

MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: Timothy Sickle

About 45 people were in attendance at last month's meeting, which had as its highlight our auction to raise funds for our ever-expanding NNL in 1995. Those in attendance are to be commended because through their generosity, the club auction raised a whopping \$918.80!! We had an incredible turnout of items to be auctioned off ranging from project cars which would probably never be finished, collector kits, new kits, and all manner of automobilia. Anyone and everyone who had anything to do with this undertaking are to be commended. Listing you all would be impossible, but you know who you are. Thanks! And we should all give Ron Hamilton a rousing round of applause for his large contribution to the auction. 'Nuff said! Just remember this when the time actually comes to giving of your time and boundless energy come showtime next year!

The raffle raised Zippo (mainly 'cause there wasn't one, due to the meeting-long auction). I am listing the manufacturers here for not only their support for the auction, but also their continued support throughout the years:

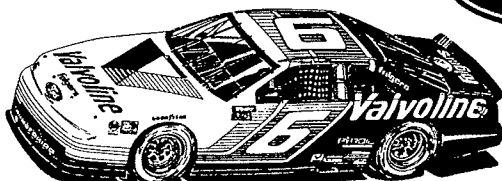
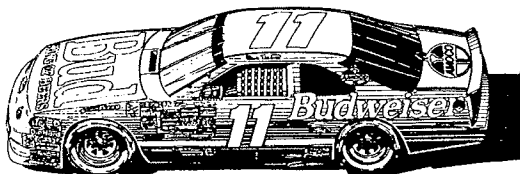
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Let's also not forget all the support from all of the cottage industries such as Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD, Scale Resin Detailers, Detail Master, Pro Tech, Model Car Garage, Bradley's car collectibles, as well as the local hobby shops such as Family Hobbies, Wheels hobby, Pas-times hobby, Hobbytown USA, and Hobby Works just to name a few. Show them that you appreciate their continued support by patronizing them!



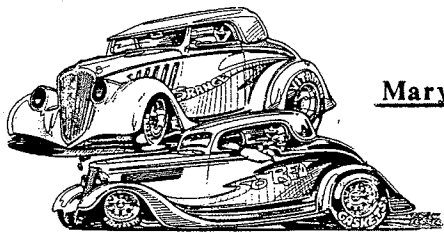
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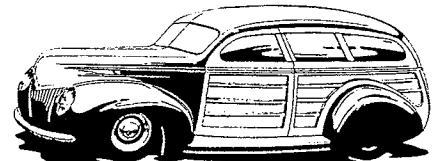
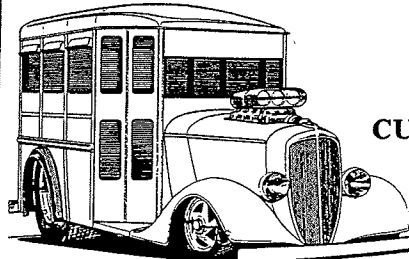
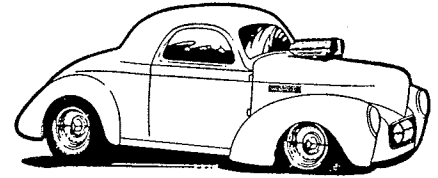
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they earned it!



Maryland Automotive Modelers Association
Treasurer's Report
 Sept 1994

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Balance on hand, 9/19/94	\$ 2,786.18	
Deposit: Sept '94 Auction and door receipts and kit sales	918.80 18.30 38.00	
Postage Sept '94		16.00
Room Rental		240.00
'95 NNL Armory deposit		410.00
	TOTALS	666.00
	3,760.98	
	666.00	
	CURRENT BALANCE	
	3,094.98	



First Annual Detail Master Open House

Dirk and Patsy Johnson, the proprietors of Detail Master recently opened their new 2300 square foot facility up to model builders. There was a model display with awards for both Junior as well as Adult modelers, a 1:1 car show in the parking lot, several aftermarket vendors hawking their wares, and best of all, free food! While Dirk busied himself with photographing the models in attendance, Patsy looked like a one-armed man in a paper hanging contest, running around making sure everyone was having a good time and trying to ensure that there was plenty of food for the hungry masses. Dirk also had some "teasers"-new products almost ready for release on display for us to see. Tim Bongard's new magazine, In Scale Illustrated was on display (in proof form), and it looked to be of very high quality. And as if all this wasn't enough, Larry Boothe managed a day-long raffle.

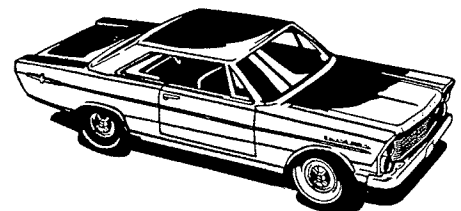
There were several notable attendees such as Ray Parsons (R & R Vacuum), Norm Veber (Replicas & Miniatures), Steve Cserka (from Chicago, no less!), not to mention many members of the local clubs in the area which made for a very good turnout. The highlight of my day was being able to meet and talk with Steve Cserka, and to be able to see his '64 GTO Pro Mod "up close and personal" (Surprise! Surprise!). This thing is awesome (Nissan has totally abused this term in the 90's, but it is especially applicable in this case!). The car must be seen to be believed!

And then the most eagerly awaited part of the day arrived-the awards! And the winners are...drum roll, please:

- Best Junior: Meghen Kulchock-Sport Truck
- Honorable Mention: Alex Arter-Ford Explorer
- Honorable Mention: Casey Fuhrman-"Mac Tools" Buick

Best 60's Kit (Sponsored by Replicas & Miniatures): Charles Dunlap-'64 Chevy Pickup

- Best Interior: Melvin Carter-'66 Nova
- Honorable Mention: Ryc Martin-'51 Pro Henry
- Honorable Mention: Melvin Carter-'37 Ford



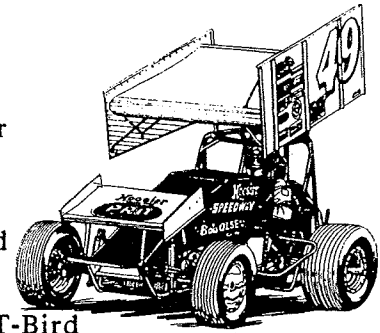
Best Engine: Melvin Carter-'66 Nova
Honorable Mention: Jerry Frazier-'66 Mustang
Honorable Mention: Jim Ricks-'37 Ford
Honorable Mention: Gary Kulchock-Batmobile racer

Favorite 1:1 "Croozer": Larry Atkinson-Chevy II

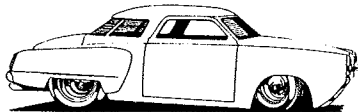
Best Overall (TIE): Steve Cserka-'64 GTO Pro Mod
 Larry Boothe-'57 T-Bird

Honorable Mention: Melvin Carter-'66 Chevelle

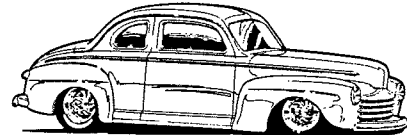
Honorable Mention: George Honeycutt-"Valvoline" T-Bird



Near as I can tell, a good time was had by all, not to mention that those in attendance ate a lot of food, bought some goodies, maybe even won some goodies, or even received an award for their hard work. Congratulations to all the winners. From what I hear, you can look for this show in the same time frame (mid-to-late September 1995) coming to an as-yet determined site near you! And finally, Dirk and Patsy would like to thank everyone for coming and supporting Detail Master. As a fitting end to this story, Dirk and Patsy were awarded the "Entrepreneur of the Year" for the successful opening of Detail Master in its new home. Congratulations, Dirk and Patsy!



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!

* 1967 Ford Mustang GT (AMT #6631): Molded in Lt. Gray....front and rear ends molded separately....trunk and louvers molded separately....289 cu. in., 271 hp. small block....platform-style interior....separate, clear headlights....dash features engraved gauges, pedals molded to it....chrome GT spoke wheels, GT gas cap, chrome "Cobra" valve covers....posable front end....upper and lower radiator hoses, separate trans linkage....GT stripes in red, white, and black....instructions feature excellent color matrix chart.

* 1965 Ford Galaxie 500 XL (AMT #6467): Molded in Lt. Gray....nice molding, minimal flash....opening hood and trunk....exhaust system molded to chassis....posable wheels, stock hubcaps, optional Cragar-style mags which mount Firestone Supreme 'skinnies' or Goodyear slicks....427 engine with either single 4-bbl or 2x4-bbl setup w/ram air.

* Colt Cobra's "Snakebite" Monster truck (AMT #6439): Molded in Lt. Gray....bagged glass!....supercharged Ford 460....modified Bigfoot reissue....custom body work w/lightly engraved snake scales....paint job will be a bear on this guy!....monster tires w/o sidewall markings, 'Firestone' markings on decal sheet.

* 1994 Snapfast Mustang GT (AMT #6784): Molded in a sharp shade of Teal....incredible packaging-everything is wrapped up in some way!....Eagle ZR tires w/17" chrome tri-spoke wheels....grille opening closed up w/a Mustang in the opening....taillights molded in place.

* 1957 Corvette (AMT #6464, 1/20th scale): Molded in Lt. Gray....Fuel Injected or 2x4-bbl intakes....red felt carpeting, grain of wheat bulbs for working lights....Firestone skinny tires....open steel rims, stock hubcaps, and BBS-style wheels....2-piece display base....headers....opening doors and hood.

* '37 Ford Street Rod w/trailer (Revell #7245): Molded in Blue....new billet air cleaner & valve covers....new front suspension....all-new interior w/molded in pleat pattern and billet-style dashboard....billet-style tail lights....chopped top w/chopped carson top....re-tooled trunk area....great little Mullins trailer included....nice set of bigs 'n littles w/6 great billet-style wheels....sharp scallop graphics, only one license plate (sharp IL plate).

* "GM Performance Parts" Cutlass P/S (Revell #7363): Molded in White (yesss!)....totally inadequate slicks....nice set of Firestone Pro Street tires thrown in (to get Moroso Frontrunners)....Wheels, trans, oil pan are chrome (uneven on this sample)....chassis molded independently of floor pan....correct shade of blue given in instructions....decals seem complete and colorful.

* Nissan 4WD Dually (Lindberg #72576, 1/20th scale): Molded in Blue....re-issue of excellent Nissan 4x4 w/addition of dual rear wheels, extended fenders, and running boards....anticipate problem positioning rear fenders properly due to lack of positive locators (pins, etc.)....glass still bagged....very colorful decals including underhood, (2) personalized plates, gauge face, and "Team Unlimited" sponsor decals.

* "Jurassic Park" Explorer (Lindberg #72516, 1/20th scale): Molded in Yellow....re-issue of excellent Explorer Sport w/addition of "prehistoric" decals to replicate vehicles used in the movie.



**Waytogo D.J. and Crew on your
Mello Yello 500 win at Charlotte!**

BITS & PIECES

- * **Brownies!** Yes, that staple of MD automotive modeling champions, the brownie, was again in ample supply last month thanks to **Tim Powers**, while the donuts were provided by **Dave & Karen Roehrle**, and the cookies were provided by **Carol Clark**. Thanks to you all for feeding this hungry mob!
- * **"Nuttin, Honey!"** Word reaches me that a certain individual who has no life and will remain nameless (and clueless, I might add!), is spreading the word to anyone who will listen (and there ain't many!!) that, and I quote, "There's nothing going on in the modeling community on the East CoastNOT!!!"
- * **Congrats!** Seems as though our own **Ron Roberts** managed to again manage to get 2 of his masterpieces into the pages of Street Rodder (Nov '94)-his '40 Ford Sedan Delivery and his Gasser Sedan. Hey Ron-do you know **Tim Boyd** personally or somethin'?!?
- * **"Toys for Tots!"** A reminder here- Our annual "Toys for Tots" drive will take place in the month of November (due to scheduling constraints) so bring in that new, unwrapped toy (boy or girl) to next month's meeting so we can ensure that they arrive in a timely fashion!
- * **Poncho Power!** Word reaches me that **Norm & Lisa Drevo's** '66 GTO drag racer ran a 9.97 at the recently-held Royal GTO drag day at MIR. Pontiac power in action! Waytogo, Norm & Lisa!
- * **Silly Season!** Many rumors are floating around about driver changes for the 1995 season. One of the more interesting rumors concerns **Ernie Irvan** and the **Havoline** team. This rumor has Robert Yates running a 2 car team with one car to be held open for Ernie When he returns, while the other car is rumored to be driven by none other than **Dale Jarrett!** And to stop a rumor before it even starts, even though yours truly has successfully completed hot laps at Charlotte Motor Speedway, and have many friends at Joe Gibbs Racing (right

Lyle & Dave?), I have not been approached to drive the #18 "Interstate Batteries" Lumina! Besides, I would have to politely decline, 'cause I can't keep up with what I am into now!

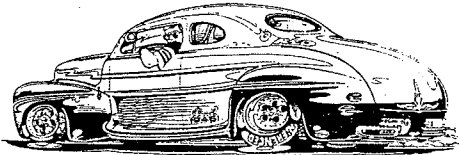
- * **More Congrats!** Results are in from the Myersville Fire Company Car & Model show. Without further delay, here they are: Harry Charon copped 3rd Street Rod, 2nd Pro Street, 1st & 3rd Custom, and 1st & 2nd Stock; Walt Rook took 2nd NASCAR, 2nd Street Machine, & 3rd Stock; Chris Breeze nailed 3rd Miscellaneous, 3rd Commercial, & 3rd Stock; and last of all, Irv Arter earned 2nd Custom, 1st Street Rod, 1st Street Machine, 1st Drag, and Best Paint. Waytogo, everybody!
- * **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):

Nov. 12th-Engine Detailing (Tim Powers)

Dec. 10th-Christmas Party/Gift Exchange

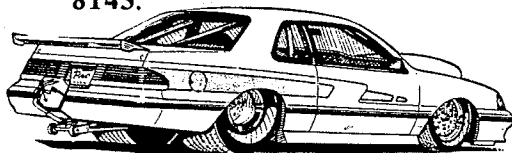
If you are interested in attending, have questions, or are possibly interested in giving a seminar, contact David Mark Wheeler at (410)536-8175.

- * **He's Baaccckkkk!** Who? Why, Dave Johns! Word reaches me that his 1/1 '49 OLds appears in the November '94 issue of Custom Rodder in the "Later Iron" column. Waytogo, Dave!
- * **Knoxville!** Spoke with John Larkin of the Knoxville auto modelers club, and they gave us a very nice mention in their club newsletter. They are really lookin' forward next year not only to makin' up here for our show, but for us to make the trek to theirs as well. And from what I hear, they are party animals! Right, John & Pat?



COMING EVENTS

- * 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).
- * April 29, 1995- 5th Annual Mid-Atlantic NNL Model Car Show & Swap Meet hosted by the Maryland Automotive Modelers Association at Ruhl Armory in Towson, MD Reserve your tables before Jan 1, 1995 for only \$25.00 per table (\$5.00 discount). 6,600 sq ft vendor area, 60+ tables, easy access for set-up, large parking lot, 1,500 sq ft display area, snack bar, restaurant & lodging nearby. For info, contact Norman Veber 317 Roosevelt Ave S.W. Glen Burnie, MD 21061 (301)768-3648.
- * April 29 & 30, 1995- "The Cincinnati Challenge 3" proudly presented by the Cincinnati Auto Modelers at the Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel 11440 Chester Road Cincinnati, OH (513)771-3400. Included will be a model car contest, best club contest, gravity drags, swap meet, seminars, video, plus a car crooze in. For info, contact Dan Mangold at 8047 Peacock Rd Cincinnati, OH 45239 (513)522-5663 or Mike Langford at 9140 Trelawney Ct Cincinnati, OH 45251 (513)521-8143.



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- 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.

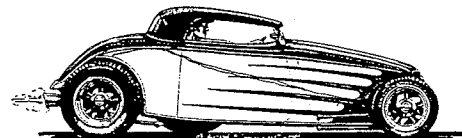
WANTED- Pictures, literature, articles on '68 Dodge Coronet R/T and '69 Dodge Charger R/T. Call Don Krone at (410)788-3119.

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.

WANTED- 1/12th scale slicks of any kind. Contact Randy Paschke at (410)551-7507.



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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