

MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: Timothy Sickle

About 71 people were in attendance at last month's meeting, which had as its highlight a visit from "Mr. S & S" himself, Mike Siegman! He was "in the area" and decided to look us up (with Larry Boothe's help!). He became an honorary "MAMA's Boy" and it'll cost him big bucks to get outta this one! he talked briefly about arrangements for the North American Model Car Championship, kinda gettin' everybody fired up to attend next year in Chicago.

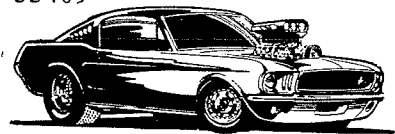
The raffle raised \$ 86.00 (plus \$33.00 from the box) The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Frank Andersen, Ron Bradley (Bradley's Car collectibles), Ron Roberts, Dave Schmitt, Dave & Karen Roehrle, Jim McGuinness, Bill Clarke, Brad, yours truly, Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master), and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

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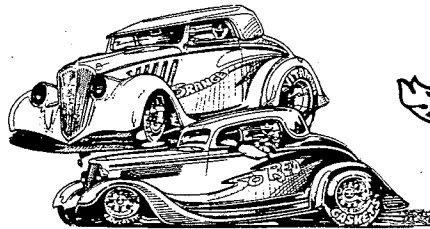
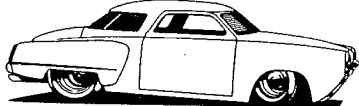
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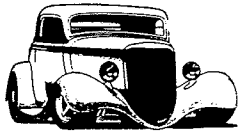
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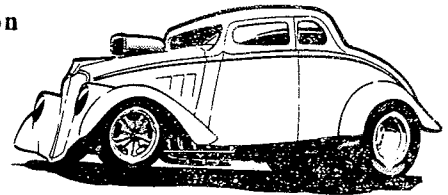
It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465, Sterling, Va. 22170) will be a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up to us to actively patronize Detail Master in appreciation of his continued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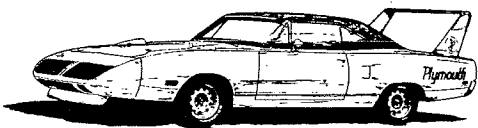




Maryland Automotive Modelers Association
Treasurer's Report
Aug 1994



Balance on hand, 8/20/94	\$ 2,667.18	
Deposit: Aug. '94 raffle	86.00	
and door receipts	33.00	
Postage Aug. '94		18.00
Model King '63 Chevy kits		190.00
TOTALS	2,786.18	208.00
	<u>208.00</u>	
CURRENT BALANCE	2,578.18	



***** 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:

September 17
October 15
November 19
December 17

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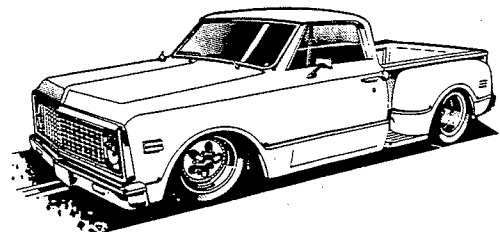
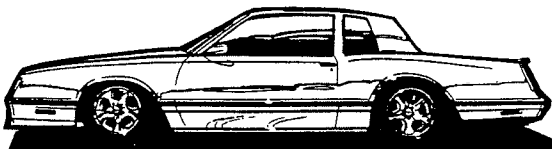


Sneakin' a Peek!

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!

* '94 Mustang Cobra Indy Pace Car (Monogram #2975): Molded in Red.... correct Cobra emblems, front air dam and rear spoiler....correct Cobra rims and 4-wheel disc brakes....2 intakes included, regular GT and Cobra....convertible boot and up-top included....Indy light bar also included....pace car graphic decals included.

* Ford Louisville Short Hauler (AMT #6460): Molded in Lt. Gray.... molded flash-free with bright, even chrome....cargo box with roll-up rear door and power tail gate....both amber and red MARKER lights....minimal decals consisting mainly of stripes for cab, (2) Iowa plates, "FORD" and "Frigiking" logos.



1965 Ford Mustang Shelby GT350R

[Monogram #2969; 1/24th scale; 74+ pieces; white, chrome, clear (unbagged), (8) vinyl tires]

The 1965 Shelby Mustang was one of the most requested kits by Ford enthusiasts and Monogram finally listened, producing both '65 and '66 street versions as well as a Hertz "Rent-a-Racer". While all these Mustangs were transformed into potent street-legal special production vehicles at Shelby American's assembly line and race shop, only thirty-six 1965 Shelby GT350's received the racing modifications which turned them into Corvette killers. This kit represents the "R" (for Race) model which looks like its street counterpart but differs in several ways. Let's see how the kit updates compare to the differences between the real cars.

The most distinctive feature of the race version is its front valance. The kit replicates this piece which was designed to save weight and house openings for brake cooling ducts fairly accurately except for the dimensions relative to the front fenders. A more exact part is available from Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD but the body can be modified to be more precise. The rest of the body is unchanged from the earlier street versions including the MUSTANG emblems which should be removed. The correct gas cap cover plate and special Plexiglas rear window are included, the latter detail most probably inhibiting many modelers from attempting a street to race transformation.

The interior includes some of the race-specific parts such as the racing seat, six-gauge panel, and four-point roll bar. The steering wheel is almost correct but should not have a Cobra emblem in its center. The rest of the interior is stock which needs to be "race readied" by removing the window cranks and ribbed door panels. An extra wheel to mount on the rear shelf in lieu of the spare tire cover would have been nice as well. The radio and glove box also require surgical removal.

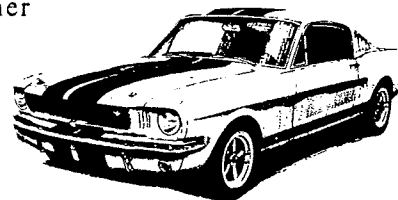
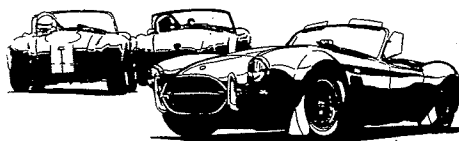
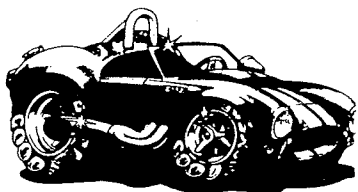
Under the hood is a nice representation of the high performance 289 engine with an aluminum intake and headers. The carb is very simple but the velocity stack covers it anyway. The Monogram 427 Cobra kit carb looks a lot more realistic and adding an aluminum air cleaner on top would be a great improvement. The molded-in battery is definitely incorrect and belongs in the trunk. Lastly, the Cobra oil pan, although nice looking, is wrong for the real car. The racing engine had a rather plain Avaid large-capacity pan to keep the high-revving 289 properly lubricated, and the valve covers are missing the long oil tube welded on. Don't forget to sand off the horns on the radiator brace, although they may have come in handy to warn the competition that they were about to be passed.

The American Racing 15 inch wheels are beautifully chromed and even include valve stems. Paint the centers metallic and mount the Goodyear sports car special tires (two sizes and sets of four included) to complete this ready to race car. Thank goodness no more Michelin TRX tires.

Despite my nitpicking of this kit, I applaud Monogram for recognizing a special interest race car as being worthy of additional tooling. I recommend this model to any Ford fanatic that doesn't mind doing a little extra work to build a nice replica of the most successful showroom-available race car money could buy, except for possibly a 289 Cobra!

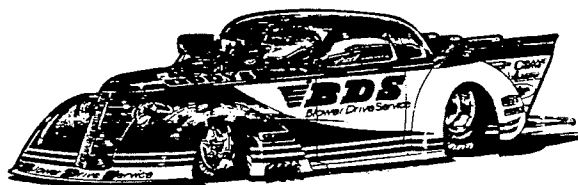
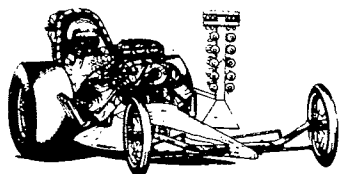
(Note: Two excellent reference sources for this car are Motor Racing Replica News and some excellent color photos are included in Shelby Mustang by Tom Corcoran which is available from Motorbooks International)

by: Rex Turner



BITS & PIECES

- * **Brownies!** Yes, that staple of MD automotive modeling champions, the brownie, was again in ample supply last month thanks to Karen Roehrle and Tim Powers. Thanks from all of us, Karen and Tim!
- * **Wheels "Rollin'!"** Yup, ya know those Model King '63 Impalas? Well, John out at Wheels Hobby Shop has already sold out of his first 2 cases, and has apparently ordered 2 more. So, if you didn't get one first time around, give John a call!
- * **Rumor Mill!** Your ever-vigilant investigative reporter has uncovered some info on (2) all-new tools somewhere down the road. Drum roll, please....how 'bout a 1965 Impala SS396 to be followed by a 1970 Monte Carlo!?! Ya heard it here first! More info when it is uncovered!
- * **On the mend!** Got word from our "Man On the Go", Lyle Willits about a very good friend of many MAMA's BoyZ, Thnetta Hampton who is back to work (at Motorsports Models) after back surgery. Word is poor Thnetta sat on one too many resin kits. Or maybe her boss, Lionel Mallicote had her hoisting one too many cases of "Inside Track" magazine? Whatever the cause, we are all glad to hear you are on the mend Thnetta! By the way Thnetta, I'm gettin' into all kinds of trouble up here! And many MAMA's BoyZ sure missed the Charlotte show this year! We all looked forward to seein' y'all again! Oh well, another time!
- * **Congrats!** Seems as though our own Irv Arter scored what could very well be the first MAMA's BoyZ double play! He managed to place two cars into two different magazines at the same time! His '63 Riv is in the latest "Custom Rodder" while his '40 Ford Sedan Delivery showed up in the latest "Street Rodder". And while I'm handing out congrats, none other than SAE's "Truck Stop" editor, Evan Hermel mentions our own Dave Roehrle. Waytogo, guys! Congrats also go out to Ron Hamilton who managed to snag "Best Street Machine" with his green /white '57 Ford at the recent Goodguys event at Carlisle; a 2nd Place for his '69 GTX and a 1st Place for his '69 'Cuda at the recently held Hillbilly Modelers show in Hillsville, VA. Congrats!
- * **"Big Daddy" speaks out!** In a recent interview with "Big Daddy" by the Palm Beach Post, "Big" alleged a possible government conspiracy for possible currency devaluation. "The government fears that this is going to happen. They're smarter than we are (Ed. Note: Wanna bet?). They have access to the big computers." This tidbit was taken from the Washington Post in a section entitled, "News of the Weird." Believe it or stuff it!



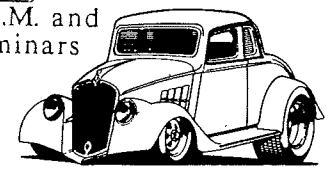
- * **New Stuff!** Got info the other day on Fourth Quarter releases from Monogram/Revell. From Monogram we'll get The "Exide" and "Quality Care" T-Birds of Geoff Bodine and Lake Speed respectively; along with 1/8th scale figures of Phantom of the Opera and Creature from the Black Lagoon. And from Revell we'll get a '94 25th Anniversary Trans Am, and a 1/32nd scale Harley Davidson Tractor Trailer rig (Snap tite) along with a Bristol Beaufighter and a Ju87B Stuka Dive-Bomber (Ya know, those "thangs with wangs?") in 1/32nd scale. Cool! Additionally, look for licensed products (3 all-new Bat-vehicles!) for the new movie, "Batman Forever" (June '95) and the new spaceship, USS Voyager, along with other items featured in the new TV series "Star Trek: Voyager" which airs in Jan. '95.

* **Competition-proven Ponchos!** Not again! Yup, the place was near Memphis, TN. The event was the NHRA Meguiar's Mid-South Nationals. The Super Stock class highlighted an all-Pontiac final between John Clegg's '73 Firebird SS/AM and Rick Young's GT/I '82 Firebird with John Clegg the winner with a 9.06 at 149.30. And in the Pro Stock class, it was a Pontiac/Dodge final round match-up with Darrell Alderman's Dodge facing Jim Yates' Firebird. Darrell wasn't to be denied, meaning Jim had to settle for runner-up honors. Yates had run the quickest of the Pontiacs with a 7.21. This info comes to you courtesy the latest issue of **High Performance Pontiac** (what else?)

* **Congratulations!** For any of you that attended the Laurel Lions show, you may have noticed several GTOs of various years. Well, I'd like to take this time to congratulate **Lee Hohman** and **John Anderson**, both **Royal GTO members** for taking **First Place** and **Third Place** respectively in their class. Both cars are 1967 GTOs-Lee's is the Bright Aqua Metallic one and John's is the Black one.



* **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):

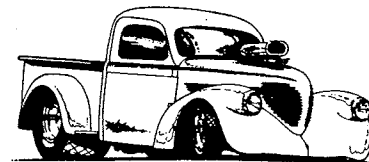
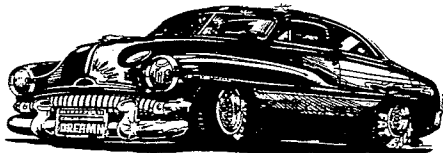


Oct. 8th-Open

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.

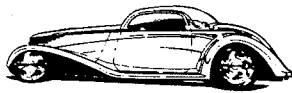


- * "**On the Move!**" A small article from the Prince George's Journal Aug. 23rd edition talked about Winston Cup's Furniture company, **Heilig-Meyers**. Seems as though they have become the nation's second-largest home furnishings retailer (Levitz is numero Uno). This is very good news. It means that they can keep coughing up the big bucks it takes to run a first class team (Junie Donlavey and Mike Wallace).
- * **New MAMA's Boy? Maybe!** The Spring/Summer '94 issue of the YAMCA (Yosemite Area Model Car Association) News details a possible transfer by one of YAMCA's finest, **Mike Hawkins** to the Washington area. The editor asked Mike how'd he like to be a "MAMA's Boy"? I didn't get Mike's answer. Whaddaya think, Mike? One thing you will learn as a "MAMA's Boy" and that is that you'll need a sense of humor! It doesn't cost anything to join, but it'll cost ya big bucks to get out! If ya get out this way, "try us, you'll like us!"
- * "**Nothing runs like a Deere?!?"** Seems as though not having a drivers license didn't slow down 73-year old Alvin Straight of Laurens, Iowa. He recently completed a 240 mile trek on his 1966 John Deere lawnmower. Seems as though he learned that his 80-year old brother, Henry suffered a stroke, he decided to visit. Neither brother could see well enough to get a drivers license, so Henry purchased the lawnmower and a 10-foot trailer, loaded up on gas, food, clothes, and camping equipment and set off from his home in northwestern Iowa to his brother's home in southwestern Wisconsin. On good days, he averaged about 5mph for about 10 hours along U.S. 18. About 4 days into the trip (which began on July 5th), the mower blew. He spent \$250.00 replacing points, plugs, generator, and starter. He made it to Charles City, 90 miles from West Bend, when he ran out of money. That was mid-July and he had to camp out and wait for his next

Social Security check (due to arrive in August). Finally, he made it to within two miles of his brother's house near Blue River on August 15th, when his mower broke down again. A farmer stopped and helped him push it the rest of the way. He says he had planned to stay with his brother through the winter but said he may head home in about a month-on his mower, of course, though offers of help are pouring in since the media heard about him. This item appeared in the Prince George's Journal, Aug. 25th edition.

- * **Maryland Motorsports Park 'revving up!'** Seems as though a developer is trying to bring racing to Havre de Grace, MD! The proposed 10 million dollar project on 550 acres of land off U.S. 40 (just beyond the city's limits) and within 10 miles of 3 Interstate 95 exits would include a 2.5 mile road course suited to everything from vintage cars to Formula One racers, an amphitheater/band shell for music festivals and picnic areas. The initial plan shows racing events taking up only 17 days a year, but there is talk of a driving school locating at the track. While there was no mention of a possible NASCAR event to be held here, that has to be in the back of their minds. Time will tell. Thanks to the Aug. 23 issue of The Baltimore Sun for the scoop!
- * **Wanted!?!?** The following item was brought to my attention from the August 1994 issue of the LIARS Club newsletter, "Model Car Briefs":

WANTED: Nationally prominent contest builder seeks other modelers with no reason to live, to form possible support group. Let's get together and swap stories about me. I am discrete....U B 2. Call Larry-(301) 972-7098.



- * **Believe it or stuff it!**
- * **Successful 'Knoxville Classic'!** The word that reaches yours truly (I was unable to attend), was that there were 350-400 models on the tables for this 1st Annual event(!) and that a real good time was had by those in attendance. John & Trae Larkin, as well as the others in the sponsor club, the Knoxville Scale Auto Modelers, are to be congratulated for this first class event. In a recent phone conversation with John, he informed me that there is a very good chance that several more KSAM members may make the trip to our show next year, so look out!
- * **Detailed Galaxy?!** Yup, seems as though our own Norman Veber (a.k.a. Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD) will have a detailing set out for the new Galaxy Trailers we have all seen in Scale Auto Enthusiast. I can't wait!
- * **"Kat" Memorial.** Heard from Don Graham (of YAMCA) the other day. Seems as though they still need money for Budd's memorial. Don has a deal for individual MAMA members who would like their names on the memorial. For a \$15.00 donation, you can get your name on the memorial, in the articles, and receive a "Kat's Wheels" T-shirt as well. If possible, Don would like to make one "mass" mailing to interested parties in our club to clear it up in one shot. Hopefully, we will attend to this item for those interested at the September meeting. By the way, Street Rodder and Custom Rodder will be doing promo articles on the memorial. And Don says this memorial will get done and it should be on display at the 1995 Oakland Roadster Show, so watch for it!
- * **"Plastic Fantastic!?"** An article in the Sept. 6 edition of the USA Today details the opening ceremonies of the Corvette museum in Bowling Green, KY. According to the article, more than 5,000 Corvettes caravanned in from across the country, along with about 80,000 people to commemorate the momentous occasion. And then there was the couple who exchanged vows (got married, silly!) in the museum. Did you hear about the paint job on the Mako Shark? Rumor has it that Zora Arkus-Duntov wanted it painted to look like its

namesake. After a third unsuccessful painting attempt, the paint crew broke into Zora's office and repainted his trophy shark hanging on the wall to match the car. Believe it or stuff it!



COMING EVENTS.

- * Sept 16 to 18- **3rd Annual Big M Birthday Bash, Car Show, Flea Market, Car Corral, & Swap Meet** on 75 acres of grass covered show grounds on RT 22 in Churchville, MD (exit 85 off of I-95). Car show, corral, flea market, live entertainment, games for adults and kids. For info, call (410)879-5558 or 734-4370.
- * Sept 18- **3rd Annual Tastee-Freez Classic Car Rally** (See May 1st). Boo Hoo! Last Show for the Summer of '94!
- * Sept 18- **Tamaqua Street Machine Association Autumn Auto Show** hosted by Heisler's Dairy Bar. Car show consisting of musclecars, antique, classic, street machine, and custom vehicles; flea market, **model car contest** with awards in Junior, Senior, & Adult classes; oldies rock 'n roll, miniature golf, food available. For further info, call (evenings) **Ron (717)386-5897, Bud (717)386-2472, or Jim (717)386-4534.** I hear last year's show had 700 registered vehicles from PA, MD, NJ, & NY!
- * Sept 23 to 25- **3rd Annual President's Cup Nitrous Nats** at MIR featuring Pro Mods, Pro Stocks, Funny Cars, Sportsman cars, Jet-Powered Kenworth, Manufacturers midway.
- * Sept 24 & 25- **3rd Annual East Coast Rod & Custom Nationals** at the Dutchess County fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY. Rods, Customs, Classics thru '62. Exhibits and swap meet.
- * Sept 25- **5th Annual S.M.I.L.E.S. Auto Show** at Havre de Grace High School in Havre De Grace, MD (rain or shine) from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Car show, flea market, and model car show and sale! For general info, call **Dan Osman** at (410)939-5412. For model car show/sale info, call **Pat Maphis** at (410)569-2326.
- * 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.
- * Oct 2- **Fall Fest Rod Run** to benefit Leesburg Optimist club hosted by **Custom Cruisers of Northern Virginia** at Ida Lee Park (rain or shine) from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. \$500.00 cash drawing, door prizes, children & adult games, food available, **model car contest.** For rod run & vendor info, call **Dave/Cherie** at (703)430-7856 or **Richard/Sharon** at (703)754-8550.
- * Oct 8- **NNL Nationals #15** held at the Lucas County Rec Center Club house, 2901 Key Street, Maumee, OH from 4:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. The theme this year is **Cover Cars of Scale Auto Enthusiast** or an alternate theme of **Mustangs.** For info, send a large SASE to **John Strick**, 125 North Rocky River Drive, Berea, OH 44017.
- * Oct 8- **Royal GTOs Fall Drag Day** at Maryland International Raceway in Budd's Creek, MD. Further details when available.
- * Oct 8 & 9- **National Muscle Car Association Event** at Memphis Motorsports Park, Memphis, TN. For info, call (901)365-3779.
- * Oct 15- **TAMS Model Car/Truck Contest & Swap Meet** at Brentwood Hall 1420 George Washington Highway Chesapeake, VA from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. sponsored by the Tidewater chapter of the AMS. For further info, call **Jim Sottile** at (804)421-4721 or **Mike Butler** at (804)487-2726.
- * Oct 16- **Atlas Pontiac Show** in Waldorf, MD. Further details when available.
- * Oct 23- **Three Rivers Automodelers Model Car, Collector's Show & Contest** at the Sheraton Inn in Warrendale, PA at Rt 19 & I-79 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. For info, contact **Jim Yeager**, (412)843-0749 (5-11 P.M. EST) or **Chris Cox** (412)265-1612 (After 5 P.M., before 11 P.M. EST).

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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- 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 "Hardcastle & 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 Musclegar 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.

WANTED- AMC inline six cylinder engine from MPC Pacer kit. Prefer unbuilt/unpainted. contact Jim McGuinness at 87 Hanson Road, White Plains, MD 20695 (301)645-8051.

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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