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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

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Toledo NNL's A 'Comin'!

It was a pretty well attended meeting last month, what with the good weather and all, with about 40 diehard modelers coming out to get their 'plastic fix.'

As far as this month's rag goes, it is again comprised of miscellaneous car stuff that I threw together at the last minute (as usual!). My hope, as always, is that everyone will find something that amuses them. My fave is the NASCAR COT aero

package testing (pg. 8).

Again this month, no model kit review of any kind from *MAMA's* "*Mad Modeler" Ron Hamilton*. We gotta reverse that trend quick, Ron! (Jus' kiddin', Big guy!)

The raffle raised \$74.00, while the door box kicked in an additional \$55.00. The club would also like to thank two anonymous donors, one for \$20.00, and the other for \$140.00 (!),

which is equivalent to one month's room rent. Thanks to everyone for their continuing generosity.

Kudos to the following raffle donors: Ron Bradley, Brad, Bob Foster, Matt Guilfoyle, Bill Stillwagon, Ray Wickline, and Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD, and Model Car Garage. Thanks, y'all!

Fatal Chopper Crash

Billy Lane, who has appeared on the Discovery Channel's "Biker Build-Off" and "Monster Garage," was injured in a head-on traffic accident recently that killed a man riding a moped.

The 9 p.m. accident involving the 36-year-old Lane, a resident of Melbourne Beach, occurred on State Road A1A south of Melbourne Beach near

Ballyshannon Street. Florida Highway Patrol investigators said Lane was trying to pass two other vehicles on a double yel-

low-lined portion of A1A when his southbound 2006 Dodge Ram pickup collided with a



northbound 1983 Yamaha moped.

The motorcyclist, identified as 56-year-old Melbourne Beach resident Gerald Morelock, was wearing a helmet. He suffered ex-

tensive injuries during the collision with the pickup and was pro-

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Hot Rod Hoedown!

Kahunaville in nearby Wilmington, Delaware, sponsored a "Hot Rod Hoedown" last weekend, September 9th. As you can see, they had a little something for everybody! If you missed it, here area few of the highlights, courtesy of our own *Lyle Willits*. Wanna see more? Visit his Fotki album at http://public.fotki.com/mamaprez/car_shows_2006/hotrod_hoedown_at/. Thanks, Lyle!









GTOAA Nats

You all kinda figured it'd come sooner or later, right? That I would tie y'all up and make you look at pictures of GTOs taken by "Ace Photog" Nick Sickle at the recent national convention in Louisville, Kentucky, right? Well, right you are! Here are some of the 'average' Goats. The high-dollar concours cars were either safely ensconced in the banquet hall, or resting comfortable in their trailers. To see more, go to http://ultimategto.com/gtoaa06cars1.htm!





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This 'n That

European Camaro?! Chevrolet Europe execs are studying whether to send the Camaro sports coupe to Europe. Last month, GM confirmed it will build a new version of the American muscle car based on a concept unveiled at the '06 Detroit auto show. Although the Camaro concept vehicle has not been shown in Europe, Chevrolet Europe is considering importing and selling it here. A decision is expected by the first quar-

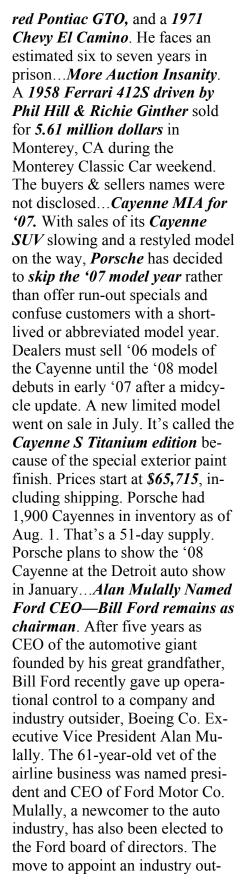
ter of next year. Engineering issues, emissions requirements and volume are issues under consideration. GM will begin production of the Camaro at the end of '08 in Oshawa, Ontario, and the car will go on sale in the United States in early '09...

Chevy's Radical Rally Car? Chevrolet Europe will launch its vision of the next-gen World Touring Car Championship (Hey, *Matt!*) contender at the Paris Motor Show at the end of this month. GM says the car was designed to celebrate the brand's motor sport heritage and push Chevy's styling language to the extreme. The concept is truly a global effort: Ewan Kingsbury, a designer at GM in Australia did the exterior, while development work on the concept was carried out in the UK, Germany and Switzerland. The Ultra's engine

was built in Korea, and the prototype was assembled in Japan. The aggressive looking beast is powered by 190 hp diesel engine. GM says the concept car further confirms Chevrolet's commitment to the WTCC, in which Chevy has scored two wins and a third place finish...Drugrunner Forfeits GTO! An Anchorage man pleaded guilty in federal court recently to drug and money laundering charges. Dylan Bales, 29, admitted he was part of a conspiracy to distribute Canadian marijuana in Alaska. He was the

first of 15 people charged to plead, prosecutor Frank Russo said. In his plea agreement, Bales admitted opening a checking account at Northrim Bank with \$9,450 in cash that came from marijuana sales, then drawing from it \$9,400 in a

cashier's check made out to an Anchorage business, Ranes & Shine. The welding and auto repair business is owned by Thomas Ranes, accused in court documents of organizing shipments of marijuana and cash. Joe Bryant, identified in documents as a ring leader, committed suicide in May. Another suspect, Tom Cody, is missing under suspicious circumstances. In the plea agreement, Bales agreed to forfeit a 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche, a 2001 ThunderJet boat, a 2006 Harley-Davidson Fat Boy, a 1964



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sider as CEO comes as Ford is under growing pressure from analysts and investors to right the ship after a \$1.44 billion loss in the first half of this year and a nearly 10 percent decline in sales through August. Bill Ford, 49, remains as the automaker's executive chairman, a title he said means he will still be at the company every day, focused on strategic issues. As CEO, Mulally reportedly has the responsibility and freedom to do his job. He expects to be fully engaged in his job by early October...French **Showstopper** (Hey, Matt!)?! Even *Citroen* thinks the *C-Metisse* is on the wild side...why else would the company's very own press materials say, "looking at C-Métisse is a visual shock in itself." The Paris show-stopper is a four-door, four-

seat GT coupe. It is longer and lower than a *Ferrari 599 GTB*. The four doors scissor upwards like a Lamborghini. The V6 tur-

bodiesel develops 208 hp, and there's a 20 hp electric motor in each rear wheel. The idea is that in the city the C-Metisse is a zero emissions vehicle using only its electric motors. On the highway the motors can be used to boost performance. Citroen figures the C-Metisse can hit 62mph in just 6.2sec. The C-Metisse is too outlandish for production even by Citroen standards. But the French

automaker has committed to produce a diesel-electric hybrid, it hopes by 2010......*Lincoln V-8 Axed*. Ford Motor Co. has killed

plans to put a V-8 engine in its future Lincoln flagship sedan. The 4.4-liter V-8, a version of a Yamaha engine used in the Volvo XC90



Diesel!! JCB

ning this fall. To set the bigger

sedan apart, Ford will boost the

MKS, sources said.....One Ouick

output of the base V-6 for the

crossover, was slated to power the *Lincoln MKS* beginning in 2008. The engine was to be produced at its Lima, Ohio, plant. But in recent days, the company has canceled the program. The V-8 appears to be a victim of new cost-cutting efforts by Ford, which says it needs to accelerate its Way Forward restructuring plan for North America. Ford had planned to use the V-8 in other future products, including crossovers for

the Ford and Lincoln brands. Annual engine volume was expected to approach 100,000. Ford now will rely solely on its

new 3.5-liter V-6 engine family to power the MKS, sources said. Ford's other V-8s are too large. The decision could prove to be a competitive challenge in a segment where most rivals offer a V-8. The 3.5-liter V-6 is being added to the Ford Five Hundred and Mercury Montego sedans, which share a platform with the MKS. Lincoln's smaller MKZ sedan also is using the 3.5-liter V-6 begin-

ning 350mph to break its own land speed record for dieselpowered cars set by Andy Green. The JCB Dieselmax became the world's fastest diesel when Green drove it to an FIA-sanctioned speed of 328.767mph. He subsequently improved on that with a new record of 350.092mph after two passes in opposing directions. within one hour. Running soon after davbreak he recorded 365.779mph on his first run and 335.695mph on his return, giving the average of 350.092mph. Reportedly, there is much more to come, as the car was pulling like a freight train, and they still haven't used sixth gear! JCB Dieselmax was JCB Chairman Sir Anthony Bamford's brainchild, born of his desire to showcase the extreme performance of the diesel engine which normally powers backhoe loaders and Loadall telescopic handlers (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 stuff along—I 'preciate it!) \€



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Top 10 Wacky Street Names!

What's the wackiest street name? *Psycho Path* beats out *Divorce Court*, *Farfrompoopen Road*.

Farfrompoopen Road, the only road to Constipation Ridge, lost to Divorce Court and Psycho Path, which placed No. 1 in an online poll of the nation's weirdest and wackiest street names.

Mitsubishi Motors sponsored the poll on the Car Connection Web site and more than 2,500 voters cast their ballots during a week of voting that ended this month. Winners were announced Friday. "Our readers really stepped up with some insane street names," said Web site publisher Paul Eisenstein. "Our panel had a difficult time narrowing several hundred down to the 10 our readers voted on.

"But we learned a lot about the byways of this country, not to mention the collective sense of humor of city planners everywhere."

In first place was Psycho Path in Traverse City, Mich., followed by Heather Highlands, Pa.'s Divorce Court in second and Tennessee's Farfrompoopen Road in third. Eisenstein said all the roads were verified, although some are private and hard to find.

The complete top 10 list follows:

- 10. Tater Peeler Road in Lebanon, Tenn.
- 9. The intersection of Count and Basie in Richmond, Va.
- 8. Shades of Death Road in Warren County, N.J.
- 7. Unexpected Road in Buena, N.J.
- 6. Bucket of Blood Street in Holbrook, Ariz.
- 5. The intersection of Clinton and Fidelity in Houston
- 4. The intersection of Lonesome and Hardup in Albany, Ga
- 3. Farfrompoopen Road in Tennessee (the only road up to Constipation Ridge)
- 2. Divorce Court in Heather Highlands, Pa.
- 1. Psycho Path in Traverse City, Mich. 膏

New Stuff (?) from Revell

Thanks to our own *Ron Bradley*, here are some new Revell announcements, most of which will be here within the next month or two:

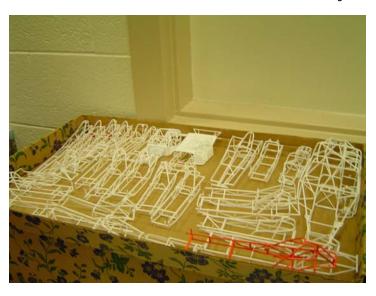
- '06 Corvette Z06, snap
- '24 Ford "T" Roadster with Trailer, 1/24
- "Basic Builder" '32 Ford Roadster, 1/24
- "Basic Builder" '55 Ford Pickup, 1/24
- "Basic Builder" '56 Chevy Hardtop S/M, 1/24
- "Basic Builder" '57 Corvette, 1/24
- "Basic Builder" '57 Chevy Nomad S/M, 1/24
- "Basic Builder" '87 T-Bird Turbo Coupe, 1/24
- "Basic Builder" '82 Corvette Collector's Edition
- "Basic Builder" Stingray III
- "Basic Builder" Mustang Mach III, 1/25
- "Basic Builder" "Cop Out" Duster Funny Car, 1/24
- '57 Chevy Pro Sportsman (Rob Vandergriff car w/generic graphics), 1/25
- '93 Mustang Cobra
- '06 "Home Depot" Monte Carlo
- Dodge Magnum SRT8
- Mark Donahue Mustang (1/32nd scale slot car)
- Kustom "Torch" Chopper (1/12th scale)
- Kustom "Bone Daddy" Chopper (1/12th scale)

- Kustom "Gambler" Chopper (1/12th scale)
- Kustom "Fireball" Chopper (1/12th scale)
- '70 Firebird T/A 3 'n 1 (T/A graphics but sans the words "Trans Am"), 1/24
- Custom '80's Caddy, new tuck & roll interior, Regular or Donk
- '94 Impala SS 2 'n 1, Stock or Donk, 1/25
- L89 Big Block Chevy engine plastic & metal, 1/6 scale
- Dodge 426 Hemi Engine, plastic and metal, 1/6 scale

Thanks, Ron, for keepin' us informed! ₩

"Chassis Man!"

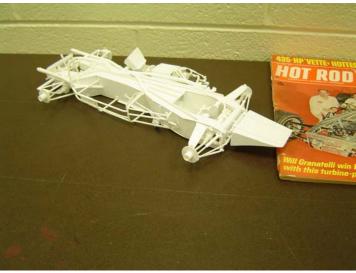
Thanks again to *MAMA's Boy Rich Wilson*, for the enclosed pics. You're lookin' at more of Virginia builder Gary Myers' incredible scratchbuilt chassis. Looks like he's a veritable one-man assembly line, just crankin' these bad boys out! Hopefully, these pictures will give you some idea as to what he is capable of. He can also do special orders, too, so if you've got a special project requiring something different, give him a try!











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COT?!?

In preparation for its 16-race '07 debut and the gradual, threeyear inception of its Car of Tomorrow (COT), NASCAR stayed at MIS for a day after the GFS Marketplace 400 weekend to test the cutting-edge vehicle on the two-mile oval. It is being designed by NASCAR in order to increase safety and reduce costs while maintaining the circuit's high level of competition. 14 current Nextel Cup drivers, including Matt Kenseth of Roush Racing and teammates Carl Edwards and Jamie McMurray, and four-time Nextel Cup champion Jeff Gordon of Hendrick Motorsports, were on hand to test the vehicles for their respective teams and manufacturers. The debut for the COT is Bristol next spring.

The event also marked the ontrack testing debut for Toyota's program, set to roll off at the beginning of the '07 season. Present for Toyota were Michael Waltrip of Michael Waltrip Racing, Dave Blaney of Bill Davis Racing, and Bill Elliott, testing for Team Red Bull.

All of the COT prototypes feature many safety enhancements. Among them is a larger driver compartment, which allows competitors easier entry and exit. The enlarged cockpit will also be more centralized in the car, so it will better protect drivers from driver-side impact, and they will also feature a more upright windshield and a boxier,

thicker front bumper, which will increase drag and reduce speed, thus placing more emphasis on driver performance. No longer will on-track debris create overheating problems. The front air intake of the COT will be obscured by the front bumper. Adjustable aerodynamic components, like a rear wing and a front splitter, will be available for teams to modify setups in attempts to create advantages.

Unfortunately, just making changes to the cars doesn't make them ready to race. Each team and manufacturer still must assess the cars' performances in traffic.

Data from the test will be

used in the submission of nose designs, which were due on Aug. 28.

Most of the attention on the COT centers around the new rear wing which replaces the current spoiler. Reportedly, the new wing will be distrib-

nuted by NAS-CAR as part of the inspection process, much



like restrictor plates at Daytona and Talladega.

I'm waitin' to see what happens with the first attempt at bump-drafting!! Thanks to http://jayski.com/ for the scoop.









- Sept. 17th—14th Annual Alzheimers Assoc Benefit Car & Truck Show, hosted by Heart of Maryland Classic Chevy Club at Frederick MVA. 1601 Bowman's Farm Road, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to all makes of cars/ trucks. Auction at noon of donated items including 75 & 80 Dragway memorabilia, savings bond giveaway for registered vehicles, trophies for Top 20 vehicles, special awards, door prizes, dash plaques, kids moon bounce, raffles, music, more! Info: http:// www.hmccc.50g.com/. Rain date Oct 1
- Sept. 17th—14th Annual Alzheimer's Assoc. Benefit Car and Truck Show, at MVA, Exit 56 off I-70. Admission by donation. Info: 301-865-5270.
- Sept. 17th—All Oldsmobile Car Show at Glen Burnie Improvement Assoc., 1st and Crain Hwy. The Oldsmobile Centennial Club. Info: 410-761-9371. Rain Date: 9/24.
- Sept. 23rd—6th Annual Ford Model T-Model A Car-Truck Show at Downtown Mall. Info: 301-724-4339.
- Sept. 23rd—Roaring Run Lions Club Antique Car Show at Roaring Run Lions Club Park, 9 a.m. to3 p.m. Info: 410-526-0587. Rain Date: Sept. 24.
- Sept. 24th—Super September Showdown III Model Contest & Vendor Show, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gilberrtsville Fire Hall, in Gilbersville, PA. Theme: "Long Roof" Cars (any station wagon or sedan

- *delivery*). Info: D. Burket @ (732) 240-3987, or L. Feinberg @ (610) 923-7534.
- Sept. 30th—2nd Annual Memorial Car Show, Arundel Christian Church, 615
 Donaldson Ave., 11 a.m. to 4
 p.m. Street Survivors of Maryland. Info: 410-789-6414.
- Show at Bohn Pontiac, 1071
 Baltimore Blvd., Westminster,
 MD, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Royal
 GTOs. Info: 301-249-3830 or
 www.royalgtos.com. Rain or
 Shine.
- Got. 14th—6th Annual UPS
 Classic Car, Truck and Motor-cycle Show, 14841 Sweitzer
 Lane, Laurel, MD, 10 a.m. to 4
 p.m. NASCAR Simulator,
 dyno, vendors, crafts, food, music, etc. Proceeds to benefit
 United Way. Info: 301-604-4579, 301-390-9085 or 301-741-3721. Rain Date: Oct. 15.
- Oct. 15th—Car & Truck Fall Blow-Out Car Show at Downs Park. Cars & trucks thru 1981. Dash plaques, door prizes, goody bags. Top 35 Awards. Sponsored by VCCA-Bay Country Region.
- *a Oct. 20th & 21st* − −

TidewaterCON '06 IPMS Region II Convention at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Host hotel is the Doubletree Hotel, adjacent to the convention center. Info: http://www.ipmstidewater.org/2con

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- Oct. 22nd—Capitol Cadillac Fall Car Show. Antique and classic Cadillacs on display 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The theme is Eldorado Extravaganza, 1953-1966. Info: call Henry Ruby, Show Coordinator, at 301-894-8026. Sponsored by the Potomac Region Cadillac LaSalle Club.
- ₩ Oct. 24th—20th Annual All **Buick Show** at Miller Motors. 5937 Belair Road, Baltimore, Maryland. All Buicks, including custom and modified welcome. Three awards per class, and special awards for the Sponsor's choice and longest distance traveled. Dash plagues and goodie bag for first 100 entrants. Gates open at 9:30 a.m. Awards presented at 2:30 p.m. Info: Contact Mike Lawson 6444 Leader Drive, Jacobus, PA 17407 717-428-3408, Buick8Guy@yahoo.com, or Rich Berger 410-923-3657. Th, th, that's all for now folks! Send stuff if you know of an upcoming event, and we'll get it listed!

Poncho Reference Request

As I requested at last month's meeting, I am attempting to compile a *Scale Pontiac Racing Gallery* of pictures of all facets of Pontiac racing. I'd really appreci-

ate the use of any pictures and/or website links that could 'bulk up' my library for future modeling projects. E-mail me at gtoguy@verizon.net. Thanks!

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MAMA's BoyZ do it in scale!



Lane (contd)

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nounced dead at the scene. No further information was available.

"Lane hit the motorcycle head on, and then the pickup hit a power pole," said Kim Miller, a spokeswoman for the Florida Highway Patrol.

Florida Highway Patrol confirmed Morelock was riding the small motor bike, which was "street legal."

Miller said a passenger in the custom-painted black pickup, identified as 22-year-old Erin Derrick of Rockledge, was also injured. Lane and Derrick were taken to Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne.

Lane was semiconscious at the accident scene. He was treated and released while Derrick remained in stable condition, hospital officials said.

FHP traffic homicide investigators said no charges were filed, but they were waiting on the results of blood-alcohol tests, which were sent to a Florida Department of Law Enforcement state lab in Orlando for evaluation.

The results, part of the investigation, could take up to eight weeks. The State Attorney's Office, however, said blood-alcohol results could be back much sooner.

When he appeared on "Monster Garage," Billy helped transform a *Mustang* into one of the *world's fastest lawnmowers*.

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We're on the webl http://www.toadmail.com/~mama/, or http://www.mamasboyz.org/

Websites

Carlisle Events: http:// www.carlisleevents.com East Coast Indoor Nationals (Timonium, MD): 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://

York US30 Musclecar Madness:

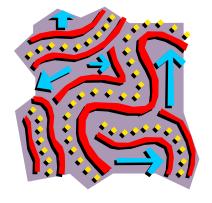
www.oldtovlandshows.com/.

www.vorkus30.com

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 offramp, 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.