

MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: Timothy Sickle

About 53 people were in attendance at last month's meeting, which had as its highlight a final tune-up for our NNL. Also, a discussion by the executive board on the club securing Most Favored Nation Trading Status (actually, we are in the process of becoming a non-profit organization due to our continued growth!). More on this as details become available.

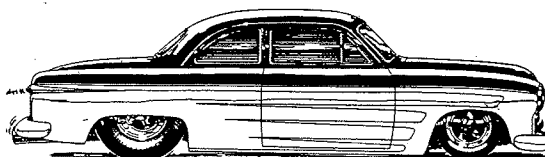
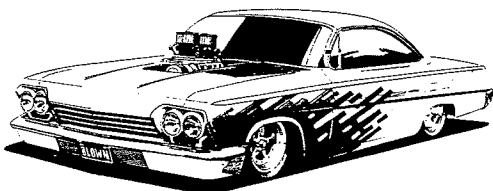
The raffle raised \$____.____ (plus \$____.____) (Fill in the blanks- the treasurers' report didn't make the printing deadline!). The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Irv Arter, Ron Hamilton, Pat "#1 Jeff Gordon fan" Maphis, Brad, Ron & Bonnie Palmer, Larry Boothe, Ed Brown, Walt Rook, Art Henriques, George Openhym, 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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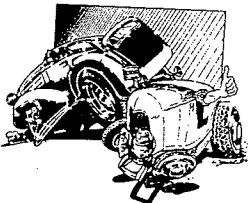
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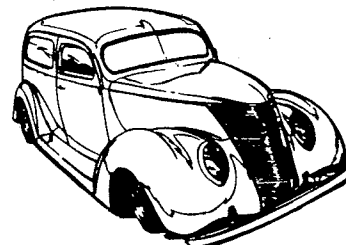
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It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465, Sterling, Va. 22170) will be a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up to us to actively patronize 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
May 1994

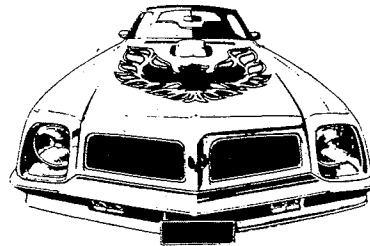


(Ed. Note: Due to scheduling conflicts, the Treasurers' Report didn't get to me prior to this month's deadline-we'll pick it up next month, Promisel)

***** 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 five 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

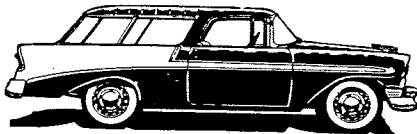


* Yeah, you guessed it, we are relegated to the Barn for these meetings!

** Added at the last moment, PLEASE NOTE!

To all MAMA's BoyZ (& GirlZ), and modelers everywhere:

This truly is a sad occasion for me to report the passing of Bob Barnett. Not only has our hobby lost a great and caring individual, one who saw it grow from a block of balsa wood to the accuracy level and intricacy of today's contest quality models, but I've also lost a friend. Our hobby will surely feel a void with his passing. I will forever remember Bob's genuine warmth and sincerity. I felt truly privileged to have known him.



Larry Boothe



1971-72(?) Pontiac GTO

(Doyusha #7359; 1/24th or 1/25th scale; less than 50 pieces; White, clear, chrome, vinyl tires)

The Pontiac GTO. The Goat. The Great One. There weren't many late model GTO kits made (the last being the 1972 MPC kit). The 1973 and 1974 were totally forgotten by the "Little Three" (and by many full size Goat owners as well!). Well, another GTO kit surfaces, this time from the Japanese firm Doyusha. Part of their "Nostalgic Heroes" series, Unfortunately, the best thing about this kit is the box art (and there is even a problem with that!). The box art first of all identifies this car as a 1964 GTO (we were 'way ahead of our time with this car!), while in reality it appears to be a 1971 model. After inspecting the front grille area, this car appears to be a 1971 as the grilles were mounted nearly flush in 1971, while they were decidedly recessed for 1972. The upper left corner of the box has an Indian chief with the letters "GTO" above his head nearly encircled by a band with the letters "USA" on it. And very prominent on the cover is what appears to be a white 1971 GTO Judge with the green stripes on it along with "Judge" emblems properly placed on the front fenders. Curiously, the stripes disappear on the box sides on the display model.

Body: The hood is molded shut, and the kit includes some chrome outside rear view mirrors (with separate chrome faces, no less!), and a Judge-style rear wing. The headlights are molded in chrome rather than clear. There are no tail lights as they are molded to the rear bumper. My original feeling was that this kit was 1/24th scale, but upon comparison to a 1972 MPC GTO kit, it appears to be closer to 1/25th scale. The body proportions are not bad with the exception of the front window, which appears to have

just a bit too much curvature than appears correct.

Interior: Might as well be non-existent! In their zeal to motivate this kit, they have shrunken the legroom (literally!) to something like 3/8"! Talk about a definite lack of legroom!

Engine: Non-existent. If you want to talk motor (as in electric!), well you do get one 'o those!

Chassis: Non-existent. The fact that this kit is motorized should tell you what to expect for a chassis.

The wheels & tires are again marginal. The wheels appear to be Pontiac Rally II's with open slots and, it appears, a "PMD" engraved on the center cap. The tires are wide Goodyear Rally GT's (with blank sidewalls on one side).

Decal sheet: If you bought this kit for the Judge stripes as shown on the box art (as I did!), then I've got some bad news for you-there are no decals at all in this kit! Seems to me that constitutes fraud (even though the build-up on the side of the box has no decals either).

The glass is one piece, lightly tinted, and scratch-free.

The instruction sheet is pretty much useless, this being a Japanese kit. It is one small sheet with very simplified steps (suits the kit well!), with minimal English translations that are short and to the point. There also appears to be a color chart of sorts in the lower right corner but, there again, this is an educated guess on my part as my Japanese is real rough!

In summation, what do we have here? A kit with an electric motor which means a seriously compromised chassis (as well as the interior in this case!), no decals, and they couldn't even get the box art right! Anyone buying this kit (like me!) has to be a diehard GTO fan, as this thing will take some serious work to become a passable GTO. Review sample bought by yours truly with his own hard-earned money.

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!

* '65 Shelby GT-350R (Monogram #2969): Molded in White(!)...nice racing 5-spoke mags...correct blank-off panels in C-pillar...correct interior without rear seat (actually covered)...gauge panel mounting to dash...roll cage w/integral fire extinguisher...headers w/chrome exhaust dumps...proper racing Shelby front pan...seemingly correct air cleaner and monte carlo bar included...rear window properly contoured... 'Cobra' valve covers, Shelby twin blue racing stripes... overall, looks like a job well done, Monogram!

* Sox & Martin GTX (Revell #7365): Molded in White(!)...reissue of earlier GTX...proper 'Keystone' mags...console properly missing, 'Hurst' shifter and tach in place...complete exhaust system included though not referred to in instructions...hood scoop...decals include blue stripes, sponsor decals, window markings, 'Ronnie Sox' signature...excellent box art combining real car (on sides) and nice drawing (on top).

* '55 Ford Pickup (Monogram #2971): Molded in Red...chrome 5-spoke mags mounting big 'n little Michelin rubber (in its' own little bag!)...5 liter fuel-injected V8 w/Cobra valve covers...Boyd's-style steering wheel...dual exhausts w/catalytic converters!...clear gauge cover w/decals...nice scallop decals along with Illinois VENOM & Idaho E Z 4 ME plates.

* "My First Model" Ferrari Testarossa (Revell #6357): Molded in Red...nice chrome Ferrari 5-spoke wheels...nice engraving...separate drop-in door panels...good parts count...1-

piece body w/wipers, hood, and deck molded to it...very easy to read instructions....heretofore plastic wheels molded in rubber....stickers for prancing horses, Illinois Ferrari plate.

* **Le Sabertooth 5000** (Lindberg #72412): Molded in Red...again, consistent in 1/20th scale....'Pro Bedrock' w/w/scoop protruding from 'hood'....genuine 'dinosaurskin' seats....custom 'bone' grille....car equipped with a radio (picks up, what else-Rock and Roll)....also includes paint and detail brush.



The Flintmobile

(Lindberg #72411; 1/20th scale; 22 pieces; molded in Bedrock Gray); Bonus; Three Acrylic paint pots (Tan, Brown & Brown) plus a chinese paint brush and two stick-on Bedrock license tags, printed in Stone-age Blue with Prehistoric Yellow lettering, 'YABADO' & YABADO 1'.

The first thing I noticed about this kit is that it's the movie car, rather than the cartoon car. The cartoon car had much larger wheels and the dash was closer to the front. I assume the movie folks had to make room for humans. Also, most of the time, Fred drove a 2-seater. AMT made a 1/25th scale Flintstone car but I can't remember whether or not it was a 2 or 4-seater.

The second thing I noticed was the placement of the ejector pin marks. There are over 80 of them on the entire kit. Only a few will show upon assembly and they are so light that they can hardly be noticed. None exist on the smooth part of the top. I looked very hard for flash, but it doesn't seem to exist on this kit. The mold lines are very light and easily removed. To me this indicates very good planning and quality from Lindberg.

This is a snap kit and it goes together quickly and easily. The two log sides are two pieces and make up the body(?) and top supports. The wheels are 4-piece "Goodrocks" (I would have expected Firestones!). The front and rear wheels, 2 log crossmembers, toe board and the genuine Dino-skin top must be positioned on the passenger side of the body, then the driver's side snaps on and the front and rear seats hold the whole thing together. This assembly may be difficult for anyone with only two hands. All that's left is to pop in the dash and slide the steering wheel through the hole.

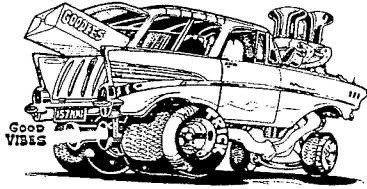
After the kit is assembled, it appears to be correctly proportioned compared to the movie car. The engraving is crisp and the dash is accented with a radio and two gauges or controls of some sort. The assembly is quick and simple. I only got two loud 'snaps' and it seemed that more force was necessary to snap the remainder of the connections together.

The instruction sheet is good. The parts are identified by name and number. The paint colors are indicated by a chart on the back page. I believe that this could have been done differently and should include a bit more explanation. Especially considering the fact that this kit could conceivably be the first model kit for many young Flintstones fans this summer.

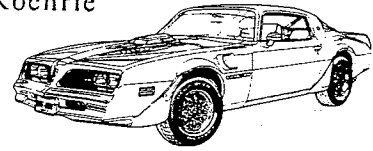
I unsnapped and glued the wheels and sides together and filled all the seams. After a bit of sanding, I airbrushed the 'stone' parts with Flo-Quil Cement then a shade with Grimy Black and then a wash with Testor's Flat Black. For the 'wood' parts, I mixed Flo-Quil Roof Brown, Daylight Orange, and Reefer White until I came up with a color close to the box art. After spraying that, I gave all the wood a wash with Grumbacher Burnt Sienna artist water color. This really made the plastic look like wood. For the roof, I cut an index card with pinking shears, using it as a mask to paint a green triangle pattern. This was followed by a shot of Dullcoat on everything, and I glued the whole thing together.

My overall impression of the kit? It's cool! And very well done. I still don't like 1/20th scale But I will get the "Le Sabertooth 5000".

Thanks to Lindberg for the review sample.



by: Dave "Caveman" Rochrie



BITS & PIECES

- * **Thank Yew!** To all MAMA's Boys (and girls!) who helped out at our latest NNL. Conversely, shame on anyone who signed up and didn't show up-you know who you are! Thanks also go out to Mike Adams, Harry Charon, and Matt Guilfoyle for their legwork in advance scouting for our 5th Annual event!
- * **Thanks!** I'd like to take just a moment here to thank Marcos Lindekugel, Editor of the "Wheels" section of the Prince George's Journal. Why? Because he was kind enough to run a small notice in the May 20th edition of the paper about our recently-held show!
- * **Thanks Again!** A frantic call to Bill Lastovich (a.k.a. Monogram/Revell) prior to our NNL show uncovered the fact that Monogram/Revell had either not received or misplaced our kind request for raffle items. Bill promised to attempt to get something to us in time for our show. And, guess what? Two days later (Friday), a 2nd day UPS box was on my doorstep! Thanks, Bill!
- * **More Colorful diecast Muscle!** On a recent visit to Wheels Hobby Shop, yours truly spotted a Verdoro Green Judge in the AMT American Muscle series.
- * **Pontiac Power!** For those of you who do not get the Blueprinter, you may have missed the fact that one of AMT's 1994 Trans Am promos will be an Anniversary Edition while the other will be just the opposite, **Basic Black!**
- * **Off Color!** My jokes? No, Monogram's first-run of the re-issued Judge had incorrectly colored stripes. According to info from Bill Lastovich, anyone having one of these early kits can contact Monogram/Revell for replacements. Thanks for the info, Bill!
- * **"Outta your mind!?"** Recently spotted in the May issue of Hemmings Motor News was a 1966 GTO 2-door coupe with original paint, 389 tri-power, 4-speed, in "showroom condition" with only 4,000 miles on it for "only" \$95,000.00 firm!
- * **"He did it his way!"** Heard about a guy who wanted to be buried in style. His dying wish? to be cremated and buried in the leather seat of his Corvette! And to ensure sufficient space, he bought 12 burial plots to do so!
- * **More Condolences.** Anyone familiar with our 'sister' club, the Central Pennsylvania model car club will recognize the name Gary Burkey. Sadly, Gary passed away. Gary was an excellent builder and will be sorely missed!
- * **Contest Time!** Results are just reaching me from the Northeast Challenge in beautiful New Joisey. These results may not be complete, so if I missed you, please let me know! For starters, our own Harry Charon "copped" (sorry 'bout that!) 2nd Place Theme (Fictitious) With his "Pro Cop" NJ Caprice Cruiser; Charlie Bennett took 2nd Place Box Stock for a Sauber Mercedes and 3rd Place Open Wheel Race Car for his 1/43rd Turbine Car; and last but certainly not least, Andy Mathews took Best in Show (although I don't know what with!) Congratulations to the lucky recipients and thanks to Charlie Bennett for the info.
- * **Roundy Rounders!** Heard about a new NASCAR souvenir shop in, of all places, Bowie, MD! Legends Sports Cards & Comics, Inc. owned by Bob Palmer is branching out into the NASCAR arena from his presently successful comic & card business. He will not be carrying a full line of apparel, but instead will try to concentrate on diecasts,

racing publications, hats, etc. and will give club members 10% off on their purchases.

- * **Club News!** Seems as though one of our own, David Mark Wheeler has started a model club which meets in the Glen Burnie area. Known as "Our Model is Christ", they meet at The First Christian Church, 320 Oak Manor Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21061 between 1 and 4 P.M. and everyone is welcome. Meeting dates are listed below (with seminars scheduled as well):

July 9th-Open

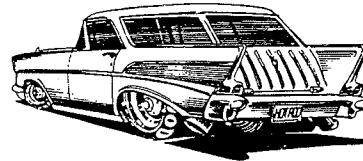
Aug. 13th-Open

Sep. 10th-Basic Spray Painting (Irv Arter)

Oct. 8th-Open

Nov. 12th-Engine Detailing (Tim Powers)

Dec. 10th-Christmas Party/Gift Exchange



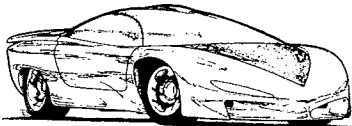
If you are interested in attending, have questions, or are possibly interested in giving a seminar, contact David Mark Wheeler at (410)536-8175.

- * **Mopar Maniacs!** Remember last month when I reported on a stock '69 Dodge Dart 2-door post? Well, bad news! Seems as though this company has just closed down due to an out-of-state relocation by one of the owners. Hopefully, the company will reopen in the near future if and when the opportunity presents itself.
- * **North of the Border.** On a recent visit to a hobby shop in Toronto, Canada (Ed. Note: Isn't that a long way to go for kits!?!), our own Art Henriques struck up a conversation with the proprietor of the shop. When Art identified himself as a "MAMA's Boy", the owner became excited, telling Art that he had heard of our lil group. Thanks, we 'preciate it!
- * **Lotsa Money + Auction=September.** What kinda math is this? Simple! Bring lotsa money for the auction to be held at the September meeting! This function will serve as a kick-off fundraiser for our 5th Annual NNL, so bring out those kits you probably won't ever build and support your club!
- * **Can you keep a secret???** Seems as though the 1964 Pontiac GTO was dreamed up by Pete Estes, John Delorean, and Jim Wangers in complete secrecy! Originally conceived as a "Gentleman's hot rod", it would appeal to upper middle-class young Americans. They got around the "large engine into little car ban" by making the 389 part of the option list. The car was finished just 3 weeks after the 1964 model intro. Delorean, taking a bold risk, personally drove the car around to dealers, giving them a test ride and explaining that the car would be a special "limited edition" and asking them to send their orders in to corporate headquarters (who still didn't know!). Upon telling them, threats of physical violence filled the air. When Delorean produced the stack of orders he had received, they "grudgingly" approved a test-run of 5,000 units and the rest is history! Believe it or stuff it!
- * **REAL Good 'ol Boys!** The May 1994 issue of Circle Track & Racing Technology is touting racing's future. And what might that be, you ask? How 'bout a class for full-size American trucks called **FASTRUCK USA**? The idea is to adapt full-size American Pick-up trucks to Winston Cup stock car chassis. Modifications are made in the cab area (for obvious reasons), and they will have an aluminum tonneau cover on the bed along with a lower front air dam. The remaining engine, suspension, etc. are right outta the Winston Cup parts bin. The owners of the FASTRUCK idea are negotiating with NASCAR to run under the NASCAR banner, though no agreement is in the works. Television coverage is even planned! This could kinda give new meaning to "Like a Rock", "Built Ford tough", and "Ram Tough Dodge" slogans!

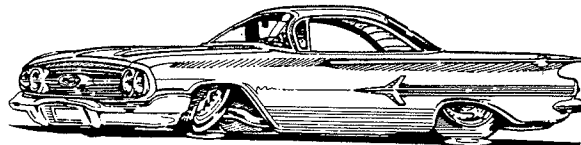
COMING EVENTS

- * June 18- **5th Annual Match Race Madness** at MIR. Jet funnies, supercharged funnies, Pro Mods, Pro Stocks, wheelstanders, and Les Shockley's Shockwave Jet-Powered Truck! Open at 3 P.M., eliminations at 7 P.M.
- * June 24 to 26- **Carlisle All Truck Nats** at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA
- * June 25- **All-Chevy Car Show** hosted by Maryland Camaro Club and Win Kelly Chevy Geo at 12205 Hall Shop RD, Clarksville, MD from 11 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Car show, model contest, food, face painting. For info, call 1-800-458-5640.
- * June 25 & 26- **Year One Musclegar Shootout** at Dragway 42 in West Salem, OH. Organized by Chuck Green and sponsored by Year One, Lunati Cams, Walker Dynamax, Goodyear, Alabama Torque Converter, DCI Don's Carburetor, Inc, Muscle Car Southwest magazine, and Zeppie's Pizzeria (Whew!), this event is designed for pure stock original muscle cars from 1955-1974 in (3) classes: 0-360, 361-409, and 410-500. Also included are Nostalgia Super Stock race cars, car corral, manufacturer's row, and musclegar display (no judging). For info, send a SASE to Chuck Green, P.O. Box 1091, Ravenna, OH 44266-1091.
- * June 25 & 26- **10th Annual Ford Motorsports Nationals** at Maple Grove Raceway in Mohnton, PA.
- * June 26- **Maryland Chevelle Club Show** to be held at the Big M Drive-in in Churchville, MD. For info, contact Bob Wilcox at (301)937-7383 (Beltsville) or Dawn Ayers (410)574-2394 (Baltimore).
- * 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 15 to 17- **Keystone Nationals Rod & Custom Car Show** at Bloomsburg fairgrounds in Bloomsburg, PA Burnout contest, valve cover races, RC races, beauty contest, flamethrower contest, flea market (rain or shine!). Open to pre-75 vehicles only. For info, write Keystone Nationals, 182 Dutch Hill RD, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.
- * July 16- **9th Annual Superchargers Showdown** at MIR. Dragsters, Funny Cars, Pro Mods (including the world's only jet-powered Lamborghini!), and wheelstanders, too! Open at 1:30 P.M., eliminations at 7 P.M.
- * July 17- **Royal GTO All-Pontiac show** (sorry, guys!) at Cross Auto Parts in Glen Burnie, MD from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.
- * July 24- **3rd Annual Tastee-Freez Classic Car Rally** (See May 1st). Distribution of free group photos from previous contests.
- * July 22 to 24- **Parts Plus Super Chevy Sunday Show** at Maple Grove Raceway in Mohnton, PA. Contact Autostar Productions, Inc. P.O. Box 49659, Los Angeles, CA 90049 (310)820-3601.
- * July 29 to 31- **Summer Carlisle** at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA A 1978 Trans Am will be given away at this event (WHOA!).
- * July 30 & 31- **National Muscle Car Association Event** at US 41 Dragway in Morocco, MI. For info, call (901)365-3779.
- * July 31- **Vintage Tin Picnic** at Ft. Smallwood Park in Pasadena, MD.
- * July 31- **All-GM show** sponsored by N.C.A.C. Further details when available.
- * Aug 3- **16th Annual Mountain Motor Nats** at MIR. Open at 3 P.M., eliminations at 8 P.M.
- * August 13 & 14- **Goodguys Carlisle Rod & Custom Classic** at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA. Rods, Customs, Classics, Musclegars thru '72. Hi-performance swap meet, entertainment, Friday night drags. For info, call (510)838-9876.
- * Aug 14- **Koons Pontiac Show**. More details when available.
- * Aug 20 & 21- **National Muscle Car Association Event** at Maple Grove Raceway in Reading, PA. For info, call (901)365-3779.
- * Aug 21- **3rd Annual Tastee-Freez Classic Car Rally** (See May 1st). **Just For Fun!** 50's costume, Hawaiian shirts or Whitewalls T-Shirt

- Jamboree.
- * Aug 21- Royal GTO All-Pontiac Show at Mike Austin Collision in Laurel, MD
 - * Aug 26 to 28- Corvettes at Carlisle at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA A 1961 Corvette convertible will be given away at this event!
 - * Aug 27- 29th Annual Auto Show presented by the Laurel Lions Club at Laurel race track in Laurel, MD Be there or be octagonal!
 - * Aug 27- 16th Annual Jet Funny Car Nats at MIR featuring Les Shockley's Triple jet-engined Truck! Open at 1:30 P.M., eliminations at 7 P.M.



CLASSIFIEDS



WANTED- 'Unwanted' Corvair engines from AMT Parts packs. Contact James Butt at (410)665-1124.

WANTED- (2) Revell '41 Willys kits. Contact Mike Adams at (410)356-4307.

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- Taillights and taillight panel from AMT '65 Chevelle wagon; extra unwanted cars, trucks, or parts for spray painting practice; Chevy Lumina #17 (D.Waltrip) direction sheet & glass. 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- MPC "Harcastle & McCormick" Coyote kit, '51 Chevy bumpers. 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.

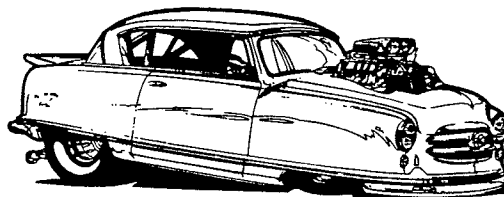
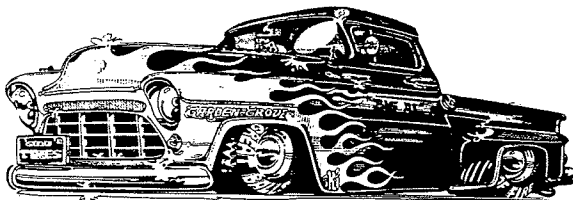
WANTED- AMT '32 Ford Vicky (White box/Silver car w/black fenders). Contact Brian at number above.

FOR SALE- Musclecards Series I, II, and the original Musclicar cards. See Tim Sickle at an upcoming meeting.

WANTED- Pictures, literature, articles on '68 Dodge Coronet R/T and '69 Dodge Charger R/T. Call Don Krone at (410)788-3119.

FOR SALE- Tamiya 1/12th scale Tyrrell 6-wheeler-\$20.00 or best offer. Contact Mike at (410)672-0914.

WANTED- Built or unbuilt Pontiac GTO and Firebird kits. Contact Tim Sickle (who else?) at (301)249-3830.

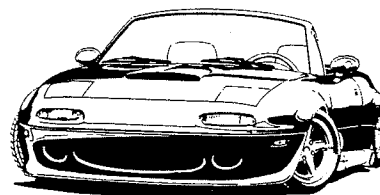


Anyone having an item for the Newsletter whether it is a Bit, a Piece or even a Classified, it can be included by contacting one of the individuals listed below:

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ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE NATIONAL MODEL CAR BUILDER'S MUSEUM

The announcement that the GSL International Model Car Championship is ending its fifteen year run has generated some questions concerning the future of the National Model Car Builders' Museum. While those questions are understandable, there is no reason for concern.

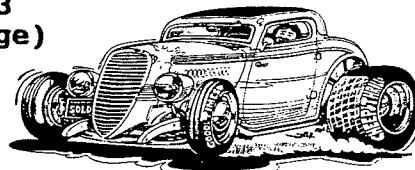
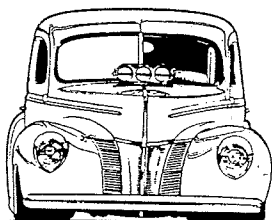
The closure of the GSL tradition will permit a more vigorous pursuit of the viability and expansion of the Museum. It is essential that the Museum survive as the place where the events, people, models and memorabilia of our hobby can survive for future generations. Museum Trustees (Mike Barlow, Mark Benton, Bill Helm and Richard Howell), headed by Museum founder Mark S. Gustavson, meet monthly to discuss the plan activities for the Museum. Those meetings will increase in the future.

Significant efforts are underway to secure tax-deductible status with the IRS (so that donors can deduct the value of their contributions). Moreover, the Museum will commence publishing a quarterly newsletter by the third quarter of 1994 which will pass along details of current displays, plans for the future, particular needs of the Museum and other related information. That newsletter will be available by subscription, and it will be sent free of charge to all groups and individuals who contribute a minimum financial donation each year (all donors are already noted on plaques hanging on the walls of the Museum). Also, all media will receive a courtesy copy of that publication. Moreover, the Museum will shortly start to sell items to raise money: the old Putty Thrower ARDUN engine kits (SASE for information), a 20 slide set, and a 30 minute (VHS) video. Other products are on the horizon and will be announced in the future. Furthermore, Mark S. Gustavson will be traveling to key shows and events around the country to display key historical models that are on display in the Museum.

For those who want to see the Museum first hand, tours are always available with advance notice (admission donation -- minimum, \$5.00 -- is charged). In sum, the Museum is healthy, its support is vigorous, and it will survive.

Further information about the Museum's activities (sales and sponsor information, inquiries, tours, donations/loans) can be acquired by writing to:

The National Model Car Builders' Museum
353 East 400 South
Salt Lake City, Utah, 84103
1-801-571-9458 (leave message)





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NORTH AMERICAN MODEL CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

With the final GSL International Model Car Championship in Salt Lake City, Utah, over, and the end of the Southwest Challenge in Dallas, Texas, last November, serious competitors, hobbyists and model car enthusiasts everywhere are welcoming the announcement of a new venue for their work: *The North American Model Car Championship*.

The North American Model Car Championship (NAMCC) will debut in May of 1995 in Chicago Illinois. The NAMCC will feature traditional and new classes to include all building styles and scales. Competitors will vie for Fourth through Best of Class awards, Master Award recognizing outstanding achievements in modeling, and the top award as the NAMCC Champion. The NAMCC Champion will receive a cash award of five hundred dollars and numerous other prizes.

For builders interested in improving their skills and sharing information, demonstrations, seminars and casual get togethers will be available for all who attend.

Collectors and builders searching for kits and parts, as well as vendors selling everything from kits to aftermarket parts and accessories will want to be sure and take part in Saturday's swap meet.

Filling out the three day schedule of events and activities will be building seminars, a possible Revell/Monogram tour, displays from the National Model Car Builders Museum, hobby shop excursions, and a gala awards breakfast on Sunday.

The *NAMCC* will incorporate the best features and most popular elements of the two shows recognized within the hobby as the "best of the best". Plans for *NAMCC* are being greeted with great enthusiasm by serious competitors, hobbyists, collectors and the hobby industry including major manufacturers and the aftermarket producers.

NAMCC will be the next level in international car modeling contests, offering the greatest competition, fellowship, and the widest range of associated activities ever seen.

To be placed on the *NAMCC* mailing list, send a business size self-addressed envelope with two unattached \$.29 stamps to:

NAMCC 3800 Spring Valley Rd #154 Addison, TX 75244

