



# MAMA SEZ!

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## 2007 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 20th
- 🔊 February 17th
- 🔊 March 17th
- 🔊 April 21st
- 🔊 May 19th
- 🔊 June 16th
- 🔊 July 21st
- 🔊 August 18th
- 🔊 September 15th
- 🔊 October 20th
- 🔊 November 17th
- 🔊 December 15th



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

## Time to Go Racin' Yet?

Well gang, just as last month, we just knew it was December, what with all those incredible smells emanating from our meeting room. Thanks to everyone who contributed. I hope everyone got enough food, 'cause there was leftovers. I also hope that everyone had a very happy and safe holiday, and maybe that Santa mighta brought ya one or two things on your Christmas wish list.

Looks as though we got another **kit review** (Wow! Two in a row!) for the newsletter. Thanks to **Lyle "Bowtie (?)" Wil-lits** for his thoughts on the Testors '06 Charger R/T. Thanks, "Bowtie." Thanks also to Ron Hamilton for the cop car reference pics.

Matt, Dave Toups, and Norman made a road trip to the AACA museum. Read about it inside!

The raffle raised

**\$96.00**, and the door box kicked in an additional **\$115.00**. Two 'special' donations of **100 bucks each**, and MAMA plate sales (three) totaling \$12 also padded the kitty.

Thanks, Norman

Kudos to the following raffle donors: **Brad, Ron Bradley, Steve M. Buter, Phillip Ditch, Ron Hamilton, Randy Kern, Lyle, Charlie Magers & Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD.** Thanks, y'all! 🍷

## Theme Limos!?

Okay gang, ya need a limo for that visit to the races next month? Got just the thing for ya—**Racing Limos** (<http://www.racinglimos.com/>)!

The business, founded in 2002, offers limousines designed to look like stock car racing cars (and trucks). Their first limo was based on a Grand Prix.

They can be rented

for the usual sorts of outings—birthdays, anniversaries and weddings. They are equipped with Playstation 2, DVD and CD players, and trophy cases spotlighting sports memorabilia. Rentals start at only \$100.

Since 2002, he has



licensed 67 locations, and is actively seeking more franchisees. He is even considering a new line of themed limos—

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## Dodge Charger R/T

*[Testors Lincoln Mint Ultra Detail kit, 1/24th scale; 152 pieces, Skill Level 3]*

I'm intending this to be a mini-review, but this kit is so impressive, I hardly know where to begin. Okay, let's start with the box. Huh? Well, the box opens from the end panel because the parts trees are stacked from the end. Each parts tree is sealed in clear plastic bags AND tie-wrapped to a piece of heavy cardboard. There is also a larger piece of cardboard, to firm up the box, and hold the 12 page instruction booklet.

The engine consists of 35 parts, including eight separate rockers, fuel injection runners and a **SEPARATE OIL DIPSTICK!** The transmission is built up from three pieces. True to the 1:1 car, most of these wonderful details will be hidden by the top engine cover. Ten more items fill the underhood area.

The chassis is assembled from 25 highly detailed parts. From the looks of the instruction booklet and the parts themselves, this kit

appears to have been tooled from the actual blueprints from the real car. After this model is built, it definitely needs to

be displayed on a mirrored base so all these details are not missed.

The interior builds up from the floor pan. The dash is made up from 5 parts. The center console *ALSO* is built up from 5 separate parts. The two-piece front bucket seats receive **SEPARATE SEAT BELT LATCHES AND SEAT ADJUSTMENT LEVERS!**

Chromed door handles are added to the highly engraved door panels. There are two interior door post covers, a separate headliner piece and two sun visors!

Twenty-seven items are added to the one-piece body, including all of the "glass" which mounts

from the outside. The head and tail-lights chromed reflectors receive clear plastic covers. The tail-light covers will need to be tinted with clear red paint.

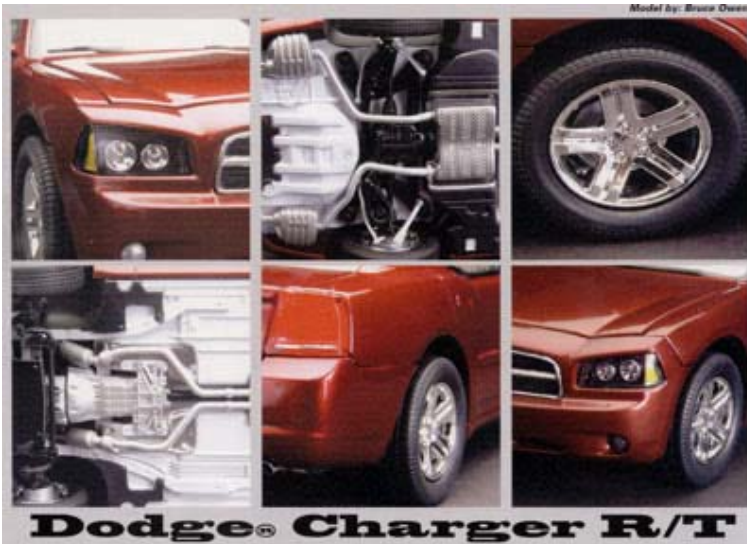


*(Obviously, the kit instructions recommend Testors Stoplight Red, but Tamiya clear red would be much more convincing)* Sure, there are separate mirrors and wiper arms but are you ready for a **SEPARATE GAS FILLER DOOR?**

The chromed stock wheels are very nicely engraved and mount tires with very good tread detail. Unfortunately, due to the current trend of corporate greed, there isn't any sidewall detail, such as tire brand names.

I haven't assembled the kit, but from visual inspection and test fitting many of the parts, this kit is certainly as good, or better, than recent offerings from Trumpeter **AND** it doesn't appear that the builder has to correct any major errors. It is also sold at a lower cost than Trumpeter kits, at least it is if you buy it from Ron Bradley.

I've just touched on the highlights of this kit. To say it is an impressive offering from Testors could be the understatement of the new year. If Tamiya kits are your benchmark, I think you'll now have another one.



Lyle



## 'Charger Cop Car

*[Ed. Note: Study the photos taken by yours truly and fellow MAMA's Boy Ron Hamilton, and wonder if the Charger cop car is 'Ready for Prime Time' yet! From the looks of it, ya better start savin' yer pennies now, and getting' 'em on order with your favorite purveyor of plastic!]* 🚗



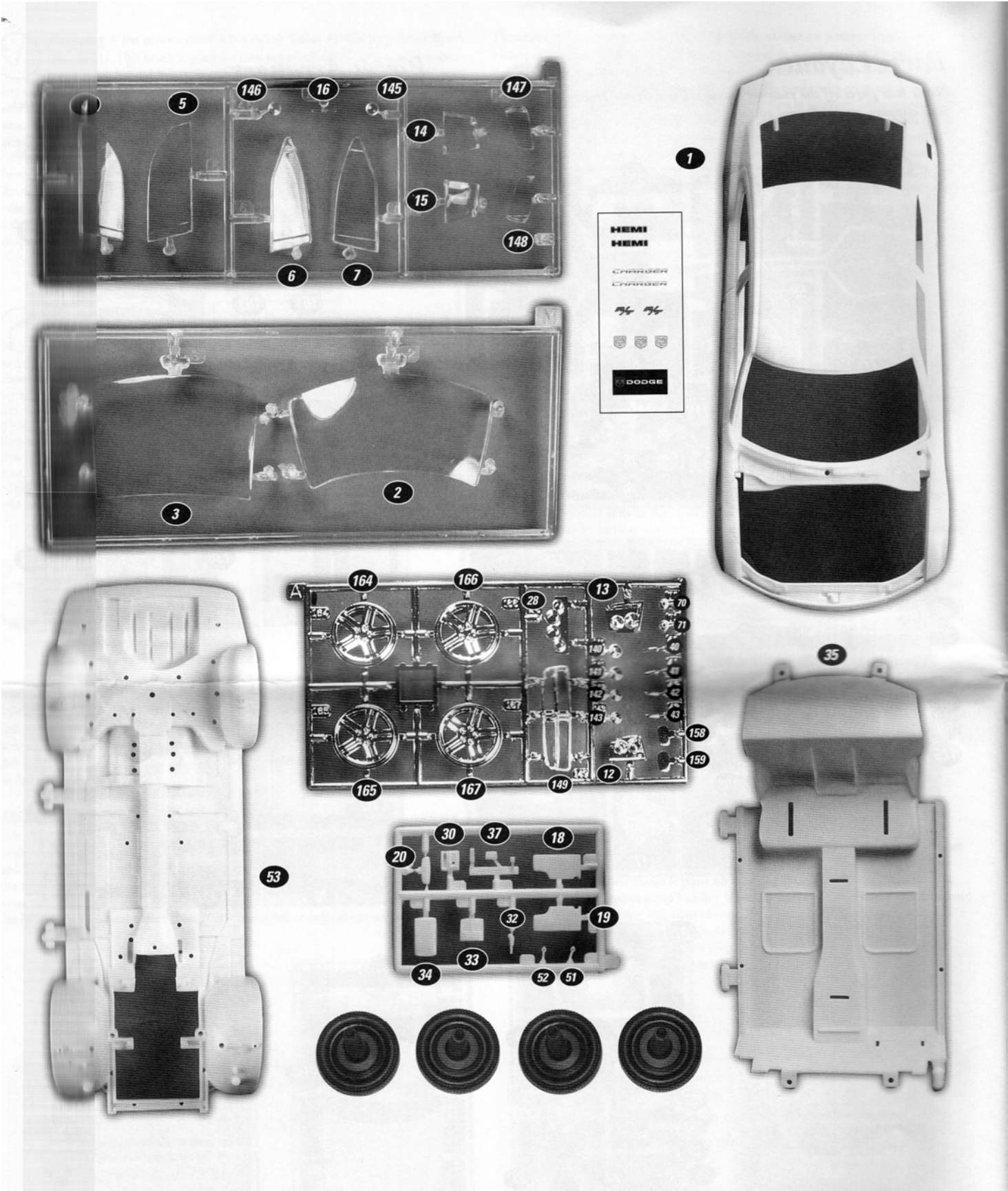
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**Reality!!**



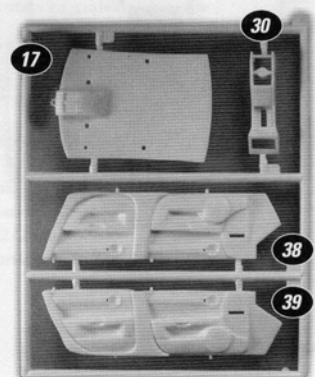
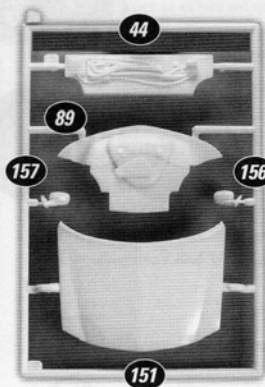
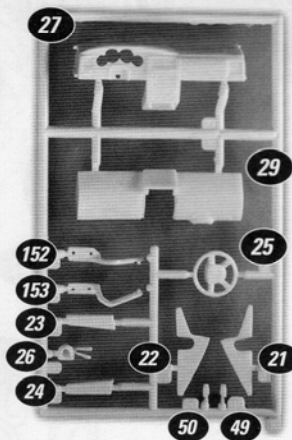
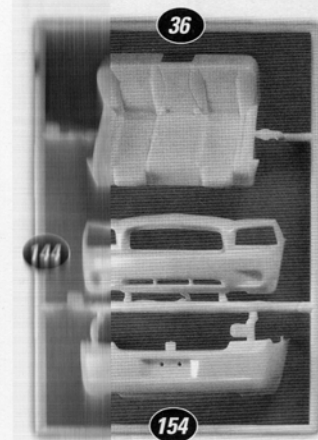
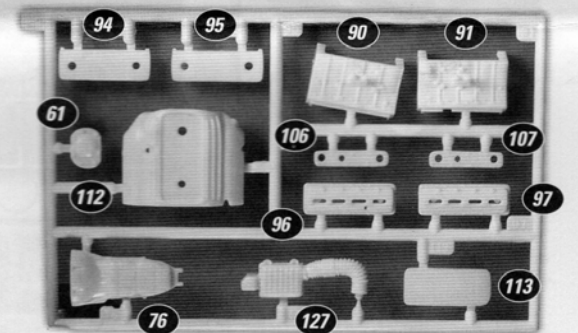
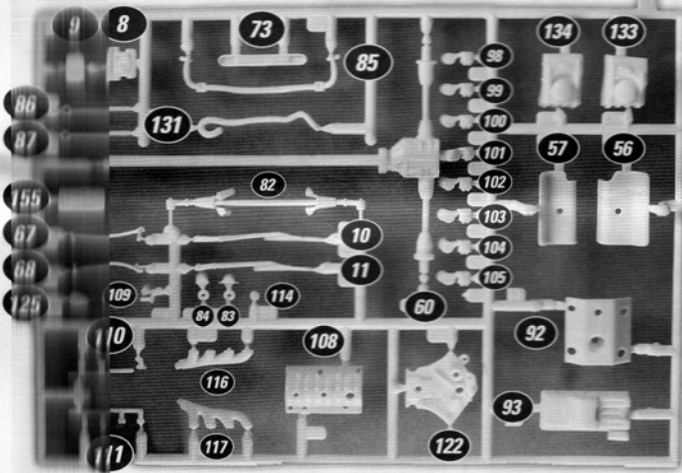
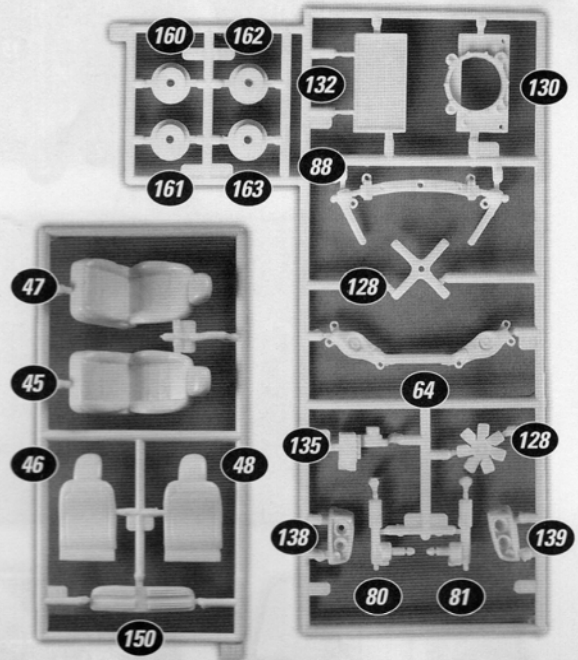
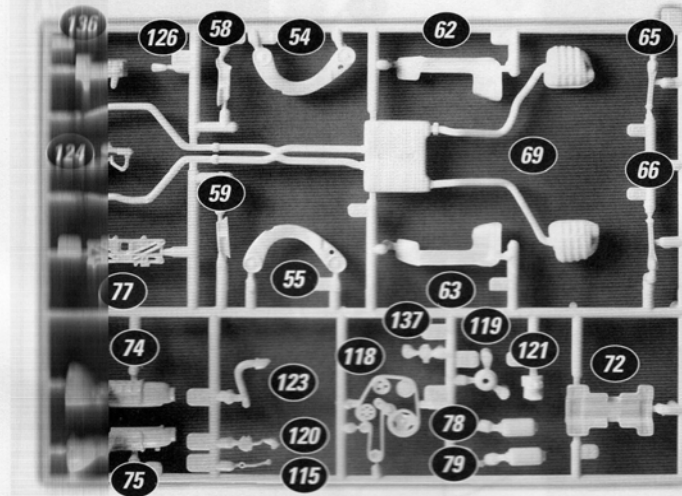
# Dodge Charger R/T Parts Breakdown





nail clippers, or small wire cutters.

Utiliser le couteau à tout faire testor, un coupe-angles, u un 'coupe-fil de fer.



## This 'n That

**Condolences!** Sad to bring you news of three racing legends no longer with us. First off, **"Dandy" Dick Landy**, who died of kidney failure at the age of 69. He had a friend named Andy Andrews who owned a high-performance car lot who was responsible for Dick's cigar-chomping style. Andy always gave Dick a cigar, and he would take them for luck, but never light them. At some point, he felt naked without one! On the NASCAR side,

**Bobby Hamilton** sadly succumbed to head and neck cancer at the very young age of only 49. A malignant growth was found after swelling from dental surgery didn't go down. He earned \$14.5 million in his career. He was at home with his family when he died. While on the subject of NASCAR, **Benny Parsons**, who was diagnosed with lung cancer, also recently passed away due to complications. Benny was the 1973 NASCAR champ, and a member of NASCAR's 50 Greatest Drivers. The final notice is for none other than **Yvonne DeCarlo** (a.k.a. Lily on The



*Munsters!*) has died of natural causes at the age of 84. A good actress known for many roles, including Moses' wife in The 10 Commandments, she will most likely always be known for her TV role of Lily Munster, Herman's wife on the Munsters, who called 1313 Mockingbird Lane home.

**Godspeed to all of you...Justice is Served!** An auto racing promoter was convicted recently in the slayings of racing legend **Mickey Thompson** and his wife, who were shot to death in 1988 while leaving their gated home for work. Michael

Goodwin was a former business partner of Thompson, a motorsports figure who pursued land-speed records in Utah and drove everything from dragsters

and funny cars to midgets. Goodwin, 61, was accused of sending hit men to kill the couple as revenge for a business deal that went sour and led to a legal judgment of more than \$700,000 against Goodwin. When the verdict was read, Goodwin



only shook his head slightly back and forth. He could get up to life in prison. Two unknown assailants on bicycles entered Thompson's gated home on March 16, 1988, and shot him and his wife as they left for work. The attackers then escaped through woods where a car could not have traveled...**SS to Pontiac?!** GM is expected to expand Pontiac's U.S. product line with another rebadged rear-drive Australian sedan. The **Hol-**  
**den Commodore SS** will be called the **Pontiac G8** and priced around \$25,000, according to the Herald



Sun in Melbourne, Australia. An official announcement has not yet been made by GM honcho Bob Lutz, but it is rumored that

much more will be revealed at the Chicago auto show...**And Speakin' of Pontiac!** For the first time since it debuted in late 1989, Mazda's MX-5 Miata is not America's favorite budget two-seat sports car. That honor now belongs to the Pontiac Solstice. Heading into the final weeks of the year, the swoopy \$20,000 Pontiac sports car had a commanding sales lead over the venerable Miata. And there are no asterisks, either: Both cars came

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out in 2005, so this is their first full year of head-to-head competition. Through November, Pontiac sold 18,361 Solstices, compared with 15,873 Miatas. Pontiac padded its lead in November, chalking up sales of 1,305, compared with just 995 Miatas. This race could be even more interesting next year. Expect greater availability of the high-performance *Solstice GXP*. And Mazda will offer a *Miata* with a *folding metal roof*...*Expensive*



**Oops!** The nephew of fashion designer *Carla Zampatti* has been charged with driving three times over the legal alcohol limit after his **\$300,000 Ferrari** recently slammed into a traffic light in Perth. The **Ferrari 360 Spider** was purchased by Colin Zampatti just last month, and collided with the traffic pole about 8 p.m. outside the Windsor Hotel in south Perth. Many onlookers at the pub, on the intersection of Mill Point Road and Mends Street, started taking photos of the car after the incident and the images have been circulated around the world. A West Australian police spokesman said Zampatti, who celebrated his 42nd birthday the day after the

crash, has been charged with driving under the influence. The blood alcohol level Zampatti returned in a breath test was not clear, although he had to have blown at least 0.15—three times over the limit—to be charged with that offence...**Funny Impala SS?!** No, not Ha! Ha! funny. Apparently, the **NHRA** has approved the '07 Impala SS for competition. The new Impala SS funny car, which has been over a year in the making, is the first GM drag race body devised and developed utilizing a 3-D computer-aided-design process, something GM Drag Racing Group Manager Dan Engel has wanted to do for a long time. "There was no physical model that we were working from,"

said Engel. "It was all done on a computer. Once it was designed and a CAD file created, the file was sent to a CNC machine, and it cut out the shape as it was designed on the computer screen." Working within an extensive list of parameters established by NHRA, GM engineers first had to accumulate mathematical data on the production Impala and then design the new race car conforming to the tolerances established by the sanctioning body. Look for its debut at the CARQUEST Auto Parts Winternats in



Pomona, CA, on Feb./ 8th—11th...**What? No SS?!** Chevrolet will show off the new Equinox Sport at the North American International Auto Show this

month. Chevy adds a 3.6-liter 263-hp V6 and a performance exhaust system to the Equinox for a whopping 42-percent power jump over the previous range topping LT version. Sport also gets a new six-speed automatic with Tap Shift. Ride height is lower and suspension tuning stiffened for increase handling responsiveness. Styling features include exclusive body-colored front and rear fascias and 18-inch wheels. Chevy also chops off the roof rails and rack for a sleeker look on the Sport. Equinox Sport goes on sale in the third-quarter of 2007 as a 2008 model. Front- and all-wheel drive will be offered. Surprisingly, Chevrolet opted not to slap an SS badge on this sportier Equinox—officials say they plan to be more discriminating with their use of the division's **Super Sport** designation in the future. It's about time, don't ya think? (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!!)



## Model Buffet

Okay gang, it's been a little while. This month's column is gonna highlight another apparent homerun hit by MAMA's Boy, **Harold Bradford** of *Historic Racing Miniatures*.

We're gonna take a peek at his latest creation, the **Cheetah**. The kit lives up to Harold's high standards, both in parts count (*a.k.a. 'fiddly bits,' as he calls 'em*), and quality of fit and finish.

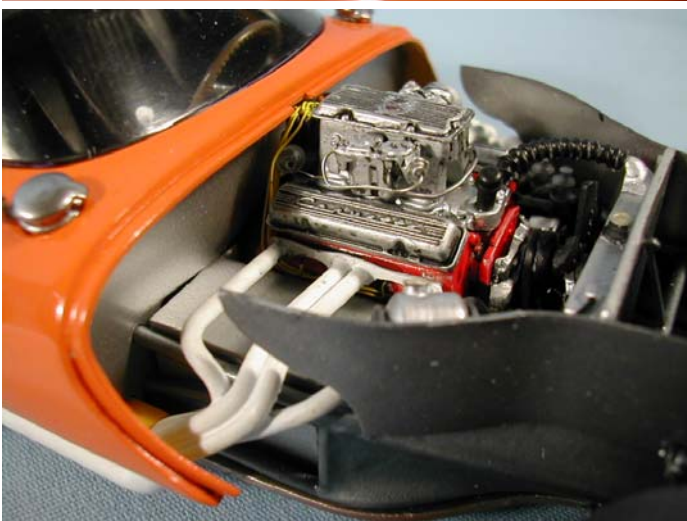
From what I'm told, the parts count of the kit is approx. 120—125 pieces (*not quite the 170 or so fiddly bits included in H&M's Cobra Daytona Coupe*). As in

other kits, it's molded cleanly in white resin, and includes the unique clear windshield.

MAMA's Boy **Gordon Holsinger** built the model pictured here, which debuted at last month's club meeting to raves. As in the Cobra Daytona, the price of admission ain't cheap at **\$175**, but if a picture tells a thousand words, there's about 5,000 words as to why you should buy this kit if you are into Cheetahs! Great job Brad and Gordon! If interested, it is my



belief that you can get 'em not only from Brad (14008 Adkins Rd, Lauerel, MD 20708), but Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD (317 Roosevelt Ave SW, Glen Burnie, MD 21061), too. 🚗





## AACA Hijinks!

Norman, Dave and I made our annual Post-Christmas museum trek, this year we chose the *Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Museum* ([www.aacamuseum.org](http://www.aacamuseum.org)) located in Hershey, PA, about an hour and a half from Baltimore.

The Museum not only has a permanent collection of vehicles from the inception of motorized transportation, but also features some incredible cars from private collections you won't have an opportunity to see under one roof.

The museum has a rotating exhibit schedule. In addition to permanent collection vehicles that were used in the new Robert DeNiro/Matt Damon movie "The Good Shepherd," they currently have the "Top Brass: Horseless Carriages 1890-1915" exhibition open until May 31, 2007. If you are interested in what was available to the public from the emerging automobile industry, you've got to check out this display. We were particularly awed by the size of one particular Touring Car, which we discovered is an Oldsmobile. That thing is **HUGE!** Check out the website to see what's up next for the rotating exhibition (*unfortunately, we missed the American muscle car display*

*that ended in October*).

Downstairs, in the "Museum of Bus Transportation", they have a completely restored vintage Valentine Diner brought in from Wichita, Kansas that you can enter to see how small these really were back in the day. This one, The Flo-Inn was open from 1948 to 1983.



One of my personal faves on display is the black (*one of the three colors offered that year*) 1954 Corvette with **87 actual miles on the clock** displayed near the re-created vintage gas station. You can also try, as I did, to jam you big backside in an Austin Bantam. I thought the Miata was small!



A special event of interest to modelers is the "Inside Out" weekend scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The museum will have door, hoods, and trunks open on all the vehicles on display. It's a rare opportunity to get a look inside these great cars.



We spent about three hours touring the museum, which makes this an excellent choice for a day trip. Or, schedule a night at the Marriott SpringHill Suites hotel, a few yards walk away, and take the kids to Hershey Park, too.



Since we had a little time to spare, we stopped at **Kranzel's R/C Raceway & Hobbies** ([www.kranzelsrchoobbies.com](http://www.kranzelsrchoobbies.com)) in Lemoyne, just across the river from Harrisburg. They recently replaced their indoor oval R/C dirt track with a large carpeted platform that allows them to create an endless array of track layouts. They carries a nice selection of model kits and building supplies and is well worth a stop.

Finally, since we were enjoying the World Tour of South Central PA, we made an emergency candy toasted peanut stop at Brown's Orchard & Market in Loganville (*right off RT 83*) before disembarking at the Norman Veber Park n' Ride lot in the Hereford Zone. **A fun day!**

-Matt 🍷





## Miscellanea



Charger Cop Car!

<http://dicklandy.com/>



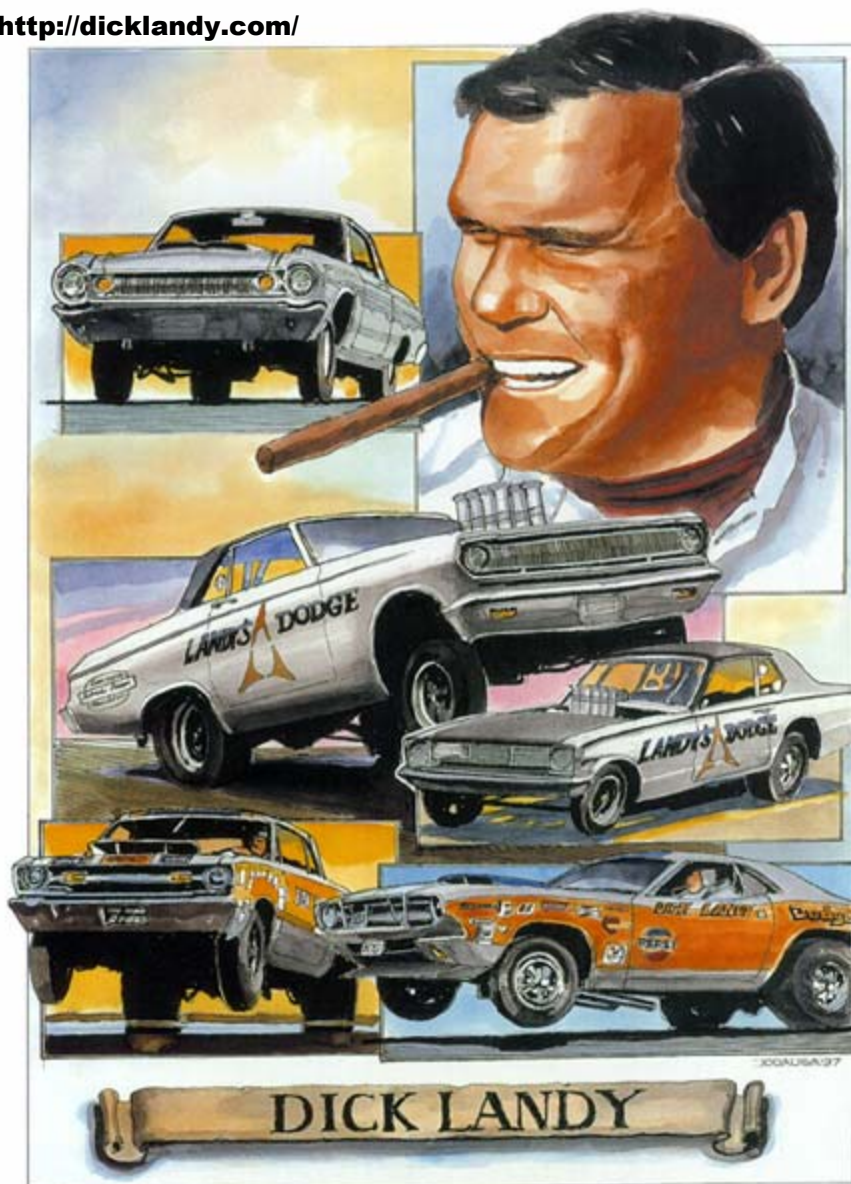
Here's an idea for those new Charger kits!

**We'll  
miss you  
all,  
Guys!**



<http://www.bobbyhamiltonracing.com/>

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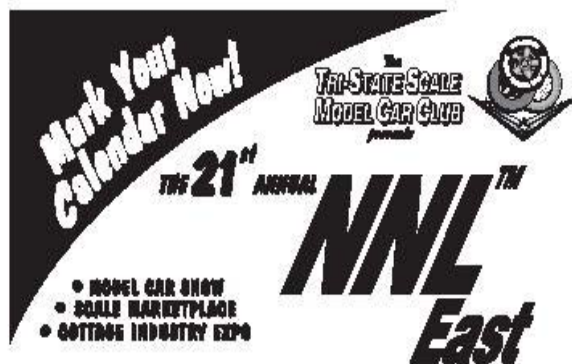




- **Mar. 24th—21st Annual NNL East** at the Parsippany PAL building, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Themes are **“Deuces Wild—the 75th Anniversary of the ‘32 Ford,”** and **“Lucky Sevens—any Vehicle with a 7 in it.”**

Info: Go to <http://members.aol.com/nnleast2007>, or e-mail [nnleast2007@aol.com](mailto:nnleast2007@aol.com).

- **April 18th to 22nd—Spring Carlisle** at the fairgrounds.
- **April 20th & 21st—Spring Carlisle Collector Car auction** at the fairgrounds.
- **May 4th to 6th—Carlisle Performance & Style** at the fairgrounds.
- **May 18th to 20th—Carlisle Import-Kit/Replicar Nationals** at the fairgrounds.
- **May 18th to 20th—4th Annual PY Pontiacs in the Park** at Virginia Motorsports Park, Petersburg VA.
- **June 1st to 3rd—Carlisle All-Ford Nationals** at the fairgrounds.
- **June 22nd to 24th—Carlisle All-GM Nationals** at the fairgrounds.
- **June 26th to 30th—GTO Association of America Annual Convention**, Columbus, OH.
- **July 6th to 8th—Carlisle All-Chrysler Nationals** at the fairgrounds.
- **July 20th to 22nd—Carlisle Summer Bike Fest** at the fairgrounds.
- **Aug. 3rd to 5th—Carlisle All-Truck Nationals** at the fairgrounds.



**Next Year's Theme:**

## Deuces Wild!

The 75th anniversary of the '32 Ford

**Next Year's Sub-Theme:**

## Lucky Sevens

Any vehicle with a seven in it



**SATURDAY, MARCH 24th, 2007 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

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**NNL East™ 20 Online**

Our on-line album will have photos of the show afterwards

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**See the NNL East™ 20 Show Results on Sunday**

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- **Aug. 10th to 12th—Pontiac Tri-Power Nationals**, in Norwalk, OH.
- **Aug. 24th to 26th—Corvettes at Carlisle** at the fairgrounds.
- **Oct. 3rd to 7th—Fall Carlisle** at the fairgrounds.
- **Oct. 5th & 6th—Fall Carlisle Collector Car Auction** at the fairgrounds.

**We need events!** 🚗

## Limos (contd)

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Hot Pursuit limos, designed to look like, what else? Police cars.

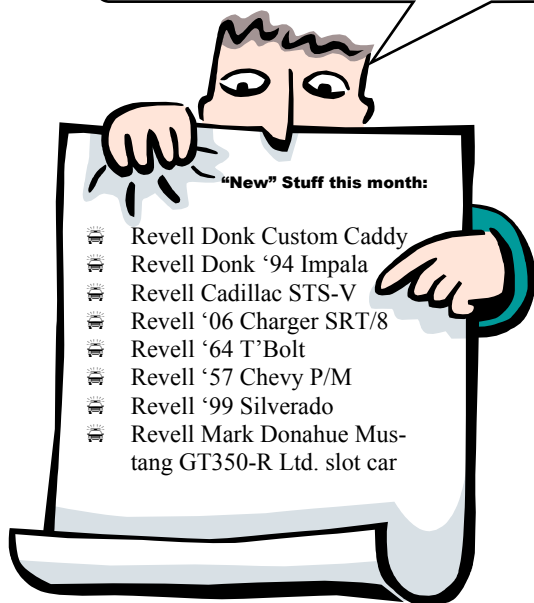
This could be the new MAMA vehicle that we've been lookin' for to make that NNL East appearance in! C'mon, whaddaya say? 🚗



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



**"New" Stuff this month:**

- Revell Donk Custom Caddy
- Revell Donk '94 Impala
- Revell Cadillac STS-V
- Revell '06 Charger SRT/8
- Revell '64 T'Bolt
- Revell '57 Chevy P/M
- Revell '99 Silverado
- Revell Mark Donahue Mustang GT350-R Ltd. slot car

## Poncho Reference Request

As I requested at the October MAMA meeting, I am attempting to compile a *Scale Pontiac Racing Gallery* of pictures of all facets of Pontiac racing. I'd really appreciate the use of any pictures

and/or website links that could 'bulk up' my library for future modeling projects, whatever the venue (i.e., NASCAR, NHRA, D1 Drifting, you name it!). E-mail me at [gtoguy@verizon.net](mailto:gtoguy@verizon.net). Tanks! 🍷

## Classified

**WANTED:** Revell 1/32nd scale '70 Trans Am kits, Revell unbuilt Rick Dobbertin J-2000, and '84-'86 MPC Fieros. Contact Tim Sickle at [gtoguy@verizon.net](mailto:gtoguy@verizon.net), or see me at a meeting.

**WANTED:** I'm gonna do the equivalent of throwing chum into shark-infested waters, if you'll pardon the analogy. I am in search of *mint*, *unbuilt GTOs*,

specifically '68 MPC hardtops and convertibles, and '71 hardtops. I have an extensive collection to trade from, including but not limited to some mint, unbuilt kits (i.e., MPC '71 Demon, '70 Cyclone Spoiler, and '77 Volare). If you can help, contact Tim Sickle at [diecastguy@verizon.net](mailto:diecastguy@verizon.net), or see me at a meeting. 🍷

We're on the web!  
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## Websites

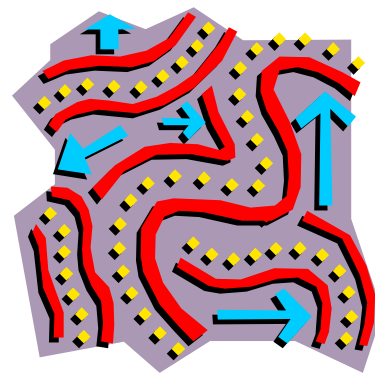
Carlisle Events: <http://www.carlisleevents.com>  
East Coast Indoor Nationals (Timonium, MD): [www/eastcoastindoornats.com](http://www.eastcoastindoornats.com)  
Kahunaville: <http://www.kahunaville.com>  
Maple Grove Raceway: <http://www.maplegroveraceway.com/>  
Maryland Chevelle club: <http://www.chevelles.netmcc/mcc.htm>  
Maryland Intl Raceway: <http://www.mirdrag.com/>  
Norwalk (Ohio) Raceway Park: <http://www.norwalkraceway.com/>  
Old Toyland Shows: <http://www.oldtoylandshows.com/>  
York US30 Musclecar Madness: [www.yorkus30.com](http://www.yorkus30.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 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. 🍷