

MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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About 27 members attended the April meeting. Your editor believes however, that there were more attendees that probably didn't sign in. In my opinion, the excellent turnout this month was the result of the highly successful Baltimore Model Car Contest & the Severna Park mall show. Up, up & away! The April meeting was highlighted by a **Photoetching discussion** by Norman Veber which proved enlightening as well as **2 Slide Shows**, one by Gary Sutherlin covering Nostalgic Road Racing, Car Shows & Drag Racing, while the other slide show, presented by yours truly, highlighted the Baltimore model contest winners as well as some interesting entries to boot & the slides were even put in correctly! No applause please, **just throw money!** The April raffle raised \$77.00!. The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Matt Guilfoyle, Dave & Karen Roehrle, Pat Maphis, David Lewis, George Openhym, Harold Bradford & Replicas & Miniatures Co. of Md. We would especially like to thank Charlie Atkinson for the sodas as well as the 4-6 model kits for the raffle. Special thanks to:

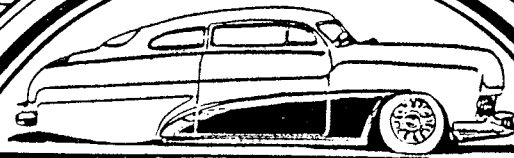
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Morton Grove, Il 60053

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Family Hobbies
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Baltimore, Md. 21227
247-3239

The May meeting will be the last official meeting in room Q-305 under the present contract. The **June meeting** will be held at **Harold Bradford's house** in Laurel on the 2nd Saturday in June (June 10). If we are rained out, the picnic will revert to the July meeting date. We will be back in action at the College in July. If the meeting room changes, the membership will be notified.

Back to the June meeting. It will be held at Brad's house at 14008 Adkins Road Laurel, Md. Anyone planning to attend may be able to help out by bringing chairs because if the meetings are any indication, there will be a good turnout. "The List" below is, I am told, what the membership signed up to:

Rex Turner & Lyle Willits—Potato Chips, Pretzels, etc.
Vinny Tufano—Hot Dogs
Dave Lewis—Dessert Item
Pat Maphis—Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, etc.)
Tim Powers—checking with "The Boss" first!
Larry Boothe—Italian Noodle Salad
Brad—his house!
George openhym—Buffalo Wings



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Dave Toups-Sodas
Matt Guilfoyle-Hamburgers, Buns, Charcoal & Grille (Whew, what a mouthful!)
Dave Roehrle-AMT Body Putty Salad (Ed. Note:Sounds filling!)
Jimmy Dugan-Cut Vegetables & Ranch Dressing
Mark Kessler-"Wild Dogs" Hot Boyds?!?
Larry Welck-Potato Salad
Larry McManus-Salads & 18 x 27 Pizzas
Craig & Chad Fetter-Hot Dogs & Jello molds (not moldy Jello!)

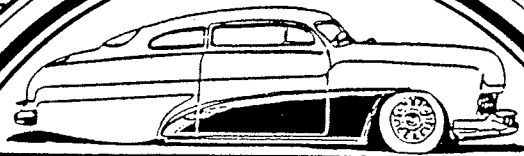
If you signed up to bring something, don't show up emptyhanded! Otherwise we'll have to get Larry "One Armed Bandit" Boothe on your case & you don't want that!

The subject of Clinics was discussed. If someone has an idea for a clinic or would like to present one at an upcoming meeting, contact Norman or Larry. Some suggestions for upcoming clinics (and volunteers where applicable!) are as follows:

- * Piano hinged hood
- * Scratchbuilt chassis
- * Major body mods (Chopping, Sectioning, etc)-Super Clinic by Larry Boothe, Pat Maphis & Vinny Tufano
- * Airbrushing-A clinic at an upcoming meeting & possibly another at Your Hobby Center in Brooklyn
- * Painting Plastic to look like Wood-Tim Powers
- * Polishing Paint-Larry Boothe
- * Decaling-Brad

GSLMCC #10 by Larry Boothe

The Greater Salt Lake Model Car Championship #10 is now history, with all the friendships that were made, old ones renewed, the sharing of stories and the honest one on one answering of all those "how did you do that?" queries forever locked in our memories. Oh yes, the competition. The models had to be seen to be believed. No pictures would do justice to the incredible array of the most majestic models ever built. I know that's a heavy statement, but Norman Veber, Dave Roehrle, Pat Maphis & his wife Erin, and myself were there, and witnessed for ourselves. Now I can only speak for myself, but I think our group of travellers will agree, the models were, beyond words. Some, I believe, will set the standards for comparison for some time to come. Because words will fall far short of explanation, enjoy the



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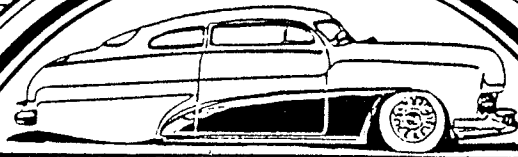
photos Norman and I took and know the models were all far better than they appeared. If anyone is interested in attending next year's fest (hey Brad!) let us know. I'm aware it's hard to justify the expense, but the experience is more than worth it. I think I can guarantee a flat out good time for all.

As far as the outcome for our attending Club Members, here goes. Dave took **2nd place in Heavy Truck** with his usually "beautifully" rusted, weathered and beaten Dodge heavy duty wrecker, with a wealth of Mother Nature's ravages throughout. Norman did us all proud by entering his fabulous built-up Ferrari engines and pulling down **1st place in Miscellaneous**. However, Norman didn't stop there, as he also received **1st Place in Motorcycle**. As for myself, I came away with a **4th place in Street Rod**. After a loooooooong, hard look at my competition, I'm happy with the results. Pat Maphis had his '55 Chevy Testarossa wagon in attendance along with his Mustang Canyon Racer (replete with a Beretta nose and tail clip) and the '66 Chevy twice roadster. Dave Toups mailed out his great Merkur Pro Stock, which received a lot of second looks from fellow Drag Racing modelers. Although they didn't place, they can be proud of their modelling abilities, and the desire to "Put it on the table". Let it be known, they would do our hobby well if they keep up their great work and pass along their talents to others!

Kit Reviews

1989 Corvette ZR1 (Monogram #2785) by Tim Sickle

This kit uses the chassis & interior from Monogram's 1985 Coupe & 1987 Roadster, the problem here being that the interior has no clutch pedal. But this is hardly noticeable when done. The kit is molded in white (yay!) with smoke tinted clear windows & back-up lights & satin chrome. The body appears to be accurate with the ZR1 I.D. engraved on the widened rear body section. The kit has excellent wide & wider 17" gatorbacks with nice satin finish wheels. The centerpiece of this kit is undoubtedly the motor. It's great! Once the engine/trans halves are assembled, very minor work will remove the parting seam on the oil pan & there is a separate finned trans pan. The engine wiring goes on well & looks good. Upon installation of the engine into the body/chassis combo, I experienced a slight interference problem with the header/motor mounts firewall/valve covers but managed



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to "tweak" them into place. There are very few decals, one being a "Heartbeat of America" plate which is very hard to read. How about decals for a more realistic dashboard? On balance, this is a very nice kit which builds into a very nice replica. How long before we see a ZR1-powered street rod?

Valvoline Pontiac Stock Car (Monogram #2787) by Dave Lewis

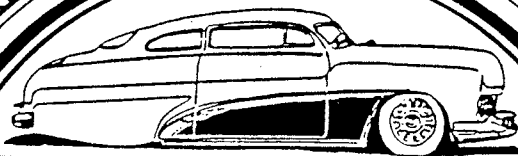
This review concerns the Pontiac Stock Car which I won in the raffle at our February? meeting.

I built mine with the #27 Rusty Wallace "Kodiak" markings from Fred Cady Design, sheet #609. I believe that JNJ Hobbies also produces a "Kodiak" decal sheet which is a bit easier to work with (a one part system as opposed to a two part system). The JNJ sheet also has a more accurate decal of Rusty's name.

I found the new Pontiac body to be a refreshing change from the norm (not you Norm!). It seems to be extremely accurate according to the reference materials available to me. There were a few parting lines front and rear, and some flashing, but nothing that a light sanding couldn't take care of. The front and rear bumpers and the hood all seem to fit perfectly. The body is molded in white. Under the body is the standard Monogram NASCAR chassis and small block Chevrolet motor. I did notice that there seems to be no way to attach the chassis to the front of the body from the underside. I may end up using epoxy to keep mine in place. The chrome in my kit was way too shiny. It is supposed to have the look of Aluminum, but mine looked like chrome. Two coats of Testor's Dullcote solved the problem. I tend to think that this was a fluke, and not standard fare. Monogram is known for their outstanding models, and this one is no exception.

Special note to all you M.A.M.A. MOMS (Mail Order Maniacs!)

I have recently placed an order with "Hobby Heaven" (P.O. Box 3229 Grand Rapids, Mi. 49501 (616)453-1094) and found them to be an outstanding company to deal with. The turnaround time for my order was 3 days! They have everything from newly released kits to out of production kits. The price of the new models is only \$5.40! The out of production kits are, priced accordingly. This place is great! I am giving them an A for effort (shouldn't that be an E?). Give these people a try. You won't be sorry!

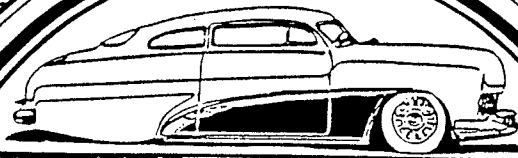


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BITS & PIECES

- * Look for a new column entitled "MAMA'S BOYS" written by Tim Powers in an upcoming newsletter.
- * The club is seeking **Volunteers** to compile **mailing lists of Junior high & High schools** in the area. We will then send contest flyers to them for the 1990 Rod & Custom Show.
- * Craig Fetter has been reimbursed for the **Display Case** he procured for the club's use.
- * Thanks to **Matt Guilfoyle's Better Half** are again in order. I understand the brownies were very good not having had first hand experience! If this keeps up, I wonder if she realizes what she's letting herself in for?
- * Thanks also go to **Dave Roehrl** for the needles & Styrene pieces.
- * Does anyone have access to a 16mm projector & promotional car films? Also, **George Openhym** has an 8mm projector & some films. Anyone having films let us know so they can be shared with the club.
- * Anyone having pictures & negatives from any past club meetings or functions, please see our new **Club Historian, Pat Maphis** to aid in compiling a scrapbook. Thanks!
- * Anyone interested in corresponding with **Charlie Saglinbene** in sunny Florida his new address is 1351 Amberg Ave. N. W. Palm Bay, Fla. 32907.
- * **Nostalgia Race Models** has just completed a booklet on how to build an accurate '63 Holman/Moody Ford. It contains 7 pages of text, 7 pictures & 8 line drawings showing how to prepare the grille, body, chassis & more. The info in this booklet can also be applied to the cars of **The Woods Brothers** or **Ned Jarrett**. All the factory teams received their basic hardware through Holman/Moody so the actual mechanical differences were small. Many of the items covered can also be applied to '62 & '64 Fords & Mercury's as well. If interested, please send \$5.00 plus \$1.00 for postage & handling to:

Chuck Poi
1350 S. West St.
Indianapolis, Ind. 46225



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- * **Car Contest Fans:** The Northeast Challenge model contest & swap meet will be held at the Holiday Inn in Totowa, N. J. on June 17, 1989. There will be an Awards Banquet at \$15.00 per person. Roast Top Sirloin is the main dish. If you plan to attend, Tony Pocius, 449 Jouncy Ave, Lyndhurst, N. J. 07071 needs payment immediately. If you plan to stay over Saturday night, rooms are \$62.00 (corporate rate). The regular rate is \$90.00 per night. Call 1-201-785-9000 to make reservations. Specify the event and request the Corporate room rate. Contrary to previous rumors, **This event is going to take place.** If for some reason you cannot attend but would like your models entered, contact Norman Veber at 768-3648 or Larry Boothe at 972-7098.
- * **Hobby World** in Severna Park is looking for a few good models to fill some newly installed glass display cases. C'mon guys! Let's drag 'em out and show 'em!

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED- Any photos (or negatives) from any past M.A.M.A. club meetings or functions (negatives can be returned). To be used for Club Scrapbook. Contact Pat Maphis at 676-6236.

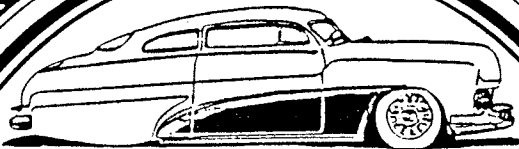
WANTED- GM baby moon hubcaps with Chevy emblem in 1/24 & 1/25 scale. Contact Jim Dugan at 927-1757.

WANTED- Stock '53 Studebaker hood, '65 Dodge Coronet body (painted OK), reasonable price. Contact Jim McCormick at 247-8551.

WANTED- '63-'67 Corvette removable hardtop. Contact Craig Fetter at 242-6589.

WANTED- Drag Racers especially MPC Pro Stocks, Revell Funny Cars as any '71-'73 Mustangs (Stock or Race). Contact Dave Toups at 239-7081.

WANTED- Unbuilt original issue of "Bigfoot" by AMT/ERTL & 1969 Charger 500 by MPC. Contact Tim Sickle at 249-3830.



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COMING EVENTS

- *June 2-4: NSRA Street Rod Nationals East in York, Pa.
- *June 4: All Pontiac Show at Burdette Bros. Pontiac on Rte. 355 in Hyattstown, Md.
- *June 4: Mopar Super Sunday sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Mopars at 75-80 Dragway in Frederick, Md.
- *June 17 & 18: 3rd Annual Northeast Challenge in Totowa, N.J.
- *June 18: Mopars on the Beach sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Mopars at the Prince George's Equestrian Center?
- *June 23-25: 2nd Goodguys Great Lakes Nationals in Toledo, Ohio
- *June 25: 15th Anniversary Free State Region Eastern Divisional Swap Meet (whew!) at Catonsville Community College in Catonsville, Md. (where else?)

Anyone Having an item for the Newsletter whether it is a Bit, a Piece or even a Classified, it can be included in the Newsletter by contacting one of the individuals listed below:

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(Hey Brad! These bod's for you!)

