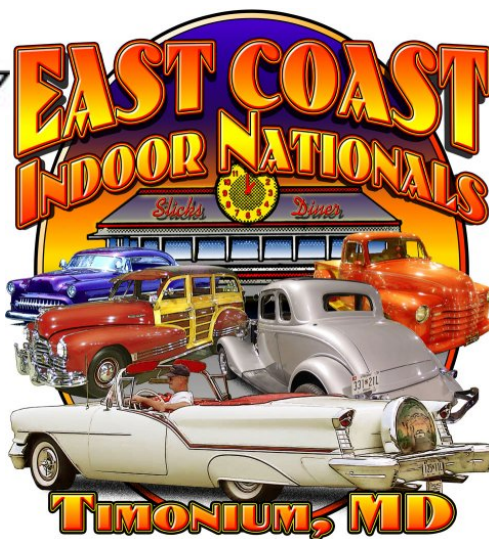
"New" Stuff this month:

- ☞ AMT International Scout
- ☞ AMT 1974 GTX
- ☞ Revell "Budweiser" Monte Carlo
- ☞ Revell "Home Depot" Monte Carlo
- ☞ Model King AWB 67 Comet
- ☞ Model King AWB 65 Falcon
- ☞ Model King Ramp Truck/Camper
- ☞ Testors clear Hemi



☞ Dec. 4th & 5th—**East Coast Indoor Nationals** at the Timonium Fairgrounds Cow Palace, in Timonium, Maryland. The largest indoor all American Car Show & Marketplace on the East Coast. 300 of the Regions finest antiques, street rods, customs & musclecars. Info: David (410) 626-6262, jitrbug57@hotmail.com, www.EastCoastIndoorNats.com (see adjacent ad)

Dec. 12th—12th Annual **Toy and Train Show** at the Fallston Volunteer Fire Department, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: Hoby Howell (410) 879-8289, or Joe Golabiewski (410) 592-5854. ☞



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1,500 mid-engine GTs during each of the next two model years. The car cannot meet regulatory standards for the 2007 model year.

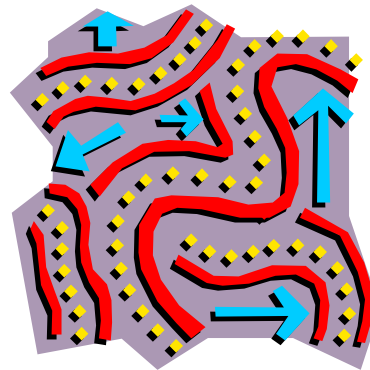
Ford could introduce a sports car as the GT's successor for the 2007 model year. The Cobra shown in Detroit was based partially on the GT's mechanicals. Producing a second vehicle with those components would help Ford amortize its investment. The Cobra concept shown in Detroit had a **6.4-liter aluminum 605-hp V10 engine**. Ford described it as a **Dodge Viper fighter** that could be priced **around \$80,000**.

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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. ☞