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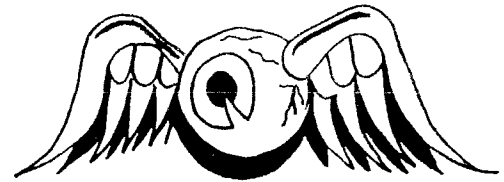
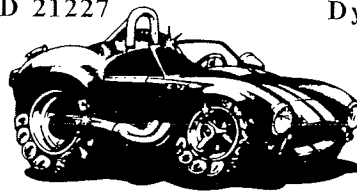
by: Timothy Sickle

About 53 people were in attendance at last month's meeting, which had as its highlight something near and dear to many of our hearts (besides plastic)- food!. For something that someone forgot, it came off very well despite a last minute type of thing, and for this, everyone is to be congratulated! An interesting aside about this meeting- none other than that jolly 'ol fat man, Santa signed in! Funny, I didn't see anyone in a red suit (how could you miss a guy like that!?)

The raffle raised \$132.00 (plus \$21.90). The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Pat Maphis, Bonnie & Ronnie Palmer, Lyle Willits, Gary Sutherlin, Ron Roberts, Ron Bradley, Irv Arter, Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master), and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

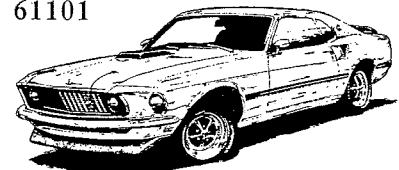
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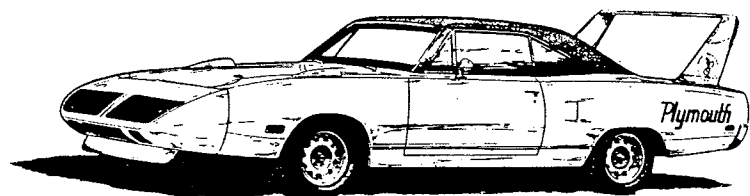
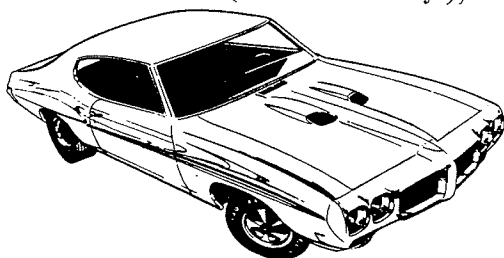


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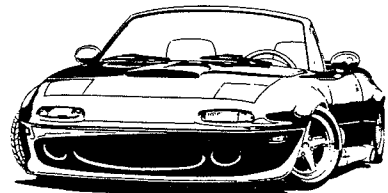


It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465, Sterling, Va. 22170) will be a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up to us to actively patronize Detail Master in appreciation of his continued support [Ed. Note: With the detail items he has currently available (or on the way!), I don't believe this will be a problem!]



Maryland Automotive Modelers Association
 Treasurer's Report
 December 1993

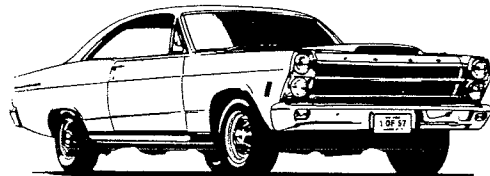
	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Balance on hand, 12/18/93	\$ 1,752.67	
Deposit: Dec '93 raffle and door receipts	132.00 21.90	
Postage: Dec '93		16.00
Raffle Tickets		5.24
Christmas Party Food		257.80
TOTALS	1,906.57	279.04
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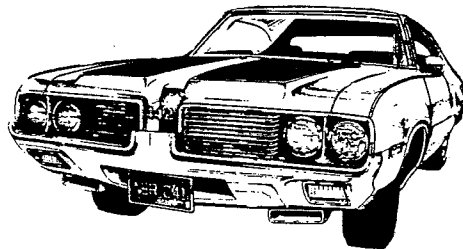
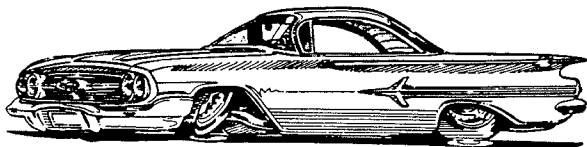
***** For Your Information! *****

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:

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!



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!

- *Rescue 911 Helicopter (?) (AMT #6400): Molded in Lt. Gray...1/48th scale....movable rotor....sliding cargo door....2-piece motor....forward and rear jump seats....large clear tree w/numerous windows....decal sheet containing numerous 911 markings.
- * Rescue 911 Dodge Ambulance (AMT #6416): Molded in White....stock hubcaps....2 light bars....window-style 'Ambulance' decals which don't appear to be used.
- * Rescue 911 Taurus Police car (AMT #6417): Molded in White....3 sets of wheels-stock hubcaps, 5-spoke SHO, and Custom....choice of Sheriff

or Police markings.

* **Snapfast Kenworth Aerodyne** (AMT #6418): Molded in Black....1/32nd scale....2 chrome trees....rubber tires....'Haig Trucking' Dyersville, IA decals along with Iowa plates and red 3D striping....1-piece cab w/hood molded to it.

* **Snapfast Volvo N10 & Trailer** (AMT #6628): Molded in Red, Lt. Gray, black & chrome(!)....1/32nd scale....engine block....plastic & rubber tires....refrigerated trailer.

* **Dave Strickler's '62 Bel Air** (AMT #6980): Molded in White....same as Proffitt Bel Air (not that that is bad!)....nice 'Old Reliable' decal sheet.

* **'34 Ford Pickup** (Lindberg #72157): Molded in Yellow....bagged clear parts!....4 skinny Firestones, 4 wide Goodyear Eagle ZR tires, and what appear to be 2 Goodyear Eagle racing tires!....chrome Thunderbird V8....nice 2 spoke Boyd's type wheels!....decals include custom blue scallops, Sinclair and Red Crown gas logos (for tow truck) and CA '34 FORD, Texas '34 PICKUP plates.

Shelby, come Home!

One weekend last summer, Ellis Counts stopped at a car show in St. Charles county to reminisce about the 1968 yellow Shelby Mustang GT500KR that someone callously stole from him in 1971.

Another Shelby owner listened to his story and then pointed to a '68 across the lot.

"I went over to look at it," he recalled. "And it was my car!"

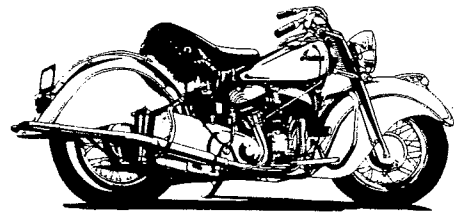
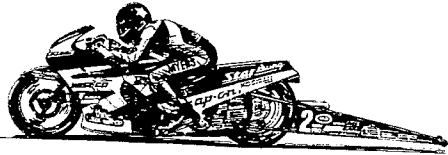
Finding a car that's been missing for almost 22 years is the easy part. Proving ownership is another story. Seems as though the clerk who issued his title in 1970 curiously omitted the first two digits of the VIN number. The really important number-the unique five digit production number-is on both his title and the car. But without a perfect match, he cannot prove that the car is his.

He has some fond memories of his Shelby. He courted his wife in it, and all four of his daughters recall stories about him topping 140 mph in one straightaway blast. He drove the car everywhere in those days. The car he originally paid \$2,000.00 for is now worth up to \$50,000.00. "They're incredibly rare", he says. There were only 939 fastbacks made in 1968 and only 68 of those were yellow.

The Highway Patrol seized the car after Counts reported seeing it at the car show. A Sergeant for the Missouri Highway Patrol says that Counts will have to ask a judge as to who legally owns the car. "It appears that they both have ownership of the same car", the Sergeant is quoted as saying. "It will be up to the judge as to who has controlling possession of the car."

Counts cites as further proof of ownership the hole in the inner panel which he made on Labor Day weekend in 1971 when he was working on the car. It also has a Tri-Power set-up on it that replaced the single 4 barrel originally on it. "I'm not guessing about this, I know the car is mine" Counts said. He had no theft insurance on the car when it was stolen from his driveway in Normandy. All he could afford as a replacement was a 'beat up 'ol '63 Chevy', he says. The Highway Patrol wouldn't identify the owner since 1984. "He's put a lot of money into the car, and he wants it back." Counts sympathizes with the man who drove his car for ten years. He proudly showed Counts the car at the car show in August. "He didn't do anything wrong, and neither did I. And I want my car back."

(Ed. Note: The preceding story appeared in the November 5, 1993 "Wheels" section of the Prince George's Journal)

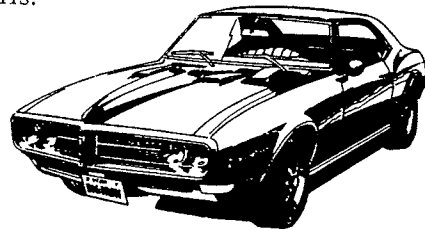


BITS & PIECES

- * **Food Fight...Not!** (Sure got Larry's attention, though!). Thanks to everyone who brought food for last month's shindig on such short notice. Plenty 'O food was on hand for those in attendance with the club providing the meat platters as usual. A good time was had by all.
- * **NNL Sign-up.** Remember, we will be circulating a sign-up sheet between now and our show this 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.

* **Poncho Power!** The National Muscle Car Association had a series of four events in which they awarded points to each brand to foster competition and ya know who cleaned up? **Pontiac**, that's who! They award points for each round of competition they survive. The final standings went something like this:

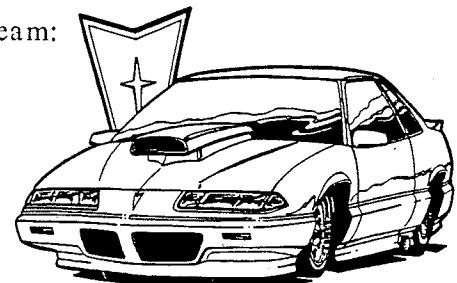
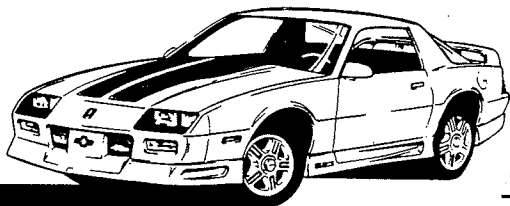
Pontiac	580
Dodge	350
Plymouth	305
Ford	200
Oldsmobile	115
Buick	100
Chevrolet	50
AMC	25



- Like I been tellin' you guys all along, **Pontiac Rules!**
- * **Super 'Stang!** Look out Camaro and Firebird! Seems as though there will be a new 'heavy hitter' on the block- the 1994 Saleen Mustang will be packin' a 351 out of the Lightning pick up. Word is a supercharged version is in the works, too! (Ed. Note: Better start savin' those pennies, Rex!)
- * **Hotline.** In cases of bad weather, a call to the Catonsville Community College hotline will alert you as to whether the college will be open or not. That number is (410)455-4567.
- * **Takin' it to da bank!** Seems as though another collectibles shop has surfaced in the area. **Collectibles, Etc.** at 7613 Harford Road, Parkville Shopping Center, Baltimore, MD (410)254-4783 carries banks of all types, Jim Beam decanters, and even some NASCAR collectibles. If something hit your fancy, stop by and check 'em out and tell 'em where you heard about 'em!
- * **Injuns!** Huh? Yeah, rumor has it that Harley-Davidson will possibly have some American competition when **Indian** re-enters the market with a big V-Twin (!).
- * **Racing Art.** A shop on Second Street in Annapolis, **Maryland Motorsports**, is selling limited edition automotive art and collectibles. For example, a 1992 signed print depicting Al Unser, Jr. winning the Indy 500 recently sold for \$2300.00. They deal in artwork from Formula One, Indy, NASCAR, and Trans Am racing just to name a few.
- * **Big Money.** According to the Baltimore Sun, the estate of the late **Davey Allison** has filed a \$25 million dollar lawsuit blaming McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Systems for the crash that took Davey from us.
- * **Dreams can come true!** The Viper GTS Coupe will hit the streets as a production vehicle capable of 180+ in early 1996! Bring out the Plymouth Prowler and I might have to go into hock for that one!

- * **Smokin'....Not!** While on the subject of Chrysler Corporation, Their new family sedans, the **Chrysler Cirrus** and the **Dodge Stratus** (Talk about havin' your head in the clouds!), will come to market with cupholders in place of ashtrays! In all their contact with consumers, a majority didn't want them, so they are just giving the consumer what he/she wants! Smokers won't be happy about this, but if they ask (nice?), an ashtray will be installed for free. Thanks again to the Baltimore Sun for these Mopar tidbits!
- * **Call your Bluff.** Cedar Bluff Hobbies, that is. Got a flyer in the mail the other day with some new 1/25th scale decals. The #8/#22 'Miller American '86/'87 Buicks, and #11 'Busch' '79 Olds and the #88 'Gatorade' '77 Monte Carlo. These are all used with resin bodies from other companies. Interested? They can be reached at 448 N. Cedar Bluff Rd. #327, Knoxville, TN 37923.
- * **Built Ford Tough!** Heard about an accident on the Wire Service the other day in Iowa. Seems as though a woman in a **Ford Escort** slid off an icy road and rolled the car over. No one in the car was injured but she was ticketed for **driving with obscured vision**. Oh, did I forget to mention that there were **15 people** (six in front, nine in back!) not to mention two cats and two dogs (don't know where they were at!)
- * **Dave at the 'Brickyard'?!?** The December 13, 1993 **Sports Illustrated** reported on the fact that **Dave Letterman**, long-time racing fan, is thinking about financing his own **Indy Car Team**. And, coincidentally, they came up with **The Top 10 Reasons Dave is thinking about buying an Indy Car Team**:
 - 10) Leno has his Harleys- we want something that makes even more noise!
 - 9) Need some big-time prize money to pay for speeding tickets incurred on drives home to Connecticut.
 - 8) Stupid Pit Crew tricks.
 - 7) **Strapping Paul Schaffer** into a four-wheel death missile loaded with highly flammable fuel and sending him down the straightaway at 235 mph just seems like the thing to do.
 - 6) Figure it's the easiest way to meet **Miss Crankshaft '94**
 - 5) Golly! A chance to hear **Jim Nabors** sing **Back Home** again in **Indiana in person!**
 - 4) Late Show female staffers would really like to 'get to know' **Danny Sullivan**.
 - 3) Hey, look what it did for **Paul Newman**.
 - 2) Nothing to do on **Memorial Day weekend** since **Cher** cancelled the **cookout!**

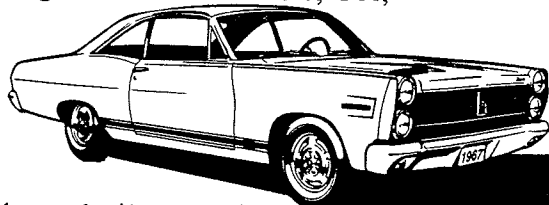
And, finally, the top reason to form his own team:
1) Decals! Decals! Decals!



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 11 to 13- **World of Wheels** to be held at the Stadium-Armory. I understand a Model Car Contest will take place, no further info is available!
- * 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 15 to 17- **30th Mustang Anniversary Celebration** presented by the Mustang Club of America and sponsored by Ford Motor company at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Car show, open track, and swap meet. Contact the Mustang Club of America, P.O. Box 870527, Stone Mountain, GA 30087.
- * April 17- **3rd Annual Toy Show.** For info, contact Hobie Howell (410)893-9579 or June/Joe Livingston (410)877-7644.
- * April 21 thru the 24- **Spring Carlisle** at Carlisle Fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- * May 13 to 15- **Carlisle Import-Kit/Replicar Nats** at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA A 427 SC Cobra Replica will be given away at this event!
- * 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).
- * June 24 to 26- **Carlisle All Truck Nats** at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA
- * July 15 to 17- **Chryslers at Carlisle** at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA A 1966 Plymouth Satellite will be given away at this event.
- * July 29 to 31- **Summer Carlisle** at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA A 1978 Trans Am will be given away at this event (WHOA!).
- * August 13 & 14- **Goodguys Carlisle Rod & Custom Classic** at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA
- * Aug 26 to 28- **Corvettes at Carlisle** at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA A 1961 Corvette convertible will be given away at this event!
- * Sept 29 to Oct 2- **Fall Carlisle** at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA For info on any of the shows at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA, call (717)243-7855.



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 Roehrl 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.

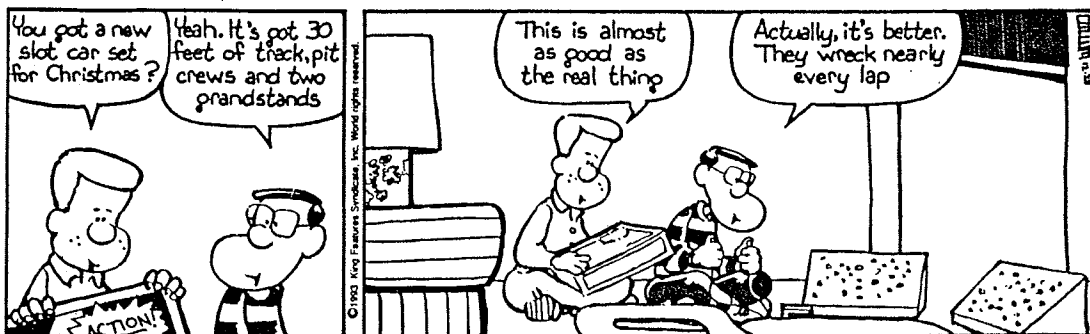
WANTED- Desperately seeking color reference material to buy (or borrow) on Dave Strickler's 1969 "Old Reliable" SS/J Camaro. Call Tim Powers at (410)255-3976.

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.

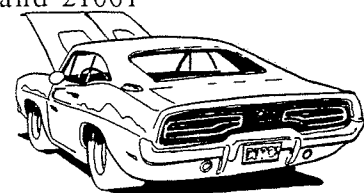
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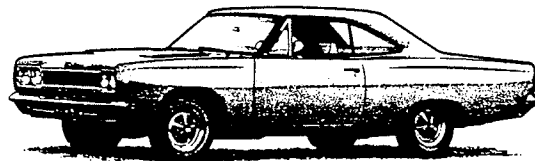
Anyone having an item for the Newsletter whether it is a Bit, a Piece or even a Classified, it can be included by contacting one of the individuals listed below:

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Bowie, Maryland 20716
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Norman F. Veber
317 Roosevelt Ave., S.W.
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061
(410)768-3648



4TH ANNUAL



MID-ATLANTIC NNL

Model Car Show and Swap Meet

**hosted by the
Maryland Automotive Modelers' Assoc.**

May 21, 1994 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Days Hotel Timonium

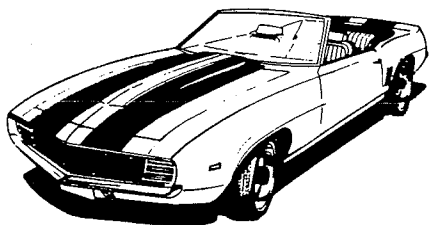
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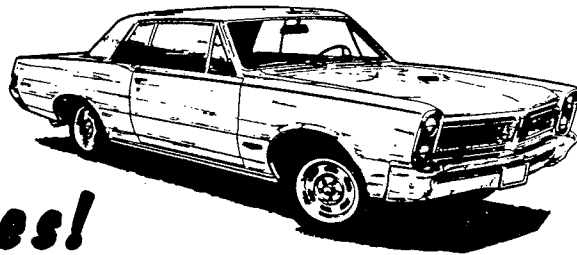
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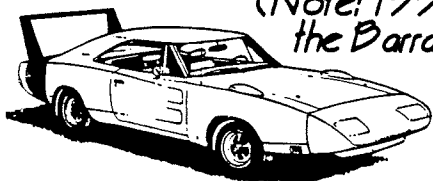


- * Day-Long Raffle!**
- * Seminars!**
- * Discounted Room Rates!**



**Theme: Decade of Speed-
Factory Muscle Cars, 1960-1970**

(Note: 1994 marks the 30th Anniversary of the GTO, Mustang, and the Barracuda. Right there you have over a dozen possibilities!)



*(Not affiliated with any other show)
(See reverse for directions and map)*

