

MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: Tim Sickle

About 40 people were in attendance at the February meeting which had as it's highlight two clinics. The first was on pleated seats (by "Hot Rod") while the second was on emblem transfer (by Steve Mesner). Thank yew, gentlemen! I have an immediate need for an emblem transfer, so off to the store for supplies and to the workshop I will go! Conspicuous by his absence was Norm "Wagonmaster" Weber. Hopefully, things are going well in sunny Florida (Gettin' any sun, Norm?), so you can get back where you belong (to the hot spot of modeling activity on the East coast!).

The February raffle raised \$103.00! The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Pat Maphis, Tim Powers, Art Henriques, "Hot Rod" Boothe, Ron Bradley, Brian Katt Sr., Gary Sutherlin, Brad, Steve Goodnite and David Norris. Special thanks also go to those shown below:

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It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465, Sterling, Va. 22170) will be a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up to us to actively patronize Detail Master in appreciation of his continued support [Ed. Note: With the detail items he has currently available (or on the way!), I don't believe this will be a problem!]

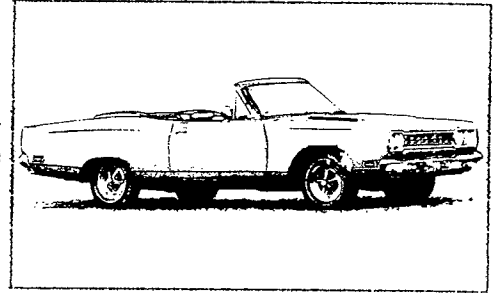
* * * * * P L E A S E N O T E ! * * * * *

We will be meeting in room k-100 up through May of 1991 (at this time!). The meeting dates will be as follows: April 27 (rather than April 20, which is the third Saturday!) and May 16. Be there or be Rectangular!

1969 Plymouth GTX Convertible

(AMT/ERTL #6428; 1/25; 2 versions; 118 pieces; baby blue, clear, clear red, chrome, vinyl tires)

If you've seen the '68 Road Runner, you've seen 80% of this kit. The engine, chassis, wheels and tires are identical. The chassis is the nicest Chrysler B-body chassis ever, and the Hemi engine is one of the best as well. Only problem is, Plymouth built exactly eleven Hemi GTX convertibles in 1969, which sort of limits your options if you wish to do an accurate replica stock kit. Shame they couldn't have given us a 440 4-bbl here, but cost considerations are understandable. [Ed. Note: According to "Deuce Coupe" Gransee, the AMT '49 Mercury (kit #2252) which is part of the "Cruisin' USA" series contains a very nice 440 wedge which should fit with little or no modification. Thanks, Al!]



The wheels deserve special mention, as these are the finest Magnum 500's I've ever seen anywhere—Ford lovers, take note! (These wheels, with the spokes painted flat aluminum instead of chrome, are also perfect for the missing Super Sport wheels in recent editions of AMT's '69 Chevelle.)

The body is all-new, though obviously shares a common heritage with the '68 'Runner coupe. The emblems are small and accurate, and should stand up to careful, thin painting with the possible exception of the trunk lid HEMI badge. The mid-body GTX chrome strip molding is there. The taillights are molded in both chrome and clear red plastic and seem to be much more accurate and better fitting than the all-chrome '68 'Runner units. They could hardly be worse! The bumpers are nice, the grille so-so (headlights molded in), and there is a separate chrome trim insert for the rear panel. The convertible boot is a reasonably decent fit over a complex shape.

The interior really shines, which is good, since this is, after all, a convertible! AMT deserves kudos for not taking the easy way out and simply sticking with the '68 'Runner interior; they have changed the upholstery pattern to accurately represent the '69 GTX—Well done! The interior builds up on a floor platform, which makes the wood grain and chrome side panel trim easy to detail. The convertible top wells are molded as separate pieces to be added to the interior sides, and the back seat is a correct convertible unit sized to fit perfectly between the wells. This may cause a big problem if you want to do a GTX hardtop. AMT has announced that the GTX hardtop will be done in 1991 but only as a Pro Street—and if they don't give you a stock

back seat in that kit, you're screwed. You see, if you leave out the convertible wells, the convertible back seat will be too small for the hardtop. Think you'll just nab a hardtop back seat from the Road Runner? Nope, the upholstery doesn't match, remember? (Latest rumor is that AMT will do a stock GTX in late '91).

One more tiny problem in the interior: the GTX shares the 'Runner's shift lever, but has added a nice console. When the shifter is placed on top of the console, the knob is so high that it would be right at home in the hands of "Mother's Worry". Don't forget to shorten it!

All things considered though, this is a pretty decent kit of a heretofore rare subject. And it's fun to build something that both challenges and then shows off your interior detailing skills every now and then! Oh, Yeah....It has Maryland plates!

by: Steve Mesner

(Still!) More '69 Camaro trivia

1. All Z28's had-or at least were supposed to have-argent (silver) grilles, not black, except Rally Sports, which were black, except Tuxedo Black Rally Sports (and maybe some Fathom Greens), which had argent RS grilles. Confused yet?
2. The Z28 rear deck stripes did stop at the bottom of the spoiler as applied at the factory. Many dealer-applied stripes went that extra inch onto the trunk lid, and many dealers and owners added that extra inch of striping themselves for a more "finished" look.
3. There are actually two different stripe patterns on '69 Z's. In the early pattern, the rear deck stripes were aligned with the hood stripes, which were keyed off the cowl vents--all '67 and '68 Z stripes were this way, too. This put the '69 rear deck "Camaro by Chevrolet" emblem half on and half off the right stripe, so the stripes were soon moved farther outboard so that the outside edge of the stripe is roughly lined up with the outer edge of the rear window. The "early" pattern is rarer and prettier, in my opinion, but I don't think it would be factory-correct with the ZL2 cowl induction hood.....
4. If you're doing the body-colored VE3 "rubber" front bumper on your Revell Camaro, don't forget to sand off the four bolt heads from the metal bumper.
5. All '69 Z's (theoretically) came with the V32 rear bumper guards as molded in both Revell kits. If you want the standard rear bumper as seen on 94.2% of all non-Z28's, the bumper from the old AMT '69 SS396 Camaro or Pace Car will fit with minor mods. JR Toy & Hobby has repopped this item at about \$3.00. (Checking for rear bumper guards is a good, quick way to tell if that '69 Z that just passed you is probably fake or definitely real.....)
6. As Lyle mentioned last month, the NCB chambered exhaust is a fairly rare option, with only 1,526 factory-installed on Z28s and SS396s (and, presumably, COPOs) only. If you want the standard exhaust system, the set-up from the AMT '68 Z28 (the stocker, not the "Street Machine") is almost a drop-in, and the one from the AMT '72 Nova will take only a little more work.

7. The chrome wheel opening moldings (WOM), as molded in Revell's kit, were theoretically available only as part of the Z21 style trim group (Z22 Rally Sport included Z21), along with simulated rear fender louvers (SRFL, not molded on the Revell body), black body sill (U-paint-it), and chrome drip moldings (U-krome-'em). So Revell's body is wrong-on paper. Worse, it's difficult to add the SRFL and almost as hard to remove the WOM, due to the contour sculpting around the front of the wheelwells. Wotta drag! However, I have seen numerous '69 Camaros-both all-originales and perfect restorations-and pictures thereof (including factory PR photos) that clearly show the WOM without the SRFL, or the SRFL without the WOM, or other equally "incorrect" combinations of Style Trim Group equipment. Frankly, I've quit worrying about it.....



by: Steve Meener

BITS & PIECES

- * Food! Now that I have everybody's undivided attention, thanks are in order. While I am not positive (what else is new?), I believe we have Matt & Donna Guilfoyle to thank for the brownies (which were delicious, right "Hot Rod"?), and yours truly (c/o Debbie!) for the Gummi Bears.
- * "Deals on Wheels"! Starting in the month of January, Charlie Atkinson of Family Hobbies will be starting something new for club members. Each month, he will make available specific kit(s) at a reduced price to members. March's specials are the "Plum Crazy" '57 Chevy F/C (#2790) and the Street Cobra (#2764), both by Monogram. These kits are priced at \$6.75 each (they are slightly lower at the meeting to reward attendees). If interested, contact Charlie at Family Hobbies!
- * For anyone interested, MAMA plates are coming again! Contact Norman Veber to place your order!
- * FYI! It bears mentioning at this point that Detail Depot (Jerry Flynn) and Resin Casting Specialties (Harold Bradford) also "take requests" so to speak. So, if you have something you wish copied (or even made!), give 'em a call and see if something can be worked out!
- * Gold Star Award! It seems as though a certain MAMA's boy has been selected to receive the prestigious Gold Star Award which is awarded for perfect attendance. That member is (drum roll, please!.....) Tim Powers! Congratulations, Tim! This award will earn you the respect of millions (Sam Millions, the bagboy at the local Safeway!)
- * While on the subject of MAMA's boys, it seems as though another of ours is on the mend (and making a serious dent in his unbuild collection!). I am speaking of course, about Harry Charon (who?). Harry is doing just fine and wants to thank all who have called to see how he is, shoot the breeze, etc. He really appreciated hearing from you!

* "Willits Billets"!?! Available soon from Resin Casting Specialties (Harold Bradford) are these custom "billet style" wheels in 1:24/1:25 scale. These wheels represent

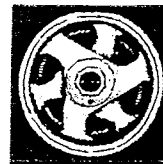
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15 and 16 inch wheels and fit perfectly into several types of kit tires. The quality of the castings is excellent, producing all the details, such as lug cover plates and center hex caps. In the near future, these items may be chromed and sold in sets of four. At the February meeting, about 8 or 9 sets were sold by RCS in only five minutes' time--and they weren't even chromed! More custom wheel styles are scheduled to follow, including Street Rod "steelies" with '48 Ford caps and separate trim rings. Look for the upcoming RCS catalog (and get Brad to autograph it before he becomes too rich and famous!)

- * More MAMA news! It seems as though intrepid traveler and MAMA member Al "Deuce Coupe" Gransee has found his way back home to all of us. Welcome back, "Deuce Coupe"! Good to have you back in the thick of things!
- * Road Trip! Larry "Hot Rod" Boothe and Jerry Flynn are organizing a road trip for interested MAMA members who wish to attend NNL East on March 24 in Parsippany, N.J. Contact either of the individuals above for further info.
- * 2nd Annual Club Auction? Give some thought to an auction in the near future to help "pump up" our treasury. Perhaps we could coerce Gary "Fast talkin'" McNutt into handling the Auctioneer duties again (seeing as how he did such a bang-up job last year!)?
- * More MAMA member news! Yours truly recently got a call from our Southern Region representative (Florida), Charlie Saglinbene! He's doin' just fine (wishin' he was here, where the action is!), still workin' and managing to get something built here and there. He sends his regards.
- * Club news! Our Hagerstown representative, Steve Mesner, informs me that he has been successful in starting a club up in Hagerstown! Tri-State Scale Modelers is the name, modeling is the game! If I am not mistaken, the next few meeting dates are as follows: March 23, April 27 and May 25. Congrats, Steve!
- * Rumor mill! Rumor has it that a certain primed Deuce has just recently received an infusion of color. Time is getting short, "Hot Rod"!
- * K-Mart Shoppers! On a recent visit to a local K-Mart, your fearless editor spotted AMT's Stealth R/T Turbo, Chevy 454SS Pick-up, "Kodak" Cutlass, as well as Revell's "Soft Seal" '57 Chevy Pro Sportsman car! (Ed. Note: No mention of "Blue Light specials" on these cars, though!). Get 'em

while they're hot!!

- * Rumor Mill! Rumor has it that one of the "Big Three" model companies was recently seen in the pit area of "Roundy-round" racer Kenny Schrader (Ed. Note: Driver of the "Kodiak" Lumina) busily snapping photos. Believe it or not! Rumor also has it that once the "Kodak" Lumina makes it's debut, the "Kodak" Cutlass will quietly disappear from store shelves. Believe it or not! Still another rumor has decal updates on the "Coors" T-Bird and the "Miller Genuine Draft" Pontiac to replicate 1991 teams. Believe it or not! Your fearless editor was recently pokin' around deep within a fellow modelers' secret workshop, and what did I spy? What appeared to be a mold box large enough to fully engulf a car body. And on the shelf nearby sat a certain NASCAR '87 T-Bird body. Dare we even hope? Believe it or not!

COMING EVENTS

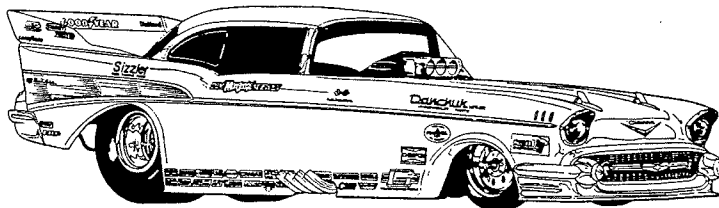
- * Mar 24 (Sun)-Fifth Annual NNL East held in Parsippany, N.J. For info, send an SASE to John Slivoski, 16 Ocean Parkway, Apt. A20, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11218 or call (718)871-5332.
- * April 6 (Sat)-1st Annual Maryland Automotive Modelers' Association's NNL-Type Model Car Show & Swap Meet (whew!) to be held at the Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall between 8 A.M. and 4 P.M. For info, call Jerry Flynn at (301)255-3776.
- * April 7 (Sun)-Capitol Miniature Auto Collector's Club 1991 Spring Meet held in Fairfax, Va. For info, call Charles Francis Wilding at (301)434-6209.
- * Oct 18, 19 & 20 (Fri-Sun)-IPMS Region II Convention held at BWI Airport. For info (or even to volunteer your services!), call Bernie Hackett at (301)882-2352.

CLASSIFIEDS

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

FOR SALE OR TRADE-Magazine collection consisting of Hot Rod, Car Craft, Popular Hot Rodding & Motor Trend dating from 1984 to present. Contact Al "Deuce Coupe" Granssee at 758-3128.

WANTED-(4) Nissan Pick-up wheels. Contact Darian Willits at 799-8766.



WANTED-Contact with persons having intimate(?) knowledge, description, or (better yet) photographs of the '70-'72 ZR-1 and '71 ZR-2 Corvettes. Write Tim Powers, 808 224th Street, Pasadena, Md. 21122 or call (301)255-3976.

WANTED-Old watch wind-up stems, preferably silver. Reason? I am in search of a radiator cap for a current project. Call "Hot Rod" at 972-7098.

WANTED-Decals and entire front suspension for MPC "Wild Willie" Marcellus & Borsch AA/FA, any condition; any reasonable price paid. Contact Steve Mesner at 791-7789.

FOR SALE-Assorted model car kits, reasonably priced. Contact Tim Powers at an upcoming meeting or at 255-3976.

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:

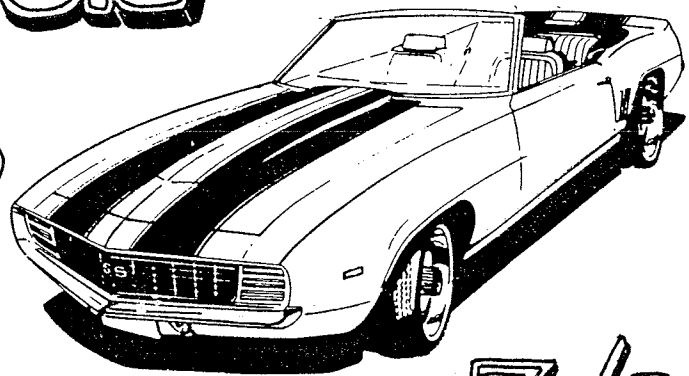
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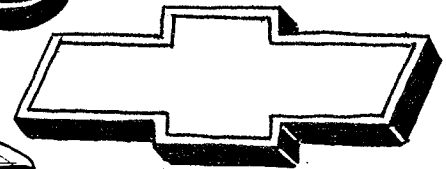
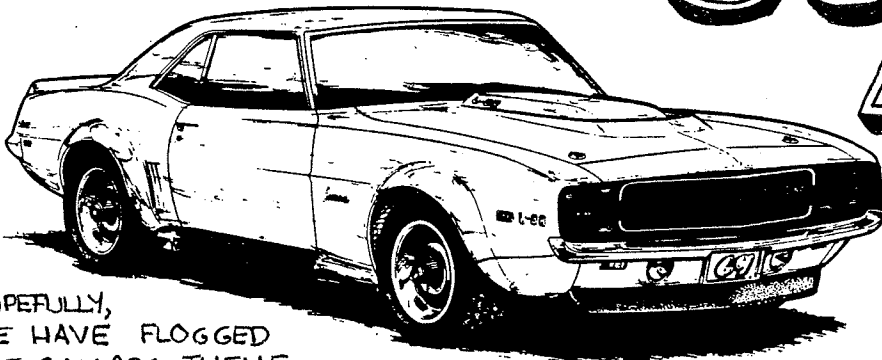
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CAMAROS!
(JEEZ! DON'T THEY MAKE
ANY OTHER KIND'A CAR?!?)



HERE'S A "WHAT IF.....?"
FOR YOU CAMARO FANS
(ALL THREE OF YOU!!)*
HOW 'BOUT A 1969
L88 CAMARO? (WHO'S GONNA
BE THE FIRST TO BUILD IT?)

SS Z/28



*YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE
TIM, LYLE AND STEVE!

HOPEFULLY,
WE HAVE FLOGGED
THE CAMARO THEME
SUFFICIENTLY THAT WE SHOULD BE O.K. FOR OH, SAY AT LEAST A MONTH OR TWO?!?

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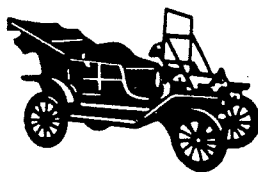
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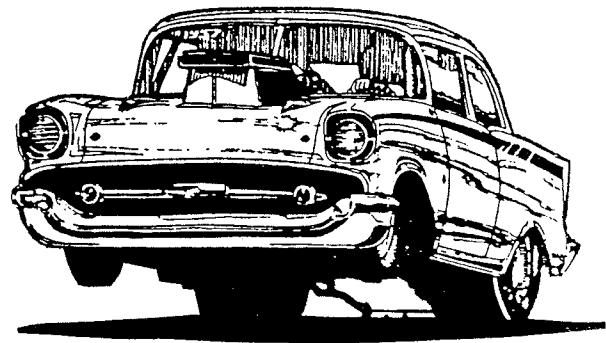
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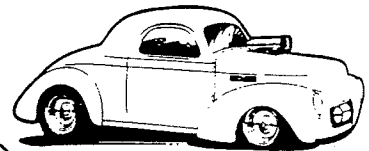
Date: April 6, 1991

Time: 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Location: Orchard Beach V.F.D.
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Registration: 8 A.M. - 12 Noon

Awards: 4 P.M.



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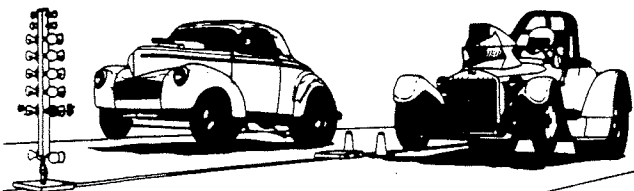
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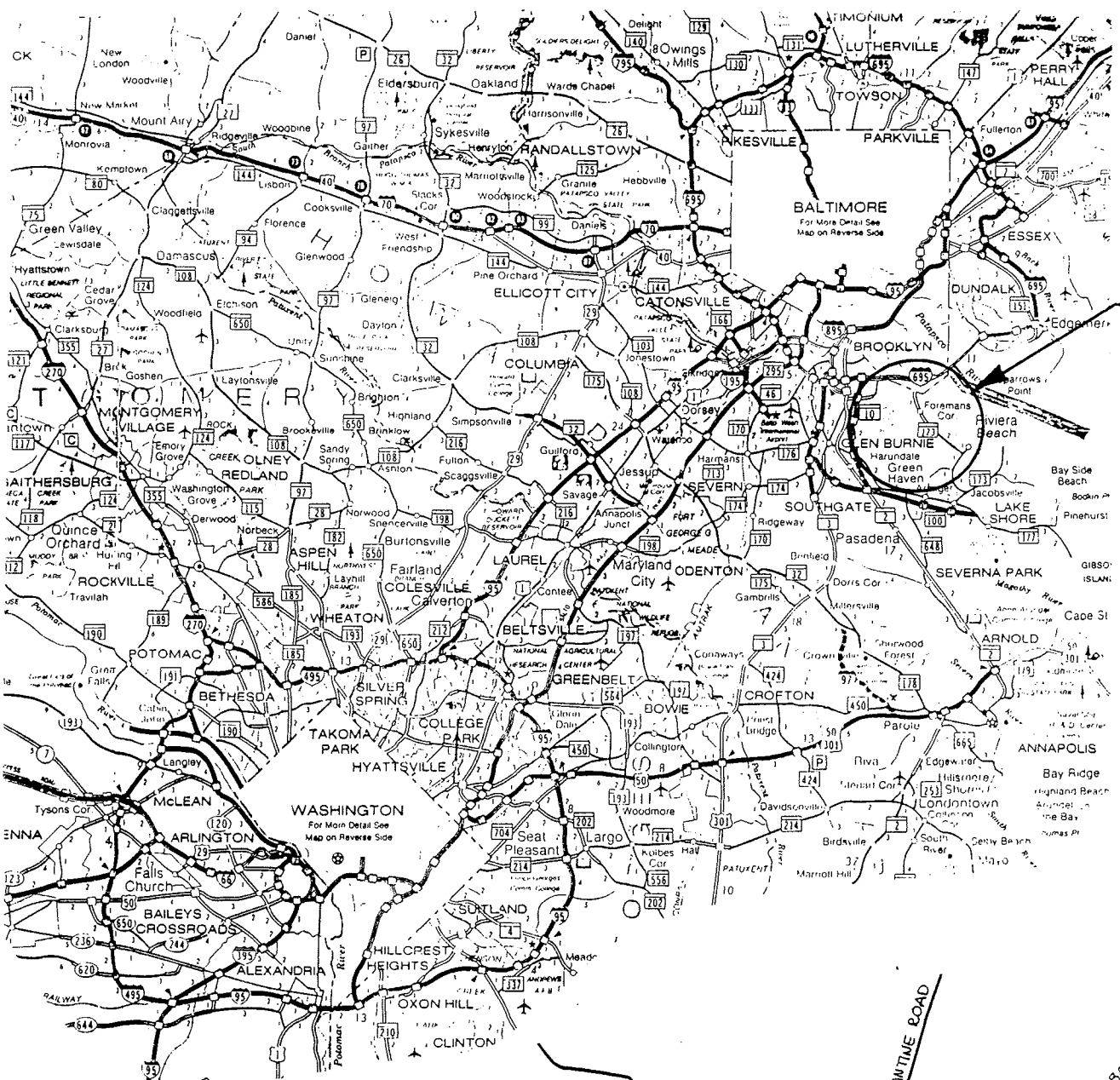
4 Awards will be presented:

(1) each "Modelers' Choice" in Junior & Adult,
& (1) each "Modelers' Choice-Drag Racing" in
Junior & Adult classes. Junior entrants will be
16 years & under while 17 & up will be in the
Adult class.

Entry/Admission: Juniors-Free Registration;
Adults-\$3.00 (Any # of models);
Spectators-\$2.00 (age 10 & up)
Vendors-\$15.00 per 8' table
(Mar. 31, 1991 registration deadline)

(See Reverse for directions & map)





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