



**MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE
MODELERS ASSOCIATION**

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by: Timothy Sickle

About 46 people were in attendance at the November meeting which had as its highlight the infrequent, fashionably late appearance of our own Kelvin "Tubs" Brown and his "better half". Howdy Kelvin!

The raffle raised \$115.00 (as well as \$23.00 at the door!). The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Matt Guilfoyle, Gary Sutherlin, Ron Palmer, Bob Kaplan, Lyle Willits, Nick Sickle, John Mattioli, Irv Arter Jr., Chris Whalley, Brad, Susanne & Mary Bradford, George Openhym, David M. Wheeler, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of Md. Special thanks also go to those as shown below:

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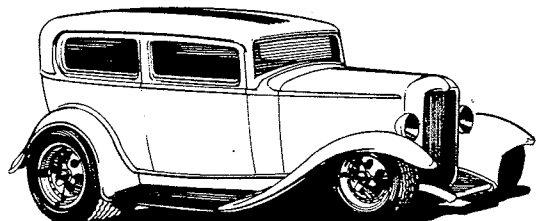
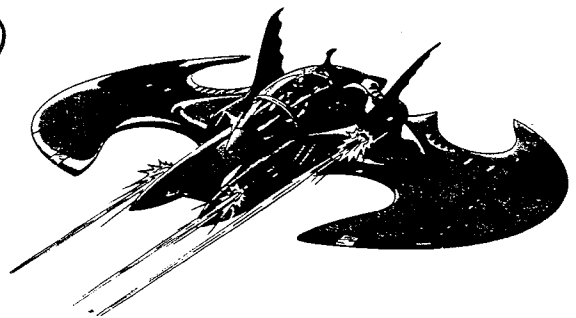
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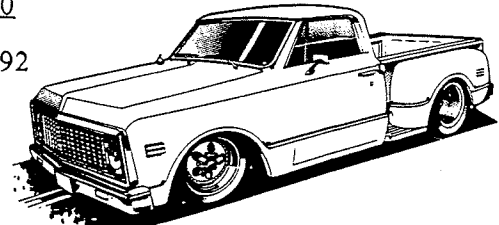
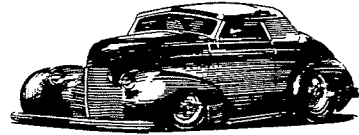
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I HOPE YOU'VE BEEN GOOD MAMA'S
BOYZ (& GIRLZ!). 'SCUSE ME..... I
GOTTA BUZZ OVER TO GOTHAM CITY
AND DROP OFF BRUCE WAYNE'S NEW
PRESCRIPTION
GLASSES!!



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 Treasurer's Report
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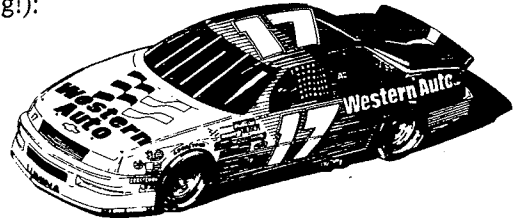
	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Balance on hand, 11/21/92	\$ 819.92	
Deposit: Nov. '92 raffle	115.00	
and door receipts	23.00	
and apparel sales	62.00	
and Norm Veber (sales)	57.00	
and Irv Arter (sales)	10.00	
and T.Sickle/D. Johnson	25.00	
and Matt Guilfoyle (tires)	3.00	
Postage: Nov.'92 Newsletter (cash-T.Sickle)		3.00
Dec. '92 party		100.00
TOTALS	1114.92	103.00
	<u>103.00</u>	
CURRENT BALANCE	1011.92	



**** For Your Information! ****

The meeting dates for 1993 have been set in concrete (super-glue!?!), so here's the rundown (pay attention 'cause there will be a test on this material at the December meeting!):

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| January 16 | July 17 |
| February 20 | August 21 |
| March 27 * | September 18 |
| April 17 | October 16 |
| May 15 ** | November 20 |
| June 19 | December 18 |



All dates are for the third Saturday in room K-100 from 12 PM to 5 PM except:

* this is the last Saturday because the entire campus is being used for the Baltimore County Schools "Mind Games" tournament.

** We will be...guess where...yeah, you got it, in the Barn because our regular room will be in use.

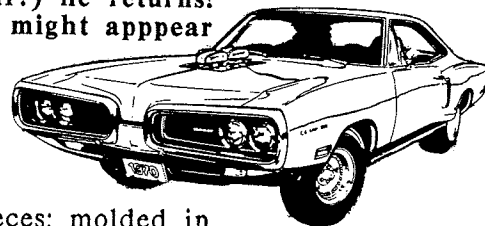
The David Johns Memorial Trivia Contest

This little trivia contest was entirely contrived and set up by our own Dave Johns who sadly is no longer with us (No, he didn't die, he just enlisted in the Army! Remember Dave, it's not just a job-it's an adventure!). Here's the deal- The first club member who either a) gets all the answers for a perfect score or, b) gets the most correct answers will receive (2) mint, unbuil

kits from Dave's personal collection. So come on you trivia nuts, lets get crackin'!

1. What is the license plate number of John Milner's Deuce Coupe in "American Graffiti"?
2. Speaking of "American Graffiti", what was the name of the actor who played John Milner?
3. What type of car gets "dusted" in the opening scenes of the movie "Two Lane Blacktop"?
4. What is the production number of 1965 Z-16 Chevelles?
5. Name the writer (not the singer!) of the song, "Hey Little Cobra".
6. What is the license plate number of the 1955 Porsche in which James Dean met his untimely demise?
7. What is the first production year for Matchbox?
8. In what year was the first Cobra completed?
9. What is the 1992 hp rating of the ZR-1 'Vette?
10. Name the size and type of the single 4-barrel carburetor available from the factory on the '64 GTO.
11. What do the letters "STP" stand for?
12. What engine was utilized in the 1963 Oakland Roadster show winner "Hot Rod" project custom car?
13. Give the weight (excluding driver) of "Swamp Rat I".
14. What is the total production number of 1968 Shelby GT 350 convertibles?
15. How many cars were run by Preston Tucker at Indy in 1935?
16. What is the total production number of 1967 Z28 Camaros?
17. How many cubic inches is the big block in Rod Saboury's 'Vette?
18. In what year did Daytona Speedway officially open?
19. What type of transmission was utilized in 1934 in the Sharp/Mooneyham Ford dragster?
20. What type of engine was utilized in the Bonneville Racing Moonliner?

Ed. Note: Yours truly can take no credit (or flack!) on the responses to this little brain twister since both questions and answers were supplied to me by Dave. If there is some discrepancy, we'll take it up with him when (or if?) he returns! If all goes well (if I can remember!), the answers might appear next month!



1970 Dodge Superbee Pro Street

(AMT #6140; 1/25 scale, one version; 105 pieces; molded in light brown, tan, chrome, clear, clear red, vinyl tires)

1970 Dodge Superbee. The Dodge equivalent to the Roadrunner as well as the Generals cars (GTO, Chevelle SS, Buick GS, and Olds 442). If one can overlook the "distinctive" front end styling, it has what it takes (in spades!) in the go-fast department (where it counted!) with engines ranging from the base 383 up to and including the King Kong 426 Hemi. The Superbee has a slightly longer wheelbase than the Generals cars (resulting in more interior and trunk space), but was priced very competitively being Dodge's version of the highly successful Roadrunner.

AMT has announced two versions of this particular car, a stock version due out in early 1993 and a Pro Street version currently hitting the hobby shops which is the one that I will

address here.

The flash present on the body and a few trees lead me to believe that this is a modified reissue. A quick check of a vintage Auto World catalog did, in fact uncover a 1970 Superbee (#1770) listed by MPC (remember them?) for the paltry sum of \$2.00! One obvious difference would be the hood. The old MPC kit utilized the small scoop with two openings centered on the hood while the latest AMT hood is flat. Before going any further, I shall mention that this kit cannot be built stock without. Enough of the right pieces are missing which would allow the builder to construct and/or kitbash a Replica Stock without some work.

The **body**, as noted above, includes a separate hood which is flat (devoid of any hood scoops molded in or added on), which will need to be cut out (on the scribed lines) for engine clearance. The twin Superbee hood scoops are conspicuous by their absence. a small rear spoiler is also included.

The **engine** of choice (the only choice!) is a tunnel-rammed 426 Hemi (Ed. Note: Those four little letters demand respect!) comprised of comprised of either 22 or 26 pieces depending on the air cleaner option chosen. These include a Weiand-type triangular air cleaner set-up or a velocity stack w/air cleaner set-up. This engine is backed by a 4-speed tranny which is consistent with the large pistol-grip shifter found between the seats. Of particular interest is the well done **DOHC Hemi** (an actual picture of it appears on the side of the box). In reality, this consists of the top end of the engine (cylinder heads, valve covers, single four barrel intake, and fan belt assembly) which mount to the engine in lieu of the stock parts. I applaud the gang at ERTL for including this interesting option to the kit. Also missing for a good Replica Stock version are the stock exhaust manifolds and dual exhaust system, although the factory tailpipe tips are included. ERTL did provide the stock multi-carb oval air cleaner even though it goes unused in this kit. The headers and "shorty" exhaust system are identical to the Pro Street GTX (as is most of the chassis).

The **interior** is tub-style, and consists of 10 pieces. These include a nice pair of Recaro-style buckets (no stock buckets), the stock dash and steering wheel, and a 3 point, 3-piece roll bar.

The **chassis** (which is molded in tan) appears to be lifted directly from the Pro Street GTX with some minor mods to the rear suspension mounting while the body portion is molded in light brown. Changes were also made to the 4-bar rear suspension mounting. Also conspicuous by their absence are wheelie bars of any type (to keep this beast in touch with good ol' Terra Firma!). Firewall and inner fenders attach to the chassis as does the radiator wall (which mounts...drum roll, please!...the radiator!). The radiator keeps this beast cool via 2 radiator hoses (upper and lower). Of note here is the presence of the stock rear end and leaf springs.

The **wheels** are identical to the Pro Street GTX, being a Centerline-type wheel (big and bigger). The big news here is the inclusion of.....drum roll, please.....a **new set of tires!** Specifically, big and bigger Mickey Thompson Sportsman S/S tires which look to be very nicely done! I can forsee many people buying this kit just to get those tires for their Pro Streeter, Rod or whatever!

The **decal sheet** includes both black and white Superbee stripes and emblems, "Mopar Muscle" and "KILLERB" Georgia tags, as well as a "Mickey Thompson Performance tires" decal.

The **instructions** are good in the typical AMT fashion in that they identify all parts by name. No painting suggestions are

given for the body due to the colorful nature of Pro Street machines, so the builder is on his own here.

This kit is an interesting addition to your Pro Street line-up, especially with the new Mickey Thompson tires. The lack of stock parts is not a problem, since the stock Superbee is scheduled to arrive in May. I can't wait!

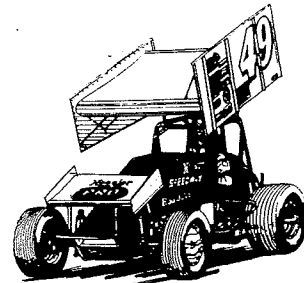
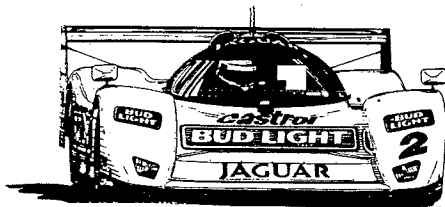
Making that troublesome grass for dioramas:

On a particular project that required a large area of scale grass, I spent weeks wracking my brains to come up with something that would look more realistic than the flat expanse of HO Railroad-supplied materials that is most common.

I remembered reading about making weeds out of fishing fly material and went to a local sports center and realized that most of the "weed" looking material was nothing more than deer tails in a bag. Well, if deer fur worked for weeds I reasoned, why not a bigger fur for a full lawn?

I eagerly purchased a yard of fake fur at a Cloth store, making sure it looked like real fur with tan and brown in it. Cutting off what I needed, I was able to shear it down in the same manner that a Barber cuts hair-by lacing the flat of my hand under the material and laying the scissors flat on top and cutting off the excess length. The beauty of this is that you get a very heavy coverage, and you can clip it in such a manner as to have high and low spots giving you the appearance of how grass really grows, at different rates. You can take the left over trimmings and make them into bunches of longer, dried weeds, or sprinkle it on top to simulate dried, cut grass.

by: Chris Breeze



BITS & PIECES

- * **Food!** Thanks go out to **Dave and Karen Roehrle and Rex Turner** for the brownies and cookies which we "demolished" at last months meeting!
- * **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!).
- * **Membership cards** are now available from yours truly. Send me an SASE (if you can't wait!) or just catch me at an upcoming meeting for your membership card which identifies you to hobby shop owners as a member in good standing of "**MAMA's BoyZ**".
- * **Ed "Big Daddy" Roth fans!** The Surfite build-up which Lyle did for Norm will be raffled off at the November meeting to some lucky raffle ticket holder. Norm plans to sell \$100.00 worth of tickets with **all** revenue going into the club treasury. So, c'mon guys lets dig deep and buy some tickets and support "our gang" simultaneously!

- * **New Stuff!** Most of the new offerings from the "Little Three" auto makers were detailed in last months newsletter, but additional info has become available with regard to Revells latest. In **January** they will release the **McDonalds Funny Car** and **dragster** as a set; In **February** they will release a '93 **Trans Am (Snaptite)** and a **40th Anniversary 'Vette**; in **March** how 'bout **Sting Ray III** and a '93 **Z28 (Snaptite)**; in **April** a **Caprice Police Car (Snaptite)** (Ed. Note: Anybody got **Cap'n Ahabs phone number?!?**) along with the beautiful **Nazca M12**; and finally in **August** a **Mazda Miata** and of course "**Christine**" (which you were all aware of last month. Sounds like another busy year in 1993!
- * **MAMA shirts!** Anyone interested in **MAMA shirts (Polo and Teel)**, boy have we got a deal for you! We currently have extra shirts available for sale. We only have two T-shirts left from our order, 1 large and 1 X-large. As far as polo shirts go, we have 1 medium, 4 large, and 4 X-large. If you are interested, see **Matt Guilfoyle** at an upcoming meeting.
- * **Contest news!** Results are in from the **Southwest Challenge "deep in the heart o' Texas"**. Our own "fearless leader" **Larry Boothe** walked off with **Best Red Car (a.k.a. Best Custom)**, while his "fearless sidekick" **Kevin Brown** copped **Best Orange Car" (a.k.a. Best Street Machine)**. Way to go, guys!
- * **FYI** I am saddened to report the death of a legendary personage on September 19th of this past year (gimme a break guys, it was just brought to my attention!). The person of which I am speaking is none other than that painter extraordinaire **Von Dutch**. Ranked right up there with guys like **Barris, Jeffries, Starbird** he will be sorely missed. Thanks to **Brad** for this info.
- * **TCSAS news!** Our club recently received a letter from the guys down in Florida detailing their fundraising efforts to aid the victims of **Hurricane Andrew**. They seem to have everything well in hand and reiterated their heartfelt thanks for our generous donation towards this effort. What are friends for?
- * **Not-so-good news Dept.** Seems as though a local hobby shop owner, **Roy Dwyer** of **Squadron Shop** has been hospitalized and is in intensive care. Hopefully everyone got to sign the card which was sent to him. Our prayers go out to **Roy** and his family. (Ed. Note: Late word reaches me that **Roy** is resting comfortably at home and gets into the "Shop" occasionally. This is truly good news as **Roy** is an active **MAMA supporter!**)
- * **IPMS.** Huh? Seems as though our founding father, **Norm Veber** was interviewed in the latest issue of the **IPMS Journal**. The subject, I am told, is working with resin. Congrats, **Norm!**
- * **Recognition!** **Larry Boothe** read a letter at last month's meeting from **Mark Gustavson** regarding the card **MAMA's BoyZ** sent to him. Seems as though he was rather surprised that we knew of his illness. Well **Mark**, guess you could say that "**We heard it through the Grapevine!**" And come now **Mark!** "**Lunatics?**" Too kind. How 'bout "**Maniacs?**"!?
- * **NNL Sign-up.** That Show of all Shows, our Annual **NNL** is fast approaching. I don't need to remind you of the time and effort involved in pulling off a successful show. AS I write this, the effort is underway. We still need any help that we can get. Consequently, **sign-up sheets** will be

available at our monthly meetings up until the show. So, show your support by signing up and showing up!

- * **New Hobby Shop!** Yours truly recently received a flyer from Davidson's Hobbies & Collectibles, Inc. They carry diecast, Winross, Matchbox, Racing Champions, ERTL, Models, banks, racing cards, comics, and trains. Their address is 20 A Liberty Road, Sykesville, MD 21784 (410)549-1158. If you are in the area, drop in and check 'em out!
- * **SS/AA!** No, for you drag racers, it don't mean "Super Stock A Automatic". It means **Super Stock/Authentic AutoModels**. They are marketing several neat items including (but not limited to) a 1965 Plymouth Belvedere I Super Stock factory race car. It is an original scratchbuilt item (not a modified, recast one) which includes stock or Super Stock hood (specify), grille, bumpers, body shell, and interior pieces including dash, door panels, and seats. The kit requires a B-body Mopar kit to complete it and it costs \$50.00. Also available are resin cast engine kits which include: 426 Hemi Super Stock Engine, a nitro quad cam drag race engine, a 392 blown fuel drag race engine, a Chrysler Slant 6 (!), a 383 Magnum B-engine, and a B1. Your choice of kit will cost \$16.00 and include scratchbuilt, and (until now) unavailable parts, separate drive belts, and multi-piece fans photo-etched in .005 stainless steel. Their address is 3315 Masthead Cres., Mississauga, Ontario, , L5L, 1G9, Canada.



COMING EVENTS

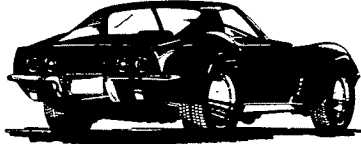
- * Mar. 27, 1993- 7th Annual NNL East Model Car Show and Cottage Industry Swap Meet sponsored by the Tri-State Model Car Club in Parsippany, NJ. This years theme is Vintage Race Cars, so get crackin'! For info, send a large SASE to John Slivoske, 16 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11218.
- * Apr. 3, 1993- 3rd Annual Mid-Atlantic NNL Model Car Show & Swap Meet sponsored by MAMA's BoyZ in Pasadena, Md. at the Orchard Beach VFD. This years theme is Open Wheel Race Cars (anything without fenders!), so let's get crackin' guys! Swap meet space available at \$15.00 per table. Contact Jerry Flynn at (410)255-3776.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE-Musclecar and Musclec card 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" Musclec card. Contact Tim Sickle (see above).

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



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



WANTED-'60 Pontiac Catalina or Bonneville, unbuilt or built (but restorable). Purchase or trade possible. Contact Tim Sickle at (301)249-3830.

WANTED-the following kits: '68 Dodge Coronet hdtip, '69 Coronet conv (Mission Impossible), '70 Challenger, '71 Challenger, '70 Barracuda, '63-'67 Furys, and '63-'67 Chrysler Imperials & 300's; Promos; '67, '69, & '70 Plymouth Barracudas, '63-'67 Chrysler Imperials & 300's, and '63-'67 Plymouth Furys. Contact Joe Grof at 10525 Crescendo Ct., Cincinnati, OH 45242-4323 or call either (513)792-0028 or 1-800-727-1919 ex. 4583. Thanks!

FOR SALE-Model kits (both built & unbuilt). Call Nick at (410)488-9045 for further details.

Don't know what to get that "Special Someone" for Christmas? Novel idea here if you will permit me- a hobby-related item (models, paint, sandpaper, etc.). And where do you go for these items? Well, it just so happens that

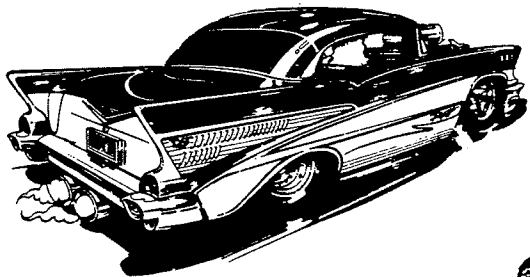
▷ FAMILY HOBBIES ◁

is having a sale! Yes, that's right! 15% off for the month of December for MAMA members! So hurry on down as they only have so much stock for this sale!

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:

Timothy C. Sickle
15905 Ark Court
Bowie, Maryland 20716
(301)249-3830

Norman F. Veber
317 Roosevelt Ave., S.W.
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061
(301)768-3648



WELL GUYS, I GUESS IT'S A WRAP FOR ANOTHER MONTH!

