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**MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE
MODELERS ASSOCIATION**

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by: Timothy Sickle

About 63(!) people were in attendance at the November meeting (Ed. Note: I believe that we have set an all-time attendance record with that figure!) which had as its highlight our Christmas Gala (a.k.a. "Stuff yer face!"). Much good food was readily available for those in attendance. Thanks are to be extended to anyone and everyone who brought a dish of any kind to share with your friends in the club at this special time of year. Another definite highlight of the meeting was our somewhat late "Toys for Tots" drive. Before going any further, it should be noted here that one of our club's supporters, **Wheels Hobby Shop** in Frederick donated 10 **snap kits** to the cause upon hearing about our little effort. Everyone involved should give themselves a big pat on the back because I am told that we collected about \$400.00 of toys for those less fortunate than us. We will get an early start next year (After some minor problems, the toys made it to the Marines! **Thanks, Jenny!**) to get the toys collected in a more timely fashion! Another first at this meeting was the absence of **Norm Veber**- says he had a paying job to finish! (He's sure got his nerve!). **We missed ya, Norm!**

Before going any further, it should be noted that there is a **schedule change** for the month of March. The original date (Mar. 27) is, as some of you sharp-eyed readers will note, the same day as **NNL East**. Hence, Mr. Matt managed to get the date for the March meeting changed to **Mar. 13** which will not only allow us to get in one last executive board meeting prior to our **NNL**, but we can also match up drivers and riders for the trek to beautiful downtown New Joisey for **NNL East**.

The raffle raised \$145.50 (as well as \$51.00 at the door!). It should be noted here that included in the December raffle total was \$20.00 from George Openhym and \$20.00 from Lyle Willits. The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: **Matt Guilfoyle, Nick Sickle, Irv Arter Jr., Chris Whalley, Brad and Susanne, Rex Turner, Pat Maphis, George Openhym, Tony and Chris Shanko, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of Md.** Special thanks also go to those as shown below:

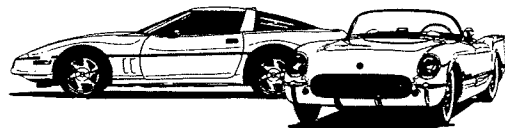
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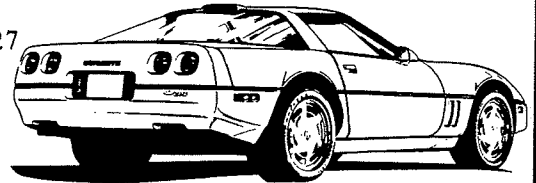
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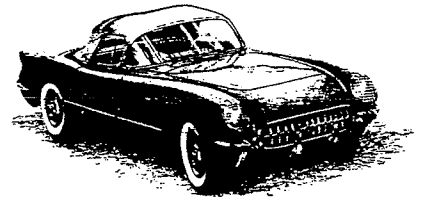
	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
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and door receipts	51.00	
and apparel sales	14.70	
and G. Openhym (sales)	20.00	
and L. Willits (food donation)	10.00	
Dec. '92 Party		21.60
Post Office Box #716 renewal		7.25
CCC room K-100 Rental (9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19)		240.00
TOTALS	1223.12	268.85
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CURRENT BALANCE	954.27	



**** 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 13 * | 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 was changed from the last Saturday because that date conflicts with NNL East which is heavily attended by our club.

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

(I KNOW IT AIN'T A SPEEDSTER,
 BUT IT'S AS CLOSE AS I COULD COME!)



Callaway Corvette Speedster

(Monogram #2958; 1/24 scale; 1 version; 108 pieces; Green, smoked clear, clear red, chrome, vinyl tires)

At the risk of unintentionally offending some Ford fans, Reeves Callaway could be considered the Carroll Shelby of the nineties, although there are some obvious differences. Carroll Shelby virtually mass-produced killer sports cars and ground-pounding Mustangs (Ed. Note: How nice of you to notice, Lyle!) that were available to anyone with a darn good salary. Callaway

produces a limited volume of highly reworked, exotic Corvettes and to obtain one, a darn good salary won't even come close. Perhaps being a close, blood relative to someone named Trump or Perot may be helpful.

The Speedster is unique with its cut-down windscreen and side windows and special deck panel. If any of the **ten (10) Speedsters** sold are ever driven, it had better be on a warm, sunny day as there is no provision for a roof. Imagine paying \$150,000 for a car and you don't even get a roof! Personally, I would opt for the "Standard" Callaway Twin-Turbo Coupe (!?) at **ONLY \$82,500**.

The Monogram model is directly scaled from the first prototype Twin-Turbo Speedster (serial #000) down to and including the Connecticut experimental test license plate on the decal sheet. The only obvious difference on the ten production Speedsters was the addition of standard Corvette side mirrors. Now, let's get small!

Body: When you open the box you will see green-not the Lime Green Pearl color on the box art but rather a strange, unearthly green which you may have only seen after a three-day beer binge in College! Picture **Gumby** with a liver disease! **Bottom line-paint this puppy!** The color aside, Monogram produced a well-detailed, crisply molded body. All of the unique Callaway air ducts and fender vents are molded open which is a nice feature. From the cowl forward it is a rerun of the '85 Corvette which is still fairly correct. Missing from the kit are the rubber gaskets that extend down from the hood scoops to seal the turbo intercoolers. These could easily be made from sheet plastic or even real foam rubber. The underhood frame structure is again, from the '85 'Vette. The rear fascia has the word, "CALLAWAY" correctly indented. The unique one-piece tail light lenses in clear red are provided and the rear "bumper" has the correct notch for the center-mounted exhaust tips. The smoked glass wraparound windscreen is correct but this also means that **all** of the other glass pieces (back-up lights, turn/running lights, etc.) are also "smoked". Maybe with some chrome foil behind the lights and clear amber and red paints, they will be OK. The thick rubber grommet molded along the top of the windscreen is an air deflector. Monogram incorrectly instructs the builder to paint this gloss black. Small clip-on type side view mirrors are provided although these were not on the real prototype when photographed. Perhaps they were added **before** Otis Chandler took delivery (Will Otis Chandler ever run out of **space** or **money**!?!). You will have to pirate stock mirrors from another kit to model a production Speedster.

Interior: The interior is straight out of the Monogram '92 'Vette kit. Although Callaway re-covers the interior pieces in **Connolly leather** (for \$15,000), he closely follows the stock patterns, so the kit pieces are still fairly correct. For the detail fanatics in the audience, two small Callaway items will need to be added by the builder just under the engraved radio controls-a **small** turbo boost gauge to the left and a **small** rectangular serial number plate to the right. If you are not taking your model to Salt Lake, forget these additions.

Chassis: Monogram must be commended for modifying the old '85 chassis tool to make it correct for a Callaway by re-engraving the rear portion and eliminating the spare tire well (A spare tire is **another** item not available for \$150K). The absent tire well allows room for the center-exit exhaust system which is faithfully reproduced in the kit. The rest of the well-detailed chassis and suspension components are standard 'Vette issues. The Callaway wheels are beautifully reproduced on the chrome tree.

For the correct aluminum finish, apply one coat of water-based acrylic flat clear to the center caps and two coats to the rest of the wheel. Although all Callaway Corvettes run on **Bridgestone RE71 run-flat tires** (hence, no spare!), Monogram provides standard Goodyear VR40's.

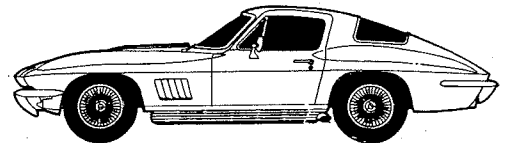
Engine: The heart of the Callaway consists of 32 pieces. The basic 350 TPI is reissued from the '85 'Vette which then receives all of the well-detailed twin-turbo related parts. Additional underhood items such as coolant tanks, A/C, master cylinder, five-piece radiator assembly, and air duct hoses are all there. The correct Mobil and Champion decals are even provided for the intercoolers.

With only minor concessions to tooling costs, Monogram has produced a very accurate model of a special 'Vette that most of us "normal" Earthlings will never see, in person.

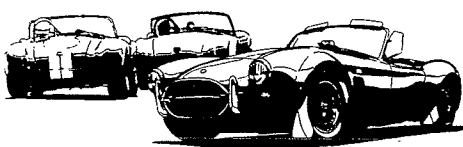
If you are not afraid to practice plastic surgery, without a license, the rear deck section can be removed from the Monogram '92 'Vette and directly inserted into the Callaway body after removing the same section. Add the standard windshield and side mirrors from the '92 to produce an accurate model of the "more common" Callaway Twin-Turbo. "Local" newsletter readers can look on the display table to see what this conversion looks like-if I can remember to bring it to the meeting!

Reference Sources:

1. Automobile magazine-April 1991
2. Muscle Cars of the 60's/70's-July/Aug 1992
3. Vette magazine-January 1993



by: Lyle "Yes, I know a Callaway can't beat a 427 Cobra" Willits



(Like this, Lyle?)



1972 "Pro Street" Corvette

(AMT #6242; 1/25 scale; one version; 100 pieces; molded in tan, chrome, clear, clear red, vinyl tires)

The instructions would have you believe that this car is "tubbed out" in the latest Pro Street fashion. Unfortunately, the box art, which refers to this car as a "Street Machine", is more correct. That aside, let's get on with it.

This kit appears to be knocked off of AMT's earlier '70 ZR-1 and '72 Corvettes, so we will concentrate on the differences.

The engine is a nice 23-piece Tuned Port Injected small block. There are two sets of valve covers-a pair of stock 'Vette valve covers and finned custom set. The engine is topped off with the aforementioned Tuned Port Injection unit (which is chrome). This unit also has a nice throttle body/air cleaner unit hanging off the front of it. Spent gases have to go somewhere, and that is handled by what appear to be Sanderson-style shorty headers (Ed. Note: These bad boys definitely will not be painted Chevrolet Engine Red as the instructions suggest!). This in turn, is routed through a dual Supertrapp exhaust system which I believe is lifted directly from the '55 Chevy Step side pickup.

The chassis is the major highlight of this kit. The rear end is not "tubbed out". In place of the stock Corvette Independent

rear suspension (IRS, for short) we find a nine-inch Ford third member hooked to a 4-bar suspension. This assembly is eight pieces (including the rear discs) and looks pretty good. There also was some work done to the floor pan in this area. The round spare tire carrier has been replaced with a box-like affair which I believe is meant to represent the underside of a fuel cell.

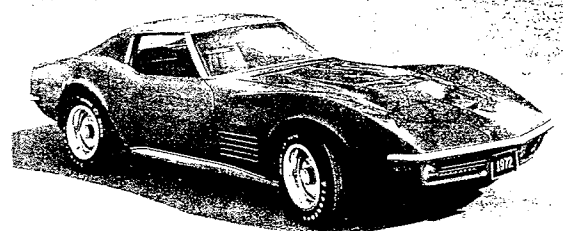
The interior is straight out of the 1972 Vette. The dash, interior bucket, seats and shifter remain unchanged. The radio face is still supplied in decal form which is good. The guys at AMT have included a new steering wheel (Le Carra, to be exact!) which pretty much completes the interior.

The wheels of choice look like a "smoothed out" version of the Corvettes wheel from the 1984 model year with a smooth cap over the center to hide those ugly lug nuts. These guys mount onto AMTs big 'n bigger Goodyear ZR35 and ZR40 series gumballs lifted from their ZR-1 kit.

The decals have been mildly redone, including the aforementioned Radio face decal, as well as "Chevrolet" and "Corvette Drive" signs. Added to this we have some red "squiggle" graphics for the side of the car as well as some California "U4EA" license plates.

The instructions are of the typically excellent variety that we have come to expect from AMT. Of note here is the decided lack of Factory color combinations. But this is OK because as AMT duly notes in these instructions, "Pro Street car components are generally colorfully custom painted by their owners. Therefore, parts which have no colors given may be painted to suit your taste". If you think about it, with regard to the latest Pro Street craze, AMT could have deleted color call outs in the entire sheet what with the monochrome paint jobs extending to the engine compartments (and engines themselves!).


So with the exception of the "Pro Street" misnomer in the instructions (applied by Randy Riggs, Editor of 'Vette' magazine) seemingly in direct conflict with the "Street Machine" moniker on the box art, this kit will add more possibilities to our scale stables. Seems to me that I can recall a certain '70-'72 big block-powered Corvette terrorizing the Super Stock ranks some time ago. This kit might just provide the basic "raw material" to make that car "do-able" in 1/25 scale. Whadaya think?



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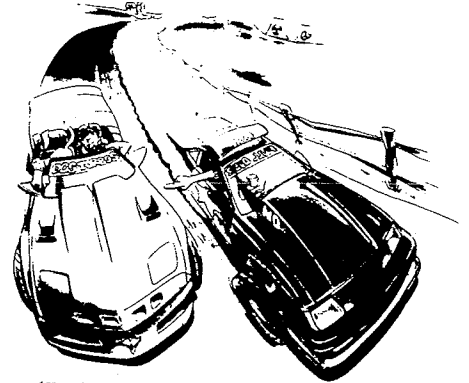
- * Food! Special thanks again go out to Brad, Susanne, and Mary Bradford for the meat platter prepared by them, and to everyone else who brought not only a dish of some type to share, but to those who also brought along a toy for our "Toys for Tots" drive which netted about \$400.00 worth of toys for needy boys (and girls!). Hope Santa was good to Y'all!
- * MAMA Plates are still 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 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**".
- * **Permanent membership cards!** Anyone interested in sealing their membership cards in plastic? If so and things work out as planned, **Harry Charon** will be doing just that at the January (and maybe even the February meeting, too!). Be there! Aloha!
- * **ID cards!** For those of you interested in having a card to hand out to people, How 'bout something similar to that pictured below? If interested, see **Ron Roberts** at an upcoming meeting.

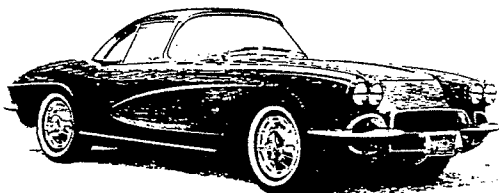


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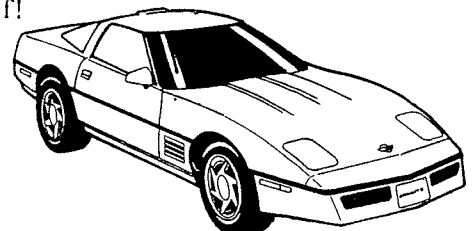
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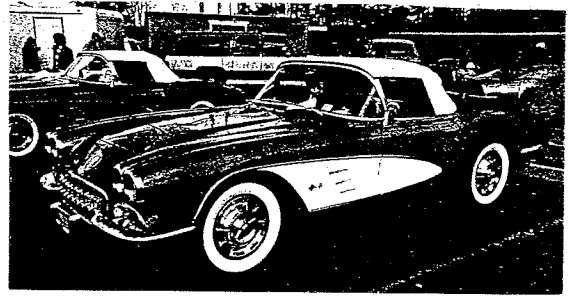


- * **MAMA shirts!** Anyone interested in MAMA shirts (Polo and Teel), boy have we got a deal for you! We currently have extra shirts available for sale. We only have two T-shirts left from our order, 1 large and 1 X-large. As far as polo shirts go, we have 1 medium, 4 large, and 4 X-large. If you are interested, see **Matt Guilfoyle** at an upcoming meeting.
- * **Contest news!** News comes to yours truly about the recently held **Three Rivers Automodelers Annual Show**. According to their latest newsletter, one **Kelvin Brown** was nice enough to leave the Street Rod guys alone while at the same time attacking the Street Machine guys (With a certain Orange Chrysler!) with a vengeance, reportedly snagging **Best Mopar** and **Best in Show** Congrats, Kell!
- * **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!
- * **Norm "Bubble Free" Veber!** Seems as though our founding father (a.k.a. "Dad") was again recently written up, this time in the **LIARS Club** newsletter (Dec. 92). Contained therein were some of Norm's newest items such as the '87-'88 **NASCAR T-Bird kit**, **Pick-up Truck bed rails**, **snow tires**, and his '59 **Caddy photoetch detail set**. Their investigative reporter even managed to snap a picture of Norm's **Top Secret facility-Judge** for yourself!



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(A picture is worth a thousand words, eh?)

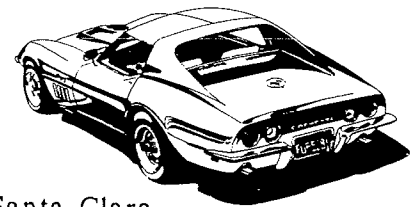
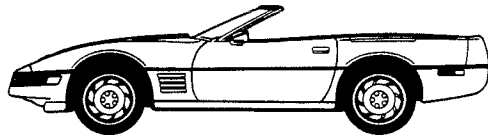
- * **Hot Rod Model Car Contest!** Yeah, gang they are on again in 1993. As in the past, to attend the 1993 national contest to be held in Cincinnati, OH on January 7-9, 1994, one must cop a **Best in Show** award at an AMT/Hot Rod Magazine Regional model car contest. Our "Regional" event will be held on **March 12-14, 1993** at the World of Wheels held at the DC Armory. So let's get busy gang!
- * **LH Promos!** The Brookfield Collector's Guild (16312 West Glendale Dr., New Berlin, WI 53151) is presently offering 2 of the 3 LH sedans, these being the **Dodge Intrepid** and the **Chrysler Concorde**. The cars feature opening doors (all 4), hood and trunk and are 1/24th scale diecast. A line to the above address is all it takes or, credit card orders can be made by simply calling 1-800-236-0611. Thanks to **Vice Pres Tim Powers** for the scoop!
- * **Bat-Fans!** Anyone out there in MAMALand interested in a 1/25 scale resin TV series **Batmobile**?!? Well, **Tony Mariano** (T & T Productions, 64 Lowell Rd., Pepperell, MA 01463 (508)433-8592 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. E.S.T.) has got you covered! Cost is \$45.00 + \$3.00 shipping (**Money Orders only!**). So, get out of your **Bat-workshops** and pick up your **Batphone** and order one up if you are so inclined! See you next month, same **Bat-time**, same **Bat-channel!** (Thanks again to **Tim Powers** for the info. He also has ordered one, so we should be able to see his shortly!).
- * **60-mile traffic jams!** Heavy Holiday traffic resulted in jams of up to 60 miles on German roads on or about Dec. 26 and icy conditions caused accidents that killed 5 people. The longest backup was on the Autobahn between Frankfurt and Wuerzburg, stopping drivers for hours. Other south-bound traffic was backed up between Nuremburg and Munich for 24 miles. There also were serious troubles on highways between Munich and Salzburg, in Austria, and between Munich and the Alpine ski resort of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. (This little tidbit appeared in the Dec. 28 edition of the **Prince George's Journal**).
- * **Mopar Muscle!** For anyone who hasn't seen the latest issue of **Scale Auto Enthusiast** (Feb. 93), it is a special Mopar issue. And it seems as though two of our members, **Kelvin Brown** and **Dave Roehrle** are featured. Kelvin's **Pro Street 300** had an article written on it by **Rick Hanmore** while Dave's "Pro Fin" 60 Desoto appeared in the **Enthusiasts Gallery**. **Waytogo, guys!**
- * **Vintage Race cars.** That is the theme for **NNL East** this year. Thought you all might like to know what constitutes a "Vintage race car". Quite simply, it is a vehicle (replica or fictitious) that would have raced at least 20 years ago (1974). That definition comes straight out of the **NNL East flyer**. Jus' thought you might like to know!

* **Bad roads!** 'Overdrive' magazine published results of a survey to find the 10 worst roads in the country. Listed below are their findings:

<u>Highway</u>	<u>% of Nominations</u>
1. I-95 in New York	6.8
2. Pennsylvania Turnpike	6.3
I-80 in Pennsylvania (tie)	6.3
4. I-84 in New York	3.2
5. I-81 in New York	2.8
6. I-20 in Louisiana	2.4
7. I-10 in Louisiana	2.3
8. I-80 in Illinois	2.1
9. New Jersey Turnpike	2.0
10. I-5 in California	1.7



A quick glance at the chart shows that the "right" coast has the dubious distinction of holding down 6 of the top ten spots. At the same time, anyone having made the trip to Toledo will notice that, as they have suspected, the Pennsylvania Turnpike ain't no picnic!

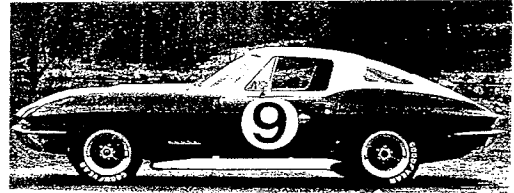
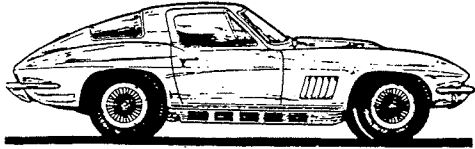


COMING EVENTS

- * Jan. 17- West Coast Model Expo '93 held at the Santa Clara Convention Center from 10 AM-3PM featuring a 1/43 scale corner, Manufacturer's row, and 120 vendor tables. So, if you are on vacation (or hit the Lottery!), check 'em out!
- * Jan. 23- Scale Model Show & Sale sponsored by the Wakefield RECenter from 9 AM-3 PM. \$2 admission charge (kids under 12 free), over 100 vendor tables available to browse. For info, call (703)321-7082.
- * Feb. 7- Third MD Toy Vehicle Collectors Show. For info, send SASE to Bay Area Promotions, 1 Seaborne Dr., Pasadena, MD 21122-4449.
- * Mar. 12-14- World of Wheels Auto Show & '93 Regional Hot Rod Mag Model Car Contest held at the D.C. Armory.
- * 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.
- * Apr. 23-25- 14th Annual GSL International Model Car Championship in Salt Lake (of course!). For info, send (2) .29 stamps to GSL XVI, 1348 Longdale Dr., Sandy, UT 84092.
- * June '93 (exact date unknown)- 1993 AMS National Convention held in Allentown, Pa.
- * June '93 (exact date unknown)- Late, Great Chevrolet National Convention to be held in Richmond, Va. will feature All '58-'64 Chevy. cars & trucks (Stock, custom, Pro Street, Vettes, Drag cars, etc.).
- * June 4-6-NSRA Street Rod Nationals East at the York Fairgrounds in York, Pa.

- * July 23-25- Parts Plus Super Chevy Show held at Maple Grove Raceway in Mohnton, Pa.
- * Sept. 11, 12- Parts Plus Super Chevy Show held at Old Bridge Raceway in Englishtown, NJ.

(Ed. Note: A couple of shows listed have no dates listed with them. When the info is available, it will be passed on, and you can take dat to da bank!)



CLASSIFIEDS

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

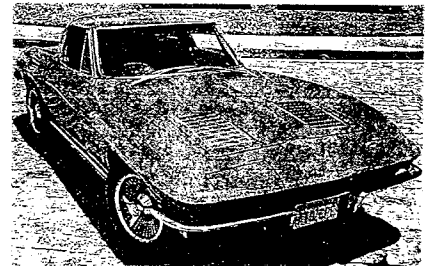
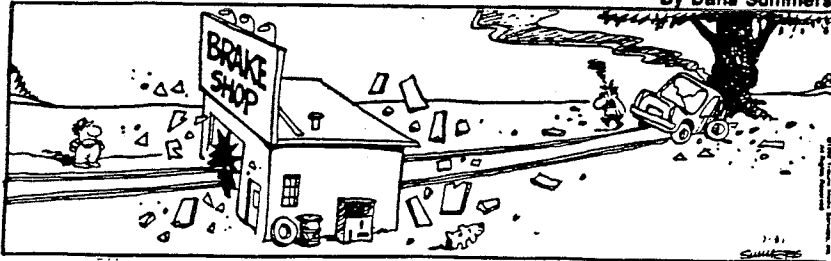
WANTED-60's era slot cars; parts or complete cars. Have plastic or baseball cards to trade. Contact Pat Maphis at (410)569-3236.

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

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

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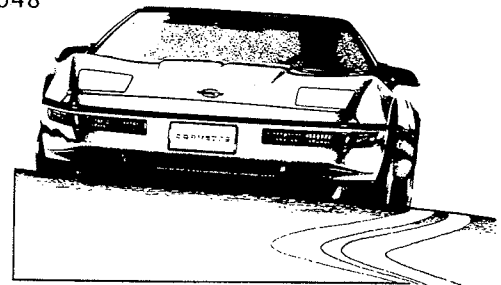
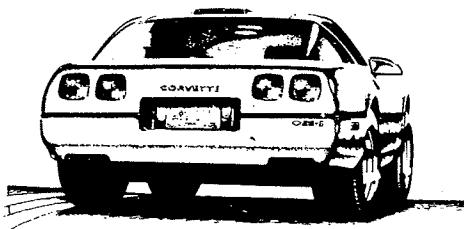
By Dana Summers



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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BROWNIES: BREAKFAST OF MARYLAND MODELLING CHAMPIONS.