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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. ☞

Quality Workshop Time!!

Last month's meeting was very nearly nonexistent! The weather was good, and I guess everyone was otherwise occupied. The diehards were still there to hold down the fort, though!

With any luck, you all remembered your **Toys for Tots donations**, as our December meeting falls beyond the deadline.

No reviews this

month, 'cause there ain't nothing' new!

Coverage of the **iHobby trade show** is inside, to help with planning '09 purchases.

The raffle raised **\$67.00**, while the door box contributed another **\$52.00**. do the math people—we failed to pay for the room! Thanks

to the following donors: **Brad, Ed Brown, Ron Bradley, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD.** Thanks, guys! ☞



Thanks, Zoli!

Serious Hot Rod!

Richard Noble and **Andy Green** know a few things about going fast—they set the current land speed record of 763 mph.

But they wanna go faster. So they are prepping a car—it really looks more like a land rocket—which they say will break through the **1,000mph barrier**.

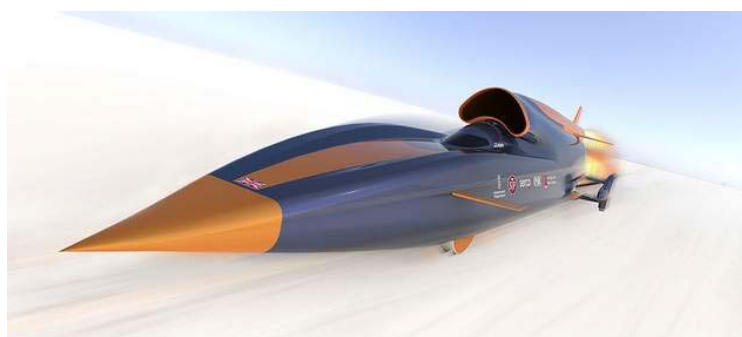
The "car" will be a bit over 42 feet long and contain piston, jet and rocket engines. It should run from **0 to 1,050mph in just 40 seconds (!)**.

Of course, you don't just roll out a car like this and drop the hammer. The team aims to make the thousand-mile-per-hour run in 2011. Next year it hopes to hit 800 mph with a 900-mph run

in 2010.

Nevada's Black Rock Desert is the likely place where these runs will be made—it's not like you can just go out to the nearest long, straight, rural road, you know.

Below is an artist's rendering. Thanks, Autoweek. ☞



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New (Reissued?!) Stuff for '09!

Well gang, good, bad, or indifferent, here are the results from the recent hobby trade show, gratefully provided by your local **'Plastic Pusher' Ron Bradley**. I believe that more releases will follow for later in 2009. Pix came from assorted online sources. Approx. release dates are listed (although, we *KNOW* what can happen here, eh?):

AMT/Round 2

- '50 Mercury Snap (MPC) (Feb.)
- '33 Willys Paddy Wagon (MPC) (Feb.)
- '62 Buick Electra 225 (Mar.)
- '08 Dodge Challenger SRT8 (promo type) (Mar.)
- '09 Dodge Challenger (promo type) (Mar.)
- Fruehauf Flatbed Trailer (Mar.)
- Depth Charger Aqua-Rod (April)
- Munster Coach & Dragula (2 kits in special tin) (April)
- White Freightliner Dual Drive Tractor Cab (May)
- Tommy Ivo front motor dragster w/tin display base (May)
- '69 Dukes of

- Hazzard Charger (Aug.)
- Roscoe's Dukes of Hazzard Dodge Monaco (Aug.)
- Daisy Duke's Dukes of Hazzard '74 Plymouth (Aug.)
- '62 Catalina 421SD 2 'n 1 (Sept.) (possibly Beswick?!)
- '25 T Coupe & Roadster (2 kits w/tin display base including original chopped coupe) (Oct.)
- Double Dragster (2 kits in Ltd Tin Box including corrected tires and wheels) (Oct.)
- Peerless Logging Trailer w/ load (Oct.)
- International Transtar 4300 Eagle Tractor Cab (Nov.)
- Scooby Doo Mystery Machine

(Polar Lights) (??)

Lindberg

- 1/8 Bantam Coupe Dragster
- L700 Tanker chrome or non-chrome
- 6 Prepainted Charger Police cars (white cars w/8 different light bars)
- Mustang II
- Cougar II
- '29 Ford Custom Rod
- '32 Ford Hot Rod
- '67 Olds 442
- '64 Plymouth Belvedere
- '61 Chevy Bubble top
- Boyd's Hauler Chevy Truck
- Perterbilt 359
- 1914 Stutz
- 1914 Mercedes
- '64 Dodge A100 (new stock version)

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ADDITIONAL 2009 RELEASES MAY BE ANNOUNCED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

RELEASES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT OBLIGATION.

2009 RELEASE PREVIEW



WILLYS PADDY WAGON



SUPER SNAP



AMT616 2008 Challenger R/T • MAR



AMT617 Fruehauf Flatbed Trailer • MAR



AMT614 1962 Buick Electra • MAR



AMT619 Munster Coach & Dragula • APR
LIMITED EDITION DUAL KIT IN TIN PACKAGING



AMT615 2008 Challenger SRT8 • MAR



AMT620 White-Freightliner Dual Drive • MAY



AMT621 Ivo Front Engine Dragster • MAY
SPECIAL EDITION w/ TIN DISPLAY BASE



AMT623 1962 Pontiac Catalina • SEPT



AMT618 Depth Charger • APR



MPC707 Roscoe Police Monaco • AUG



MPC707 Daisy's Plymouth • AUG



AMT626 1925 T Coupe/Roadster • OCT
BUILD 2 COMPLETE CARS - INCL. CHOPPED COUPE BODY AND TIN DISPLAY BASE



MPC706 General Lee Charger • AUG



AMT627v Double Dragster • OCT
BUILD 2 COMPLETE CARS - PACKAGED IN LIMITED EDITION TIN BOX



AMT628 Peerless Logging Trailer • OCT



AMT629 IH Transtar 4300 Eagle • NOV

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Stuff (contd)

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- '34 Ford Truck (*new version*)
- 1/32 '57 Chevy
- 1/32 '32 Lincoln
- 1/32 '52 Chevy

MRC

- The big news here is that they have the necessary licenses to bring in anything from Aoshima (*cars, wheel sets, etc.*). It is rumored that MRC is working with Aoshima to get left-hand dashboards on several cars.

Revell

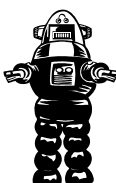
- '32 Ford 5-window Coupe w/5.0 Ford (*New*)
- '36 Ford 1/24 chopped custom
- '69 Yenko Nova
- '64 1/2 Mustang convertible
- BathTub Buggy
- Red Baron
- Tijuana Taxi
- Rommel's Rod
- '62 Corvette Convertible
- '69 Camaro snap
- '67 Fairlane 1/32 Slot Car

Testors

- 10 new laquer paint colors:
 - Mystic Emerald
 - Icy Blue
 - Star-Spangled blue
 - Purple-licious
 - Electric Pink
 - Flaming Orange
 - Root Beer
 - Bronze
 - Pure Gold
 - Graphite Dust

Trumpeter

- 1/12th scale Ford GT40 Mk. II (*no word on price or availability*)
- Start makin' plans now!** 🛠️

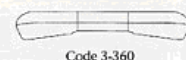


Dodge Charger Police Cars

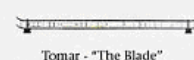


1/24th scale Unassembled Plastic Model Kit

- Fully detailed engines, chassis and pushbar
- Complete police interiors including computer and restraining or passenger barrier
- Complete set of decals on decorated versions



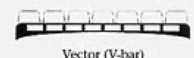
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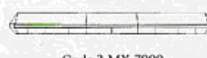
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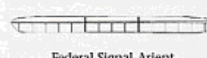
Vector (V-bar)



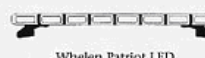
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Whelen Edge Ultra



Federal Signal-Arjent



Whelen Patriot LED



72796 Undecorated Dodge Charger
ALL EIGHT LIGHT BARS INCLUDED



72782 North Carolina State Patrol



72783 Illinois State Patrol



72784 Florida State Patrol



72785 Texas State Trooper



72786 Philadelphia Police



72787 Los Angeles Police



SEMA HiJinks

By the time you read this, the *annual SEMA Show* in Vegas will be history (Nov. 4th to 7th), but here is some of the insanity taking place there! Check out the website at <http://www.semashow.com/main/main.aspx?ID=/content/SEMASHOW.com/HomePage>. Thanks to *Autoweek* for the scoop. 🍷



The **Ram Mopar Street package** is painted a shade of **blackberry** and gets a body kit, **22-inch wheels** and a hard tonneau cover.



The **Ram R/T** is the Challenger poseur. Or look-alike. Or whatever you want to call it. But it's hard to argue with anything that evokes the retro looks of the new Mopar pony car. This one takes the Ram sport model that packs the **5.7-liter, 380-hp Hemi** and adds plenty of muscle-car upgrades. Most notably, it gets a **cold-air-intake kit**, **dual exhaust** and a **dual-snorkel aluminum hood with carbon-fiber accent stripes**. This Ram goes in the opposite direction of the TRXtreme, dropping closer to the road with an **air suspension kit**. It rides on **22-inchers**, and there is a hard tonneau cover in the back



The **Ram Sportsman** naturally gets a camo paint job, wheel flares and a telescoping trailer-tow mirror. The ride is tweaked with a **two-inch lift kit** and **20-inch wheels**.



The off-road **Ram TRXtreme** starts with the TRX-4 package—then the Mopar boys really go to work, busting out the lift kit to add **4.5" of ground clearance** to better accommodate the **20-inch polished wheels**. It also gets wheel flares, a tube step and telescoping mirrors from the Mopar parts catalog.



The **Challenger SRT10 concept**, which takes the best parts of a Viper and stuffs 'em into a Challenger. That means an 8.4-liter, 600hp. V10. The carbon-fiber hood is topped off by a shaker hood scoop that looks like it was taken from a 1970 Plymouth Barracuda. It also has upgraded brakes, Bilstein shocks for handling, and is topped off with a paint job Dodge calls **Tornado Red**

Whole passle 'o **new Camaros** too, this one being the neatest (if ya **LIKE** the new Camaros!)



GS Racer



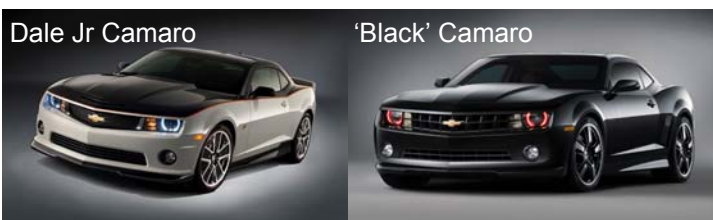
The **Challenger Blacktop** started off as a 'regular' 5.7-liter V8 Challenger R/T, and gets a smoky, mafia-style upgrade. The front gets a pronounced lower brow, and it rides on 22-inch Viper wheels. A cat-back dual exhaust and cold-air intake help this monster breathe easy. Handling is helped by a coil-over suspension and strut tower brace. Inside, there's leather seating and a Mopar audio system.



The **Challenger Targa** also borrows from the Viper parts bin, grabbing the race suspension and brakes from the Viper ACR. The scooped hood teases the 560 hp that lurk beneath it from a **392 Hemi crate motor**. It's mated to a **Tremec six-speed gearbox**, and the car gets Stop-Tech brakes. The performance pedigree comes from the car's competing at the Targa Newfoundland race earlier this year. It's painted **snakeskin green**.



The **Hi-Pa Drive F-150** is named after the electric system that replaces the F-150's conventional powertrain. Using **four in-wheel electric motors**, it makes **600 hp**.



Dale Jr Camaro

'Black' Camaro



The Heavy Duty DeWalt Contractor F-150 is customized by tool maker DeWalt. It gets a built-in charger for power tools, a customized storage area and is painted a bright shade of yellow. More details aren't available, but it looks to have larger wheels and a Roush performance parts.



The Fahrenheit F-150 is an off-road FX-4 package bolstered with a 9,000-lb winch at the front and the rear of the truck, bike rack, sliding cargo drawer with a toolbox, tire and of course, a compressor. Customized by X-Treme Toyz, it gets flames and is also billed as a suitable a ride for hitting nightspots



The F-150 by Street Scene Equipment is a Lariat Supercrew which adds more of a gangster feel. Again, specifics weren't listed, but the truck gets blinged-out wheels and headlights, and also appears to be lowered somewhat (!)



LS7 Camaro

For more info, visit the new Camaro website: <http://www.chevrolet.com/camaro/?seo=goo>

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This n That

IROL—International Race of Lambos?! Racing. Lamborghini. Racing a Lamborghini. An amazing fantasy? Oh, yeah. And now it's reality. **Lamborghini** is launching what's being billed as the **world's fastest one-marque racing series** in May '09, called the **Blancpain Super Trofeo**. It



will have a 30 car grid, and teams will get to drive the **Super Trofeo**. It's open to individual, professional and 'gentleman' drivers, as well as Lambo dealer teams. The factory also will have a car earmarked for celebrity guest drivers. The series starts May 3 at **Silverstone** in Britain and will crisscross Europe with races in **Italy, Germany, Belgium** and **Spain**. It wraps at **Monza** in October '09. It costs about **\$250K** at current exchange rates for the Super Trofeo car-and-parts package, and there's also entry fees and taxes. Drivers get three 40-minute races each weekend, with the results added together. It also includes qualifying and practice sessions. The Super Trofeo is a lightweight version of the **Gallardo LP 560-4** slimmed down to a weight of 2,866 pounds with a reworked

chassis, packin' a 5.2-liter direct-injection 570 hp **V10**, which is channeled through a six-speed gearbox and **permanent all-wheel drive**. Other enhancements include a carbon-fiber wing, racing brakes and a safety cage. Not exactly a cheap 'Rent-a-Racer,' is it...**MORE New Camaro Insanity!** A winning bid of **\$73,000** claimed the rights to the **third production 2010 Chevrolet Camaro**, auctioned online to benefit the **College for Creative Studies in Detroit**. An Austin, TX man posted the top bid of **59** submitted during the Oct. 15-25 auction. GM donated the car outright, so all proceeds will go to the college. The car, an **SS model** equipped

with the 6.2-liter, 422-hp V8 engine and six-speed tranny, will roll off the assembly line in February. In a related story, **nearly 3,000 people** stepped up for a **2010 Chevrolet Camaro** during the **first three days** since GM opened up the order bank. And they'll wait at least four months for a car, as production isn't scheduled to start until February. Those who have placed orders will get updates, including notification of the target production week for their car. The Camaro will be built at GM's Oshawa, Ontario, plant...**Corvette Chief to Retire. Tom Wallace**, Corvette chief engineer, retired from GM Nov. 1st. **Gene Stefanyshyn**, GM's global vehicle line exec for rear-wheel-drive vehicles, will add the Corvette chief engineer

responsibility to his duties. Wallace, 60, who has worked for GM since '66, retires just one month shy of having run the Corvette program for three years. He is only the **fourth chief engineer** in the car's **56-year history**. During his watch, the Vette team finished and launched the **ZR1**—a supercar filled with racing technology (*i.e., carbon-fiber body panels, composite-material disc brakes, supercharged 6.2-liter, 638 hp. V8*). No surprise here—Wallace is an avid racer in an amateur series. But he leaves GM when it is strapped for cash and scrambling to raise funds. AutoWeek reported that the cash crunch has led to the **seventh-gen Vette** being put on **indefinite hold**. It would reportedly be 2014, at the earliest, before the new Vette is launched. The current-gen Vette was launched in '05. He was also involved with the **SSR...James Bond Watch for Anybody!** Look out **Goldfinger**, James Bond is just around the corner with his Aston Martin DBS and a fancy new watch. The watch is not from Q's lab. **Jaeger-LeCoultre** in Switzerland has crafted a watch that has a transponder inside that can **lock and unlock the doors of an Aston Martin DBS** like a key fob. The watch features a metallic gray DBS symbol in the middle of the face, two smaller faces and open and close buttons for control of the DBS. The outer dial ring has an opening that shows the internal mechanisms of the watch, a nod to the DBS's exposed brake calipers. Creating the watch took more than just slapping the stuff

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from a key fob into a watch.

Eighteen months of engineering went into the timepiece.

The parts are a new design; watchmakers miniaturized the components, including the antenna, which had to be placed in a way that would not interfere with the watch's operation.

The user touches the sapphire crystal face near the open or close button for the transponder to work. It has no push buttons—even the stopwatch function is activated by touching the glass. For a Swiss watch, **veddy British, and veddy cool...Pricey McClaren.**

The **McLaren F1 supercar** is spectacular—and now it has an eye-popping sticker to match: **\$4.1 million.** One of the cars sold at an auction recently in London, and it's thought to have set a world record. The final tally more than doubled the expected price, and it was the highlight of the seven-hour sale featuring frenzied bidding for many cars from the SRO crowd. It was joined on the block by a **'65 Ferrari 250 LM Berlinetta** and a **'59 Ferrari 250 GT Tour de France** that went for **\$3.6 mil each.** A **'38 Horch 853 Special Roadster** went for **\$1.8 mil**, and a **'38 Bugatti Type 57C Atalante** went for **\$1.1 mil.**

Perhaps the most valuable car, a **'63 Ferrari 250 GT SWB California Spyder**—didn't sell. Bidding stalled at **\$4.2 mil**—short of estimates it could go for at least **\$4.8.** RM and Sotheby's organized the auction, called **Automobiles of London...New Z Car.** Here is an official shot (in

advance of the LA auto show) of the **Nissan 370Z**—the successor to the 350Z. The car appears shorter and wider—perhaps adding some aggression to the



stance—and it gets a 3.7-liter V6. This is the **first full redesign** of the **Z car** since '03. Obvious features include the extended hood and dramatic headlights, taillights and fender flares. The C-pillar also slopes down at about a 45-degree angle. Nissan has been doing some chest pounding recently after the launch of the **GT-R supercar**, and this looks to be a solid follow-up. Inside, the interior has what look to be snug-fitting, comfortable leather seats. It was shown recently in the run-up to the launch of a video game, **Need for Speed Undercover**, which drops Nov. 18 and will feature the car, which goes on sale early next year...**Chrysler Hybrids MIA.** The **Chrysler Aspen** and **Dodge Durango** hybrids will be short-lived. Chrysler LLC will stop producing its first two hybrid-electric vehicles slightly more than two months after they started arriving in dealerships. This summer, Chrysler introduced the Aspen and Durango Hemi hybrid SUVs to great fanfare. Production began in August. But the two were doomed to a short lifespan from the beginning. They are made at Chrysler's Newark, DE plant,

originally scheduled to close at the end of '09. But slow full-sized SUV sales pushed them to move the closing up a year. Chrysler has no plans to produce them else-

where, and is concentrating on the hybrid Ram pickup, due in '10, with more hybrids rumored to follow. The hybrid power-trains Chrysler used were developed at the **Hybrid Development Center** in suburban Detroit, a joint engineering project with **Chrysler, General Motors, BMW and Daimler AG.**

Meanwhile, Chrysler LLC said recently it plans to **cut 25 percent of its salaried work force.** A statement to employees didn't specify how many jobs would be cut. The cuts will be in the form of voluntary retirements, buyout programs and layoffs. Chrysler said the buyout programs would include "enhanced benefits," including cash and new-vehicle vouchers. The company said it would "cut back on all discretionary and overhead expenses and reduce capital expenditures not connected to major product programs." Chrysler is in the **midst of negotiating a possible sale to GM.** It also has been engaged in discussions with **Nissan** and **Renault** about a possible **partnership arrangement**, according to the reports (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!) 🍷

Condolences

Car enthusiast and artist **David**

Deal (<http://www.bigdealart.com/>), best known for creating a line of *model cars in the '70s* called "*Deals Wheels*" and then later for *work on the movie 'Cars'*, died after a battle with cancer Oct. 14 at his home in Vista, Calif.

Deal, dubbed "Big Deal" during a stint in the Marine Corps, had been a significant part of the automotive landscape since the 1970s.

His line of *cartoonish models* for **Revell** are still sought-after collectables, and he also put his artistic talents to work creating artwork for advertisements in a number of car magazines. He also did covers for a defunct publication called **CAR-toons Magazine**.

In addition to drawing cars, Deal was an avid driver, setting an off-road record in a Volkswagen sedan in 1973. He also enjoyed hot rodding and sports car races.

Deal owned a number of interesting cars over the years, including a Porsche 550 Spyder and a Ferrari.

When not behind the wheel of a land-going craft, Deal was an avid pilot, notching more than 2,000 hours of flight time.

Also no longer with us is none other than **Bob Paeth**, a *former Revell employee* who worked closely with **Jim Keeler** on kit development. Bob and Jim also judged the *annual Revell Pactra model car contests* for many years.

Gentlemen, you'll both be sorely missed. 🕒

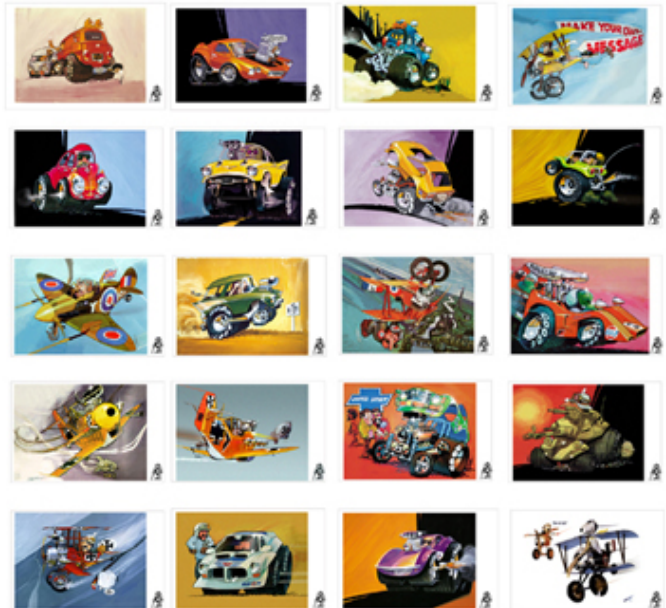
Good vs. Bad?!

Flash! Mattel Inc., helped by rising sales of **Matchbox** and **Hot Wheels** toy cars, has a *larger market value than General Motors Corp.* for the first time as record U.S. gas prices crimp sales of real cars and trucks. GM shares fell to the lowest since '54 recently after an analyst said bankruptcy was "not impossible" if the auto market continues deteriorate.

Mattel is surpassing GM even after the toymaker reported its first quarterly loss in almost three years in April, a reflection of the diverging outlook for the two companies. Mattel may return to profitability after the first quarter, while GM will probably report losses through '09 as buyers spurn pickup trucks and SUVees (*for toy cars?!),* analysts said. 🕒



A rare retro collector's set of prints, many reproduced from the original cells, these prints are 11 x 14 inches, full color and individually signed, ready for framing, without logos or copy, just the paintings used on the famous Deal's Wheels caricature model series.



All of these are Dave Deal produced paintings and you can have one or all of them to frame for your collection.
\$35.00 each - \$100.00 for 4 - or \$400.00 for the entire signed collection.
The entire collection from Dave Deal...EMAIL DaveDeal@BigDealArt.com

Need a hat? Kitchen Table Resins can help ya out there!



Model Buffet

This month, we will again be very close to home. We'll visit **Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD**.

Norman is almost always *busier than a long-tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs* (sorry, Norm!), so it noteworthy when he is able to bring new product to market.

First up is a **'32 Ford S/D conversion** (2 pieces, \$25.00); a **'32 Ford pickup body conversion** (13 pieces, \$44.00); a **'49 Merc convertible w/Carson Top** (11 pieces, \$32.00) (all, coincidentally enough, mastered by Lyle Wil-lits!); **Small block Ford EFI Fuel Injection and smooth valve covers** (5 pieces, \$5.95), and a pair of **Goodyear slicks** (8.70/15.50-15 Bluestreak Dragway Specials,

\$5.95). Contact Norman for shipping and handling, or, better yet, see him at a meeting and save S+H!

For something a bit different, let's visit sunny Colorado. **Ken Kitchen**, proprietor of **Kitchen Table Resins** has a small but interesting line of resin goodies available.

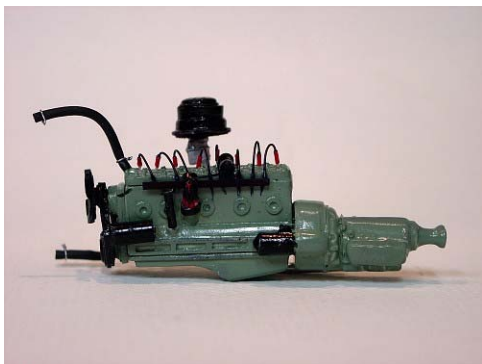
Let's start off with **engine kits**. His line includes several generations of **Ford 6-cylinders**: the first-gen 226 cu. in. ('41-'51), second-gen 215/223/262 cu. in. ('52-'64), third-gen 144/170/200 cu. in. ('60-'84), and fourth-gen 240 & 300 cu. in./4.9-liter ('65-'96).

To complement the early Ford sixes, he also offers **'51/'52 F-1 grille and dash combo**, and a **'54 F-100 grille**.

He has also just added the **Pontiac 223/232/249/268 cu. in. straight eight** to his lineup. According to his flyer, it was used in between '33 and '54.

At one time, he also had available **scale resin baseball caps**.

For price and availability (*and don't forget shipping and handling, either!*), visit Ken's Fotki album, or shoot him an e-mail (*see sidebar*). I have not seen samples, but intend to order some soon, and can share opinions when it arrives.



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! Anybody buy something they read about here care to comment on it? 🚗

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Hot Wheels News

Looks like those little cars we all played with as kids (*and some still do!?!)* are still around, bigger and better than ever!

Check out at least some of what they have in store for collectors for '09:

Larry's Garage

- '56 Chevy
- Metrorail (*Nash Metropolitan*)
- '31 Packard

Hot Wheels Classics Series 5

(16 new models)

- Studebaker Avanti
- Greased Gremlin
- Paddy Wagon
- Hammer Sled

Mid Scale (1/50th)

- '70 Ford Racing Mach I
- '70 K & N Barracuda
- '07 Scion
- '32 Ford Mooneyes street rod

Batman

(1/50th, 5 different vehicles)

- '66 TV Batmobile w/trailer hitch
- '66 TV Batboat
- '66 TV Batcycle
- Animated Batmobile
- '06 Tumbler

1/87th scale

- Honda Civic
- Ford GTX
- '68 Ford Mustang
- Enzo Ferrari
- Porsche Cayman

Drag Strip Demons

- '70 Snake III Black Barracuda
- Pure Heaven II
- Hot Wheels Mustang f/c
- Ramchargers Challenger f/c

(Enclosed pix show tools for a '70s Camaro, '74 Vega, '68/'69 Charger, an '80s Vette, and an AWB '65 Dodge Coronet!). Thanks to our resident *Hot Wheels* 'nut,' Nick. 🚗

How'd ya like THESE Hot Wheels, from their recent 40th Anniversary tour?!



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MAMA'S Boy Published!

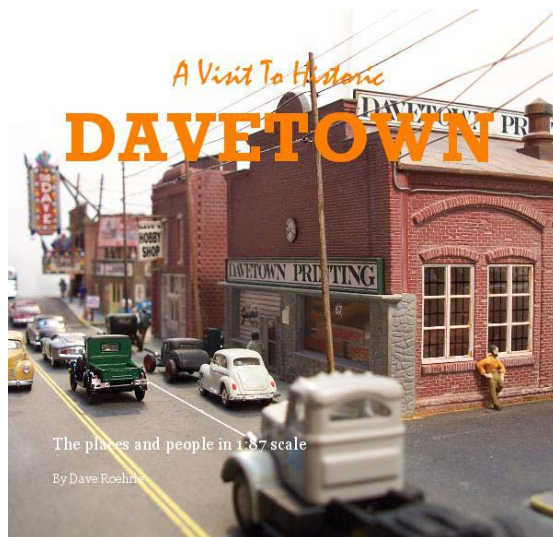
Well gang, looks like another MAMA's Boy has been published. Long-time members will recognize the name **Dave Roehrle** (a.k.a. *DaveInTheHat*) as a prolific builder of a range of models, from shiny hot rods to weathered and rusted ones, too.

Dave always seemed to walk to the beat of a different drummer, and this book appears to be no exception. It's about a town **completely in 1/87th scale!**

Check it out at

<http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/380401>,

and pick up a copy for yourself if you are so inclined (\$22.95 to \$34.95, S+H extra). **Waytogo, Dave!** 🚗



Hurst Challengers?!

car business. It never left the car-parts business, selling thousands of the legendary shift-improvement kits in the after-market as well as in original-equipment applications. Now, they have come full circle, just in time for its 50th anniversary.

At the SEMA show this month in Las Vegas, Hurst will unveil the **'09 Hurst/Hemi Challenger**, a **supercharged 560-hp version** of the new Dodge performance coupe. It will go into production in January with a **Vortech supercharger**, **Magnaflow exhaust**, **Bilstein shocks**, **Eibach springs**, **Katzkin leather interior** and **Kicker audio**.



The company that brought you the **Hurst/Olds 442** and a buncha great muscle cars half a century ago is back in the



You can order it in any of **four different "stages,"** depending on **how much money you want to spend**, from the mildly tuned Stage 1 on up to the forced-induction SRT 6.1-liter Stage 4—with all the power.

Other Hurst specials are planned, including a **Hurst/Hemi 300C**, a **Charger**, a **Ram**, a **Grand Cherokee** and a **Viper**. The cars will be built at the Aria Group in Irvine, Calif. Prices will be announced Dec. 1. Keep an eye on www.hurst-shifters.com for info on ordering yours. 🚗

More Auction Insanity!?

Steve McQueen won't be the only Hollywood bad boy whose stuff is being sold at an auction recently in L.A. Add **Bruce Willis** to the list of sellers.

Four of the cars are muscle-bound icons from the late '60s. But perhaps the most unique offering is a **'57 Corvette convertible** given to Willis by his former wife, Demi Moore.

Buying this car is hardly an indecent proposal, as it has the original 283cu. in. V8, rated at 220 hp mated to a Powerglide transmission. It also has front disc brakes, power steering and both the soft and hard tops. Auctioneers Bonhams & Butterfields estimate bidding could reach **\$70,000 to \$90,000**, not including fees.

This Vette is joined by a strapping sibling from a decade later, a **'67 Corvette 427 cu. in./435 hp. roadster**. This is one of the most desirable years for Corvette fans, and Willis juiced this one with Cragar wheels, power brakes and a CD changer tucked away

in the glove box and operated with an infrared remote. Estimated take? **\$110,000 to \$150,000**.

That brings us to what is likely to be the most valuable of the group, a **'68 Shelby GT500 convertible**. The Shelybs are really more of a ***Gone in 60 Seconds* ride** than anything Willis has done, but bidding likely will be fierce, possibly reaching **\$150,000 to \$175,000**. Why? the **468 cu. in., 570hp.**

monster under the hood. Willis had some outside work done on the engine, and the suspension, body and other parts have been fully restored.

Pony-car fans also will want to check out the **'68 Firebird 400 convertible**, which could be a comparative bargain if it goes in the expected **\$30,000-to-\$50,000** range. It's stock, with a 400-cubic-inch V8 that makes 330 hp and is paired with a recently rebuilt four-speed, dual exhaust, twin hood scoops and the original radio fortified by a new audio system with custom speakers.

The last one is a jet-black **'69 Dodge Charger**.

Again, take nothing away from Willis, but this one looks more like the Charger that costarred in ***Bullitt***, a flick that has one of the best car-chase scenes of all time. But the ultimate buyer probably won't want to do too much speeding on this gem. It's an actual museum piece, currently on display at the **Peterson Automotive Museum**, where the auction will be conducted. Still, the thought of flogging this car really gets the blood pumping. The engine has been **bored and stroked to 502 cubes**, and the output is an eye-popping **700 hp**. It also has a **Flowmaster exhaust, Mopar four-wheel discs** and plenty of other go-faster parts.

Now in its sixth year, the auction will feature some of McQueen personal effects, and a **diamond-studded Hot Wheels car that celebrates the 40th anniversary** of the brand. Parts of the body are **18-karat gold**, and it's covered in nearly **3,000 round diamonds**. Proceeds from the sale of the Hot Wheels car will go to charity.

Thanks to **Autoweek** for the scoop on this car lover's dream. 🍷





April 18th, 2009—23rd Annual NNL East from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wayne PAL Building, 100 Pal Drive, Wayne, NJ. **Theme—Fins & Feathers** (tailfins, sharkfins, any feathered animal—T-Bird, Firebird, Hawk, etc.), with a **Sub-theme of Compact Cars** (Anything from Pintos to Novas, or Civics to

WRXs). Info: Tom Geiger, (732) 264-9305 (7-10 p.m. weekdays), NNLEast@aol.com, or www.nnleast.com. **Get Busy! Ta Ta For Now!** 🍷

More new Hot Wheels: Avanti, '56 Chevy. Not shown are a '59 Caddy wagon, Tucker, S'Cool bus, and, Aston Martin



Let's Go Racin'!

Brian Vickers was docked 150 driver's points while crew chief **Kevin Hamlin** was fined \$100,000 when NASCAR found **acid-dipped sheetmetal** on their **Red Bull Racing Team Camry**. Brian and Kevin—I'm surprised at you guys—**Not!**

Ford Motor Co. extended their support of **Rousch-Fenway Racing's NASCAR program** for what is believed to be a five-years.

Eastman Kodak Co. is **ending its 22-year NASCAR sponsorship** and putting more marketing dollars into professional golf. The photography giant, betting its future on electronic imaging, said recently the realignment fits better with a new effort to highlight its brand digitally (i.e., *PGA Tour scoreboards*). Kodak also wants to snare more customers overseas since 60 percent of its sales are outside the US. Kodak said it is also ending a **four-year sponsorship of Penske Racing** at year's-end. Since signing on with NASCAR in '86, Kodak-sponsored cars have won the **Daytona 500 four times**—with Ryan Newman

('08), Sterling Marlin ('94 and '95), and Ernie Irvan ('91).

In a related story, **Larry McClure**, co-owner of **Morgan-McClure Racing** that did so well in the '90s, has been indicted on charges relating to **money laundering, wire and mail fraud, filing false income tax returns, and obstructing a tax investigation**.

McClure, now general manager of the inactive team in Abingdon, Va., faces a maximum penalty of **115 years and fines of up to \$2.75 million**. The indictment accuses him of filing fraudulent tax returns in '02, '03 and '04. Morgan-McClure Racing won 13 poles and 14 races with **Irvan, Marlin** and **Hamilton** in the '90s with **Kodak** backing. That record included **three Daytona 500 wins**. **Kodak** ended its **18-year deal** with the organization after the '03 season. Morgan-McClure Racing struggled for survival for several years before shutting down in January.

Kenny Wallace, brother of retired driver **Rusty Wallace** (now a commentator) wrote in his SpeedTV.com blog recently that Rusty was considering a **return to Sprint Cup racing**, possibly **driving** for **DEI**. Rusty denies it.

The FIA wants **third party supply engines and transmissions for all F1 teams in 2010, 2011 and 2012**. This is an effort to stem what they call "astronomical" spending by the teams.

Ferrari has threatened to "re-evaluate" its commitment to F1 should the FIA impose standard engines. Despite boasting increased revenues and profits after a board meeting recently, the Italian team made clear its strong opposition to cost-cutting via the method of homogenized power-train design.

In a statement issued after the board meeting headed by president Luca di Montezemolo, Ferrari said it believed Max Mosley's plan would "detract from the entire raison" of a sport "based principally on competition and technological development."

It was also reported recently that **Toyota** also threatened to quit F1 over the issue, but the Japanese team issued a clarification recently. "We believe F1 must remain a technological challenge; this is an important point for Toyota and provided this does not change we expect to continue in F1 until at least 2012." 🍷

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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 a '59 El Camino, 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 Fi-

eros, 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 Sickie 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.

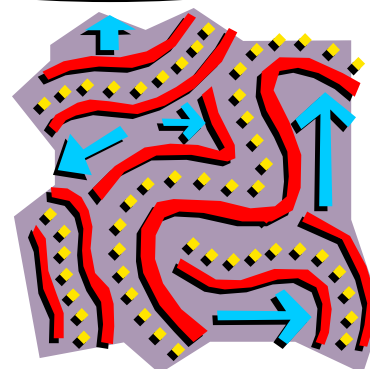


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From the Washington Beltway (RT 495/95): Take Exit 22 north, towards Baltimore. Stay in the right lane and take the first exit onto Route 193 (Greenbelt Road). When on the off-ramp, bear to the right and take Greenbelt road west, towards College Park. 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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