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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

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

It's Auction Time!

About 40 members attending last month's meeting were able to welcome back our own **Dave Wilson**, fresh off a tour in Iraq. **Welcome back, Dave!** He was scheduled to return the week following the meeting. **Be safe, Dave!**

Norman Veber presented a very informative seminar on the basics of **spruing parts for chrome plating**. **Thanks, Norm! Now, I gotta get busy!**

Well, since it's Sep-

tember, that must mean that it's not only our **Anniversary**, it's also **club auction time!** Hope you all brought along enough automotive-related items to donate to the cause! Kudos to Norman Veber for having the forethought to form our intrepid band of modelers 'way back in 1988 – **Thanks, Norm!!**

And let's not forget the club elections in November, so please consider nominating someone, or

maybe even running for yourself. Club Prez Lyle has told me that my position of newsletter editor is for life, but if someone would like a crack at it, I say go for it!

The raffle raised **\$68.00**, while the door box contributed **\$72.00**. Kudos to the following: **Brad, Ron Bradley, Steve M. Buter, Charlie Magers, JC Reckner, and Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD.** **Thanks, y'all!** 🍷

"Breathed-on" 430?!

Spicing up an F430?!? Owners who somehow find their F430 not exclusive enough may now turn to California-based **Wheel Power Inc.** for a solution. They are the exclusive North American distributor for **German tuner Hamann Motorsport** offering a range of upgrades. Choose from either a **Kevlar-reinforced fiberglass or**

carbon fiber wind-tunnel developed body kit, while adding an adjustable coil-over suspension that lowers ride height by up to two inches. They have also developed two sport exhausts, a brake package, and two different wheel designs. Each is available

separately (*but not cheaply*). Opt for the full shebang and add **\$60,000** to the F430's **\$170,045** base price. For info, visit [wheelpower.com](http://www.wheelpower.com) 🍷



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1964 Mercury Comet Caliente

[AMT/ERTL Model King 1/25th scale reissue; 28 pieces]

First and foremost, **Thank you Dave Burkett!!!** Your business savvy has netted the modeling community another one of the so-called “lost” kits from the old AMT company. As a kid, I remember this car in the “Craftsman” series of kits from the AMT Model Company. Up until now, if you didn’t have this kit in your collection from the ‘60s, you were at the mercy of the kit dealers, where this kit had a value approaching \$100 in un-built, mint condition, or a previously built kit, which, depending on the condition, could cost almost as much. There are some kits available in resin, where the kit was priced from \$40 and up, depending on the caster, and the quality of the casting. This is actually the third release of this kit, the second one being released around 1968 or 1969 as **“The Caliente Bandito”** in a series of old early ‘60s kits from AMT, in which certain previously released “Craftsman” kits were molded in white styrene, and repackaged in boxes centered around a specific theme.

The “Craftsman” kits from AMT were simplified model car kits, which were based on the promotional models commissioned by the various automobile manufacturers. They were meant to be easy to build, and marketed primarily to children, as they did not require paint or glue for assembly, just a straight slot screwdriver.

“Craftsman” kits were molded in color, normally red, yellow, aqua, light blue, dark green, and black, and their simplified construction meant the bodies were one piece, with no engine detail. In most cases, the “Craftsman” kit was the only way that certain cars were marketed as a model kit, such as this kit, which was never sold as a kit with an opening hood with engine detail.

This kit is molded in white styrene (*Thank you! Thank you!*), and the car is exactly like the one I have in my collection, except for the color, as the original kit was molded in a dark red styrene, and the way the chassis plate attaches to the body, as press fit pins are used. To say easy construction is an understatement, as I could build this car in about 5 minutes, if I did not want to do any extra detailing. This kit has a total of 28 pieces, which press fit together. The engraving of this kit is very good, and detailing with foil and paint should not be too difficult.

Interior: This assembly consists of four parts—a well engraved interior tub with the pedals, seats and center console molded in, a snap-in dashboard, a steering wheel/column, and a floor shift, which mounts into a hole in the center console. The only thing I see wrong here is that the floor shift on a ‘64 Comet mounted directly to the transmission hump, in front of the floor console. To be more correct, the hole in the center console should be filled in. A floor shifter with a boot should be

positioned in front of center console for a 4-speed manual transmission car, the brake pedal should be removed, and replaced with a clutch and brake pedal, preferably suspended from the floor for better detail. If the modeler wants to represent a column-shifted car, the shift and turn signal levers and appropriate pedal can be added.

Glass: This unit and the finished interior mounts onto tabs into the body structure, which is very well engraved, and captures the shape of the ‘64 Comet exactly. One thing I noticed, the “glass” is thinner and clearer than the original kit. Thank you! In looking at the body, all of the emblems and body lines are in the correct places. The hood ornament mounts into a slot on the hood. However, there are mounting holes for an antenna, and two rear view mirrors in the body, which most adult modelers including myself do not like, as we will have to fill them. And now for the downer—there are sink marks in the body where the chassis mounting bosses are located. They are fairly deep, and will have to be filled, which is not a difficult proposition, if the body is going to be painted and detailed.

Chassis: The chassis is a well engraved unit to which everything is molded. The wheels mount into no-name blackwall tires, and these utilize the “wire axle” method of attachment to the chassis. There is no engine or transmission, as this is a curbside.

The final assembly consists of

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GTO STILL Going!

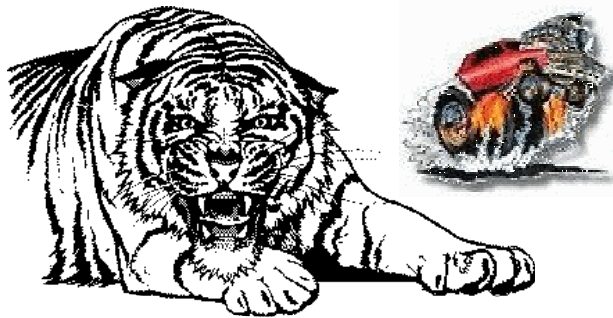
Well gang, the *GTO juggernaut* continues, thanks to several faithful Pontiac campaigners.

First off, thanks to *Greg Anderson*, the car has now won *three NHRA Pro Stock events in a row*.

In related news, *Rhys Millen* has won the *D1 Drift Championship trophy* for the gang at Pontiac, too.

Still more related news from the *Rolex GT series finds the Pontiac GTO.R* recording its first GT class victory! It did so at the hands of Paul Edwards and Jan Magnussen. They drove the No. 64 TRG Pontiac GTO.R to the win in *only their second appearance*, which was the CompUSA 200 at The Glen, the series' second visit to Watkins Glen this season. BTW, I believe the team previously ran *Porsches*!

Waytogo, 'Little GTOs!' 🐯



B-M Camaro!

Remember the blurb in last month's newsletter about the impending re-release of the 'new' Baldwin-Motion '69 Camaros? Well, just after we went to press, I found this artist's rendering of the car, and thought you might enjoy it. *Save yer pennies!* 🐯



Test Shots!!

Well gang, we will finally see the **Retro Hobby**

Trikes released! They will most likely be available as you read this at our September meeting. They are reportedly limited to **only 2,500 of each** of the following **four versions**:

- **Ed “Big Daddy” Roth’s Mail Box Chopper**
- **Tiki Trike (a.k.a. MPC Digger Trike) (shown)**
- **Milk Trike (a.k.a. MPC ‘T’ Trike)**
- **Taco Trike (a.k.a. MPC Wedge Chopper)**

For further info, check out www.retrohobby.com.

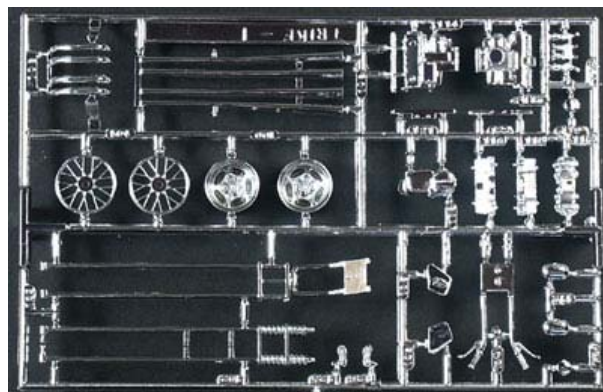
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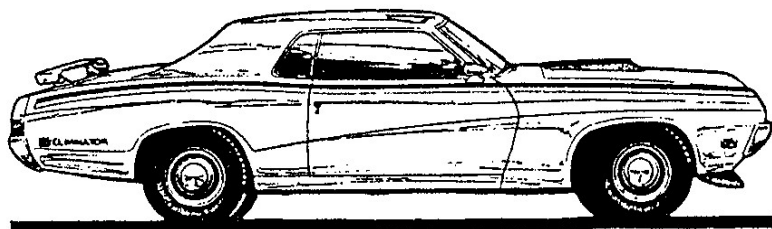
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installing the front bumper-grille unit, rear tailamps, rear grille, rear bumper, radio antenna, and mirrors to the body assembly, and attaching the chassis. There is an optional pair of “Appleton” spotlights included for those of you so inclined to install on your model.

All in all, this kit is a very welcome reissue, and when I build mine, I believe that I will attempt to open the hood, install an engine, add underhood detail and an upgraded chassis. Even though I have not tried it, the ‘64 Ford Fairlane Thunderbolt kit from Revell should yield a plethora of parts for such a project, such as the chassis, suspension, and various interior parts. The ‘67 Ford Mustang GT will yield a nice small block Ford V-8/4-speed combination, and dual exhaust system. These parts have to be modified a little, and some plastic rod is necessary for exhaust work, but it is not impossible. Perry’s resin also markets a Ford 6 cylinder engine, as well as a trio of hoods that will fit this kit. See their website for details at <http://www.perrysresin.com/>. Of course the reissue of this kit opens the business case for a **full detail ‘64-‘65 Ford Falcon Sprint hardtop or convertible**. RC2? Revell? Trumpeter? Galaxie? Accurate Miniatures, Fujimi, Tamiya? Are any of you guys listening? HMMMMMMM?



By: Ron Hamilton 🍷



Model Buffet

Leon Tefft of *Cobra Colors* (<http://cobracolors.com>) has made available the first selections of **2006 production colors**! These anticipated finishes include **Tungsten Grey Metallic**, a finish designed to commemorate Ford's 40th anniversary 1-2-3 sweep at Le Mans in 1966. It will be available on **Ford's GT** and **Mustang**. Also joining the Mustang line is **Vista Blue Metallic** which features a rich blend of two metallics and frost blue pearl.

Leon also has **GM's newest addition** to the **Corvette** color palette, **Velocity Yellow**, an exhilarating bright yellow with a twist - **silver-gold metallics**! While scarcely apparent, the metallic components lend a rich depth to what is still considered a solid color finish.

Also now in stock is the stunning **Monterey Red Metallic**, a rich, medium-dark red with a blend of metallic and pearl components.

Three all-new Ferrari finishes for 2005 are now available for the **F430**, **575 Maranello** & **612 Scaglietti**. They are **Blu Mirabeau Metallic**, **Grigio Silverstone Metallic**, and **Rubino Pearl**.

These exotic finishes employ new paint technology that enables their metallic and pearl components to exhibit unique characteristics of enhanced sparkle, depth and lustre. Check them out in their online store's "Foreign Factory Colors - Ferrari" category and see for yourself!

Fujimi's 550 & 575 Maranello kits are out, and while their current selection of authentic Ferrari factory formula finishes applies for the 575, they've jumped back to add selections from the 80's

and 90's era of Ferrari to offer choices for the **550 Maranello**. These finishes are also applicable for other great Ferrari models like the **288 GTO**, **512 BB**, **328 GTS & GTB**, **348**, **Testarossa**, **512 TR**, **F40** & **F50**. The following Ferrari finishes are now available: **Rosso Barchetta** ('94 - '01), **Verde Mugello Metallic** ('94 - '97), **Azzurro Hyperion Metallic** ('93 - '97), **Blu Scuro Pearl** ('93 - '97), **Canna Di Fucile Metallic** ('93 - '97), **Rosso Monza Pearl** ('93 - '97), **Oro Chiaro Metallic** ('84 - '01), **Verde Chiaro Metallic** ('84 - '95), **Blu Sebring Metallic** ('81 - '97), **Rosso Corsa** ('81 - '97), **Nero Tropicale** ('81 - '93), and **Giallo Fly** ('78 - '97).

Cobra Colors has also located the rare exotic factory formula for Lamborghini's scintillating **Giallo Spyder Metallic**! Known primar-

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"Blast From the Past"



'64 HARDTOP CUSTOMIZING KIT

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Photo Page

These *in-scale 'Hotties'* are new from *Craft House (Lindberg)*. They are 1/25 scale, plastic, and pre-painted. Thanks to the HHMB! 🍷

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MODEL KING

Upcoming Model King 1970 Bonneville convertible/drag boat issue

“Did I Do That?”

An *Illinois woman* allowed her *11-year-old son* to *drive the family minivan* to his *elementary school*, where he *crashed near a group of children*. No one was hurt, but the *boy was expelled from school*, and *both he and his mom were ordered to traffic court*. Mom was cited for damage to property, and allowing an unauthorized person to drive.

The *Pennsylvania Supreme court* recently ruled that the state's *drunken driving laws can't be enforced against people*

on horseback. Two riders were recently charged, along with a pickup driver who *rear-ended the horse*. They were leaving a bar on a dark country road. All three men were charged after failing field sobriety tests. Charges against the riders were thrown out.

A *Vermont drunk* recently pulled up to the *Chief of Police* sitting on the shoulder to *announce that he was in search of a police officer to arrest him because he was drunk!* The startled Chief called for backup. The drunk had already been arrested once for drunk driving, and had a

suspended license. In a sobriety test, he registered *more than four times the .08 legal limit*.

A *Florida pizza delivery man* made deliveries recently despite a *robbery attempt*, and a *gunshot wound to the leg!* He made four deliveries before taking himself to the hospital.

An *88-year-old gas station* in Minnesota *turned off its pumps*, citing increases in their monthly gas delivery bill of up to *\$10,000 a month* since January. They will stay open, servicing vehicles, and running a gun shop.

Thanks to *Matt Guilfoyle* for the preceding insanity! 🍷

Special Edition Gallardo

Lamborghini is getting into even more exclusive territory with a special edition of its **Gallardo** super coupe.

Production of the **Lamborghini Gallardo SE** will be limited to **250 units**. Changes from the base car include two-tone body paint, upgraded interior appointments and a massaging of the 5.0-liter, V10 powered machine's gearboxes that the automaker says improves **0-62 mph acceleration** two ticks to **four seconds flat** and **top speed to 195 mph**.

The Gallardo SE's standard six-speed has shorter gear ratios in the first five gears than on the base Gallardo. And on SE cars equipped with the **optional Formula One-style paddle-shift system**, Lamborghini calls **e.gear**, a new **'thrust mode'** optimizes gear change and acceleration. Steering mods were also made for improved handling.

Six exterior colors will be made available: **two grey shades, white, yellow, orange and green**. The two-tone effect is created by painting the roof, engine bonnet, front and rear spoiler and side mirrors in black, while the rear lights are slightly tinted. Newly designed **'Callisto' rims** and **colored brake calipers (grey or yellow)** are also a part of the Gallardo SE's exterior trim changes.

The two-tone concept extends into the interior, where all piping and stitching will match the exterior body color of the car. Another SE interior exclusive is an additional shield with an embossed vehicle identification number.

A **rear view camera** and **multimedia screen**, sport suspension and sport steering wheel, Pirelli P Zero Corsa tires and a car cover are among the standard features on the SE.

Optional equipment includes **e.gear**, a **nav system (depending on country)**, **heated side mirrors, fully electrical and heated seats**. A **winter package (heated seats, side mirrors, heated wash jets, rubber floor mats, 12 Volt outlet)**, and a **lifting system** are also available. Standard tires can be ordered without charge.

The Gallardo SE will be available starting this September at a price in the neighborhood of **\$170,000**.

There's no official word yet as to how many of the 250 vehicles will be made available for the U.S. market. 🚗



This 'n That

More New Stuff?! Rumored Japanese Fall kit announcements from the *Hobby Heaven message board* include but are not limited to the following: **Tamiya**—**Peugeot 307 Monte Carlo, Ferrari F40GT 1992 Italian GT Champion** (both 1/24th scale), **Semi-assembled Carrera GT** (1/12th scale); **Aoshima**—**AE86** (80's Corolla GTS) **with and without engine, FC3S** ('86-'92 RX-7) **early and late** (1/24th scale); **Fujimi**—**Maserati MC12 Coupe and Spider** (1/24th scale resin kits), **Nissan Cube EX and SX** (Scion xB competitor), **Lancer Evolution IX GSR and GT, Murcielago Roadster, Ferrari F430, Dino 206 Competition** (w/ pre-painted body) (all 1/24th scale). And while on the subject of the HHMB and resin kits, it was posted on the HHMB that **Model Factory Hiro (MFH)**, an upscale Japanese resin kit manufacturer, purchased the tooling for the legendary **Climax Ferrari kits** a year or so ago from Model Factory Kojima. They have already produced the **275GTB** and **250GTO Type 62** under their own label from these tools, but have just announced the **GTO Type 64** and hopefully we'll see the **250LM** pretty soon. MFH is not exactly a bargain-basement priced outfit, but Climax kits have been going for **up to \$1300.00** on eBay, and so even at **\$240.00 or so**, these new re-issues would seem very welcome. Thanks to the gang at the HHMB for the scoop... **Lincoln LS a 'Dead' Issue?** The

Lincoln LS will be killed after the 2006 model year. Production will end in May, Ford Motor Co. told employees at the Wixom, Mich., assembly plant, where the car is built. A replacement for the LS, developed on a front-drive Volvo platform, is scheduled to arrive in late 2007. **Bye, bye!...Excuses, excuses.** **Mazda Motor Corp.** is predicting that Europe will replace North America as the largest market for the redesigned **2006 MX-5 Miata**. The automaker blames the **Pontiac Solstice** and **Saturn Sky roadsters**. With fewer competitors, the Miata sold more strongly in North America, says Mazda's senior managing exec in charge of marketing, sales and customer service. Now the MX-5 must take on the 2006 Solstice, which went on sale this month, and the Sky next spring. Mazda predicts that about 45 percent of MX-5 sales will be in Europe, or about 18,000 a year. North America will sell about 40 percent, or about 16,000...**Record Sales?! Aston Martin** finally comes in black. The CEO of Aston Martin Lagonda said the automaker posted an operating profit in the first and second quarters. The profits are the first posted by Aston Martin since the early 1960s, the company said. With the intro of the **DB9** and **V8 Vantage coupes**, Aston Martin expects to sell about 5,000 units worldwide this year, compared to 2,400 units in 2004...**The Odd Couple?** In an unusual pairing, the **France family's International Speedway Corp.** and **Bruton Smith's Speedway Motorsports** are teaming to buy **Action Performance**, which

sells racing souvenirs (*including diecasts!*), for a reported \$13 a share, according to sources close to the negotiations. **Action Performance** and the **Jack Roush-owned Team Caliber** are the **top two souvenir companies in the NASCAR world**, and Daytona execs have been interested in acquiring souvenir rights to all NASCAR stars in order to package them as part of a stock-car racing "mall" at each of the Nextel Cup tour's top tracks. Action markets collectible die-cast products under the names **Action Racing Collectibles, RCCA, Winner's Circle, AP, Muscle Machines, Brookfield Collector's Guild and Minichamps**. ISC and SMI have partnered in a joint venture, which will conduct business under the name **Motorsports Authentics**. **The rich get richer...Speed Costs!** Dodge's all-new **2006 Viper SRT10 Coupe**, packing an 8.3-liter (505-cid), 500-hp V10, goes on sale in October for **\$83,995** (*including freight*). Too pricey? Dodge also announced a **\$35,995** sticker for its **2006 Charger SRT8**, powered by a 6.1-liter 425-hp Hemi V8, arriving in November. Still too pricey? **Try a Neon!**...**New VWs.** Volkswagen of America Inc. will leap into four new product segments by the end of 2007, part of an all-out effort to rebuild the VW brand in the United States. Dealers will get a **2+2 convertible** with an **electric foldaway roof** (*see related item immediately following*), a **small SUV** compete with the Jeep Liberty and Honda CR-V, a **seven-seat minivan**, and a **big luxury**

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four-door "coupe" similar to the Mercedes-Benz CLS that would be placed above the Passat sedan, but below the \$67,355 Phaeton luxury sedan. All four vehicles will be introduced by the end of 2007... "*Greek Goddess of the Dawn?*" *VeeDub* has named its upcoming *hardtop cabrio* that until now had been known as the *Concept C*. The car will be called *Eos*, named after the Greek goddess of the dawn. The concept was developed as an independent cabriolet-coupe. Fundamental technology such as the engine and other components are shared or similar to the new Passat. It will be unveiled at the Frankfurt show... *Woodward Dream Cruise Special!* Chrysler's annual Woodward Dream Cruise special edition this year commemorates another famous road—*Route 66*. Available later this summer, the *2006 PT Street*



Cruiser Route 66 Edition gets Solar Yellow paint, unique trim and special Route 66 badging. It lists for \$19,825... *More new Cars.* *Spyker* is using this year's *Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance* to launch its latest model, the *C12 LaTurbie* powered by an *Audi W12* with *500 hp*. It weighs 3362 pounds and runs from 0 to 62 mph in *3.9 seconds* with a *top speed of 196 mph*. *Spyker* won U.S. certification in June for its hand-built C8. Two C8 Spyders will be available for test drives at Pebble...

Super Boosted Chevys—supercharger kits push Cobalt to next stage. With performance suspension and 205 hp and 200 lb-ft of torque on tap from a lightweight aluminum overhead-cam 2.0-liter four-cylinder, the supercharged model is good. But if you really want



something to get charged up about, stand by for *Stage 1* and *Stage 2 upgrades* for the *SS Supercharged* (and *Saturn Ion Red Line*) due in early 2006. Stage 1 adds revised fuel injectors and new engine calibration to pick up another 20 hp; Stage 2 increases boost via a smaller supercharger pulley (along with another engine recalibration job) to ramp up the torque by about 20 lb-ft. The

packages can be readily installed by the owner. Pricing will be announced in November at the SEMA show in

Las Vegas. Need more incentive? GM Performance boss John Heintz says he expects a 20 percent power boost from the Stage 2 kit "when all is said and done."

That's about 246 hp, if you're keeping score... *Mini Woody?* If Autoweek is to be believed, chances are good the fun folks from BMW's small-car subsidiary, Mini, will unveil a "concept" version of this car at the

Frankfurt motor show. Rumor has it that Mini will call its *Frankfurt woody wagon concept* the *Countryman*, but when the bigger, boxier Mini hits the market it will likely carry the *Clubman* or *Traveller* moniker, or both. Details are sketchy, but this new model

will likely appear in 2007 as an '08 model, built on the extended wheelbase Mini five-door hatch due in 2006 as an '07 model. Look for Mini to continue its retro theme by reaching into the past for Traveller's vertically split barn door in place of a rear hatchback. The Traveller also may sport rear-hinged rear side doors to further boost the utility of its expanded back seat... *MX-5 Beater?* Nearly half the customers who ordered the new *Pontiac Solstice* won't get 'em until next year. GM expects to build *7,000 units* this year, GM's vehicle line exec for small cars said at a press event here, while GM has *13,000 orders in hand*. Pontiac debuted the car on the April 14th episode of NBC's "*The Apprentice*" TV show. During that show, *1,000 customers* placed orders for special versions of the car, with about 750 filled to date (Thanks to the *Washington Times*, *autoweek.com*,



and other Internet sources for this insanity! Ya just can't make some of this stuff up!!)



Marcos Returns?

Revitalized British sports car maker Marcos is eyeing the United States for a possible introduction in late 2006.

Now owned by Canadian Tony Stelliga, who has businesses in California's Silicon Valley, Marcos has a new, two-model

lineup—the *TSO soft-top* and *GT2 coupe*, the latter just revealed. A restyled coupe is already on sale in Australia.

"I'll be importing a TSO rolling chassis to the West Coast at the end of this year for my own transport, and we'll see what kind of reaction it gets," says Stelliga.

He says several specialist dealers are interested in representing

Marcos, and he has mapped out a sales network wish-list in New England, Florida, Georgia and Southern California.

The TSO and GT2 are new ground-up designs engineered with the help of *Prodrive*, the British engineers behind Subaru's rally effort and Aston Martin's GT race team.

Both share the same tubular space-frame, front-engine rear-drive chassis and LS6, 5.7-liter Chevrolet Corvette V8.

With a curb weight of just under 2600 pounds and power ranging from 350 hp to 475 hp, performance is strong. In England, prices run between **\$72,000** and **\$90,000**.

British car magazines have gushed over the TSO's balanced



but driftable (!) handling and plenty of go, although the car's tight cockpit dimensions might not transfer quite as well to this side of the Atlantic. 🏎️



New Lotus

Lotus Cars USA announced this week that it will begin importing the *Elise's more aggressive twin brother*, the *Lotus Exige*, to the

U.S. early in the first quarter of 2006. While clearly related to the the Elise, the Exige is narrowly focused on taking the Elise's

proven handling prowess to a higher level. Using the Elise chassis as a starting point, the Exige's bodywork produces nearly 100

pounds of downforce at 100 miles per hour, according to Lotus. The additional downforce allows it to corner faster than the Elise, with the Exige turning laps nearly two seconds faster at Lotus' Hethel test track than the Elise. New

bodywork on the Exige includes an aerodynamic splitter at the lower edge of the front bodywork, a sculpted

hardtop and engine bay cover, side intake scoops and a rear wing. While the additional bodywork adds about 30 pounds over an Elise, the Exige

will still weigh just slightly more than 2000 pounds.

While on the subject of Lotus, having just completed the first full year of *Elise sales* in the U.S., Lotus officially set a new record. A



total of 2385 Loti were delivered through 45 dealers. That makes Elise the best sales success the company has seen in its 57-year history. 🏎️





☞ **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, Bradfordwoods, PA 15015, (412) 973-8608, www.alteredgas.com, info@alteredgas.com.

☞ **Oct. 1st—15th Annual Come Back to Bethesda Benefit Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show and Family Day**, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Chevy Chase cars, 7725 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD. Antique, classic, and modified cars, trucks, and motorcycles, entertainment, contests, kids games. Info: Ron Evanish (301)-657-4000, ext. 1122, www.backtobethesda.org.

☞ **Oct. 2nd—Bohn Pontiac All Pontiac Show** from 9 a.m. to 3

p.m., hosted by The Royal GTOs at Bohn Pontiac, 1071 Baltimore Blvd., Westminster, MD. **\$500 cash prize for Dealer's Choice Pontiac.** Info: Tim Sickle, (301) 249-3830, <http://royalgto.com/>.

☞ **Oct. 2nd—48th Annual Antique Auto Assembly** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement home, in Washington, D.C. No admission for entrants, awards consist of **Director's trophy & runner-up, Best Modified, Best Military, and Oldest Auto in Attendance.** Info: Al Linton, (202) 722-6630.

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

☞ **Oct. 22nd—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, or Jerry Quick at:

tamsmodeler@aol.com

☞ **Oct. 23rd—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/>.

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

☞ **Dec. 2nd to 4th—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). **Th, th, that's all, folks!** ☞



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WANTED: 6 Deuce Pontiac intake manifold setup, as found in the Monogram '36 Ford (If I recall correctly). I am also in search of unbuilt (or rebuildable) Monogram Pro Stock Cutlass/Firebird/T-Bird kits ("STP," "Pennzoil," "Summit," "Super Clean," "Jeg's"). Also, if my memory hasn't totally failed me, the AMT/ERTL '58 Impala at some point in time had a custom tube grille. If anyone has a couple of these (at least two) layin' around that they are willing to part with, I sure

could use 'em. What've ya got? Let's talk! Contact Tim Sickle, at (301) 249-3830, e-mail gtoguy@verizon.net, or see me at a meeting. Thanks! ☞

Websites

Carlisle Events: <http://www.carlisleevent.com>
 Maryland Intl Raceway: <http://www.mirdrag.com/>
 Maple Grove Raceway: <http://www.maplegroveraceway.com/>
 Kahunaville: <http://www.kahunaville.com>
 Old Toyland Shows: <http://www.oldtoylandshows.com/> ☞

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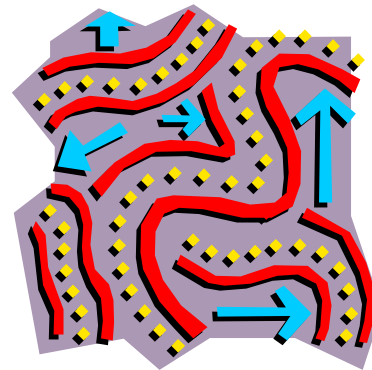
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Thanks again to our own *Matt Guilfoyle* for all of his work in putting this column together! *We 'preciate it, Matt—keep up the good work!* 🍷

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. 🍷