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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



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Dog Days of Summer!

Last months meeting was again a contradiction in terms—it was well-attended, but no real business was handled.

About the only thing that was covered was the discussion/approval of two NNL issues—a) moving our April '09 meeting to the fourth Saturday, so as not to interfere with NNL East, and b) elimination of elevated

tables at the show, resulting in much easier setup, and no additional table rentals.

Inside, there's a few words from **Tim & Dawn Powers** on the *loss of their beloved pet*, and resident **'Ford-natic'** **Rich Wilson** on the **'06 Shelby GT-H**, and **'07 GT500. Tanks!**

The take at last months meeting was

\$220.10 (raffle—**\$78.00**, door—**\$142.10**). Do the math—we *barely made the room rent*. So, lets dig deeper this month, OK? Thanks to the following donors: John Bowers, **Brad, Ed Brown, Jerry Frazier, Ron Hamilton, Charlie Magers, Mark Mason, Rich Wilson**, and **Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD. Thanks, guys!** 🍷

MAMA Support!

Good news/bad news here, gang.

First off, the good - **Kelsey Rose Rook**, 8lbs., 14oz., 20" long, was born to **Michele & Walt Rook** on Saturday, July 12th. Looks like we've got another new modeler?

Now, unfortunately the bad.

Vince Putt was recently brutally attacked in Georgia!!

Apparently, he and his crew travel the country doing digital conversion work at TV stations, with

a mobile shop consisting of a news van and a 16ft trailer. They were turning into a restrant in Macon and turned into the wrong driveway. They ended up in a medical center lot with no place to turn around. Vince got out to guide his partner backing the trailer back onto the highway.

A dodge truck that was coming down the highway swerved at him at the last minute. He saw someone get out of the truck, and thought he

was going to help. Next thing Vince knew, he was staggering across the highway. He doesn't know what happened. Luckily for him, there were two paramedics sitting in an ambulance in the driveway of the med center. As soon as they saw the hoodlums wailing on Vince, they turned on the lights. They freaked, got back in the truck and sped off. The paramedics were with Vince by the time he made it to the curb.

The police he met at

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Sad News...

It is with much sadness that **Tim and Dawn Powers** announce the passing of their beloved cat **Ricky "Bubba" Powers** (Mar. 12, '90 to Aug. 9, '08). They released him from complications of old age and cancer with the assistance of his vet, Dr. Anne Maxon of Annapolis Cat Hospital. They brought him home as a tiny kitten and raised him with the best care they could provide. In return he gave them much love and companionship. His was the most gentle soul they ever knew. He will be sorely missed and his memory will live in their hearts forever.



Andrea Pininfarina, chairman and CEO of Italian design firm and contract manufacturer **Pininfarina S.p.A.**, died recently in a motorcycle crash near Turin, Italy. Pininfarina, 51, was riding a motorcycle to the company design

and R&D center in Cambiano, south of Turin, when the crash occurred about 8 a.m. A preliminary local police report says a car crashed into Pininfarina's Vespa scooter. Pininfarina died in the crash. Pininfarina had been CEO of the Pininfarina S.p.A. since July '01, and added the chairman duties in May '06. Born in Turin, he graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering at Turin Polytechnic. Andrea Pininfarina was the grandson of Pininfarina S.p.A. founder Battista "Pinin" Pininfarina. His father, Sergio, was active in the company until '06, but retired due to illness. Sergio Pininfarina was inducted into the European

Automotive Hall of Fame last March, and inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn, Mich., in '07. Andrea Pininfarina's older sister, Lorenza, sits on the company board of directors. His younger brother, Paolo, is chairman of the company and in

charge of the Pininfarina Extra design division. The loss occurs as the family controlled company is in the midst of a crucial restructuring. Last year, their consolidated net loss totaled \$177.7 million at current exchange rates. Revenues increased by 13.8 percent to 670.4 million euros, or \$1.04 billion. On March 10, the company asked its shareholders for a 100 million euros, or \$154.6 million, capital increase to cover its losses. The financing move, to be completed by the end of the year, means that the Pininfarina family will lose their majority in the company. The family currently controls 55 percent of Pininfarina's voting shares. The family will underwrite part of the capital increase and will rely on the support of new investors, such as **Ferrari vice chairman Piero Ferrari**, **Tata Group chairman Ratan Tata** and **French industrialist Vincent Bollore**. After the capital increase, the Pininfarina family will remain the main shareholder of the company, with about 30 percent of the shares. Pininfarina is survived by his wife Cristiana, daughter Benedetta, and sons Sergio Jr. and Luca. Heartfelt condolences. 🙏

and Bad News

Word reaches me that, sadly, we will soon lose yet another hobby shop.

MAMA member **J.R. Blair** recently e-mailed me to inform me that **Lad's Hobby** (3570 St. John's Lane, Ellicott City, MD) will be closing their doors forever by way of a "Retirement/Closing" sale within four to five weeks. Guess

the sale started in earnest on Aug. 7th. The sale is said to include all merchandise, and even extend to some store fixtures as well. Personal health issues and a new career opportunity were cited as reasons.

As if this isn't bad enough, in case you hadn't heard, This is on the heels of another announced "Retirement Sale" at **Stoneleigh Hobbies** (6717 York Road, Baltimore, MD 21212, [http://](http://www.stoneleighhobby.com/)

www.stoneleighhobby.com/)! Discounts of at least 50% are touted on their website. No reasons given in this case for their closing.

We need to be very aware of these closings, and try to do our part to keep other shops in business, as there are some things we just can't get anywhere else, i.e., paints, tools, glues, etc.

So, what're ya waitin' for?! Hit those hobby shops, and spend some dough!! 🙏

2006 Shelby GT-H

[Revell Modified reissue, 116 pieces; white, black, gray, & chrome]

This, of course, is a modified reissue of the '06 Mustang GT. Upon opening the box, it virtually the same, but with several new pieces.

The **engine** is the same with the exception of the 'K&N' type air filter. We also get a 'Monte Carlo' bar to stiffen up the front suspension.

The **interior** and **chassis** are unchanged. Most of the changes are cosmetic for the body. Like the new front fascia with separate grilles (*not chromed*). A new hood has separate chromed hood pins.

A nice touch are the chromed 'Hertz' badges for the front fenders and

the traditional side scoops. The tires are the same no names we got before but the wheels are 20" Torq thrust Sts which I suspect will be the most popular part in this kit.

The **decals** have only gold stripes of course, but with a black stripe in between the gold instead of a clear section as you'd expect, but then this car is only avail-

able in black anyway. There are five different gauge colors to choose from, though I understand the real mustangs have as many as 20 colors in the color palette.

By: Rich Wilson 🍷



2007 Shelby GT-500

[Revell Modified reissue, 116 pieces; white, black, gray, & chrome]

This, just like the GT-H, is of course, the modified reissue we've been waiting for. There are quite a few new parts.

The **engine** is all-new to this kit—it's the 4-cam version of the modular series. The engine is a 20-piece affair with separate oil pan. It has the blower with its intercooler underneath and finned cam covers with '**Powered by SVT**' on them.

The **chassis** builds up the same as the GT and the GT-H with the exception of larger front disc brakes and the aforementioned 'Monte Carlo' bar, which is different than the GT-H. Again the same no name tires, but the

wheels are new; 5 pairs of straight spokes that I'd

swear I see on most new Fords these days.

The **interior** is the same as before but with a new pair of front seats with faint Cobra emblems on them. Its kind of confusing at first, because they also include the GT seats, and they look the same, only the emblems are on the one set.

Strangely, there is only one decal gauge for the dash instead of several to choose from.

The front fascia is new with separate grilles and a chrome snake as well as

two others for the fenders. The new hood has the correct dual openings with separate grilles. The only remaining changes are a new wing/spoiler and 'faux' gas cap with the snake emblem. The decal sheet has stripes of blue and white as well as the usual underhood decals and wheel center emblems.

By: Rich Wilson 🍷



'08 GTOAA Nats!

Summer in Saratoga Springs, New York meant one thing this year—horsepower (*and, no, not the four-legged kind!*). Yup, you guessed it—the **GTO Association of America** invaded with their national convention, and yours truly, Deb, and Nick were right in the thick of it.

It was hot, but we had no rain. In other words, perfect car show weather for the four days that we were in town, immersed in all things GTO. All generations were represented, even the much-maligned '73 and '74s.

An interesting aside here—

I've never been a huge fan of the '73s styling. But, there was an **Ascot Silver '73** there that demanded (*and got, by way of a Concours Modified Gold award!*) respect. Let's set the way-back machine. 'Way back in '73, **CARS** magazine Awarded

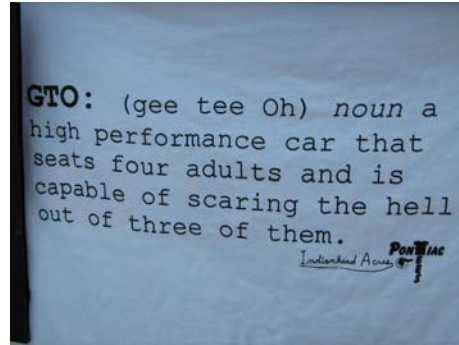
the '73
GTO
their

"Performance Car of the Year" award for the new engine option—the **SD455**.

Well, we all know that GM did an about face and installed it in the Firebird instead. So, that meant that the award was made to a 'phantom' - a car that didn't exist! Anyway, the Ascot Silver '73 got the **full Super Duty 455 treatment** that it was meant to have from the factory (*over a period of THREE years!*).

The other neat thing there was

a **new reproduction of the VOE** (*vacuum-operated exhaust*). More background. Pontiac released a commercial called "The Humbler" which ran only **twice** within a **30-day period before the brass pulled it**. It showed the car cruising the



drive-in, 'blipping' the throttle, showing off his exhaust, and looking for a race. GM also wanted Pontiac to recall and replace every single VOE (*about 200*) that

they installed (*they didn't!*). Well, the white '71 pictured has a period-correct reproduction on it, which is available for other years of GTOs besides the originally installed '70.

While there, I managed to bring back an **almost complete brake system** for a **certain '68 GTO**, including but not limited to **Delco power booster, dual master cylinder, and hard and soft brake lines**. It was a bit of a tight squeeze in the Honda (*lines were shipped separately!*).

I never saw so many painted roof cars, rather than vinyl tops!

Next year's show will appeal to **ALL** Poncho lovers, as it will be what is called a 'co-convention' - the GTOAA will be teaming up with the Pontiac Oakland Club

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'71 VOE-Equipped GTO

'73 Ascot Silver SD455 GTO (!)

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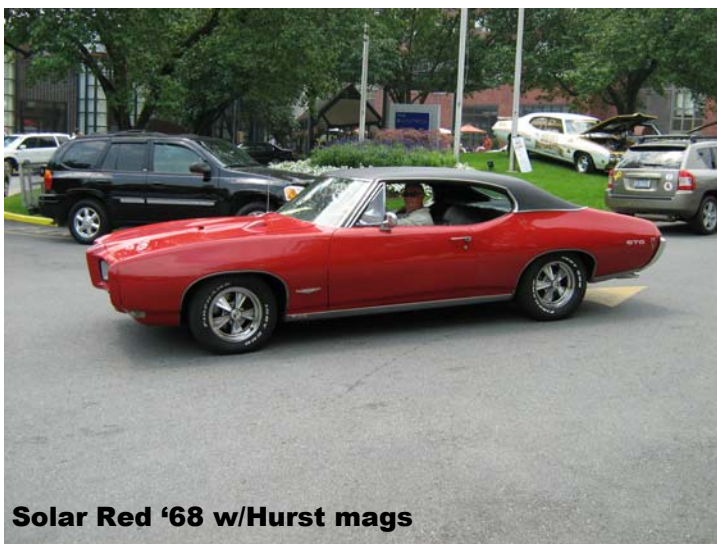
Espresso Brown '69 w/white painted top



Torrid Red '06 Monaro (GTO)

International (*POCI*) and the Grand Prix club of America for an all-Pontiac show July 7th to 11th, 2009 (<http://gtoaapocinationals.com/>).

Nick and I already scheming to go—they are expecting **2,000 Pontiacs!!** 🚗



Solar Red '68 w/Hurst mags



Cardinal Red '72 LeMans GT convertible



Solar Red '68 w/poverty caps



April Gold '68 Ram Air GTO

This n That

New Stuff! Looks like **Revell** is set to release several more kits (*some new, some reissues*), including but not limited to: a **Hummer H2**, '07 **Shelby GT-500** (both 1/32nd scale Snap Tite kits), **Messa Schnitzel**, **Trans Um Tirebird**, **VW Van** (all Deal's Wheels' Old School stuff), an '08 **Shelby GT500KR special edition**, '68 **Bullitt Mustang**, '08 **Bullitt Mustang**, '64 **Fairlane 2 'n 1 Street Machine special edition**, '07 **Dodge Charger Super Bee Custom** ('Uptown'), '57 **Chevy 2 'n 1 'Black Widow' sedan special edition**, and, finally, two 1/32nd scale slot car stock cars—**Fred Lorenzen's '63 Lafayette Ford**, and **Dan Gurney's '65 Ford** (both special editions). No dates, so if these interest you, check with our 'Model Pusher,' **Ron B...** **New Paint?** I hear that **Testors** (http://www.testors.com/whats_new.asp) has some *new paints* on the way to hobby shop shelves. Colors include: **Inca Gold Lacquer**, **Mythical Maroon Lacquer**, **Revving Red Lacquer**, **De Ja Blue Lacquer**, **Lime Ice Lacquer**, **Wet Look Clear Coat Lacquer**, **White Lightning Lacquer**, **Blazing Black Lacquer**, **Fiery Orange Lacquer**, and **Diamond Dust Lacquer**. They will be 3oz aerosol cans that should retail for about five bucks in some of today's hottest metallic colors. Brilliant Finish in one easy coat, and dries in 20 minutes. Durable, works on most surfaces... **Jap Hot Rod Hits the Streets!** The **first Skyline GT-R customer**, Daryl Alison, of

Costa Mesa, CA, took delivery recently at an LA dealership in a ceremony with *longtime Nissan racer Steve Millen*. Alison, a Nissan fan who has owned a number of 350Zs and other sports cars, paid sticker price of \$72,900, including destination charges, for a **black GT-R premium model**. The 480-hp supercar has been one of the most anticipated launches in recent memory, creating a buzz on the auto show circuit. It was timed lapping the Nürburgring circuit in just 7 minutes, 29 seconds. About 1700 of the roughly 2400 GT-Rs coming to the U.S. have been already reserved. Better hurry if you want one... **Just Say No to**

Leather?! Bay-watch star and animal-rights activist **Pam Anderson** is reportedly taking the high road by

ridding her automotive fleet of a car whose interior is festooned in leather. Anderson, a longtime supporter of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, recently auctioned off her **2000 Dodge Viper R/T10**. A portion of the proceeds from the auction will benefit PETA. The auction of this sports car was held at the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas in June, and was estimated to fetch \$40,000... **Sticker Shock!** Here's one more reason, besides

the gas prices and congestion taxes, to be glad you don't live in Europe: the *awesome new Corvette ZR1* will sticker for **twice as much** there as it does in the U.S. They will pay 136,000 euros, or **\$214,000** for a **Corvette ZR1**. In the U.S., it will be **'only (?)' \$105,000**, which includes shipping and a gas-guzzler tax—but good luck finding one at that price. Like the U.S., the ZR1's European price includes a driver training course. GM expects to export 70 ZR1s to Europe this year and around 150 units in a full year. Last year, Corvette sold 1,244 units in Europe... **NO NOPI?! NOPI Motorsports**,

which hosted import drag races, drift competitions and car shows, has **can-celed the rest of its '08 season**,

citing "an organizational restructuring in light of severe adverse affects of a disappointing spring season." "The economy and unfavorable weather resulted in underperformance of all spring events," NOPI said in a statement. Michael Meyers, president of NOPI, reports that they are working with clients and sponsors to minimize the uncertainty going forward. This is a reflection of the economic times in which we currently live. NHRA, which sanctioned the events, was officially disappointed. "NHRA is surprised and extremely disappointed to hear that NOPI Motorsports has announced that it plans to cancel the rest of the '08 NOPI Drag Racing Series season." NHRA encour-

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aged racers to participate in its Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series and the Summit Racing Series, as well as reminding racers that **Battle of Imports** has four events remaining on its '08 season schedule...

Racing Budget Cuts. GM is taking a hard look at its motorsports spending as it reduces marketing and event costs, part of a series of cash-saving cutbacks recently announced. GM is cutting its marketing and sales budgets and will channel most of its spending toward product launches. Guess times **REALLY** are tough... **Italian Hogs?!**

Harley-Davidson is poised to acquire **MV Agusta**, an Italian performance motorcycle manufacturer, for \$109 million, including the assumption of \$70 million in debt... **New Racing Blood.** Ford Racing Technology boss **Dan Davis**, who has headed the company's competition arm for 11 years, retired Aug. 11th after 32 years at Ford. **Brian Wolfe**, a 26-year Ford vet who has held a series of management positions within Ford's powertrain operations, will replace him...

That Thing Gotta Hemi?!

There's new footage of **Jay Leno** taking delivery of his '08 **Dodge Challenger** on his website, www.jaylenosgarage.com, and Mopar fans will dig it. The Tonight Show host, clad in his trademark denim, offers commentary—gearhead to gearhead. The piece begins at Leno's garage, where he briefly shows off his '70 orange-and-black Challenger, which packs

a...you guessed it..."sloppy" 425 hp Hemi and gets a Leno-estimated 4 to 6 mpg. "It's almost eight miles from here, so that's like 14 bucks in this thing," he deadpans about the trip to the Chrysler dealership. Once he arrives, he pops the hood of his new ride and chats with Mike Accavitti, Dodge's brand manager. Leno's SRT8 wears black-and-gray livery and was the fourth one off the Brampton, Ontario, assembly line. Leno chooses not to light up the tires as he drives his new 425-hp muscle car off the lot, but he puts it through the usual paces, and later taking a jaunt on the freeway. As he rides, Leno narrates over the growl of the Hemi, and the avid car fan is enthusiastic in his comments, praising steering, suspension and brakes, while comparing it to European sports cars. "Thanks to the guys in Detroit. I mean guys generically, you know, men, women—don't send me letters," he cracks while flashing a thumbs-up from the driver's seat. The trip ends back at his garage, where he shows off his only customization plans for the Challenger—forged wheels. Fittingly, he signs off with, you guessed it, a burnout... **"A Rose by Any Other Name?"** GM is calling its new **compact Chevy** the **Cruze**, they confirmed recently. "The name is a derivative of the word cruise," says a GM spokesperson. GM will unveil the production version at the Paris auto show this fall. It was also reported that GM would build a new compact to replace the Cobalt at its plant in Lordstown, Ohio. The next day, GM CEO Rick Wagoner

confirmed Chevy would get the new compact. GM unveiled the Cobalt in late '04 as an '05. It's been a top-seller since its launch, selling more than 200,000 vehicles annually... **Shel' Makes Nice With SAAC?!** After months of bitterness, it appears **Carroll Shelby** and the **Shelby American Automobile Club** have come to terms. According to a statement posted on the SAAC website, "The Shelby American Automobile Club has reached an agreement with Carroll Shelby and his companies to end the legal battles and return to the normal life of having fun and enjoying the people and the cars of our hobby." In the lawsuit filed in January, Shelby claimed that that the 5,000-member for-profit fan club violated its licensing agreements by not involving him in marketing efforts and not providing him with financial statements. Club owners Ken Eber and Rick Kopec rejected Shelby's claims and refused to turn over club records on Shelby cars. The statement on the website—www.saac.com, said more details would be released in the next few weeks. But the club statement said that Team Shelby members (*the owner's club launched by Shelby*), would be at Shelby's annual convention, Aug. 15th-17th at Thunderbolt Raceway in Millville, NJ (*Thanks to the Washington Times, autoweek.com, and other Internet sources for this insanity! Ya just cant 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!*) 🍷

Most Expensive Hot Wheels Car—Ever?!

Hot Wheels® announced earlier this year its year-long plans to celebrate their *40-year heritage* at the *105th American International Toy Fair®*. Anniversary activities were kicked off with the unveiling of a custom jeweled 1/64th scale Hot Wheels® car. This one-of-a-kind car, the *most expensive* in Hot Wheels® history, was made to commemorate the *four-billionth Hot Wheels® vehicle*.

The diamonds on the custom-made jeweled car, valued at **\$140,000**, total more than 2,700 and weigh nearly 23 carats. The car is cast in *18-karat white gold*, while the majority of the vehicle is detailed with micro pave-set brilliant blue diamonds, mimicking Hot Wheels® Spectraflame® blue paint. Under the functional hood, the engine showcases additional micro pave-set white and black diamonds. The Hot Wheels® flame logo found on the underbelly of the car is lined with white and black diamonds. Red rubies are set as the tail lights, while black diamonds and red enamel create the “Red Line®” wheels. The custom-made case that houses the jewel-encrusted vehicle also holds 40 individual white diamonds, signifying each year in the legacy of the Hot Wheels® brand.

The vehicle was unveiled by multi-platinum recording artist and car enthusiast Nick Lachey, who grew up playing with the die-cast car line. In late ‘08, this unique Hot Wheels® vehicle will be auctioned to benefit Lachey’s charity of choice.



“Since its intro, Hot Wheels has revolutionized boys’ toys and inspired automotive trends,” said Tim Kilpin, general manager and senior vice president, Boys and Entertainment, Mattel Brands. “The historic activities planned are a fitting tribute to the brand’s heritage and will allow us, and our fans, to celebrate this milestone year in true Hot Wheels style.”

In ‘08, Hot Wheels® will honor the partners that have helped make the brand successful and will take to the road to celebrate the brand’s heritage with its faithful fans.

This summer, fans across the country will be invited to celebrate the 40th anniversary as Hot Wheels® travels Highway 40 to bring together automotive enthusiasts of all ages. Kicking off at Mattel’s headquarters in El Segundo in mid-August, the road trip will make stops at the *Bonne-*

ville Salt Flats in Utah; Speed, KS; Indianapolis; and Detroit, before culminating in a grand finale celebration on Sept. 5th in Watkins Glen, NY.

At each road trip stop, Hot Wheels® will host a free event that will be open to the public. Each event will feature life-size Hot Wheels® cars, kiosks where people can create their own custom Hot Wheels® “drivers license,” family-friendly activities, and the chance to receive a commemorative 1/64th scale Hot Wheels® car created especially for each stop, available in limited quantities. “40 years. Four billion cars. It is a year of exciting milestones for Hot Wheels,” said Geoff Walker, vice president, Wheels Marketing, Mattel Brands. “We just can’t wait to get on the road to celebrate with the millions that share the Hot Wheels passion.” 🚗

Ouch!!

A Hagerstown man was seriously injured recently when he was **pinned under his 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air** in an accident on U.S. 40 west of Hagerstown, Maryland State Police said.

William Washington Turner Jr., 49, was in serious condition Thursday night at Washington County Hospital, a spokeswoman said.

Turner was driving west on U.S. 40 when he attempted to

pass four vehicles in a no-passing zone near the Shamrock Inn at about 7:16 p.m., Trooper Christopher Barnard said.

Oncoming traffic forced Turner to swerve back into the lane too quickly and he lost control and struck a small embankment, Barnard said.

The car bottomed out and then was airborne for about 50 feet, he said. When it landed and rolled, Turner, who was **not wearing a seatbelt**, was **thrown from the car**, and it landed on him, Barnard said.



Witnesses lifted the vehicle off of Turner, Barnard said (Thanks to Ray Wickline, and the Herald—http://www.herald-mail.com/?module=displaystory&story_id=195759&format=html) 📰

“Accident? I Was Bear-ly Involved!”

A black bear was struck and killed by a vehicle recently, and it presented a dangerous situation for residents and law enforcement officers.

Outside the confines of a zoo on Route 550 in Sabillasville, a black bear was hit and killed.

Sabillasville resident Richard Lantz said, “I was headed on down Route 550 towards Thurmont and I seen the bear lying along the road and the trooper there.”

The bear’s death wasn’t what had troopers abuzz. It was the fact that the bear was female and its mate was nearby.

“Right now is the breeding season for black bears. This sow got hit, and there was a boar chasing her during the breeding season here,” said Jeff McAfee, Wildlife Technician with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

With a shotgun in hand, the Maryland state trooper anxiously kept watch and directed traffic all

while the 400-pound boar paced around on the hill above. When the DNR arrived, they wasted no time in clearing the scene.

Due to reported cases of rabies in this type of black bear, the DNR workers have to use a certain type of gloves when handling the bear. For residents, Saturday’s experience was a first, seeing a black bear.

“I’ve seen a lot of wildlife as far as deer that have come into the area. I’ve never seen a black bear in the wild; this is the first one I’ve ever seen,” said Lantz.

The DNR has an emergency call list for such situations that could become more common.

“The bears are coming out of VA and PA and out of western MD and they are adapting to the habitat really well,” said McAfee.

For now, the DNR will collect teeth samples

and run other tests. But, they are also working to track the growing number of bears in the county.

The law enforcement officers didn’t have to shoot the bear that was pacing nearby. It eventually went away.

The DNR reminds residents not to leave trash and bird feed outside their homes in the summer. They said it attracts bears, especially because the summer is the mating season.

If you do see a bear, you are urged to notify the DNR.

Thanks again to our ‘*Western Reporter*,’ Ray Wickline. 📰



Happy Anniversary

Lola Cars marks its golden anniversary this year and gathered top cars and drivers at the annual Goodwood Festival of Speed to help celebrate.

Lola was founded by Eric Broadley in '58. His first car was the "Broadley Special," which he built for competition in the Ford Ten Special class of racing. When Broadley and his cousin Graham won the race, he immediately began designing a successor, which became the Mk1.

Soon after, Broadley used his savings to start Lola Cars Ltd. Over the next four years, 35 Mark 1s were built, each fitted with different engine and gearbox combinations to fit need or budget. Fast-forward to '08: Lola cars have

competed in Indy Car, Formula One, CART, Can-Am and other major series, winning championships in almost every form of racing.

Goodwood was a natural choice to launch the company's celebration.

"The Goodwood Festival of Speed is one of the most colorful motorsports events in the world," said Martin Birrane, Lola's current owner and executive chairman. "Having so many Lola cars driving up the renowned hillclimb will provide the perfect setting to mark our golden anniversary." The festival ran this year from July 11 to July 13 on the grounds of the Goodwood Estate in West



Sussex, England. The event lures some of the best motorsports personalities and cars. Lola's guests for '08 will include drivers **Damon Hill, John Surtees, Carl Haas, Brian Redman, Paul Tracy** and **Sebastien Bourdais**.

It will be the 16th-annual Goodwood Festival. The theme is "**From Hawthorn to Hamilton**," celebrating 50 years of British F1 success. Five former British F1 champions will be there, all of whom have raced Lola designs. 🏁

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the hospital told him there had been reports the previous night of a gang of four guys beating homeless people up at random. Vince sez he seemed to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

He has numerous facial injuries. Virtually every bone on the right side of his face is broken, and his total sinus cavity is collapsed and shattered. Somehow, he hasn't lost any teeth but his entire right upper jaw is about an inch away from his left upper jaw.

Funny, he's not in a lot of pain, maybe it's the morphine. When he tries to talk, the bones in his head sound like a bag of potato chips crumbling inside his head.

Afterward, his wife Karen went to Georgia to pick him up.

He'll be visiting the plastic surgeon in the near future—after the swelling goes down. They can't operate till that happens.

Vince would like to everyone for the well wishes. Drop him a line at vincep@pa.metrocast.net—I'm sure he'd like to hear from all of you!

And, finally, MAMA member and CPMCC Vice President, **Randy Kern** was injured in a bicycle accident Sunday, July 27th. Randy actually fell from his bike before leaving his driveway. He fell, with all of his weight directly on his hip. He had surgery, placing two steel rods into his broken hip bone. His recovery time will be about 8 weeks.

According to CPMCC President Mike Cole, Randy is getting around with a walker now, but must stay indoors. He will likely not attend the August or September meetings of either club, but he hopes to make it to the Super September Showdown.

As with Vince, please give him a call, send him a card, or drop him an e-mail at

randbugeye@frontiernet.net.

So, c'mon gang, let's show our support for our friends, and reach out and 'touch' 'em, OK? 🏁



Model Buffet

Chris Buck of *Top End Miniatures* (<http://www.freewebs.com/resinslinger/>) is listing this *cool Vanishing Point Race Cars '68 Camaro Pro Mod* on the website as a new. It, along with a few other bodies (i.e., '62 Bubbletop and a '69 Daytona) are currently in the master stage by *Wayne Stevens, Jr.*

Chris also intimates that once complete, the '68 Firebird will be next up in the queue. I'm there for that one—see enclosed possible projects!

Not much is known regarding pricing of these bod-

ies, so, check the website.

Orders can be placed using either PayPal or postal money order. Shipping/handling charges—for domestic orders add \$7.50, and \$10.00 for foreign orders. Send orders to **Christopher Buck, 1132 Hipp Road, Charlotte, NC 28216.**

His website also states that they are finally going to begin some serious work on their first *Pro/Mod chassis kit* this summer. He can't say when the chassis will be ready for sale, but can say it will be a very accurate scale representation of a current Pro/Mod chassis.

He will be resuming work on their *first engine kit* later this month or early next month. He does-

n't want to divulge too much info about the engine kit, due to their competition and a surprise to you, their customers. It will definitely be a kit designed for all you detail hounds.

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 to me for inclusion in a future column!

Thanks in advance, guys. 🍽️



“Honey, I Washed the Car!”

If a picture's worth a thousand words, here's a few thousand!!

These photos show a red *Mazda Miata* at the bottom of the family swimming pool in nearby Pa. last month. The owner thought she set the emergency brake. But her wayward convertible rolled downhill, crashed through a fence and plunged into the neighbors' in-ground pool.

The car was removed from the pool the same day.

Thanks to Matt Guilfoyle, and Yahoo news for this one. In a nod to the movie 'Risky Business,' "Who's the U-Boat commander, eh?" 🍽️





THE CLEVELAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS SOCIETY PRESENTS:

N.N.L. NATIONALS #29

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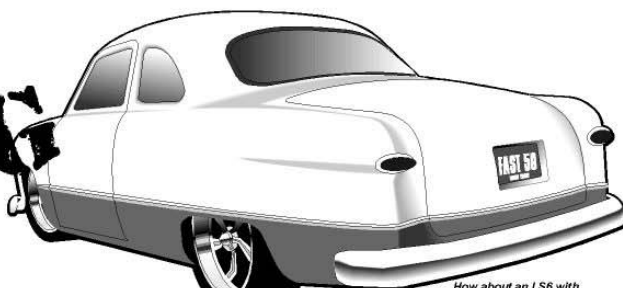
PRO TOURING

Definition: *Pro-Touring* A Classic or Muscle Car that has been modified using modern mechanicals to allow it to accelerate, stop, handle, and ride as well, or better than, the latest performance cars sold today.

Most everybody loves the old classic cars from the '50's through the '70's. There were a lot of great looking cars, full of style and charisma, made during those years. They sure don't build 'em like they used to. And it's a *darn good thing*, because as cool as those old rides look, they drive like *crap*! Even a modern four cylinder compact can leave most of them in the dust — maybe not in acceleration, but if you factor in cornering and braking ability, well, it's no contest!

During the 1990's it became popular to modify these cars with a modern drive train — A.K.A. *ProStreet*. These drag-race inspired cars are indeed fast and fun, but they still don't have the all-around performance our newer daily drivers do. Lately, more and more of the older Classics have been receiving a different kind of resto-mod treatment, with the inspiration coming not from drag, but road racing. Forget the ladder bars and 6-71 blowers; these cars are built around an efficient fuel-injected crate motor, with a five or six speed trans. And they're built low, with progressive coilovers or air springs from AirRide Technologies holding up a modern suspension and big brakes for a total performance solution.

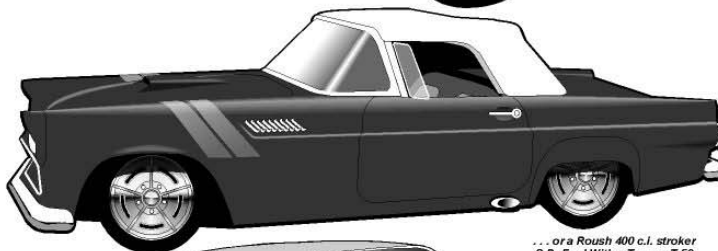
Get ready to do some kit-bashing, because we want to see *your* idea of what would be a cool n' hot *ProTouring* classic or muscle car! This is a great way to pull some leftover stuff out of the parts box (an old body, and a newer chassis) and put together a sweet looking classic with 21st Century comfort and performance! If you want more inspiration, try looking on the Web at *Pro-Touring.com*, or just do a Google search for "pro touring." What's that you say? We couldn't *drag* you into the new Century? Hey, bring whatever you're into — It's cool, Dude. We'll have a spot to park *anything*, finished or not. Just *pack* 'em up, and make sure you *show* up, 'cause it's always a ton o' fun at the N.N.L. Nats!



How about an LS6 with a complete 'Vette suspension ...



... or a turbocharged Jeep (AMC) 4 liter with a TS and AirRide ...



... or a Roush 400 c.i. stroker S.B. Ford With a Tremec T-56 and Cobra I.R.S. ...



... or a Buick 455 with F.I. from Edelbrock, a paddle-shifted auto trans, and full AirRide??

N.N.L. NATIONALS # 29

Saturday, October 11, 2008

2-8 p.m.

in conjunction with

John Carlisle's Toledo Toy Show

Lucas County Recreation Center

2901 Key Street

Maumee (Toledo), Ohio

Admission is \$10.00

(Toy Show Open Saturday—Separate Admission)

Peoples' Choice Award Plaques

Will be presented for crowd favorite:

- ProTouring
- Junior
- Best in Show

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PLEASE NOTE: Due to the large expected turnout, absolutely *no* club or vendor displays will be permitted in the event room



Aug. 16th—NNL Summer Classic Model Car Event, at The Village Inn Golf & Conference Center in Clemmons, NC, by **Carolina Kustom Modelers**. Theme—*Gassers*. Info: www.carolinakustommodelers.com.

Aug. 18th & 19th—6th Annual

York Concours D'Elegance, York college campus, York, PA. Featured: *100th Anniversary of Ford Model T, 60th Anniversary of the Tailfin, Jaguar XK120, and Porsche*. Participants—free, admission \$10. Info: call Don Meluzio 717-846-2222 ext. 225, e-mail www.yorkheritage.org or dmeluzio@aol.com
Ta Ta For Now! 🚗



Let's Go Racin'!

Martin Truex has re-upped with DEI in the #1 Chevy at least through '09. Apparently, he was dragging his feet (*looking for a better deal?*), even though DEI was anxious to get him resigned.

Though results of recent dyno tests showed greater parity between Nationwide Series engines, NASCAR recently issued a tech bulletin informing teams of a rule change that will *reduce Toyota's horsepower*. At all events, unless otherwise specified, all engines with a cylinder bore spacing less than 4.470" must compete using a spacer with four 1.125" holes, while all engines with a cylinder bore spacing of 4.470" or more must compete using a spacer with four 1.100" holes. The change effectively limits air flow to the engine, reducing horsepower. NASCAR's intent with the rule change is to 'balance' competition.

Persistent lobbying by drivers of other makes, particularly Chevrolet, helped draw attention to Toyota's horsepower advantage. Clint Bowyer was one of the more vocal protesters, saying at one point that "a monkey could drive that 20 car and win." Toyota's re-

action? "We're extremely disappointed in NASCAR's decision.

In our opinion, there is no technical justification to penalize the Toyota engine used in the Nationwide Series. Toyota always has, and will continue to, abide by all NASCAR-mandated engine specs and the Nationwide engine was built strictly to NASCAR specs.

"The success of the Camry this year in the Nationwide Series is the result of hard work by all of our race teams—**Braun Racing, Joe Gibbs Racing, Germain Racing and Michael Waltrip Racing**—working in conjunction with TRD U.S.A. All the tireless efforts by our teams, TRD and Triad during the off-season, at preseason testing and during the first half of the year, combined with extremely talented drivers, have produced exceptional results. "Despite this setback, we will continue to work diligently to keep our Nationwide teams competitive. Our hope remains that a Toyota team or driver will be rewarded with a championship at the conclusion of this year. "Unfortunately, the decision by NASCAR could be more far-reaching than simply mandating Toyota to adjust its Nationwide engine. The real impact will be felt by the Toyota teams as they

adjust to the change, work to remain competitive for the rest of this season and attempt to line up sponsorships for next year."—Lee White, president and general manager of TRD, U.S.A (*Guess Toyota will learn to whine like the rest of the teams, if they stick around long enough!*).

Officials from the **Office Depot** and **Old Spice**, as well as **Stewart-Haas Racing**, made the announcement recently that they have entered into multi-year agreements to serve as primary co-sponsors of **Tony Stewart's No. 14 Chevrolet Impala SS** Sprint Cup Series entry beginning in '09. Why the number 14? **A.J. Foyt** has always been Tony's hero and will always be number 1 on his hero list, with the best part being that they are really good friends.

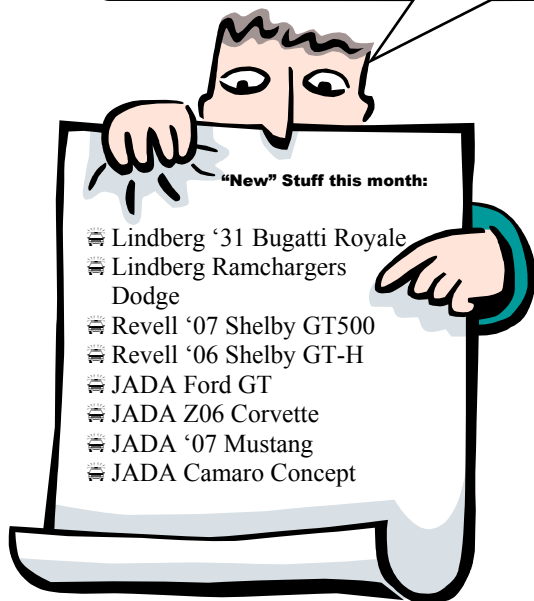
Kyle Busch wins for JGR & M&M's—AGAIN!! That gives him a total of **16 race wins** in NASCAR's tope three series this season—eight in Sprint Cup, six in the Nationwide (*former Busch*) series, and two in trucks! Guess even almighty NASCAR can't slow down the JGR/Toyota juggernaut, eh?! Maybe the aforementioned restrictor plate will do the trick, hmmm? 🚗

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MAMA's BoyZ do it in scale!



"New" Stuff this month:

- ☞ Lindberg '31 Bugatti Royale
- ☞ Lindberg Ramchargers Dodge
- ☞ Revell '07 Shelby GT500
- ☞ Revell '06 Shelby GT-H
- ☞ JADA Ford GT
- ☞ JADA Z06 Corvette
- ☞ JADA '07 Mustang
- ☞ JADA Camaro Concept

Websites

Carlisle Events:

<http://www.carlisleevents.com>

East Coast Indoor Nationals

(Timonium, MD):

www.eastcoastindoornats.com

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

Philly Area Car Modelers: <http://www.pacms.org/>

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

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: 1973 & '74 Challenger. Contact Ron Dreschler at 410/255-7369 or fiveptstar-ron@aol.com (Please use 'MAMA ad' or 'Challenger' in subject line so it doesn't get dumped.)

FOR SALE: Several unassembled Indy car models: **MPC 1/20th scale 1967 Parnelli Jones #40 Indy turbine car.** Open (but all the bags are still sealed); **1968 MPC Indy Lotus turbine reissue** from 1995—sealed; **AMT Lotus Indy turbine car kit**—sealed 2003 reissue. I would consider something in the neighborhood of **\$300.00** for all three kits (I have

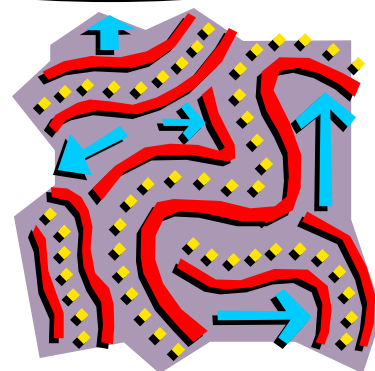
been told that the 1967 original MPC Indy turbine # 40 is worth in the neighborhood of \$200.00 alone), but any reasonable offer will be considered. A modeler could have his own Indy turbine car front row! I live in Hagerstown, but could drive as far as Frederick to meet with any interested parties to save postage and handling. I would like to see these models professionally assembled. The turbine cars nearly won Indy twice. Contact George Brody, Home phone 301 714-4840, gsb2310@yahoo.com. 🚗

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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