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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. ☔

Happy Anniversary, Baby!!

Last month's meeting was entertaining for attendees. For example, **Dave Roehrle** dropped in! Dave was not only an *original member*, he was also responsible for *designing our 'Timeless' club logo*, (still in use today, 20 years later!). **Thanks, Dave!**

Tom Yocum of tjscustomcasting.com also made the trip from

PA. Tom 'does it in the dirt' (racing!) See the **Model Buffet** column.

The meeting also had a **laptop slideshow** by yours truly on the '08 **GTOAA Nats** from Saratoga Springs, NY. Lotsa nice reference material there!

In case any of you are unaware, this month marks our **20th year in existence**. With any luck,

Anniversary T-shirts orders will be in and distributed.

The take at last month's meeting was not available at publication time. Thanks to the following donors: **Brad, Ron Bradley, Ed Brown, Ron Hamilton, Nick Sickle, Chris Whalley, Rich Wilson**, and **Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD**. Thanks, guys! 🍷

Retro 'Mad?

What you see here is the production **1954 Commemorative Edition Sport Wagon** (whatta mouthful!), produced by **Advanced Automotive Technologies**.

What it is—a recreation of a car many loved as a one-off show model, the **Chevrolet Corvette Waldorf Nomad** that toured as part of General Motors' 1954 Motorama lineup. This car never saw production, and though GM has since shown similar con-

cepts, it has given no indication on plans to produce the Nomad.

Say no more, said the guys at Advanced Automotive Technologies. The Rochester Hills, Michigan-based design company, headed by for-

mer Buick design chief Steve Pastener in partnership with his son, Steven, already builds a C5 Corvette-based 1953 Commemorative Edition convertible, so creating a sport wagon from that

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Bugatti Royale Victoria

[Lindberg #72325; 170 parts
white, chrome, clear, vinyl tires]

Virtually all cars of this era had a mascot that was part of the radiator cap. Bugatti's was an elephant on its hind legs and trunk straight up trumpeting. Kind of like *Silver* at the opening of the *Lone Ranger* TV show of years ago. But who knows the significance of this mascot? At a very young age Ettore Bugatti decided he wanted to design and build cars, but his family had been artists and sculptors for generations and his father all but disowned him. This car was the third car built of only six. All had different coachwork (*bodies*) since these were from an era where one bought a chassis, in this case \$25,000, then hired a coach builder to create a one of a kind car. Ettore intended these cars for royalty only, not even the extremely wealthy were to be able to buy these cars.

Ettore even refused to create a sales brochure because he felt the aristocratic were 'inaccessible by the means adopted for standard cars.' It's hard to believe now but they were not a sales success at the time. Today they sell or change owners in the multiple tens of millions of dollars behind closed doors. When the prototype chassis was completed, Ettore bought a Packard 8 model 343 seven-passenger touring car. The body was removed, stretched and put on the chassis so it could be driven and tested.

Chassis number 41121 was or-

dered by a German doctor then taken to coachbuilder Ludwig Weinberger where its 'Victoria' body was completed. Years later it ended up in his backyard in New

ingham of racecar fame traveled to France to the Bugatti estate to purchase the last three unsold Royales. He left with two for the grand price of \$3,000.00 and two refrigerators; very hard to get at the time. In 1985, after two years of negotiation, all six Royales



York where it suffered from many winters of neglect. In 1943 it was discovered in a junkyard. It was purchased and restored over several years by a GM exec, then later donated to the Henry Ford museum in Dearborn Michigan (*Ed. Note: how's THAT for irony?*). In '60 or '61, I was lucky enough to go there and see it. I was too young to appreciate it at the time but I do have a picture of it that I took at the time.

Because of his artistic background all of the parts and assemblies of Bugatti's were machined with the flare of a sculptor. Today, two of the Royales are in a French museum, so I would guess Ettore's family should be pleased after all. In 1950, *Briggs Cun-*

were gathered on the lawns at Pebble Beach for that years concours event. It was an event that may never happen again.

The specifications of these cars are staggering compared to normal cars. The wheelbase is approximately fifteen feet. The bore and stroke of the straight eight is approximately five inches by six inches giving a volume of **fourteen litres** or **898.6 cubic inches**. In later years, the unused engines were used to power French street cars and locomotives.

This kit is one of the few that I have built before attempting to review it. If I remember correctly, its an old Renwal kit. It came in a flatbox then but now its in a more

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conventional box, and Lindberg had to cut the trees into several pieces to get them into it.

The **chassis** builds up from 26 pieces, many of them chromed. The shocks are two-piece assemblies for each corner with individual leaf springs as well. The transmission mounts separately from the engine with driveshafts from each end to the engine and three-piece rear axle.

The **engine** is a 17-piece assembly, which looks like a large box but is fairly accurate since this is the way Ettore designed it.

The **chromed parts** should be polished aluminum and the block should be covered with engine turning: good luck duplicating that. There are four carbs, single throat type I believe, that are not very well detailed. But the rest of the parts needed are there but need to be stripped of chrome and if you can find a picture, a bit of de-

tail painting can make it look quite real. Contrary to popular belief the real engine was actually made of iron then covered with aluminum panels.

The **interior** pieces together with separate sides with minimal detail and a total of 17 pieces. It has separate pedals, shifter and hand brake levers and two-piece steering wheel.

The **body assembly** is, strictly speaking, 19 pieces, but the good news is the cab is one piece. The hood is five pieces with a chromed center hinge and the grille is three pieces with a two-piece radiator and chromed grille shell with cap. The Bugatti mascot is sadly missing from the kit. The chromed firewall should be toned down a bit. I thought the chromed door hinges were a great touch, but the contrasting black belt line being a separate piece is very handy also. All the lights, head, tail, and fender are clear plastic. While this car is a convertible, I've never seen a picture of it with the top down, which brings up an

interesting point. What are the folded landau irons for? There is no folded top in the kit.

The **tires** are vinyl including the spare and they actually have branding on them - "U.S. Royal," while the **wheels** are three chromed pieces. Two pieces insert into the tires then mount on the axle and are retained with a small washer, which is covered with a hubcap.

Despite this kit's age, I think it compares quite well with modern kits. And there are 30% more chrome parts than white ones.

OH yeah, the mascot!! It turns out Ettore had a brother named Rembrandt who was an accomplished sculptor who's main interest was animals. He sculpted the elephant that would become the Bugatti's trademark. Ettore made it a tribute to his brother who died by his own hand in 1915.

Before I close, let me make one polite request—please **DON'T** make a street rod out of this kit!

Rich Wilson 🍷

"Target Practice?"

A German family has bought a **six-ton tank** to use for **shopping and day trips**.

Dad Joachim Schoeneich has even fitted a **baby seat** to the British-built Fox tank for his two-year-old son Paul.

The tank is armed with a **disabled 30mm gun** and has three-inch thick armor plating.

"We take the tank shopping and on little trips," laughed Joachim, from Neu Anspach.

"It is a bit hard to find a park-

ing place, but we get right of way at every junction."

The only drawback is **fuel consumption** as the £24,000 tank's 4.2 liter engine struggles to better **five miles per gallon**.

"But the driving experience makes up for it," says Joachim.

Looks like just what the Dr. ordered for the nut jobs in this neck of the woods! 🍷



Diecast Madness!

For you Ford guys, **GMP** will release not one, but **TWO** 1/18th scale 'Custom' '67 Fairlane convertibles, one in **Nightmist Blue Metallic** (Item #G1801119), and the other in **Burgundy Metallic** (Item #G1801120). Features include: 427 cube powerplants with dual quad carburetion, floor shifter with console, 427 performance hood scoop on lift-off hood, GT rocker stripe package, roll up/roll down front windows and pop-out rear windows, removable convertible top, working suspension, fully detailed undercarriage including brake & fuel lines, white interiors with sliding and pivoting front bucket seats, and vintage five spoke wheels wrapped in RWL Goodyear Polyglas tires. Your choice will set you back **\$134.95 each** (shipping not included), and they should be available in late September, with only **650 of each available** worldwide.

GMP has also worked out a deal between their sister company

ACME Trading Company and **Revell** to

offer two **Yenko Camaros** from the **Revell Creative Masters** series. They will exhibit a high level of detail in 1/20th scale, and include Certificates of Authenticity. Color choices are **Rallye Green** (Item #AC99CMG) and **Daytona Yellow** (Item #AC99CMY). They are available now, will cost **\$109.95 each**, and be limited to only **1,250 of each** worldwide.

GMP ain't done yet! Their next offering will be a '32 **Ford roadster** (Item #G1805008). It'll be a 1/18th scale full-fendered open roadster, w/a removable convertible top. Powered by the ubiquitous small block Chevy/4-speed combo, with a quick change rear end, it'll also have a hinged hood w/removable side panels, tilting windshield Salt Flats style wheels w/three-bar spinners, and a flocked pas-

senger compartment and trunk. It'll be limited to only **1,250 worldwide**, and set ya back **\$99.95**.

Though this item isn't car-related, it is pretty cool—how about **7,000 horsepower**, and **4.5 seconds at over 250 mph in the quarter mile**—and a **400 foot roostertail?! Here for your pleas-**

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ure are **Top Fuel Hydro drag boats** from B.A.D.

There are several different models, including but not limited to: Lou Osman's Speed Sports, owned by Lou & Marianne Osman of St. Louis, MO (G1804801), Eddie Knox's Problem Child, owned by "Fast" Eddie Knox Racing of Cathedral City, CA & supported by Larry Bless Construction (G1804802), Dennis Gibson's Hot Licks, owned by Dennis "Hoot" Gibson & Gordon "Nitro" Braswell of New Braunfels, TX (G1804803), Loose Cannon, owned by Lora & Greg Tedesco of Reno, NV (G1804805), Whiskey River, owned by Jay Haroutunian of Fresno, CA (G1804806), and finally, Nitro Chicken, owned &

Piloted by Doug Verstuyft of San Antonio, TX (G1804807). They all feature opening canopies, removable cockpits, cowls and engines, magnetic bay/access doors, detailed, plumbed wired engines, proper sponsor graphics, and their own display stand. They'll set ya back **\$129.95 each**. If interested, GMP also has available top fuel nitro boat trailers at only **\$26.95** each. They feature three hitches,

and may be used with all drag boats.

Not done yet! Due out in October of this year is an all new **Ohio George Montgomery Mr. Gasket Gasser model** (Item #G1800819) with new engine specifications and race-day decoration, not to be confused with the Ohio George Gasser produced by GMP a few

years ago. It will feature the supercharged 427 powerplant, front end detail, suspension, cooling, and engine plumbing, accurate tilting front clip and rear body, correct race wheels and race day graphics, six-point roll cage with accurately detailed racing buckets, and posable steering. It'll be limited to only **1,608 worldwide**, and set ya back **\$139.95**.

This time, they are announcing a run of **only 996** worldwide of the **Berger Chevy '69 SS427 Camaro**. It features a detailed 427 powerplant, 4-speed shifter, cowl induction hood with air cleaner deflector, stock SS bucket seat interior, Chevy SS badging and trim, five-spoke performance drag wheel and tire package, full-length dual exhaust, detailed fuel and brake lines, opening doors, hood, and trunk, rear-mounted fuel cell, and proper coloring and race day graphics. It'll set ya back only **\$134.95**.

And finally, for you **Ferrari nuts** (Brad!), the **Ferrari Enzo instrument panel** in 1/6th scale in two colors—**Giallo Modena** (a.k.a. Fly Yellow, item #G0604137), or **Rosso Corsa**

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This n That

Wanna Buy Viper? No, not *A* Viper—*THE* Viper! Chrysler is considering *selling the Viper line* to interested third parties! How much have you got in *YOUR* 401k...**Hybrid Stars?** *Actress Jamie Lee Curtis* headlined a group of environmentally conscious consumers who got the first batch of *fuel-cell Honda Clarity sedans* when they arrived in the US back in July. The FCX Clarity is powered by a motor that runs on electricity generated in the hydrogen-fed fuel cell. Its only emission is water vapor.

Honda plans to deliver 200 Claritys to the US and Japan in the next three years, with the vast majority coming here. The four-passenger sedan has a driving range of up to 280 miles—30 percent more than Honda's current-gen fuel-cell vehicle—and gets the *equivalent of 74 mpg*, Honda says. Customers will get a subsidized lease of **\$600 a month** for the car. The current-gen Clarity costs \$500 a month but is leased to just three hand-picked customers in Southern California and built on an electric-vehicle platform. Its battery pack is smaller and lighter than its predecessor. Curtis, a Golden Globe-winning actress who starred in *Halloween*, *True Lies* and *Freaky Friday*, will get the Clarity with her husband, filmmaker Christopher Guest... **Hitting the Wall?** The '07 limestone facade on Detroit's



famous but now crumbling *Packard plant* sold for **\$161,000** at an RM auction earlier this month (*where it drew considerable interest*) staged in conjunction with the *Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance*, and appears headed to *America's Packard Museum* in Dayton, Ohio. Work to remove the bricks from the structure began late last month, and it was expected to take a few days to completely dismantle. It's anticipated it will

be moved to the museum, where it will be the centerpiece of an expansion. Original estimates said the facade would net \$50,000 to

\$100,000. The museum is on the site of a '17 Packard dealership, and the 16,000-square-foot addition is to house a library devoted to the defunct automaker. The expansion will cost \$3 to \$4 mil, and a ground-breaking is expected in '09, with an opening in '10. A 100-seat auditorium also is under consideration, said Bob Signom, founder and curator of the museum, which displays more than 50 vintage Packards, as well as Duesies, Caddys, Lincolns and other early luxury cars....

Mustang Fighter?! Here's a pretty cool combo: modern-day Mustang sports car meets World War II fighter plane. The result: an aviation-inspired muscle coupe—which *sold for \$500,000* at a charity auction in late July. Ford designed the one-off car, called the *AV8R Mustang* (*get it?!),* with a mix of *Shelby* and

Bullitt styling cues, and dressed it in fighter plane livery. It was built specially for the auction at this year's *Experimental Aircraft Association AirVenture Oshkosh* in Wisconsin, which is billed as the world's largest aviation event. The money will help fund scholarships for young people interested in aviation careers. The AV8R is powered by a *supercharged 4.6-liter V8* that makes **400 hp**. The car is fitted with Ford Racing's handling pack, which includes dampers, lowering springs an antiroll-bar kit and strut tower brace; Shelby GT500 wheels, and a Bullitt grille and shift knob. The exterior gives off a fighter-plane feel, with silver and black paint, red accents and an Air Force star on the glass roof, a new option for Mustangs this year. Inside, there are bomber jacket-styled leather inserts. The AV8R helps bring the Mustang full circle. The car is celebrating its **45th anniversary** this year and was originally named after the *P-51 Mustang fighter plane*, which served as a bomber escort in World War II. As if fighter planes and sports cars aren't enough, several celebrities signed the AV8R, including *Harrison Ford*, *Carroll Shelby*, *Edsel Ford II* and *Jack Roush*...*American MG Dead—Again*. MG's plans to return to North America with a

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revamped version of the **TF roadster** are **dead—again**. A spokesman also confirmed that plans to build MGs in Oklahoma from kits shipped from China also have been killed. **Shucks...4-Cylinder Caddy?!?** Cadillac will (re)introduce a **small sedan** with a **four-cylinder engine** in the US. The rear-drive sedan will debut in late '10 as an '11 model. Caddy execs are arguing over whether to offer a V-6. The car, whose name has not been announced, will be positioned under the CTS. Anybody remember the **Cadillac Cimarron**, a re-badged **Chevy Cavalier**?!...**Pricey Hybrid Caddy**. Cadillac, long known as the big-engine, chrome-and-fin brand, is going green this month as it launches a **hybrid Escalade**, which will **start at \$71,685**, including destination. It uses dual-mode hybrid technology and a cylinder shut-off feature to get 20 mpg city and 21 highway. Took 'em long enough, ya think?... **Infiniti** will add a **convertible** to the G series line for the '09 model year, joining the G37 sedan and coupe. The G37 convertible has a **folding hardtop** that stows behind the rear seat. Infiniti released a picture of the car during activities for the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance...**How Original!** Despite a vocal group of enthusiasts urging the revival of the **El Camino nameplate**, **Pontiac** has chosen the name **G8 ST** for its rear-drive sport truck. The G8 ST, which shares its platform and powertrain with the Australian-built G8 sedan, goes on

sale in late '09 as a '10 model. Personally, I'm kinda partial to **Grand Camino**, a combination of the **Grand Am** and **El Camino** names, but, hey, what does a life-long Pontiac lover know?...**Lotus** is developing a **test engine** that it says **can run on any alcohol or gasoline fuel** and expects to have it finished by January. Called the **Omnivore**, it is expected to reduce carbon-dioxide emissions compared with conventional powerplants. As the name implies, Lotus says it will be able to run on almost any fuel, and the single-cylinder unit uses a two-stroke cycle with direct injection for power. Lotus Engineering, the company's consulting and development division, is leading work on the Omnivore along with **Jag**, government groups and a British university. Lotus showed a similar run-on-anything car at the Geneva motor show, called the **Exige 270E Tri-Fuel**. It can run on any mixture of gas, bioethanol and methanol and reaches a **top speed of 158 mph...Dream Cruiser**. The Chrysler design department put forward its best black, white and chrome look for the **fifth edition** of its **PT Dream Cruiser** series. The new special edition was released immediately prior to this year's Woodward Dream Cruise. The '09 **PT Dream Cruiser Series 5** has a black-painted roof and contrasting white body. That look is accented with a cross-hatched upper and lower billet aluminum grille. The exterior is finished with 17-inch wheels and chrome accents. Inside, the black seat fabric has silver accents, and the air vents and gauges get chrome rings.



Chrysler says it will build only **1,750 copies**. Base price is **\$22,700**, including shipping. Buyers can choose between the standard 2.4-liter 150 hp four-cylinder engine, or the optional turbo'ed 2.4-liter 180 hp four... **MPGs**. GM is tweaking some of its full-size pickups and SUVs (i.e., **Silverado**, **Tahoe**, **Sierra** and **Yukon**), using lighter materials and aerodynamics in an effort to bolster their fuel economy. They get special XFE badging (**Xtra Fuel Economy**). Upgrades allow them to eke out an extra mpg—now getting 15 mpg city and 21 highway. They also include six-speed automatics (**optional upgrade from the four-speed gearboxes**), increasing towing capacity to 7,000 lbs in the pickups, though the SUVs' ratings remain unchanged. Other improvements include a lowered suspension, specially-tuned chassis, low-rolling-resistance tires and lighter-weight aluminum wheels. Production of the '09 vehicles begins this fall

(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!) 🍷

More Ebay Insanity

The following are presented for your entertainment. They were found during innocent eBay searches for 'raw material' (*read: possible future projects*). As much as they tried to 'dress' these guys to 'impress,' for some strange reason, they didn't seem to get any bids at all (*at least when I saw 'em*), let alone be sent packing to 'eager (!)' new buyers. Think it coulda had something to do with the wheels? **Nah!!** 🚗



This Pontiac convertible **CLEARLY** defies description! The flamethrower (!) tailpipes work well with the flamed paint (*that is, if you can keep from getting burnt on 'em!*). The 'see-through' top is kinda weird! 🚗



This 'Piker' was only sportin' 22s, IIRC. 🚗



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(*Racing Red*, item #G0604136). Available in late September, for only **\$99.95**. Features include the latest E.L. dash lighting technology, with accurate column-mounted stalk control, moving paddle shifters, pushbutton and steering wheel controls, rotating HVAC vent controls, ignition key, carbon fiber-look dash panels, and detachable business card holder (*for the executive desk*), and base plaque w/Ferrari logo and signature.

You can reach 'em at 1-800-536-1637, or at www.gmpdiecast.com. 🏎️



Scarab Marks 50th

This year, at the **Kohler International Challenge vintage races** at Road America in July, **six Scarabs** assembled with crews and friends to celebrate the cars and those who built and raced them.

They were engineered by the late Chuck Daigh and Phil Remington and designed by Chuck Pelly, who later would run **BMW Designworks**. They were built by the famous Southern California duo of Troutman and Barnes and powered by Corvette engines with Hilborn fuel injection, built by another famous Southern Califor-

nia outfit, **Traco Engineering**.

Meister

Brauser Scarab team driver Augie Pabst holds the honor of owning more Scarabs longer than anyone. He owns the **Mark II roadster** that he raced in the '50s. The only mid-engined Scarab ever built, raced originally by **John Mecom** and **A. J. Foyt**, also is his, and he races them regularly, with his son driving the Mecom car.

Other Scarab owners are Rob Walton of the **Wal-Mart family**, who was racing his in Europe; collector Miles Collier, who sent John Morton to drive his; Bill Cotter, who owns the only Formula Libre car, driven at the reunion by Richard Griot; and the team of Jack Douglas and Barnaby Brokaw, new owners of one of the two Formula One cars.

And then there's Michigander Bob Sirna, owner of the 25th-anniversary replica commissioned by Lance's brother Richard Reventlow in '83, built to original plans by Troutman and Barnes, that has been driven by Corvette

racer Tony DeLorenzo for 11 seasons.

Sirna organized the reunion at Road America, along with Pabst and former Scarab racer Don Devine.

The Reventlow team was represented by general manager Warren Olson and his wife, Simone, who kept the books, Phil Remington, designer Chuck Pelly, team driver Bruce Kessler and mechanic Sonny Balcaen. Bill Wuesthoff, Harry Heuer, Devine and Pabst were all there for the Meister Brauser racing team, with driver Jim Jeffords and the Stefani family from Chicago representing the Nickey Nouse team with the Nickey Chevrolet. Five of the six cars on display qualified, paraded and raced for three straight days.

Reventlow's oldest friend and driving partner, Bruce Kessler, said of the reunion, "If he were here, Lance would be smiling from ear to ear. Nobody ever thought at the time that these cars would still be racing 50 years later." Lance Reventlow died in a plane crash in '72, at age 36. 🏎️



Ford, Mustang to Court?

Car buyers *sued Ford recently*, complaining that a *limited edition* of a *modified Ford Mustang* was not so limited after all.

The class action lawsuit on behalf of a New York man and other buyers of the '07 *Roush Stage 3 BlackJack* vehicles claimed they paid a premium price of *nearly \$59,000* last year because Ford advertised that only 100 would be made.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, accused *Ford* and *Roush Performance Products Inc* of manufacturing at



least 100 more of the vehicles in '08.

Representatives of Ford were not immediately available to comment, a company spokeswoman said.

"The vehicles purchased by

the plaintiff and the other class members were not as unique or rare as the defendants had stated them to be," the complaint said. "Their value from scarcity and as collectors' items were and are dramatically less than the buyers had been led to believe their value would be."

Ford manufactured a limited run of a modified version of the Mustang, made especially for conversion by Roush into the Stage 3 BlackJack, the complaint said.

Drew Conner of Bardonia, NY, and at least 100 other people are members of the class seeking a jury trial and more than \$12 million in damages. 🍷

Famous Porsche

The *Porsche* that Steve McQueen nearly drove to victory in the *1970 12 Hours of Sebring* and later was featured in the 1971 classic film "*Le Mans*," went on the auction block in August.

The *1970 Porsche 908/2* is expected to sell for *\$1.5 to \$2 mil*, said Bonhams & Butterfields, the organizers of the auction.

McQueen, whose hits included "The Great Escape" and "Bullitt," co-drove the car with *Peter Revson* to a second at Sebring, 23 seconds behind *Mario Andretti*. In a performance worthy of the silver screen, *McQueen drove with a broken foot in a duct-taped cast and led for much for the race* against more powerful, better-funded factory teams.



He later drove it at the 1970 24 Hours of Le Mans, using cameras mounted on the car to gather footage for the movie released the following year.

The car is powered by a 350 hp air-cooled 3-liter, and it competed five times at LeMans. 🍷

Condolences

Jerry Reed, a.k.a., *Cletus*

"*Snowman*" *Snow* (and, no, he was *NOT* Hank Snow's brother!), died Sept. 1st at his home in a Nashville suburb of emphysema at the age of 71. Sadly, the article on his passing spoke *FIRST* of his sidekick status to *Burt "Smokey" Reynolds* in the '77 box office smash "*Smokey & the Bandit*," instead of his talents as singer, guitarist, and songwriter. He also performed the theme song for the movie, "*Eastbound and Down*," as well as a few others throughout the movie. '*Snowman*,' er *Cletus*, er, *Jerry*—you'll be missed! 🍷



Model Buffet

Well, *Historic Racing Miniatures* (a.k.a. HRM, Harold Bradford, President) has been on a tear lately, what with the release of the *Hasegawa '58 Testarossa*, to be followed up by the latest *Fujimi* release of the *250 GTO*.

HRM is close to releasing a *transkit* for the *'58 Testarossa*, this time a right-hand drive body configuration.

Harold has also been busy on a *better engine* for this kit, one of its biggest shortcomings (*in his opinion*). While not perfect, the new engine is much more presentable than what it came with. Those of you wanting a display engine for this one, it is suggested that you throw some money at *Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD* for one of his excellent replicas.

That's not the end of it, though. Brad tells me that he also has mastered a set of the *correct* (*as-raced*) *Dunlop R6 tires*, to replace the correct (*as-restored*) car equipped with *Avon* tires.

For further info on pricing, shipping, and handling, contact Harold Bradford at 14008 Adkins Road, Laurel, MD 20708, historicracingminiatures@comcast.net.

Let's revisit a resin caster that I feel that I 'short-sheeted.' *Tom Yocum* of *TJs Custom Casting* (<http://tjscustomcastings.com/>) has a "Playin' in the Dirt" PA-based family-run company that specializes in dirt racing. His line includes everything from 'details' (*Hilborn injection, Sprint car injection w/air cleaners, 2 sets of headers, early modified bodies—'32 Ford, '36 Chevy, '41 Plymouth, '53 Stude, '66 Mustang fast-back, '66 Malibu, Chevette, and Corvair station wagon, UMP/IMCA modifieds, 358 Dirt Modified, and even a few diorama accessories—beer keg gas tank w/filler, hydraulic jack, adjustable jackstands, oxy-acetylene tanks, and a tool chest w/gas can,*



and fire extinguisher) to kits (*Camaro, Avenger, Grand Prix, Taurus, Mustang, and Monte Carlo*). Check out the website for ordering and shipping details.



As usual, a special thanks goes 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! 🚗



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was a short leap.

AAT began building the '53 knock-off in '02-'03 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Corvette and had hoped GM would take the project under its wing. When the corporation declined, Pasteiner & Co. put the car on the market on their own and have since delivered 175 of them. You can still buy a '53 Commemora-

tive Edition—just give AAT a '98-'04 C5 Corvette convertible and \$37,500 and they'll build yours.

Now the firm offers the '54 Commemorative Sport Wagon, an offshoot of the '53 project. The Sport Wagon is built on a '97-'04 C5 Corvette coupe, replacing the front end with custom-built fiberglass body parts similar to the '53 model, and converting the entire rear third to a liftback station wagon. The liftback uses the same hinges, struts, latches and

seals as the hatchback on the coupe, but replaces that hatch with a squared-off cover inspired by the Nomad. Conversion cost: \$49,500, plus the base C5 Corvette coupe.

AAT can't call it a '54 Corvette Nomad, but the resemblance is obvious.

"We call it the AAT '54 Commemorative Sport Wagon, but the owners can call it whatever they like," said Pasteiner.

For more information go to www.aatcars.com. 🚗



THE CLEVELAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS SOCIETY PRESENTS:

N.N.L. NATIONALS #29

THEME:

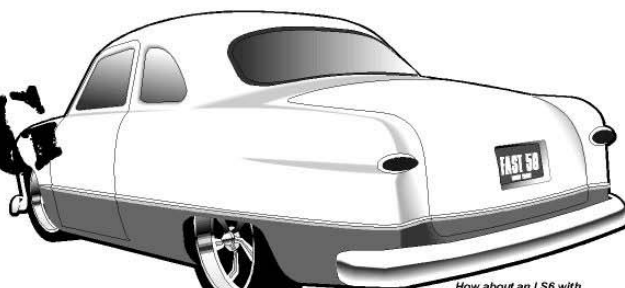
PRO TOURING

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.

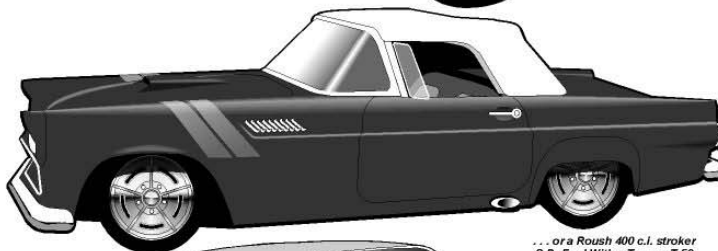
Get ready to do some kit-bashing, because we want to see *your* idea of what would be a cool n' hot *ProTouring* classic or muscle car! This is a great way to pull some leftover stuff out of the parts box (an old body, and a newer chassis) and put together a sweet looking classic with 21st Century comfort 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



Oct. 12th—16th Annual Model Car Exhibition, sponsored by the **Classic Plastic Model Club**, at the Elks Hall in Lawrence, MA, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Theme—'49 Merc** (any way you'd like!). Vendor info: John Davidson (603) 458-1716; Show info: Del Paone (603) 430-9377 or Paul Anagstopoulos (978) 369-0839.
Oct. 18th—UPS Car, Truck and

Motorcycle Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 14841 Switzer Lane in Laurel, MD. General admission is \$2 (*under 12 free*). Dyno runs, live bands all day, magic and illusionist show, comedy, Halloween Costume contest and Trick or Treat trail for the kids, Moon-bounce, carnival rides, games, monster trucks and much more! Proceeds benefit the United Way. One of the largest shows in Maryland so don't miss it! Info: Jim at (301)390-9085, or (301)741-3721

Oct. 18th—TAMS 16th Annual model car/truck contest & swap meet at VFW Post 4809, 5728 Barteet St., Norfolk, VA. Hosted by the Tidewater Automotive Modelers' Society, the **Show Theme is "All in a Row"** (no 'Vees', Wankels, or jets! Straight cylinder configurations). Info: Greg Layton, (757) 548-0764, redwagon122@aol.com, or Jerry Quick, (757) 468-6854, tamsmodeler@aol.com.
Th, th, that's all for now! 🏁

Let's Go Racin'!

Ryan Newman will drive No. 39—not No. 4—for **Stewart-Haas Racing** in '09. Stewart, who made the announcement recently, noted Newman's first USAC midget victory came in No. 39. Newman also has 14 starts in the Nationwide Series in No. 39.

I watched the **'Bullring' race** at **Bristol** for one reason—all the **'Beatin' and Bangin''** that goes on, and it was a good one!

Carl Edwards beat **Kyle Busch** when it counted. He pulled off a bump and run on lap 470, passed for the lead and pulled away over the final 30 laps, winning by 1.9 seconds.

"It's one of those deals where I couldn't get by him, I couldn't get by him, and I just had to ask myself, 'Would he do that to me?'" Edwards said after his trademark backflip off the car in victory lane. "And he has before, so that's the way it goes."

Unhappy with the way he was passed for the lead, **Busch bumped Edwards'** Ford after the checkered flag.

"He hit me getting into Turn 1," Busch said. "Whatever. Carl's going to say he's sorry, that he didn't want to race that way, but he always does. We'll take it, we'll go on and we'll race him that way in the Chase if that's the way he wants to race."

Edwards bumped back, and **Busch's Toyota went spinning**. To make matters worse, **NASCAR summoned Busch to the transporter after the race** (NASCAR placed Busch and Edwards on probation for the next six races as a result of their incident, both violating Section 12-4-A of the NASCAR rule book—actions detrimental to stock car racing; hitting a competitor's car after the race had concluded).

"Let's make it real clear—I'm not apologizing for it," Edwards said, citing several instances where he felt like Busch took him out of races to gain positions. We're even." NASCAR punished 'em, but secretly loves it!

Expect **major changes** to the **Bud Shootout** next year. With only the **top six teams in '08 owner's points from each manufacturer earning berths in the '09 season-opening exhibition at Daytona International Speedway**, the first race under the new format will provide some unusual twists next February.

Winning a pole or a race is no longer a prerequisite. This means that several drivers (*i.e.*, **Ryan Newman, Tony Stewart, Joe Nemechek, Patrick Carpentier, Clint Bowyer and Paul Menard**) are **'out in the cold,'** while several others (*i.e.*, **Joey Logano, Casey Mears**) are **'in like flint.'** We'll see how it goes, eh? 🏁

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Classifieds

WANTED: I'm gonna do the equivalent of throwing chum into shark-infested waters, if you'll pardon the analogy. I am looking tro 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, Polar Lights funny cars, empty **Pontiac kit boxes**. Would also like to buy or borrow **old AMT/MPC/Monogram/Revell model car catalogs**. Contact Tim Sickle at gtoguy@verizon.net, or see me at a meeting.

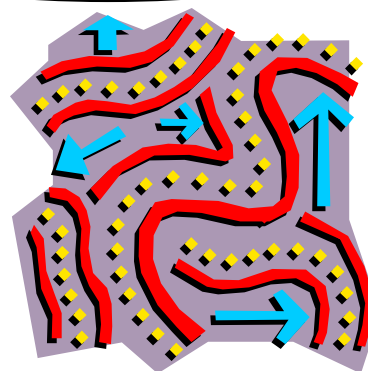
WANTED: Several **Revell-Monogram "Stars & Stripes" Corvettes** (ex-John Greenwood racer). Contact Harold Bradford at (301) 604-8591.

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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