

MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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About 20 members attended the July meeting which was highlighted by a slide show presented by yours truly which included slides from the Northeast Challenge (courtesy of Norman), the Street Rod Nationals East (courtesy of Lyle Willits) and Corvette Indy and Pontiac Banshee show cars (courtesy of yours truly). At this point, I would like to point out that our fearless Vice President, Larry Boothe performed admirably in Norman's absence. The July raffle raised \$60.00. The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Harold Bradford, Pat Maphis, Bobby Towles, Harry & Chris Charon, Dave & Karen Roehrl, Lyle Willits & Replicas & Miniatures Co. of Md. Special thanks also go to:

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7173 FORCE CASTROL FUNNY CAR. 1/25 SCALE.

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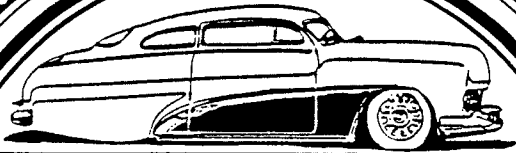
This will be our last meeting in room T-101. Starting in September and running thru December, we will be back in room Q-305.

MAMA'S Boys

by Tim Powers

Because of problems with electrical interference when I interviewed last month's victim, I switched to a new method - the questionnaire. Not only are your answers safer from static, but you are afforded the luxury of thinking thru your answers before committing them to words. You can answer the questions at your own pace, instead of sitting on the phone for an hour (which is both inconvenient and uncomfortable). Besides, it's easier on my phone bill. This month's interviewee was the first to use the questionnaire and it seems to have worked out well.

Larry Boothe, MAMA's Vice President and resident answer man, has been married for the last 20 years to his wife Betsy. I can't tell you her real name because she would be quite upset with Larry if she knew he told everyone in the club that her name was Betty Lou. 40 year old Larry, a Route Salesman for Pepsi-Cola of Washington, lives in Poolesville, Md. (where the heck is Poolesville?) with Betsy, their two daughters Laurie and Lisa (18 and 16 years old, respectively), and their 11 month old granddaughter Amanda. Larry says now that he's reached the age of



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40, everything still seems to be working, albeit a little slower. You'd never guess it by the little amount of time he took to answer this questionnaire. Here's what he had to say.

MAMA: Is Betsy supportive of your hobby?

Larry: Yes. She has made it possible for me to travel to Salt Lake, Dallas, and most points east, although I don't think that she understands my need to buy models that will never be built. Come to think of it, neither do I.

MAMA: Do you spend a lot of money on the hobby?

Larry: Yes, too much.

MAMA: How long have you been building model cars?

Larry: Well over 30 years.

MAMA: Can you recall what the first model car kit you built was?

Larry: You've got to be kidding! I think it was one of the Revell three piece body cars. Maybe a '56 Buick, I think.

MAMA: What sparked your interest in model cars? How did you get started?

Larry: My dad brought home some promos in the late 50's, and I was hooked.

MAMA: How many built and unbuilt kits do you have in your collection?

Larry: 120 built and over 200 in waiting.

MAMA: Is your work area dedicated to car models?

Larry: My workshop is totally dedicated to model car building.

MAMA: Where do you do your painting?

Larry: I have a walk-in paint booth that still needs to have the bugs worked out, they don't look good in the paint.

MAMA: What kinds of paint do you use?

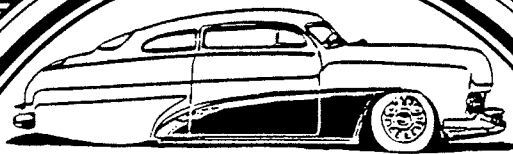
Larry: R&N lacquer for my contest projects and Testor's or Duplicolor for the shelf models.

MAMA: What kinds of special tools and equipment do you have?

Larry: Nothing out of the ordinary, just your normal hobby tools: dremel, X-acto blades, files, drill, air brush, etc.

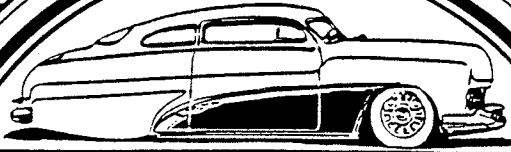
MAMA: Do you have a big spare parts inventory for swapping?

Larry: Yes, most of what I buy is used for parts and swapping.



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- MAMA:** Do you use cottage industry products?
- Larry:** Yes. A lot of Replicas and Miniatures of Maryland parts. I know the owner, good 'ole what's his name.
- MAMA:** Do you build any other types of models?
- Larry:** Tanks! No, just kidding. Model cars, period.
- MAMA:** What skills from other types of models do you apply to your car models?
- Larry:** I pull parts, ideas and techniques from the model railroad hobby. There is a wealth of parts available there.
- MAMA:** What's your favorite type of model car to build?
- Larry:** Street Rods, Drag cars, Customs and Replicas.
- MAMA:** What's your favorite scale to build in?
- Larry:** 1/24th and 1/25th **only**.
- MAMA:** Which is your favorite model company?
- Larry:** Monogram, Fujimi, Tamiya and AMT.
- MAMA:** What older kits would you like to see reissued?
- Larry:** A '64 Fairlane T-Bolt and late 50's Caddy's.
- MAMA:** What new subjects would you like to see produced?
- Larry:** I can't keep up with what's being produced now.
- MAMA:** What do you like most about today's kits? The least?
- Larry:** The availability of current cars, parts and the increased level of detail in the American kits. Most importantly, the willingness of the companies to listen to us.
- MAMA:** What current projects are you working on? Future plans?
- Larry:** A '49 Ford custom, a '35 Mercedes Street Rod and (are you ready for this?) a box stock '89 Super Coupe (Editor's note: see related article in "Bits & Pieces").
- MAMA:** Do you subscribe to any model car magazines?
- Larry:** Scale Auto Enthusiast, Plastic Fanatic, UMCA, MCMA, Scale Wheels and Model Car Journal.
- MAMA:** What other hobbies are you involved in?
- Larry:** D. R. P. S. - Drag Racing Professional Spectator.
- MAMA:** Do you have any tips, suggestions or advice to anyone just starting into car modeling?
- Larry:** Start on a simple project, one that's within your abilities, and progress slowly, adding something new on each new model. Don't jump in with both feet and get frustrated. I'm at every MAMA meeting and am glad to give any hands on help that I can. Just ask.



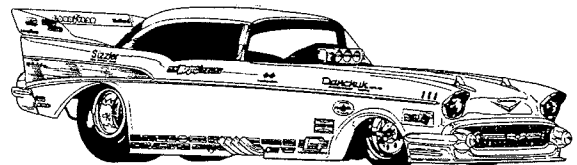
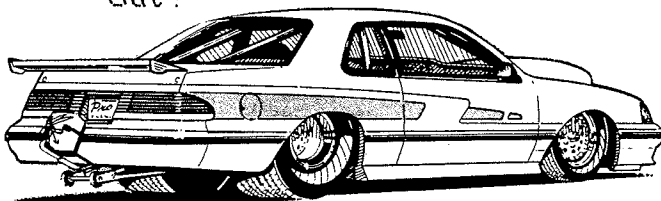
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MAMA: What do you like most about MAMA? The least? Suggestions for improvement? Comments?

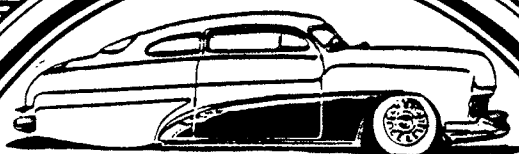
Larry: The friendliness and openness at our meetings. Trading and sharing ideas and what seems to be becoming a "family" of model car builders. It's great!.

BITS & PIECES

- * **Harry Charon** is interested in producing a **Model Car Video** of member's models primarily for background at future car shows. However, the feasibility of providing copies for club members (for a nominal fee, of course!) is being explored. In the meantime, contact Harry at 7224 Stratton Way Baltimore, Md. 21224 (301)282-3842 if interested.
- * It seems as though our #2, **Larry Boothe** has been buisy as a bee lately. First of all, the Thunderchicken just clicked **100,000 miles!** If I didn't know better, I'd swear that he **drove** to Salt Lake and Dallas! It seems as though Larry also had his arm twisted by a neighbor to **road test** a **35th Anniversary Corvette**. Upon his return (wearing a big grin!), he was overheard to say "**Gosh, the T-Bird seems a little sluggish now!**". And finally, anyone who attended the July meeting noticed a very nicely painted (lacquer, I assume?) **1989 Super Coupe**. According to informed sources, Larry is responsible for it! Come on now Larry, 'fess up! You painted it while Betsy built it right? This car is an Autobahn stormer, I assume (no outside mirrors required-what's behind is no problem?). I understand that the scale driver of this SC had a problem with a missing motor (not a miss in the motor, a **missing motor** !). Seriously, good job Larry! (I'm jealous!).
- * Hey all you **Cruzers!** Every Saturday evening from 6 P.M. 'til midnite the **Lost in the 50's car club** (and any other interested individuals!) hang out at **Jumper's Mall** on Route 2 & Jumper's Hole road near the Ames and the Roy Rogers. Stock, restored vehicles, Street Rods and Customs all were in attendance. If you get the chance, check it out!



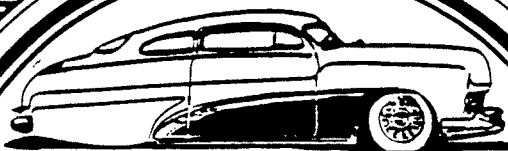
7172 McEWEN '57 CHEVY FUNNY CAR. 1/25 SCALE.



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- * **Bobby's Hobby Lobby** is apparently having a **Model Truck** contest sometime in August. It will be divided into two age groups. For further info, contact Wanda Pease.
- * **Dave Roehrl** brought up some interesting points to ponder regarding contests. They are listed below for your thoughts and comments:
 - a) establishment of a **Pro Class** consisting of previous winners (No "Best of's.....")
 - b) Establishment of a **Curbside Class** judged on exterior appearance only.
 - c) Splitting of the **Junior Class** into two groups.
 - d) Awarding of **Honorable Mention ribbons**.
 - e) Table set-up: Tables set up and identified by Class.
- * There is another model car club getting started in neighboring Washington D.C. They call themselves **Car Fanatics of Northern Virginia**. Meeting time is the second Sunday of each month, 3-6 P.M.

Here's how to get to their meeting place: Get yourself to the Woodrow Wilson bridge on the south side of D.C. Cross it & follow the signs to US 1 south, which is exit #1. This occurs right after you cross the bridge into Virginia. Go about 2 miles on US 1, turn right onto Belview Blvd. Go to 10th Street & turn right, again. Meetings are held in the basement of an apartment building on the right side, #6511. Entrance is at the rear of the building. Any questions should be directed to the Club President, **Levin Cates**, (703)465-6529.
- * While on the subject of **Model Car Clubs**, another active club is within an hour's drive of Baltimore. The **Central Pennsylvania Model Car Club** meets in York, Pa. on the first Saturday of the month, from 1-4 P.M., at the West Manchester Mall on Rt. 30. To get there, take I-83 north to York. When you get to Rt. 30, take the westbound exit. Go about 2 1/2 miles to Rt. 74 and go north to the first traffic light. Turn right into the Mall. The club meets at the end near GEE BEE'S, in a community room. Contact **Pat Maphis** (where have I heard that name before?), their President, at (301)676-6236 if you have any questions.
- * **Contest buffs!** More late breaking contest news! The **Adirondack Blue Cru** is having a contest for anyone who has a First Place class winner or "Best of...." award to their credit here in the Northeast 1980-89. The contest will be held at the Adirondack Blue Cru Fall Model Car



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Championship Sunday, November 5th, 1989. For further info, see attached flyer or contact John M. Papp 58 Woodlawn St. Schenectady, NY 12306. Also, The Northern Virginia Modelers are sponsoring the IPMS Region II 1989 Convention on October 13-14, 1989. For further info, see attached flyer or contact Northern Virginia Modelers P.O. Box 90044 Washington, D.C. 20090-0044 (703)573-8971 or (703)379-7349. Also, Three Rivers Automodellers Annual Collector's Show & Contest. The show/contest will be October 15. For vendor info, contact John Stasiak at 3736 Windgap Ave. Pittsburg, Pa. 15204 (412)331-6552 (after 5 P.M. EST). For contest info, contact Dave Kelley at Box 69 Portersville, Pa. 16051 (412)368-8248 (after 5 P.M. EST). Also, The 4th Annual Southwest Challenge will be held in Dallas, Texas on November 11 & 12, 1989. For info, write Contest Headquarters P.O. Box 193 Bedford, Texas 76095 (Hey Larry!).

- * Anyone interested in building a **Corvette Indy** or a **Pontiac Banshee**, I have in my possession a set of 8 Indy slides & 34 Banshee slides as well as numerous black & white 8x10's which may be borrowed and copied by those interested. Merely contact me, Tim Sickle at a meeting or at (301)249-3830.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED- AMT 1/43 scale kits: #T104 or 2109 Cuda, #T105 or 2102 '57 Chevy, #T106 or 2111 Jaguar XKE, #2105 '68 Firebird, #T109 '36 Ford, #T110 '48 Ford, #T701, #T704 or 7108 Frehauf Van, #T702 Kenworth, #T781, #T782, #T783 or #T784 Tractor Trailer sets, #T785 Peterbilt Wrecker any condition, built or unbuilt. Buy or trade. Also want any 1/43 scale parts & junk. Contact Dave Roehrle at 876-8007. (Doesn't he have an early 70's Mustang Mach I for sale?)

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

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