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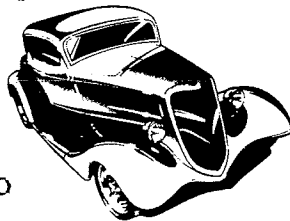
About 29 people were in attendance at the July meeting which contained several highlights for the attendees I assume (Your Editor is well aware of what can happen when you assume something but, assume I must as I wasn't in attendance due to a prior planned family outing during which I suffered the usual overexposure to ultraviolet rays as well as early stages of "Plastic withdrawal" brought on by failure to touch or even see a model car kit during our 4 day Ocean City getaway!).

The July raffle raised \$64.00. The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Darian Willits, Dave & Karen Roehrle, George Openhym, Ron Roberts, Harold Bradford, Gary McNutt, Al Gransee, Gary Sutherlin & Replicas & Miniatures Co. of Md. Special thanks also go to those as shown below:

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From the President's Workshop

by: Larry "Hot Rod" Boothe

First of all, I would like to welcome everyone to MAMA and thank you all for your support in this new position. I'd also like to say that I'm glad to have Jerry Flynn on board as our VeePee as I will be unable to attend our next meeting, so you will get to hear Jerry talk (and boy, can he talk!)

Before our group becomes any bigger through the use of new, innovative ideas and member feedback, we must stop and examine our "roots" so to speak. It is important to understand exactly how much we owe the club founder, Norman F. Veber for his tireless dedication in the formation of this group. It's as I have said many times before-without his leadership and dedication, there would be no MAMA. Norman, you are a great friend to all of us-thanks for all that you have done (Applause!)

Our club has a great deal of talent and I am excited and proud of that fact. I have read many other clubs' newsletters and there seems to be entirely too much politics, in-house fighting,

a severe shortage of volunteers for clinics and other club functions and the most serious of all club no-nos-Ego! Please, if this ever happens within our group, show yours truly the door.

What I am saying is that we have the best model car club anywhere, the best newsletter and the best people. We are more than a club—we are a gathering of friends. So, to be sure that we maintain the informal atmosphere present at every meeting, how's this:

- * No in-club contests
- * Lots of feedback (both positive AND negative!)
- * Hands-on help (ask & you shall receive!)
- * Input from everyone (everybody has a say!)
- * More hands-on clinics (bring your problems & find someone who may be able to help!)
- * Keep club members informed as to news items, shady companies, bad parts, rumors, etc. (the key here guys is communication!)

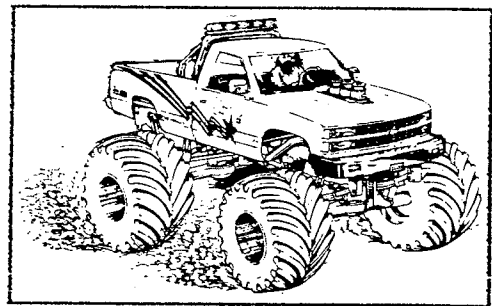
Well guys, before I jump down off of my soapbox, I just want to say that I am still very excited about our group and my involvement with it. I only hope that I can fill Norman's shoes when it comes to running the club and be able to do half as good a job as he has done so far without falling on my face (if I do, please pick me up and point me in the right direction, OK?). With your help, we can only become bigger and better! Live long and prosper!

MAMA'S Boys

by: Tim Powers

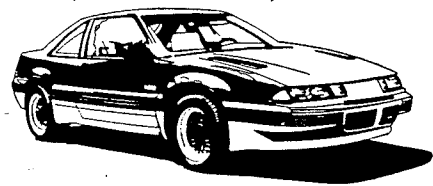
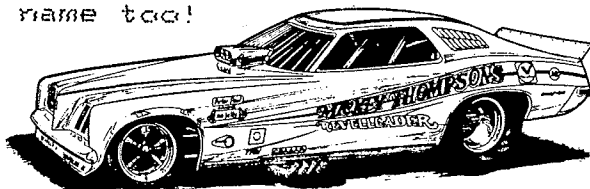
As promised (threatened?) in last month's issue, part two of our first Father-Son series. This month, it's Darian Willits' turn on the firing line.

Darian is an underpaid High School sophomore who is desperately seeking employment. He's 16 and truly bummed out that he hasn't gotten his driver's license. When asked about his marital status he replied that he's got "a sharp eye out for the right babe". He's the sensitive type, you know.



What really makes Darian stand out among our younger members is the incredible improvement in his modeling skills in the past year and a half. Believe me, if I noticed it, it must be a big change.

We hit Darian with the same difficult questions that we asked his dad, Lyle, (like what's your name?) and he came closer to spelling it right than Lyle did. Problem is, Darian spelled Lyle's name too!



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

Darian: Personally, I don't spend much money at all. It comes from dear 'ole dad's pocket. (Ed. note: Has this kid got a good thing going or what?!?)

MAMA: How long have you been building model cars?

Darian: I've only been building models as a "real" hobby for about 3 years, but I have done them off and on for about 5 or 6 years, I guess.

MAMA: What were the first model car kits you built?

Darian: The very first model auto I built was a snap together S.W.A.T. car. I was really young back then, so it was rolled around on the floor and banged into walls. It lost a few parts. We were all kids once!

MAMA: What sparked your interest in model cars?

Darian: Hmmm... Well, I guess it's one of those "like Father, like Son" things. I watched my dad build models and I thought that they were really neat. I figured it was time to put my ideas to plastic (Ed. Note: Me too, but they haven't yet invented the 26 hour day to allow me to indulge my "plastic fantasies")

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

Darian: I have about 13 built kits. Since I buy as I build (Ed. Note: How do you resist temptation?), I only have 10 unbuilt kits and 4 projects that I started and set aside for a while.

MAMA: What kind of work area do you have? Is it dedicated to model building?

Darian: I do my model building upstairs in my room. It's a fine place for me to do my building, but I'd probably be hung for spilling paint on the carpet... which I've already done... Shhhh!

MAMA: Where do you do your painting?

Darian: All of my painting is done either outside or in the basement.

MAMA: What kinds of paints do you use?

Darian: I use basically what my dad uses, Dupli-color, Pactra and sometimes, Testor's. I hate rubbing out the paint to make it shiny & smooth.

MAMA: What kind of special tools & equipment do you have?

Darian: I use the basic types of tools from toothpicks to razor saws, but nothing really special.

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

Darian: My spare parts inventory isn't really big, only enough to fill a Batmobile kit box, but it's rapidly growing.

MAMA: Do you use cottage industry products?

Darian: I don't use the cottage industry parts unless I need them to help out a diorama, or for that "extra" something on a model.

MAMA: Do you build other types of models?

Darian: I also build 1/4 scale movie figures like **Freddy Kreuger** and **Jason Vorhees**, but they are a little too expensive to build on a regular basis.

MAMA: Do you find that special skills from your other modeling are adaptable to car modeling?

Darian: There really isn't any difference in the two, except that one has wheels and the other has feet. I just try to make 'em look as real as I can.

MAMA: What's your favorite type of model car to build?

Darian: My favorite type to build is probably **Street Machines** with some **Customs** mixed in.

MAMA: What's your favorite scale to build in?

Darian: My favorite scale is 1/25 and sometimes I'll build a 1/16 or 1/12 scale, but only if I'm in the mood.

MAMA: Which is your favorite model company?

Darian: Here comes the "like father, like son" stuff again. I like **AMT** the best because I think they put a lot of detail into most kits. I like **Monogram** too, they have some really good kits also. Again, like my father, I don't care for the foreign kits.

MAMA: What older kits would you like to see reissued?

Darian: Well....let's see. I'd like to see the old **vans & Jeeps** come back to the shelves, but I seriously doubt they will. I'd also like to see them start reissuing the "**Monster Trucks**" again for my wild ideas that you'll see in an upcoming question. If I move fast I can still get my hands on some of them.

MAMA: What new subjects would you like to see produced?

Darian: Since I like to build the licensed kits, I would like to see the "**Back to the Future**" **Delorean** issued. The **Chevrolet Z24** would also be nice.

MAMA: What do you like most about today's kits? The least?

Darian: In today's kits, I like the accuracy. Again, like my dad (Boy, what a scary thought!!) I don't like the old style tires in the kits.

MAMA: What current projects are you working on? Future plans?

Darian: Right now I'm working on a van from the "**Charlie's Angels**" kit and the "**Orion**" van from the **Baltimore Custom Car Show**. My future plans are the "**Yellow Fever**" **Jeep CJ** which was also at **Baltimore**. (Ed. Note: Since answering these questions Darian has completed the "**Yellow Fever**" **Jeep** and debuted it at the **May MAMA** meeting. It featured hand-painted decals that looked like they were kit-supplied. Well done!). I'm going to build a **Batmobile** and possibly an **Ecto 1A** in **Monster Truck** form.

MAMA: Do you subscribe to any model car magazines?

Darian: I don't subscribe to any model magazines, but as soon as my dad sets his **SAE** or **Car Modeler** on the table, I snatch it right up!

MAMA: What other hobbies are you involved in?

Darian: I lift weights, play **Nintendo** and watch babe's butts walk by (but not necessarily in that order!) (Editorial comment from father **Lyle**: I'm not

responsible for the kid's chauvinistic remarks, I don't know where he gets this from!)

MAMA: Do you have any tips, suggestions or advice to anyone just starting into car modeling?

Darian: Like my dad sez (Jeez!), start slow and work your way up to working air conditioning, attend club meetings like our (in)famous MAMA members and read the magazines.

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

Darian: This is a toughie! I guess I like it all! I love MAMA (As do we all!) Like everyone else, I wish our meeting was more than once a month.

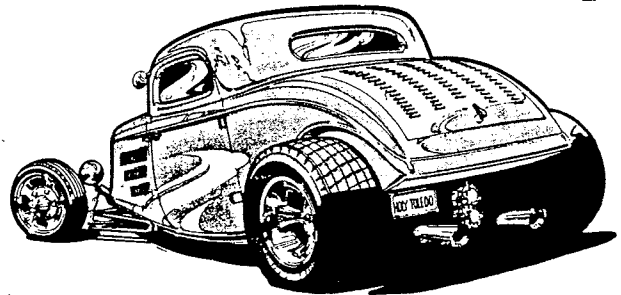
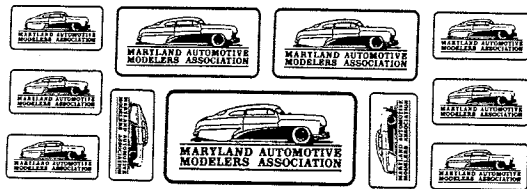
MAMA: Any closing remarks?

Darian: Let's all keep up the good work!

BITS & PIECES

- * We have our priorities straight, so we lead off with the important stuff. It seems as though an intrepid member of our group, Chris Charon has reached that age when a young man's thoughts turn to—a driver's license! Happy 16th Birthday from all of us, Chris!
- * **New items!** There is a new book out covering the Highway Patrol. It is called "The California Highway Patrol—Yesterday & Today" and it is published by Bob Wick. If interested, send \$21.95 per book (\$18.95 + \$3.00 shipping) to Phase Three Publishing, P.O. Box 151210 Dept. AB, San Rafael, Ca. 94915. For you Sci-Fi fans, Herb Deeks Models (in association with Scott Brodeen) has just made available a Rocketship in a new Past Future series. It is 1/72 scale, making it approximately 8 3/4" long. If interested, send \$34.75 plus \$2.50 shipping & handling to Herb Deeks Models, 1516 E. Santa Ana St., Anaheim, Ca. 92805. For you T-Bolt fans—Performance Detail Products is offering a detail kit which will really "wake up" the Revell T-Bolt. It includes stainless alloy 1 piece grille, dash speaker grillework, hood pin set, door & trunk locks, grille intake screens, hood scoop screens & even an authentic set of '64 vintage keys & key fob. It also includes nickel silver plate double etched '427' fender badges, side pillar emblems, interior window cranks, rear "Fairlane 500" badge, rear view mirror & (2) license plate frames with screw detail. Whew! All we need now is a 1/25 scale driver to twist the key and blast down our dragstrip diorama! If interested, send \$12.50 to Performance Detail Products, 1420 Walnut Circle, Carol Stream, Ill. 60188. Also available later this year as well will be a 1969 427 Yenko/RS/SS/Z28 detail kit, a 1969 Ford Talladega detail kit (for Monogram's kit), a Street/Strip Tach kit & long tie wraps.

- * FYI (Ed. Note: For your information!) The latest issue of **Scale Wheels** was very kind to us "local" folk. It seems that **Kelvin Brown, Lyle Willits & "Hot Rod"** had their creations pictured therein [not to mention the fact that "Hot Rod" and Jerry (Gary?) Flynn's mug shots appeared as well] Also of note—an article on the CPMCC also appears in this issue. **Congrats to everyone involved!**
- * Hobby Shop news! **Family Hobbies** is moving (again?!? Just kiddin' **Dottie & Charlie!**). This time, they actually own the building. Their new address is **1348 Stevens Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21227**. They will occupy their new store in August.
- * More goodies! For the paltry sum of \$3.95, Ed "Big Daddy" **Roth** will send you a catalog chock full of "dumb junk" (his words!). If interested, write to him at **296 E. 400S, Manti, Utah 84642**. Now available from Norm Veber are **MAMA Plates** (see below) in 4 scales: 1 each in 1/12 & 1/16 & 4 each in 1/24 & 1/25 scale. If interested, the price is \$8.00 (\$3.00 for the club, \$5.00 for the cost of producing the plates).



(FULL SIZE)

- * **MAMA** is now an **AMS** chapter! We have met the requirements (we've taken a vote and we have the minimum number of **MAMA's** boys who are **AMS** members), so now it is up to the remainder of the club members to do your part for the **AMS** effort by sending in your dues and becoming an **AMS** member as well!
- * **Street Rod** fans! How about those wild pastel colors appearing on so many tricked out rodneys lately? Colors like **Mauve, Rose, Light Peach, Teal Blue & Coral** just to name a few. Interested? If so, head out to your local **K-Mart** (but take lotsa bucks!!) On the subject of paint, **Frank's Nursery & Crafts** has a line called **Color Works Hobbycraft**. They come in 1/2 oz. & 2 oz. bottles as well as flat & gloss finishes to boot!
- * For anyone interested, "**Hot Rod**" **Boothe** is putting together a carload for a trip to the **AMS Convention** in **Charlotte, NC** on **November 10 & 11** (See coming events). See "**Hot Rod**" for the straight scoop on the trip!
- * **Kit Manufacturers!** I understand that many modelers are taking you to task (translation: readin' you the riot act!) when you reissue a kit. Most model builders realize that there are basically 3 ways to release a kit: first off is a **new tool**; second as a **reissue without changes**; and third as a **reissue with changes/updates**. Apparently when a modeler purchases a reissue (without change) and he actually wants the updates, he complains to you. The reverse is also true. C'mon guys! The manufacturers are

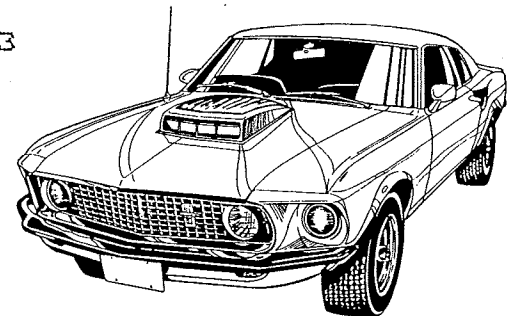
only trying to give us what we want and they are apparently finding that, "You can make some of the people happy some of the time, but you can't make all the people happy all the time!" In a recent club poll, the members were evenly divided on this issue. So, rather than complain, inform the manufacturer of your wants for possible future reissue and then exercise your right of choice—either return the offending kit for a refund or, drag out the parts box and start kit-bashing!

* **NASCAR Fans!** Anyone having an affinity for **Daytonas & Superbirds**, T.G. Racing has just released a 20 card set of color 5x7 postcards with the driver's portrait on the back. If interested, send \$19.00 per set to T.G. Racing P.O. Box 607785 Orlando, Fla. 32860 or call 1-800-729-8987.

"CAR TUNES" TRIVIA ANSWERS

Well, guys read 'em and weep! No one got 'em all right although there was one person who was very close! Oh well, I guess that Pacer will be around in my collection a while longer!

1. The Edsels
2. The Mustang
3. A V8 Ford & a Cadillac Coupe De Ville
4. A GTD
5. A shiny red Super Stock Dodge
6. A Fuel Injected Stingray & a 413
7. A '33 Ford 3-window coupe
8. A 409
9. Lil Deuce Coupe
10. A red Corvette
11. A Corvette & an Jaguar XKE
12. RED Speedwagon
13. "Pink Cadillac"
14. A gold Chevy
15. A Cobra



7121 "HOT ROD" '69 MUSTANG SUPER COBRA JET.
1/25 SCALE.

COMING EVENTS

- * Aug 26 (Sun) - Model Car, Toy Show & Model Contest 9 AM-3 PM at the Brickerville Fire Company 1 mile east of Brickerville crossroads in Lititz, Pa. For further info, contact Dave at (717)627-0645.
- * Sept 3 (Sun) - Plastic East Model Car Show & Swap Meet part of Lead East Car Show/'50's Weekend. For info, contact Joel Naprstek, 76 Park Place, Morris Plains, NJ 07950 or call (201)285-0692.
- * Nov 4 (Sun) - 16th Pa. Model Car, Diecast & Kit Collector's Meet held in Gilbertsville, Pa. For info, contact John Carlisle, 409 Bewley Building, Lockport, NY 14094.

* Nov. 10-11 (Sat & Sun) - Second Annual Automotive Modelers Society National Convention & Contest in Charlotte, N.C. For convention & contest info, call or write Scott Adams, 934 Montford Dr., Charlotte, N.C. 28209, (704)523-1518. For swap meet info, call or write Larry Reitz, c/o Deb's Model Car Emporium, 8909 Independence Blvd, Matthews, N.C. 28105, (704)847-4553.

CLASSIFIED

WANTED-Any Ferrari-related items as well as back-issues of Cavallino magazine. Call Harold Bradford at 604-8591.

FOR SALE-"Petty Blue" spray paint (Walmart Sky Blue) specified by JNJ decal set #188 for Petty's Ford Talladega. \$4.00 per can (1 can left!). Call Norm Veber at 768-3648.

WANTED-Rod & Custom Models magazine: June, July, September & November (all 1964). Call Norman Veber at 768-3648 or write to 7479-D Furnace Branch Road Glen Burnie, Md. 21061.

TO LOAN-Kevin Duerling has a collection of Chevrolet dealer brochures ranging from 1965 up thru 1978 or 1979. If interested in borrowing one for that big replica stock Chevelle project (no, not you Lyle!), call him at 437-1098.

WANTED-Unbuilt Munster Coach/Dragula kit & SAE back-issues #1 thru #33. Contact Tim Powers at 255-3976.

WANTED-1989 Buick Regal Promo, 1/24 or 1/25 scale surfboards (can be copied & returned). Call Tim Sickle at 249-3830.

WANTED-Info & pictures on '50's mobile homes, travel trailers & campers. Photocopies OK. All info can be returned. Call Dave Roehrl at 876-8007.

WANTED-Aurora HO scale slot cars. Please send list, photo & asking price. Write David Adams 40524-4713 Lexington, Kentucky 40524.

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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