

## MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: Timothy Sickle

As most of you are aware, last month was the Annual MAMA's BoyZ Picnic at Norm & Mary Veber's house in Glen Burnie, MD. As has been the case in years past, it was a very laid-back affair with much warmer weather than we had for last years event. Thanks for ordering warmer weather, Norm! There was also quite a selection of food (including Brownies!) for those in attendance. Of particular note was the appearance of none other than Ken "Lips" Hamilton (Ed. Note: Come to think of it, didn't Ken show up last year as well? Anyone sense a pattern here?). Jus' kiddin, Ken-glad to have you! As far as I could tell, we had only about 50 members in attendance to take advantage of all that food (and yes, Larry was one of 'em!). A good time was had by all, especially checkin' out Normans unpacked collection and his newly installed "Plastic Detector" to keep the collection from disappearing!

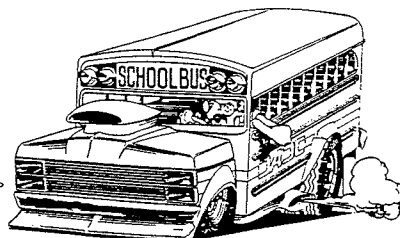
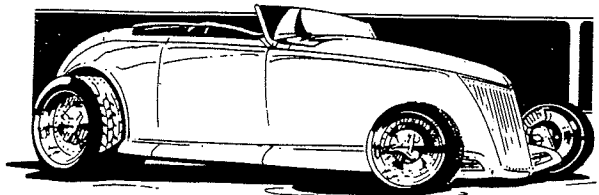
There was in fact a raffle at the picnic, however, a financial report wasn't available. The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Rex Turner, Michele Rook, Ron Bradley, Chris Whalley, Pat Maphis, Gary Sutherlin, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

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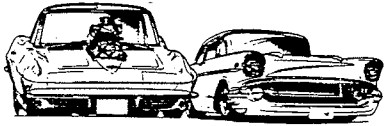
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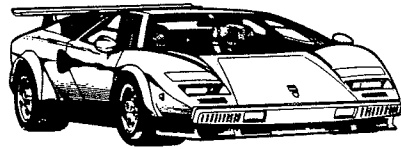
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Des Plaines, IL 61101



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!]



### Lamborghini Countach



(Testors/Burago; 1/24th scale; one version; diecast metal painted black, plastic pieces in tan, gray, chrome, and black)

Engine: The engine was only three pieces but well detailed for the kind of kit this is.

Chassis: The chassis was one piece with working steering through the steering wheel.

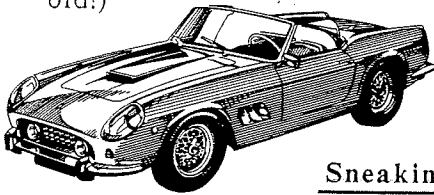
Interior: The interior was easy to build although it didn't have a lot of detail, but detail can be added easily enough.

Body: The body is two pieces with opening doors and engine cover. They work well and fit tight. The paint is very glossy. The tires are soft vinyl with "Bburago" on the sidewall. There is a small problem with door hinges which are kind of brittle and could break easily, but Testors knows about the problem and has taken care of it.

This kit is basically an unassembled Bburago diecast shelf model.

by: Mikey Adams

(It should be noted here that the reviewer is only 12 years old!)



### 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!

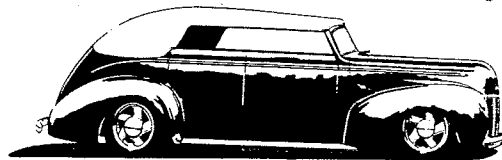
\* Snapfast "STP" 1/32nd scale Grand Prix Stock Car (AMT #8712): Molded in Petty Blue...refresh of earlier Pontiac stock cars...typically excellent decals and instructions.

\* Snapfast "Quaker State" 1/32nd scale T-Bird Stock Car (AMT #8723): Molded in Quaker State Green...refresh of earlier T-Bird stock car kits...typically excellent decals & instructions.

\* "STP" 1/25th scale Pontiac Grand Prix (AMT #6892): Molded in Lt. Gray...refresh of earlier Grand Prix stock car kits...incorrect front bumper...typically excellent decals & instructions.

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### 1940 Ford Coupe



(AMT #8056; 1/25th scale; two versions; 105+ parts; Light Gray, clear, chrome, vinyl tires)

AMTs venerable 40 Ford Coupe has held up pretty well for its

age. Very little flash was present, parting lines are more pronounced, and some details have been worn off over the years. The trunk lines disappear after a few light coats of paint and the detail on the hood latch/ornament is nonexistent.

The boys in Dyersville's attempts at bringing this long-awaited Reissue up to date falls a little short of success. The new high back, Lumbar-supported bucket seats, custom dash with bar graph-type gauges, a/c outlets, and stereo are excellent as is the billet-style steering wheel.

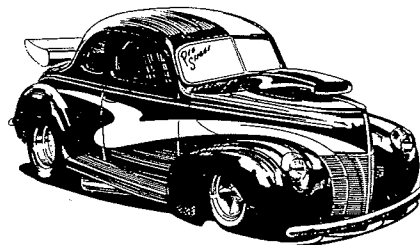
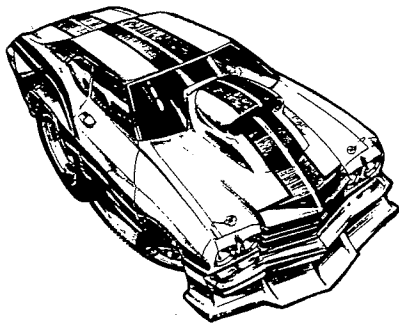
Along with the stock rims, hubcaps and trim rings, are new high tech Boyd's (can I say hat?) style wheels. The Goodyear Eagle VR40 tires included in the kit look out of place on the fat-fendered Coupe. The stock suspension comes complete with metal axles and the nail head Buick engine could use an update as well.

The kit seems to go together well, except for the radiator, which seems to sit too low in the chassis making for alignment problems with the coolant hoses.

The decals include shadow graphics and Kentucky license plates as well as several speed equipment manufacturers decals.

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by: Mike Adams



### BITS & PIECES

- \* "Sculpture on Wheels". No, we ain't talkin' about Larry's T-Bird again! This is the title of an article that is in the latest issue of "Smithsonian" magazine. It features Boyd Coddington, a.k.a. the Boydster and describes his "creations", Cadzilla, Chezoom, and has some in-process photos on Roadstar. So all you "High Society" types check it out!
- \* High dollar stuff! A recent story in the Baltimore Sun talked about the death of a reclusive man who lived in a trailer park whose claim to fame was the fact that he was a car nut (aren't we all?). He was a little different than most, though. He died leaving an estimated 4,000 model car kits and metal toy cars dating back to the 50's, stacked six feet high in every room!! Excited collectors say that it is one of the most complete collections in the US, and estimate its value at perhaps \$100,000!! Included in his collection are Motor Trend magazines dating back to 1950, and Road & Track dating back to 1961. There are about 2,000 plastic kits, 27 carrying cases of Hot Wheels, and hundreds of Matchbox cars. Examples of plastic kits include unopened versions of the 1966 Batmobile and the Black Beauty. Some of these boxes carried price tags as low as 87 cents!! Word is that only about 100 of the kits had been built. What say we as a club rent a U-Haul and truck on out to California and check 'em out, Eh?
- \* Model Contest! Yeah, that's right- I said contest. Bobby's Hobby Lobby is having a Model Truck contest (Pick-ups, Vans, and Tractor Trailers) in their shop from Aug. 9th thru Aug. 20th. There will be three age groups-Junior (up to 12 yr. old), Senior (13 to 17 yr. old), and Adult (18

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and older). First, Second, and Third place awards will be made in all three classes. No purchase is necessary. You just complete an entry form when you bring in your finished model. They are located at 65 E. Main Street, Westminster, MD 21158 (410)848-4350. Oh, and Good Luck!

\* Contest Nuts! Results are just coming in from the recently held AMS National Convention in Allentown, PA. MAMA's BoyZ who made their presence known were Dave "Junkman" Roehrl who cleaned up to the tune of 5 or 6 awards which include: 1st place Diorama with a Model A junker in the woods (I hear he built it in a week!), 1st Place Heavy Commercial for his Dodge Wrecker, 1st & 2nd Place Straight Line Racing for his little dragster & Bonneville racer, and 1st & 2nd Place Replica Stock for his Moonshine truck (and I'm not sure what else). Also on hand were Mike Adams who nailed down a 3rd Place Custom for his '49 Mercury Sedan Delivery and Charlie Bennett who nabbed 1st Place Open Wheel for his Valvoline Indy Car. Congrats to all of you guys!

\* Its AMS Time! Speaking of the AMS, Info on the soon to be held Southern Classic in Charlotte, NC with regard to hotels and room rates is listed below:

- \* HoJo Inn-6426 N. Tryon St. (1-704-596-0042): 2 beds, 2 people required (deposit reqd) \$38.00
- \* Homewood Suites-8340 N. Tryon St. (1-704-549-8800): 2 rooms, kitchen, dishes, etc. (2 beds) \$59.00
- \* Courtyard by Marriott-333 West W.T. Harris Blvd. (1-704-549-4888): 1 king or 2 double, no charge extra people, rollaway free \$42.95
- \* Hampton Inn U. Place-8419 N. Tryon St. (1-704-548-0905): 2 beds, 2 people, extra people \$5.00 each \$47.00

(Ed. Note: Homewood Suites & Courtyard by Marriott are offering special rates to AMS Convention attendees. So if you make a reservation at either place, tell 'em why you are in town!)

\* "The Missing Link, Part II!?" Seems as though JNJ Hobbies is at it again. On a recent visit to JNJ, it came out that their next resin body will be a 1977 Olds Cutlass. No other details were available at press time, but a built-up was spied in the traditional Earnhardt Blue/Yellow color combination. So, watch for it, or better yet, contact the folks at JNJ about it! Their address is JNJ Hobbies, 6512 Baum Drive Suite 8, Knoxville, TN 37919.

\* Police fans! It has recently come to my attention that P.D. Models, Co. (243 A E. Jefferson Road, Jefferson, N.Y. 12093) has some vacuformed police cruiser bodies available which include a 1989 Dodge Diplomat/Plymouth Gran Fury, 1991 Ford Crown Victoria, and a 1991 Chevrolet Caprice Classic. His catalog states that they are for "advanced model builders" and that available separately are "generic" chassis with minimal detail. He will also build to suit. If interested, drop 'em a line. Thanks to Terry "Light Commercial" Jessee for the straight scoop!

\* "Go Speed Racer, Go!" Anybody watchin' TV in the 60's most likely saw Speed Racer, Racer X and the star of the show, the Mach 5 always in trouble (right, Dave?). Well, they're baaaaaccccckkk! Starting in September, the syndicated New Adventures of Speed Racer will air. Speed has picked up many new fans thanks to MTV's airing of old episodes. A live-action movie and video game are also in the works, too! This tidbit appeared in the USA Weekend section dated

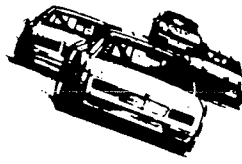
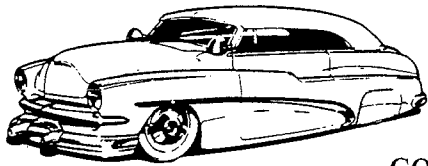
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\* **Motorsports Maniacs!** Your fearless editor is gonna go out on a limb here. In your travels, there is a hobby shop in Bristol, TN called **Motorsports Models**. It is run by a very nice lady by the name of Thnetta Hampton. If you are able to visit them on your vacation (as I did), they will durn near talk your ear off (my visit lasted 2 1/2 hours)! Besides the obvious NASCAR connection, they carry all of the latest from the "Little Three" (AMT, Revell, & Monogram) as well as a vast selection of decals from JNJ, Cady, and Blue Ridge to name a few. And, by George, she even carries some of Norms stuff! They are putting together a mail order catalog and I twisted her arm to send out a bunch when they're ready. So, if you can get by the shop, stop in and visit and tell 'em who you are- they know all about us!

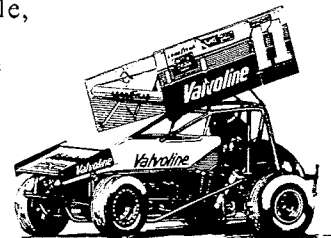


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COMING EVENTS

- \* July 16-18- **Chryslers at Carlisle** at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA
- \* July 23-25- **Parts Plus Super Chevy Show** held at Maple Grove Raceway in Mohnton, Pa.
- \* July 30-Aug. 1- **Summer Carlisle** at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA
- \* July 30 & Aug 1- **1st Annual Southern classic Contest & Convention** jointly sponsored by the Road Knights Model Car Club, Charlotte Motor Speedway, & the AMS. The meet will be held at the beautiful Speedway Club (at CMS). According to the flier, there will be NASCAR race cars & shop tours, door prizes, and hot laps in the Fastrack Winston Cup race car (!). There will be 30 contest classes judged by entrant ballot. Themes will be **Pre-1973 NASCAR and Convertibles**. For general info, contact Scott Adams, 934 Montford Dr, Charlotte, NC 28209 (704)523-1518. For Vendor tables, contact Larry Reitz, 8909 Independence Blvd, Matthews, NC 28105 (704)847-4553.
- \* Aug. 1- **Vintage Tin of MD 22nd Annual Picnic** to be held at Fort Smallwood Park.
- \* Aug. 13-15- **4th Carlisle Rod & Custom Classic** at Carlisle, PA.
- \* Aug. 14, 1993-**3rd Annual Mountaineer Classic** hosted by the Mid-Ohio Valley modelers at the Travel Host Inn on RT 7 and I-77 Exit 1 in Marietta, Ohio. For info, contact Jim Hilton @ (304)375-6305 or write M.O.V.M. Inc., P.O. Box 901, Parkersburg, WV 26101.
- \* Aug. 27-29- **Corvettes at Carlisle** at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA
- \* Aug. 27-29- **7th Annual Street Machine Nationals East** at the Eric County Fairgrounds in Hamburg (Buffalo) New York.
- \* Sept. 11, 12- **Parts Plus Super Chevy Show** held at Old Bridge Raceway in Englishtown, NJ.
- \* Sept. 25, 26- **East Coast Rod & Custom Nats** at the fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY. Rods, Customs, & Classics through 1962. Exhibits, swap meet, and stage show.
- \* Sept. 26, 1993-**4th Annual S.M.I.L.E.S. Auto show** in Havre De Grace, MD. 10 AM to 5 PM rain or shine at the Havre De

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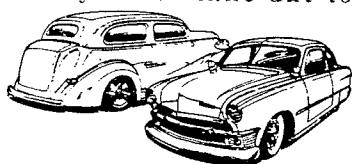
Grace High School. Includes car show, flea market and model car show

\* Sept. 30-Oct. 3- Fall Carlisle at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA

\* Oct. 9- NNL 14 in the Clubhouse Room at the Lucas Co. Rec Center in Maumee, OH. It will be held from 4 P.M. 'til 11 P.M. and this years' theme will be Corvettes (since 1993 marks the 40th Anniversary of this marque!), so dust 'em off and drag 'em out!

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(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-Musclicar and Musclicard cards (both singles and sets). Display cards with your built-up musclicar 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-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.**

**WANTED-"Orphaned" motorcycle parts. Call Randy Paschke at (410)551-0552.**

**WANTED-Old NASCAR decals (Cady, JNJ, etc.) Contact Craig Boyer at (301)262-4149 for list of wants.**

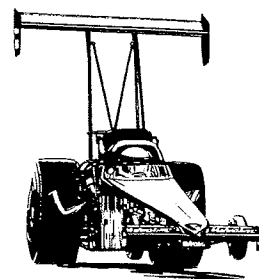
**FOR SALE-1/43rd scale K-Mart Tractor trailer set consisting of a Peterbilt Conventional w/a Freuhauf trailer. Contact Harry Charon at (410)282-3842.**

**FOR SALE-Firestone wide whitewalls, Firestone red/white thin lines, Revell Pro Street rear tires w/outline painted. See Irv Arter at an upcoming meeting.**

**WANTED- Original decals and instructions for Tom McEwen Duster funny car. Contact Irv Arter at an upcoming meeting.**

**WANTED-Chrome tree for Monogram MG-TC kit #2290; Bull-Nose thumb plane with about a 1/2" blade. If anybody knows where I can get one new or used, I'd appreciate any info; Complete sets of "The Andy Griffith Show" trading cards 2nd & 3rd series (printed by Pacific trading cards), prefer mint boxed sets. Contact Dave Roehle at 444 Rockland Road, Westminster, MD 21158-4020 or call (410)635-6726.**

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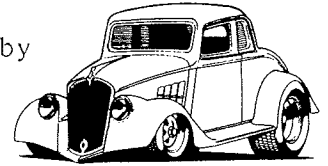
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# FORD BACKWARDS IS DRIVER RETURNS ON FOOT!!

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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Bowie, Maryland 20716  
(301)249-3830

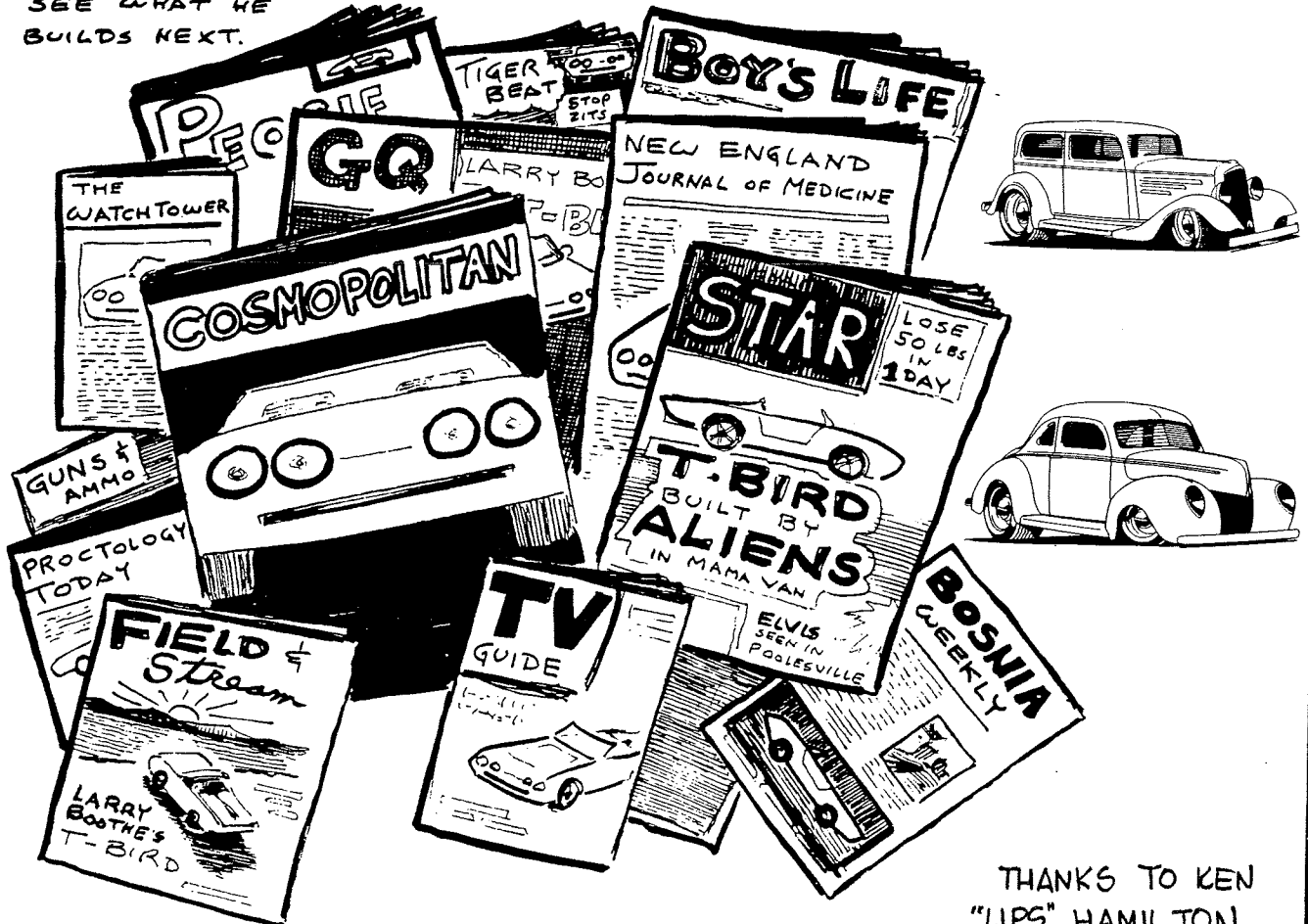
Norman F. Veber  
317 Roosevelt Ave., S.W.  
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061  
(410)768-3648



## MORE INK FOR BOOTHE

WE RECENTLY OPENED OUR SUMMER, 1993, ISSUE OF "CUSTOM RODDER" AND FOUND YET ANOTHER FEATURE SPREAD ON LARRY BOOTHE'S RED '63 T-BIRD. THIS CAR HAS NOW BEEN FEATURED IN VIRTUALLY EVERY SINGLE BIG AND LITTLE CAR MAGAZINE ON THE STANDS TODAY. LARRY'S T-BIRD IS NOW THE MOST COVERED MODEL CAR IN WORLD HISTORY, BEATING OUT THE PREVIOUS RECORD HOLDER, WHICH HAPPENS TO BE LARRY'S PURPLE '32 COUPE.

WELL, WE DECIDED TO LOOK INTO THIS MATTER, AND UNCOVERED THAT LARRY HAS SOLD HIMSELF TO QUITE A FEW OTHER PUBLICATIONS AS WELL. GEE, WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT HE BUILDS NEXT.



WE AT LIARS HEADQUARTERS TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN PRESENTING LARRY WITH OUR FIRST EVER "EXTRA MILEAGE" AWARD..AND REMEMBER, YOU SAW THIS STORY EXCLUSIVELY IN YOUR "BRIEFS"

THANKS TO KEN "LIPS" HAMILTON FOR ALLOWING US ANOTHER SHOT AT OUR PREZ, LARRY!! (I COULDN'T REFUSE!)