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2017 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month from **11 am to 2 pm** (unless noted otherwise). Do **NOT** assume meeting dates—confirm them with a club officer!

- ☞ January 21st
- ☞ February 18th
- ☞ March 18th
- ☞ April 15th
- ☞ May **NONE (!)**
- ☞ June 17th
- ☞ July 15th
- ☞ August 19th
- ☞ September 16th
- ☞ October 21st
- ☞ November 18th
- ☞ December 16th (10 - 3!)

Inclement weather phone number: (301) 474-0646. ☎

Happy Anniversary, MAMA!

Since Nick and I were MIA last month, I am relying on Matt Guilfoyle's written recollections of what transpired in our absence. **Thanks, Matt!**

This month, **Ron "Box Art" Roberts** is back with a review of **Round2's Silhouette**. Meanwhile, **Rich Wilson's "Dangerous Curves"** review merits a

look-see! And, last but not least, **Ron Hamilton** gives us another look at the **Revell '66 Suburban**. **Thanks, guys!**

Long-time **MAMA's Boy Howard Weinstein** is back this issue!

The raffle raised **\$82.00**, while the door kicked in **\$138.00**, plus **\$10.00** from decals. We made the rent this month—**Thanks!**

Thanks also to the raffle donors as shown below: **Brad, Ed Brown, Steve M. Buter, Rick Donovan, Matt Guilfoyle, Rich Meany, Mark Parkhurst, Dave Redzensky, Howard Weinstein, Bradley's Car Collectibles, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD.** **Thanks guys—we 'preciate it!** 🍷

VW Jail Time!

A former VW engineer who cooperated with US authorities in investigating VW's diesel emissions-cheating efforts was sentenced to **40 months** in a federal prison and a **\$200,000 fine**. James Liang, described as a diesel engine expert, became the first person sentenced by a US court in connection with the scandal; earlier this month, VW exec Oliver Schmidt pleaded guilty to related charges

and could face up to **seven years** in prison and a **similar fine**—his sentencing is scheduled for December.

His role as an engineer working in VW's Oxnard, CA office with the title of leader of diesel competence was to calibrate software to recognize specific emissions tests' drive cycles. The defeat devices operated by detecting when a vehicle was being tested for emissions and turned on all emissions-control systems that otherwise re-

mained off when the car detected that it was driven on the road.

It worked for over eight years in the US, with Liang and other VW employees falsely certifying to the EPA and CARB the vehicles' compliance with the Clean Air Act, and the VW itself marketing the cars as "Clean Diesels." Independent tests by a university research team eventually uncovered significant discrepancies between the cars' actual emissions in on-road

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"Dangerous Curves" LOOK

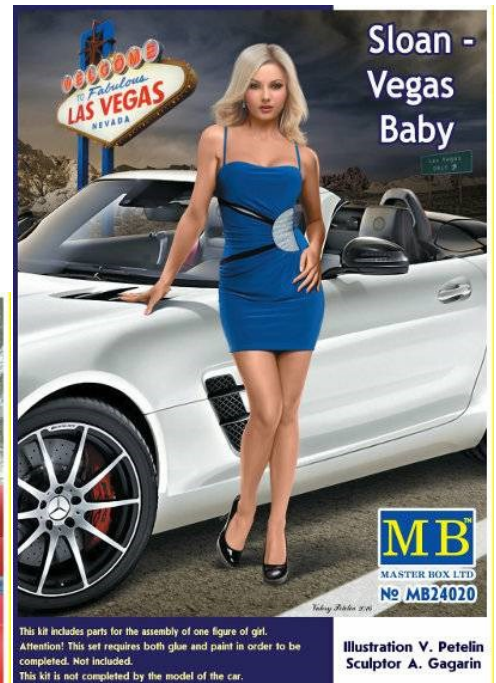
Master Box: Sloan—Vegas Baby (10 pieces), Jackie—Hold on Tight (8 pieces), Claire—Catch me if you can (11 pieces)

I mentioned these girls some time back: they are the next series now available. And from what I can tell, there are more to come.

Sloan and Jackie both are standing while Claire is sitting. Sloan's hair is in three pieces, so she starts out bald with no ears. The torso is in front and back halves, which I prefer over a one piece solid, since the inside is hollow. Her legs, arms and head attach to that of course. It makes the figure more realistic looking than one piece like what is available from resin casters. Sloan is depicted as a blonde, but you can paint her as you like.

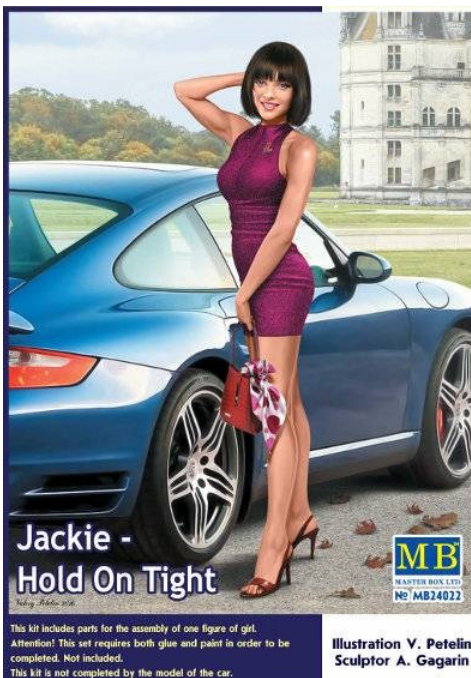
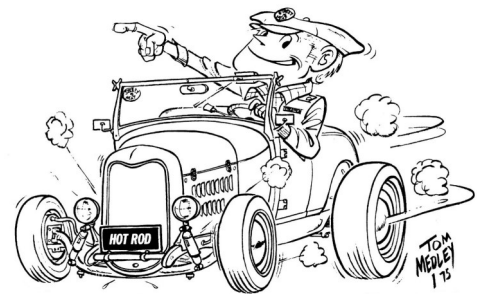
Jackie is much the same way

except that her hair is cast with her head. Her left arm is two pieces with her hand cast with her purse.



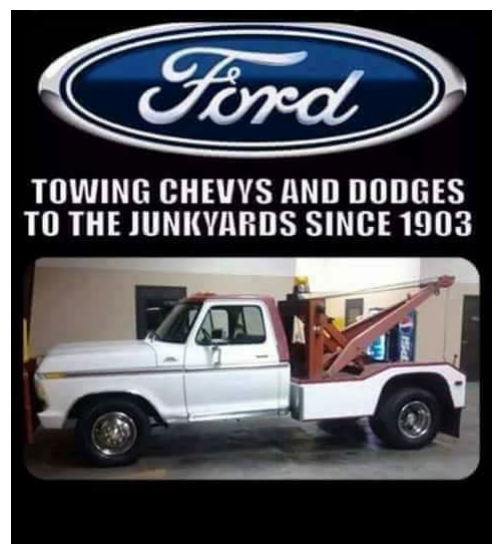
the finer points as to how it is done.

by: Rich Wilson 🍷



Claire, on the other hand, may be a problem in that she is seated with her left leg posed outside of a car door. The builder will need to find a model car with an open door or cut open the door themselves. Like Sloan, she has separate hair, very long. Her hands are separate from her arms, which I would assume leaves the builder to position them to fit his needs.

If you still haven't bought one of these because you don't know how to paint them, I recommend you try one. We now have two new MAMA members who are very experienced at painting figures and I am sure that they would be more than willing to show us



It should be noted here that with ongoing constraints on my time due to work and personal issues, I am unable to devote sufficient time as in the past to fine tune our monthly newsletters. Consequently, whatever appears herein is fully provided by the noted reviewer without undue attention from the editor (*beyond simple formatting*). This is, as I have said *MANY* times *YOUR* newsletter—I am simply the messenger. We all do what we are able to do in support of it. Thank you for your submission!

Round2 Silhouette Show Rod and Trailer

The Silhouette Show Rod & Enclosed Trailer (AMT1045/12, 1/25 scale customizing kit) is a re-issue originally introduced in about 1964 as a Trophy Series kit.

The Kats at AMT have put the Silhouette show car back on tour! This amazing vintage kit not only features enough parts for building the Silhouette itself in one of three versions—show rod, custom or drag—it even includes a fully enclosed, futuristic bubble-top-styled trailer! The “missing parachute pack” from previous versions has been restored and beautiful pad printed tires and racing slide graphics have been recreated, corrected, improved and expanded! Combined with vintage packaging representing the most “desirable and rare” issue of the kit ever, this one’s a Retro Deluxe extravaganza of modeling excitement!

Engine: A 427 c.i. big block Ford consisting of 20 pieces builds into a nice dual carb’ed unit for the Show Rod or the custom version. There is an optional supercharger for the drag version which consists of 11 added parts. I chose the supercharged option for my build of the drag Silhouette.

Chassis: A Z’ed modified early Corvette chassis is included along with separate front and rear suspension parts. The suspension has no lowering options. The exhaust system has two options, straight pipes for the show rod & drag car, and a custom muffled/

pipe for the street going version of this kit. A separate firewall, engine fenderwells and radiator build off of the chassis. It will respond nicely to detail painting.

Tires/Wheels: New tires that Round2 has

been producing the last several years. Six Firestone thin white walls on one side, and thin red lines on the other. There is also a set of thin drag slicks that are pre painted just like the tires.

Two sets of wheels are in the kit:

- Deep off set chrome slotted wheels with spinners for the street and drag versions
- Beautiful chrome wire wheels with separate spinners for the show rod

Interior: Bucket style interior with molded seats, includes separate dash, two steering wheels, various chrome gauges and two seatbelts. The interior will need to be detail painted to add some life to the model.

Body: The body and the kit have no flash and the tool is in very good condition. Both the car and trailer bodies are clam-shaped. Care gluing the bodies together must be used to obtain a



clean assembly. A lot of test fitting, sanding and filing were needed to assemble this kit. Remember this mold was designed and built over 50 years ago. That said, with patience, good results can be achieved. The decal sheet is excellent!!

Summary: This is an AMT classic that has been released many times over the past 50 years. In my opinion, it’s a welcome addition to the current line of Round2’s model car kits. This is the first time I have built this kit, the box art pulled me in and I’m happy with the results. Go ahead and get yourself one, you won’t regret it. Highly recommended kit!

As always, here is the requisite photo link to the build progress and end product that Ron has been so kind to offer—<http://public.fotki.com/Modelpal/ron-roberts-models-/silhouette/>.

by: Ron “Box Art” Roberts 🏠

'GMC' is recalling **40,683 vehicles** over an issue that could prevent proper operation of airbags/seat belt pre-tensioners. The laundry list of recalled vehicles include: **Buicks**—2014-16 Lacrosse, 2014-17 Encores; **Cadillacs**—2015-16 Escalade/Escalade ESVs; **Chevies**—2014-16 Spark EVs, 2014-16 Caprice PPVs, 2014-16 SSs, 2014-17 Corvettes, 2014-17 Silverado 1500s, 2015-16 Silverado 2500/3500s, 2015-16 Tahoes, 2015-16 Suburbans, 2015-16 Traxes, and, finally, **GMCs**—2014-17 Sierra 1500s, 2015-17 Sierra HD 2500/3500s, 2015-16 Yukon/Yukon XLs. ***Pretty much covers the entire 'GMC' lineup, don't it?!***

The vehicles being recalled were previously remedied for **recall 16V-651**, but may not have received the complete software update necessary to completely remedy the recall condition. Without the update, certain driving conditions may cause the air bag sensing and diagnostic module (SDM) software to activate a diagnostic test. During this test, deployment of the frontal air bags and the seat belt pre-tensioners would not occur in the event of a crash. A failure of the front airbags or seat belt pre-tensioners to deploy in the event of a crash necessitating deployment increases the risk of injury to the driver and front passenger.

'GMC' will notify owners, and dealers will reflash the SDM software. Vehicles that have had a previous air bag deployment will have the SDM replaced. These repairs will be performed free of charge. ***A recall on a recall?!***

'GMC's' Holden subsidiary, is

recalling an **unspecified number of Commodores and Caprices** with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) engines over an issue that could result in a fire or a fuel hose leak.

If an LPG vaporizer has been serviced or replaced there may be a loose ground connection. This may cause an electrical arc in the LPG fuel feed hose.

If the defect occurs, there is a risk of a fuel hose leak or fire, which may pose a risk of injury.

'GMC' is recalling **nearly 800,000 2014 Chevy Silverado 1500s** and **Sierra 1500s** over an issue that could temporarily cause the power steering system to fail without warning during operation, causing the amount of effort needed to turn the wheel to fluctuate dramatically during the maneuver as the power steering system cycles on and off. The issue is especially prevalent during low-speed maneuvers and can be accompanied by the failure of other systems such as the radio, stability control, door-lock cycling, air conditioning or cruise control. The issue is caused by a problem in the trucks' computer, which does not maintain the proper voltage for the

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power steering system, prompting the system to shut down until the minimum voltage is restored.

A failure of the power steering system during operation could potentially cause drivers to lose control and crash.

'GMC' says it doesn't have any reports of accidents or injuries.

'GMC' will notify owners, and dealers will reflash the electronic power steering software.

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'GMC' Recall Ticker

of Recalls
146 (!)

of Vehicles Affected
36,971,250

'Gov't' (cont'd)

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The repairs will be performed free of charge.

Meanwhile, **29,647 2017 Chevy Silverados** and **GMC Sierras** are being recalled over an issue with the owner's manuals.

The manual for the trucks may be missing instructions on how to use the tether and child restraint anchorage systems. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 225, "Child Restraint Anchorage Systems."

If the instructions are missing from the manual, the child seat may be installed incorrectly and not be properly secured, increasing the risk of injury.

'GMC' will notify owners, and dealers will provide a corrected insert for the owners manual, free of charge.

Customers looking to find out if their vehicle is included in these recalls should visit recalls.gm.com.

"The seats start vibrating, the floorboard vibrates—it feels like a wheel's out of balance". That's how Mike Hollingsworth describes driving his '16 Chevy Silverado, reports *KSHB*.

The retired Kansas resident spends most of his time traveling in his truck, and says he gets nervous when driving on the highway since it rattles, making him wonder if it is going to break down. The condition earned it the "**Chevy Shakerado**" nickname.

He bought it new and states that the shaking began within

weeks of driving it off the lot. Since he bought it new, he didn't take it for a test drive, which he now regrets not doing.

He took his Silverado to the selling dealer. The service department tested it, and the techs said that the amount of shaking was within an **acceptable range (!)** for the vehicle.

"I get to drive a truck that shakes," says Hollingsworth. He told *KSHB* that he recently took his truck back to the dealer, at which point an employee drove with him on the highway and recognized that the truck does, in fact, shake. It isn't clear what will be done to fix the issue.

Other owners of 'GMC's' trucks on the GMT-K2 platform, model year '14 and newer Chevy Silverados and GMC Sierras, report having the same experience. Various publicly-available videos show the trucks exhibiting similar behavior. One such customer is Bill Burdette, whose YouTube video shows him driving his truck on the highway while his keys rattle and water visibly vibrates in the cupholder.

There have also been various complaints filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). One customer states that his truck has been at the dealer for over two weeks with no tangible outcome.

Another owner wrote, "This truck has vibrated since day one. It has been at the dealer for over 17 days. The tires were balanced and the dealer informs me at this point that the truck falls into what



'GMC' finds acceptable."

Another owner reports having his truck at the dealer nearly a dozen times without any results.

"I've been dealing with the same vibration issue since November '15, it is now March '17. It has been in the shop **10 times** without any results."

It is unclear whether the issues are limited to models with certain engines, transmissions, axles or other configurations. 'GMC' has so far been mum on the matter.

More news on the "**Shaky Chevies**" as it happens!

The GM logo may not actually grace any production cars (*not since the "Badge of Excellence" was removed years ago*), but that doesn't mean it's not an iconic design. Now, it will be a lasting impression, as the **man responsible for it has passed away**.

The New York Times reported Alan Peckolick died at the age of 76 last month after brain damage sustained from a fall proved too much. He reportedly suffered from Parkinson's disease.

He is credited with devising the most recent version of the GM logo, which features the prominent bar under the General Motors initials. He also designed the typefaces for Mercedes-Benz, Pfizer and Revlon. An artist at heart, he

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This 'n That

Happy Anniversary, F150! According to Ford, its first official pickup rolled out of a Highland Park, MI, assembly plant on July 27, 1917. Aimed at farmers, it was ready to be used and abused. Over the next 100 years, it transformed from a farm implement and industry tool to one of the most popular vehicles on the road. Of course, the trucks grew in leaps and bounds in popularity (*and size*) through the '20s and '30s, but we had to wait until '48 for Ford's prominent F-series to hit the streets. For the more common Ford Truck nomenclature, we had to wait until '53 to get the Ford F-100 attached to the half-ton. Ford also introduced the **Ranchero** in '57, which was essentially a standard two-door Ranch Wagon with only part of a roof. The modern Ford pickup name, **F-150**, was introduced in '75, along with the ad slogan "**Built Ford Tough.**" Since then, we've seen three big additions to the Ford pickup family: the **Super Duty line**, plus the **performance-oriented F-150 Raptor** and the **F-150 Lightning**. Both the Super Duty line of heavy-duty pickups and the Raptor have cemented them in the modern world as both robust tools for work and possible race trucks, just a roll cage away from competing in desert races. The Lightning, meanwhile, was Ford's attempt at a powerful muscle truck, aiming directly at GMC's Syclone pickup. With as much history as Ford pickups have, it's hard not to see them thriving in their second century. Ford's F-150 will likely



see hybrid tech in the coming years, which will be a far cry from the lowly '17 Model TT... **Crooked 'Ol Man!** Project cars can be the best or worst thing to happen to people. While they may be the source of blood, sweat and tears, they mean much more. That was certainly the case with **John Dovichi** and **son Johnathan**. 10 years ago, John purchased a '67 Camaro SS to restore with his son, but the bonds between father, son and car came crashing down after Dovichi sold the car, according to Bakersfield.com. What's the problem in that? Well, Dovichi signed the car over to his son Johnathan in '08, which listed him as the sole owner on the new title. That makes his actions very illegal. But, he had a few other tricks up his sleeve. He forged his son's signature to duplicate a pink slip and sold the car without him knowing. Not cool. According to the report, when his son came to pick up the car from his father's property—where it was stored—in '15, it was gone. When he asked his father what had happened he replied, "That's a big boy's game. I sold it." After pleading not guilty to six felony charges related to the alleged theft, including forgery and grand theft, he said, "even if [Jonathan] had the title, it didn't belong to him because I bought it and put all the money into it." The case continues to be entangled in a lawsuit filed by him against his

son, which accuses Jonathan of "fraudulent actions involving the Camaro and various properties." It's an unfortunate scenario after what seems to have been a decade of bonding over the car... **NASCAR News (Ho-hum!)** NASCAR is gonna look a bit different under its skin. The sanctioning body has announced that it will allow **composite bodies** at three of its races in '17 and by '19 the composite bodies will be mandatory equipment for all race teams. While this is another step away from "stock," it doesn't really matter anymore does it? Not for the looks of the race car but for the employment of a lot of people in the sport it does look different. Current bodies are sheetmetal and as such there are guys who work for these teams forming panels and fitting them properly or however the team wants them. It would seem that these guys are in big trouble when it comes to a job future, right? The one thing we can see this helping is the whole situation now where crews cannot repair their cars on pit row. If they have these bodies which are made up of a bunch of different panels and pieces they could just as easily take a fragged panel off and load on a pre-logo equipped piece in the span of a pit stop if they wanted to. **Five Star Race Car Bodies** will be providing everyone their bodies apparently and while there is consistency there, it just seems like another way to bleed whatever creative personality out of the sport that it had left. Again, time will tell (*if NASCAR has any left. See related story on the next page*)... **Miata Frame-off!?! A** number of automakers have

This 'n That

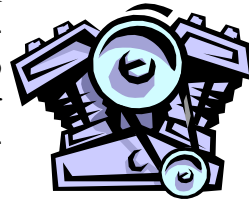
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launched ***in-house resto services*** for their models, and they will soon be joined by ***Mazda***, which has announced a program for the first-gen MX-5 Miata. Starting in '18, they will offer complete restorations as well as parts support for the NA Miata, known as the Eunos Roadster back home. They have already performed a test resto and are currently accepting applications for customer restos scheduled to start next year. Each will be tailored to the requirements of each car and customer,

which will open up some customization options. For now this service applies only to the first-gen Miatas and will only be offered in Japan, but rereleased parts such as the Nardi steering wheel, convertible top and Bridgestone tires (*for those who demand originally supplied tires*) should be available worldwide via mail order. Of course, if you're already shelling out some yen for a factory restoration for your Miata, the cost of the car's round trip to Japan is a pretty modest expense, so we expect to see some from other countries make the pil-



grimage back to Japan. The NA-gen MX-5 Miata debuted in the US in May '89 (*Thanks to autoweek.com, and other Internet sources for this insanity! Ya just can't make some of it up!! Thanks also to those of you in the Peanut Gallery who have helped me entertain y'all by sending stuff—I 'preciate it!*) 🍵



More of The Same?!

A new era of Chevy NASCAR racers has dawned. Chevy's latest racer for the NASCAR Cup Series is none other than the ***'18 Camaro ZL1***.

Chevy revealed the '18 Camaro ZL1 NASCAR Cup race car recently alongside 'GMC' product chief Mark Reuss and Jimmie Johnson, who drives the #48 Lowe's Chevy for Hendrick Motorsports.

"Chevy, Camaro and ZL1 are all synonymous with winning, both on and off the track," said Reuss. "We are thrilled to run Ca-

maro in NASCAR next year, with the time-honored and track-tested ZL1 badge, and we're just as excited for our drivers, teams, fans and customers."

Engineers utilized an array of tools to ensure the Camaro ZL1 didn't lose its distinct character as it was transformed from street car to stock car. Extensive wind tunnel development optimized the Camaro ZL1 Cup race car's aerodynamics, but allowed designers to keep the car's recognizable design.

The '18 Ca-

maro ZL1 NASCAR race car succeeds the Chevy SS—the production car ended production earlier this year. The car will make its debut next February during Daytona Speedweeks, which kicks off the '18 NASCAR season. It also joins the Camaro SS, which has been Chevy's entry in the NASCAR XFINITY Series since '13.

So, I guess this means that its' competitors will be the Challenger and Mustang? ***Looks like NASCAR JUST reinvented Trans Am racing—REALLY?!*** 🍵



1966 Suburban—Another Opinion

[Revell kit #4409; 1/25th scale; 117 pieces + decals; modified reissue]

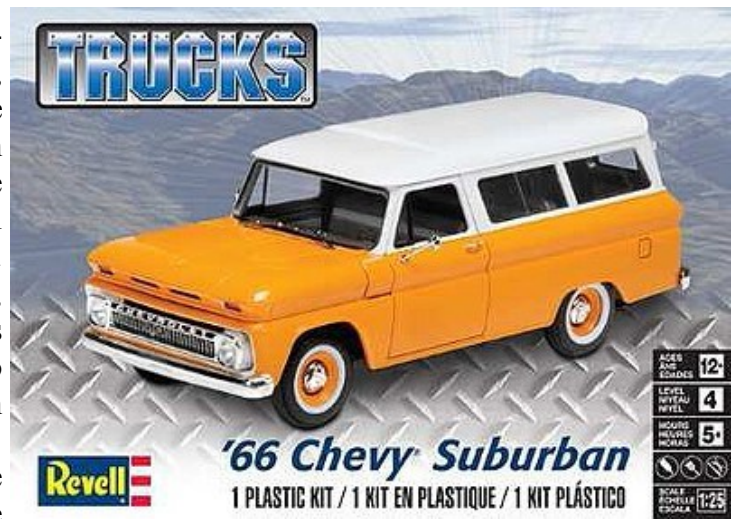
For several years, Revell has marketed several variations of the mid-sixties Chevy ½ ton full sized pickup truck. Starting with the '64 2-wheel drive, short bed "Fleetside" (*fender wells inside the pickup bed*) pickup truck. The kit was well received by the modeling community, due to very good detail, and ease of building, as well as being adaptable to adding select aftermarket, or parts from other kits to customize the vehicle to the whim of the builder. Revell added other variants of the basic kit over the years, which were a '65 with a "Stepside" (*fenders outside the pickup bed*) and non-stock "chromed reverse" steel wheels with "Baby Moon" hubcaps, which theoretically could not be built as a replica stock truck using the kit parts, since the non-plated wheels and stock hubcaps were not included. The same two kits with the addition of oversized low-profile tires on 5-spoke "Mags", lowered front suspension, engine upgrades, and decal graphics, allowed for customization out of the box, and finally, a '66 replica stock "Fleetside" pickup. Parts can be easily swapped between the various kits, so different variants are possible.

Now, due to popular demand, Revell has modified the tooling to create a ½ ton Suburban "Truck based Station Wagon" variant of

this kit. The details of this one, is that it has one auxiliary bench seat inside the body, and panel type rear doors. In the 1:1 world, most Suburbans were so equipped from the factory.

If you are familiar with the Revell mid-sixties Chevy pickups, assembly is pretty much the same, as both kits share the same engine, basic body and chassis, which is not a bad thing. The 283 cu. in. Chevy V8 engine/3-speed manual transmission, 2-wheel drive front suspension, chassis, body and interior layouts are quite similar, if not the same. The big difference is the well-executed Suburban body and interior.

The 31 piece body and 14 piece interior are pretty much unique to this kit, with the exception of the common parts of both vehicles. They faithfully represent the vehicle as intended. The glass is very thin, as cast glass goes, installing from the inside of the vehicle utilizing channels in the body for a precise fit. The interior builds from the floor, with separate, well detailed side panels, seats, and instrument panel, with separate decals for the various assemblies. The frame itself is separate from the floorboard, with simplified front and rear axle as-



semblies.

There are a few shortcomings with the kit, in that wide-whitewall tires are furnished, whereas the factory stopped using them after the 1961 model year. They look fine, but a bit inaccurate. Also, the grille and headlamps are not well proportioned, and the windshield is too flat across the top. These observations are the same for all of the variants of this tool. A little irritating to me, but not a deal breaker, as I am happy to have these kits.

There is info out on the internet concerning paint and interior trim combinations from GM, and automotive publications if the builder wishes to do a factory stock vehicle, or the builder can go with a custom treatment for a truly unique truck.

I believe that this kit will be a true success for Revell, and its dealers. The design of this kit will lend itself to different vocational builds, much like the 1:1 vehicle. I

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Old West (?!)

The following comes from *MAMA's Boy Howard Weinstein*.

MAMA member Howard Weinstein (*best known among us for his '68 and '71 LTD models, and Big Ford masters done for Missing Link Resin*) has a new novel out—**GALLOWAY'S GAMBLE**, published in September by Five Star Publishing. Howard is a New York Times bestselling author who's previously written many **STAR TREK** novels and comics, and assisted with story development for **STAR TREK IV: THE VOYAGE HOME** (the one with the whales).

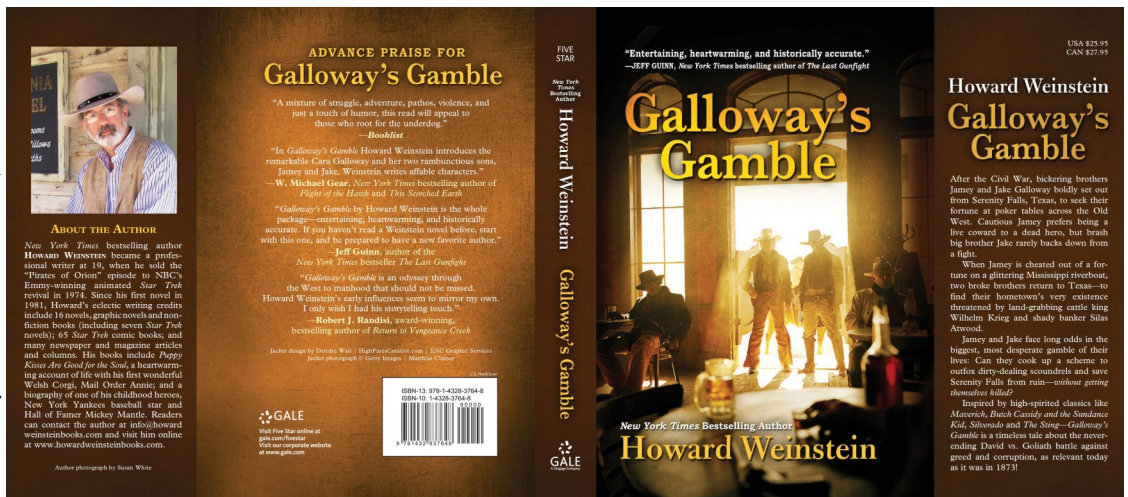
Set in the Old West, **GALLOWAY'S GAMBLE** tells the story of brothers Jamey and

Jake Galloway, two young gamblers who must outfox the ruthless cattle baron bent on destroying their East Texas hometown—without getting themselves killed! Inspired by high-spirited old favorites like **MAVERICK**, **BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID**, and **THE STING**, **GALLOWAY'S GAMBLE** is about the never-ending David vs. Goliath battle against greed and corruption, as relevant today as in 1873. Read more about

it (including excerpts) at www.howardweinsteinbooks.com.

GALLOWAY'S GAMBLE is available in hardcover and eBook from online sellers Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com. Howard will be doing book-signing appearances at Greetings & Readings in Hunt Valley, MD on October 7; Books With a Past at Savage Mill in Savage, MD on October 21; and the Ellicott City Barnes & Noble on November 11.

Kudos, and thanks! 🍷



1966 (cont'd)

GMC



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am quite sure that skilled modelers will create some interesting variations of this vehicle. I have already seen a few mild customs, a panel delivery, a raised roof ambulance, and even one back-dated to a 1960 (mated with the equally fine AMT 1960 Chevy pickup). What you can get depends on your desire and skills.

Thank you Revell, and keep 'em comin'!!!!!!

by: Ron Hamilton 🍷



LOOK Our own **JC Reckner** will be taking over the **GTR model club Road Race models forum**, which can be found at car.proboards.com. With his expertise in this area, are you **REALLY** surprised?! **Waytogo, JC!** 🍷

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Mecum Top 10

- 1: 1970 Plymouth Hemi Superbird—\$415,000 (*well documented, 17,000 miles*)
- 2: 1969 Dodge Daytona—\$215,000 (*rare color combo, broadcast sheet*)
- 3: 2012 Ford Shelby GT500 Super Snake—\$178,000 (*32 miles, 5.4/800 HP*)
- 4: 1971 Dodge Hemi Challenger R/T—\$165,000 (*426/425 HP, broadcast sheet*)
- 5: 1968 Shelby GT500KR Fastback—\$162,500 (*Shelby No. 02419, 428 CI*)
- 6: 1970 Plymouth Superbird—\$160,000 (*440 6 BBL, 4-speed*)
- 7: 1969 Dodge Hemi Super Bee—\$140,000 (*426/425 HP, 4-speed*)
- 8: 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z28—\$140,000 (*sold new at Yen-ko Chevrolet*)
- 9: 1991 Ferrari Testarossa—\$130,000 (*unused luggage set*)
- 10: 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Split Window Coupe—\$127,500 (*fuel injected 327 CI, 4-speed*)

Definitely appeared to be a *Mopar weekend! Here's lookin' forward to 2018!* 🚗



VW (cont'd)

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tests and stated emission levels, with VW publicly admitting to creating emissions-cheating software in September '15.

Liang was ultimately sentenced on the charge of conspiracy in the diesel matter, and his attorneys initially requested a sentence of *21 months of house arrest*. The

prosecutors in the case requested three years of jail time, and the US District Court elected to send a message to other engineers and executives in the industry who may be asked to do something illegal by their employers.

"The actions of James Robert Liang and others with which he conspired to fraudulently represent that VW was in compliance with regulatory emissions standards significantly impacted thou-

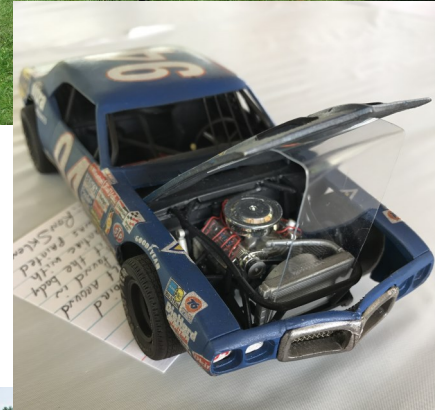
sands of victim consumers," David P. Gelios, special agent in charge, Detroit division of the FBI. "Today's sentencing is significant as it demonstrates there is and will be personal culpability for corporate executives who knowingly cheat American consumers, violate federal laws and purposely utilize technologies that further endanger our environment." 🚗

Pontiacs on Parade!

This month, since both yours truly and Nick were MIA, I'll show you a good reason **WHY** we were—the **2017 edition of the Susquehanna Valley GTO club All-Pontiac show** in Landisville, PA.

We couldn't have asked for **ANYTHING** else—gorgeous weather, 175 classic and late model Pontiacs, and best yet—a model car contest, hosted by...me!!

So, c'mon—bring 'em and show 'em! **'PoP'** (*Pontiacs on Parade!*) **Sickle signing off for now! And don't forget—MAMA may not need all these Ponchos, but I'm sure diggin' 'em!!** 🚗



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MAMA's BoyZ do it in scale!

"New" Stuff this month:

- 🚗 Revell '70 Dodge Charger R/T
- 🚗 Revell Aspen Dental
- 🚗 Ford Fusion (1/24th)
- 🚗 Revell Corvette C3 (?)

(1/25th scale unless noted)

Websites

Philly Area Car Modelers:

<http://www.pacms.org/>

Central PA Model Car Club:

<http://www.freewebs.com/cpmcc/>

NNL East:

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

East Coast Indoor Nationals:

www.eastcoastindoornats.com

Maryland Intl Raceway:

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

Old Toyland Shows:

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

Carlisle Events:

<http://www.carlisleevents.com>

York US30 Musclecar Madness:

www.yorkus30.com 🚗

Classifieds 'Gov't' (cont'd)

WANTED: I'm on the hunt for unbuilt/rebuildable Ponchos (GTOs, specifically '68 MPC hardtops and convertibles, and '71 hardtops in particular!). I have a collection to trade from. Want 1/8th scale Monogram '79 T/A and Red Baron, 1/25th scale '81 Firebird (snap), '66 Bonneville (MPC or Hasegawa), '69-'72 Grand Prix, '70-'81 Firebirds, and empty Pontiac kit boxes. Would like to buy or borrow *old model car catalogs*. Contact me at gtoguy@verizon.net, or see me at a meeting. *Thanks!* 🚗



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was rejected by several art schools before switching to graphic design. Later, he would open his own office and become a partner of Lubalin, Smith and Carnase.

Now, the GM Renaissance Center stands as a tribute (?!), which displays the logo atop the building in downtown Detroit.

Dubious distinction, eh?! 🚗



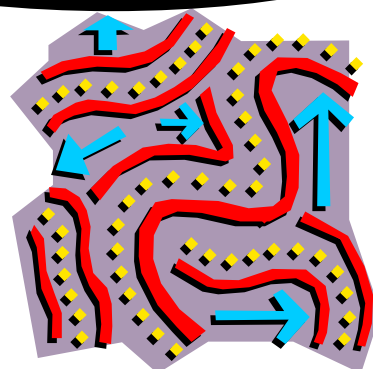
We're on the web!

<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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