

## MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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NNL-Style Model Car Show/Swap Meet Appreciation Issue  
by:Tim Sickle

About 40 people were in attendance at the March meeting which had as it's highlight a rare cameo appearance (the second in as many months!) by that nationally known, award-winning (retired?!?) modeler Pat Maphis! Good to see you, guy!

The March raffle raised \$76.00. The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: The aforementioned Pat Maphis, Lyle "Billet" Willits, Al "Deuce Coupe" Gransee, Dave Johns, George Openhym, Gary Sutherlin, Tim Powers, Steve Goodnite & yours truly. Special thanks also go to those as shown below:

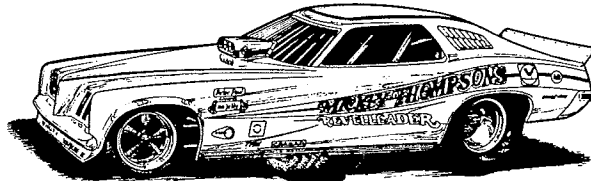
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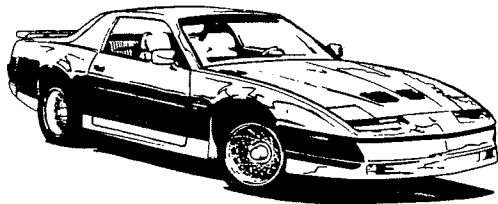


It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465, Sterling, Va. 22170) will be a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up to us to actively patronize Detail Master in appreciation of his continued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

A word here, if you will permit me regarding our First Annual NNL-Style Model Car Show and Swap Meet. By all standards, the meet was successful beyond our wildest expectations. There was a grand total of 244 models entered by modelers who came from nearby Hagerstown, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and we even had a mail-in entry from California! (Nice job, Mike!). Manufacturers, Cottage Industry suppliers and Hobby Shop owners supported our show to the tune of over \$1,000.00 worth of model kits, detailing supplies and gift certificates. They include:

Manufacturers

- \* AMT/ERTL
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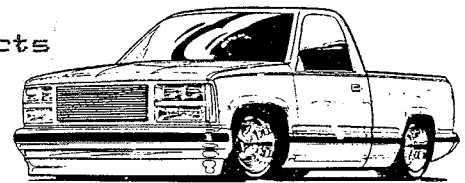


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- \* Resin Casting Specialties
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- \* Pastimes, LTD (John Camarda)
- \* Wheels Hobby (John Mauchamer)



It bears mentioning here that Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master) not only donated three rolls of film to photograph our contest, he volunteered his services as photographer as well! This is going above and beyond the call of duty Dirk, and it is very much appreciated!

The big winners at the show were Chris Charon sweeping both Senior classes (Modelers' Choice for his Replica Stock '64 GTD, and Drag Racing for his '70 Challenger). On the adult side, Harold Bradford scored a well-deserved Modelers' Choice win for his 1/12 scale Renault RE23 Formula I racer, while Dave Lewis won Drag Racing for his "Soffseal" '57 Chevy Sportsman car, beating Jerry Flynn by one measly point! Well done, everyone!

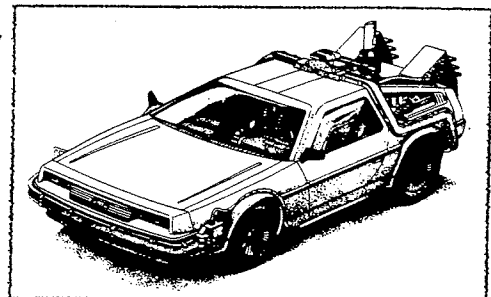
And, last but certainly not least, all the MAMA's Boys (and Girls!) who did quite a job to pull this affair together in such a short time. I would love to recognize you all by name unfortunately, with everything going on that day, I am afraid I would miss someone as well as the contribution they made. You all know who you are, so pat yourself on the back, 'cause you deserve it! We've already been invited back for next year, so we must begin immediately to assure a better show next year! Cowabunga!

Back to the Future" Delorean

(AMT #6132; one version; 1/24 scale; over 100 pieces; gray, black, clear, "aluminum" finished chrome, vinyl tires)

Hurray! It's finally here! I've been hoping and waiting for this to come and now it's here. Some of you may be thinking that it's "just another licensed movie kit", but this is "top of the line".

This is one of the best kits I've seen lately. It has absolutely no sink marks that I have found, no flash, or those annoying plastic "swirls" on the surface of the plastic. And to top it off, this kit is extremely detailed. My only complaint is that the kit is imported, which brings up the price a little.



The chassis of the kit looks like your average, everyday "flying car". There is nothing recognizable about the chassis of the car-it's all fictional, but detailed.

The body is 1 piece with no opening doors, hood, etc. The body looks stock as far as I'm familiar with except for some molded wires running up and down both sides of the car.

The kit comes with rubber "Pirelli" tires and the stock wheels. The kit is designed to let you go from regular "street driving" to "off-road driving"....literally, with a simple flick of a switch on the chassis the wheels go from upright to "hover" mode.

The interior exhibits excellent detail throughout. Most of the decals are used in the interior. The instrument panel is a decal with major detail. The "Time Circuits" actually have the dates as used in the movies. If that's not enough for you....then get this, the alarm clock that sits on the dash even reads 10:04 which was an important time in the movie. Everything that was in the movie is in this kit, right down to the "flux capacitor".

The "engine" (if you can call it that!) has a lot of detail as well. Some parts even exhibit rivet and bolt head detail.

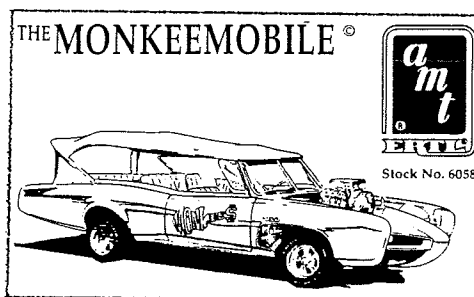
For those of you who want to build a **Replica Stock** version of this kit, **good luck!** It will take many hours of filing and sanding of the parts. Your best bet would probably be to just make it a curbside model, but the sky is the limit! All in all, I give AMT/ERTL a thumbs up for this kit!

by: Darian Willits

In case some of you came in late, the **Monkees** were the "New Kids on the block" of 1966, a synthetic Rock Group manufactured by NBC to sell zit creme and other teen products in Prime Time. They had sort of a cool car, though-a **Dean Jeffries-customized '66 GTO**. There were actually TWO such cars, one featuring a working GMC 6-71 blower. In 1967 one of the Monkeemobiles (I don't know which) went to Australia and apparently never returned. The other (apparently) went to **George Barris' Movie & Motorcade Museum** in Hollywood and was apparently restored for the show circuit three or four years ago, albeit with some subtle changes.

ERTL's recent re-release of the Monkeemobile through the **Blueprinter** was a welcome blast of nostalgia, an instant collectible, and a genuine bargain at \$6.00 postpaid-watch your money double and triple almost while you wait! (Hope you bought two!)

That's the good news. The bad news is that the kit as reissued won't build either an accurate "original" or "restored" Monkeemobile out of the box. You see, the original had the GTO "diamond" badges on the front fenders, along with another set of emblems that represented the Jeffries' Family crest, which went on all his cars. The restored "Monk" is missing the "diamond", and carries a simple "G\_T\_O" logo instead. ERTL has altered the



sold to the restored fashion! But the kit comes with the Cragare of the original (nice ones, too!), instead of the Ansen Sprints (or similar) of the restored car. Quickest fix: Yank the Ansens from the AMT '32 Vicky or your parts box and go for the resto. (The kit's tires are closer in size to the new than the old, anyway). The color is a brilliant, deep "Tomato Juice" red-orange. A 2:1 mix of Chevrolet Engine red and Testor's 1104 Dark Red (in the little bottles) is almost perfect; if you don't want to get into paint mixing, Italian Red over Black Primer is probably the closest match right out of the bottle or spray can.

The original 'Mobile will take more work. As soon as I get around to it, I plan to strip the paint off my original '67 MPC body and dupe the correct emblems with foil and epoxy. (Anybody interested in a set of these? While I'm mixing epoxy, I might as well make a bunch of 'em).

The color of the original is another problem I haven't solved yet. I know that it had "30 hand-rubbed coats of Candy Wine Burgundy", but the one color photo I have of the thing and the TV show both show the car in a shade I'd call more a "Strawberry Red" than any kind of Burgundy. I'm experimenting with mixing it up and will advise if anyone's interested. Stay tuned....

by: Steve Mesner

Young Modeler gains Fame and Fortune....well, fame....  
.....well, some nifty notoriety!

Most of you have seen (and heard!) Darian Willits' scale replica of the "Orion" van. Dave, from Dave's Electronics in Glen Burnie, and owner of the real Orion (Killer sound system) van had heard about the model from his employees but, to Darian's dismay, hadn't seen the model at the various car shows and model contests.

Darian's patience was rewarded when, in late March, he was invited to the professional photo shoot on March 30 to capture his model on film along with several 1:1 Orion vans, cute models (female, bikini-clad types!) and the Orion Regional Manager.

On Saturday, March 30 (after the early morning snow melted) we arrived at Dave's shop and several photos were taken of Darian's van along with the pertinent info about the builder, for publication in *Automotive Audio*, a dealer publication with worldwide distribution. By June or July, Darian should have some copies to show the MAMA members. The rest of the day was a bust because the models (human flesh, goose-bump types) decided it was too cold and windy for a photo shoot in Annapolis. Instead, they decided on a night shoot at the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, but first, they brought Darian home. (Ed. Note: Ya blew that one, Darian!)

The following Saturday, Dave graciously brought his 1:1 scale van to the MAMA>NNL-Style meet and gave away free posters. He also enjoyed looking at all the fantastic models (plastic, four vinyl tire type).

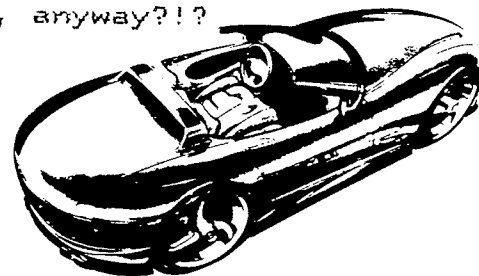
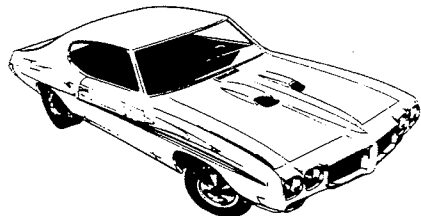
Allegedly, a deal was struck between Dave and Darian to build a second scale replica for Dave to keep for a rumored \$200.00! (Ed. Note: You lose your amateur standing with that one, Darian!) Pentagon sources cannot confirm this, but regardless,

Darian can be very proud of his modeling achievements.

I just hope he remembers who bought him those van kits at inflated, swap-meet prices after he is rich and famous!

by: Dear 'Ole Dad

P.S) Who th' heck is Lloyd Waddington, anyway?!?



#### RITS & PIECES

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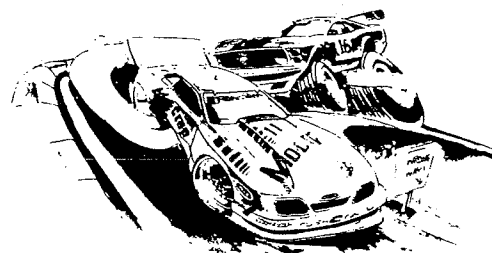
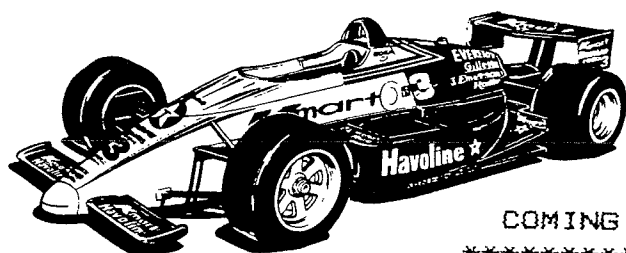
- \* **Volunteers!** I need a volunteer to do a kit review for me. This individual must know something about **Camaros** (Tim, Lyle & Steve, ya listenin'?). I was somehow able to lay my grubby paws on a copy of the new Revell **Baldwin-Motion Camaro**. Before you break your neck tripping over your chair or make me believe I'm getting an obscene phone call because all I can hear is you wheezing because of your mad dash to the phone, read my lips-**April Fool!**
- \* **"Deals on Wheels"!** The Family Hobbies' April special kits are the **K-Mart/Havoline Lola T-8900 (#6888)** and the **Amway-Speedway Lola/Cosworth (#6827)**. These kits are priced at only \$7.25. If interested, contact **Charlie** at Family Hobbies!
- \* **New Items!** In case you weren't aware, **Detail Master** has some new goodies! **DM2300** is an improved **Street Rod Gauge** set which features an outline to make it easier to trim the gauge face prior to installation. **DM3006** is a set of four **billet valve cover caps** including 3 small machined **breather caps!** This set is designed to fit **1/25 scale AMT Chevy engines**. **DM3007** is identical to **DM3006** except that they are in **1/24 scale** and are made to fit the **Monogram '37 Ford small block**. **Lockin' good, Dirk!**
- \* 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!
- \* **RCS smash hit debut!** Our newest cottage industry supplier, **Resin Casting Specialties** (**RCS** for short!) otherwise known as **Harold Bradford**, debuted to rave reviews at **NNL East** on **March 24**. It seems as though one of the hottest movers in the line on that particular day were a certain line of wheels along with **Ferrari** items. Way to go, **Brad!** Better stock up now while ya can before the floodgate of orders comes pouring in!
- \* **R/T Turbo Promos!** Here is the straight scoop for anyone interested in getting their hands on an **R/T Turbo promo**. Send check or money order in the amount of **\$13.25**

(includes shipping) to Dodge Stealth Miniatures, P.O. Box 877, Troy, Michigan 48099. Thanks go out to Dave Heise for this info!

- \* **Canheads!** (That's all you guys out there who use spray cans instead of an airbrush!). **Matt Guilfoyle** will soon make available a **Paasche airbrush/compressor set-up** (complete with how-to video!) for anyone interested in "playing around" with an airbrush before actually going out and dropping a bundle on their own set-up! Give Matt some advance notice as to when you would like to "borrow" it. Common courtesy dictates that you return it in the same condition as you borrowed it. Just remember Matt's personalized tag, "**MadMatt**". 'Nuff said!
- \* **Hot Auto paints!** While on the subject of airbrushes and paints, thought ya might like to know that according to an aftermarket paint supplier, the newest & hottest automotive colors (such as **Chevrolet Dark Teal Metallic**) take as long as **two years(!)** to hit the market in spray can form! That means guys, that anyone unfortunate enough not to be able to airbrush, is up the proverbial creek without the paddle! Thanks go to **Lyle Willits** for this depressing tidbit of news!
- \* **Contest News!** The recently completed **AMT Regional Model Car Contest** held in conjunction with the D.C. World of Wheels had **MAMA's Boys** striking gold again! **John Kelly** took **2nd place Circle Track**, while **Dirk Johnson** took **1st place Circle Track**; **Lyle Willits** managed to pull down **Best Cycle**, **Best Light Commercial**, **2nd place Replica Stock**, **3rd place Custom** and **3rd place Street Machine**; his son **Darian** managed **Senior Best of Show**, **2nd place Street Machine** and **1st, 2nd and 3rd(!)** in **Light Commercial**! Our own **Kelvin Brown** managed a **1st place Street Rod**, **Best Detail**, **Best Interior** and last but certainly not least, **Adult Best of Show**! Way to go, guys!
- \* **Vanity Plats!** It seems as though **Scale Vanities** (P.O. Box 311, Lyndell, Pa. 19354) is proud to announce a **custom plate service**! They have teamed up with a custom license plate maker and can now offer custom photo-reduced license plates with any phrase (up to 10 characters) on any current state license plate! This will take place as of **March 1, 1991**. The price is **\$9.00 postpaid** for 4 plates with the same phrase. Additional plates with the same phrase are **\$.50 each additional**. So, if you have a special plate you may be interested in having on one of your contest models, give 'em a call!
- \* **Plastic Fanatic** is the nation's hottest selling model car magazine! The only magazine truly devoted to the model car builder! The Fanatic has recently made several improvements to it's format: two color inside and out, glossy paper, better photo reproduction, and professional format. PF regularly features nationwide event coverage, Sketchpad, Club and Modelers' profiles, Club Directory, Want Ads, How-to's, New Product Coverage, Car features, Coming Events, Kit Reviews, and "Plastic Humor". PF coverage of the Aftermarket Industry and New Products is

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\* A Miracle! Got a call the other day from Steve Mesner, our Hagerstown correspondent. Seems as though he attended an IAMS meeting the other day and took along a Cobra kit which he entered into the contest. After the smoke had cleared, he had garnered two awards with it! He received 2nd Modelers' Choice, and a Judge's award as well! The kit? He calls it "Anglo-American Cooperation". It is a British car with an American engine in it, while resting on the passenger seat is a 1/25 scale model of a 1/32 scale American Mustang airplane kit with a British engine in it! Whew! Do ya think that had anything to do with it's selection? Nah! Congrats, Steve! (Ed. Note: You have a vivid imagination!)



#### COMING EVENTS

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- \* April 18 thru 21-Spring Carlisle '91 in Carlisle, Pa.
- \* April 26 thru 28-Hershey Flea Market & Car Corral in Hershey, Pa.
- \* April 27-Cincinnati Auto Replicas Diorama displays.
- \* May 3 thru 5-GSLMCC XII in Salt Lake City, Utah. For info, SASE (\$4.45 postage) to GSL XII, 1348 Longdale Ave., Sandy, Utah 84092. (Hey, "Hot Rod"!)
- \* May 5-Cincinnati Auto Replicas 1st Annual May Classic Model Car Contest.
- \* May 17 thru 19-Import Auto Festival, Carlisle Fairgrounds in Carlisle, Pa. All Import Flea Market, Car Corral, Car Show & Club Gathering. Win a 1980 Triumph TR-8! (Hey, Matt!)
- \* May 18 & 19-7th Annual Collector Car Show & Flea Market at the Charles County Fairgrounds in LaPlata, Md. Truck & 4x4 Show on Saturday, Custom Car Show & Model Car Show on Sunday! Admission \$3.00, kids under 12 free.

- \* May 19-Plastic Kit & Toy Show at the Brickerville Fire Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For info, contact Dave Wentzel, 301 N. Cedar Street, Lititz, Pa. 17543 or call (717)627-0645.



- \* June 21 thru 23-All Truck Nats, Carlisle Fairgrounds in Carlisle, Pa. All trucks, all types! Flea market vendors & truck corral. (Hey, Tim!)
- \* June 23-10th Mopars on the Beach at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Md. For info, call (703)207-9272.
- \* July 4 thru 7-Cincinnati Auto Replicas presents Model Car Spectacular at the Butler Co. Fairgrounds. For info, call Joe Dansberry at (513)863-9864 or Bill Bench at (513)683-8567.
- \* July 5 thru 7-New England Summer Nationals. Door prizes, giveaways, all-day DJ, Model Car show on Saturday. For info, call Bob at (508)987-3375 or Russ at (508)537-5646.
- \* July 6-New England Plastic Nationals presented by Masscar Model Club. For info, contact Neil Van Zile Jr., P.O. Box 274, Westwood, Ma. 02090 or call (617)769-2689.
- \* July 12 thru 14-Goodguys East Coast Nats '91 at Carlisle Fairgrounds in Carlisle, Pa. Win a 1991 GMC Syclone!!
- \* July 26 thru 28-Summer Carlisle '91 at Carlisle Fairgrounds in Carlisle, Pa.
- \* Aug 16 thru 18-Mopars at Carlisle in Carlisle Pa. Win a '69 R/T Hemi!!
- \* Aug 23 thru 25-Corvettes at Carlisle in Carlisle, Pa. Win a 1982 Collector's Edition!!
- \* September 22-Model Car, Toy, Collector's show and Contest at the Sheraton Inn in Warrendale, Pa. (Route 19 & 179). For info, contact Jeff Linkowski, 446 Coolidge Ave., Pittsburg, Pa. 15228 or call (412)341-2180 between 5 and 11 P.M.
- \* Oct 3 thru 6-Fall Carlisle in Carlisle, Pa.
- \* Oct 6-Cincinnati Auto Replicas present The 5th Annual Southwest Ohio Model Car Challenge. For info, contact Joe Dansberry or Bill Bench (see numbers above).
- \* Oct 12-NNL #12 at the Lucas County Rec Center (Key St) in Maumee, Ohio. This year's theme-Shoebboxes (Car or Truck!) from '49-'59! (Ed. Note: Otherwise known to us "East Coasters" as "The Big Go West"!).
- \* Oct 18 thru 20-IPMS Region II Convention held at RWI Airport. For info (or even to volunteer your services!), call Bernie Hackett at (301)882-2352.
- \* Nov 10-1991 AMS Convention at the Southwest Challenge in Irving, Texas. For info, write The Southwest Challenge, P.O. Box 193, Bedford, Texas 76095.



CLASSIFIEDS

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

WANTED-Audio Cassettes (originals or copies!) of '60's car song hits. Contact Dave Johns at 437-1893.

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" Gransee at 768-3128.

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.

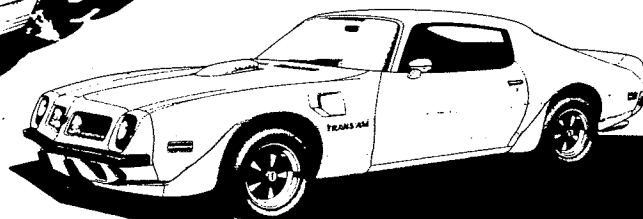
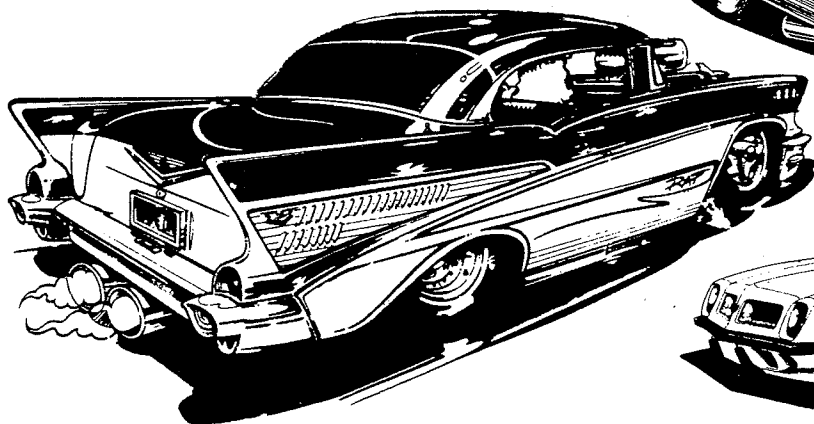
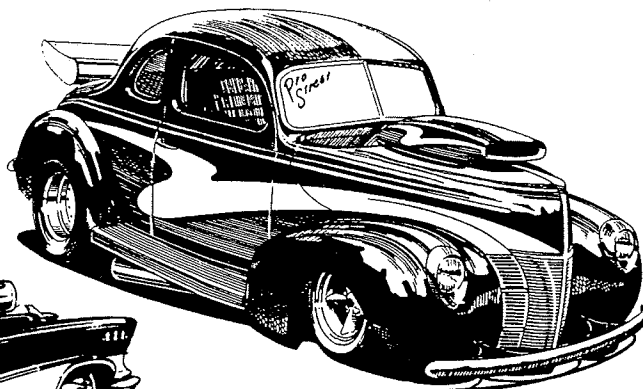
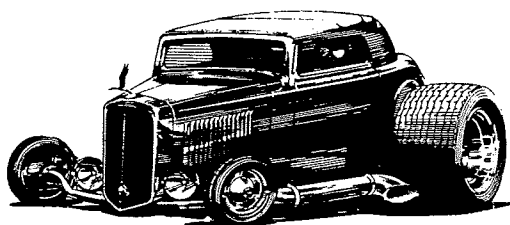
WANTED- 2 Monogram 1969 GTD Judges. Also 4 Monogram Mini-Exact Pontiac Grand Prix Stock Cars. Contact Tim Sickle at 249-3830.

WANTED-AMT "Thunderbolt I" Chevy Blazer kit. Contact Dave Johns at 437-1893.

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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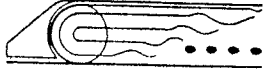
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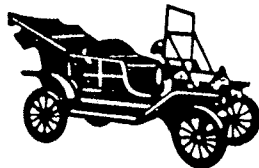
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