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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 Give Thanks

Last month's meeting centered on an extended discussion of the relocation of *NNL East* to a different (i.e., *bigger and better!*) venue for at very least, the next five years! The club will have to consider what to do about our April club meetings, which will conflict with this east coast venue.

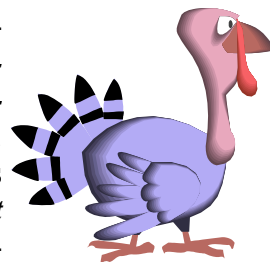
MAMA's Boy Ron Hamilton this month ex-

amines the already *much-maligned Revell AAR Cuda*. And his 'opponent,' *Pat Crittenden* critiques the *Revell Scarab road racer*.

Thanks, guys!



We also have some coverage of the recently-held *iHobby trade show*, where all the new and reissued kits for '08



were announced.

The take at last month's meeting was *\$152* (raffle—*\$72*, and door box—*\$80*).

Thanks to the following raffle donors: *Brad, Harry Charon, Charlie Magers, Jim Manes, J.C. Reckner, Rich Wilson*, and *Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD*.

Don't eat too much turkey! 🦃

It's De sale of De Century!

Though *DeSotos* were never as popular as Fords or Chevys, hundreds or even thousands of devoted DeSoto fans and collectors were expected in Spencer, Iowa recently for what one Iowa collector sees as "*history in the making*"—the auction of *more than 50 cars*, at least one from each year of production, from '28

to '61, and several other collectible cars.

In his 20 years with the *National DeSoto Club*, Lee Exline of Grimes, Iowa, says he's always wanted to attend a national convention that featured a DeSoto from each model year.

"It's never happened. Nobody has ever been able to put it together," Exline says. "Now we

find that one guy did it all by himself. And he (*Chris Binder, who farmed southwest of Spencer*) was very quiet about it. He didn't tell people he had such a collection."

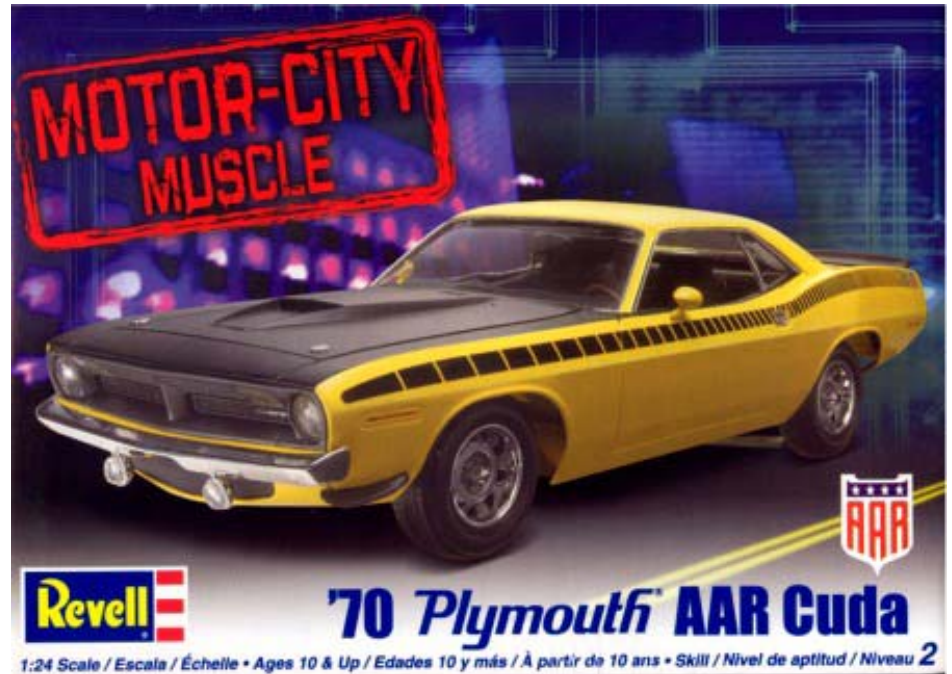
While Binder was seen driving his yellow '*28-'29 DeSoto Roadster* around the area, he only registered one car as a

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'70 AAR Cuda

[Revell #2875, 1/24th scale modified reissue]

I have been building model cars about 45 years, and I have never seen a kit so maligned before it was released for sale as this one. With the advent of the Internet, there were numerous negative opinions vented on the various model message boards, as well as word of mouth at several model club meetings around the world. A lot of the opinions were based on a test shot of the kit at the NNL East this past March, which was displayed with other upcoming kits from this manufacturer. Revell promised us a "newly tooled" body for this kit, and we were waiting with baited breath. Revell did do a new body, but they did not take the route that most of us had hoped they would. I did not see the model in person until I bought this kit, but I did see photos taken at NNL East. From the various photos I saw, I too thought this kit looked a little "cartoonish" as compared to the real car. Part of my bias came from the first iteration of this kit from this manufacturer. We were promised a state of the art new tool of this automobile, and what we got was...well, needless to say I was quite disappointed in what I saw when I opened this kit. It was one of the few kits I bought, that I gave away soon after I bought it, it was that bad. One of modelers who was present at NNL East had a conversation with one of the officials from Revell, who told him, and I am paraphrasing what I read, basically, what you see here, is



what you're going to get in the new kit. Honestly, I was not expecting much from this kit, but I thought I would give it a fair shot in a review.

First of all, I took the body out of the box, and made comparisons of it with a couple of other '70 Cudas I have in scale. The first is an original MPC '70 Cuda that I have, as well as a Franklin Mint '70 Cuda Convertible. I am basing my opinions using the two aforementioned models as a guide, as well as several photographs of the real car from the book

"Challenger and Cuda - Mopar's Factory Muscle Cars," by Robert Genat. This is the best book about these cars I have ever seen, and is a valuable resource for researching these cars. In looking this kit over, it is not too bad proportion-wise. While there are some problems with the rear quarter panels, this one is far better than the aforementioned '70 Plymouth AAR Cuda offering, and it looks better to me than any of the '71 Cuda iterations from this manu-

facturer. In my opinion, there is too much of an arch on the upper rear quarter panel and the bottom looks to be about 1/8" too short. Along with that, the sail panels look a little shallow, effectively shortening the roof. These three items give the car a "hiked up" look in the back end, as well as making the deck area appear too long. While these aspects of the body proportioning are unacceptable to some modelers, it will not deter other modelers from building an outstanding example from this kit. I did not compare this model with the Monogram '71 Cuda, because in my opinion, that kit has its own issues with certain proportions in its body, which affects its appearance.

It is obvious that Revell based this kit on the '70 Challenger T/A tool, instead of the '71 Cuda tool, so some proportion problems would obviously be evident. First of all, the Challenger has a wheel-base 2" longer on the real car, but about 1/16" in 1/24th scale. Looks

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Scarab Road Racer

[Revell/Monogram #0124, 41 pieces; straight reissue; metallic blue, black, clear, chrome & plastic, MSRP \$11.50]

Pros: A very obscure subject for the average man to remember, so a welcome reissue. Parts for you old slot car guys!

Cons: Body doesn't fit display chassis very well, shifter is out of sight when model is finished.

The Car: Seems this kit also represents a car with a very illustrious history (*like the Predicta*). It was the last (*and only*) rear engine racer ever produced by **Reventlow Automobiles Inc.** It was built for Mr. Reventlow's own use and what a car it was! It was like nothing before with every inch tailored to the "big man's" specs. It was pure "business." Total weight was around 1500 lbs (!) and after the change from **Olds** to **Chevy power**, it's final bhp came in at **425 horses** (*not bad for a 327!*)! With this combo, many

victories were achieved in '63 & '64.

The Model: It is a throwback that yours truly knew nothing about until '97 when it was reissued. Unfortunately, the kit suffered water damage, making it a builder, which brings us to the kit at hand.

Engine: MIA, but the more skilled among us could surely fabricate some sort of detailed engine/chassis combo for this one. Otherwise, it is a curbside at best.

Wheels/tires: Three pieces each, with a chrome rim, black "rubber" tire and body colored wheel back. I gave the wheel backs a flat black paint job and black washed the chrome rims.

Chassis: The display model's "pan" is one piece w/two plastic axles for the wheel/tire combos.

Interior: This unit consists of three pieces; the "tub," roll bar and the shifter. I also brought this to life with a little detail painting.



Body: The finished body consists of twelve pieces (*I combined parts from both slot car & display versions*); it was not painted but waxed out with some Novus #2.

Decals: Decals include the appropriate original markings. Mine were lost to water damage, so I raided my decal collection.

Final Assembly/thoughts: This kit helped get me out of a rut and didn't turn out too bad. The box art and instruction sheet were both beautifully reproduced and highly educational. BTW, **A.J. Foyt** drove this very car to a second at Laguna Seca in '63. This is what caused the change from Olds to Chevy power. Those of you building a collection of this man's cars may want to consider this kit. Oh and did I also mention, parts for you old slot car folks?!

I give this model 4 paint bottles (*out of a possible 5*). Recommended.

by: Pat Crittenden 🍷

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to me that the extra wheelbase was hidden, as the wheelbase on this car matches my Franklin Mint model perfectly. The wheel openings are a little larger on the kit than the Franklin Mint, and the rear fender issues were based on the comparison with the same car. Other than that, the car looks spot-on to me. These cars had short roofs, and the narrow sail panels really accentuate that fact, so the kit may not be off too

much in that respect.

Now, Revell did make one glaring omission in this kit, that can be easily corrected. The Challenger T/A and the AAR Cuda had tires on the rear of the car that were two sizes larger than the fronts, and this feature was omitted from my kit. My Challenger T/A kit had the staggered tires, but not this kit.

I looked the rest of the kit over, and it should go together quite easily. I'm a little picky, so I am going to correct the rear quarters to what I think they should be, get the right rear tires from

my parts box, and build my interpretation of a '70 AAR Cuda. I will be buying more to build other variations of a '70 Plymouth Barracuda, with a little kit bashing, parts box raiding, and scratch-building skills. I'm sure the aftermarket will make items for this kit, as a lot of the Model Car Garage's '71 Hemi Cuda photoetch set will work with this kit.

Have an open mind about this kit. No model kit is perfect, and this one came out as a pleasant surprise. I recommend it.

by: Ron Hamilton 🍷

New Stuff!

Well gang, the big *iHobby trade show* was held in late October, and it yielded some pleasant surprises. Read on for the details, and make plans for what you want.

I've included a link courtesy of *Gerry Pacquette* from the *Spotlight Hobbies message board* (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/14681013@N07/>). He sez enjoy yourself, but also apologizes for some out-of-focus pics.

Accurate Miniatures

Accurate Miniatures related some sad information to me. Their last reissue of the *Corvette Grand Sport Coupe* did not do well, so they are likely not to do the *Grand Sport Roadster* or the *Cobra 289 variant*. All they had on display at the show were aircraft models.

Lindberg

Lindberg had a big display, a lot of which was there last year as well. The *1/6 scale 6.1 liter Hemi* is out in kit and built up and *two variations* of a *Ford Flathead* are coming out, one *1/4 scale* and *visible*. The second one is *1/6 scale* and *kit* or *built-up*. A Proto-type of a *Ford Model T engine* was also there.

Lots of new *Dodge concept vehicles* box artwork was displayed, including the *Rampage P/U concept*, *Demon concept* and *Challenger concept*. *Dodge Charger Super Bee*, *Viper SRT-10 coupe* and *convertible* were shown as well. The boxes said *1/24 scale*.

For Emergency Vehicle fans, there is the *1/32 American La-France 900 Series Pumper*.

They had the *Raminator Monster Truck* on display, as it is now out. Also, they're doing a lot of the previous Testors kits like the *'37 Fords*. The Lindberg representative said they actually owned those molds.

In trucks, more variants on the *Dodge L-700* including a *box trailer* and *flatbed* with *crushed autos*. They also had a bunch of the *Weird-Oh's figures* box art on display as well as some of the models.

The *Hawk* side of Lindberg is mostly diecast autos as well as the aforementioned *Weird-Oh's*.

Revell

Revell had the biggest amount of new and reissued kits. In the *Hot wheels snap kits* for *'08*, there will be a *'69 Camaro Z/28*, *'63 Corvette Sting Ray* and *Dodge Concept Car*.

Of note in the reissue side is the *'50 Ford Pickup*. The kit now includes *corrected Arduin heads*. I forget if the exhaust headers were corrected as well and will need to follow up on that.

The *'30 Ford Woody* now has a *'32 grill shell* and the sample looked quite nice.

A new *'32 Ford Sedan* is due out with a *new tool flathead* and *Ford small block* options.

Continuing in the theme of redoing diecasts in plastic, the *Uptown Cadillac Escalade* and *'58 Chevy* are due out. Rumor has it that the *'58* includes the stock parts.

Finally, from the diecast side, the *Subaru WRX STi* will be released.

From the Revell Germany connection, the *Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano*, *Audi R8* and *Audi R10*

are due out. Cheaper prices for the US version, and white plastic bodies.

A *'70 Dodge Challenger* and an *'08 Challenger (1/25th scale)* are due out. Revell indicated they are contemplating a *production version* of the *Camaro* as well, but did have the Snap version of the Concept on display.

On the Ford side, a *'68 Mustang GT*, *'07 Shelby GT500* and *'07 GT350H* are coming.

For the GM camp, we get a *'57 Chevy 150 (Black Widow)* in both stock and racing trim. It will have the *FI engine*. The racing version will have roll cage and no back seat. I have an outstanding question on whether the six lug wheels depicted in the artwork are there. The artwork was "photoshopped" so it contains some inaccuracies. Revell indicated those inaccuracies are not going to be in the kit.

Also shown, and currently on the cargo ship to the US, is the *'55 Chevy hardtop*. Besides some custom options, you'll also get a *window tray with food and beverage*. How's that for an extra?

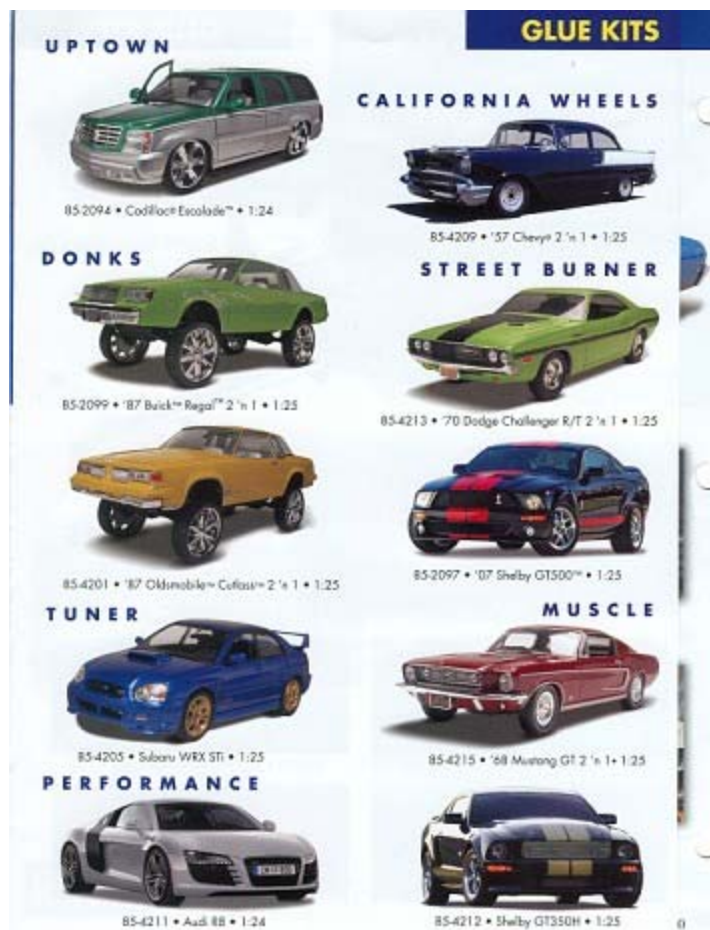
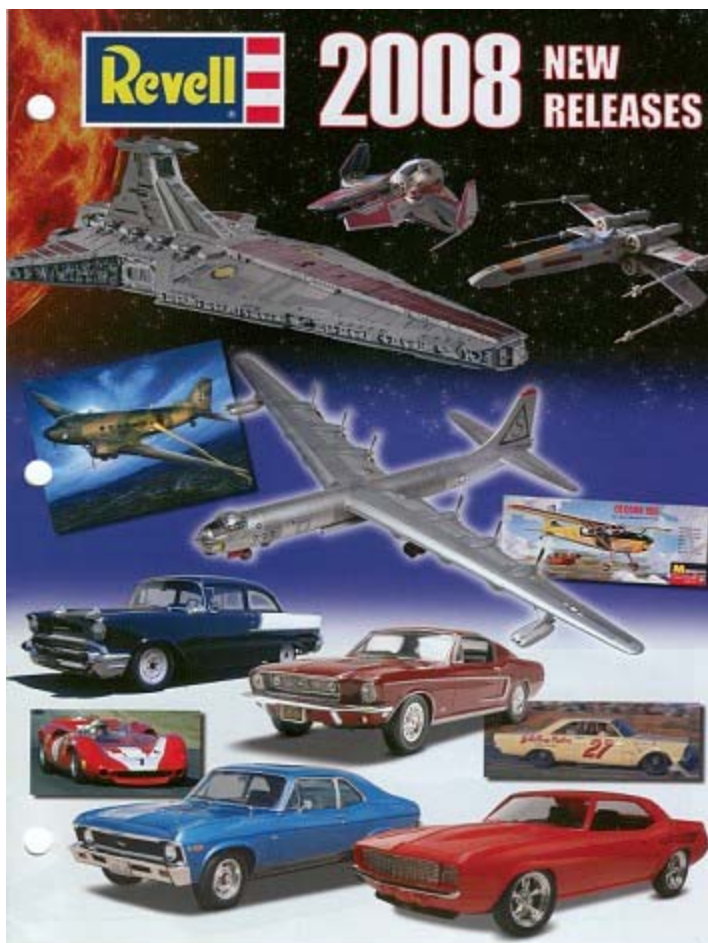
Finally, the big surprise is a *'69 Nova SS with small block Chevy engine* that can be done in stock or drag racing versions. The body looked accurate from my viewpoint and, of course, Revell's very nice *big block Chevy* can always be substituted. Remember that *Model Car Garage* already has photoetch for a *'69 Nova*.

Stevens International

Steven's International is doing two AMT truck kits, the *Mack Cruise-Liner* and *Autocar A64B Tractor*. As previously stated in

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Stuff (contd)!



Revell '32 Ford & '70 Boss 302 Mustang

This is none other than MAMA's Boy Charlie Magers, on the Capitol Raceway return road after a run at their recent Nostalgia meet in mid-October. What'd she run Charlie? Twelves? Thirteens?



Revell '69 Nova SS (2 'n 1?)

This 'n That

Diecast Madness!

Danbury Mint is releasing a limited run (5,000) **'69 Dover White Nova SS w/blue top & interior**, the **"California Kid" '34 Ford 3-window coupe** (designed by Pete Chapouris, and on display at last month's meeting!) (produced for calendar year '07 ONLY!), and finally, a **Gulf Turquoise '67 GTO convertible - an HO 4-speed** car yet (Ya just KNEW I hadda get this one in here, now didn't ya?!), your choice, for only **\$140.00** plus **\$7.80** shipping and service each (4 payments of \$36.95 each). Not to be outdone, the gang over at **GMP** will release **two more 1/24th scale '70 GTO variations** (Palladium Silver and Pepper Green, with black interiors), and **two 1/18th scale '70 Judges** (Cardinal Red and Polar White, both with red interiors). They should be out in December (just in time for Christmas?)... **'Physcho' MAMA Prez?!?** Didja know that Lyle could predict the future? Seems that way. Remember his **'Bel Camino' '57 Chevy?** Well, **Danbury Mint** just announced their own version!! DM's will be white over black, and include all the working features we've become accustomed to. As usual, it'll set you back the usual **\$140** plus **\$7.80** shipping and service (payable in four monthly installments of just \$36.95). Coincidentally, **R.M. Co. of MD.** proprietor **Norm Veber** discontinued this original item from his line quite some time ago... **SuperVette?! Autoweek** has

been reporting on a **'Super Corvette'** for a few years, and GM had Vette fans salivating at Laguna Seca, when it wheeled out the upcoming **Corvette Blue Devil** for some hot laps during the American Le Mans Series race weekend. The yellow car ran a few laps, then was loaded back onto the hauler. Rumor has it that the new Vette, known so far as **Blue Devil**, will be called the **ZR-1** when it goes on sale sometime next year. **Sting Ray** and **Corvette SS** are also possible names. Look for the **6.2-liter supercharged V-8** to crank out in the neighborhood of **650 hp**. 1500 to 2000 engines a year will be hand-built at the GM Performance Center outside Detroit and feature an integrated intake manifold intercooler similar to the one GM developed for the Cadillac STS-V. Expect the price to be between **\$100,000** and **\$125,000...Defunct Mopars?** The **'New Chrysler'** is effectively **killing the slow-selling Chrysler Pacifica**, the **Dodge Magnum wagon**, and the **PT Cruiser and Crossfire convertibles**. The company also may cut its **Jeep Commander**. Its sales are down 23 percent this year. Simultaneously, they plan to add the **Dodge Journey crossover** and **Dodge Challenger**, and two hybrid SUVs, the **Chrysler Aspen** and **Dodge Durango**. Additionally, Chrysler said it will slash **8,500 to 10,000 hourly jobs** before the end of '08. Another 1,000 salaried jobs also are being cut, along with about 37 percent of its contract workers, the company said. Chrysler also will eliminate hourly and salaried overtime. The cuts in the hourly workforce

would equal about 17.5 percent of the company's 57,000 union employees in the US and Canada... **The 'Rock' Sold?!** According to **The Charlotte Observer**, **Andy Hillenburg**, owner of a Harrisburg racing school, bought **Rockingham's North Carolina Speedway for \$4.4 million** at auction recently. The track, which he outbid seven others for, was for sale after it lost its spot on NASCAR's Nextel Cup schedule in '04. The track, which sold for about \$100 million later that year in a legal settlement, has a tax value of \$30 million. Hillenburg said he would move his racing school at "The Rock" and also would hold a race—likely a **Hooters Series** or **Auto Racing Club of America** event—there in '08... **Close Call!** In an incredible coincidence, **Prodrive boss Dave Richards** and his wife, **Karen**, survived a **helicopter crash** just 24 hours after the accident which claimed the life of his former driver, **Colin McRae**. Richards, who mentored McRae to his World Rally Championship in '95, was returning home from the Belgian Formula One Grand Prix when his helicopter suffered a mechanical problem and crashed into a field near the historic North Weald Airfield in Essex in south-east England. He was piloting the helicopter when it crash landed, then tipped on to its side. Both Richards and his wife walked away from the crash and were treated at the scene for shock. Prodrive runs **Subaru's World Rally Championship operation**, developed the FIA GT sports car operation for **Aston Martin**, oper-

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ates the Prodrive V8 Supercar team in Australia and plans to enter the Formula One World Championship in '08. Richards also recently lead the consortium which **bought Aston Martin** from **Ford... WRC Retirement! BP-Ford World Rally Championship** driver and series points leader **Marcus Grönholm** announced that he will retire from driving at season's end. The 39-year-old Finn has been contemplating his future for several months. Grönholm won the WRC title while driving for Peugeot in '00 and '02. After winning the Finnish championship four times, he made the breakthrough into WRC in '99 but did not complete a full season until the following year, when he won his first title. He and co-driver **Timo Rautiainen** have scored **30 career wins** so far, second on the all-time pairings list, with five of them coming this season. Rautiainen also announced that he will retire. Ford of Europe President and CEO John Fleming acknowledged Grönholm's contribution to Ford's WRC successes. BP-Ford team director Malcolm Wilson also paid tribute to Grönholm. Both Petter Solberg and Markko Martin have been mentioned as possible replacements for Grönholm. **Happy retirement, guys...Disappearing Cars at Christie's?** Christie's, the world-famous auction house, will **no longer sell automobiles**. The company announced recently that it is shutting down it's International Motor Cars division.

Christie's International Motor Cars was established in '72, and in '07 held sales in Paris, Monterey and Greenwich, Connecticut. Since its inception, Christie's International Motor Cars has held sales in London, LA, Monaco, Geneva, New York, Australia, Florida, Vermont and Switzerland. Earlier this year, the company's car auction division was at the center of controversy when it offered for sale a vehicle touted as the **'39 Auto Union Type D V12** believed to have won the '39 French Grand Prix. The car was eventually pulled from Christie's Paris auction after it was discovered that the car was not the race winner but actually another Auto Union that finished sixth in the same race. It had been expected to sell in the **\$10 to \$15 million dollar** range, but didn't meet the minimum once it's origin was established...**Mustangs (& Camaros) Corralled?!** Remember the item in last month's T 'n T about the trials and tribulations of **Unique Performance**, in delivering tricked out **Eleanor Shelys**, and **Foose Camaros** and **Challengers**? Well, now the story gets **ug-a-lee**. The authorities down in Farmers Branch, Texas (*home of Unique Performance headquarters*) have wrapped up a month-long investigation into allegations involving **improper vehicle ID numbers** on cars undergoing makeovers. A Farmers Branch Police spokesman said his department, in concert with Texas State Police and officials from the Texas Department of Transportation, searched five Unique Performance shops in the Dallas area Nov. 1st and 2nd. No arrests were

made, but authorities did **confiscate 61 cars displaying improper or illegible VINs**. Impounded were **58 Ford Mustangs** and **three Chevrolet Camaros**, all in various stages of repair. Further investigation is needed to determine whether charges will be filed against Unique owner Doug Hasty or other company employees. A number of customers reportedly placed sizable deposits for cars—no word yet on whether the company or Shelby will honor commitments or refund deposits. Police did not seize any cash or freeze any bank accounts as part of their investigation...**Zoom Zoom at 40? Felix Wankel** was a dreamer. In 1919, at age 17, he dreamed that he invented an engine. It took him 38 more years to produce a **working rotary powerplant** and still more to perfect it for production. His first working rotary went into an **NSU 50cc motorcycle** that claimed a **world speed record** of almost **120 mph** with it. An agreement in '61 allowed **Mazda** to develop a rotary based on his ideas. After working out technical problems in early prototypes (*rotor wall wearing, and rough low-speed performance*), Mazda launched its first rotary, the **Cosmo Sport**, in '67. That makes this year the **40th anniversary of the Mazda rotary engine**. **Happy Anniversary Mazda!** (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!) ☺

Trackin' The Toyotas



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NASCAR Briefs

Looks as though *Mike Skinner* was tapped for duty in the *360 OTC Toyota*, replacing *Jeremy Mayfield*.

Haas CNC Racing owner *Gene Haas* has been sentenced to *two years* in *federal prison* (a.k.a. 'Club Fed!') after he pleaded guilty to defrauding the government of more than *\$34 million* in *taxes*. *Oopsie!*

The race at Phoenix found open wheel stars *Sam Hornish Jr.* (*Mobil 1 Dodge*), *Patrick Carpentier* (*Sears Auto Center/Valvoline/Stamley Dodge*), *Jacques Villeneuve* (*UNICEF Toyota*), and former Winston cup racer *Johnny Benson* (*360 OTC Toyota*) competing. 🏁

Stuff (contd)

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posts.

Tamiya

Tamiya was present, but



strictly in the R/C side.

Testors

Testors new lacquer colors – per the rep there, are shipping the week of the show. Expect them soon. They are also redesigning the look of their other spray paint cans to have the colored tops and revised logo. I saw no model kits on display in their booth. They were strictly paints, airbrushes and accessories (*with a separate booth for Floquil*).

Trumpeter

Trumpeter had no new car or



truck issues and likely won't because of mixed sales and poor reception.

Hopefully, there's something that interests you in this report, so, make plans and get busy! And thanks to *Gerry Pacquette!* 🏁

Model Buffet

We're gonna take another look at **Missing Link Resin** (<http://www.missinglinkrc.com/>). Seems as though modelers **Bob Daykin** and **Kevin Lutz** are not content resting on their laurels. We talked briefly about their new releases last month. But, for those of you who were not present, I'll recap them here, as best I can.

First off, the one that got me was their **'74 Trans Am**. It was mastered by **Mike Kollver**. He took an original '74 Formula kit & used the original '71 hood, scoop & fender vents to complete the conversion. For \$54.00, the transkit includes the body, hood, hood scoop, interior, dash, seats, grille, chrome plated headlights, and both bumpers.

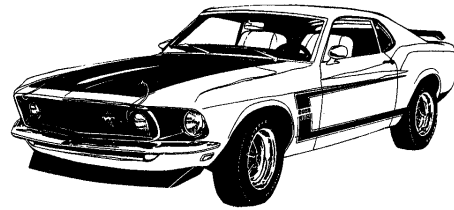
Want more? Happy to oblige! The catalog he thoughtfully included with my order has several other items highlighted. Specifically:

🏆 **'66 Plymouth Valiant**. Based on the *rarest Mopar promo ever!* You get a body, interior, steering wheel, dash, chassis, center grille, clear red tail lights, plated shifter, bezels, wheels & bumpers—\$65.00

🏆 **'71 Hornet SC/360**: This conversion was accomplished by **Jeff Ballard**, and comes with, a body (*opening hood, with engine bay*) interior with separate seats, dash, steering wheel, grille, chassis, front valance, clear red tail lights, chrome

front bumper, rear bumper, magnum style wheels & gas cap. At the moment the AMC SC/rambler is the best engine. Also, your choice of stripes (*red, white, or black*)—\$65.00

🏆 **'65 Mustang**: This is based on the promo body with opening hood. It includes the interior, seats, dash, steering wheel, and chrome plated grille & wheel covers. Complete it with a cur-



ros to finish—\$28.00

🏆 **'69 Boss 302**: This transkit includes the body, hood & decals

(*black or white stripes*). Again **'Madman' Mike Kollver** is at work here. He filled in the hood and side vents for this one. You will need both the Revell '69 Mach 1 for the chassis and interior and the Monogram '70 Boss 302 for the engine—\$35.00

They also have listings for both **'71 AND '73 Cougar convertibles**, a **'70 Coronet convertible**, a **'71 Superbee body**, and a **'65/'66 Longnose Mustang** as far as transkits are concerned.

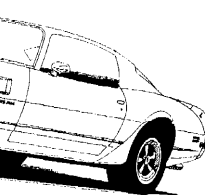
They also have plenty of other details including but not limited to **Engines & accessories, hoods/hood scoops, bumpers/grilles/miscellaneous chrome, spoilers and wheels, and red taillights and bezels**.

Don't forget, if you intend to order from them, confirm the shipping charges. If you don't order from their website, their address is **29508 Southfield Road #200, Southfield, Michigan 48076**. And, if you think about it, let 'em know you read about it here. I'm sure they'd appreciate it.

As usual, a special thanks goes out to **Matt Guilfoyle** for creating this monster of a column. If you see something you like, contact

the company. If you find something that everyone might want to know about, send it along to me for a future column!

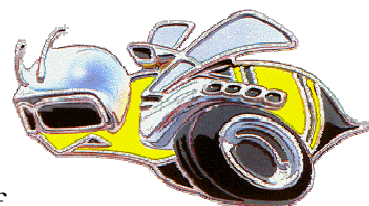
Thanks in advance, guys. 🏆



rent AMT '66 Mustang (*this is the best way to get a CORRECT '65 hard top*)—\$54.00

🏆 **'64 Chevrolet Chevelle/Malibu SS**: **Tom Mooty** started with a Craftsman kit, opened the hood (*with underside detail*) and installed an engine bay. You get a body, hood, interior, dash, correct steering wheel/column, vent windows, clear red tail lights, chrome front bumper and grille, rear bumper, and tail panel. Customers have been using the current issue AMT '65 El Camino, and some have even used the Monogram '66 Chevelle SS—\$ 65.00

🏆 **'68 Chevrolet Camaro convertible**: This kit was never released in kit or promo form! **Mike Kollver** took an original '68 coupe & made this conversion (*a huge item for Chevy fans*). This transkit includes a body and hood. You can use any of the current AMT '67-'69 Cama-

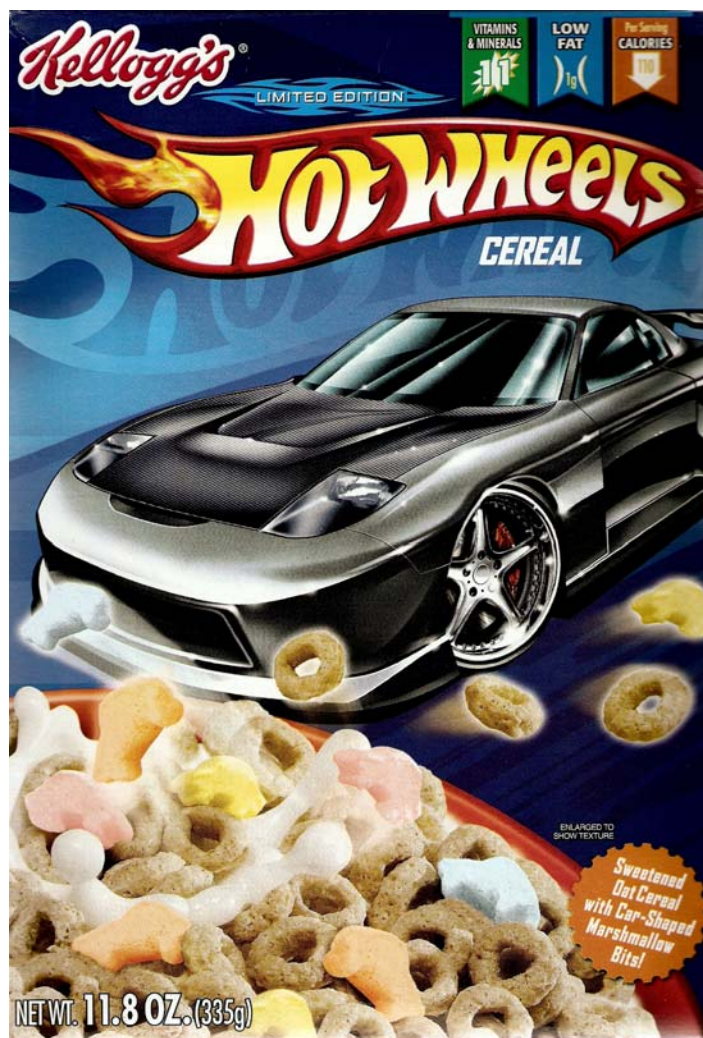


Previews & Odd Stuff

The good folks at *Stevens International*, in an attempt to feed our insatiable craving for plastic are announcing a few more new releases. First off is the **'Vintage Police Car,'** this **'27 "T" Phaeton** which offers optional side curtains, high-speed pursuit or stock "T" engine, siren, 2 helmets, megaphone, nightstick, flashlight, sawed-off shotgun, decals and more. It's scheduled for a **January '08** release (\$24.95). They are also intent on releasing the **Fruehauf flatbed trailer**, a 150-piece kit that includes positional front gear with dolly wheels or sand shoes, detailed frame and undercarriage, dual rear axle, woodgrain deck, simulated steel roll load, hoses, chains, and optional headboard. Look for this one in **February '08** (\$42.95). And finally, the **Mack R685ST truck cab**. This kit includes Maxidyne turbo-charged diesel, complete interior, CB radio, antennas, roof-mounted air deflector. This one should be available in **July '08** (\$49.95)

Oh, and did I forget to tell you guys that **Model King** will be re-releasing the **ERTL '70 1/2 Z28 Camaro**? With any luck, it'll feature more of that **cool box art** by **Sean Svendsen!** Should be available in December, IIRC (*If I Recall Correctly!*). Thanks, guys.

Last but not least, how about a **cereal** for **Car Guys** (*Car Guys' kids?*)?!? I'll give ya three guesses where this item came from, and the first two don't count! **Tanks, Nick!** 🍪



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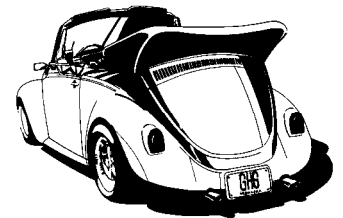
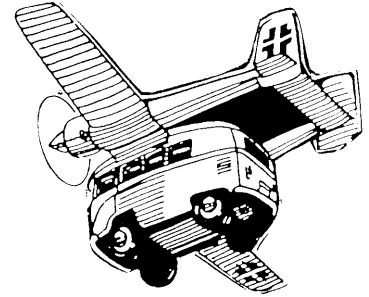


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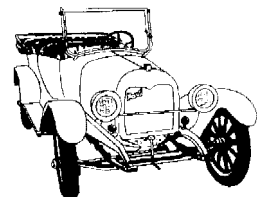
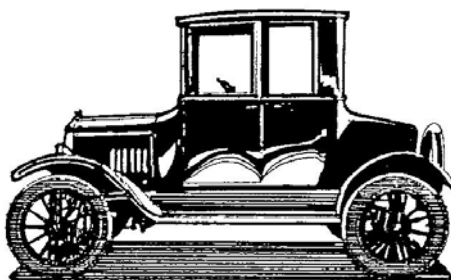


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Poncho Reference Request

As I requested at a previous 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. **Tanks!** 🍷

Oh, and by the way, the club's *'Raffle Kitty'* is severely depleted, and could use some generous donations. **Thanks, y'all!** 🍷

De sale

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member of the DeSoto club. That was a '38 two-door rumble seat convertible. Binder reportedly loved the styling.

His newest DeSoto, a '61, the last year of production in the U.S., has **only 6,000 miles on it**.

The collection was offered at auction recently by the Estate of Constance Binder, Chris's wife who died in '06. Until his death in '94, Chris kept the cars maintained and registered each year so he could drive them. The license plates often indicated the year the car was made.

After bequeathing the Binders' land to neighbors David Killmer and Jackie Killmer and leaving **\$5,000** to her brother in Des Moines and her sister in Clarion, Iowa, Constance Binder's Last Will and Testament expressed the "desire that all of the DeSoto collection of antique cars be displayed at either a public or private place in Clay County, Iowa."

But that desire was left to the discretion of the trustee, Central Bank of Storm Lake, Iowa.

"And that wouldn't have been

possible without selling some cars to maintain the museum," auctioneer Yvette VanDerBrink says.

With no practical site for a museum, Binder's will directed the DeSotos be sold at public auction and the proceeds left to Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Royal, Iowa, in memory of the Binders.

The auctioneer says that while she has a total figure in mind, she will make no public estimate on the amount the church might receive from the auction.

Based in Hardwick, Minn., VanDerBrink has been working on the sale for months and says there is worldwide interest in the rare cars, with collectors already placing bids online.

Ten days prior to the auction, VanDerBrink says the items that have drawn the most interest include a '33 coupe, a '58 ambulance, a '49 "woody" wagon and a '34 Dodge pick-up, along with a '56 *Firedome convertible* with a hemi engine.

VanDerBrink sees the '56 Firedome convertible as the most desirable due to its rarity.

"It could be a six-figure car," she says, adding that, like all of the Chrysler products of the day, it

featured a push-button automatic transmission.

"I can't see the online bids until the sale on that lot begins. So I have no idea where the bids are. But we had one potential buyer, a collector from South Dakota, who offered six figures for the Firedome before the online auction began," she notes.

"This car (*the Firedome*) will set the market for others like it," as will several others in the auction she says. "The 'book' is irrelevant, because there have been no comparative sales for so many years. More than 550 collectors registered already to bid online during the sale. And many more bidders are flying in from more than 10 countries."

The auction started with some parts and miscellaneous items selling first, then the cars. The order of sale, to be held indoors, generally flowed from the newest to the older, rarer DeSotos, with a '34 Dodge pick-up and several other collectors' items mixed in.

For the Oct. 20th auction results, visit http://www.vanderbrinkauctions.com/result_details.php?detail_id=20&allimages=NO 🍷

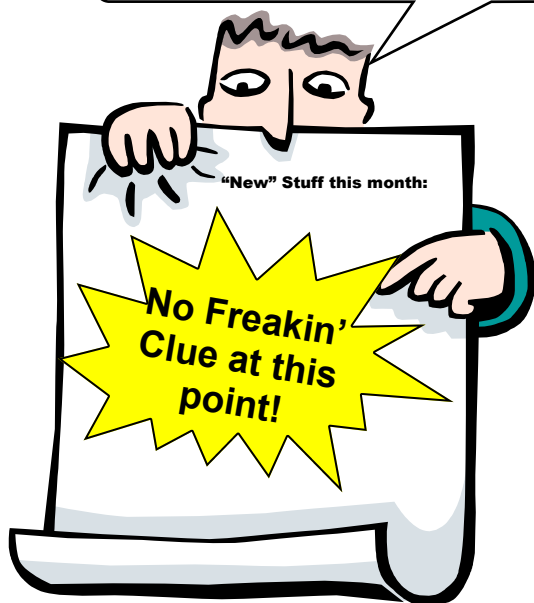


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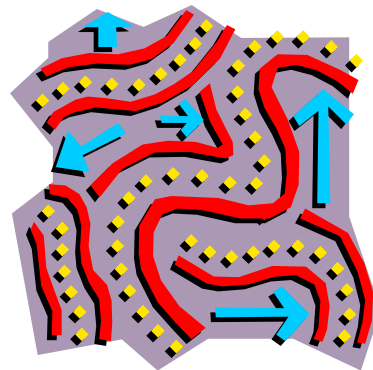
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