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2008 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 19th
- ☛ February 16th
- ☛ March 15th
- ☛ April 19th
- ☛ May 17th
- ☛ June 21st
- ☛ July 19th
- ☛ August 16th
- ☛ September 20th
- ☛ October 18th
- ☛ November 15th
- ☛ December 20th



Inclement weather phone

number: (301) 474-5255. ☎

New Year—New Projects!

Hope you guys 'n gals all got your fill of food at last month's *Christmas extravaganza*. Special thanks go out to everyone who thoughtfully contributed to the feast, esp. the *Philly boys* for the pretzels. *And let's not forget the ladies who painstakingly arranged it all!* Thanks also go to *Dirk Johnson* for the annual calendar

'blowout.'

Inside, you'll find news on the *new ZR-1 Vette* and '*09 Lamborghini Reventon*, notes on *early-season Toyota testing*; more diecast stuff, and a neat way to display your old Monogram and Revell stuff. What're you waiting for? *Dig in!*

The take at last month's meeting was *\$197* (raffle—\$61, and

door box—\$136). That means we made the rent again this month—*Yippee!* Thanks to the following raffle donors: *Brad, Ron Bradley, Cruz, Jerry Frazier, Ron Hamilton, Charlie Magers, Mark Mason, Bill Spradlin, Rex Turner, Howard Weinstein, Lyle Willits, Rich Wilson, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD.* ☺

Put a Ford in Your Ford, Force!

Ford and *Dan Davis*, *director of Ford Racing Technology*, wants to make sure that the '*new heart*' that powers the *NHRA Mustang funny cars* of *John Force Racing* is *pumping blue blood*.

Davis and John Medlen of John Force Racing challenged themselves to develop the new *Ford Boss 500*, the *first modern nitro engine for drag racing*. It was tested on-track for the first time on Oct. 18 and unveiled

for media at the '07 SEMA show.

"We wanted to be in NHRA funny car with an engine that we really could call all our own," Davis said. "I wanted people to see a Ford Mustang race car and know that it's winning races with true Ford power."

Davis and Medlen looked at the current nitro engine, discussed where they felt it had weaknesses, and decided to design and build a new

engine to address them.

It has a strengthened block for better durability and new cylinder heads developed by Ford and Force engineers. The basic design favors areas such as the main caps register and the main webs in the block. The block also is anodized blue after machining, helping ensure everyone knows that they're seeing a Ford engine 'under the hood.'

Most of the external

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Blasts From the Past!?

Very little detail is available about this new product, but I'll give ya what I've got.

I got the scoop from our own **Norman Veber**, who ordered a couple (*thanks for the pics, Norm!*).

The displays available include:

Monogram: Ice T, Long John, Sling Shot, Little T, Firebolt, Black Widow, Green Hornet, Woody Wagon, Blue Beetle, Paddy Wagon, Mother's Pies, Midget Racer, Futurista, Predicta, '40 Ford Pickup, T'Rantula, Hot Rod, Yellow Jacket, Cherry Bomb, Red Baron, Sand Crab, Dragon Wagon, '55 Chevy, Street Fighter, Boot Hill Express, '58 T-Bird, B-66, B-25, PBX-5A, Cessna 180, Vigilante, DC-3, Albatross, Regules 2, and the Space Taxi.

Revell: Lacross, Nike-Hercules, Jupiter-C, Bomarc, Shuttlecraft, Snark, Redstone, Combat Team, Cadillac, Club De Mer, Ford Truck, Chevy Truck, Pine Island, Deal's Wheels Revell Bombers (*hanging display*), Ed

Roth's Ransom A Rat Fink (\$50), Country Squire, Sherman and Russian tanks.

Adams: M40 Choo-Choo Baby (\$50 + \$20 shipping), and Thor at White Sands

MPC: '71 Display.

All displays are \$23.00 except as noted, and shipping starts at \$7.00, with each additional display adding \$2.00. Shipping included (?) is \$1.50 and up

For further questions and/or



clarification, e-mail him at threenames64@yahoo.com, with "Displays" in the Subject line. No info about an available website.

Looks like a cool addition to those hobby room displays of these old kits—*thanks again, Norm.* 🚗



Ford (contd)

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surface areas on the new 500-cubic-inch engine have been re-designed; a new belly pan was designed for better sealing; and the valve covers hark back to the old Boss motors. It also features Ford main bearings with **actual parts numbers** in the Ford performance catalog.

Davis said that the current plan is for new Force Mustang

driver **Mike Neff** to use the engine full-time in '08 as it goes through its development phase. The other Force Mustang drivers—**John Force**, **Ashley Force** and **Robert Hight**—will use the engine after it has been further developed.

Ford and Force Racing also are investigating a

team to be the first development operation in **Top Fuel**, with a measured, commercial rollout to more competitors after it has gone through a prove-out stage in that division.

In other words, these guys want **"Powered by Ford"** to mean something again! *It's about time!* 🚗



Diecast Madness

Diecast Madness! Let's take a look at some more entries into this ever-increasing field of collectibles.

Danbury Mint doesn't seem to know when to quit! Good thing for you Ford fans, though, 'cause their announcement was for a **Candy Apple Red '67 Mustang convertible**, with a beige interior. It is made up of **450+ individual pieces**, and includes not only a removable (*black*) convertible top and boot cover, but a real rubber spare tire (*also removable*) too. It comes with Ford's 289 cu. in., 200 hp. V-8. All for only **\$120.00** plus **\$7.80** shipping and service each (*4 payments of \$31.95 each*). Not forgetting the Bowtie fans, they have also announced a **50th Anniversary limited edition Panama Yellow '58 Corvette**, for only **\$140.00** plus **\$7.80** shipping and service each (*4 payments of \$36.95 each*). Not a Vette fan? How about a **40th Anniversary limited edition Grecian Green Metallic '68 SS396 Chevelle**? The latter two have all the operating features that we've become accustomed to from DM. It'll set ya back **\$120.00** plus **\$7.80** shipping and service each (*4 payments of \$31.95 each*). You can order your choice by contacting 'em at 1-800-822-6133, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time, or on the internet at www.danburymint.com.

As I discussed at the December meeting, the guys at **GMP** have recently released an accessory for your 1/18th scale diecast cars—the '**Burnout Pack**.'

It includes a cast resin 'driver,' (*upper torso only*) who is posable within the car. Moving outside, you also get two smoke clouds which have tabs that fit inside the rear wheelwells, and three sets of burnout marks of varying thicknesses. If I recall correctly, it costs only **\$14.95**. I ordered one, so I'll let you know what it's like



when I get mine. They can be reached by phone at (800) 536-1637, or on the internet at www.gmpdiecast.com/about/history.cfm.

Well gang, there you have it for the diecast section for this month! (Ed. Note: Hey, I just noticed that the poster car for this kit is a GTO—how 'bout that?!? I had nuttin' to do wit' it—I swear!) 🚗



Exotics—From Unaffordable, to...



Corvette ZR-1

(As discussed in November '07 newsletter)

After four years of denials, innuendo, spy shots, “wink-wink” confirmations and strategically choreographed “surprise” appearances, Chevrolet has released details of its worst-kept secret.

The '09 Corvette ZR1--referred to during those many months of development as *Blue Devil*, *Sting Ray* and *Corvette SS*--will go into production this summer at the Corvette plant in Bowling Green, KY, and go on sale in the fall. Chevy will not complete official hp and torque certification spring, but Corvette engineers expect **at least 100 hp per liter**. That **equals 620 hp** to go along with approximately 600 lb-ft of torque from an **all-new, 6.2-liter aluminum-block LS9 V8**. Engineers feel that 100 hp per liter is about the max for a reliable supercharged engine for everyday use.

The LS9 has a lower 9:1 compression ratio than both the LS3 and the Z06's LS7, and utilizes an Eaton Roots-type supercharger with two outboard-mounted heat exchangers/intercoolers, eliminating the need for a big hood bulge. A polycarbonate window exposes the top of the cast-aluminum inter-cooler cover.

The supercharger alone adds about 100 pounds to the car's nose, so engineers offset that somewhat with a **carbon-fiber hood** and **front fenders** that feature dual-gill air outlets behind the front wheels. The rear spoiler is new, designed to balance downforce produced by a large front splitter.

It gets a redesigned rear spoiler to balance downforce from the large front splitter. Loads of unpainted carbon fiber distinguish it, including the splitter, roof and its supporting “bow,” and rocker-panel extensions. Because ultraviolet light degrades unpainted carbon fiber, GM bought a **\$60,000-per-gallon UV-blocking clear-coat additive** that's used in the circuit-board industry. Carbon-fiber breakdown would have been unacceptable in a car that should **sell for \$100,000 to \$125,000**.

Chevy has not released performance numbers, but **0-to-60 mph** should be **less than 3.5 seconds**—**IF** you can put the power down efficiently. Expect a **quarter-mile** time in the **low-11-second range**, with a **top speed between 200 and 205 mph**, although **214 mph is theoretically possible**, according to engineers.

GM plans to build ZR1s at a max volume of approximately **2000 per year** for the remainder of the C6's life cycle—about four more years—plenty of time for it to establish itself as the new **“King of the Hill?”** 🏆



Unobtainable!!

Lamborghini Reventón

Heavily based on the Murciélago, this is a concept car going straight into limited production, for a limited clientele. Price? **\$1.365 million before tax.** All 20 are left-hand-drive and already sold. Twelve are heading to the U.S., and more than 20 other Lambo owners are on a waiting list, ready to step up should anyone suffer a change of heart. They should be delivered by October, '08.

It will be powered by a blue-printed version of the LP640's 6.5-liter, all-alloy V12. The more careful matching of the engine's internals (*old school blueprinting?!)* has given it **650 hp at 8000 rpm**, 10 hp more than the LP640 and right on the coveted 100-hp-per-liter mark. Even so, it has the same top-speed and acceleration numbers as the LP640.

Lambo director of brand and design Manfred Fitzgerald said the car is based on inspiration from the **F-22 Raptor jet**.

The car gets every box in the Murciélago's options list (*the least you could get for the price, you might think*), including carbon-ceramic brakes, but then it adds

unique forged-aluminum wheels with carbon-fiber inlays.

The car **shares no panels**

with the LP640. The lift-up doors and the roof are aluminum (*for impact strength*), while every other panel is carbon fiber. Only the side mirrors have been carried over, and they remain only because a new pair of mirrors would have demanded a lengthy and expensive new homologation process.

"It has ***all been virtual*** and **CAD**, and the first prototype is actually the first car. There was no 1:1; no clay. We did a quarter-scale model just to verify what we did in the wind tunnel."

That's not a bad result for one of only four production cars that list at more than a million euros. (*The others are the Bugatti Veyron, the Mercedes-Benz CLK-GTR and the Ferrari FXX, which is not road legal.*)

So, there you have it. Ya pays yer money, and ya takes yer choice!! 🚗



This 'n That

Happy New Year! Any of you guys see **Evel Knievel's** successor 26-year-old **New South Wales Momotocross rider Robbie Maddison** set the new **world motorcycle jumping record** at **almost 323 feet** on New Year's Eve? Red Bull sponsored it, and ESPN televised it. He not only broke it on his first jump, he turned right around and did it a second time as well! He dedicated his record-breaking jump to Evel Knievel, who died last November. Meanwhile, **Red Bull D1 Drift driver Rhys Millen** wasn't so lucky. Rhys wanted to be the first to **launch a truck off a ramp and execute a backflip**. He successfully completed three practice jumps into piles of cardboard boxes. But on his fourth try, he overshot the boxes landing hard on pavement, resulting in **five fractured vertebrae**, landing him instead in the hospital. The injuries are non-life threatening, and he'll be back after



sufficient recovery time... **Condolences.** Former funny car racer **Ray 'R.C.' Sherman**, of Frederick, MD, who drove the "Black Magic" funny car died Dec. 18 of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (*Lou Gehrig's disease*). He was 64. He is survived by his wife, Ginger, and mother, Alise. Thanks to nhra.com... **New Stuff?!**

According to a recent post on the **Spotlight Hobbies message board**, we can expect, in April of this year, a **brand-new tool of a Ferrari 250 TR Testa Rossa ('57 or '58?)**. From what I'm told, the modeling community has **never had (but constantly lusted after)** this kit. It is reported to be coming from **Hasegawa** in 1/24th scale, and is reported to consist of 130 pieces, meaning that it may be sporting an engine, as opposed to being a curbside. Make plans now... **Want the First '09 ZR-1 to Hit the Street?!** Not surprisingly, you needed to be at **Barrett-Jackson's auction** this month. The top bidder also receives a VIP package. Proceeds from the ZR1 auction go to **United Way of Michigan**. At the same time, B-J will also be auctioning off an **'08 Challenger SRT8 (badge #1!)**, and a special one-off **'08 Ford Shelby**



GT500KR. The Challenger's winning bid benefits **Not My Kid, Inc.**, a nonprofit group that focuses on youth behavioral health issues. And proceeds from the sale of the Shelby GT500KR go to the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation... 'Green' Pacer?!** Speakin' of Corvettes, a Corvette will pace the Indy 500 in May. An **ethanol-powered Corvette Z06 E85 concept car**, piloted by **two-time Indy 500 champion Emerson Fittipaldi**, will be one of two special Vettes serving as pace cars for the **92nd Indianapolis 500** on May 25th. Chevy has no plans to sell an E85-equipped Corvette, but it will build **500 copies of the other official pace car, a black and silver commemorative edition that marks the 30th anniversary of the first Corvette to pace the field at Indy in '78**. The pace car replicas will be sold in both coupe and convertible form, each signed by Fittipaldi... **'09 Pontiac Torrent MIA?** GM will supposedly replace the **Pontiac Torrent** with a **small GMC crossover** for the '09 model year. It's rumored to be called the **Terrain**. It will be built on the same basic architecture as the next-gen Chevy Equinox. But it will have unique sheet metal and a different interior. It will also have a bolder appearance than the Equinox. GM plans to build it at the CAMI Automotive

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Inc. plant in Ingersoll, Ontario, which it runs jointly with Suzuki Motor Corp. That plant produces the Equinox, Torrent and Suzuki XL-7 SUV, also built on the Theta platform. GM showed the Terrain (*about the size of the Jeep Liberty*) to dealers about eight months ago. This all fits with Pontiac's plans to move back to an **all-RWD lineup**, in keeping with their "**We Build Excitement**" ad campaign... **Dakar rally canceled?!** The organizer of the annual Dakar Rally has canceled this year's event, planned to start on Saturday and run to Jan. 20th due to fears regarding safety after terrorist actions and threats against the rally. Three men believed to be linked to Al Qaeda killed four French tourists in Mauritania in Africa on Dec. 24th. The rally was set to spend eight days in Mauritania, and organizer ASO feared it would be unable to guarantee the safety of participants and others involved in the nearly 6000-mile trek. The cancellation is the first in the rally's 30 years. The ASO says future Dakar events are not at risk... **Naked Camaros?!?** In an attempt to build acceptance for the car (*in my opinion*), GM exec Bob Lutz ordered engineers to remove the camouflage from Camaros

undergoing real-world testing. In a posting on the **GM Fastlane Blog** (<http://fastlane.gmblogs.com>), A Chevy General Manager said the coverings were taken off so engineers can get better readings from aerodynamic and cooling testing. To celebrate, GM released an official photo of a naked Camaro prototype. It also encouraged fans to keep an eye out for the prototypes being tested on public roads. The '09 Camaro is set to begin production late this year, with cars going on sale early next year. The price? Still anybody's guess... **High-tech Engine a Non-Starter? GM** has



cancelled plans for a **double overhead-cam V8** for its **luxury cars**, a possible replacement for **Caddy's Northstar V8**. The announcement follows a new fuel

economy standard signed into law by President Bush mandating a 40 percent fuel economy improvement by 2020. However, a **new 4.5-liter diesel** to be used for light-duty pickups and SUVs remains on track. The engine will be built at the legendary Tonowanda plant... **TATA for Now?! Ford Motor Co.** recently told **Jag** and **Land Rover** workers that it is in "focused negotiations" to sell the brands to **India's Tata Motors** (<http://www.tatamotors.com/>)... **"Taxi!?"** Seven-time Formula One world champ **Michael Schumacher** shocked a cab driver by taking over the wheel in order to be on time for a flight. He flew into the aerodrome at the Bavarian town of Coburg recently and took a taxi to the village of Gehuelz, 30km away, to pick up a new puppy - an

Australian Shepherd called "Ed." But when he, his wife and two children caught a taxi back to the airport, they were short on time and, after a polite request, cab driver Tuncer Yilmaz watched in wonder as Schumacher took the wheel. "I found myself in the passenger seat, which was strange enough, but to have "Schumi" behind the wheel of my cab was incredible," Mr Yilmaz told the Muenchner Abendzeitung. "He drove at full throttle around the corners and overtook in some unbelievable places." The cab driver was well rewarded for the unusual journey - on top of the **\$100 fare**, he was also given a **\$167 (!) tip**. Schumacher's spokesperson Sabine Kehm later confirmed the story. The German track ace, who now lives in Switzerland, retired from Formula One in 2006 after a glittering career and, despite test drives for his old team Ferrari, has insisted there is no chance of a return to racing... **Enzo**

Oneupmanship? Ferrari is considering **twin-turbo V8 power** for its successor to the Enzo supercar, even though the new car isn't due until 2012. Ferrari GT technical director Roberto Fedeli confirmed that the Italian sports-car maker is investigating both V8 **AND** V12 options for its Enzo successor but insisted that Ferrari was no longer interested in power wars.

(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!) ☺



BBQ Grilles for Men!

Not wanting to rush the cookout season (*but being unable to resist!*), here are a few *new items in the Barbecue wars*—BBQ grills, Designed By Men, For Men —'Nuff said! 🍖

The car is (was) a 1978 Holden HZ GTS Monaro



Grilles (contd)



Low Budget: Oil Pan Hibachi
(for those small get togethers)



And if you REALLY want to impress your friends....
(?!?)

Cool Cars for Hot Wheels 40th Anniversary!

When *California* artist **Rick Irons** created the *now-famous Hot Wheels logo*--a red banner with groovy letters and flames--he probably never imagined the little cars would exist, let alone be thriving, 40 years later.

This year, Hot Wheels celebrates its 40th anniversary, and in honor of the milestone, it is staging a **Designers Challenge**. This is the first time Hot Wheels has gone outside its house to get designs for cars.

Ford, Mitsubishi, Dodge, GM, Honda and Lotus all have designed their 1/64th-scale-model machines, along with

a 1/5th-scale model for an event at the Specialty Equipment Market Association event at Las Vegas last October. Each company created at least three examples

to be voted on by a panel of automotive journalists, Hot Wheels designers and executives.

The models needed to show distinct

cues from their automotive parents. Once built, the cars had to complete a loop on the classic Hot Wheels orange track.

The six designs selected are the **Dodge XP-07**, designed by Mark Reisen; the **Ford Gangster Grin**, by Steve Gilmore; the **Chevrolet**, by Amaury Diaz-

Serrano; the **Honda Racer**, by Guillermo Gonzalez; the **Lotus Concept**, by Steven Crijns; and the **Mitsubishi Double Shotz**, by Gary Ragle. The Hot Wheels design team also had an internal contest, won by Jun Imai with the **HW-40**.

One of the designers credits the toys as part of the reason he became interested in cars in the first place. "One of my first cars was the 1968 Camaro," says Diaz-Serrano. "I always wanted to work for GM, and I loved Mattel, so this was really a dream job for me." He drew inspiration for the Chevrolet from several sources, including the '57 Corvette, some of the land-speed-record cars of the '30s and even World War II fighter planes. Maybe the company's motto should be "**Creating car guys since 1968.**" 🚗



Lotus Concept



HW40



Chevy Chevrolet



Ford Gangster Grin



Dodge XP-07



Mitsubishi Double Shotz



Honda Racer

Model Buffet

This month, we're not gonna stray too far for subject matter. We will take a peek at *Historic Racing Miniature's* latest offering, a *Ferrari 330 P4 transkit* for the Fujimi kit.

There are actually *two distinct kits*—the engine, by itself, for those of you who wish to build a display version, that consists of approximately 46 pieces.

The other kit is the entire transkit which includes the aforementioned engine, as well as approximately 38 engine bay pieces.

The parts are excellently molded in white resin, per HRM's standard practice.

Also included is a two-page instruction sheet with suggested kit part mods, painting suggestions, and assembly instructions, complete with figures to avoid confusion. There is also a parts breakdown on the last page.

The *engine kit* by itself lists

for **\$45**, while the *full transkit* lists for **\$60**. For those paying in cold, hard cash, kits can be ordered directly from Harold Bradford at 14008 Adkins Road, Laurel, MD 20708, historicracing-miniatures@comcast.net. For those of you who prefer to pay by credit card, you may do so by way

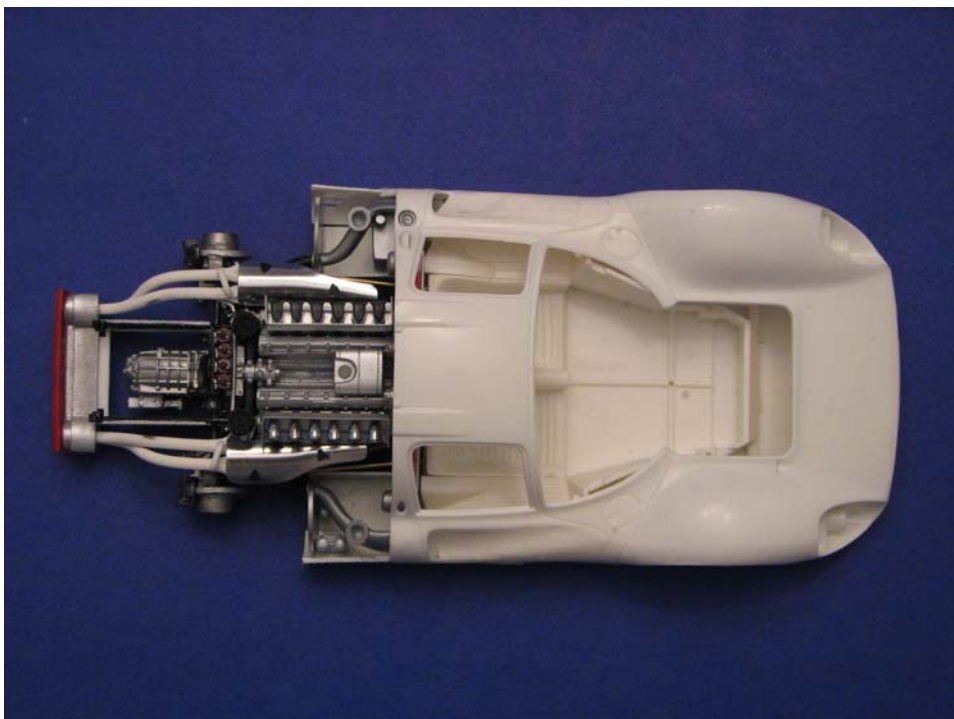
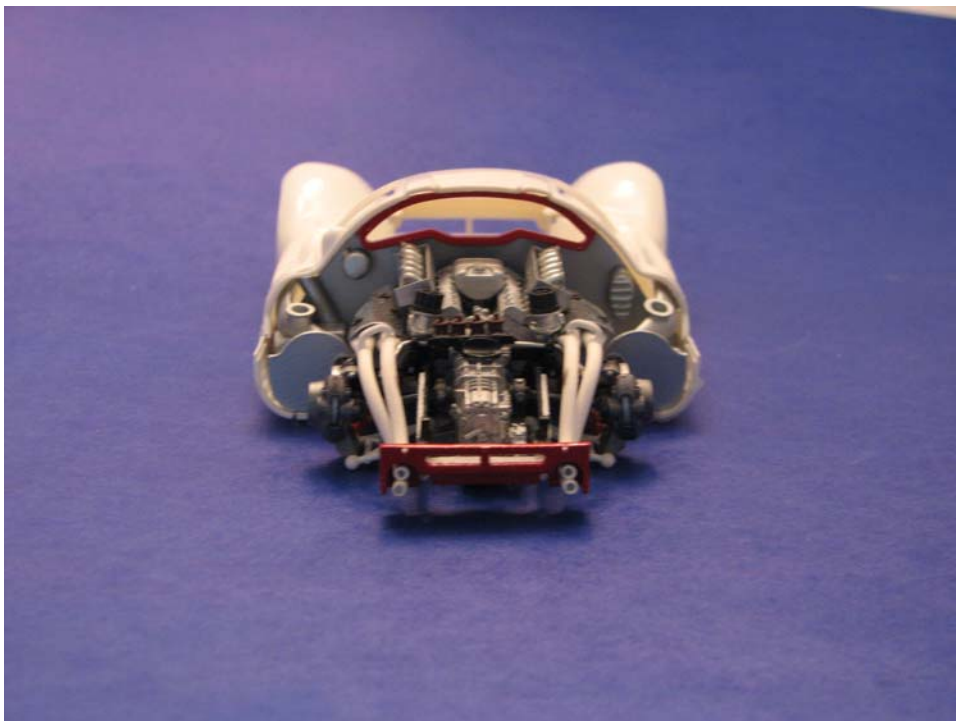
of Norman Veber at *Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD*, 317 Roosevelt Avenue SW, Glen Burnie, MD 21061, normanveber@aol.com. Be sure to include *shipping*—**\$7.00** for *HRM*, and **\$7.50** for *RMCM of MD*.

Examine the enclosed pictures (which definitely do not do this kit justice!), and place yer order now!

(Ed. Note: The built-up kit was most capably rendered by MAMA's Boy Gordon Holsinger. Thanks to MAMA's Boy Lyle Willets for the photography!)

For what it's worth, I hear HRM's next project centers around a *Bowtie designation near and dear to Corvette folks hearts*—a '63 Z06. Watch for 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 inclusion in a future column! Thanks in advance, guys. 🏎️



Buffet (contd)



I think you'll agree that Harold & Gordon BOTH did an excellent job! You too, Lyle!

Toyota Notes?

Toyota is apparently out to prove a point at one of NAS-CAR's fastest tracks, **Daytona International Speedway**. They feel a strong preseason test session showing will go a long way in cleaning up their soiled rep (*remember the cheating scandal with Mike Waltrip last year, and the lack of speed by the Toyotas?*).

Camry drivers **Jacques Villeneuve** (Bill Davis Racing), **J.J. Yeley** (Hall of Fame Racing) and **Kyle Busch** (Joe Gibbs Racing)

were among the fastest in the three-day test that ended on Wednesday, Jan. 9th.

Overall, though, **Hendrick Motorsports** drivers were again the class of the field. Chevy teammates **Jimmie Johnson** and **Casey Mears** were 1-2 in Monday morning's single-car runs, and 1-2 again in Monday afternoon's drafting session.

Johnson and Villeneuve were 1-2 in Tuesday morning's single-car runs, but Yeley and Busch were 1-2 in the afternoon drafting



session. The first round ended with Busch and fellow Toyota driver **A.J. Allmendinger** 1-2 in the morning and Busch and Ford driver **Matt Kenseth** 1-2 in the afternoon.

The Jan. 7-9 test was for odd-numbered teams in owner points midway through the '07 season. Teams that were in even-numbered positions at the same point—including **Dale Earnhardt Jr.**, **Tony Stewart**, **Jeff Burton** and **Kevin Harvick**—will test Jan. 14th-16th. 🏆

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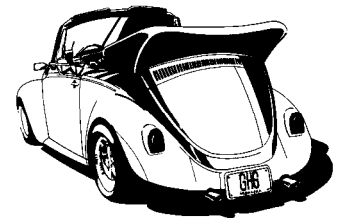
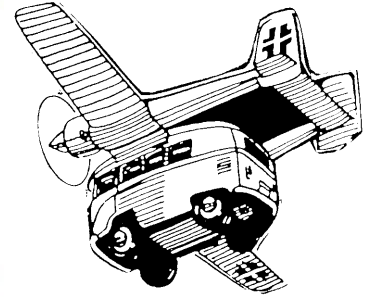


THE **22nd** ANNUAL

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East

- MODEL CAR SHOW
- SCALE MARKETPLACE
- COTTAGE INDUSTRY EXPO

Next Year's Theme:



**100 Years of the
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Any Shape, Form, Style or Vision of
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Subtheme: Beetle-may-nee-aaa!!!!

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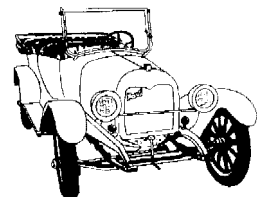
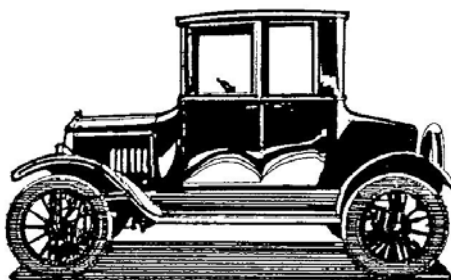


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Disney **THE
LOVEBUG**



Jan. 25th to 27th—**Dirt Trackin' Indoor Race car show** at the fairgrounds in York, PA.

Feb. 3rd—**Toy show** at Shrewsbury Fire hall, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Feb. 23rd—**Philly Area Car Modelers** (<http://www.pacms.org/>) **5th Annual Model Car Club Sit-**

Down (Phew!) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mainline Hobbies (www.mainlinehobbies.com), in East Norriton, PA (see below).

Apr. 12th—**22nd Annual NNL East** (see flyer opposite).

Apr. 26th—**IPMS Model Classic '08** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 2500 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax, VA. Info: Tom Henderson, (703) 680-9354.

June 14th—**2nd Annual Trick My**

Ride Open Car & Truck show, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at South Carroll high School. This event is a fundraiser for the South Carroll H.S. PTSA. Info: Kim Hobin, at 410-693-9665, or Default-girl@aol.com.

Aug. 6th to 9th—**"Gateway to the Atlantic" '08 IPMS USA National Convention** at the VA Beach Convention Center. Info: www.ipmsusa2008.org. 🚗

5th Annual Model Car Club Sit Down

Da Philly BoyZ is putting' out an invite to all local clubs (PACM, MAMA, Jersey Shore, Tri-State, Silent Traffic, & CPMCC) to their annual Sit Down on Feb. 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at **Mainline Hobbies** (2915 Hannah Ave., Norriton, PA 19401). **NOT** a contest, just a bring 'em and show 'em, and enjoy the fun. So, 'race' on down (or up, depending on where you live!) - **look forward to seein' you there. Be there, or be square!** 🚗



Directions:
From I-476 North:

From Pa Turnpike/NE Extension (I-476 South):

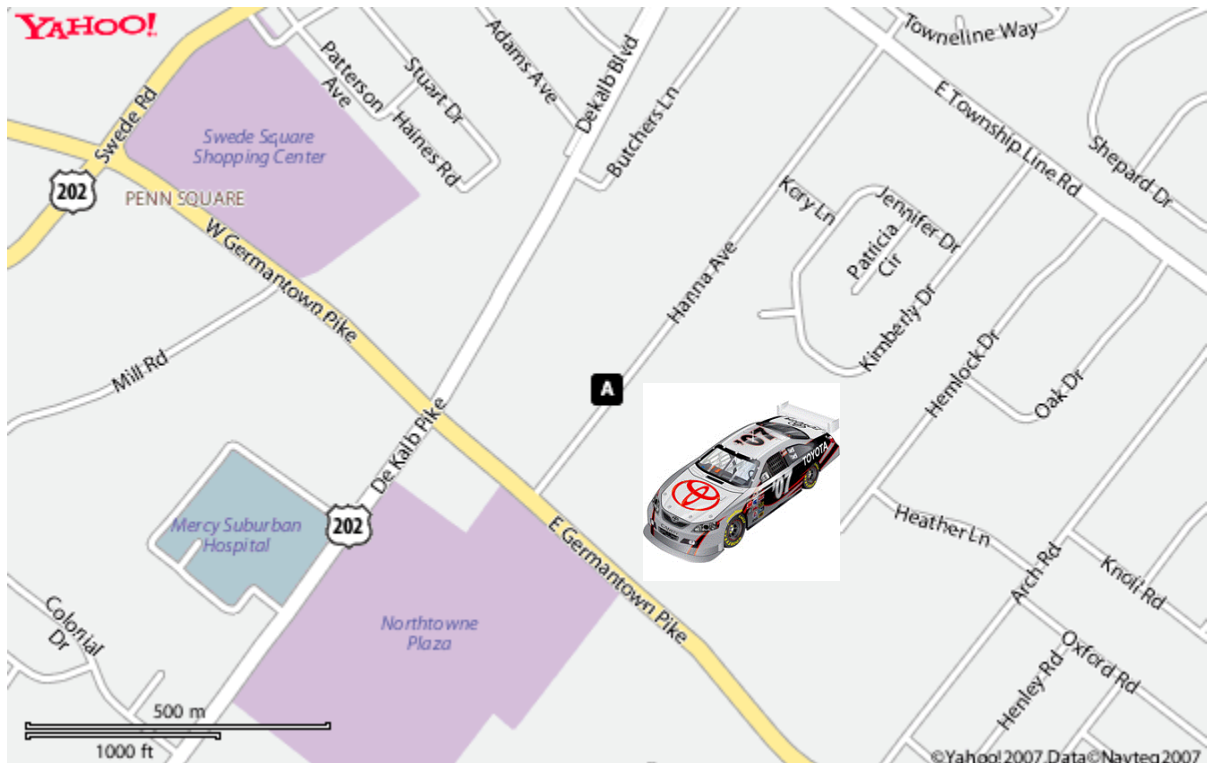


Take the last exit before the tolls, exit 20, "Germantown Pike - WEST/ Plymouth Road" and bear right at the fork in the ramp for Germantown Pike West. Follow Germantown Pike for 3 miles. Look for a Sunoco Station on your right hand side, and make a right onto Hannah Avenue just before the Sunoco. They are the first building on the left.

Mainline Hobbies' website: <http://www.mainlinehobbies.com/> 🚗



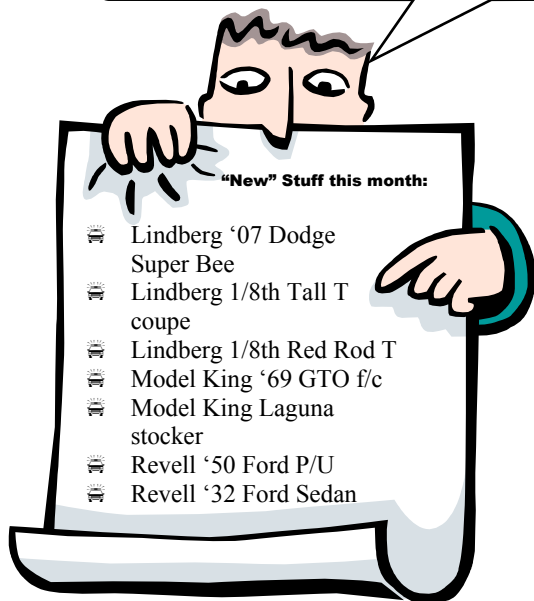
Take Exit 333 Norristown, Make a Left at the traffic light at the end of the ramp, Then a right at the next traffic light onto Germantown Pike west. Follow The directions above. Located 5 minutes Above Plymouth Meeting, next to Sunoco at Germantown Pike and US 202. 🚗



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"New" Stuff this month:

- Lindberg '07 Dodge Super Bee
- Lindberg 1/8th Tall T coupe
- Lindberg 1/8th Red Rod T
- Model King '69 GTO f/c
- Model King Laguna stocker
- Revell '50 Ford P/U
- Revell '32 Ford Sedan

Websites

Carlisle Events:

<http://www.carlisleevents.com>

East Coast Indoor Nationals

(Timonium, MD):

www.eastcoastindoornats.com

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

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

Maryland Intl Raceway:

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

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

York US30 Muscledar Madness:

www.yorkus30.com 🚗



Club Contact Info

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WANTED: I'm gonna do the equivalent of throwing chum into shark-infested waters, if you'll pardon the analogy. I am looking to purchase mint, unbuilt GTOs, specifically '68 MPC hardtops and convertibles, and '71 hardtops. I also have an extensive collection to trade from, including but not limited to some mint, unbuilt kits such as an *MPC '71 Demon*, and *'77 Volare*. Also want 5-spoke & Minilite-style wheels, in both 1/32nd and 1/24th and/or 1/25th scales, Revell 1/32nd scale '70 Trans Am kits, '84-'87 MPC Fieros,

and '70 -'81 Firebird Formulas and T/As, and Polar Lights funny cars, old empty *Pontiac kit boxes*. Would also like to buy or borrow *old AMT/MPC/Monogram/Revell model car catalogs*. Contact Tim Sickie at gtoguy@verizon.net, or see me at a meeting.

FOR SALE/TRADE:

Thinning/narrowing focus, not quitting. Contact Tim Sickie at gtoguy@verizon.net, or see me at a meeting.

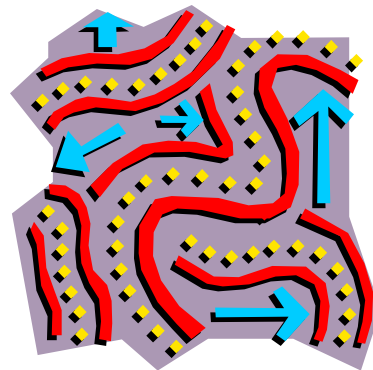
Got an ad? E-mail me, and we'll see if we can fit it in! 📧

We're on the web!
<http://www.mamasboyz.org/>

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. 📍

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