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MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELLERS' ASSOCIATION  
SPECIAL ROD & CUSTOM SHOW ISSUE

by Tim Sickle

Since this is a special contest issue, a departure from our normal format is warranted. The following is an open letter to all club members and interested modellers:

From the President:

The Maryland Automotive Modellers' Association is an informal fellowship of model car builders that have gathered from around the state to share their ideas, knowledge and work with others. For those of you who may be learning of our group for the first time, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend our meetings on the third Saturday of every month, from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. at Catonsville Community College. You will have a good time, maybe learn some new techniques and definitely meet a lot of other people who really enjoy this hobby.

This contest that is being hosted by the Baltimore World of Wheels Custom Car Show is the first contest that our young club has undertaken. With the loyal support of the Baltimore area hobby shops and dedicated members of our group, we have raised the money to pay for the contest trophies and gotten advertising distributed to the Hobby shops, interested modellers and newspapers, all in only a matter of weeks. Model kit companies and model car cottage industries and the model car magazines have also offered their support. As a result, we feel that this First Model Car Contest will be a big success and be the foundation for even better ones in the future.

There are no membership dues to become a part of our group. To join us, all that is necessary is a love of model cars and to attend our meetings. I look forward to meeting you at one of them. To the members who have already been enjoying our monthly gatherings, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for the enthusiastic support that has provided the groundwork for a strong club in only six months. To the group in particular and to the model car hobby in general, I want to say "Live long and prosper!"

Norman F. Veber

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About 20 members attended the January meeting which was highlighted by Larry Boothe displaying his photographic expertise in the photography of numerous members models, mine included. Thanks Larry ! I hope you remembered to put film in the camera prior to the "shoot"!

The December raffle raised \$60.00. The club would like to thank the raffle donors as listed below: **Matt Guilfoyle, Charlie Atkinson, Gary McNutt, Dave Roehrl, Chad & Craig Fetter, Harold Bradford, Tim Sickle & Replicas & Miniatures.** The club would especially like to thank Charlie Atkinson at Family Hobby not only for donating seven kits but also for the donation of sodas which netted \$15.00. Your generosity is definitely appreciated!

**Logo discussions** also took place at the meeting. Several ideas were put forth to the membership in very rough form. Several members, myself included, volunteered to bring their logo ideas (no matter how rough) to the February meeting for refinement and selection of a club logo. We would very much like to have chosen our logo prior to the World of Wheels Rod & Custom show to better identify our group to the public. C'mon guys, let's shift into high gear and get some unique ideas!

Speaking of the **Rod & Custom show**, several items were discussed and some were decided. Here are the highlights:

- \* Donation of a 10' x 20' space by the show management to set up in.
- \* The contest will be Judged by Degree rather than Class.
- \* The entry fee will be \$10.00, which will give an individual a pass to the show for the whole weekend.
- \* Family Hobbies will be joining with us to insure a quality contest rather than having their own contest so close to this one.
- \* There will be two divisions-Senior and Adult (Age cutoff yet to be established). There will be plaques (rather than trophies) awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each of 4 degree categories, meaning a total of 24 plaques to be awarded. There will also be 10 "Best of....." plaques awarded as well as TWO Best of Show trophies, one for the Senior division and one for the Adult division.
- \* The plaques will carry the sponsor's name as well as identifying the degree and/or "Best of....." as awarded.
- \* We are seeking volunteers to "sleep over" and guard the models on Friday and Saturday nite. It has already been approved by the show management.
- \* We will need volunteers not only to register the models, but to judge them as well. We will try to set up a schedule (if we get enough volunteers!) so that no one should be there all day (unless they really want to be!). There will be a sign-up sheet at the February meeting.
- \* We plan on making the results (in the form of pictures, winner's names, sponsors, donations, etc.) available to Scale Auto Enthusiast for publication (at their discretion) at a later date.

BITS & PIECES

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\*Tamiya Clear Paints are available at Family Hobby.

\*Matt Guilfoyle is compiling a Hobby Shop List including addresses and hours of operation for publication at a future date.

\*Hobby World is hoping to put together a Mall Show hopefully around April. We will keep you informed.

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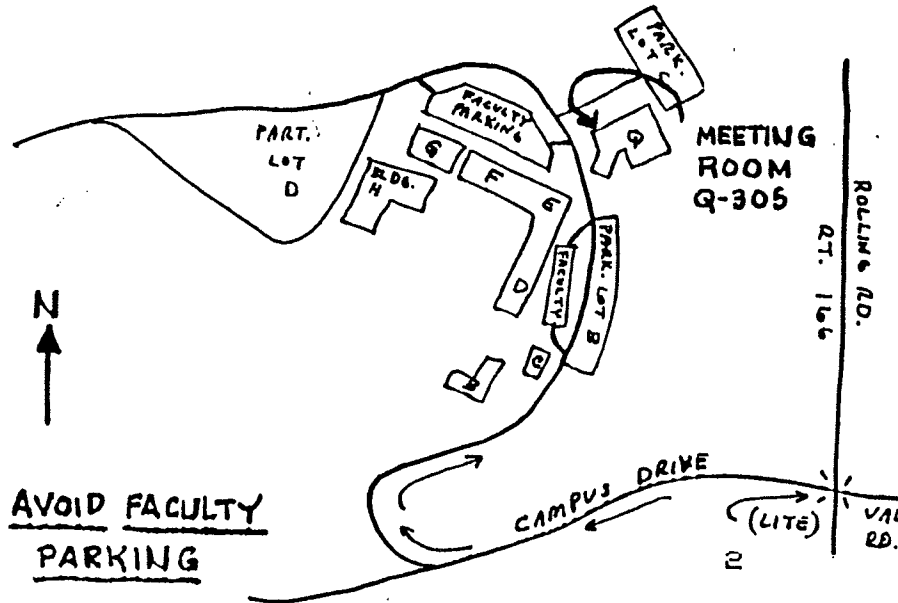
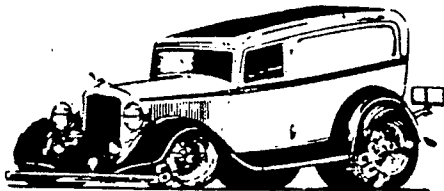
WANTED-Union Ferrari 512S kits, unbuilt. If you see them in a Hobby Shop, please let me know. Harold Bradford 953-9217.

WANTED-Stock wheels, hubcaps, tires and engines for 1930's-1950's cars-will trade custom parts. Matt Guilfoyle 551-6070.

WANTED-Hasegawa 1966 Impala body, bumpers and glass. David Johns 437-1893.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE SHOW!

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AVOID FACULTY PARKING

