## OCTOBER, 1988 BALTIMORE AREA CAR MODELERS NEWSLETTER by Tim Sickle

About 30 modelers attended the inaugural meeting of the as yet unnamed Baltimore Area Car Modelers, on September 17th. The main focus of the first few meetings will be to get the club organized, set meeting locations & times, etc. It was decided that we would meet on the third Saturday of the month from 1 - 4 PM at the same location (Catonsville Community College) but in a new room, Number D-001. A contract for this room has since been signed for October 15th, November 19th and December 17th. Mark these meeting dates on your calendar. Hopefully, you still have your map of how to get to C.C.C., if you did not attend the first meeting. A new map showing location of Building D is in this newsletter.

The possibility was raised of meeting in a local library (free of charge The Catonsville Library is still undergoing renovation. Also, parking there would be a problem.

This will be the last mailing for awhile. Future newsletters will be handed out at the meetings. If you want to receive these newsletters and can't attend the meetings, send a couple of large, stamped, addressed envelopes to Norman Veber, 7479-D Furnace Branch Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

We also discussed coming up with a name & logo for the group to give us the credibility & coherence needed in any dealings with other modeling organizations (especially the model manufacturers). The possibility of an affiliation with the Automotive Modeler's Society (AMS) was brought up. Give these items some thought and make your feelings & ideas known at the next meeting.

Dues were discussed. It was decided that if the club had a small raffle each month, of items donated by club members, which brought in enough money for the monthly room rent (\$15.00), dues were unnecessary. So come on guys, bring in some of those kits gathering dust on your shelves that may never get built! Also, by consensus of those present, a mailing list of club members will be available to the membership to make contact easier between meetings.

According to Norman Veber, meetings with the auto show people regarding the model contest are presently underway. The possibility of the club sponsoring a contest were discussed if for some reason the auto show people decide against a contest in '89. Feedback on the idea was positive.

The modelers in attendance described for the group the details of the models they brought. Led off by Gary McNutt, they described any added details, construction techniques and any problems encountered and how they resolved them. It was a very good turnout. To everyone who participated, THANKS GUYS & GOOD WORK! (Keep it coming!)