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2005 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!

- 🔊 January 15th
- 🔊 February 19th
- 🔊 March 12th (**2nd Saturday!**)
- 🔊 April 16th
- 🔊 May 21st
- 🔊 June 18th
- 🔊 July 16th
- 🔊 August 20th
- 🔊 September 17th
- 🔊 October 15th
- 🔊 November 19th
- 🔊 December 17th

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

Our NNL Show is History!

Last month's meeting was pretty well attended, and provided entertainment in the form of an animated discussion over **2006 NNL themes** for our show. When the dust had settled, the themes chosen by those in attendance were **Convertibles (top down!)**, and **Hiboyes & Lowriders**. And just so you know, a Hiboy sits **ON** the frame rails, and does **NOT** have full fenders! So, be thinkin' about next year, OK?

This year's NNL show was apparently pretty successful. See inside.

Keep it in the back of your mind that we are lookin' to reprise our annual **Club Auction**, most likely at the **September** meeting. So, start rounding up those automotive-related items that you wish to donate to the cause now, OK?

This month's issue draws a successful conclusion to the **Station Wagon Model Buffet**

column. Thanks, Matt!

We also have a **Poncho 'Triple Header'** from yours truly, as well as an article to protect yourself and your growing collections.

My apologies, but the raffle numbers were unavailable at press time. Kudos to the following: **Irvin Arter Jr., Steve M. Buter, Ron Bradley, Harry Charon, Bob Foster, yours truly, and Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD.** 🏆

Five-Finger Discount!?

The following is a small article that I whipped up in the aftermath of a **burglary of my palatial Bowie estate** for another publication, and I thought it would prove helpful to enlighten at least a few of you as to the perils of keeping incomplete and/or nonexistent documentation on your collections, whether plastic or diecast.

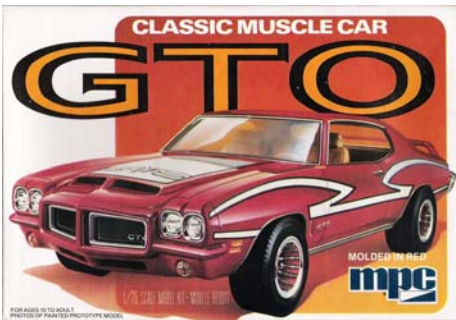
The crooks gained access via a sliding glass door, and before it was over, managed to spirit off nearly all of **my wife's jewelry, change collections belonging to all of us, Nick's entire DVD movie collection (80+ movies), his Playstation and game library (30+ games), his brand new PSP, our computer, flat screen LCD moni-**

tor, scanner/printer, and about a dozen 1/18th scale diecasts, among them several GMP cars (all discontinued!!). To date, the county detectives actually recovered the computer, monitor, and scanner/printer, a few of Nick's movies and a Playstation game, and several of my diecasts (*thankfully, none of the GMP cars, as the cars recovered were chipped and scratched!*).

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Triple Threat Plastic Poncho Quickview!



[1972 Pontiac GTO Street Custom, RC2 #38162; 1/25th scale; 135 pieces; Lt. Gray, chrome, clear/clear red, vinyl tires]

It's kinda nice to see this one back from its last stint as the red street machine version shown above. It is nearly identical, down to and including the instructions and decals! What follows then, are my musings on this reissue.

Being an old reissue, it obviously suffers some of the foibles of older kits—front and rear windows connected by runners and metal axles, for example. The front fender vents seem to have been rescribed, and for some reason, don't look right to me.

A very nice feature is the **23-piece NHRA-style Christmas tree!** Chrome bulbs attach to the gray plastic 'trunk.' They even included the timing lights located downtrack, making a scale dragstrip diorama possible.



Sadly, the straight front axle is incomplete.

[1963 Pontiac Tempest funny car, RC2/Model King #21452P; 1/25th scale; 80+ pieces; Lt. Gray, chrome, clear/clear red, vinyl tires]

As most of you know, **Dave Burket** (a.k.a. Model King), has been on a tear releasing vintage AMT plastic. This tool was incomplete, and Dave footed the bill to complete it (*hence the slightly higher kit price*).

It features an injected **'Corporate' big block engine** (read: Chevy!!). Even with Chevy power and vintage two-piece plastic tires, it is definitely worth



it, as they have included the vintage **'Funny Farmer' decals!** I am even hearing rumblings about an **Arnie Beswick** version of this kit coming! Both are must-haves!

[1965 Pontiac Grand Prix, RC2 Buyer's Choice #38175; 1/25th scale; 100+ pieces; Lt. Gray, chrome, clear/clear red, vinyl tires]

Here is another **'Oldie but Goodie,'** back on shelves—Pontiac's 'sporty' Grand Prix.

This one is cool for the **Road & Track accessories** from the old Prestige issue—the **fifth wheel, tape recorder, additional road test gauges, and pylons.**

This car features **two options that defined Pontiac—Wide Track and tri-power!** There is also a ton of custom parts, with no less than two different front and rear end treatments. Add to this the three different sets of rims—stock 8-lug, and optional Cragar S/S or Corvette-style knockoff rims. On the basis of sheer volume, this kit is a gold mine!

It's **grrreat** to have these kits back at these relatively bargain basement prices. **Kudos to both Dave Burket, and AMT/ERTL for these "Blasts from the Past!"** Now, go out and scarf up a few of 'em! 🍷



Chevy Indy Pacer News!

General Colin L. Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State, will drive a **2005 Chevrolet Corvette convertible pace car** to lead the field to the start of the 89th running of the Indianapolis 500 on May 29, 2005. Neither Powell nor the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is a stranger to Corvette. For a record seventh time, Corvette will pace the Indianapolis 500, and Powell owns a 2005 Corvette coupe. This race will be the track debut of the sixth-generation Corvette convertible. It marks the **fourth consecutive year** and **16th time overall** that a **Chevrolet** has served as the official pace vehicle—the most appearances by any brand.

The 2005 Corvette convertible pace car features a “Victory Red” paint treatment with a bright “Machine Silver Metallic” primary stripe down the center flanked by titanium and black accent stripes. The 2005 Indy 500 logo is on each door and is embroidered on the headrests while the Chevy red racing Bowtie appears at the top of the hood.

Monogram kit to follow, hint, hint? 🍷



The '05 Indy 500 pace car convertible accompanied by six previous pacers: '04 convertible, '02 50th Anniversary Edition, '98 coupe, '95 coupe, '86 coupe and '78 coupe.

Past Pacers!

Chevrolet has paced 15 previous Indy 500s, more than any other brand:

- 2004—Corvette convertible
- 2003—Chevy SSR
- 2002—Corvette 50th Anniversary Edition
- 1999—Monte Carlo
- 1998—Corvette
- 1995—Corvette
- 1993—Camaro Z28
- 1990—Beretta
- 1986—Corvette
- 1982—Camaro Z28
- 1978—Corvette
- 1969—Camaro
- 1967—Camaro
- 1955—Bel Air
- 1948—Fleetmaster

“Gents, start yer Pace cars!” 🍷



IN MEMORY OF AUGIE

Mid-Atlantic NNL Results!

Well gang, the early results are in, and it appears as though we had another successful show. We were actually still selling vendor tables on the morning of the show.

As far as models go, looks like we had between 400 and 450 models on the display tables.

Vendor donations were down a bit from years past, but several MAMA's BoyZ including but not limited to **Harold Bradford** and **Norman Veber** stepped up and really put us over the top in this category, to allow us to literally give stuff away all day. **Thanks to everyone who contributed!**

Now, without further ado, here is the list of the lucky winners:

Competition—Jeff Sauber, '51 Pro Mod Merc

Curbside—Michael Hensley, Phantom Panel

Custom—Rick Martin, '51 Chevy

Replica Stock—Marcos Cruz, Corvette convertible

Street Machine—Jeff Christopher, '65 Impala

Street Rod—Terry Adams, '40 Ford pickup

Truck/Light Commercial—Zoli Honeczy, Seagrave Fire Truck

Gary Burkey Award—Tommy Kortman, '32 Ford

People's Choice Inline-powered vehicle—Rick Martin, Renault street rod

People's Choice Large

Musclecar—Terry Adams, '63 Ford

People's Choice Junior—Ryder

Smith, Datsun 510

People's Choice Adult—Jeff

Sauber, '51 Pro Mod Merc

There's always gonna be some minor glitches to overcome, but I

think that, for the most part, a good time was had by all. We'll see about next year.

Now my job **REALLY** starts, to match up builders and pictures, and put some captions together with the photos that our **photographers Tim Powers** and **Ron Hamilton** took. Gotta run, but in the meantime, check out the photo albums on the MAMA's BoyZ website if you were unable to make the show! ☺

Perfume



I want my husband to pay more attention to me. Do you have any perfume that smells like model glue?

AutomotiveForums.com

"Blast From the Past" Returns!

With the recent release of this kit in the **Model King limited reissue program**, the 'mini-review' elsewhere in this issue, the **new Arnie Beswick Slixx decals** at our show, and **my visit with Arnie (also last weekend!)** at a Pontiac event in Virginia, I couldn't resist! Thanks to Troups for the decal scoop (*Missed mine—drat!*), and thanks to Burket for the kit! **I gotta git dem decals!!** ☺



Model Buffet

We can hopefully finish up with station wagons with this month's installment.

Jimmy Flintstone has a few interesting wagon bodies/kits available (*most without chrome, while some include pewter parts to be polished*).

Cadillac

1959 Superior Crown Royal Hearse, Meteor hearse, and Hi-top ambulance

Chevrolet

1960 Chevy wagon, and 1965 Chevelle wagon

Ford

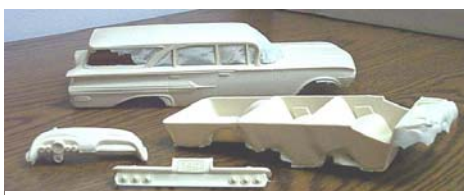
1959 Ford Country sedan

Pontiac

1959 Bonneville ambulance

Miscellaneous

Extremeliner, and Franken-woodiac



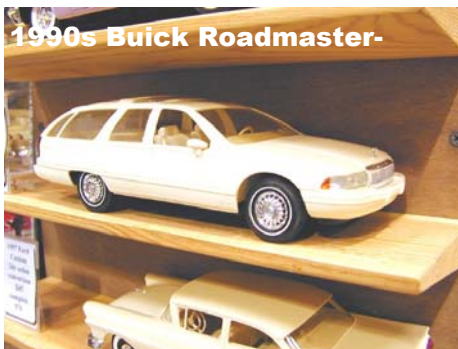
1960 Chevrolet Brookwood



1959 Ford Country Sedan



Extremeliner



1990s Buick Roadmaster-



1973 Caprice

And last, but certainly not least, we have our old friends at **Modelhaus** (*a.k.a. Don and Carol*). Modelhaus has a somewhat limited selection of resin '*longroof sedans*,' but most come as *full kits*, including *chrome AND tires!* Without further ado, here is what I believe is available:

Buick

1990s Roadmaster

Chevrolet

1959 Brookwood, 1965, 1973, and 1992 Caprices

Chrysler

1960 New Yorker

Dodge

1960 Polara

Ford

1957 Country Squire, 1959 Country Sedan

Mercury

1957 Voyager

Plymouth

1957 Suburban

1960 Chrysler New Yorker



1959 Mercury Voyager



1957 Plymouth Suburban



It is, as always, highly recommended that you double-check price and availability on anything in this column (*don't forget shipping and handling, too!*) prior to ordering.

A special thank you goes out to **Dave Lindsay** at **SocalCarCulture.com** (<http://socalcarculture.com/>) for some of these photos. He has an awesome website—check it out!

And let's not forget **Matt Guilfoyle**, for his constant hard work at bringing this column to the membership. Gee, I can't wait to see what he has in store for us next!! If you find something, send it along to me! 🍷

High-Priced Diecast Mania

There doesn't seem to have been any reprieve in the release of diecast cars. Anything from new Hot Wheels to Danbury/Franklin Mint quality. Here then, are some of the latest and greatest:

Franklin Mint

(105 Commerce Drive, Aston, PA 19014, 1-888-771-MINT, www.franklinmint.com)

1971 Plymouth Roadrunner—An all-new tool in Curious Yellow w/ black stripes, powered by a 426 Hemi/4-speed combo, w/an Air Grabber hood, and styled steel road wheels. Limited to only 9,900 worldwide. Cost: \$120, + \$7.95 S+H.

Danbury Mint

(47 Richards Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06857, 1-888-854-7108)

1957 Yellow Chevy Pro Street hardtop—An 'Oldie but a Goodie,' this one was retired on 12/31/04.

1962 Roman Red Corvette—Also retired as of 12/31/04.

1968 B-5 Blue Roadrunner—Hemi/4-speed combo, w/a black vinyl roof, dog dish hubcaps/steel

wheels, and redlines! Cost: \$115, + \$7.80 S+H.

1959 Persian Sand Eldorado Biaritz—Limited edition (5,000). Cost: \$135, + \$7.80 S+H.

1959 "Purple People Eater" Corvette racer—Cost: \$124, + \$7.80 S+H.

1958 "Christine" Plymouth Fury—Cost: \$129, + \$7.80 S+H.

Sinclair Gas Station display—\$139, + \$7.80 S+H.

1948 Buick Roadmaster—Available only by joining the Classic Car Preview society. Cost: \$108, + \$7.80 S+H.

1970 Silver LT-1 Corvette—Removable T-tops, extendable seat belts when seats tilt forward! Cost: \$115, + \$7.80 S+H.

1969 Daytona Yellow ZL-1 Corvette—Black stripes. Cost: \$115, + \$7.80 S+H.

1969 Firebird 400—Gold or Beige. Opening console and gas door (behind the license plate) Rally IIs and redline tires. Cost: \$115, + \$7.80 S+H.

1955 Ford Thunderbird—Goldenrod Yellow, with a yellow

and black interior. A limited edition available this year (2005) only. Cost: \$135, + 7.80 S+H).

1953 Cadillac Eldorado—1/16th scale, white with a red interior, this one also features a wooden display base to show it off. To be retired after 6/30/05. Cost: \$199, + \$8.00 S+H.

Surf's Up Shadowbox—a Beach scene, complete with a 1/18th scale 1957 Nomad. Cost: \$114, + \$7.80 S+H.

1969 Dodge Daytona—Green with white interior, equipped with a 440 V-8/4-speed, Magnum 500 rims and whitewall tires. Cost: \$115, + \$7.80 S + H)

Car Collectors Club

(11 Forest Parkway, Shelton, CT 06484)

(2) 1967 Olds 442s—A Gold Metallic coupe and an Ebony Black convertible w/red interior. Cost: \$99, + \$7.80 S+H.

(2) 1964 Dodge 330s—"Ramchargers" and "Color Me Gone." Cost: \$119, + \$7.80 S+H.

If any of these unbelievably detailed diecasts float yer boat, I wouldn't wait too long to get 'em ordered—you won't be disappointed! 🚗

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Affordable Diecast Mania

How 'bout some cheap diecasts—the 1/64th scale discount chain version (*i.e.*, *Target*, *Toys Backwards 'R' Us*, and finally, the 'Town Killer,' *Wal-Mart*):

Johnny Lightning Sixties Sizzle

Release 1: '66 Ford Bronco, '69 Barracuda, '68 L88 Corvette, '62 T-Bird Sports Roadster, '65 Buick Riviera, and a '66 Olds Tornado.

Release 2: '63 Ford Galaxie, '69 Dodge Coronet, '68 Barracuda, '61 Continental, '66 Shelby Mustang, and a '66 GTO.

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'00 Mustang hardtop, '61 Ventura, '32 Ford Roadster, '71 Duster 340, '03 Monte Carlo Pace car, and an '04 SSR.

Trucks & SUVs

'05 Chevy, '66 Bronco, Jeep CJ5, '64 Ford Ranchero, '65 El Camino, and a '65 Chevy Fleetside pickup.

Musclecars V

Release 7: '70 Olds Rallye 350, '73 Grand Am, '67 Buick GS340, '70 Chevelle SS, '69 Dodge Dart, and a '62 Bel Air.

Release 8: '62 Bel Air, '70 Superbird, '05 Mustang, '67 Chevelle, '70 Superbee, and a '67 Charger.

Release 9: '66 Impala SS, '69 Coronet, '68 Barracuda, '61 Continental, '66 Shelby Mustang, and a '66 Nova.

Classic Gold

Release 27: '60 Country Squire wagon, '57 Studebaker Hawk, '68 Torino convertible, '65 Chevelle wagon, '55 Bel Air, and a '60s Shelby Cobra Daytona.

Release 28: '64 Ford sedan delivery, '74 AMC Hornet, '05 Mustang, '71 Vega, '65 Chevy pickup, and an '05 Ford GT.

Release 29: '70 Maverick, '62 Continental, '71 Cutlass, '65 Riviera, '60 Corvair, and a '72 AMC Gremlin. 🚗



Muscle Machines: Impala SS, '62 Catalina, '71 Camaro, 'Bullet Nose Stude, a Corvair, and a '69 Daytona!



Sixties Sizzle, Release 1



Classic Gold, Release 27



Musclecars V, Release 7



High Performance Pontiac, Release 1

This 'n That

Very sad news! It is my sad duty to inform you that *modeling icon Augie Hiscano died on April 21, 2005*, while preparing for Greater Salt Lake (*GSLMCC*)!! Thanks to *Lyle Willits* for the sad news. Word is that *Mark Gustavson* is supposed to be doing something to honor Augie for the museum. He was 71. **You'll be missed, Augie! ...Better News!** *Barry Horner*, a former MAMA's Boy who relocated to nearby PA, recently underwent *Quadruple Bypass surgery*. **Take it easy, buddy! ... "Let's Go Racin'!"**

Mark Reuss, executive director of GM's performance division, says *Pontiac's plan* to keep *Solstice sales* from faltering involves *goin' racin'!*



Racy Solstice?

The low-slung car—the first four-cylinder, rear-wheel-drive two-seater from GM—will be offered with a slew of factory-engineered performance engine and suspension parts so weekend racers can compete in Sports Car Club of America events against the *Mazda Miata*. And there may be at least one other body style in the works for the Solstice. Reuss recently showed a picture of a car labeled the *2007 Solstice GT*. The photo showed the car in *coupe form* with a *sloping, fixed roof, like the Audi TT*. He would not confirm that the car is planned for production. Reuss said he's pushing for a hardtop, either fixed or removable—a requirement before the Solstice can be raced. GM is in-

tent on taking the showroom stock B class from the Miata. Time will tell as to whether or not they will be successful... **P. Diddy Dubs!** *Sean "P. Diddy" Combs* is joining forces in a 50-50 joint venture with *Weld Wheel Industries, Inc.*, a Kansas City mag wheel manufacturer, to produce a new line of *custom aluminum rims* for sport trucks, luxury SUVs, and high-end American— and German-made cars. The new company, *SJC Wheels LLC* will produce and sell *"Sean John Wheels,"* retailing for between *\$700 and \$3,000 each (!)* ... **C6-R Upgrade?** It was recently reported in the *GTR Auto Modelers newsletter* that *Scale*

Motorsport will be collaborating with *Revell* to issue an *upgrade kit* for the *C6 Corvette* to *convert it into a C6-R race car*.

It is reportedly due out in the last quarter of this year.

They also reported the *rumor* that *Japanese kit*

manufacturer Tamiya may produce a kit of the *Maserati MC12* in 1/24th scale. It is not known if it will be the race car or the street version... **1400hp Chevy HHR?!**

The Chevy HHR has yet to hit showrooms (*and may not sell once there!*), but GM has already commissioned *SoCal Speed Shop* to build one to take to the *Bonneville Salt Flats* in August, in hopes of running *250mph* or more. The PT Cruiser-like vehicle will have a *whopping 7 inch top chop*, and be powered by a *single-turbo Ecotec 4-cylinder engine*,

making about 1,400hp.

Hopefully, it sells as good as it runs... 'TIPSY?' A Minnesota resident bought the personalized plate 'TIPSY' for his Jeep as a way to describe its ride. As a joke (*'cause he likes to party!*), he then made the huge mistake of deciding to keep the plate for his Chevy Silverado. Why? 'Cause it may have tipped the cops off, causing him to get pulled over recently after leaving a pub. And guess what? His blood-alcohol level registered *TWICE* the legal limit! He now faces third degree drunken driving charges. **Doh!**

... **"10 Bimmers to go, Please!"** That's probably about what *King Mswati III* of *Swaziland* must've told his *local BMW dealer*. He recently ordered a new BMW sports car for each of his *10 wives*, at a cost of approximately *\$820,000*. By the way, he did this *AFTER* buying himself a *\$500,000+ Maybach!!* The Maybach is equipped with a *TV,*

DVD player, refrigerator, 21-speaker sound system, cordless phone, and sterling-silver champagne flutes! All this while

his *African subjects live on about a buck a day*. There oughta be a law!... **Happy Anniversary Lambo?** Celebrations got underway recently in Europe to celebrate the *40th Anniversary of the Lamborghini Muira*, the mid-engine supercar powered by a *3.9-liter 350hp. V-12*. The party is supposed to continue this summer during the *Monterey/Pebble*



Even racier HHR?!

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Beach weekend, where it will be one of the featured attractions at the **Concorso Italiano...License to Drive?!** Recently, two tots, **ages 3 and 5**, decided they wanted to visit their grandfather. Mom was too busy, so the boys **got the keys to the van from her purse**, and **set out on their own!** They managed to go about 5 miles before hitting a dirt pile. The boys were uninjured, while the van suffered a flat tire and minor body damage. Man, I bet they'll be on restriction until they **ARE** old enough to drive!...**Maxed-Out NSX!** Honda's flagship **NSX-R sports car** gets a race car treatment and a price tag to match.

Due to the considerable changes to this year's **Japan Grand Touring Championship GT-500 NSX race car**, Honda had to build **five homologation NSX-R GT road cars** to satisfy rules set by the governing body. A cool **\$466,600** is the price tag for this **full carbon fiber-bodied road car**, which features longer front and rear fascias and an F1-style scoop to direct air to the mid-mounted V6 engine. Production starts in August and, sorry, all five cars are already spoken for...**Trouble at American Hot Rods?** **California hot rod builder Boyd Coddington** is the first big name to **cop a plea** in a wide-ranging **title-fraud investigation** California prosecutors and Coddington's attorney say

could involve **70,000 illegally registered vehicles**. Coddington pleaded no contest in April to a misdemeanor charge related to submitting **counterfeit vehicle titles** to the state Department of Motor Vehicles. The star of **American Hot Rod** on the Discovery Channel paid **\$3,000 restitution** to the DMV and must **perform 160 hours of community service** in the next year. His **community service** includes **explaining to hot rod enthusiasts how to correctly register their cars**.

Authorities say custom car owners use phony, out-of-state titles identifying cars as much older or less expensive than they actually are. This move allows owners to pay lower registration fees and less

sales tax, and escape air pollution regulations. **Oops! ... "Mark of Excellence?!"** **GM** is putting its **corporate logo** on the exterior of nearly all cars and trucks

it sells in North America. The change begins immediately with Pontiac G6s leaving the factory, and will be added to other vehicles when they are redesigned or as time permits tooling changes. Under that time schedule, it could be some time before the badge appears on Saab vehicles. The next new Saab product, the **9-7x SUV**, won't have the GM badge when it arrives in showrooms late this summer. GM says the move is an effort to get

consumers to draw a stronger connection between GM and its cars. Many 2006 models will have a sil-

ver GM badge placed on both sides of the vehicle, somewhere between the front and rear wheels and below the beltline. On cars,

the badge measures about an inch square. On trucks and SUVs, the badge measures about 1.2 inches square. This is not the first time the GM badge has been used on a vehicle exterior. The **EV1 electric vehicle** wore a GM badge on its nose, even though leases were handled by Saturn dealers. The EV1 was leased from 1996 through 2001. Seems to me that with GM's bonds just being relegated to **junk status** at the beginning of May (*due to lower sales because of the amount of large SUVs not selling at their stores!*), they would have **MORE** important things to worry about?!...

ANOTHER McLaren Supercar? **McLaren's** new **6.3-liter V8-powered mid-engine supercar** has been granted a surprise reprieve,

despite partner Mercedes-Benz officially severing ties with the project earlier this year. The new two-seater, codenamed **P8**,

is now being engineered exclusively by **McLaren**, which plans to oversee remaining development work before producing it alongside the front-engine Mercedes SLR at its factory in England—all with the blessing of M-B. News of the P8's resurrection comes after recent comments from M-B boss



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I have put together some basic guidelines on documenting your collections for police and insurance reporting purposes.

One of the first things you need is an **accurate listing** of your collection. This can be anything from handwritten to computer-generated, i.e., using Excel or Access, or other specialized database software available on the Internet. My list includes the year, make and model, stock number, color, scale, number produced (*if known*), and a column for any special notes that I might wish to add. The important thing about this list is that if done on a computer, **store it on a floppy disk or CD-ROM**, in the event that the invaders take your computer too (*as happened in my case*).

When recording production run numbers of limited diecasts (*i.e.*, GMP), **DO NOT** simply note the production run! It is very important to make note of **your individual serial number**. In other words, your entry should read '418/3,000' rather than '1/3,000' (*unless of course, you*

managed to get the first one!) This is very important in identifying your property if it is recovered.

If at all humanly possible, **maintain a file of the receipts** in a folder, and keep them in a secure location. If you decide against keeping receipts, at least record the purchase price on your list. You'll never remember it later (*especially in my case, with several hundred pieces in my possession*) when you need it to file a claim. The insurance company is gonna want proof of purchase price in order to compensate you for them. Luckily, I had receipts for pricier items taken. **EBay** and the **internet** are assets to aid you in establishing values for limited and/or out of production pieces.

Something that I had also been considering was to **photograph the entire collection**, piece by piece.

If you decide to do so, remove the diecast from its packaging. In most cases, this is possible with larger pieces, but not so with 1/64th scale blisterpacks. Each item should be photographed separately, filling the frame as much as possible with the item in question, taking extreme care to

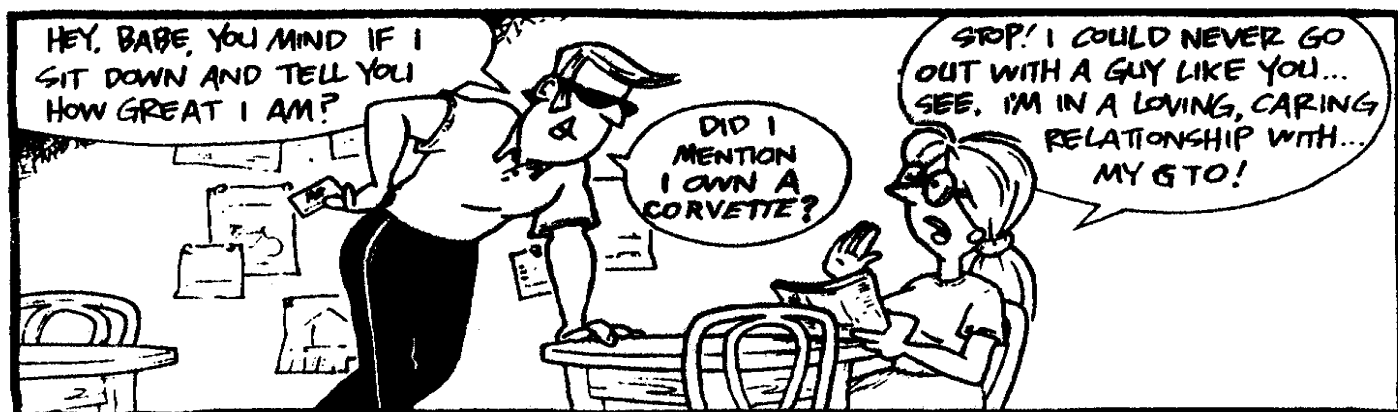
ensure the picture is focused. Or, you may decide to document just the limited serialized items. Only you can decide what level of protection that you need and are comfortable with.

You can use either 35mm or digital cameras to establish your 'scrapbook.' If you go digital, the file name could be the stock number (*i.e.*, 'GMP8044.jpg'), or even a description of the car (*i.e.*, 'GMPatollbluejudge.jpg'). Again however, whatever method you utilize, remember to **store these pictures on a CD-ROM away from the computer!**

You should also probably consider a **collection rider** on your homeowners' insurance to cover this eventuality. Just make sure it is of sufficient value.

In this documentation process, you also must have the discipline to update it regularly as your collection changes.

I hope that this article opens a few eyes before it is too late. If you start this process in the wake of a burglary, that is akin to closing the barn door after the horse has escaped. So, if you have little or no documentation on your collections, better get busy, 'cause crime doesn't take a holiday! 🍷





☞ **May 14th to Oct. 8th—Flashlight Drags**, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on St Rt 288, in Zelienople, PA. Legal street racing, all street legal cars and trucks compete in heads-up 1/8 format. Spectator fee: \$5, registration fee: \$25. Info: PO Box 119, Bradford-woods, PA 15015, (412) 973-8608, www.alteredgas.com, info@alteredgas.com.

☞ **May 19th to 22nd—Cruisin' Ocean City car show**, in Ocean City, MD. Info: (410) 798-6304, www.specialeventpro.com.

☞ **May 20th to 22nd—Great American Rod & Custom Nats**, at the Giant Center at Hershey Park, Hershey, PA, featuring 3,000+ rods, customs, classics & trucks through '72, commercial exhibits, swap meet and car corral. Info: (925) 838-9876, www.good-guys.com.

☞ **May 20th to 22nd—Import Kit/Replicar Nats**, at Carlisle, PA. Info: Carlisle Productions, (717) 243-7855, www.carlisleevents.com.

☞ **May 21st—Orphans in Alexandria Car Show**, at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria, VA. Info: Jim Mackay, Museum Director, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 838-4994, www.alexandriahistory.org, jim.mackay@alexandriava.gov.

☞ **May 25th—Mountain Motor Nats** at MIR in Budd's Creek, MD. Info: <http://www.mirdrag.com>.

☞ **May 28th—5th Annual Children's Miracle Network Car,**

Truck, and Bike show, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds, Airport Ave, Fredericksburg, VA. Sponsored by Food Lion, trophies to be awarded to top 20 cars, trucks, and bikes. Trophies for **Best Car, Truck, Bike**; and **Best of Show**. Bands, craft show, kids' games and rides, clowns, barbecue, hamburgers & hotdogs and pizza, Trophies awarded at 4 p.m. Spectator fee: \$8 per carload at gate; registration fee: \$12 per car, truck, or bike. Info: Michael Kay, 5517 Cedar Ridge Drive, Fredericksburg, VA, 22407-7700, mkay@nvl.army.mil or bkay@nvl.army.mil.

☞ **May 29th—IDRC East Coast Import Nats** at MIR in Budd's Creek, MD. Info: <http://www.mirdrag.com/>

☞ **June 3rd to 5th—All-Ford Nats**, at Carlisle, PA. Info: Carlisle Productions, (717) 243-7855, www.carlisleevents.com.

☞ **June 4th—Country Cruz-In car show**, at the Memorial Park in Taneytown, MD, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., sponsored by Street Cars of Desire. Funds raised benefit the American Legion Post 120 Hesson-Snyder. The Children's Fund is used to send area kids to camp, scholarships, and other activities. DJ, food, games, dash plaques & goody bags for the first 100 registered; muffler rap contest, 50/50, and silent auction. Spectators free, registration fee, \$10. Info: Grant, 4054 Ruggles Rd, Taneytown, MD 21787, (410) 984-9143, thes-tone@infionline.net.

☞ **June 11th & 12th—OC Car Show 2005**, at the Convention Center

4001 Coastal Hwy, in Ocean City, MD, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Spectator fee: \$15. Info: Brian Stoehr, 1239 Bayville Shores, Selbyville, DE 19975, (302) 436-0183, www.occarshow.com, occarshow02@aol.com.

☞ **June 10th to 12th—21st Annual Toyo Tires NMRA Ford Motorsport Nats**, at Maple Grove Raceway, Reading, PA. Info: <http://www.maplegroveraceway.com/>

☞ **June 25th—Superchargers Showdown** at MIR in Budd's Creek, MD. Info: <http://www.mirdrag.com/>

☞ **June 26th—Twenty-Eighth Annual Original British Car Day**, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., sponsored by The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG T Register at Lilypons Gardens, Lilypons Road, off Rt 85, in Buckeystown, MD. 500+ British cars in one setting. Spectator fee \$5 per car, registration fee \$15 per car. Info: John M. Tokar, PO Box 323, Monrovia, MD 21770, (301) 831-5300, www.chesapeakechaptermgclub.com, tokarj@erols.com.

☞ **July 8th & 9th—4th Annual York US30 Musclecar Madness**, at the York Expo Center at York fairgrounds, in York, PA. Guest stars will include **Butch "California Flash" Leal**, and **Linda "Miss Hurst Golden Shifter" Vaughn**. Info: (717) 755-5849, www.yorkus30.com, or mcmeyork02@suscom.net.

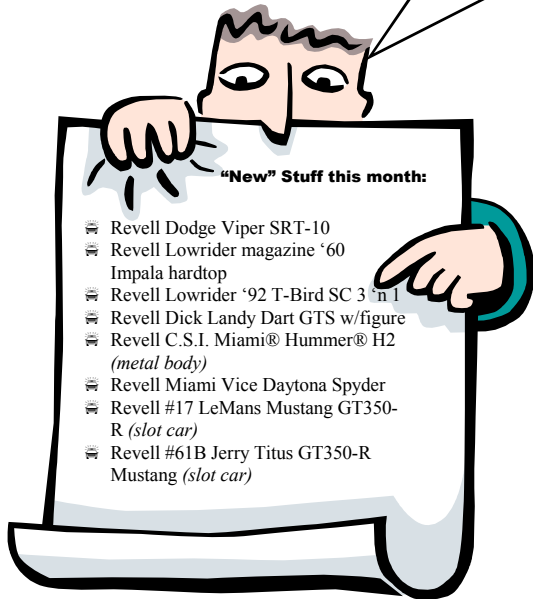
☞ **July 8th to 10th—Cougar Nats East car show**, at Hyatt Fair

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"New" Stuff this month:

- Revell Dodge Viper SRT-10
- Revell Lowrider magazine '60 Impala hardtop
- Revell Lowrider '92 T-Bird SC 3" in 1
- Revell Dick Landy Dart GTS w/figure
- Revell C.S.I. Miami® Hummer® H2 (metal body)
- Revell Miami Vice Daytona Spyder
- Revell #17 LeMans Mustang GT350-R (slot car)
- Revell #61B Jerry Titus GT350-R Mustang (slot car)



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Lakes, 12777 Fair Lakes Circle, Fairfax, VA. Sponsored by Delmarva Cougar Club, featuring a **reunion of XR7-G and Dan Gurney Special Cougars** from 1967 and 1968, and **1967 Trans-Am racing Cougars**. 16 judged classes for 1967-1973 Cougars, also 5 People's Choice classes and 1 display class. Swap & vendor space available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Registration fee: \$25 pre-registration before July 1st; \$35 on or after. Info: Jim Karmanis, 11953 Shenandoah Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192, 703-491-8710, jimk351c@yahoo.com www.dconline.org 🚗

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Eckhard Cordes indicating the Ferrari-fighting supercar had been abandoned as part of a cost-cutting program that has the German manufacturer refocusing its attention on core models to boost profitability. Word is the P8, originally intended to slot into the Mercedes lineup between the SL55 AMG and SLR, will now be sold as a McLaren, like the company's F1. Initial estimates put its **price around \$200,000**. McLaren insiders confirm development continues, but not at the original pace. Though McLaren seems determined to go it alone, the P8 is expected to use a lot of standard M-B components, including a new 6.3-liter V8 from

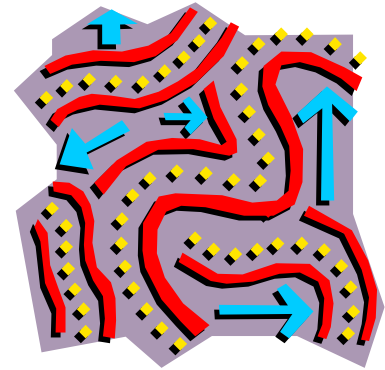
the **AMG skunkworks**. An offshoot of the 90-degree 5.4-liter V8, both bore and stroke have been increased to achieve the additional displacement. **500 hp** is the final result. Secrecy surrounds the deal between McLaren and M-B for development, production and sale of the P8, though suggestions are Mercedes may be secretly funding the project in a bid to avoid negative publicity over the launch of a supercar at the same time it tries to restructure other aspects of its business (Thanks to the *Washington Times*, *autoweek.com*, and other Internet sources for this insanity! Ya just can't make some of this stuff up!!) 🚗

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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. 🚗