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## Hot Fun in the Summertime!

Due to the recent *un- timely passing* of **MAMA's Boy Bob Ege**, there was some talk at last month's meeting of the disposition of Bob's collection sometime in the near future. More info when it becomes available.

A new member at last month's meeting by the name of **Gary Myers** was displaying some *killer scratchbuilt chassis* for sale. I hope to get pics of them to help Gary show

off his handiwork in our newsletter in the near future, so watch for 'em.

The raffle raised **\$38.00**, and the door box contributed **\$64.00**.

Kudos to the following: **Ron Bradley, Bob Foster, Ron Hamilton, George Openhym, Lyle Wil-lits, Rich Wilson, Replicas & Minia- tures Company of MD, and Model Car Garage. Thanks,**

y'all!

*Well, What're ya waitin' fer?! Dig in!* 🍷



### 2006 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 21st
- 🔊 February 18th
- 🔊 March 18th
- 🔊 April 15th
- 🔊 May 20th
- 🔊 June 17th
- 🔊 July 15th
- 🔊 August 19th
- 🔊 September 16th
- 🔊 October 21st
- 🔊 November 18th
- 🔊 December 16th



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

BMW is not very different than most car manufacturers lately. They, like most others, have reached deep within their past to draw forth a new concept known as the BMW Concept Coupe Mille Miglia

The car draws upon one of BMW's most famous race cars, the BMW 328 coupe. It melds this heritage styl-

ing with underpinnings from today's BMW Z4 M Coupe.

The car is powered by a modified version of BMW's inline six that powers the Z4 M Coupe. Mods have been made to the inlet and exhaust systems of the 343 hp engine to give the concept more of a growl. Meanwhile, the suspension rides on 20-inch alloys

shod with 245/40 R tires.

The car was produced to celebrate BMW's participation in one of the world's great motor races, the Mille Miglia, which was resurrected in 1977 as an annual rally. All vehicle models that competed in the original races between 1927 and 1957 are permitted an entry. This year, 22

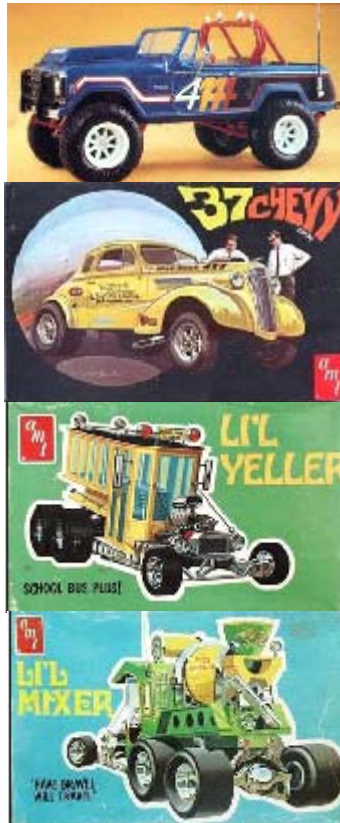
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## This 'n That

**More limited Reissues!** Not sure who's doin' 'em, but the following kits should be available in the 4th quarter of this year:

**"Mount 'n Goat" Commando Jeep**—Wild Commando off-road Jeep with oversized (?), rugged terrain tires, roll bar, brush guard, domed hood, off-road suspension, & removable top. Features detailed V6 engine & colorful graphics; **1937 Chevy Coupe**—Build as the "Hubbard Engineering" gasser with blown 454 V8 engine, or factory stock version with Stovebolt Six engine. Options include wide rubber tires, custom interior, hood, grille, and bumpers; **Li'l Yeller Custom School Bus**—The scholar hauler with soul. Features custom school bus body design, blown 427 Ford engine, raked frame, chrome wheels, tandem slicks & super wide low profile tires; **Li'l Mixer Custom Cement Truck**—The Li'l Mixer is an authentic vehicle attraction. Features custom cab with mixer drum, delivery chute, tandem slicks, ultra low profile front tires, mag wheels, blown 427 Ford engine with exhaust dumps and full color decals. All of these kits will be molded in white, while the latter two were originally release in 1970 Save yer money...**Plenty 'O Prancing**



**Horses!** The gang at GMP are set to release (*in limited quantities, natch!*) a **1/6th scale 3.0-litre V-12 250 Ferrari GTO engine**. It is even more unique in that it will feature a starter button and working 5-speed allowing both upshifting and downshifting, with a realistic Ferrari engine sound! It will also include a case and glass cover to protect your investment. It'll cost ya only **\$499.95 (U.S. funds only)**, and will be available in August. Check out their website—<http://www.gmpdiecast.com/>... **Nova Too Late!** While on the

subject, GMP is also releasing not one, but **TWO** different versions of a **1971 Rally Nova**—in your choice of either black w/white stripes, or Orange w/black stripes. Only **500 copies** of each will be produced, and they'll set ya back only **\$64.95**. They are also gonna release a **2006 GTO** in two more colors—**Cyclone Gray Metallic**, and **Brazen Orange Metallic**. These will be a bit more readily available, with **750 of each color** produced, and will cost ya

**\$99.95** a pop. . If, for some strange reason, you don't have access o a computer, you can reach 'em at 1-800-536-1637... **Challenger to Bow in 2008!** It was announced on the Pepsi 400 NASCAR broadcast on the Fourth of July weekend that **Dodge** would bring the **Challenger** to

market as a **2008 model**. So, if tis one floats yer boat Mopar fans (*both of you—Ha! Ha!*), save yer money! And if it does actually get the go-ahead, can an R/T version be far behind?! And while on the subject of Dodge, looks as though the **Caliber**, the **Neon replacement**, is a definite hit. Dealers are selling the cars as fast as they can get their hands on them. Some dealers have as many as 60 backorders for the Caliber, while some dealers have as much as a 142-day supply of Dodge's larger SUV, the Durango, in stock, not moving. On average, a Caliber takes 10 days to leave the dealer's lot, even though they've been on sale for five months now. The average transaction price (*minus cash rebate*), is sitting at \$18,100 right now, compared to a 2% drop in price for the 300. Guess it's the right car at the right time for Dodge, eh?...**SMART Choice?** After years of flip-flopping more than a politician chasing votes, DaimlerChrysler has finally made it official—it will launch the successor to its two-seat Smart minicar in the U.S. in 2008. They announced the successor to the Fortwo will be available in U.S. markets in three model configurations. In addition, the vehicles will be distributed in the U.S. and Puerto Rico through a dealer network assembled by **UnitedAuto Group, Inc.**, a company chaired by **Roger Penske**. DCX is hoping to sell an estimated 20,000 Smarts a year in the U.S. and expects most of its sales to come from urban centers along the east and west coasts. Bringing the subcompact to market is seen

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as an effort to capitalize on higher U.S. gas prices as well as providing an alternative to BMW's Mini venture. According to DCX, the initial rollout of retail outlets is expected to start in mid-2007, with the official launch of the brand planned for later that year. The vehicle is expected to be sold beginning in early 2008. Yet more Chrysler news. The Chrysler group will need to blow its horn more often on the subject of fuel economy, says company sources. For example, the Chrysler 300 is rated at 21 mpg city and 28 mpg highway with its base 2.7-liter V-6 engine, compared to the (in) famous 6.1-liter Hemi V-8, rated at 14 mpg city and 20 mpg highway, according to government figures. Chrysler is emphasizing new technologies that improve fuel economy, such as the continuously variable transmission, available on the Dodge Caliber small car; and cylinder deactivation, which Chrysler refers to as multi-displacement, available on all versions of Chrysler's 5.7-liter V-8 Hemi engines. The system reduces fuel consumption by shutting off four cylinders when the engine is running at cruising speeds, allowing the car to run on four cylinders...**New Miata hardtop?** New for 2007, Mazda is engineering an

optional folding hardtop for its popular Miata convertible. The **MX-5 Power Retractable Hard Top** makes its global debut July 18th at the 2006 British International Motor Show in London. The car goes on sale in August or September in the U.S. Mazda correctly notes that a removable hardtop has been an option on the MX-5 since its launch in 1990, with a cloth convertible top standard. Along with the global debut of the MX-5 Power Retractable Hard Top, the **Mazda Sassou** and **Kabura concept vehicles** will also be shown. Mazda MX-5 with a power retractable hard top roof will be known by different names around the world: In North America, the Mazda MX-5 Power Retractable Hard Top; in Europe, the Mazda MX-5 Roadster Coupe; and in Japan, the Mazda Roadster Power Retractable Hard Top. Better start savin' yer money now, Walt...**New Lotus CEO Now, Esprit Replacement in 2008!** Lotus named a new CEO and con-

firmed the Esprit replacement goes on sale in spring 2008. Lotus vet Mike Kimberley, who took over as interim chief exec May 11th, announced the Esprit plans and named Bob Braner as chairman of Lotus Cars USA. Braner was previously boss of Lamborghini in the U.S. when he worked with Kimberley. It will continue with a mid-mounted engine, possibly from BMW, and a bonded-aluminum chassis. Lotus hopes to sell up to 2500 per year (*Thanks to the Washington Times, autoweek.com, and other Internet sources for this insanity! Ya just can't make some of this up!! Thanks also to those of you in the 'Peanut Gallery' who have attempted to help me entertain y'all by sending along items for publication—I 'preciate it! Makes my job a lot easier when I've got you guys wit' yer eyes peeled for interesting and entertaining items fit to print. Vintage box art scans if ya got 'em gang! Get with me, OK,?) 🍌*



**Oops! Commissioner Gordon isn't gonna be happy!!**

## Model Buffet

**Leon Tefft** of **Cobra Colors** (<http://www.cobracolors.com/>) just keeps crankin' out the hits.

As soon as word spread of Tamiya's announced future release of a *1/24th scale Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren*, finishes were already being arranged for it in giddy anticipation.

**Crystal Galaxy Black Pearl**, and **Crystal Laurite Silver Metallic** (both 2005/06 colors) are planned to be

available July 1st, 2006. Speculation is that eventually the SLR could become available in any of Mercedes' factory colors. Watch for many more Mercedes-Benz factory finishes to be added to their catalog if that happens. **Note:** At least one SLR was painted a **white pearl finish** for a member of the Kuwaiti Royal Family. This finish may be **Antigua White Pearl**, a tricoat finish listed in Mercedes' 2006 formula database which does not appear to be available on any Mercedes-Benz production vehicle. Antigua White Pearl will be added to the catalog immediately upon verification that it is the exact match for the white pearl SLR. So far, no known sources can confirm this.

Currently available, but previously unannounced, are **two new Lamborghini finishes** including the official **Italian State Police Azzurro Polizia blue** finish accurate for use on all modern Italian State police

vehicles including the Gallardo. New Lamborghini finishes currently available are: **Azzurro Polizia** (2004-06), and **Bianco Isis** (2001-06). Additionally, the range of all-new colors, among which include the commonly seen Verde Picus and Celeste Phoebe pastel colors, is expected to be included in 2007 manufacturer paint formula databases.

The missing link color for **Porsche's Carrera GT** will also be available July 1st - **Fayence Yellow**.

This rare Porsche bright yellow solid finish

is **exclusive** to the **Carrera GT**.

Back to this side of the pond, **Viper Slate Crystal Pearl** will also be included in their July 1st update to complete the range of available **2006 Viper** colors. Other news from **Dodge**—

besides the recent production run of **Charger R/T's** painted in all-new **TorRed**, future R/T's are expected to include **Plum Crazy** and **Sublime** limited editions.

Chevrolet will be dropping **Daytona Sunset Orange Metallic** for the 2007 Corvette and replacing it with **Atomic Orange Metal-**

**lic** which is also confirmed to be a color option available for the Z06.

Six of GM's hottest shades for the awesome **LS2 powered Pontiac GTO** are also now available. Strip your pre-painted Polar Lights kit, or start from ground zero with AMT's unpainted kit and decorate it with one of their authentic GTO factory formula finishes, as follows: **Brazen Orange Metallic**, **Spice Red Metallic** (both 2006), **Impulse Blue Metallic** (2004-06), **Yellow Jacket** (2004-05), **Cosmos Purple Metallic** (2004), and **Barbados Blue Metallic** (2004).

**Aston Martin's own DBR9 Racing Green Metallic**, a factory formula reserved exclusively for the DBR9, is now available in their newly added "Foreign Factory Colors - Aston Martin" section of the online store.

All of these finishes will be added to their catalog as soon as the formulas for them become

available. **Thanks to Leon for keeping his lineup current! We 'preciate it, Leon! I gotta get some of that Goat paint!!**

A special thank you goes out to not only to **Matt Guilfoyle**, for his constant hard work at bringing this column to the membership, but also to anyone who has submitted anything. If you **see** something you like, contact the company. If you **find** something that you want everyone to know about, send it along to him (**or me**) for inclusion in the column! 🍷



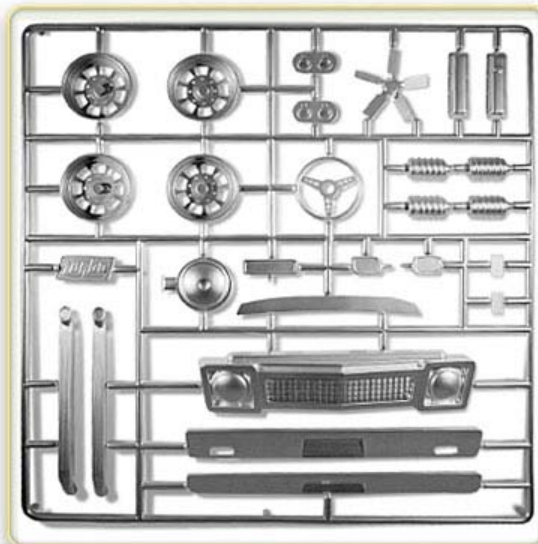


## Cars as Art Revisited

Remember our 'Art Lesson' in last month's newsletter? Well, here are a few more shorts of the hanging wall art for your viewing pleasure.

To refresh your memory, this piece, called **TURBO**, from **Jellio Design** (<http://www.jellio.com/turbo/turbo.html#>) is available for only **\$2,500.00**! So, go to their website and check out this future collectible.

Almost makes you wanna jump up and assemble it, don't it?! 🚗





# Weird-ohs are Back!

Introducing the classic 1960's multi-million selling phenomenon

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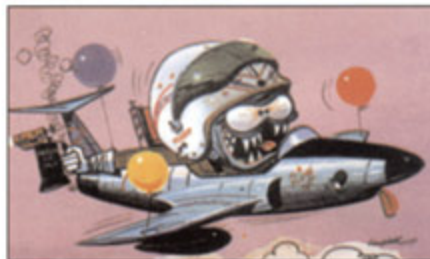
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LEAKY BOAT LOUIE™ No. 16008

Looks as though the old *Hawk Weird-Ohs* are again available to modelers everywhere. If you don't remember 'em (*or are too young too do so!*), check 'em out, and make arrangements with your "Plastic Pusher", to get yours! 🏠

### PLUS!!!

As cool today as they were in 1964, all five surf kits available together again in vintage style boxes!

## SILLY SURFERS



WOODIE ON A SURFARI™ No. 16015



BEACH BUNNY CATCHIN' KAYS™ No. 16012



HOAD MAKIN' THE SCENE™ No. 16013



HOT DOGGER AND SURF BUNNY RIDING TANDEM™ No. 16014



HOT DOGGER HANGIN' TEN™ No. 16011

## WEIRD-OHS SPORTS STARS



FRANCIS THE FOOL™ No. 16010




KILLER MCBASH™ No. 16009


Two of the most sought after *Weird-Ohs* kits are available once again. Don't miss out!




the frappin' family  
of fidgeting  
**Frantics**



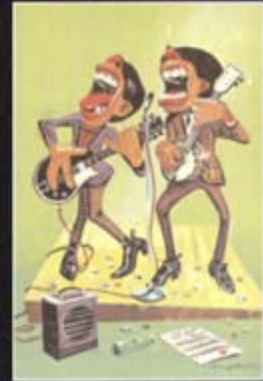
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TOTALLY FAB™ No. 15001




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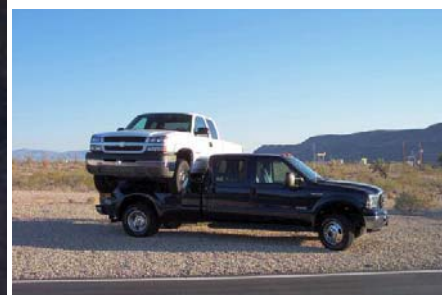
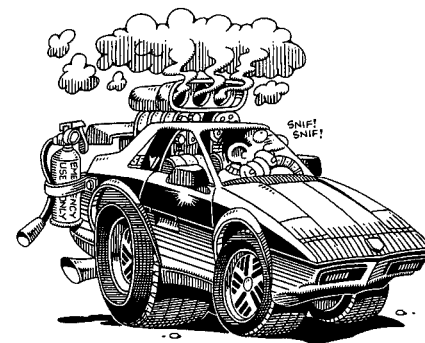
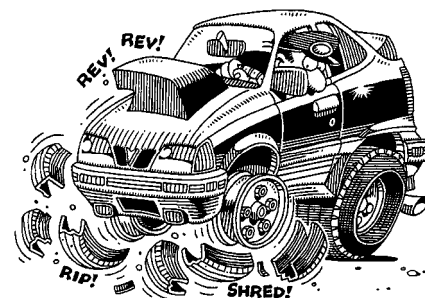
STEEL PLUCKERS™ No. 15003

Back together for the first time in  
40 years, all four Frantics kits come  
in vintage style boxes, featuring  
Bill Campbell's incredible artwork.

NOTE:  
Boxes carry current copyright information and enough subtle  
differences so as not to be confused with an original 1965 kit.



FRANTIC CATS™ No. 15004



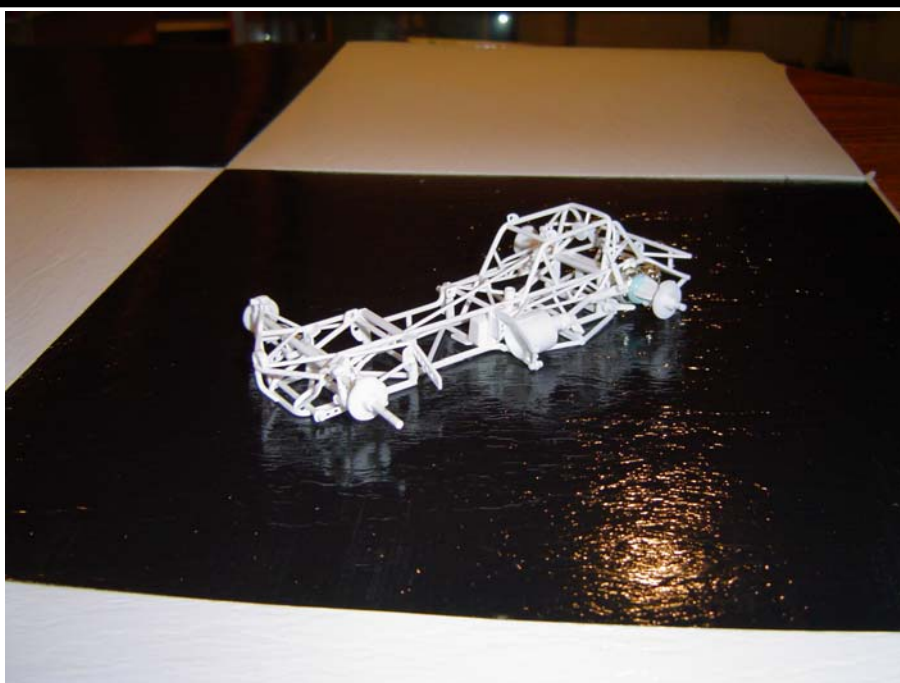
**Kinda Gives new meaning to  
the term, "Built Ford Tough!,  
eh?!"**

## Picture This!

Thanks to **MAMA's Boy Rich Wilson**, you're lookin' at a picture of **THE** scratchbuilt chassis that I referred to in the intro to this newsletter.

The builder, **Gary Myers**, was in attendance at last month's meeting, and brought probably half a dozen different chassis to display and sell, if he found the right buyer.

He did in our own Rich Wilson. His skills have to be seen to be believed. This picture may be too small to do it justice. Thanks guys! 🍷



## “World’s Most Expensive Lemon?!?”

The US owner of an exotic, 12-cylinder Mercedes has sued its maker for a \$2.3 million refund on :The world’s most expensive lemon.”

Mark Johnston bought the Mercedes-Benz AMG CLK-GTR roadster, one of only five produced and the one in North America, for \$2.3 million in 2003.

The Guinness Book of World Records lists the car as the most expensive production vehicle ever.

“The car turned out to be exotic in the worst possible way,” said Johnston, a former Ferrari mechanic. “It just doesn’t run.”



The 6.9 litre, 12 cylinder engine can rocket the car from 0 to 200kmh in 9.9 seconds, with a top speed of 320kmh.

In theory.

But this car could not even make it 10 blocks, said Johnston.

Johnson, who owns Grand Prix Motors in Los Angeles, took it out for a test drive with a poten-

tial buyer.

Then, he claims, the oil gauge lit up, and the transmission failed. The car promptly broke down on a Beverly Hills street and was towed back to the showroom.

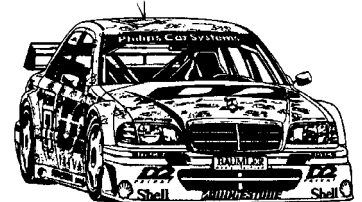
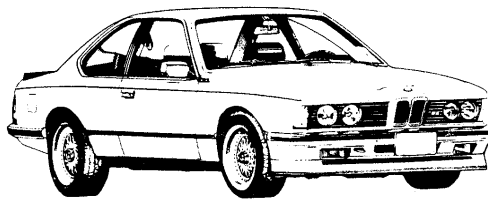
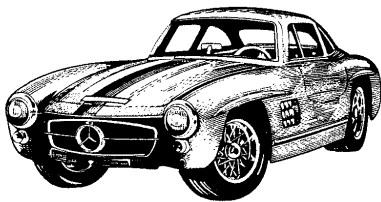
The roadster is made of carbon fibre, has a steel roll cage and an energy-absorbing crash box.

“The car is truly a work of art,” said Johnston.

“It just happens to be a work of art that won’t work.”

Johnston expected to resell the car for between \$3.4 million and \$4 million, and believes it could someday fetch up to \$6.8 million.

Make some lemonade!! 🍋



## New Bimmer (contd)

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BMW's have entered the event, with BMW's newest concept paying homage to those cars. The BMW 328 Mille Miglia Touring Coupe which inspired the concept won the 1940 race.

Guess it's only a matter of time before what's old is new again, eh? 🍋







☞ June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>—**SAAC** (Shelby American Automobile Club) 31 at VA International Raceway, in Danville, VA. Info: <http://www.saac.com/eventsAndConventions/saac31.html>

☞ July 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>—**York US 30 Musclegar Madness**, at the York Expo Center, York fairgrounds, York, PA. Info: See sidebar.

*Th, th, that's all for now folks! Send stuff if you know of an upcoming event, and we'll get it listed!* 🍗



## Classified

**WANTED:** Ricambi decals—1973 IROC Porsche 911 RS. Please contact J.C. Reckner at (410) 923-3699, or e-mail me at [reckners@verizon.net](mailto:reckners@verizon.net). Thanks!

*Got an ad? E-mail me, and we'll see if we can fit it in!* 🍗



**Blue Devil, , a.k.a. 'Sting Ray,' from last month's newsletter!**

## Websites

Carlisle Events: <http://www.carlisleevents.com>

East Coast Indoor Nationals (Timonium, MD): [www/eastcoastindoornats.com](http://www.eastcoastindoornats.com)

Kahunaville: <http://www.kahunaville.com>

Maple Grove Raceway: <http://www.maplegroveraceway.com/>

Maryland Chevelle club: <http://www.chevelles.netmcc/mcc.htm>

Maryland Intl Raceway: <http://www.mirdrag.com/>

Norwalk (Ohio) Raceway Park: <http://www.norwalkraceway.com/>

Old Toyland Shows: <http://www.oldtoylandshows.com/>

York US30 Musclegar Madness: [www.yorkus30.com](http://www.yorkus30.com) 🍗

## Condolences

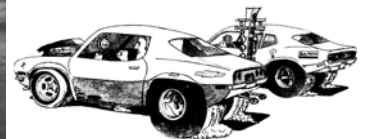
**Malcolm Durham**, recognized by many as drag racing's first black superstar and voted number 48 on the list of



**NHRA's Top 50 drivers** in 2001, died June 22nd after a battle with lung cancer. He was 66.

His cars read like a Chevy laundry list, (starting out with a '56 Chevy), some of which are pictured here. Individuals also have the opportunity to express their sympathies, condolences and memories at [malcolmdurham.com](http://malcolmdurham.com) or [stripblazer.com](http://stripblazer.com). *Been a heck of a year, losing Ronnie Sox, Dyno Don, and now Malcolm!*

*Thanks for the memories, Malcolm, we'll miss you, and all your fellow drag racers.* 🍗



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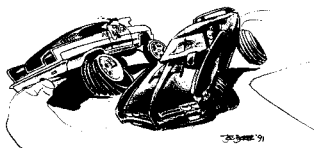
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**MAMA's BoyZ do it in scale!**

**"New" Stuff this month:**

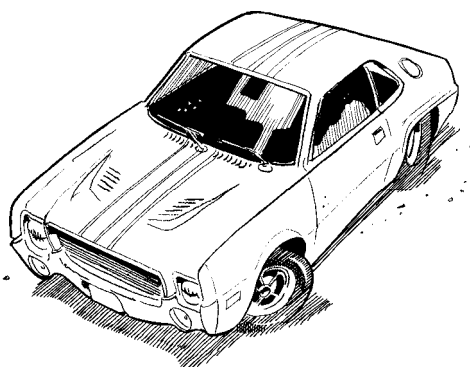
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- ☞ Revell 1986 DONK Monte Carlo SS
- ☞ Revell 1987 DONK Buick GN
- ☞ Revell "Crusader" Kustom Chopper
- ☞ Revell "Aces Wild" Kustom Chopper
- ☞ Revell Honda Civic slot car
- ☞ Revell Acura Integra slot car

## No Explanation Necessary?!



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<http://www.mamasboyz.org/>

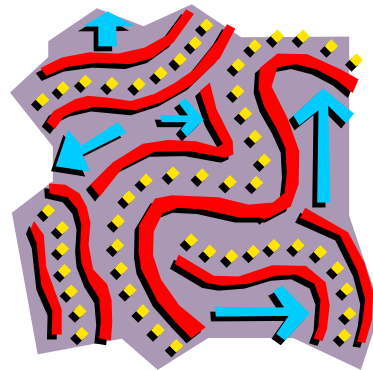
## Thas' All Folks!



## 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. 🚗