

MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: Timothy Sickle

About 44 people were in attendance at the September meeting which had as its highlight an Anniversary Bash. Seems as though the club has been together for four years in September. Over the years, we have evolved into a great bunch of guys (and gals!) who not only unselfishly help each other out by sharing their knowledge and experience, but have gained some notoriety as well! And all this has taken place while we were just havin' fun! I am "pleased as punch" to be associated with this group and to have made the many friends which I have made. And in looking to the future, may I just say let's stick with what has worked so very well for us in the past-don't take ourselves too seriously and keep the politicking to a minimum!

The raffle raised \$79.50 (as well as \$19.00 at the door!). The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Matt Guilfoyle, Gary Sutherlin, Pat "#1 Jeff Gordon Fan" Maphis, Dave & Karen Roehrle, Charlie Scheerer, Chris Whalley, Dave Johns, Harold, Susanne & Mary Bradford, yours truly, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of Md. Special thanks also go to those as shown below:

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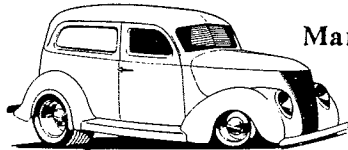
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(Ed. Note: It bears mentioning here that the donation from John at Hobbytown U.S.A., a magnifying work light, was the very first item to go in the raffle! Thanks, John! And the lucky recipient thanks you too!)

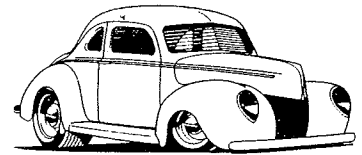
It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465, Sterling, Va. 22170) will be a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up to us to actively patronize Detail Master in appreciation of his continued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

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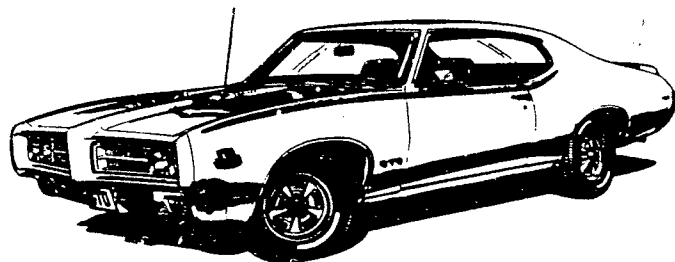
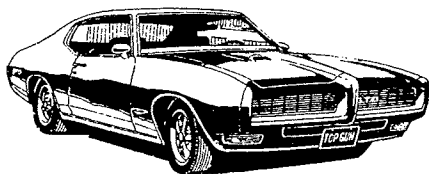
The meeting schedule has been set for the Fall Semester and is as follows (pay attention, 'cause there will be a test on it at the end of this newsletter!): August 15 (In the Barn), September 19 from 12-5, October 17 from 12:30-5:30, November 21 from 12-5, and December 19 from 12-5. All meetings other than August will be in Room K100. Got it? Be there, Aloha!



Maryland Automotive Modelers Association
Treasurer's Report
September 1992



	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Balance on hand, 8/23/92	\$ 1,273.84	
Deposit: Aug. '92 raffle and door receipts	103.50	
Deposit: Sept. '92 raffle, door receipts, and apparel sales	661.40	
Deposit: Additional apparel sales	53.61	
Deposit slip print charge		9.55
Postage: Sept. '92 Newsletter		3.65
June & July '92 meeting room rental: CCC (#123)		120.00
Donation for Hurricane Andrew- Treasure Coast Scale Auto Assoc. (#124)		300.00
Aug. '92 meeting room rental: CCC (#125)		60.00
Club Apparel: Triple J & K, Inc. initial money down (#171)		500.00
TOTALS	2,092.35 <u>993.20</u>	993.20
CURRENT BALANCE	1,099.15	



1969 GTO Judge

The GTO, the Great One, the Goat. The intermediate car with the big engine from Pontiac that started the modern Muscledar movement. Completely restyled in 1968, it was the recipient of the "Coke Bottle" shape that was very prevalent at GM at the time, which made it quite a handsome automobile. However, its price kept increasing while sales were being lost to the recently-released "no frills" Plymouth Roadrunner. Enter the **Judge**. Intended originally as a Roadrunner killer (Ed. Note: Wouldn't "Coyote" have been more appropriate!?) when it hit production,

it was to become the "Ultimate GTO" for 1969. It was supposed to mimic the Roadrunner in the "no frills" department with rubber mats in place of the carpeting, and a lighter curb weight due to the deletion of some of the insulation and sound deadener. Pontiac claimed they were targeting a slightly more upscale buyer with this car than a typical Roadrunner customer, hence the carpeting and the full range of GTO options available. And to top it all off, a name derived from a hit TV show ("Laugh-in"), guaranteed the car immediate attention (as if the Carousel Red paint and "Judge" ID wasn't enough!). AMT has released 1/18 scale diecasts of both this car and a stock '69 GTO. We will look at both here, but concentrate on the Judge.

Let's start off with the box. This car is part of AMT's "American Muscle" series which could account for the huge American flag prominently displayed behind the car. The box correctly identifies the 400 cu. in., 366 hp. Ram Air III V8 (which was the base engine for this car) whereas the stock '69 GTO is listed as being equipped with the stock 400 cu. in., 350 hp. V8. The judge is also identified as having the proper "Carousel Red" finish compared to the '69 GTOs light blue finish.

The car features opening doors and hood. The body lines look pretty good, but are not quite as crisp as they could be. It carries all the requisite Judge striping, and logos on all corners of the car including the emblem on the glove box door (which early Judges did not receive). It has the correct, unique rear deck spoiler, a hood tach, and hidden headlights as well. It has personalized tags that read "GUILTY" (Love that sense of humor, AMT!). The car was finished in the aforementioned Carousel Red and sees pretty smooth and shiny.

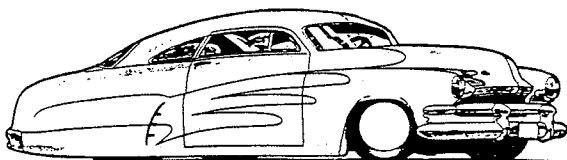
The interior is done in black (the real car was also available in white). It is equipped with a four-speed. The wheels steer from the steering wheel. There are gauge decals present on the dash (and hood tach), as well as smaller woodgrain appliques on the lower dash surfaces. An inside rear view mirror is also present.

The engine is finished in the correct Pontiac Blue and includes the heat riser tube and the ram air foam which seals to the hood as well as the hardware on the hood itself. The engine also has the upper radiator hose as well as heater hoses.

The wheels are the correct Rally IIs but are not quite correct. The Judge came equipped with them, but they did not have trim rings and the wheels were painted charcoal gray and silver not black and silver. The tires are white lettered Firestone F70-14 wide ovals. The lettering appears to be stenciled on and looks pretty good.

The chassis exhibits reasonable detail, displaying pretty good engraving and the standard dual exhausts. The only minor problem here is that you are left with 2 good sized screw holes from where the car was secured to the packaging!

In summation, a nicely done diecast that with a little bare metal foil for the chrome trim, and a little paint touch-up on the wheels would yield a pretty convincing replica of Pontiac's hottest performance offerings. Oh, the holes in the chassis? Unless you turn it over or display it on a mirror, who's gonna notice?!? The price? How 'bout the paltry sum of only \$19.99 (at Toys "Backwards R Us")?! For you Pontiac fans, or even you musclecar fans, a must have! Recommended.

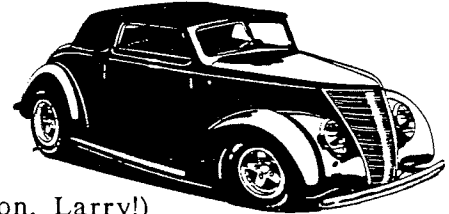
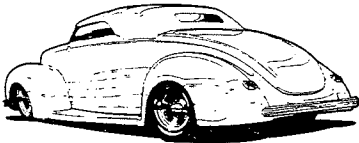


Sneakin' a Peek!

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!

* '72 'Vette Street Machine (AMT #6242): Molded in tan... not "tubbed", merely contains a 9-inch rear w/4 bar suspension....tuned port small block...."smoothie" wheels w/ZR1 35 & 40-series rubber....Supertrapp exhaust system...."U4EA" , "Corvette Fever" plates, "Chevrolet" & "Corvette" drive street signs as well as red "squiggle" graphics.

* "Dinner Bell" Olds(Monogram #2432): Molded in Yellow.... complete Lumina chassis including padded roll bar & shifter (YAY!)...Lumina chrome tree (including Lumina grille!).... "Chevrolet" instead of "Hendrick Motorsports" valve covers.. ...huge, colorful decal sheet.



BITS & PIECES

- * **Food!** (I knew that would get your attention, Larry!) Thanks go out to **Dave and Karen Roehrle** (I think!) for the cake which many of us "pigged out" on at last months meeting. Thanks also to those of you who brought some of the other goodies that showed up to help us celebrate our fourth year "in business"! (Larry, you missed some good food!)
- * **Hurricane relief!** Last month, it was reported here that the Executive Board voted to send a donation of \$300.00 in the club's name to the **Treasure Coast Auto Society** for **Hurricane Andrew** relief. Well, in the October 1992 TCAS magazine, the Treasure Coast crew gratefully acknowledge this contribution from "MAMA's BoyZ". Glad we could help, guys, and keep us informed as to the situation "down there".
- * **Who's that behind those Foster Grants?!** Was that MAMA's Boy **George Openhym** (and family) who appeared in the Oct. 1, 1992 issue of **Winston Cup Scene**? Seems as though they were celebrating when **Darrell Waltrip** won in Pocono earlier this year. How 'bout it, George?
- * **Contest News!** The recently-held **3rd Annual Auto Show** in Havre de Grace, Md. on Sunday September 27 dampened a few spirits (light rain early in the afternoon), but that didn't stop several MAMA's BoyZ from attending. According to reports, three full tables were filled with models for the model car display to overflowing by only three or four members! This worked out for the better, though. With the drizzle outside, the full-size car owners "croozed" the model car display inside and voted for their favorite model. A "People's Choice" award was donated (by our own Pat Maphis!) and in the end, **Lyle Willits** received the nod for his "Hot Rod" '55 Chevy by the narrow margin of 1 vote over **Karl Scheffer's** "Toxic Waste" Mini Truck (the latest Plastic Fanatic Detail Master "Gallery" car!). Congrats to

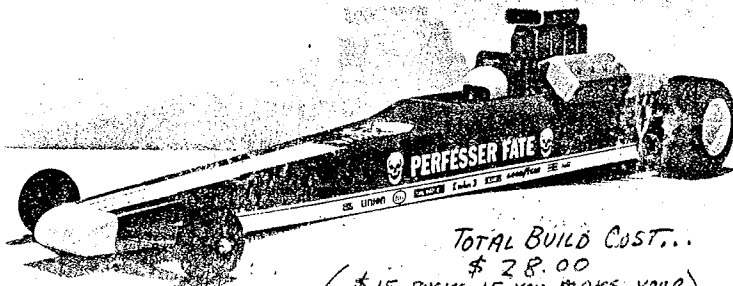
you both!

- * **Credit where it is due!** In connection with the Oakland Roadster Show Diorama, MAMA's Boy **Mike Adams** was recently credited for his contribution in the latest issues of **Scale Auto Enthusiast** and **Scale Wheels**. Waytogo, Mike!
- * **MAMA Plates** are again available from our own **Norm Veber** (a.k.a. Replicas & Miniatures Co. of Md.) for the measly sum of \$8.00 with a portion of this going to the club treasury. So, if you missed 'em last time around, hurry up and get yours while they last (while simultaneously helping out the club!).
- * **Fame!** Another MAMA's Boy, **Tim Powers**, had an article published in the latest issue of **Car Modeler** for his **ZL-1 Camaro**. Other MAMA's BoyZ receiving some notoriety along with Tim include none other than **Larry Boothe** whose **red custom T-Bird** appeared in the latest issue of **The Blueprinter** along with a letter by **Chris Breeze** published in the same issue. Waytogo, guys!
- * **Have you driven a Ford...Lately?** According to the Oct. 8, 1992 issue of **Winston Cup Scene**, the "Bowtie Brigade" fell 25 points behind Ford following **Geoff Bodine's** win at North Wilkesboro and had to concede the 1992 Manufacturers Championship to the "Blue Oval" Boys, a title Chevy had won 9 consecutive years in a row. (Ed. Note: With the 1-2 Ford finish at Charlotte-Mark Martin followed closely by **Alan Kulwicki**, it should be very clear that "The best man won"!)
- * **More contest news!** Word comes to yours truly about the recently completed **Royalfest 92** contest (hope I got all this straight!). **Randy Paschke** garnered **2nd place Pick-up** and **1st Miscellaneous**; **Jim Bray** garnered **1st Drag** and **1st Pro Street**; **Lyle Willits** garnered **1st Factory Stock** and **2nd Custom**. A note here-Lyle's recently-completed **Yenko Chevelle** was apparently not judged because there was some question as to its availability from the factory. On top of this, Lyle almost missed the contest (ask him about this at the meeting!). Oh by the way, the club's resident "**Pain**" (a.k.a. **Steve Mesner**) apparently entered en masse (to the tune of 28 models, I'm told) and I understand he received the **Best Musclicar** award for an unnamed Mopar. Congrats to all of you on a job well done! (Ed. Note: **Lyle**, are you sure those tires are correct on your **Yenko**?!?)
- * **Uncle Sam wants you!** We are losing two of our members who have chosen to serve their country. **Dave Johns** is lost to the **Army** in November while **Chris Bonaiuto** has chosen the **Navy** upon graduation from High School next year. Are you guys sure about this?!?
- * **Viper fans!** Can you handle another book about the **Viper**?!? Well, if you can, **Consumer Guide** has recently published the book titled, "**Viper, Pure Performance by Dodge**". It chronicles the car from the initial design phase up through the production version. It even has an interesting little section on **scale Vipers** from **AMT** and **Revell**. Also of interest are actual pictures of the **Viper** with the **top and side curtains** installed. Suffice it to say that now I know why they haven't shown these pictures sooner!
- * **Diecast Fever!** A recent trip to Toys "Backwards R" Us turned up some interesting items. The new **AMT 1/18 scale** diecasts of the '69 **GTO** and **Judge**, the two **LS6 Chevelles**, the new **Revell 1/18 scale '69 Corvette convertible** and **Acura NSX**. Also spotted were the **Richard Petty "STP" Pontiac** and **Dale Earnhardt "Goodwrench" Lumina 1/18 scale**

diecasts from AMT as well. The regular diecasts are selling for \$18.99 each while the NASCAR diecasts are selling for \$24.99 each. **Good deal!**

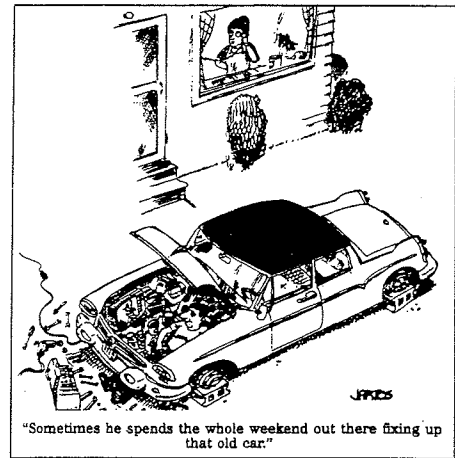
- * **Rubber Power!** 1/10th scale rubber powered dragster! Unbelievable but true-a new hobby is born! Scale free-running dragsters and racing cars. New concept in long duration linear energy rubber power drive! Powerful! No gearing! Long duration power finally solved! Cars run as fast as Radio Control cars! Pushbutton instant power! Fantastic torque! Dragster actually "burns rubber" off the line! 40 to 70 MPH plus speed range! Build it yourself in wood or plastic. Only 5% of the cost of an R/C car! Rail job, scale AA/F dragster plans with new long-duration linear energy rubber power drive concept for long or short-bodied cars, only \$10.00 U.S. funds. Personal checks must clear before shipment. Sound interesting? If so, contact Ed Weber, 2 Dewey Avenue Plainville, CT 06062.

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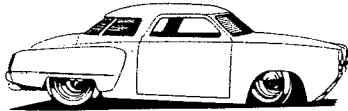
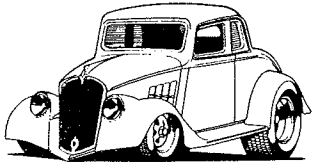


"Sometimes he spends the whole weekend out there fixing up that old car."

- * Oct. 18: Chesapeake Miniature Vehicle Collectors' Club Twenty-Fourth Collectors' Toy Show (Whew!) to be held at Shrewsbury Fire Hall in Shrewsbury, Pa. from 9 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Vendor Space available, admission is \$2.00 (children under 12 free). For info, call Joe Golabiewski (410)592-5854 or Carl Daehnke (717)741-3334.
- * Oct. 25: Second Maryland Toy Vehicle Collectors Show at the Orchard Beach VFD in Pasadena, Md. from 9 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Vendor space available, admission is \$3.00 (children under 6 free). For further info, contact Bay Area Promotions, 1 Seaborne Dr, Pasadena, Md. 21122-4449 (410)437-3763 or (410)788-7776.
- * Nov. 1: Capitol Miniature Auto Collectors Club Fall Meet at the Dunn Loring VFD in Dunn Loring, Va. from 9 A.M.-2 P.M. Vendor space available, admission \$3.00 (children under 12 free). For info, contact James William Brostrom, 6632 Cardinal Lane, Annandale, Va. 22003 (703)941-0373.
- * Nov. 29: 11th Greater York Toy, Racing Memorabilia, Winross, Train Show at Memorial Hall York, Pa. Fairgrounds from 9 A.M.-3 P.M. Vendor space available, admission \$3.00 (children under 12 free). For info, contact Barry (717)845-2458 or Craig (717)848-1180.
- * Dec. 13: 2nd Annual Toy Show at the Fallston VFD at 2201 Carrs Mill Rd, Fallston, Md. from 9 A.M.-2 P.M. Vendor space available, admission \$2.00 (children under 12 free). For info, contact Hobie Howell (410)893-9579 or June/Joe

Livingston (410)877-7644.

* Mar. 27, 1993- 7th Annual NNL East Model Car Show and Cottage Industry Swap Meet sponsored by the Tri-State Model Car Club in Parsippany, NJ. This years theme is Vintage Race Cars, so get crackin'! For info, send a large SASE to John Slivoske, 16 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11218.



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE-Musclecar and Musclicard cards (both singles and sets). Display cards with your built-up musclecar models. \$15.00 per set or \$.25 each, 6 for \$1.00 (King of the Hill cards priced slightly higher). Call Tim Sickle at (301)249-3830 or see me at a meeting.

WANTED-Yenko Deuce "King of the Hill" Musclicard. Contact Tim Sickle (see above).

WANTED-Frame rails for AMT '37 Chevy Coupe (#T166). Contact "Deuce Coupe" Gransee at (402)296-2182.

WANTED-Monogram whitewall inserts w/tires. Also need any info and/or color photos Dracula, Frankenstein, Wolfman, and Mummy (Lemme check-Yeah, this is the Md. Automotive Modelers' Association, Irv!). Contact Irv Arter at 833-9039.

WANTED-60's era slot cars; parts or complete cars. Have plastic or baseball cards to trade. Contact Pat Maphis at (410)569-3236.

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:

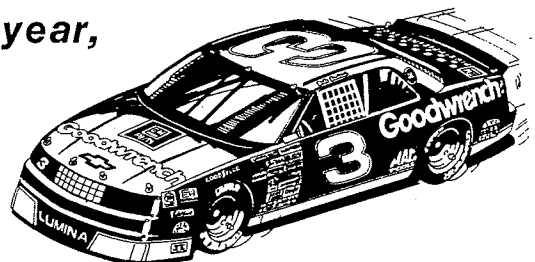
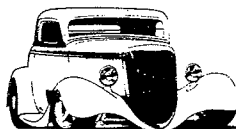
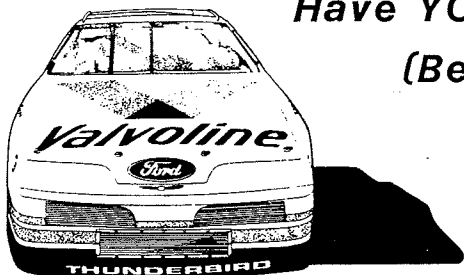
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Congrats to Mark Martin for his win at Charlotte....Waytogo, Mark! Also, congrats to Ford Motor Company for winning the NASCAR Manufacturers Championship over rival Chevrolet.

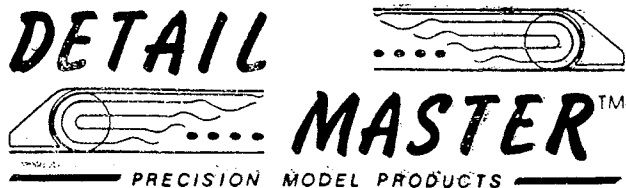
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**(Better luck next year,
Chevy!)**



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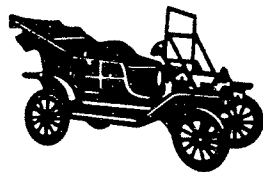


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