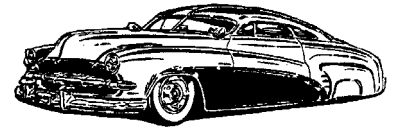




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2009 Meeting Schedule

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 17th
- ☞ February 21st
- ☞ March 21st
- ☞ April 25th
- ☞ May 16th
- ☞ June 20th
- ☞ July 18th
- ☞ August 15th
- ☞ September 19th
- ☞ October 17th
- ☞ November 21st
- ☞ December 19th

NOTE!

Inclément weather phone number: (301) 474-5255. ☞

Let's Get Ready to Race!!

Another good turnout for last month's meeting. Guess most of us can't or won't give up our hobby, despite the hard times the economy is experiencing!

Answers to last month's the Christmas Story trivia contest are inside. How'd ya do?

Two small reviews appear inside, one from **Rich Wilson** on the *Hip-*

pie Hemi, and the other from **Ron Hamilton** on the new '68 *Bullitt Mustang Tanks, dudes!*

The raffle raised \$70.00, while the door box contributed another \$139.00, along with \$100.00 from the sale of MAMA stickers, courtesy of **Bill Stillwagon** and **Jeff Young**.



Yay—we made the rent. Thanks to the following donors: **Brad, Bubba (!), Ron Bradley, Ron Hamilton, Dirk Johnson, Dave Schmitt, Bill Stillwagon, Rich Wilson, Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD, and yours truly. Thanks, everybody!** ☞

GM 'Fire Sale?!'

Sprinkled in among the resto-mods, classic cars and a Ford Tri-Motor airplane that cross the block at the Barrett-Jackson auction in Scottsdale, AZ, this month were some pieces of GMhistory.

GM is sorting through **1,000+ vehicles** in its Special Vehicle fleet at its private Heritage Center in suburban Detroit, looking for duplicates and little used vehicles to sell.

GM hasn't finalized

the list of vehicles to be sold, says Tom Freiman, manager of the Heritage Center. A list of sale vehicles posted on the Internet is not accurate, he adds. GM won't get rid of any one of a kind or milestone cars for the company, Freiman says.

Not all the vehicles will be sold next month. GM is also sending some heritage vehicles to Barrett-Jackson's auction in Palm Beach, FL, in April.

The vehicles to be

sold are ones that have been little used at the Heritage Center or were created for special events, such as the SEMA show in Las Vegas, Freiman says. GM has been working with B-J during the past five years to sharpen the focus of its collection, Freiman says. GM sometimes buys significant cars at the auction to add to its collection.

I'm Interested to see how they'll do at B-J! List to follow (maybe B-J results, too?) ☞

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“A Christmas Story” Quiz

Well gang, here are the answers to last month’s trivia contest. Howdja do?

1. What is Ralphie’s last name? **Parker**
2. Where does he live (*street, town, & state*) **Cleveland street, Hohman, IN.**
3. What does he want for Christmas (*be exact!*)? **A Red Ryder 200-shot Range Model Air rifle**
4. According to his mom, teacher, and Santa Claus, what will happen if he gets it? **He’ll shoot his eye out**
5. What does Ralphie explicitly NOT want for Christmas? **A football**
6. What is the name of the local department store? **Higbee’s**
7. What is the name of the Lone Ranger’s nephew’s horse? **Victor** (“*Everybody Knows that.*”)
8. What did the “Clodhopper down in Griffith, IN” swallow? **A yo-yo**
9. What contest does dad enter? **Name the Great Characters of American Literature**
10. What is the first prize? **\$50,000**
11. What is Ralphie’s brother’s name? **Randy**
12. Who directed, produced, and co-wrote the movie? **Bob Clark**
13. This man also directed what 1982 movie about a group of Florida high schoolers and a sleazy nightclub owner? **“Porky’s”**
14. What magazine does Ralphie’s mother read? **Look**
15. According to Ralphie (*as he tries to con his dad*), what did Flick see near Pulaski’s candy store? **Grizzly Bears**
16. What are the parents names? **Mrs. Parker and The Old Man** (*their first names were not mentioned*)
17. What did the father want for Christmas? **A new furnace. Or at least a tie.**
18. What does he get? **A blue bowling ball and a can of Simoniz**
19. In his dream sequence, what does Ralphie call his trusty firearm? **Old Blue**
20. In that dream, who’s the leader of the desperados who attack the house? **Black Bart**
21. What kind of car does dad drive? **An Oldsmobile (1937)**
22. To the best of Ralphie’s knowledge, where does his dad’s “tapestry of obscenity” still hover to this day? **In space over Lake Michigan**
23. Why does the little brother cry before going to school? **His winter coat won’t allow him to put his arms down**
24. What song’s sheet music is written on the blackboard in Ralphie’s class? **“Yankee Doodle”**
25. What is the name of Ralphie’s teacher? **Miss Shields**
26. What is the name of the neighborhood bully? **Scut Farkas**
27. What color eyes does he have? **Yellow Eyes!**
28. This bully is played by Zack Ward. In what Fox comedy did he co-star as an adult? **“Titus” (2000)**
29. What is the name of his toadie sidekick? **Grover Dill**
30. Name two things confiscated from students in the teacher’s desk. **Fake teeth, chattering teeth, rubber mouse and frog, fake eye and nose glasses, and a book (“Ace of Test Pilots”)**
31. What book is the class reading? **“Silas Marner”**
32. What is the most serious of all dares? **The Triple Dog Dare**
33. Melinda Dillon, who played Ralphie’s mom, appears topless in what 1977 movie? **“Slap Shot”**
34. Where does Ralphie sit in class? **Third row from the front, second row from the right (facing teacher)**
35. What theme does the teacher assign to the class? **“What I Want for Christmas”**
36. What is the name of Ralphie’s neighbors? **The Bumpuses**
37. Who wrote and narrated “A Christmas Story”? **Jean Shephard. He penned the short stories on which the movie is based, and gets a screenwriting credit**
38. Who does he play on-screen in the film? **The natty man at the department store who tells Ralphie the line for Santa begins “back there.”**
39. What does dad guess is his major award? **A bowling alley**
40. When the crate arrives, where does he think it’s from? **Italy (“Frah-GEE-lee...Must be Italian.”)**
41. How much does dad tip the delivery guys? **Nothing**
42. How long has Ralphie’s brother not eaten voluntarily? **Three years**
43. When did mom last have a hot meal for herself? **15 years before**

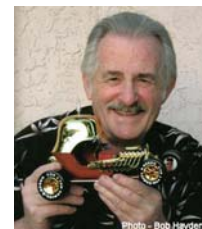
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45. What is the nickname of the neighbor dad talks to across the street? **Swede**
46. What time did "Lil' Orphan Annie" start? **6:45 P.M.**
47. Who is the sponsor of the radio show? **Ovaltine**
48. What grade does Ralphie get on his theme? **C+**
49. How fast can dad change a flat tire? **Eight minutes**
50. In a dream sequence, how does Ralphie go blind? **Soap poisoning**
51. What brand of soap does Ralphie like to have his mouth washed out with? **Lux**
52. What brand does he hate? **Lifebuoy**
53. When mom breaks dad's "major award," what "crusher" of a line does he stammer out? **"Not a Finger!"**
54. What does dad then do with his "major award"? **Buries it in the backyard next to the garage**
55. What kind of dogs do the neighbors have? **Hounds**
56. Who had tickets to the Bears-Packers game? **Zuboff**
57. Characters from this movie march in the Christmas parade. **"The Wizard of Oz"**
58. Some of these characters pretend to beat up what other character in the parade? **Mickey Mouse**
59. Who/what does "goggle Boy" waiting on line like? **Santa, "The Wizard of Oz," and the Tin Man**
60. What year did "A Christmas Story" likely take place? **1939, the year "The Wizard of Oz" came out, or 1940, the year on the back of Ralphie's Lil' Orphan Annie decoder pin**
61. What does the department store Santa hate? **The smell of tapioca**
62. Ralphie's dad could replace a fuse faster than what? **A jackrabbit on a date**
63. What gifts did Ralphie and his brother throw over their shoulders in disgust? **Socks**
64. What are the names of Ralphie's two friends? **Flick and Schwartz**
65. Name three gifts that Ralphie's brother received for Christmas. **Socks, baseball bat, fire truck, and a zeppelin**
66. What is the name of Ralphie's aunt? **Clara**
67. What does she think Ralphie is? **A 4-year-old girl**
68. What does she make him as a gift? **A pink bunny outfit**
69. What two things does dad say Ralphie looks like wearing it? **A "deranged Easter Bunny" and a "pink nightmare"**
70. What school does Ralphie attend? **Warren G. Harding school**
71. What does dad offer Ralphie on Christmas morning? **A sip of wine**
72. What is dad's favorite food? **Turkey**
73. What happens to Ralphie's glasses on Christmas morning? **They are "pulverized"**
74. According to mom, what will dad get if he eats dinner before it's completely cooked? **Worms**
75. What day of the week does Christmas fall on that year? **Apparently, Sunday – dad is reading color comics in the newspaper – but, Christmas fell on Monday in 1939 and Wednesday in 1940**
76. Where does the family go out to eat on Christmas night? **Chop Suey Palace & Co.**
77. What is above the restaurant? **A bowling alley**
78. What two songs does the wait staff sing? **"Deck the Halls" and "Jingle Bells"**
79. How is that dinner like da Vinci's "The Last Supper"? **The family was all sitting on one side of the table**
80. What is the problem with the duck that's served? **It's smiling**
81. How is this resolved? **The owner cut off it's head**
- What does adult Ralphie call duck? **Chinese turkey**

Daniels Alert!

A Message From *Tom Daniel*, recently spotted on the *Moebius Models* website (http://moebiusmodels.com/tom_daniel.php):



"Hello to all you Moebius customers and modelers! As you are no doubt aware by now, after a protracted period of reflection, Revell-Monogram has decided to re-tool my Rommel's Rod kit as part of their "Tom Daniel" plastic model kit line up for '09. I do apologize to all of you for any personal inconvenience this might have caused.

I have offered to provide Moebius Models with an all-new 'exclusive' Tom Daniel model kit design, so stay tuned for further announcements. Kind regards, TD" 🍷

Hippe Hemi Dragster

[Auto World; 6 clear parts, 4 rubber tires, 28 white, 56 chrome]

This is one of the initial offerings from the new '*Auto World*,' which makes it a re-issue of a modified re-issue based on the old *Don Garlits Wynnsjammer dragster*.

The *engine* is marginal at best. It's an early 392-type hemi with featureless block and heads, and the valve covers are ugly. They may have been correct for the Swamp Rat, but should be replaced. There are several other kits that can supply better-detailed engines. The engine in this kit is soft on external detail but has a chromed crankshaft with individual crank, blower and idler pulleys. The blower has chromed impellers as well and a rubber blower belt. All 'bottomed' off with choice of clear, red or green clear oil pans. It might be better used as a display engine in a

diorama, but with help.

The *chassis* is cast in left and right halves, which I think is better than the one piece method we get in newer kits because the tubing is round rather than 'D' shaped. If you are attracted to shiny parts, this kit has twice as many chrome parts as white. The tube front axle is all chrome and steerable.

The *streamlined body* is what attracted me to this kit. It is only four pieces and totally impractical for competition due to poor forward vision, but it does make a rather kool lookin' kustom. In a new twist on an old kit, it has a choice of three canopies. One is clear; the other 2 are either clear red or green.



The *decalsheet* is as psychedelic as the name implies with no less than *eight different decals* for the nose alone. With different colors of paint, the combinations are infinite.

Also included is a *reduced size promotional poster* of the kit, a kit box approximately 2' x 3' to cut out and glue together and an 'AMT' peel and stick decal. The kit contents are silhouetted on the bottom of the box of this and other Auto World kits. A good feature which may not last.

by: Rich Wilson 🍷

Toledo News!

For those of you who attend the Toledo NNL, then I've got a "Good News/Bad News" situation for ya.

The *bad news* is that after the swap on March 7th and 8th, the *show will no longer be held at the Lucas County Rec Center!*

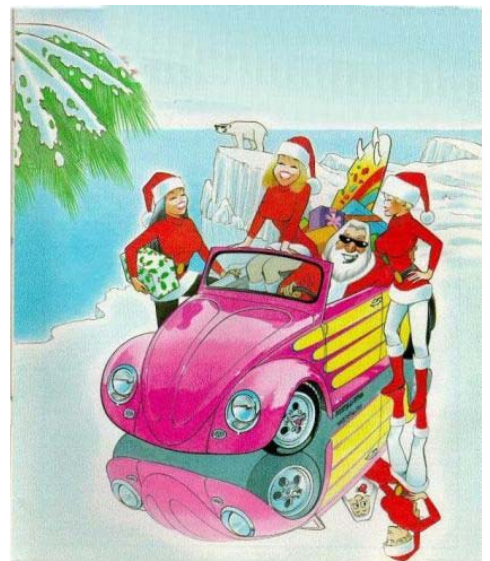
The good news is that for the Fall NNL show, it will be moving to a new location—the Sylvania Exhibition Center, at Tam-O-Shanter, in the city of Sylvania. Sylvania adjoins Toledo on the

northwest side, like Maumee adjoins Toledo on the south side. The new location is approximately 10 miles from the current spot—an easy drive.

No word currently on hotels and motels in the area, and whether there will be any sort of host hotel chosen.

So, the show is still on, but in the new location. So, ya better get busy and get your hotel rooms booked if ya wanna attend.

The preceding info is courtesy of *John Carlisle* and the *Spotlight Hobbies website*. Make plans accordingly. 🍷



Santa, gettin' some much-deserved R & R!

'64 Fairlane 'Quickie'

I recently purchased the **Revell '64 Ford Fairlane Street Machine 2 'n 1 kit**, hoping that the manufacturer made some significant changes. A few did occur, and while I am not surprised that one of the versions was a true "replica stock" version of the car, there were a few changes in the kit that made it worth a look.

There were a few parts added to the kit, which are:

- 14" steel wheels with a-c-c-u-r-a-t-e '64 Ford dog dish hub-caps, and 14" tires
- flat hood sans hood scoop
- low profile oval air cleaner to use with the 427 engine
- glasspack mufflers with side exit exhaust pipes which attach to the exhaust headers
- new decals, with a fictitious racing team theme, and "Flames"
- inboard headlamp lenses and buckets

Fortunately, the parts to build an accurate "T-bolt" are still there, as well as the three wheel styles, and two different transmissions, which have been a part of the Revell T-bolt kit since its inception. It is also molded in crisp, white styrene.

With the limited amount of capital a company has to work with these days, I have to ask the question:

Why would a company devote additional tooling dollars to a kit that has been in continuous production in various liveries over the past decade, and end up with this result?

Don't get me wrong, the parts

provided in this kit are very welcome, and will build into an interesting street machine, but most modelers I have been in contact with wanted to see the following changes in this kit:

Take the concept a little further, add a bench seat, a 289 V8 or dare I say, a 6-cylinder engine (*ya heard it here first, Matt!!*), with the appropriate interior and chassis mods to this tool to make a "Mainstream Replica Stock" build possible with the parts provided from the kit.

—Or—

A newly tooled 2-door hardtop body as either a **Fairlane 500**, or **Fairlane 500 Sports coupe**, with the aforementioned mods.

Neither of which happened, and the true "mainstreamer" rep-



lica stock builder will be disappointed in this kit. To build this kit as a true "Replica Stock," it will take a lot of work, aftermarket parts, and parts box raiding to make it happen. The dog dish caps, and steelies will have a home for me. Can we say **full size "R" code '64 Ford Galaxie 500** from the old AMT kit? Why yes we can. The rest of the Fairlane kit will be built as a T-bolt with some aftermarket decals, or as a "As Delivered" race car.

Is this a nice kit? Yes indeed, but I feel that Revell missed the boat on this one.

by: Ron Hamilton 🍷

GM's 'List'

Buick: '55 Century, '95 Riviera convert, '98 Riviera, **'01 Blackhawk**, '01 Regal GNX, '02 Rendezvous Inca Trail, '02 Rendezvous Tour Edition SC, '03 Rendezvous CXL, '03 Centieme Concept, Bolero, **CTS-VR race replica**, Regal Cielo Open Air
Cadillac: '18 Cadillac, '93 Allante pacer, '96 Presidential limo, '98 Popemobile, '99 Eldorado, '00 STS Safety, '03 EXT - M, '04 CTS Super V, '04 Escalade Pinnacle, '04 SRX Hot Wheels, '04 SRX SEMA, '05 STS MCE Integration, '06 DTS Appearance pkg., '07 Escalade limo, '07 Escalade SEMA, '08 CTS Sport, **LMP #8**
Chevy: '25 house car, '48 Chevy I-5 Vortech, '60 Impala, '69 R. Jackson Camaro, '72 Impala, '87 Sprint Turbo convert, '89 Corvette DR-1, '89 Corvette Snake Skinner, '89 Corvette Splash, (2) '89 Corvette ZR-1s, '89 Corvette ZR-2 Big Doggie, '89 Tracker Boom Box, '89 Zonker, '90 Beretta Indy pacer, '90 Corvette right hand drive, '90 Corvette ZR-1 Active, '91 Caprice Classic, '91 Corvette conver., '91 Tracker Dirt, '92 Corvette ZR-1 First built, '92 Impala SS 510, '93 Camaro ZL-1 "572", '93 Corvette LT-1 Spyder, '94 Corvette HO, '94 Corvette, '94 Impala

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This n That

Pontiac's Good News/Bad News. The *Hot Rod '09 G8 GXP*

will start at **\$39,995**, including \$685 destination and freight charges and **\$1,700** in applicable *federal gas guzzler taxes*. Options include a **\$695 six-speed manual trans** and a **\$900 sunroof**. Final EPA numbers are 13 mpg city and 20 mpg highway. **G8 ST DOA**. To no one's great

surprise, GM told dealers recently that it has decided to *cancel* the **G8 ST sport truck** that was due to launch late this fall. The reason for killing the car is partly due to GM's "continuing vehicle review" to make the company viable for the long term, says Pontiac spokesman Jim Hopson. That includes Pontiac becoming a *"niche brand"* as GM outlined in a plan to Congress late last year. "With Pontiac being more focused on sporty fun to drive cars, we took a long look at the ST and it didn't fit with what our future vision of Pontiac would be," Hopson said. "At that point, we decided to not proceed with this vehicle." Although Pontiac plans to trim nameplates in the next three years to possibly one vehicle, the front-wheel-drive **G3** will arrive on schedule next spring. The '10 G3 subcompact will have a sub-\$15,000 sticker price. It is essentially a *rebadged Chevy*

Aveo, but (*thankfully!*) won't have a long life in Pontiac's lineup. It is meant to help them through this period of time where fuel efficiency and affordability are the



Good news—IN!

Bad news—OUT!

two top reasons for people who are purchasing in that segment of the market... *"Crushing the Competition?!"* A Hawaiian Chevy dealer got a little more than he bargained for when he tried to crush the foreign competition—literally. On Dec. 19, James Severtson, general

sales manager of *Island Chevrolet*, was planning a stunt to crush a few import-brand cars with the *"Hawaiian Rebel" Chevy Suburban monster truck*. Things started off badly. When it attempted to crush a *Honda Civic*, the truck *blew a hydraulic line*, forcing it to be repaired. A few hours later, the truck reappeared to crush the *Civic* and a *Hyundai Excel*, to the delight of onlookers and photographers.

Severtson says he will crush a little more of the cars each day. *"We'd like to send a message that the best way to support your country is to buy an American vehicle today"...* *Latest Camaro News*. After months of teasing us with pictures, concepts and finally the real thing, all that's left for the

new Camaro is to crank up the assembly line so the car can hit the road this year. But there may be a glitch. GM is suing *Cadence Innovation*, a bankrupt interior parts supplier that is liquidating, to get back parts and equipment it needs for the Camaro. In standard industry practice, GM handed over the parts and machines to Cadence to make the Camaro parts. But even though Cadence is going out of business, it hasn't been in a hurry to return the equipment, as some company managers have tried to engineer a buyout to keep the firm going. GM says that if it doesn't get the production equipment back by early January, the start of Camaro production will be delayed. And that won't be good news to the Camaro faithful—especially those with one on order... *High-Zoot M-B*. The end of the line for the current SLR comes next year, but it'll be going out with a bang. Mercedes announced that the final



chapter of this generation will debut at the Detroit auto show. The *SLR Stirling Moss* is the second in the line to commemorate the legendary racer following the '07 release of the *SLR 722 Edition* honoring

Moss's '55 Mille Miglia race win. The SLRSM adopts drastic styling revisions harkening back to Moss's SLR 300, with the carbon fiber body being sculpted in an arrow-shaped form, exclusive front fascia, long hood line and short rear overhang. The car also

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ditches a windshield and roof, but will have two small wind deflectors to reduce airflow penetrating the cabin. Further nods to the past include: air scoops that house roll bars behind the passenger compartment, black ventilation gills affixed to the side and behind the front wheels and high side skirts. Mercedes took a minimalist approach with interior accommodations and simply lined the surrounds with carbon fiber, aluminum and high-quality leathers. An aluminum plate is engraved with Moss's signature and is mounted by the shifter. The cabin can be enclosed by two tonneau covers that are stored in the trunk when not in use. Power comes from the **5.5-liter supercharged V8** that also powered the 722 Edition with **650hp**, enabling the SLRSM to run to 60mph in less than 3.5 seconds and reach a top speed of **217mph**. Lots of wind tunnel work help make sure the Sterling Moss generated enough downforce to achieve high speeds safely—thanks largely to the SLR's closed underbody and the larger rear diffuser special to the model. Production of the **limited-run of 75 units** begins in June and will carry a sticker price of a little north of **\$1 million**. Unfortunately, it will not be come to North America due to certification issues—mostly because of the lack of a windshield. As the most exclusive member of the current SLR family, Mercedes will only be offering it to select customers that already own an SLR in Europe...**Prancing Yellow**

Stallion? From the “Things We Don't Need But Want Badly” file comes **Novitec's Rosso Ferrari 430 Scuderia**. The German tuner of Italian hardware upped an already super supercar to **717hp**, from the 510hp it comes fitted with out of the box. N-R was not timid with the parts list, starting with **twin superchargers AND dual intercoolers** (one for each cylinder bank), alongside a new engine-management system, high-perf air filters, and larger injectors. It also added high-capacity fluid coolant systems and additional plumbing for the compressors and intercoolers. The tuned Ferrari turns in a 0-to-62-mph time of 3.5 seconds and reaches 120 mph in 10 seconds. For handling, they lowered the car's center of gravity with sport springs. There's also an **adjustable suspension** that can raise the car as much as **1.6 inches for driveway entry and clearing speed bumps**. According to Novitec, the car's new top speed is **216mph**. The car gets the bumblebee treatment—yellow paint with black stripes, and three-piece black and yellow rims. Owners can choose any color combo they want for the interior. The cost? Take a customer Ferrari and **add \$73,583. That was easy?!...Less is More?! With car prices reaching ever skyward, it is interesting to note that Ford motor company is doing its level best to remove two long-standard items from new vehicles—the radio antenna and the gas cap. Within**



the next few years, the antenna mast should be replaced by either in-glass versions, or small roof-mounted satellite ones. As far as the gas cap is concerned, it is already MIA (*missing in action!*) on '08 Explorers, and '09 F150 and Flex vehicles. The system came from Ford's NASCAR racing experience, first appearing on the '03 Ford GT. Ford says that eventually all its cars will 'go capless'...**London Taxis Made in China?! Yup. London Taxi International**, which will

continue to build nine out of ten cabs used in Britain at a factory in Coventry, now also has a plant in Fengjing, China (a Shanghai suburb), and actually has **orders for 6,000 cabs**, more than double the company's annual output in Britain. The cars will be more like status symbols, being bought by hotels, limo services, airports, and even a few collectors. The car's price was not available, but it is rumored to be cheaper than the British-made models, which cost **\$54,000**. Oh, and by the way, for more of an international flair, they are powered by **2.4-liter Mitsubishi engines**

(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!) 🍷

Model Buffet Portfolio

Historic Racing Miniatures (a.k.a. Harold Bradford!) knocked us all out last month with his *Hasegawa '58 TR250*, complete with his recently mastered engine (natch!). *Good work—keep 'em comin'!* 🏆



LOOK



Auction Madness

The start of the new year means only one thing—**Auction Insanity!** Of course, we had **Barrett-Jackson**, with last years' auction hawking everything from **'Tribute Cars,' 'Recreation cars'** (both just a nice way of saying **CLONES!**), to **guitars** and **sheet music!** Well, I guess we can now count on **Dueling Auctions**.

He memorably played a car thief in **Gone in Sixty Seconds**, but **Nicholas Cage** is offering his **'70 Plymouth Barracuda**



through legal means: the Hemi hardtop was one of the headliners at **Russo and Steele's annual auction** in Arizona (ironically, he also stole a Hemi Cuda in the movie). Detroit muscle via Hollywood—and it's rare too. His car is No. 128 of just 284 Hemi-powered '70 'Cudas with a four-speed manual transmission. It is "triple black" just as it rolled off the assembly line in November of '69. The

powertrain has been completely rebuilt, and the Hemi has been broken in and tuned on a dyno. Other features in-

clude the iconic pistol-grip shifter, super track pack, shaker hood and rallye instrument cluster and wheels. Race fans will want to check out a **Monte Carlo SS** that Dale Earnhardt Jr. drove to victory in March '04 at Atlanta Motor Speedway. It's refurbished, and the dash is signed by Junior. Also on the block: a **'27 Bugatti Type 37 Grand**, a **'57 Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa**, and a **'55 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Gullwing**.

Meanwhile, the **annual Kruse collector-car auction** will have the usual classics—a **'58 Mercedes 300 SL** and a **'66 Austin Healey** among them. But interspersed among these and other gems is a white, **'01 motor home**. And just why, exactly, is this

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seven-year-old Airstream notable? It's the former mobile quarters of **Baywatch** babe **Pamela Anderson**. And it was a gift to the starlet from none other than **Playboy mogul Hugh Hefner**. Anderson used it as a dressing room, according to the auctioneers. The listing says it's "fully loaded," and the features include a **disco ball** and, *uh, dance pole*. There also are pink Playboy bunnies on the seats and a mirror that reads "Lovestream." The auction was Dec. 19-20 in Las Vegas (\$30,000 bid).

Interested in riding in **Michael Jackson's limo**? How about owning it? In April it could be yours, as the King of Pop is selling a slew of his personal items, including eight to 10 of his cars, at an auction in Beverly

Julien also said a tour bus is likely to be sold, though Jackson hasn't made the final call on which cars to keep.

In addition to the sheetmetal for sale, the auction will also include Jackson's famous **white, jeweled glove** and the **entry gates** to the **Neverland Ranch** in

California.

In total, more than 2,000 items will be on the block at a live sale April 21-25. Potential bidders can get a look at the goods April 14-20 at a museum-style exhibition next to the Beverly Hilton.

"He's just got too much stuff to keep up with," Julien said.

A **portion of the proceeds** will go to the **charity MusiCares**, which is related to the Recording Academy.

Even the **mighty automotive giant GM** is not immune—they'll be listing numerous cars from their **Heritage Collection** (see *separate article*). One caveat here—I understand that these cars will be sold with **Bills of Sale rather than titles**, along with **disclaimers stating that these cars cannot be operated on public highways! What's up wit' that?!** Ya pays all that money for a car, and what? Trailer it to and from shows?! 🚚



Hills, California.

The Bentley stretch limo is the spotlight car. It was custom designed by Jackson himself, replete with a plush leather, wood and gold interior.

"It'll be quite spectacular," said Darren Julien, CEO of **Julien's Auctions**, which is organizing the sale.

More details on the limo, and the other cars to be sold, will be available closer to the auction.



Blackhawk



xXx '67 GTO



GM 'Fire Sale'

Let's Go Racin'!

Why is this woman smiling? NASCAR has just settled a **\$225 million discrimination and sexual harassment suit**,

that's why. Terms of the settlement were not disclosed. Former employee Mauricia Grant was a tech inspector for the Nationwide Series, and her suit also alleged wrongful termination.

Meanwhile, **Petty Enterprises** recently **released** former Cup Series champ **Bobby Labonte** to seek another ride. His departure from the team owned by seven-time champ and stock car icon Richard Petty may be Petty Enterprises' last gasp at staying alive for another season.

Meanwhile, other than **Bobby Labonte** leaving **Petty Enterprises** on Dec. 11, the most shocking off-season move took shape the week-end of Dec. 27: **A.J. Allmendinger** will replace **Elliott Sadler** at **Gillett Evernham Motorsports** in '09. Sadler had two years remaining on his contract.

Gillett Evernham Motorsports and Petty Enterprises remain in negotiations about **merging their Dodge-based teams**. If it happens, Sorenson likely will drive the No. 43, the ride that Labonte gave up.

Early reports linked Labonte to the No. 41 Chevy of Earnhardt-Ganassi Racing, but nothing official has been announced.

Bill Davis, struggling to keep his team afloat during a fruitless search for sponsorship, has sold majority ownership of both his race team and engine company.



Mike Held, a California businessman, and Marty Gaunt, an executive with Bill Davis Racing, purchased majority interest from Davis. The duo said they've also taken control of **Triad Racing**

Development, which supplied engines, chassis and bodies for all three of NASCAR's top series. The new company is named **Triad Racing Technologies**.

NASCAR will test drivers for **performance-enhancing drugs** in January under a tougher policy that also bans using illegal drugs and abusing prescription meds.

NASCAR will probably test drivers the third week of January, and crew members must submit results from an approved lab by Jan. 16. A memo to teams lists specific banned substances for which crew members must be screened. No similar guidelines were issued for drivers, as NASCAR reserves the right to test competitors for anything.

Under the old policy, NASCAR had the right to randomly test based on suspicion of abuse. Under the new guidelines, **every-one** will be tested before the season begins, and random testing will continue all year. NASCAR expects to randomly test 12 to 14 individuals per series each week-end in '09.

The guidelines were strengthened in part because of former Truck Series driver **Aaron Fike's** admission that he **had used heroin—even on days he raced**. That led Tony Stewart, Kevin Harvick and other drivers to call on NASCAR to add random drug testing

to its policy.

After a two-year hiatus, the **SCCA Trans-Am Series** will return, with a planned eight-race schedule for the series which held its first race in '66. Five of eight races were announced recently in Orlando, Fla., as well as the series' title sponsor for '09, **Muscle Milk**. A joint venture between Sports Car Club of America Inc. and its subsidiary, SCCA Pro Racing, the **'09 Muscle Milk SCCA Trans-Am Series** will consist of six events in conjunction with some of the biggest SCCA club racing events across the country, and two key professional events.

The series will begin its 42nd season March 21-22 at Road Atlanta as part of the Atlanta Region SCCA's season-opening national race. Three additional races will be announced shortly.

All events are expected to be approximately 90 miles in length with no pit stops. Announcements regarding regulations and series administration will be made shortly, although technical regulations will be based on current GT-1 rules from the Club Racing General Competition Rules (**GCR**) with additional potential safety requirements.

Throughout the years, some of the greatest names in motorsports have participated in Trans-Am. Backdating the drivers' championship to the inaugural season, **30 different drivers took titles**, with multiple championships won by **Paul Gentilozzi, Tommy Kendall, Mark Donohue, Scott Pruett, Wally Dallenbach Jr., George Follmer, Peter Gregg, Horst Kwech, Scott Sharp and Bob Tul-**

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lius. Gentilozzi leads all drivers, with 31 career wins.

A new series website is being set up at www.sccatrans-am.com. Future announcements will be placed there and at www.scca.com.

The **Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix** is the latest casualty of the global economy in general and the Detroit area's struggle in particular. Longtime CART and IndyCar Series team owner **Roger Penske**—who spearheads the event in his role as chairman of the Downtown Detroit Partnership— informed the Indy Racing League and American Le Mans Series that the race will not be held in '09. Penske felt that **Audi's recent decision to effectively quit the ALMS in '09**, combined with **Porsche pulling the plug on its factory RS Spyder prototype program**—run by Penske's team—hurt the race, as did Detroit's poor economy. That reduces the '09 IndyCar schedule to 17 races, and the ALMS races to 10.

The newly formed **Formula One Teams Association** is taking Formula One group CEO **Bernie Ecclestone** on to get a bigger slice of the action. FOTA members are concerned about the costs of servicing the huge debt that was loaded onto F1 when CVC (F1 owner CVC Capital Partners director) **Donald MacKenzie** acquired a majority stake in '06. This comprised \$2.4 billion in bank loans, and \$2.6 billion of internal loans. Recent publication of the '07 financial results of the

U.K. holding company indicated that the **annual interest** amounted to a staggering **\$497 million—enough money to operate two F1 teams the size of Williams, without sponsorship**. Ecclestone is predictably not happy.

Hyundai is driving its performance stake (!) into the ground with the **rear-drive Genesis**. It loaded up at SEMA with three sedans and three coupes.

The two main attractions were a **460-hp supercharged Genesis sedan**, and the **track ready Rhys Millen Genesis coupe**.

The **D1 Drift Series Rhys Millen Racing Genesis coupe** has carbon fiber body panels, winglets on the front bumper, a giant wing on the back and a **2.0-liter turbo'ed engine**.

Meanwhile, Millen's **planned New Year's Eve backflip stunt flopped**. He was unsuccessful in a stunt where he tried to **backflip an off-road truck at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino**, as part of



an event called **"Red Bull: New Year. No Limits."** He had to travel a distance of 80 feet at a height of 50 feet to pull it off. Last year, he was hurt in a similar stunt when he overshot the landing in his final practice before the event.

Following **Suzuki's withdrawal** from the **World Rally Championship**, **Subaru**—the company that once nicknamed itself **"the Ferrari of the WRC"**—

dropped a bomb by announcing that it's **quitting the sport**.

It was quite a shock—the team's Imprezas recently tested in France to prepare for the '09 season. However, it has been no secret for some time that the bosses of **Fuji Heavy Industries**—Subaru's parent company—were unhappy with the performance of the Prodrive-run team. The Impreza WRC has not won a race since Sept. '05, after Sebastien Loeb purposely lost time on Rally Great Britain following the death of British co-driver Michael Park, handing the win to Petter Solberg. The last time it won on merit was the Rally Mexico in March of the same year.

Despite adamant denials from GM road-racing boss Steve Wesołoski, anonymous sources insist that **Corvette Racing will skip the '09 24 Hours of Le Mans** as the operation looks to cut costs by focusing solely on its **move to the GT2 class in the second half of next season**.

The original plan for '09 calls for the team to race two GT1-class C6.Rs at the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring to open the American Le Mans Series season, followed by appearances at Long Beach and Le Mans. The team would then contest select races in GT2 to finish the year, before a full-season GT2 effort in '10. However, sources say that word came down recently to reduce the racing budget, and cancellation of next year's GT1 outings is the solution.

Speaking at a GM press event in Detroit recently, a high-ranking GM official **said they would quit NASCAR before it quits Le Mans**. 🏆

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SS 6-Speed, '94 Impala wagon, '94 Tracker Kalahari, '95 Monte Carlo Led Sled, '95 Monte Carlo pro street, '96 Camaro Brickyard pacer, '97 Corvette Alpha build, '97 Corvette Beta build, '97 Corvette Tiger Shark, '97 Monte Carlo Intimidator, '98 Camaro Drag, '98 Corvette First built, '98 Corvette X-plorers, '99 Corvette C5R show car, '99 Corvette Shark, '99 Silverado Tonka, '00 Corvette Z06 Racer, '00 Monte Carlo Brickyard #3, '00 Tahoe K5, '01 Impala Low Rider, '01 Monte Carlo Drag, '01 Silverado Intimidator SS, '02 Camaro Police, '02 Cavalier A/FX Drag, '02 Monte Carlo Looney Tunes pacer, '02 S-10 Little Red, **'03 Aveo Xtreme**, '03 Corvette Lemans pacer #3, '03 Monte Carlo Rock & Roll Race, **'04 Aveo X-treme**, '04 Colorado SS, '04 Colorado Xtreme, '04 Colorado Z-71 Vision, '04 Corvette Indy pacer, '04 Impala SS Project Vehicle, '04 Malibu Maxx SS, '04 Malibu Xtreme, '04 Monte Carlo Earnhardt Jr., '04 Monte Carlo Rock & Roll pacer, '04 Monte Carlo Tony Stewart, '04 Silverado Speedway, '04 Suburban Quadsteer, '05 Colorado CC Z71, '05 Corvette Atlantic, '05 Corvette Pacific, '05 Equinox Xtreme, '05 Monte Carlo Rock & Roll pacer, '06 HHR Official Tailgate Crew, '06 HHR Open Air, '06 HHR panel, '06 HHR panel Tuner, '06 HHR Spring Special, '06 HHR Xplorer Scout, '06 HHR Year One, '06 Silverado Craftsman Pacer Flex Fuel #2, '07 Avalanche Z-71 Plus, '07 Corvette Z06 First built, '07 HHR SS panel Motor City, '07 Silverado "Big Red", '07 Silverado CC Rally Sport, '07 Silverado Country Music, '07 Silverado E85 Handy Man, '07 Silverado OCC, '07 Silverado Roadside, '07 Silverado Z71, '07 Suburban HD Diesel, '07 Suburban Major League Baseball, '07 Tahoe Foose, '07 Tahoe US Ski Team, '07 Corvette Indy pacer, '08 Corvette Indy pacer, Camaro GTZ, Camaro LT5, Camaro Trans Am 2 seater, Caprice "Fire & Rescue", C/K 1500 Supertruck Chevy 2 Seat, Corvette C5 Display Chassis, Corvette Purple Smash, Corvette racing boat, Corvette trailer, Corvette ZR1 rolling chassis, Corvette ZR 1 Snake Skinner, HHR Floral, Malibu Friday Night Cruiser, Silverado #17 GMAC Racetruck, S-10 Drag, S-10 Off Road Truck, S-10 Race Truck, S-10 Stadium Truck

GMC: '16 Stake, '17 Trailer, '48 Firetruck, '78 Suburban, '91 Syclone PPG pacer, '93 Typhoon, '03 Roll-back, '04 Canyon Kayak, '04 Envoy race truck, '04 Envoy Water Sports, '07 Sierra All Terrain Crew, '07 Sierra HD Denali, '07 Sierra Texas Edition, '07 Yukon "CSI Vegas" (*used in show filming*), '07 Yukon Denali Jay-Z, '07 Yukon XL Big Max, '07 Yukon All Terrain

Hummer: '03 Spring Special, '05 Dirt Sport, '05 H2 Slant Back, '06 H3 street, '07 H2 Safari, '08 H3R SEMA

Oldsmobile: '04 Touring Runabout, '23 Olds, '31 Olds Chassis, '40 Olds, '49 Olds, '54 Olds Ninety Eight, '60 Olds 88, '70 Cutlass SX, '70 Olds 442 W30, '77 Olds Delta 88 Indy pace car, '85 Calais "MSU", '95 Aurora, '95 Cutlass Darth Vader, '95 Cutlass Mobil Net Race, '98 Intrigue, '99 Intrigue 442, '99 Silhouette OSV #2, '01 Bravada Indy pace truck, '02 Intrigue Last Built, Aurora Exxon Race GTS, Aurora IRL Race Car Cut-Away #5

Pontiac: (2) '26 Pontiacs, '67 GTO xXx hardtop, '68 Catalina, '69 GTO, '69 Judge, '80 Grand Am pickup, **'84 Fiero GT 2+2**, '86 Firebird Trans Am Kammbach, **'87 Fiero GT convert.**, **'91 Firebird Trans Am Twin Turbo**, '93 Firebird IMSA racer, '94 Firebird Formula V8, '94 Firebird Lingenfelter 383, '94 Firebird Trans Am 25th Anniversary, '98 Firebird Trans Am Gold Rush, '98 Firebird Trans Am X-plorers, '98 Grand Prix M&M pacer, '99 Grand Am SCT, '99 Grand Prix GT, '00 Bonneville Salt Flats, '00 Firebird Rytek Project, '00 Firebird Trans Am Darth Vader, '01 Aztek First built, '01 Aztek Pacer #1, '01 Aztek SRV, '02 Firebird Trans Am Daytona Pacer #2, '03 Grand Am Autocross, '03 Sunfire X-plores, '03 Vibe Autocross SEMA, '03 Vibe FX, '04 Grand Prix GXP SEMA, '04 GTO First built, '05 Firebird Trans Am Collectors Ed., '05 GTO SEMA, '06 Solstice DTP, **'06 Solstice Red Bull Drifter**, '06 Solstice Weekend Racer, **Fiero Goodwrench racer**, Firebird Mobil racer, Grand Am #85 racer, Grand Prix (*show car*), GTO Drag Performance Parts, G6 Rolex pacer, **Solstice "Jazz" Transformer movie vehicle**

Saturn: '91 4 door, '95 1 Millionth, '99 2 Millionth, (3) '04 Ion Red Lines, '04 Vue Spring Special, '04 Vue Red Line Street Play, Lola Race Car

Pretty impressive. And this list is not complete?!? Interestin' vehicles highlighted. 🚗



☞ Feb. 28th—**6th Annual Philly BoyZ 'Big Sit'** (details below)

☞ March 21st & 22nd—**Masscar 21st Annual Model Exhibition**, at the Holiday Inn in Taunton, MA (now featuring new military classes!). Get-Together and Italian Feast on the 21st. Vendor/info—Stu Marcus, (603)

382-9724; Show info—Ed DaRosa, (717) 413-8668; Military class info—Stu Marcus, (603) 382-9724.

☞ April 18th—**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 **Subtheme of Com-**

pact 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.

☞ April 30th to May 3rd—**GSL-XXII Greater Salt Lake International Scale Vehicle Championship**, at the Salt Lake Sheraton City Centre. Info: www.gslchampionship.org. ☞

6th Annual Philly Area Car Modelers 'Big Sit'

When: Saturday February 28th, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Where: Main Line Hobbies

Hey, how you doin'?

Listen up if yous knows whats good for ya.

The Philly Boyz. (aka Philadelphia Area Car Modelers) is putting' out an invite ta our 6th Annual Sit Down! If any of yous clowns happen to be in da Philly area on Saturday February 28th, come on down to Mainline Hobbies in East Norriton Pa. (2915 Hannah Ave.) and sit down wit members of da area modeling "Families."

We is expecting representatives from MAMA, Silent Traffic, Joisey Shore, Del Val, Central PA, and a' course PACM.

Dis is a chance ta get togedder before da model car contest season gets into gear and B/S wit' some of de East Coast's best modelers. Hey, some a' dese boys is even listed on dat fugaze Master Modeller Invitational ting." Dis is NOT a contest of any kind, but we want yous ta' bring some of your work to da table. Da only competition of any kind may be on da stores' two primo 1/32 slot car tracks.

So, unless yous don't wanna end sleeping wid da fishes, get yer carcasses to Mainline Hobbies. Ya won't regret it.

For information, send Uncle Bobby an e-mail @ rdoebley@comcast.net

Dat is all. Tank yous for your time.

FROM I-476 North:

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

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

Take Exit 333 Norristown, Make a left at the traffic light at the end of the ramp, then a right at the next traffic light onto Germantown Pike west. Follow the directions above.

Located 5 minutes above Plymouth Meeting, next to Sunoco at Germantown Pike and US 202! ☞

Hope to See Alla Youse Guys Dere!



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MAMA's BoyZ do it in scale!

"New" Stuff this month:

- ☞ Revell '64 Fairlane
- ☞ Revell '68 Bullit Mustang
- ☞ Revell '08 Bullit Mustang
- ☞ Revell Deals Wheels VW Van
- ☞ Revell Deals Wheels Firebird
- ☞ Revell Deals Wheels Messa Schnitzel
- ☞ Revell '07 Dodge Charger SRT8 Super Bee
- ☞ Revell Snap 1/32 Hummer H2
- ☞ Revell Snap 1/32 '07 Shelby GT500

Classifieds

WANTED: Unbuilt *Monogram Dog Catcher*. Contact Paul Lee at (240) 338-1314, or e-mail him at lestang08@aol.com.



WANTED: *Monogram '81 Snap Firebird*, *AMT '59 El Camino*, and *Revell Formula convertible*. Trades or outright purchase possible. Contact Tim Sickie at gtoguy@verizon.net, or see me at a meeting. ☺



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

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/>

Maryland Intl Raceway:

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

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

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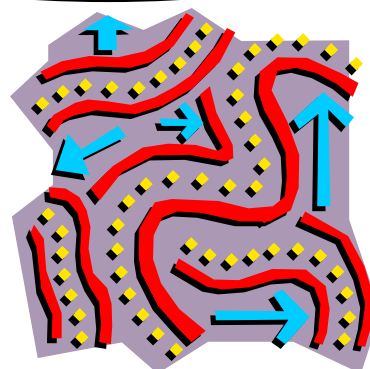
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Directions

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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