



MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: Timothy Sickle

About 70(!) people were in attendance at last month's meeting, which had nothing in particular as its highlight. One interesting thing that did come out of last month's meeting was the fact that due to a rather hectic work schedule our fearless leader, Larry Boethe was totally unprepared! Very uncharacteristic to say the least. And we mercilessly cut him no slack (as usual!).

The raffle raised \$114.50 (plus \$15.00). The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Pat Maphis, Randy Paschke, Brian Nicholas, Frank Andersen, Brad, Michelle Rook, Joe Atwell, Bonnie & Ronnie Palmer, Dave Schmitt, Tim Sickle, Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master), and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

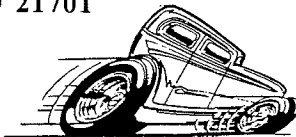
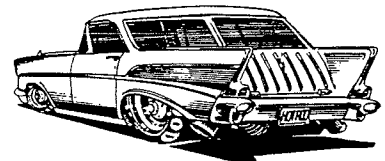
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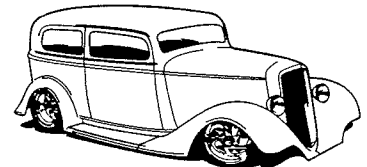
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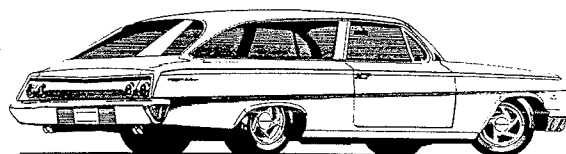
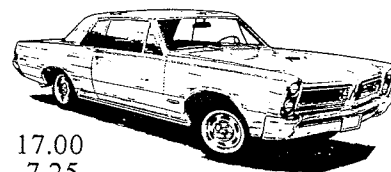


It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465, Sterling, Va. 22170) will be a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up to us to actively patronize Detail Master in appreciation of his continued 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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 Treasurer's Report
 November 1993

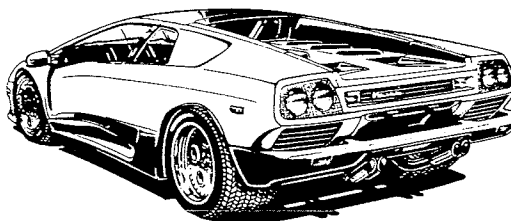
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Balance on hand, 11/20/93	\$ 1,647.42	
Deposit: Nov '93 raffle	114.50	
and door receipts	15.00	
Postage: Nov '93		17.00
P.O. Box Rental		7.25
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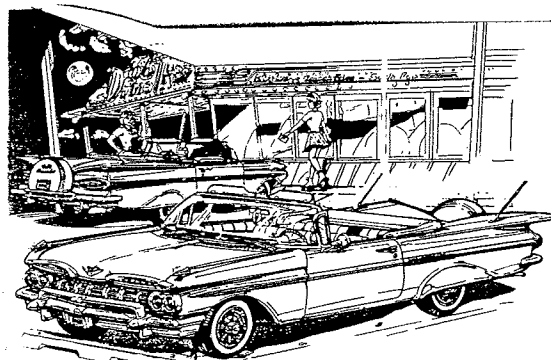
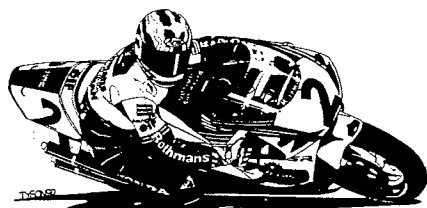
***** For Your Information! *****

The meeting dates for 1994 have been "sent down from the Mountain" so to speak by our own Matt Guilfoyle (and not without some serious wrangling, I might add!). All meetings will be from Noon to 5 PM and as you will quickly notice, we will be in the barn four times this year! For the rundown, see below:

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| January 15 * | July 16 |
| February 19 * | August 20 * |
| March 19 | September 17 |
| April 16 * | October 15 |
| May 14 | November 19 |
| June 18 | December 17 |



* Yeah, you guessed it, we are relegated to the Barn for these meetings!



Mack Truck: DM-800 with Rex Cement Mixer
 Mfr: MPC
 Scale: 1/25th
 Cost: Determined by Market

This kit is one of the finer obsolete kits on the market today, if you can still locate one. They are available in very limited quantities, and prices range from \$75.00 to over \$150.00. The kit was produced by MPC when it was part of the General Mills Fun Group in Mount Clemens, Michigan. It was one of the only truck and trailer kits produced by MPC in its short life, and is certainly a noteworthy legacy of the now-defunct company. AMT recently reissued the three-axle trailer which was also an early MPC kit, which incidentally had been designed as a companion to the Mack DM-800 road tractor.

This truck has an unusual design, with a set back axle (mounted to the

rear of the engine) and high-mounted springs which gives enormous ground clearance. Combined with a strange hood configuration of both a split hood and tilt front fenders, this gave the driver easy access to the entire engine compartment, but gave the truck a "geeky" look. Nevertheless, the DM-800 was a very powerful construction vehicle and is replicated quite well in this kit.

The kit was molded in red, white, chrome, clear, and black parts, many of which are not matched to each other, causing the builder to have to paint everything in order for it to look right, whereas lot of kits today can be built with little or no painting. Clear parts were molded clean and distortion-free. The engine (47 parts) is a highly-detailed V-8 turbo-diesel with single stack exhaust. Most of today's kits have large, inline sixes, so this was a pleasant change of pace. The chassis (132 parts) was elongated to accommodate the detailed cement mixer (59 parts) which included a very large drum, hopper, four chutes, ladders, water tank, etc. This is the larger of the two mixers available on the obsolete market, the other being the rarer Kenworth Challenge Mixer, which is quite small by comparison. The mixer has the power transfer for the hydraulic pumps, hydraulic lines, oil storage, and the controls, much of which are chrome.

The cab of the truck was the unusual shape Mack designed for the DM-600 and DM-800. From head on, the truck looks lopsided as the windshield is not in line with the hood or chassis. It was also highly detailed (7 major parts) and a nice interior (26 parts) with tandem seats, large heater, and numerous power take-off levers. The cab came with an optional air conditioner, chrome air cleaner, mirrors, cab lights, marker lights, all the bells and whistles.

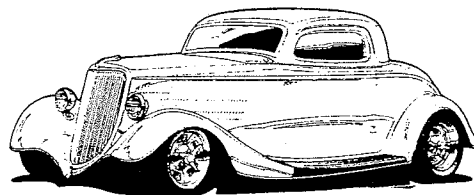
Tires were oversized Goodyears molded in one piece soft vinyl, rather fat to carry the anticipated heavy loads. The rims were five spokes, molded in chrome (Yuk), so they eventually got painted. No Concrete company in the world would order chrome wheels for a cement truck.

Final touches include: a two-tone green paint scheme, with the frame, wheels, front fenders, and cement accessories in dark green, with the cab and rear fenders and main cement drum in "Jade" green, which looks like a seafoam green in my humble opinion. The truck was custom lettered with dry transfer lettering on clear decal film. The original kit decals were so old and cracked as to be unusable. I would not have used them anyway since they were a weird red, white, and blue scheme that reeked of Bicentennial Americana and was too dumb to even consider. I also swapped out the rear fenders which extended far beyond the rear axle and gave the truck a "heavy" look to the rear quarter. Finally, water lines and hoses were added for realism. Otherwise, the thing went together well, everything fit as planned by MPC and it was well worth the huge price I paid for it. My first DM-800 cost \$125.00, the second I purchased from the same man... was only \$75.00....go figure. Now if General Foods would only include these things in cereal boxes, I would be very grateful! Note: I would not suggest this kit for a beginner!



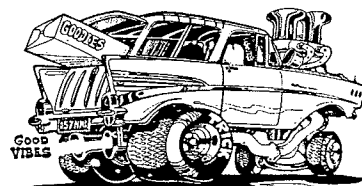
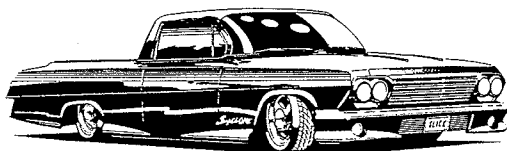
Sneakin' a Peek!

by: Chris Breeze,
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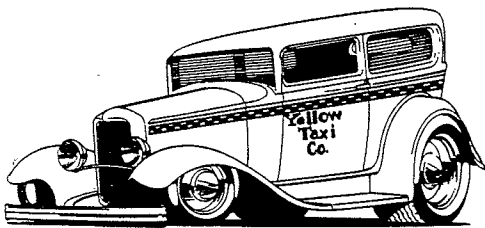
This column will appear as frequently (or infrequently!) as new releases from the manufacturers. The idea behind it is to give a "thumbnail review" of the releases as they hit the shelves with a detailed review to follow at a later date (hopefully!). We'll see how it goes!

- * Z28 Highway Patrol Car (Lindberg #72513): Molded in White....reissue of excellent Z28 kit....additional decals for Texas Highway Patrol....radar gun/control panel for interior....nice light bar for roof.
- * Firebird Street Custom (Lindberg #72514): Molded in Red....reissue of nicely done Formula kit....same Eagle ZR45 tires....updated w/correct tri-spoke Formula/Trans Am wheels.....5-piece aero kit consisting of front air dam, and rocker and rear fender "spats"....custom "Formula" graphics decals.
- * '70 Corvette Snapfast Plus (AMT #6782): Molded in Red....reissue of excellent glue version, retooled for snap assembly....seatbacks present....nice tires w/blank sidewalls...."CAN FLY", "200 YRS", "Corvette Fever" plates, black & white LT-1 stripes, 3D graphics.
- * '66 Ford 427 Fairlane (AMT #6180): Molded in Lt. Gray....retooled from '66 Fairlane GT....new dog dish hubcaps/steel wheels....427 2x4bbl. engine....new hood scoop....new chrome 427 emblem for front fenders...."1 OF 57" NJ plate, exterior trim decals.
- * '94 Firebird Formula (AMT #8954): Molded in Lt. Gray....retooled from '93 Trans, er Firebird....correct, twin inlet front bumper....correct low-rise rear spoiler....incorrect rear bumper....Formula V8 graphics in gray & white, "HOT ONE" plate, taillight decal, underhood decals.
- * '69 Plymouth GTX (AMT #6111): Molded in Lt. Gray....combination of Pro Street GTX and Roadrunner....L60-15 rubber...."GETX", "Mopar Muscle", "1969" plates....440 Six Pack motor.
- * "Tide" Lumina (Monogram #2440): Molded in "Tide" White....retooled from "Goodwrench" Lumina....new "CHEVROLET" valve covers....chrome properly "dull"....colorful decals w/Goodyear Eagle #1 yellow decals.
- * "Dupont" Lumina (Monogram #2441): Molded in "Dupont" Blue....chrome tree heavily dullcoated (almost dripping!)....see "Tide" Lumina above for remainder.
- * "McDonald's" T-Bird (Monogram #2442): Molded in "McDonald's" Red....retooled from "Valvoline" T-Bird....chrome tree uncharacteristically bright.
- "Pennzoil" Sprint Car (Monogram #2445): Molded in "Pennzoil" Yellow....colorful "Pennzoil" decals....driver figure.
- * "Valvoline" Sprint Car (Monogram #2446): Molded in White....SEE "Pennzoil" Sprint Car above for remainder.
- * '59 Impala (Monogram #2437): Molded in Blue & White....convertible boot and up-top....lotsa chrome....red and blue upholstery stickers....348 Tri-Power engine....continental kit....separate wide whitewalls....separate side chrome trim....mucho nice engraving and detail!
- * "Christine" Plymouth Pro Mod (Revell #7350): Molded in "Christine" Red....Large "Finned Wonder" Plymouth body (suitably modified for Pro Mod use)....Goodyear Eagle tires...."Christine" valve covers....decal sheet contains grille opening, simulated chrome side trim, "Christine" logos....big 'n little ConvoPros.
- * Mazda Miata (Revell #7351): Molded in Red....11-piece engine....up-top, stock boot, racing boot (?)....stock and custom bumpers....rotors and calipers....Dunlop tires....very nice instructions, naming parts and color choices-Thanks, Revell!
- * "Revellution" Demon (Revell #7355): Molded in White....2-piece tires....reissue, some flash present....decal sheet looks good and appears complete....again, nice instruction sheet....great box art.
- * "Jungle Jim" Vega (Revell #7356): Molded in Blue....see "Revellution" above for remainder.

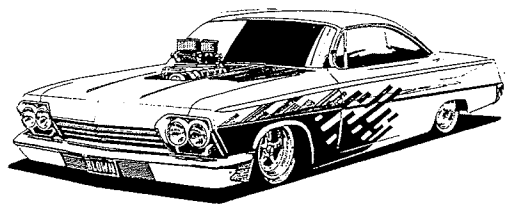


Are you a Bonafide Model Enthusiast? You may be if.....

-every third check is to a model shop.
-the UPS driver has your address memorized.
-the owner of every model shop within three states is on a first name basis with you.
-you need a handtruck to mobilize your model magazine collection.
-the Post Office drops off your junk mail in a number three mail sack on a daily basis.
-the model manufacturers have your address bar coded for speed in handling.
-you fail to remember Birthdays and Anniversaries, but your alphabetical list of models is forever etched into your memory bank down to and including each date of purchase.
-your model cars look better than the one you drive.
-your model collection is worth more than your home.
-model vendors have you on their Christmas card list.
-you buy models you don't need or want 'cause the price was right.
-the last literary work you read was loaded with glossy photos, dated by the month, or cost less than three bucks.
-you have an insurance rider on your collection but not on the family silver.
-you threaten divorce because your spouse hates the junky "Hobby Room" but change your mind when you realize the Community Property laws in your state give her half of your collection and you know she will sell them for 50 cents each at her mother's yard sale.
-the kids don't get to go to the beach this year because it falls on the same day as the Big model show.
-your car quits running due to a blown radiator hose, and you decided that the scale braided line for that Top Fueler was more important, even though it cost three times as much as the real thing.
-the IRS decides to audit you, and all you can locate are your receipts from the Hobby Shops.
-when you die, they cremate you on a pile of plastic sprue and the funeral procession is limited to 1/24th or 1/25th scale vehicles.

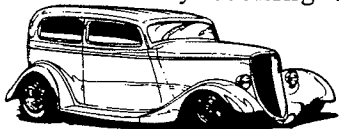


Merry Christmas!
Chris Breeze,
Tri-State Scale Modelers



BITS & PIECES

- * "Breakfast of MD Modeling Champs!" We would be remiss if we didn't thank Donna Guilfoyle and Tim Power's Mother-in-law for the brownies present at last month's meeting! And bear in mind that Matt and Donna were also busy moving into a new home as well! Thanks to both of you!
- * NNL Sign-up. Remember, we will be circulating a sign-up sheet between now and our show next year (in May), so you have plenty of time to sign up. And if you do sign up, please show up, OK? We are also actively seeking ideas for activities at the NNL such as blind

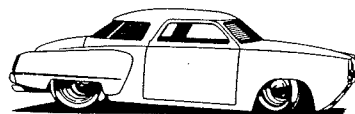


builds, scrambled car names, name the parts, and coloring contests just to name a few. If you have any ideas, let an officer know at an upcoming meeting.

- * **Bank on it!** In recent, unrelated trips to two different gas stations, some interesting items surfaced. First local **Crown gas stations** are marketing a 1955 Chevy Cameo Pick Up diecast bank (complete w/loaded bed!) for the paltry sum of \$19.95 (plus tax). And for the other newsworthy item, we go to **Texaco gas stations** where you will find them selling 1939 Dodge Airflow Tankers for the sum of \$24.95 (plus tax) w/an 8 gallon fill-up. After checking these guys out, who do ya think makes 'em? Well, their headquarters is in **Dyersville!**
- * **Yellow side up!** Seems as though NASCAR Winston Cup driver **Rusty Wallace** had an interesting experience while in the Big Apple for the recently-held Winston Cup Awards Banquet. He and his wife innocently got into a cab headed for the banquet. The driver innocently began chatting and asked them where they were from. "North Carolina" was their reply. "What do you do?" asked the cab driver. "Drive Race Cars" Rusty replied. The cab then skidded to a halt at a light and the cab driver jumped out. "I'm not driving with you in the car!" the driver said and proceeded to get in the back seat with Rusty's wife **Patti**. "I've watched you drive, and you're going to drive." Rusty complained but the driver insisted so Rusty took the wheel and drove to the Waldorf Astoria where he was awarded runner-up in the championship to Dale Earnhardt. I watched the banquet, and Rusty looked none the worse for wear, so we can assume that he kept it "between the lines" and arrived "Yellow side up!!"
- * **"Kustom Kulture"** From now through January 30, **Maryland Institute, College of Art, Mount Royal Station Building, Mount Royal Avenue and Cathedral Street; Fox building, Mount Royal and Lafayette avenues** is hosting an exhibit entitled, "**Kustom Kulture: Von Dutch, Ed "Big Daddy" Roth, Robert Williams and others**". According to the article in the Dec. 6th edition of the Baltimore Sun, this exhibit will feature 4 east coast cars along with ED "Big Daddy's" **Outlaw**. The exhibit will be open 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Mondays thru Saturdays (to 9 P.M. on Thursdays & Fridays) and noon to 5 on Sundays. For further info, call (410)225-2300.
- * **Congrats!** Seems as though one **Charlie Bennett** managed to get his Indy Car featured in the latest issue of Mike Quarterman's **Motor Racing Replica News** magazine (Nov/Dec 1993). He was also kind enough to put in a "plug" for his favorite club, **MAMA's Boyz!** Thanks **Charlie**, and **Congrats** on your feature!
- * **"Kruisen"!** No, I haven't misspelled **Cruisin'!** Seems as though in the good old days (real old!), **Pirates** zigzagged across the shipping lanes in search of victim vessels. The Dutch identified that sort of sailing as "**Kruisen**". Hence, our word, "**Cruise**". Believe it or stuff it!!
- * **TV Cruisin'!** Huh?? Yeah, that's right. Heard about a couple of video tapes for you musclecar fans the other day. **Musclecar Memories** is a 60 minute tape with muscle commercials such as a '66 SS396 Chevelle, '67 Hemi GTX, '69 Judge, 440 Six Pack Challenger, and the infamous '70 GTO Judge with the vacuum-operated exhaust cutouts. The driver pulls into Big Boy on Woodward Avenue (where else?), and opens the exhaust and mesmerizes owners of Corvettes, Z28s, and Mopars with his open pipes. He then slowly pulls back out onto Woodward Ave, and the announcer simply says "**This is the way it's gonna be!**". The other video, **GTOs & Firebirds** is 30 minutes long and contains plenty 'o footage of Endura bumper bashing and Firebirds. It also contains a drag test between a '70 GTO & a '71 GTO Judge. For Pontiac fans (like me!!), this tape is a must! If interested, **Musclecar Memories** costs \$24.94 while **GTOs & Firebirds** costs \$22.95 and they are available from **Classic Car Videos, P.O. Box 365,**

Carlisle, PA 17013.

- * FYI. With new members joining the club monthly, our primary rule of thumb bears repeating since the newer members may not be aware of it. Our "Unwritten Law" is simply this: **Please do not touch or pick up someone else's model without their knowledge or permission.** Sounds simple, right? Look all you want and if you want a closer look, No doubt the owner would be more than happy to assist you in getting "up close and personal". 'Nuff said!
- * **SERIOUS Horsepower!!** Am told that the Space Shuttle "Endeavour" weighs 4.5 million pounds and reportedly upon takeoff, can accelerate from 0-70 MPH in a mere 7 seconds. Whoaaa! Whats more, at speed in outer space, the shuttle reportedly travels at about 5 miles per second which works out to about 18,000 MPH!! And I thought the **Fast Track** cars were fast!
- * **For Sale.** The December '93 issue of Hemmings motor news has a listing for the first Porsche 956 "Rothmans" car which was restored by Porsche and given to Jacky Ickx upon his retirement. Oh, the asking price? A cool three quarters of a mil (\$750,000)! So bust open those piggy banks! Oh by the way, interesting trades will be considered?!?
- * **Colorful!** Testors has a new line of colors entitled **Colors by Boyd** (original, eh?) which include some very interesting hues such as: Purple Pearl, Kandy Scarlet, Chezoom Teal Pearl, Grape Pearl, Pacific Blue, True Blue Pearl, Lime Pearl, Sunburst (Red-Orange), Boyd Red, Aluma Yellow Pearl, Hi-Gloss Black & White, Dark Yellow, Dark Green, Bright Green, Orange Pearl, Dusty Rose Pearl, Ice Blue Pearl, White Primer, and Hi-Gloss Clearcoat. No info on whether these are enamel or lacquer or when they will be available. So, check your local hobby shop!
- * FYI. Seems as though the Boyds creations being brought out by Testor's will come in two styles-display kits (easy to build), and detail kits (more complex). The display kits should hit the shelves first, followed by the detail kits. Also, in the '94 Testor's catalog, a reference is made to "all of Boyd's Hot Rods in Scale". So, don't be too surprised to see some of the Boydster's pieces (such as Cadzilla?). If you have any wants in this line, by all means write and let Testors know as it is a proven fact that the **manufacturers do listen!!**
- * **How true!!** Message spotted on a T-Shirt on a recent shopping trip: "I want to be just like Barbie.....the B _____ has everything!"
- * **Magic.** Seems as though Roy Sorenson (of Plastic Fanatic fame) is goin' 1:1 on us. He's been savin' his nickels and dimes and has a Pro Street '55 Chevy in the works with such features as a twin funny car-style roll cage, spring-loaded pull-out side bars, strut front end, a narrowed Ford 9" rear, Centerline ConvoPros w/Mickey Thompson Big 'n littles, and a Dakota digital dash. Power? Oh yeah, that will come from a BDS-blown big block Chevy w/a trick bug-catcher E.F.I. system. Hooked to it will be a Turbo 400. The body will be an all steel two-door post model. Roy is documenting the construction of this beast and when construction is complete, it will appear in a national magazine. **I can't wait!**
- * **New Hobby Shop!** Actually Lad's Hobby Center has been around for about a year, but they are new to us! They carry model kits and aftermarket items (most prominent by the way were items from a company called Detail Master!), and have several built-ups of various types on display. If you want to check 'em out, their address is 3570 St. John's Lane at Frederick Crossing, Ellicott City, MD 21042 and their phone number is (410)750-7228. If you stop in, tell them who you are!



COMING EVENTS

- * Jan 30- Super Sunday Collectors Toy Show at Shrewsbury Fire Hall in Shrewsbury, PA. from 9 AM to 1:30 PM. Admission \$2.00 per person, children under 12 free.
- * Feb 6- Fifth Maryland Toy Vehicle Collector's Show. For info, contact Bay Area Promotions, 1 Seaborne Drive, Pasadena, MD 21122-4449; (410)437-3763 or (410)788-7776.
- * Feb 18 to 20- Atlantic City Classic Car Auction Flea & Antique Market held at the Convention Center. Flea Market, Classic Car Auction, and Antique Marketplace. General admission \$10.00. For info, call 1-800-227-3868.
- * Feb 26- Midnight Modelers Model Contest & Swap Meet at Fredericksburg Stafford Parks & Rec Center on Butler Road (Rt 17) in Falmouth, VA (north of Fredericksburg). For info, contact Jerry Frazier at (703)582-1009.
- * Mar 6- Chesapeake Miniature Vehicle Collector's club Twenty-Seventh Collector's Toy Show at Shrewsbury, PA. For info, contact Joe Golabiewski at (410)592-5854 or Carl Daehnke at (717)741-3334.
- * Mar 26- Eighth Annual NNL East Model Car Exhibit and Flea Market. For info, send SASE to John Slivoski, 16 Ocean Parkway, Apt. A20, Brooklyn, NY 11218-1523; (718)871-5332.
- * April 9 & 10- The Cincinnati Challenge 2 Model Car Contest held at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel. Contest, Gravity drags, swap meet, seminars & videos. For info, contact Bob Griffin at (513)931-8682 or (513)357-9613 (Swap Meet) or Bill Bench at (513)683-8567 (Contest Coordinator).
- * April 17- 3rd Annual Toy Show. For info, contact Hobie Howell (410)893-9579 or June/Joe Livingston (410)877-7644.
- * May 21- 4th Annual Mid-Atlantic NNL Model Car Show and Swap Meet held at the Days Hotel at I-695 at the junction of I-83 North, exit 17, Padonia Road. NNL-style model car show and swap meet. Vendor tables available. For further info, contact Norman Veber at (410)768-3648 (for vendor info), and Matt Guilfoyle at (410)551-6070 (for general info).

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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-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 Roehrle at 444 Rockland Road, Westminster, MD 21158-4020 or call (410)635-6726.

WANTED- Hood & hood scoop for '55 Chevy (Monogram) Street Machine kit #2211; Taillights and taillight panel from AMT '65 Chevelle wagon; extra unwanted cars, trucks, or parts. Contact Mark Wheeler at (410)536-8175.

WANTED- Desperately seeking color reference material to buy (or borrow) on Dave Strickler's 1969 "Old Reliable" SS/J Camaro. Also want 1 more 64 1/2 Mustang stock hubcaps. Call Tim Powers at (410)255-3976.

WANTED- 1957-59 Plymouth hubcaps. Will pay any price or trade for set or single. Contact Dave Johns at 437-1893 (Leave Message).

FOR SALE- AMT Matchbox Scirocco kits, factory sealed, build either stock or competition. Contact Brian at (410)969-1936.

WANTED- AMT '32 Ford Vicky (White box/Silver car w/black fenders). Contact Brian at number above.

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
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317 Roosevelt Ave., S.W.
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



By Jeff MacNelly

