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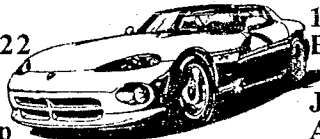
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by: Timothy Sickle

About 30 people were in attendance at the January meeting which had as its highlight Elections! The Accounting firm of Roehrle & Roehrle certified the results. Oh yeah, the results? All officers were unanimously re-elected to their offices: Larry Boothe-President, Jerry Flynn-Vice President, Harold Bradford-Treasurer, and lastly, yours truly Tim Sickle-Secretary/Editor. There was also a slide show ably(?) hosted by yours truly consisting of slides of the Oakland Roadster Show Diorama from Ken Hamilton (Ed. Note: Hey, Ken! I wanna see that 1/25 scale slot car track work before you deliver it! Seriously, it looks great!), some old car show slides (circa '69!) from Gary Sutherlin and some assorted slides from Dirk Johnson. Thanks, guys!

The raffle raised \$100.00 (Ed. Note: See related item in "Bits & Pieces"). The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Gary Sutherlin, Pat Maphis, Matt Guilfoyle, Rex Turner, Dave Heise, Irvin Arter, Mike Adams, Brad and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of Md. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

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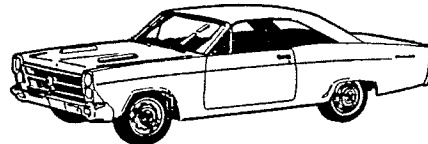


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It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465, Sterling, Va. 22170) will be a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up to us to actively patronize 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!]

***** PLEASE NOTE!!*****

The rundown for the January thru May meetings is as follows-January:Third Saturday from 12:30-5:30 in Building B (Upper level). Park near bldgs D & E and enter the upper floor of bldg B (the "Quad"). The months of February, March and May-Third Saturday from 12:00-5:00. The month of April we will be meeting

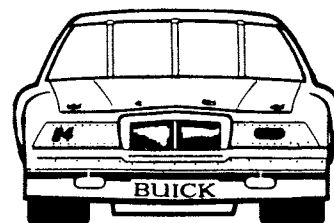
Saturday from 12:00-5:00. The month of April we will be meeting on the fourth Saturday from 12:30-5:30. So, please note the room change in January (Bldg. B) and the day change in April (Fourth Saturday). See ya there! If everything works as planned, there will be a map elsewhere in this newsletter showing the location for the January meeting.

**1991 club financial statement
(just so you know we ain't broke!)**

Beginning Balance (1 Jan 1991)	\$ 761.85
Deposits	+1210.00

Total	\$1971.85
Expenses (See Below)	-1271.07

Ending Balance (31 Dec 1991)	\$ 700.78



Bye bye, Buick!

Expenses:

Rent (Catonsville Community College)	\$360.00
Postage	95.17
Rent-Fire Hall (NNL)	150.00
Photo-finishing (NNL)	41.32
Donation (Fire Hall)	100.00
Trophy Packages (NNL, IPMS)	118.00
Donation (Toys for Tots)	218.50
Picnic/Christmas Party/Cake	140.00
Banner	48.08

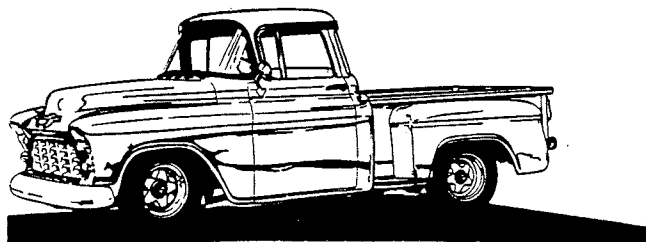
Total Expenses	\$1271.07



1955 Chevrolet Stepside Street Machine

(AMT/ERTL #6004; 1/25; 110 pieces; gray, clear, chrome, vinyl tires)

There has been great anticipation for the arrival of this kit onto the hobby store shelves. Unfortunately, it seems to have arrived from the Twilight Zone. It cannot be built stock because five crucial parts did not make the trip from the Cameo kit. But hey, its called a street machine, right? Well, there are far too many stock parts, some very inaccurate parts and a couple of non-existent parts to build into a realistic street machine.



"You have 'splainin to do, Lucy!" O.K.-I'll 'splain. A radically dropped and drilled front I-beam axle is provided to get the front of the truck "in da weeds". This axle (circa 1965) attaches to separate, stock leaf springs and stock shocks. When the wheels and Goodyear VR40 tires are mounted, the axle sits on the ground, er...table. I took it apart, de-arched the springs, shortened the shocks, and shoved the whole assembly up closer to the simple, but nicely detailed stock frame. I failed to realize that the relationship of the wheels to the axle itself would remain the same, so the axle is still on the ground, er...you know!

The stock rear axle housing is made from two pieces and is mounted on separate, stock leaf springs and stock shocks. This assembly can also be de-arched a little but the stepside fenders

will probably sit on top of the rear VR50 tires. One of those old metal axles is supposed to slide inside this plastic assembly to hold the wheel backing plates but the metal axle is too short and it completely disappears. Experienced dudes and dudettes will surely find a way to mount the rear wheels but, at this point, I think a few youngsters will return to the magical world of Nintendo.

The rolling(?) chassis is completed with new five spoke, billet-style wheels. These wheels are beautiful and will surely be used on many street rod models.

The engine is the stock 265 from the Cameo kit with some new goodies. The stock block, oil pan and separate heads now get a new intake manifold, separate 4-barrel, and beautiful chrome Edelbrock Signature series valve covers and air cleaner. But the engine still carries the stock fan pulley assembly with a 1955 generator and stock fan. There are no longer any oil filler locations nor is there an oil filter. Nicely done, 2-piece per side headers attach to separate, chrome exhaust pipes with integral Supertrapp-type mufflers. If left unmodified, these pipes stick 'waaay out past the sides of the body (Which must make it very interesting when parallel parking!).

The interior, with almost non-existent door panel engraving, is completely, bone stock!

The cab and separate hood are well detailed and flash-free. A couple of discreet mold lines are easily removed by light sanding. All of the separate, chrome emblems for the fenders and hood are carried over from the Cameo kit. Separate, chrome headlight bezels hold clear lenses. Also included are clear parking/turn lenses. The grille is beautifully chromed and very deeply engraved making it easy to open from the back with a file or Dremel. The rear window and windshield are engraved with the window frames and mount from the outside of the body. Of course, the incorrect sloping side window contours are still with us in this kit. This problem was well-publicized when the Cameo kit was reviewed but can be corrected with some cutting and sanding.

The stock pick up bed and fenders assemble from 9 separate pieces. All of these items are well detailed and accurate, including the woodgrain engraving in the bed floor. Separate, stock tail lights are molded in body color. A nicely chromed stock rear bumper completes the assembly along with an optional trailer hitch.

I believe the "Boydnic" wheels and Edelbrock engine pieces are worth the \$9.00 admission price, alone. And the kit does build into a nice looking, albeit inaccurate, shelf model. The serious detailer should consider this kit as a starting point, as kitbashing will surely be necessary. A replica stock model is easy-just buy a Cameo kit for the necessary parts (You're on your own for small, pick up truck hubcaps!). For a custom, trik truk, graft on a front sub-frame from a Chevelle or Nova kit, find the engine and rear assembly of your choice and modernize the interior to your liking ('88-'92 Revell T-Bird and Cougar bucket seats fit perfectly!).

The kit is certainly worth having. Just don't expect your dreams to come true, right out of the box.



by: Lloyd Woddington
(Tim wanted new by-
line names!)

Sneakin' a Peek!

This column will appear as frequently (or infrequently!) as

new releases from the manufacturers. The idea behind it is to give a "thumbnail review" of the releases as they hit the shelves with a detailed review to follow at a later date (hopefully!). We'll see how it goes!

* **Graveyard Duo** (AMT #8059): Molded in black, Pumpkin (?) Orange....plastic, multi-piece tires, 2-piece 10.00 x 15 Firestone slicks.....bulb horn, rear "jump seat"..... lanterns w/clear lenses....spider web decals for windshield & lanterns....chrome "organ pipe" exhaust pipes....optional motorized surfboard w/rack.

* **'69 Cougar Eliminator** (AMT #6960): Molded in white....Black and white stripes....real nice Boss 302 motor....chrome shifter w/separate T handle....Boss 302 engine decals....old style Polyglas GT tires w/nice GT rims w/plain centers....instructions include color combinations for body and interior.

* **1992 Stealth R/T Turbo** (AMT #6166): Molded in white....re-hash of 1991 Stealth Official Indy car...."CNTCME", "Stealth Parking only" decals.

* **'69 Chevelle SS396** (AMT #6202): Molded in white...."001 AMT", New Joisey plates and Nevada "Car Nut" plates, white and black stripes, 396 cu. in. 350 hp. air cleaner decals....new Firestone Wide Ovals....Goodyear Blue Streak slicks....5-spoke SS wheels and Chevy Rally wheels....stock 4 bbl. manifold and air cleaner.

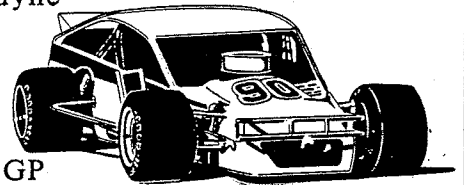
Discontinued kits for 1992

Last month the newsletter contained a listing of what the Manufacturers are "giving" us, so this month I thought it might be interesting to tell you what they are "taking away" from us (Thanks to Dennis Doty at Model Car Journal!). Scale is 1/24 unless noted.

AMT/ERTL

Lexus LS400
Ecto-1A
"Kraco" Transporter
"Coor's" Transporter
'91 Z28
'91 Firebird GTA
"Robocop" Police car
'91 Probe GT
Taurus Police car
"Dick Tracy" '36 Ford
'91 Taurus SHO
'91 Beretta GTZ
'69 Olds 442 W30
'69 Camaro SS396 convt.
'67 GTO
'57 Chevy flip nose
10th Anniversary Firebird
"Knight Rider"
Futuristic Dragster (1/32 snap)
Porsche 935 (1/32 snap)
'55 Chevy (1/32 snap)
Mercedes 300SL Gullwing
'63 Vette convt.
"Pennzoil" Penske
'69 Talladega

Funny car (1/32 snap)
Corvette (1/32 snap)
Dune Buggy (1/32 snap)
'84 Vette (1/32 snap)
'Stang Road Racer (1/32 snap)
"Midnight Express" Pete
Kenworth Aerodyne
Lowboy Trailer
Tanker Trailer
"Bigfoot"
"Kraco" March
"Kodak" Olds
"Country Time" GP
"Citgo" T-Bird
"Zerex" T-Bird
"Coor's Light" T-Bird
'66 Nova SS
Stealth Official Indy car
"Miller Gen. Draft" GP
Joker Goon car
"Amway" Lola
'65 Grand Prix
Batmobile
"K-Mart/Havoline" Lola
'69 Cobra



'59 El Camino
 '69 Torino GT (1/43)
 '69 Mustang (1/43)
 '69 AMX (1/43)
 "Destroyer II" Puller Truck
 "Thunderbolt II" Puller Truck
 20th Anniversary Firebird
 "Miller Gen. Draft" GP (The #2 car which they never released!)

'32 Ford Phaeton
 '69 Chevelle SS (1/43)
 '69 Vette (1/43)
 '69 Camaro (1/43)
 '91 Dodge Stealth
 "Coor's" T-Bird
 Ferrari 250 SWB

Lindberg

1929 Mercedes-Benz SSK
 1910 Ford 'T' Runabout (1/16)

1931 Bugatti Royale Victoria

Monogram

'85 Vette (snap)
 '82 Collector's Vette (snap)
 Z28 Camaro (snap)
 Turbo Camaro (snap)
 Luminator Camaro F/C (1/32)
 289 Cobra (1/43)
 '70 Dodge Challenger
 'Golden T' Rod (1/8)
 '79 Trans Am (1/8)
 '65 Vette Stingray (1/8)
 '87 Thunderbird Turbo Coupe
 "Mean & Nasty" Camaro
 '70 Buick GSX Street Machine
 "Plum Crazy" '57 Chevy F/C
 MB 300SL Gullwing (1/12)
 '32 Ford Coupe (Beach Boys)
 "Peak" Pontiac
 "Heinz" Pontiac
 "City Chevy" Lumina
 "Mello Yello" Lumina
 "Tropartic" Pontiac
 Bahari Racing Pontiac
 "Pennzoil" Firebird P/S
 '91 Vette convt.
 "Western Auto" Lumina

"Miller" Datsun (snap)
 Dodge Charger (snap)
 Turbo Firebird (snap)
 Luminator Ford F/C (1/32)
 Luminator Duster F/C (1/32)
 '67 427 Vette (1/43)
 '85 Vette (1/8)
 Camaro IROC-Z (1/8)
 Jag XKE Coupe (1/8)
 '64 GTO
 "Red Hot" T-Bird
 '87 Vette
 427 Cobra
 "Predicta"
 "Goodwrench" Lumina
 '58 T-Bird (Valens)
 "Zerex" T-Bird
 "Havoline" T-Bird
 "Hardee's" Lumina
 "Goodwrench" Monte Carlo
 "Orange Hauler"
 "STP" Firebird P/S
 '91 Vette ZR-1
 '91 Mustang GT convt.
 '91 Firebird Formula



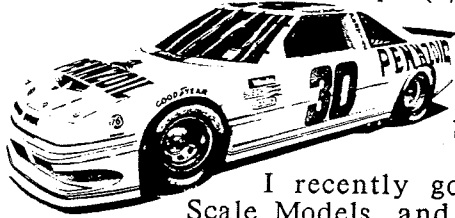
Revell

68 Vette (1/32)
 '68 Firebird 400 (1/32)
 Firebird T/A (1/32)
 '57 Chevy (1/32)
 '57 Ford (1/32)
 Mr. Gasser
 Rat Fink
 Camaro Street Machine
 #84 ASA Camaro
 #17 ASA Camaro
 "Motorcraft" Mustang GTO
 Glidden P/S T-Bird
 VW Golf Racer
 "Magnum P.I." Ferrari
 '56 Ford Pick up
 '91 T-Bird SC
 '91 Pontiac GTP
 BMW Z-1 roadster

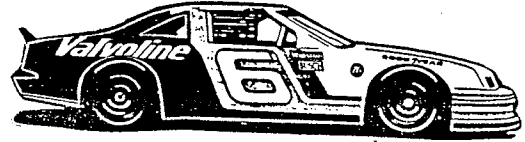
'67 Camaro (1/32)
 '68 Mustang (1/32)
 '57 Vette (1/32)
 '57 T-Bird (1/32)
 Fink Eliminator
 Surfink
 Firebird Street Machine
 "Miller" Funny car
 #52 ASA Camaro
 "Swamp Rat XXX"
 Pontiac J2000 Pro Street
 "Castrol" Funny Car
 Chopped '34 Ford Coupe
 '57 Chevy
 Henry J
 '91 Cougar XR-7
 Mercedes 300SL-24
 #5 ASA T-Bird



#0 ASA T-Bird
'34 Ford Coupe (1/16)



'34 Ford Phaeton (1/16)



Family Feud
by: Wayne E. Moyer

I recently got a copy of the new Porsche 966 kit by M.A. Scale Models, and in looking over the decals, it suddenly dawned on me that its drivers at the 1991 Daytona race, Derek and Justin Bell, were the **third** father-son team in the race, along with the Andrettis and the Unsers, both of whom got much more publicity. But that started me thinking; just a few years ago "second generation" drivers were big news, but now its almost unusual for an up-and-coming driver not to have had a famous father in the sport. Now, what if ---we had a televised racing series, along the lines of the IROC races, with all the cars driven by "family" teams?? In deference to some of the older generation, we'd want the cars to be full-fendered sedans with NASCAR-style roll cages, but who cares just how fast the cars are, its the racing that counts, and some of the "older" guys were racers, right?

Okay, let's see. The Andrettis and Unsers, would be there, of course, and maybe we could get Aldo back behind the wheel to form a two-car Scuderia Andretti. I'd pay money to watch Aldo and John go after Mario and Michael!! And if we allowed uncles/nephews we could get Bobby U. back in a race car, too I'll bet. I started off with Derek and Justin, but Paul Stewart is doing well in Europe so a Jackie and Paul team would be a natural, and I'd bet that it wouldn't take a lot of arm-twisting to get Sir Jack in a car with Geoff and David Brabham. Graham Hill's son Damon, is racing in Europe, too, but I don't suppose....does anybody know how fast Bette was? Now Richard and Kyle would be easy, and Ned Jarrett looks fit enough to join Dale, and maybe, just maybe we could get Bobby or Donnie in a car with Davey Allison. And here's John Paul Jr. and....naw, I don't suppose we could get that team!

I know I'm missing some here....oh yeah, there's Emmo and Christian Fittipaldi, and we talked about Uncles, right? That would bring in Juan/Juan II (say that quickly!). And if we allowed brother/brother teams we could get most of the rest of the NASCAR guys into our series, too, along with the Mears boys. Ooops! Almost forgot Parnelli and P.J. Think about that! Andrettis, Unsers, Mears, and Joneses mixing it up with Pettys, Allisons, Brabhams, etc. etc. You couldn't print tickets fast enough! And remember, you saw it here first! Maybe I should send a copy of this to ESPN!??

Now the cars. One option would be identical cars like the IROC, but think of the commercial possibilities if you did a "run what you brung" race. Certainly the Jones family would have to be in an Oldsmobile, the Pettys in a Pontiac, Allisons in a Ford, the Brabhams would surely drive a Nissan and the Stewarts a Mercedes or Volvo (safety fast, you know....oops, think that belongs to MG....now who owns MG today??). Anyway, you get the idea.

Now, there would have to be sponsors. Surely Bell Helmets would sponsor Derek/Justin and the Pettys couldn't race without STP. I'm suffering from brain fade fast, but does somebody want to put together a more complete/better list of teams, cars and sponsors?

And, for my final thought....What an NNL display this would make!

<u>DRIVERS</u>	<u>CAR</u>	<u>SPONSORS</u>
* Mario/Michael/Jeff	Ferrari	K-Mart
* Aldo/John	Chevy	Pennzoil/Quaker State
* Al/Al Jr./Bobby	Quattro (Pikes Peak)	Audi(?!)
* Derek/Justin	Porsche	Bell Helmets/Rothmans
* Jackie/Paul	Mercedes/Volvo	U.S. DoT
* Jack/Geoff/David	Nissan	Brabham Racing
* Richard/Kyle	Pontiac	STP/Mello Yello
* Ned/Dale	Ford	???
* Bobby/Davey/Donnie	Ford	Alabama (state or group)
* Emmo/Christian		Fittiwheels (or Brazil)
* Juan/Juan II	Mercedes or Alpha	Mercedes if car is Alfa
* Parnelli/PJ	Oldsmobile	J.C.Agajanian

BITS & PIECES

- * **NNL Time!** As you know, our NNL meet is fast approaching. Yours truly has a list of about 10 or 11 people who signed up at the January meeting to help out at our big bash. I reiterate, if you want to help out, see one of the officers to add your name to the list. You do not need to be there for the entire day (although some people will be!) - let us know when you can volunteer so we can "pencil you in", OK? **Be there, Aloha!!**
- * **ORSD** - short for Oakland Roadster Show Diorama. A decision was made at the January meeting (after seeing the progress that Ken "think small" Hamilton had made on the project) and it was decided by a majority vote to donate the proceeds of the January raffle to the "ORSD kitty", a fund set up to help defray the cost of getting this monster out west. It is also my understanding that our own Mike Adams and the (in)famous MAMA Van will be ably assisting in the transportation of this masterpiece. Let's all let Mike know how much we appreciate his assistance in "puttin' this show on the road" (literally!).
- * **Contest Nutz!** It seems as though the AMT 1992 Hot Rod Magazine model car contest is a go! The location of the contest for this region will again be the Budweiser Washington D.C. World of Wheels held at the D.C. Armory. The dates, you ask? March 11-13. And while on the subject of contests, check out the latest issue of Fine Scale Modeler (inside back cover) and you will see an ad for a national contest hosted by the Hobbytown U.S.A. chain of hobby shops. Yours truly has already been in touch with John Southan about it and further info on classes and scheduling as it becomes available!
- * **Bad News!** Speaking of AMT, it is my sad duty to inform you all that our beloved John O'Neill is no longer with AMT! No word yet as to where he has gone, but hopefully he will remain involved in the hobby in one form or another. If you are reading this John, Good Luck, we care! Stay in touch and we hope to hear from you real soon!
- * **Congrats!** Yours truly recently received the latest issue of Plastic Fanatic and quite frankly, I'm seein' purple!! Seems as though one of our own, Kelvin Brown made not only the front cover with his '39 Chevy Ferrari, but the Detail Master rear cover as well! Thanks Roy for the coverage, and thanks to Dirk Johnson for his selection of this wild ride! Hey Kelvin! Can't wait for your next

project to be completed!

- * Kudos! Our 'ol Prez, Larry Boothe, commented at the January meeting that, in his humble opinion, the level of quality of the models on display every month has decidedly improved! So, whoever's doin' it, keep it up! And if you aren't doin' it, why th' heck not?
- * Personalized P18ts! Special interest plates were discussed last month and for anyone who wasn't present, it went sumpin' like this: The group or organization need only be non-profit (like us!), and we would need 25 hard core MAMA's boys to place the initial order. Prices? If I got it right, it would cost \$11.00 per set extra at renewal time. Our club name would also be spelled out in some fashion across the bottom of the tag. We could also get logo tags. These tags have a 2" wide by 3" tall logo on the left side of the tag. Cost? How 'bout \$25.00 a year. This logo could also be in 3 colors! If you are interested, please make your feelings known to an officer at an upcoming meeting. Thanks to Matt Guilfoyle for the info.
- * Hobby Shop news! This month, we have a hobby shop relocation to notify you about. GPA Hobbies is now located at 2431 Crofton Lane, Suite 6 Crofton, Md 21114. If you need o call them, they have a new phone no. as well and it is (301)858-0004. They are a club supporter, so check 'em out!

COMING EVENTS

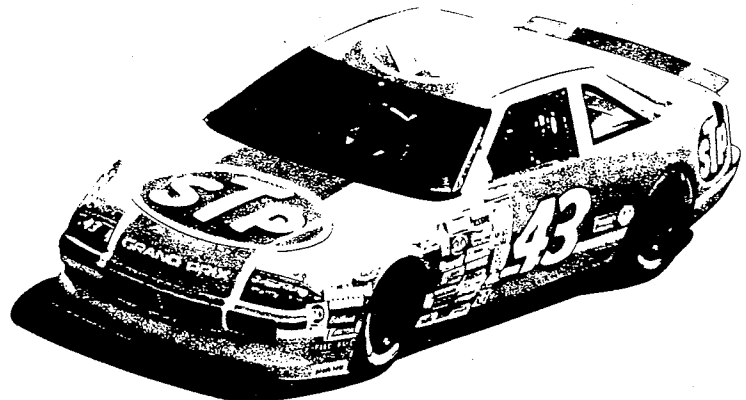
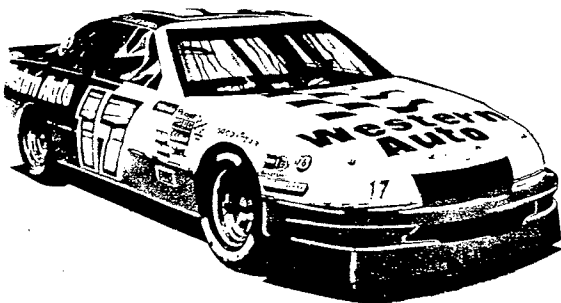
- * March 1, 1992-23rd Annual Collector's Toy show hosted by the Chesapeake Miniature Vehicle Collector's club at the Shrewsbury Fire Hall in Shrewsbury, Pa. from 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
- * March 28, 1992-6th Annual NNL East Model car show sponsored by the Tri-State Model Car Club held at the Parsippany P.A.L. Building, 33 Baldwin Road, off Rte. 46, Parsippany, NJ from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. The theme this year is 25 years of the Firebird & Camaro as well as Light Commercial.
- * April 4, 1992-2nd Annual NNL Mid-Atlantic Model Car Show & Swap Meet held at the Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Department from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. For info, call Jerry Flynn at (301)255-3776.
- * April 11, 1992-Northern Virginia Modelfest 92 sponsored by Northern Virginia IPMS to be held at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department "Flame Room"(?!?), 200 Center Street, Vienna, Va. For further info, contact Peter Espada (703)379-7349, Mike Jackson (703)435-8636 or Bruce Buckner (703)941-8042. The show will include aircraft, armor, figure and diorama classes as well as (5) civilian classes. There will also be vendors, demos and door prizes, so check it out!

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED-Decal sheet and/or kit for 1/24 scale Monogram "Red Baron", Monogram 1969 GTO Judge kit, AMT 1963 Ford Pick-up. Call Dave Johns at 437-1893.

FOR SALE- Majority of personal collection. Call Matt Guilfoyle at 551-6070 for specifics and to place your order!

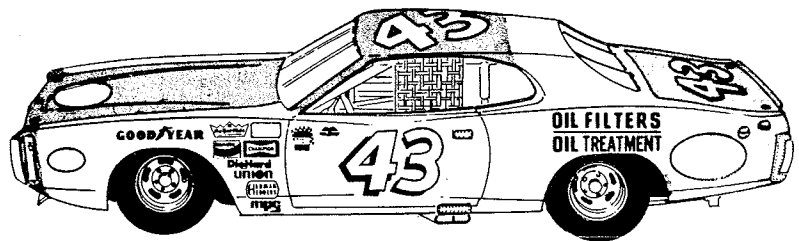
WANTED- Info on the 1972-73 BRE Datsun, especially color photos. Contact Tim Powers at (410)255-3976, or see me at a meeting.



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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Hail to the "King"!

SHOE

By Jeff MacNelly

