

MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: Timothy Sickle

About 69(!) people were in attendance at the January meeting (Ed. Note: I believe that we have just broken our all-time attendance record of 63 people set at the December meeting!) which had nothing in particular as a highlight (although the appearance of Gary McNutt was a pleasant surprise!). Nice to see ya, Gary!

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.

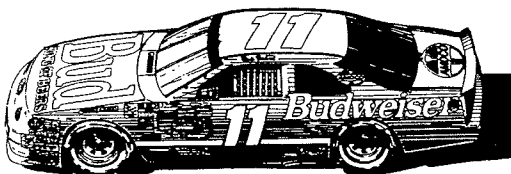
The raffle raised \$131.50 (as well as \$31.00 at the door!). It should be noted here that included in the January raffle total was \$14.50 in apparel sales. The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Matt Guilfoyle, Nick Sickle, Irv Arter Jr., Brad and Susanne, Gary McNutt, Larry Boothe, Gary Sutherlin, and Replicas and Miniatures Co. of Md. Special thanks also go to those as shown below:

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IS DALE
"THE INTIMIDATOR"
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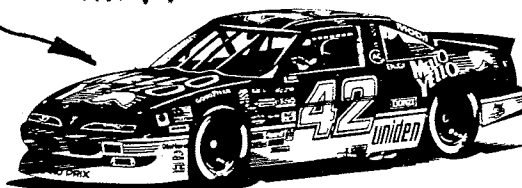
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RACIN'!



KYLE PETTY- THERE'S
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HIM!

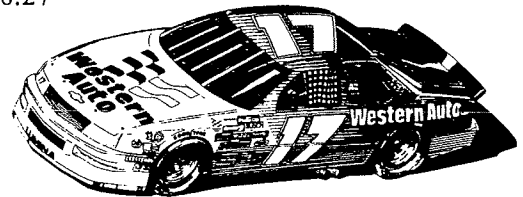


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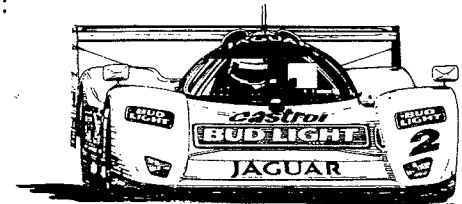
	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Balance on hand, 1/16/93	\$ 954.27	
Deposit: Jan. '93 raffle	131.50	
and door receipts	31.00	
and apparel sales	14.50	
Postage: Dec. '92 & Jan. '93		13.00
TOTALS	1131.27	13.00
	<u>13.00</u>	
CURRENT BALANCE	1118.27	



**** 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!):

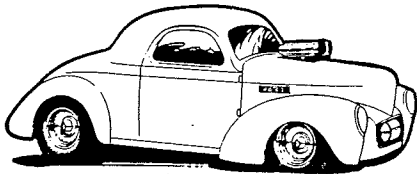
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| January 16 | July 17 |
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| June 19 | December 18 |



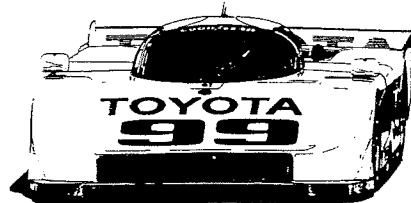
All dates are for the third Saturday in room K-100 from 12 PM to 5 PM except:

* 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.



Toyota 4 X 4 Pickup



(Lindberg/Craft House Corp.#72506; 1/20 scale; molded in Turquoise, chrome, clear, vinyl tires)

This is an all new kit by the Lindberg company, and as with all their newly-introduced kits, it is of superb quality. Why Lindberg insists on 1/20 scale is beyond me, but that should not detract from its high quality.

The kit contains 21 engine/transmission parts, 28 chassis parts, 10-piece interior, 9-piece body/pickup bed, separate firewall and engine compartment pieces, and very nice off-road

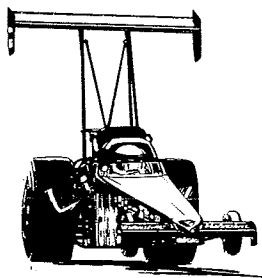
tires. Extras include a brush guard, tailgate cargo net, sport decals, roll bar with lights and fire extinguisher, and chrome wheels.

On the positive side...the directions are very easy to follow, with detailed diagrams and parts listed by name and number. The chrome is some of the best I have seen in recent years and the overall detail is very nice. Nearly everything fits where it is supposed to, and there is virtually no flash on any of the parts. Decals are supplied for instruments and underhood areas such as for the battery, etc. The body is molded in a very high gloss plastic (Aqua-Turquoise) and there were no imperfections in the appearance, so this truck could easily be built without painting the body, which is what I elected to do. Just some auto wax.

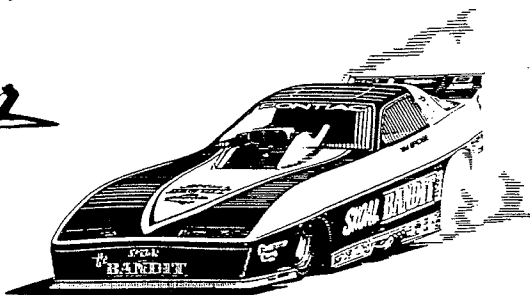
On the negative side...well, there isn't too much not to like about this kit. The plastic is somewhat soft and rubbery, so cleaning up the mold lines is somewhat difficult. However, this makes for more flexible parts and less chance of breakage. The decals, printed in Mexico, are nice, but the silver stripes for the sport package are in my opinion, not too nice. I applied them, but they lacked depth or shadow and looked rather bland, so I removed them. Shading of these stripes would have added a lot. The Toyota decal for the windshield did not stick well either, so I forfeited that one as well.

Overall impression...this is a worthy kit to build and Lindberg should be proud of this one. I would rate it four stars. It is possibly advanced for a very young builder, but any youth who has some modeling experience should do well with this truck.

by: Chris Breeze



**DAYS OF
Thunder**



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!

- * GMC Sonoma Baja Racer (Lindberg #72505): Molded in blue...glass nicely packaged to avoid damage...see Toyota/GMC double kit below.
- * Supercar Series Corvette ZR--1 (Lindberg #72454): Molded in white...again, glass nicely packaged to avoid damage...only one set of wheels...See Porsche 930 below.
- * Toyota 4X4 Pickup/GMC Sonoma Baja Racer (Lindberg #72552): Molded in Turquoise (Toyota) & Blue (GMC)...Toyota re-hash of earlier release...GMC appears to be combination of Syclone & S10...decals in GMC appear to be much nicer than earlier decals...both quite smooth & commendably flash-free...8 nice off-road tires.
- * Pro Street AMX (Johan #S-1002): Molded in white (thank you!)...reissue of earlier Shirley Shahan S/S AMX...same

Firestone Drag 500 slicks and "skinnies"....new decals consisting of Turquoise, pink and white stripes.

* Supercar Series Porsche 930 (Lindberg #72453): Molded in white (thank you!)....reissue of earlier Porsche 930....2 sets of wheels-BBS and 5 spoke....decals somewhat out of registration....smooth and flash-free.

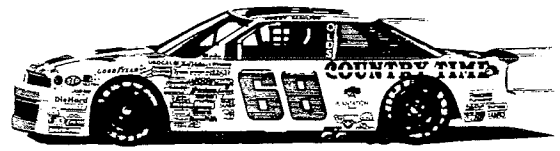
* Jaguar XJ220 (AMT #8608): Molded in light gray....over 85 parts....separate door panels....14-piece 3.5 liter engine..
....lightly tinted windows....steerable wheels....nearly flash-free....opening hood....minimal decals in both black & white....excellent engraving on dash....nicely contoured 2-piece seats.



T-Bird Trivia (Hey, Larry! Are ya listenin'?):

Did you know that the 1957 Thunderbird (by Ford) was tooled and stamped out by the BUDD Railroad Car Corporation, and if it wasn't for the introduction of the '57 'Bird the Chevrolet Corvette would certainly have died at a young age because aces were so poor in its infancy that Chevy took quite a beating on that line of cars. However, now that the Corvette had competition in the American Sports car class, Chevy was forced to improve their speedster to keep pace with Ford Motor Company. Thanks to Chris Breeze for this eye-opening tidbit!

(Ed. Note: Speakin' about trivia, I havn't gotten any entries in the First Annual Dave Johns Memorial Trivia Contest-is it that hard?!? C'mon, guys, let's get those cards and letters comin' in and declare a winner!)



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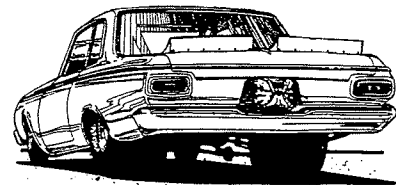
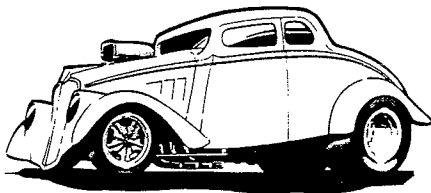
- * MAMA Plates are still available from our own Norm Veber (a.k.a. Replicas & Miniatures Co. of Md.) for the measly sum of \$8.00 with a portion of this going to the club treasury. So, if you missed 'em last time around, hurry up and get yours while they last (while simultaneously helping out the club!).
- * 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 February meeting. Be there! Aloha!
- * MAMA shirts! Anyone interested in MAMA shirts (Polo and Tee!), 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 **5th Annual NSRA Southeast Street Rod Nationals** at the expansive **Florida State Fairgrounds**. According to their latest newsletter, one **Charlie Saglinbene** (a.k.a. Pro Tech), took home seven awards for his "meticulously handcrafted entries". **Waytogo, Charlie!**
- * **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!
- * **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! (Ed. Note: I understand that **Larry Boothe** will be tapped as **judge** for this show. **Goood Luck, guy!**). Incidentally, the theme for this years' show will be **Corvettes**.
- * **"I'll be back!"** Who will?!? Would you believe the guy that wouldn't leave in the first place, **Dave Johns**?!? Seems as though 'ol Dave was double-timing it across a frozen field, tripped and came down full force on his elbow, breaking it so badly that they had to pin it to heal properly (Ed. Note: Guess now he knows what Kyle Petty went through, eh?). Whether or not he will be sent home to fully recuperate (one or two years) is still uncertain. Remember Dave, **It's not just a job, it's an adventure!** Sorry to hear 'bout your misfortune Dave. Thanks to Norman for the info.
- * **Video car sales**?!? Your fearless Editor recently received a mailing from **Ford Motor Company** regarding the totally redesigned 1993 Ranger. As part of the offer, a free video tape is available. If you are interested in trying to get one, the address is **Ranger Video, Program Headquarters, Dept. 4298, P.O. Box 1000, Plymouth, MI 48170-9854**. Drop 'em a card. It should take 2-3 weeks. While there are no guarantees that they will send one out unsolicited (mine came along with a pre-approved line of credit to purchase a new Ranger!), it's worth a shot!
- * **Bad News!** Seems as though we have lost a local hobby shop. For those of you unaware, **Cornish & Sons** has closed their doors. With their closing, I must again emphasize that we must support our local hobby shops, or they will surely follow suit!
- * **Inflation!** Effective with the January meeting, **Norman** (a.k.a. **Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD**) has had to increase his prices for his line of detailing items. Just a fact of life in the 90's!
- * **Fame! Fortune!** (Well, maybe fame). At last months meeting, **Tim Powers** brought it to the clubs attention that the **Lost in the 50's car club** invited us to attend their meeting at **Fay's Dorsey Diner** (during which Fay's closes to regular customers). Will report on the outcome at the February meeting.
- * **"Skunkworks gets skunked!"** Seems as though two marginally

alert crooks (who said crooks are stupid?) in Toronto, Canada managed to hot-wire the "Viper-Stompin' Snake Skinner" ZR-1 Corvette. According to the Durham Regional Police Department, their 5.7-liter Caprices never had a chance (Ed. Note: Can you say Shamu?). The police officers did manage to get close enough to see the rear bumper (before they took off). Luckily, the car was recovered later that same day and the crooks were arrested. Thanks to Car Craft (Dec. 92) for this tidbit.

- * Holthaus strikes again! Word is that he has just released a Mopar 413 crossram V8 kit. It includes block halves, head & valve cover assembly, belt pulley assembly, 2-4 barrel carbs & air cleaners, exhaust manifolds, coil, distributor, alternator, battery, crossram intake manifold equalizer tube & instructions. To keep the price down, parts are packaged as they come out of the mold (so you do the clean-up). Price is \$7.00.



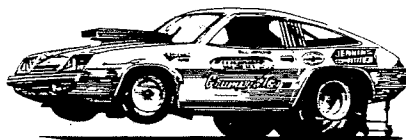
COMING EVENTS

- * Feb. 15-26- Bobby's Hobby Lobby Annual Model Car Contest. To enter, bring in a finished model anytime between 10 AM Monday Feb. 15th and 8 PM Friday Feb. 26th and fill out an entry blank (It don't get much easier than that!). Limit of 2 models per entrant.
- * Mar. 12-14- World of Wheels Auto Show & '93 Regional Hot Rod Mag Model Car Contest held at the D.C. Armory.
- * Mar. 27- 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- 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.
- * April 25- 8th Annual Early Bird Rod Run hosted by Virginia Street Rods, Inc. at the T/A Americhamps, Richmond-North, 396 Air Park Road, Ashland, VA 23005 from 8 AM to 6 PM (rain or shine).
- * Apr.30-May 2- Hershey in the Spring at Hershey, Pa.
- * Apr.30-May 2- 14th Annual Virginia 'Vair Fair at the Comfort Inn in Hopewell, VA sponsored by the Central VA Corvair Club.
- * May 2- National Capitol Region Mustang club Spring Concours show in Rockville, MD. Call Gary Hare at (301)297-7730 for info.
- * May 14-16- Big M Spring Bash, Car Show, Swap Meet, Flea

Market, & Classic Car Auction (Whew!) on RT 22 in Churchville (rain or shine). General admission is \$4.00, children under 12 free. For 24-hour event info, call (410)879-5439.

- * May 16- Finksburg Pizza Hut Car Show RT 140 at RT 91 in the Finksburg Plaza sponsored by the Knight Drifters car club and Pizza Hut, Inc. of MD.
- * May 29 & 30- Custom Cruisers of Northern VA 7th Annual Rod Run in Amissville, VA. For info, call Dave at (703)327-6764 or Larry at (703)754-8579.
- * June 12- The Corvair Society of Baltimore Corvair show at Fox Chevrolet, Padonia Rd, Timonium, MD. For info, call Chuck or Kevin Linzey at (410)296-5147.
- * June 4-6-NSRA Street Rod Nationals East at the York Fairgrounds in York, Pa.
- * June 19 & 20- 5th Annual Antique & Custom Car Show and Swap Meet sponsored by the Jaycees. General admission is \$3.00. For more info, contact Bob Ash, 125 W. Main St., Elkton, MD 21921, PH:(410)398-6548.
- * June 25-27, 1993- 1993 AMS National Convention held at the Days Inn Conference Center at US 22 and Rte 309 in Allentown, Pa. Contest, NNL-Style display, seminars, swap meet, aftermarket displays, model company reps, and 1993 releases.
- * 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 25-27- Southern Delaware 4th Annual Rod & Custom Jamboree at the state fairgrounds, RT 13 S, Harrington, DE sponsored by the Southern Delaware Street Rod Association. Open to 1972 and earlier Street Rods, Customs, Classics, Pro Streeters, Musclicars, and Flamethrowers!
- * July 13-18- Alfa Romeo Owners club National Convention at Marriott Hunt Valley Inn, Baltimore, MD. Hosted by the Capital chapter of the AROC, the convention will feature track time at Summit Point Raceway, autocrossing, concours and a rally. Featured model is the Alfa 2000/2600. Call Michelle Marzullo at (410)426-7713 for info.
- * July 23-25- Parts Plus Super Chevy Show held at Maple Grove Raceway in Mohnton, Pa.
- * Aug. 1- Vintage Tin of MD 22nd Annual Picnic to be held at Fort Smallwood Park.
- * Sept. 11, 12- Parts Plus Super Chevy Show held at Old Bridge Raceway in Englishtown, NJ.
- * Sept. 17-19- 2nd Annual Big M Birthday Bash, Car Show, Flea Market, and Swap Meet on RT 22 in Churchville. For info, see May 14-16 above.
- * Sept. 19- National Capital Region Mustang Club Fall Concours show. Call Gary Hare at (301)297-7730 for info.

(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

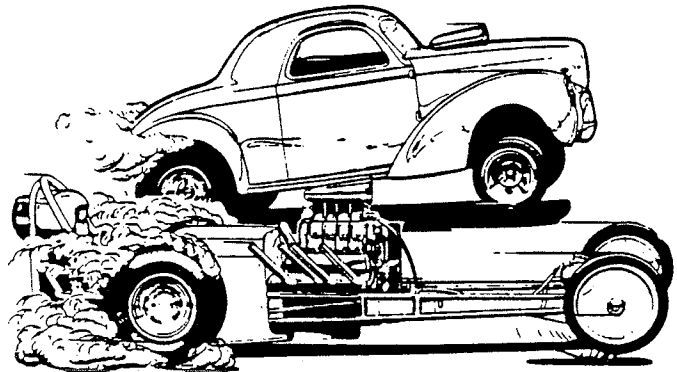
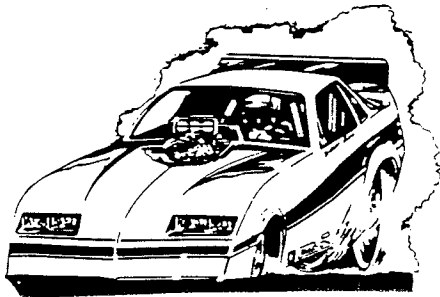
FOR SALE-Musclecar and Musclecard cards (both singles and sets). Display cards with your built-up musclecar models. \$15.00 per set or \$.25 each, 6 for \$1.00 (King of the Hill cards priced slightly higher). Call Tim Sickle at (301)249-3830 or see me at a meeting.

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

WANTED-Clear plastic 35mm film canisters. Contact Norm Veber at (410)768-3648 or catch up to him at a meeting!

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.



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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