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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

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## Goats Backwards 'R' Us?

Last month's meeting was sparsely attended, due to the fact that, according to Prez Lyle, that most guys are only allowed out once a month (!), and that would have been our NNL show!

This column is typically the last thing I do. In examining the table of contents, with the exception of the VW article below, it looks as though it has a decided **GTO theme** (*gee, I wonder why?!).*

Not to flog a dead horse, but I'm gonna keep reminding you all about our annual **Club Auction** at the **September** meeting. So, start rounding up those automotive-related items that you wish to donate to the cause now!

This month's issue features **Polar Lights' new pre-finished 2004 GTO**, in the form of a *review*,



and **buildups** by **MAMA's Boy Irv Arter**, and **Bob Downie**.

My apologies, but the raffle numbers were unavailable at press time. Kudos to the following: **Ed Brown**, **Steve M. Buter**, **Bob Foster III**, *yours truly*, **Gary Sutherlin**, **Chris**

**Whalley**, **Top End Miniatures**, and **Repligas & Miniatures Company of MD**. Tanks!! 🚗

## VW Touring (NOT Tourag!!)

About the time you read this, somewhere in America, a squadron of **Karmann Ghias** is bombing down the highway, celebrating the fact that they're all still running.

This year is the **50th anniversary of the Karmann Ghia**, the stylish little coupe and convertible that says "European sports luxury" on a Bee-

tle budget. Approximately 375,000 were made between 1955 and 1974. This year also marks the **50th anniversary of Volkswagen of America** and **Walt Disney World**, and the summer that the new **Disney movie Herbie Fully Loaded** comes out. All four events are being celebrated with one big cross-country haul, and

it's costing everyone in-

involved little more than gas money and some Motel 6 charges.

Scott Dempster, who owns Karmann Ghia Parts and Restoration among other Ventura, California ventures, is the force behind the ramble. "Originally it was going to be a cruise for Karmann Ghias," he said. "Then I said, 'Hey, I've

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## Polar Lights' 2004 GTO

[2004 Pontiac GTO, Polar Lights/RC2 #6402; 1/25th scale; Assorted body colors, black, chrome, clear, clear red, vinyl tires]

The 2004 GTO. The return of the **"Great One?"** This is a love/hate relationship – you either love it, or hate it! This kit is the fifth in the series (*I believe?*) of pre-finished **Polar Lights "Great American Rides."** Since **Ron Hamilton** seems to have fallen down on the job (*just kiddin', Ron!*), I'll attempt to dive right in with my review samples, OK?

**Body:** The body, with separate front and rear bumpers, hood, rear spoiler, and mirrors (*with separate chrome faces*) is prefinished in your choice of colors, as long as you



choose **red** (*Torrid Red*), **yellow** (*Yellow Jacket*), **black** (*Phantom Black Metallic*), or **silver** (*Quicksilver Metallic*). According to my sources, the silver is the rarest, with black a close second. The black moldings are very nicely finished on my example (*but they are wasted on the black version*). Our own **Irv Arter**, known for his killer paintjobs was pleasantly surprised at the quality of the finish.

**Engine:** The engine consists of 13 pieces, exclusive of the three optional parts (*more on these in a minute*). Polar Lights seems to have included a **custom air**

**cleaner, carb, and manifold** (!!). Didn't somebody tell 'em that carburetors are so 70s?!

**Chassis:** To the chassis, the builder adds the one-piece dual exhaust system, a simplified four-piece front suspension, trans crossmember, and a seven-piece rear suspension. A nice two-piece radiator, and upper and lower radiator hoses are also included.

**Wheels & Tires:** Two sets of chrome wheels are included, the stock five-spoke Goat wheels (*they'll need to take a dip in your chrome stripper of choice!*), and an optional five-spoke set that look like

refugees from a minivan. They mount into hollow, no-name tires that seem a tad on the narrow side.

**Interior:** The interior is platform-style, with the rear seat molded in place. The bucket seats are two pieces each. The dash, steering wheel/column, shifter, and drop-in door panels complete the assembly.

**Glass:** The front, rear, and quarter windows are all molded as a single piece (*and nicely wrapped to prevent damage, thank you very much PL!*). Separate head, tail, and fog lamp lenses are also included, and partially detail



### Contender, or Pretender?

painted. **Bob Downie**, an accomplished modeler, and frequent contributor to the Hobby Heaven and Scale Auto message boards, undertook a tutorial on correcting this aspect of the kit. It is included elsewhere in this issue (*with Bob's kind permission*).

**Thanks, Bob!**

**Decals:** As noted earlier, the scripts are already in place on the body in the proper locations, but the gang at Polar Lights have included enough GTO scripts, crests, and Pontiac arrowheads to allow the body to be stripped and repainted. Also included are two **'GAR GTO'** Missouri plates, one **'PLIGHTS2'** Indiana plate, and a Polar Lights plate.

**Instructions:** The instructions, at least to me, seem a bit on the small side (*where'd I put my glasses?!*), and include exploded views to denote assembly. They also include optional painting suggestions, denoting Testor's paint codes.

In the end, as you can see elsewhere in this newsletter, it builds into a nice replica with a bit of attention to detail. So, pick the particular color of yer poison, and get crackin'! And remember that a 2005 is reportedly on the way! 🚗

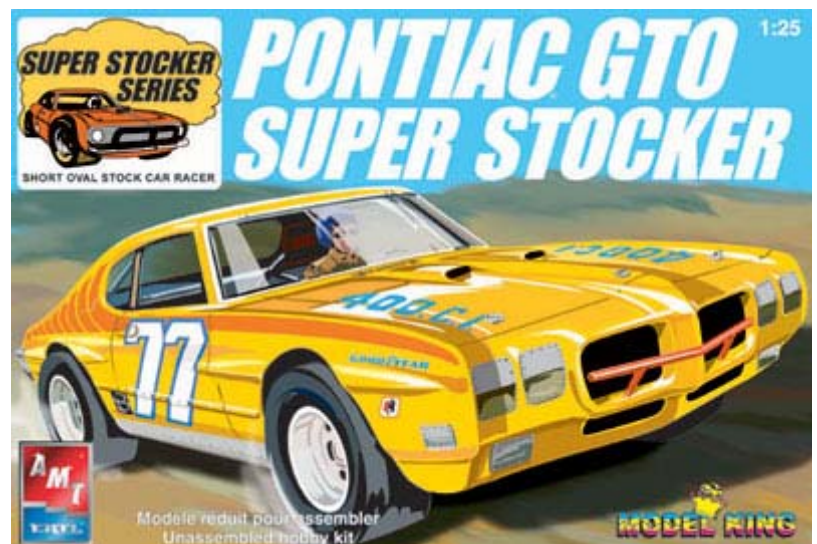


## The Arter Rake!!

MAMA's Boy Irv Arter freely admitted that he wasn't a huge fan of late model muscle. That is, until last month's club meeting, that is. He wandered over to examine my son Nick's purchase of the Polar Lights 2004 GTO. Apparently, what he saw was enough to convince him to buy one to play around with. Well, guess what? He won a **Revell Z06** in the raffle, and the rest, as they say, is history! Irv had fun with this 'quickie,' and hopes you enjoy it. *Nice job, Irv! Now, let's get to work on those dash gauges, OK (Ha! Ha!)?! 🍷*



## "Blast From the Past"



While this one is not exactly a blast from the past (since Model King just re-released it!), I obviously just couldn't resist! *Thanks, Dave! Now, where's dem '70 Bonneville convertibles, hmmmm?! 🍷*

# Polar Lights 2004 GTO Lighting Tutorial

My name is **Bob Downie**. I just finished up the Polar Lights '04 GTO (*see page 6*). Overall it's a decent kit with enough issues to keep a detail-minded modeler happy (*or frustrated*). It's a snap kit, though there are a number of parts that are too loose to stay attached w/o glue, and some that the pins are too large for their holes. Mine came prepainted in a perfect coat of bright red. I wanted to use some bigger modern rims, and to fix some of the weak aspects of the model itself. The instructions are pitiful, they're tiny (*pics of the exploded view are about the size of a Hot Wheels car*), and misleading. Certainly not what an inexperienced builder needs, and they're the ones Polar Lights is attempting to capture with this kit—the snap aspects and prepainted body are a concession to the beginner market. The GTO emblem decals are useless without any silver printing. Black doesn't show up on a black grille. So the concession to the adult builder falls on it's face, too. C'mon RC2/Polar Lights! A bit more attention to detail and the product could be a lot better.

The weakest aspect of this model by far is the toylike appearance of the headlight and foglight buckets. They didn't bother to engrave lamp detail behind the lenses, nor supply simple black mask decals for the area that could have at least helped the builder get a GTO looking like a GTO. They attempted lamp detail by some very faint engraving on the outside of the lenses. So, I decided to fix this as seen below. I used a GTO magazine ad as visual reference (<http://www.familycar.com/RoadTests/PontiacGTO/photos.htm>). I also found a great web-site with many detail photos of the GTO that helped me with paint detailing the entire model—there's even a full chassis shot from below. Check out <http://ultimategto.com>.

Ed. Note: Now get to work, but take your time and don't let this project **'Get yer Goat'** (*Ha! Ha!*), and you could have a nice shelf model like this one on your shelf!! 🐐



1. Here we see the “before.” Items needing attention are the headlight buckets, foglamp buckets, grille (*the silver crosshatch printing is nice but incorrect*) and license plate caverns...erm, holes.



2. Here we see detail of the kit headlight lenses. The one on the left I've removed the mounting pins with a small ball-headed Dremel bit, and outlined the lens with a black Sharpie. The lens on the right is untouched. I've left the orange dot on the outside of the lenses, it's not 100% accurate, but it's adequate. If you want to save the GTO emblem if you paint the grille flat black, you'll need to mask it carefully (*it's tiny—you can't see it with the naked eye easily, it's very easy to see in this enlarged photo*).



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3. Here's a close-up of the detail work (*looks pretty rough here, but it's more than twice the size of the model which looks much cleaner on the shelf*). Here you can see where I Dremeled out the foglamp mounts, making them tunnels, allowing a small cabachon (*think cheap MV lens that you find in the bead section of a craft store*) to be mounted from behind. The headlamp details have been Dremeled too, and the areas covered with Bare Metal Foil and detailed with flat black paint and a .005 pigment liner. 🛠️



## VW (contd)

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got a great promotional idea.' ”

Disney came on board by lending one of the Herbies from the movie for the tour, VW of America added dealer support and hamburger money, and even 3M, Goodyear and Nextel are in-



involved.

What makes the humble Ghia so attractive?

“I didn't want a Beetle because everybody had one of those,” says tourer Jim Kikuchi. “So I said, ‘Well, a Karmann Ghia, that's kind of like a Porsche.’”

He's owned his maroon “Banzai KG” for 21 years.

Richard Troy, a walking encyclopedia of all things Karmann Ghia, will be giving historical

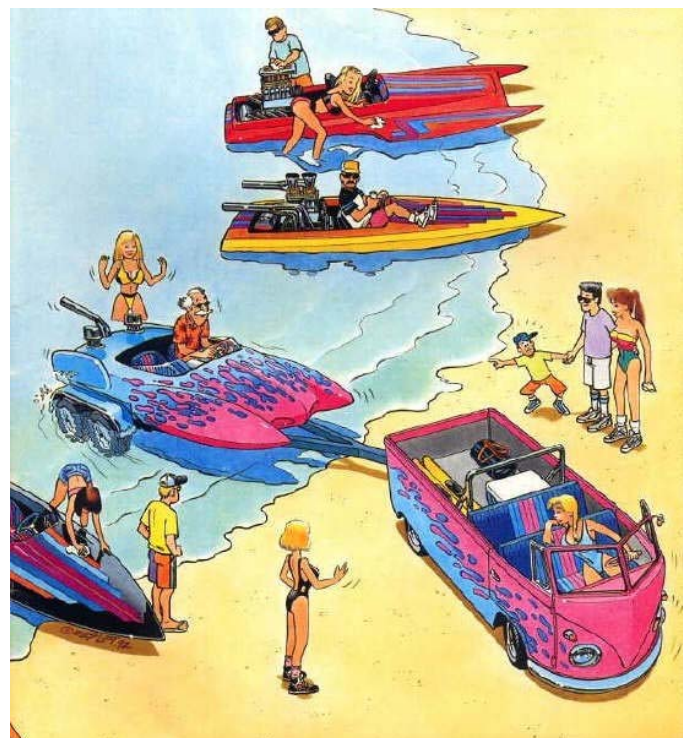


presentations at each stop via lap-top and projector. “It's the concept of form following function and yet where beauty is an intrinsic part of its function,” he

explains.

Go to [karmannghia.com](http://karmannghia.com) for info and updates on exactly where the tour is at any given moment.

*Hey, Walt, this one's for you!* 🛠️





## “Downie’s Goat!”

And finally, the finished model is below. I two-toned the interior in black/red, and assembled the motor/chassis as instructed, and did minimal paint detailing on those areas. I used my leftover stock wheels from the *Fujimi Lamborghini Gallardo* that I recently finished—they look pretty cool on this car. I had to do a bit of trimming of the kit axle stubs to fit the Fujimi wheels, nothing major, but by doing so I was able to drop the front end height a bit before gluing the wheel/brake parts into place. The stock rims included are chrome, they look good (*they really need to be stripped and painted silver*) but a bit small, however they scale out



properly and match the look of the 1:1 car with factory 17s. There’s enough chassis/engine detail to keep most happy, but some underhood decals would be most welcome. Same for the interior, some gauge face decals are needed—the engraving on the dash is incomplete—the gauges are faintly rendered, the A/C vents are not engraved, and the silver center-stack/console perimeter isn’t engraved. I had to freehand that area. No handbrake is supplied. Overall, the model is quite satisfactory, but it won’t give Revell designers any sleepless nights or benchmarks to strive for. It’s a good start and a fun model to build with some glaring concessions that must have been a result of a bean-counter mentality, apathy, inexperienced toolmaking, or a combination of all three. The parts have decent detail, but some of the engraving of smaller parts is heavy-handed or weak, and not up to par with most 2005 era model cars. By comparison, Revell does better with their newest diecast body model kits—better parts engraving and detailing throughout, for about the same cost (*they design them as plastic kits with die-cast bodies, and they’re not snap-kits like Polar Lights*). For what it’s worth, you can easily remove the factory paint with 91% rubbing alcohol if you want to paint it a different color. If you like the car in black, red, silver, or yellow—don’t worry over painting—this is by far the best aspect of this kit, the paint is superb. Spend



your time detailing the bits and pieces where Polar Lights left off. I’m awaiting the ‘05 variation with the new hood, and seeing what they do with the drift version. The custom parts in this kit are pretty sad... 17” custom rims that look like cheap JC Whitney minivan hubcaps, and a really pitifully designed air cleaner (*it looks so strange that I had to look at the instructions to ID the part*) that leaves the motor without any valve covers! It’s like they were designed as a complete afterthought—a marketing concession to say they had custom parts, but I can’t imagine any serious builder having a problem with Polar Lights ditching the cheesy custom parts and tooling/engraving the face of the model properly instead. A decent kit and better than no kit at all. **Ed. Note: Thanks again, Bob!** 🍷



## Model Buffet

Well gang, we are kinda at loose ends this issue while Matt works up the next special theme.

Consequently, we have several miscellaneous items that I'm sure, will prove of interest to someone out there.

**Keith Marks** ([mofobow@hotmail.com](mailto:mofobow@hotmail.com)) now offers decals for the recently reissued **AMT International Harvester Scout II** (which, if my memory serves me correctly, is a 1976). Visit Keith's Fotki site (<http://public.fotki.com/mofobow/>) to view them.

**Hendrix Manufacturing** has quite a variety of products in their lineup, included but not limited to the following: **1948 Ford 2-door sedan**, **1955 Buick 2-door hardtop**, **1955 Ford Crown Victoria 2-door hardtop**, **1955 Ford Customline 2-door sedan**, **1955 Ford Fairlane Club sedan**, **1955 Mercury 2-door hardtop**, **1957 Dodge 2-door hardtop**, **1959 Ford 4-door sedan**, **1960 Chevy Brookwood wagon**, **1963 Ford 4-door sedan** (Mayberry police car), and finally, for something **REALLY** different, a **Ford C-600 cab with sleeper**.

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! 🚗

**1960 Chevy Brookwood**



**1963 Ford 4-door sedan**



**1957 Dodge 2-door hardtop**

## Killer Z(06)!

It's official, the new Z06 will be the **fastest Corvette ever**. Chevy has announced performance and pricing for its upcoming **505-horsepower 2006 Corvette Z06**.

According to Chevy, the car breaks the four-second barrier from **0 to 60**, with a time of **3.7 seconds while still in first gear**.

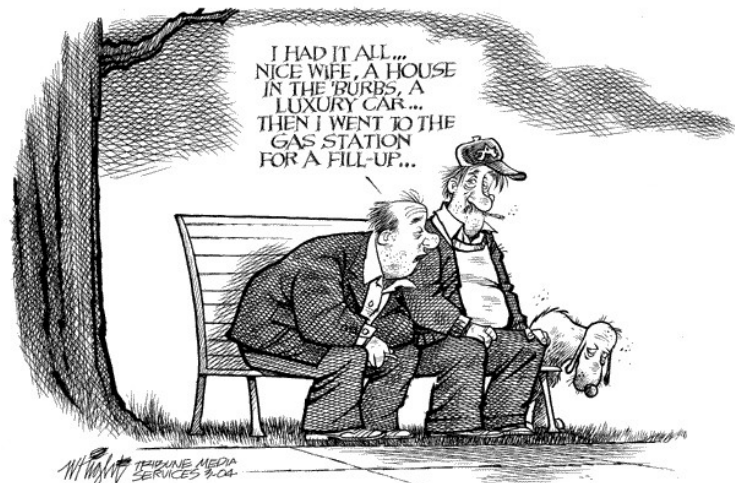
Pricing for the Z06 will start at **\$65,800**, including destination and freight. "The new Corvette Z06 is the dividend from competing so successfully in endurance racing," said Dave Hill, Corvette's chief engineer. "It combines the strong attributes of the new, sixth-gen Corvette with the spirit, technol-

ogy and know-how from the race program yielding an American supercar with outstanding credentials."

The Z06 will be available in the fourth quarter of 2005.

Previous Z06 models, from the original 1963 to the 2001-04 editions, incorporated engine and suspension upgrades that complemented existing systems. The new Z06 is more differentiated from the standard Corvette than any other Z06 in history.

Use of weight-saving materials (*i.e., carbon fiber, aluminum, titanium and magnesium*) give the 3,132-pound car a power-to-weight ratio of 6.2 pounds per horsepower, aiding its impressive 0 to 60 time. Save yer money! 🚗



## This 'n That

**Plastic Maserati.** Seems as though it will be **Fujimi**, **NOT Tamiya**, that will be producing a kit of the new **MC-12**. Fujimi is also rumored to be producing kits of the **Ferrari 550 and 575M 'red rockets'**...**Solstice Hardbody Hardtop?** GM will offer a **removable hardtop** on the Pontiac Solstice roadster in the first quarter of 2007, supplier and GM sources say. The variant is part of GM's attempt to race the Solstice in SCCA events. To race there, an automaker must have a production version of a hardtop vehicle. During a panel discussion at the SAE World Congress in Detroit last month, Mark Reuss, executive director of GM's Performance Division, showed a picture of a car labeled the 2007 Solstice GT. The photo showed the car in coupe form with a sloping, fixed roof. Pontiac spokesman Jim Hopson says the vehicle is still under study. GM insiders say Pontiac would like to add a hardtop to its lineup to stoke enthusiasm for what already appears to be a popular vehicle. As of May 16th, Pontiac had 8,177 orders for the Solstice. Pontiac says it will start building the vehicle this summer. Reuss said he envisions a hardtop Solstice competing for the title in the Stock B-class competition against the Mazda Miata or in the Grand-Am Cup ST-class racing circuit against the BMW 330 and Mazda RX-8. The Solstice will be built at GM's Wilmington, Del., plant on the Kappa rear-wheel-drive architecture. Late next year

GM will start building an Opel version of the Solstice in Wilmington. The Opel vehicle will be exported to Europe and will not be sold in the United States...**"Dyin' for a Cigarette?!"** A 38 year-old man from Arkansas recently suffered trauma to his nose, eyes, and chin **when he jumped from a car moving at 55 to 60 miles per hour to retrieve a cigarette that was blown out of the passenger side window!!** Not surprisingly, the driver of the car said the man had asked him earlier in the evening to be a designated driver after a night of drinking. If anything could have made this guy stop smoking, this should have been it! **Doh!**...

**Import Busch Bashing!** NASCAR has confirmed that **Toyota** intends to compete in the **Busch Series in 2006**, and is an active participant in discussions about the next-gen of Nextel Cup cars and engines, slated to debut in 2007 or 2008. **Let the import bashing begin...Not very Smart, D-C!** **Daimler-Chrysler's Smart brand is not coming to the United States.** The decision followed D-C's announcement in Stuttgart recently that it had **killed the Smart ForMore SUV**. The ForMore was to have been the first Smart model sold in the United States. D-C also said its Smart division would undergo a \$1.55 billion restructuring. The Smart brand was to have been a separate franchise with up to 80 dealers. Smart was to be launched in the United States with the ForMore in September 2006. Additional products, including the second-gen ForTwo cars, were to arrive in 2007 and 2008. Mercedes-Benz USA's small Smart

team in the United States already is being disassembled. **Smart's top U.S. exec, David Schrembri**, left in March to take over sales and marketing at **Mitsubishi Motors North America**...**"Why did the Chicken cross the road?"** Apparently, because he didn't know that **jaywalking was illegal**, that's why! A deputy in Johannesburg, California recently ticketed Linc and Helena Moore because one of their **chickens impeded the flow of traffic**. The Moores were in Superior court, and a trial was scheduled. Stay tuned...**Dead Battery?!** A British team recently gave up their quest at the **Bonneville Salt Flats** to be the **first electric car to run 300 mph** when the car **failed to start for three straight days!** Think it had anything to do with the **Lucas electric system?**...**Record Bank Robbery Arrest.** Police arrested a man who robbed a bank **only 42 minutes** after he committed the crime. How'd they do it? When the man demanded money from the teller, she placed a **global positioning device (GPS)** in the money bag, that's how! Police were then able to track the man back to a car dealership where he was returning a Honda borrowed for a test drive. **Doh!**...**The Great Race!** It started approximately 20 years ago. It is a speed and time rally set to begin at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. on June 25th, and finish up in Tacoma, Washington (**14 driving days later and approximately 4,200 miles**). It is open to only classic cars that are **at least 45 years old**, with some

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being as much as **95 years old (!)**. **Entry fees** can range **from \$5,500** for a private two-person team, **to as much as \$10,000** for a coproration. On the other side though, there is a total cash purse of **\$250,000**. Check 'em out at [www.greatrace.com](http://www.greatrace.com)... **Too young for Night Vision?** An eight-year-old boy who couldn't wait to show off the brand-new gas-powered go-cart he got for his birthday snuck out of the house for a **20 mile solo run to his friend's house in the middle of the night!** His parents were awakened around 5 a.m. by a police officer who found him alongside the road, scared and tired. Afterwards, both he and his parents reportedly had a loooong conversation about why his midnight ride was such a bad idea (*I'll bet!*)... **A Rose by any other Name?** Entrepreneur Malcolm Bricklin says he will work with **China's Chery Automobile Co.** to make the **Chery name** a trademark in the US despite opposition from General Motors. GM's lawyers have told Bricklin, founder of **Visionary Vehicles LLC**, that the company will fight his plan to use the Chery brand name in the US because it sounds too much like "Chevy." Visionary Vehicles is trying to create a U.S. dealership network to sell Chery's Chinese-built cars. Bricklin says he hasn't decided if he will use the Chery name for the Chinese-built vehicles he says he will sell here starting in 2007. But he wants to keep

that option open, and he appears willing to pick a fight with GM. **Brave guy! ...Diesel Bimmers?** **BMW** will begin selling **diesel-powered vehicles** in the US in 2007. Its first entrant likely will be an SUV. BMW offers diesel engines in all but two of its models sold in Europe. Nearly -half of all BMWs sold in Europe are powered by diesels. In the U.S., federal clean air regs being phased in over the next four model years require low-sulfur diesel fuel and low-emission engines. Last year, BMW sold 69,829 X3 and X5 SUVs in the United States... **Shot of Adrenaline!** About a year after the **GT500** (alias the next-gen **SVT Cobra**) goes on sale, Ford's Special Vehicle Team will launch its **2007 Sport Trac Adrenalin**, a four-door, four-passenger, all-wheel-drive truck with a **4.6-liter, 390-hp, 390-lb-ft supercharged V8** stuffed under the hood. A near-production concept Adrenalin debuted at the New York show, featuring **21-inch wheels** and red paint with a black chrome grille. Ford's new Sport Trac, due in 2006, rides on a longer and wider Explorer chassis with four-wheel independent suspension, but the SVT model also gets more aggressive shock absorbers and springs, and front and rear antiroll bars... **Dad, can I borrow the Truck?!** A **7-year-old** who apparently wanted to play with friends couldn't wait. He **'borrowed' his father's truck, eventually running it into a ditch before police officers managed to coax him out of the vehicle.** The boy was driving the big, dual-wheel truck erratically along Highway 27 in

Alabama recently, when other drivers called police, saying they couldn't see anyone behind the wheel! The boy apparently got the keys while his father, who was not identified, was sleeping, and he was trying to drive to an Enterprise day care center, police said. Capt. Mike Lolley said the boy was near a convenience store when the vehicle swerved into a ditch. The boy rolled up the windows and locked the doors as police approached. He pressed the gas pedal and the truck sent mud and dirt flying but didn't move. Officers coaxed him out by telling the child they would take him to play with his friends, then took him to the police station. That sets a great example—they lied to the poor kid to get him out of the truck and lock him up!... **Ugh-Lee Nissan?! Nissan Motor Co.** delayed the U.S. launch of its **redesigned Sentra** compact for a year after the **proposed styling tanked** with consumer test groups, CEO Carlos Ghosn said. The looks of the planned Sentra successor fared poorly among focus groups last year. Ghosn said he didn't care for it, either. "It worried me," he said at the Detroit auto show. "People in Nissan liked it, but the clinics hated it. I didn't like the car." Ghosn ordered Nissan's designers back to the drawing board last summer. The revised replacement will go on sale in the second half of 2006. The redesign had been scheduled to debut this summer as a 2006 model. Nissan design chief Shiro Nakamura last month called the current Sentra "conservative." He said the new Sentra will offer

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☞ **May 14<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>—Flashlight Drags**, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on St Rt 288, in Zelenople, 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, Bradfordwoods, PA 15015, (412) 973-8608, [www.alteredgas.com](http://www.alteredgas.com), [info@alteredgas.com](mailto:info@alteredgas.com).

☞ **June 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>—Monte Madness**, at Kahunaville, in Wilmington, Delaware. Come see all generations of Monte Carlos, and meet **Batman** in the progress! Info: <http://www.kahunaville.com>, [www.eastcoastbatman.com](http://www.eastcoastbatman.com).

☞ **June 18<sup>th</sup>—3rd Annual Car show** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Al Packer Ford, 9801 Pulaski Highway, White Marsh, MD. Info: Pam Fleagle, [editor@saacgroupmd.com](mailto:editor@saacgroupmd.com), <http://www.saacgroupmd.com>.

☞ **June 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>—3rd Annual Full Size Chevy Nationals/ 1st Annual East Coast Firebird Nationals/7th Annual Camaro Nationals** held in conjunction with the **All GM Nationals** at the fairgrounds, in Carlisle, PA. Info: <http://www.carlisleevent.com>.

☞ **June 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>—16th Annual Rod & Custom Jamboree**, sponsored by Southern Delaware Street Rod Association, at the Delaware State fairgrounds. Info: <http://www.sdsra.net>.

☞ **June 25<sup>th</sup>—Superchargers**

**Showdown** at MIR in Budd's Creek, MD. Info: <http://www.mirdrag.com/>.

☞ **June 25<sup>th</sup>—Classic Police and Fire Auto show**, at Kahunaville, in Wilmington, Delaware. Info: <http://www.thergwfoundation.org>.

☞ **June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>—18th Annual Mid-Atlantic Chevelle Show & Swap Meet/ACES Northeast Regional**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain or shine!), hosted by the Maryland Chevelle club & ACES, at North East Community Park, in North East, MD. Info: Donnie (301) 464-7618, <http://www.chevelles.netmcc/mcc.htm>.

☞ **June 26<sup>th</sup>—4th Annual Summer Blast & Street Rod show**, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Calvert County fairgrounds. Info: (301) 855-3870 (**Rain Date July 10th**).

☞ **June 26<sup>th</sup>—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. This fantastic event has gathered over 500 British cars of all marques in one setting. Show registration info will appear on our club website. Spectator fee \$5 per car, registration fee \$15 per car. Info: John M. Tokar, PO Box 323, Monrovia, MD 21770, (301) 831-5300, [www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com](http://www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com), [tokarj@erols.com](mailto:tokarj@erols.com).

☞ **July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>—4th Annual York US30 Musclecar Madness**, at the York Expo Center,

York fairgrounds, in York, PA. Guest stars to include **Butch "California Flash" Leal**, and **Linda "Miss Hurst Golden Shifter" Vaughn**. Info: (717) 755-5849, [www.yorkus30.com](http://www.yorkus30.com), or [mcm-york02@suscom.net](mailto:mcm-york02@suscom.net).

☞ **July 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>—Cougar Nationals East car show**, at Hyatt Fair 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 to 1973 Mercury Cougars, also 5 People's Choice classes and 1 display class. Pre-registration by June 15, qualifies for a chance to win one free night's stay. Swap and 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 Karamanis, 11953 Shenandoah Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192, 703-491-8710, [jimk351c@yahoo.com](mailto:jimk351c@yahoo.com), [www.dconline.org](http://www.dconline.org).

☞ **July 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>—All Chrysler Nationals**, at Carlisle, PA. Info: Carlisle Productions, (717) 243-7855, <http://www.carlisleevent.com>.

☞ **July 16<sup>th</sup>—2nd Annual Cecil County SPCA car show & craft fair**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Cecil county SPCA, Inc., 3280 Augustine Herman Hwy (Rt. 213), in Chesapeake City, MD. Open to vehicles

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1980 and earlier. Dash plaques, class trophies, BBQ, ice cream, and craft show space available. Info: Jean Deeming, (410) 398-9555, [cecilcountyspcs@dol.net](mailto:cecilcountyspcs@dol.net), <http://www.cecilcountyspca.org>.

☛ July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>—**AHDRA Harley Nationals** at MIR in Budd's Creek, MD. Info: <http://www.mirdrag.com/>.

☛ July 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>—**Summer Bike Fest**, at Carlisle, PA. Info: Carlisle Productions, (717) 243-7855, <http://www.carlisleevent.com>.

☛ July 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>—**AutoZone Super Chevy Show Tour XXV**, at Maple Grove Raceway. Info: <http://www.maplegroveraceway.com/>.

☛ July 23<sup>rd</sup>—**Wild 60's Car Show & Cruise**, at Kahunaville, in Wilmington, Delaware. Burnouts, muffler rapping, dance contests. Info: (302) 571-6200, <http://www.kahunaville.com>.

☛ July 24<sup>th</sup>—**Old Toyland Show Model & Diecast car swap meet**, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Gilbertsville Firehouse, Route 73 and Route 100, Gilbertsville, PA. Info: <http://www.oldtoylandshows.com/>.

☛ July 30<sup>th</sup>—**Car Cruise, Swap meet, & Car Corral**, at Kahunaville, in Wilmington, Delaware. DJ, silent auction, live music beginning at 11 a.m. Info: (302) 571-6200, <http://www.kahunaville.com>.

☛ July 30<sup>th</sup>—**Autorama 2005**, hosted by the **Mid-Atlantic Impala Association**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Williamsport

Redmans club. Open to **ALL** makes of cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Contests and competitions, food onsite, pony car showdown, and car club challenge. Info: Tom Ward (540) 664-9273, [midatlanticimpala@adelphia.net](mailto:midatlanticimpala@adelphia.net).

☛ Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>—**Funk Master Flex Celebrity Car Show**, at the Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, MD. Spectator fee \$25, registration fee: \$50. Info: Brian Stoehr, 1239 Bayville Shores, Selbyville, DE 19975, (302) 436-0183, [www.occارشow.com](http://www.occارشow.com), [occارشow02@aol.com](mailto:occارشow02@aol.com).

☛ Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>—**All Truck Nationals**, at Carlisle, PA. Info: Carlisle Productions, (717) 243-7855, <http://www.carlisleevent.com>.

☛ Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>—**Pontiac Tri-Power Nationals**, at Norwalk, Ohio. Car show, swap meet, and drag racing. Info: <http://www.norwalkraceway.com/>.

☛ Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>—**Battle of the Imports** at MIR in Budd's Creek, MD. Info: <http://www.mirdrag.com/>.

☛ Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>—**Jet Wars** at MIR in Budd's Creek, MD. Info: <http://www.mirdrag.com/>.

☛ Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>—**Cruisin' East Coast Regionals Custom car & truck show**, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kahunaville, in Wilmington, Delaware. Slow drags, dyno runs, burnout contest, Play Station tournament. Info: <http://www.kahunaville.com>.

☛ Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>—**Corvettes at Carlisle**, at Carlisle, PA Info: Carlisle Productions, (717)

243-7855, <http://www.carlisleevent.com>.

☛ Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>—**4th Annual Stewart Warner NMCA Hot Rod & Muscle Car Nationals**, at Maple Grove Raceway, Reading, PA. Info: <http://www.maplegroveraceway.com/>.

☛ Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>—**The Super September Showdown VI Model Contest and Vendor Show**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gilbertsville Fire Hall, Route 73, Gilbertsville, PA. Info: Len Feinberg, at [FnPlastics@aol.com](mailto:FnPlastics@aol.com).

☛ Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>—**IMSTAR Import Showdown** at MIR in Budd's Creek, MD. Info: <http://www.mirdrag.com/>.

☛ Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>—**IHRA President's Cup Nationals at MIR** in Budd's Creek, MD. Info: <http://www.mirdrag.com/>.

☛ Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>—**Fall Carlisle**, at Carlisle, PA. Info: Carlisle Productions, (717) 243-7855, <http://www.carlisleevent.com>.

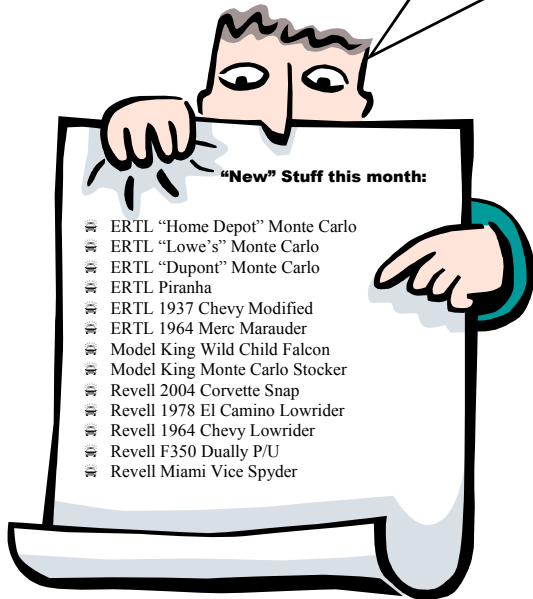
☛ Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>—**Ford Fever Classic at MIR** in Budd's Creek, MD. Info: <http://www.mirdrag.com/>.

☛ Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>—**TAMS Thirteenth Annual Model Contest and Swap Meet**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., hosted by The Tidewater Automotive Modeler's Society, at the VFW Post 4809, 5728 Bartee St., Norfolk Va. 23502. Theme—"Any 55-57 Chevrolet Product," and a new Import/Tuner Class. Info: Ronnie Ward at [sk8trmaker@inteliport.com](mailto:sk8trmaker@inteliport.com), or Jerry Quick at:

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Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>—**World Cup Finals (Import vs. Domestic)** at MIR, in Budd's Creek, MD. Info: <http://www.mirdrag.com/>.

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>—**East Coast Indoor Nationals 2005**, at the MD State fairgrounds Cow Palace, in Timonium, MD. Info: David (410) 628-6262, [www/eastcoastindoornats.com](http://www.eastcoastindoornats.com).  
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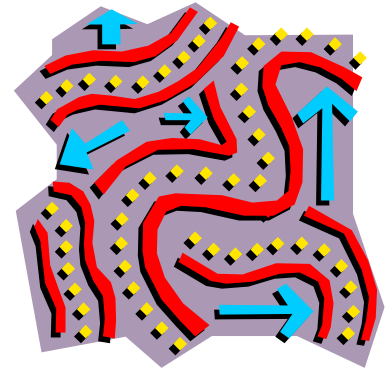
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**From the Washington Beltway (RT 495/95):** Take Exit 22 north, towards Baltimore. Stay in the right lane and take the first exit onto Route 193 (Greenbelt Road). When on the off-ramp, bear to the right and take Greenbelt road west, towards College 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.