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About 60 people were in attendance at last month's meeting, which had as its highlight nothing in particular. Those in attendance were still buzzing about the recently-held Toledo NNL and new friends made, not to mention the phenomenal models and some of the prices for some of the kits and toys which were present for the weekend swap meet. We also took a step toward our 1995 NNL by choosing a theme. The theme which won hands-down at last month's meeting will be "Primer-In progress". So plan on this for our upcoming show and ya better get busy if you don't have anything started! Something that managed to escape everyone at the September meeting is that the club is six years old! Guess we were so busy with the auction, we totally forgot. Happy Anniversary to us!

The raifle raised \$68.00 (plus \$15.00 from the box). The club would like to thank the raifle donors as shown below: Lyle Willits, Pat Maphis, Bill Clarke, Brad, Walt Rook, Doug Arter, Jim Mcguiness, Ivory McCraw, Dave Toups, Bradley's Car Collectibles, and Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD.

Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

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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 (and has been!) 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 currently has available (or on the way!), I don't believe this will be a



Maryland Automotive Modelers Association Treasurer's Report

Oct 1994

INCOME **EXPENSES** Balance on hand, 10/15/94 \$ 2,786.18

Deposit: Sept '94 raffle 68.00 and door receipts 15.00

Postage Oct '94 16.00 **TOTALS** 3,177.08 16.00 16.00

> **CURRENT BALANCE** 3,161.98



<u>NEW STUFF!</u>

Well gang, it's that time of year again- the new kit announcements. After perusing the catalogs at a local hobby shop (and reading the fall announcement issue of the Blueprinter cover to cover!), to the best of my knowledge, here's the rundown. In Monogram/Revell's case, they list their releases by quarter rather than by month. When the release info was available, it was included. Start savin' your money!

January

- * '95 Mustang GT (AMT)
- '64 GTO convt. (AMT) (1)
- #2 "Penske Racing South" T-Bird (Monogram) (1/32nd) (1st)
- #27 "McDonald's" T-Bird (Monogram) (1/32nd) (1st)
- D. Waltrip set ("Pepsi" Monte Carlo/"Mt. Dew" Buick) (Monogram)(1st)
- 1964 Mustang Pace Car (Monogram) (1st)
- '95 ZR-1 Corvette (Monogram) (1st)
- '94 "Boss" Mustang (Shinoda graphics) (Revell-snaptite) (1st)
 '77 Chevy Wrecker (Revell-snaptite) (1st)
 '70 AAR 'Cuda (Revell) (1st)

- '71 Plymouth GTX (Revell) (1st)
- * Harley Davidson Softtail Classic (Revell-1/8th snaptite) (1st)

February

- * '62 Corvette (AMT)
- Nicholson S/S Bel Air (AMT)
- * '69 Shelby GT-500 (AMT) (2)

March

- '95 Blazer 4dr (Snapfast) (AMT)
- * '95 Cobra (AMT)
- * '95 F150 XLT (ÁMT)
- * '95 'Vette convt. (AMT)
- * Allison Matador (AMT)
- * 1/18th Car display case (AMT)





April

- * '65 Pontiac 2+2 (AMT)
- '95 ZR-1 (AMT)
- * '71 Petty Plymouth (AMT)
- * '50 Chevy street machine Pickup (AMT)
- * '69 SS396 Camaro (AMT) (3) * '69 Z28 Camaro (AMT) (4)
- * 427 Cobra (1/32nd)(Monogram) (2nd)

 * Petty set ("STP" Pontiac/"STP" Buick) (Monogram) (2nd)
- * '56 Ford Pick Up (Revell) (2nd)
- * Harley Davidson Springer Softtail (Revell-1/8th snaptite) (2nd)

 * "Batman Forever" Batmobile (Revell) (2nd)

 * "Batman Forever" Batwing (Revell) (2nd)
- * "Batman Forever" Batboat (Revell) (2nd)
- * "Batman Forever" vinyl Batman figure (Revell) (2nd)

<u>May</u>

- * '67 Camaro Z28 (AMT)
- * Ford Courier (AMT)
- * '95 Dodge Ram truck (AMT) (5)

June

- * '34 Ford 5-window Coupe (AMT)
- * '50 Chevy P/U (Snapfast) (AMT) * '95 Blazer 2dr. (AMT)
- * '95 Sonoma (AMT)
- * '73 Trans Am (AMT) (6)

<u>July</u>

- * (Nothing listed from AMT)
- (2) Unnamed Monte Carlo Stock cars (Monogram) (3rd)
- * (1) Unnamed T-Bird Stock car (Monogram) (3rd)
- * "Family Channel" T-Bird (Monogram) (3rd)
- * '59 Cadillac Hardtop (Monogram) (3rd)
- * '50 Ford Pick Up (Monogram) (3rd)

- * Lil Coffin (Monogram) (50th Anniversary) (3rd)

 * Ford Aeromax (Revell) (3rd)

 * Thames Truck (Revell) (3rd)

 * "Kendall GT-1" Daytona funny car (Revell) (3rd)

August

- * '67 Shelby GT-350 (AMT)
- * '96 Ford Explorer (AMT)
- * '72 Chevy Fleetside (AMT)
- * '69 Charger Daytona (AMT) (7)
- * Plymouth Prowler (AMT) (8)

<u>October</u>

- * '55 Chevy convertible (Monogram) (4th)
- * "Fruit of the Loom" Daytona funny car (Revell) (4th)
 * '69 Dodge Dart GTS (Revell) (4th)
- * Ferrari Coupe (Revell) (F355?) (4th)

Notes

(1) 1/12th scale diecast in Aquamarine Metallic







(2) 1/18th scale diecast in Candy Apple Red/Grabber Yellow

(3) 1/18th scale diecast in Daytona Yellow/Black stripes & interior

- (4) 1/18th scale diecast in Tuxedo Black/White stripes/Black interior
- (5) 1/18th scale diecast in Flame Red/Silver & Black/Silver (V10!)

(6) 1/18th scale diecast in Buccaneer Red/Cameo White

Sneakin' a Peek!

This column will appear as frequently (or infrequently!) as new re-leases 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!

* Toyota Dually (Lindberg #72575): Molded in Magenta(?)....bagged glass....re-hash of earlier Toyota 4WD....nice 5-spoke wheels....dual rear wheels, sunvisor, running boards, hard tonneau cover, running boards....dash gauge decal, underhood decals, '94 DUAL' NE plate, 'TOY

TRK' AR plate....steerable wheels.

* Jeep Grand Cherokee (Lindberg #72602, 1/20th Super Snap): Molded in black....separate hood, no engine....l-piece interior glass frosted for areas to be painted black....clear headlights and parking lights, chrome headlight buckets...peel 'n stick markings include "Grand Cherokee LTD", gold striping, gauge face, and "GT 4X4" plate....tub-style interior.

* 1995 Chevy Blazer 4 DR (Lindberg #72578, 1/20th Super Snap): Molded in Raspberry Met....1-piece interior glass frosted for areas to be painted black....tub-style interior....peel 'n stick markings include gauge face, 'Blazer' & Bowtie logos, & 'BLZ 4X4" MI plate....clear

headlights and parking lights.

* Pontiac Firebird Firehawk (Lindberg #72578, 1/20th): Molded in Red....re-hash of earlier Formula kit....tub-style interior w/drop-in door panels...glass bagged, not frosted for black areas...correct specific 5-spoke chrome wheels (add dullcoat) w/correct Firestone Firehawk tires....correct twin inlet hood w/correct low restriction inlet....decals include earlier Formula set along with smaller Firehawk set which includes wheel center decals, large Firehawk decals for doors, and smaller ones for nose and tail.

* Snaptite Viper GTS Coupe (Revell #6359):Molded in Blue....real car on box top, model on sides....l-piece glass w/frosted areas for black paint....proper 'double bubble' roof....(5) correct 5-spoke chrome wheels....Michelin tires in 2 sizes....clear headlight covers....peel

'n stick white stripes.

* 25th Anniversary Trans Am (Revell #7600): Molded in White...re-hash of excellent Trans Am kit....rear side marker lights still missing....proper 5-spoke wheels (chrome, need stripping for white paint)....l-piece glass w/frosted areas for black paint....Goodyear GS-C tires....decals include window sticker (unable to read how expensive it is!), underhood labels, wheel centers, Anniversary logos, and stripes (appear to be too dark).

Museum of Industry Model Car Show

In all, there were 42 models entered in the 1st Annual Model Car Show in conjunction with the Bay Country Region Vintage Chevrloet Club of America Classic Auto Show on October 15th, 1994 at the Museum of Industry in Baltimore. The judges in this case were two Museum staff members. First Prize was awarded to Harry Charon for his Replica Stock '51 Chevrolet, while Dave Schmidt's beautiful mild custom '58 Chevrolet was the Second Place winner. An original '58 Chevrolet convertible Craftsman kit, built by

an unknown modeler, won the Third Place award.

The members of the full-sized Chevrolet club were so impressed with the quality of the models present that they have asked MAMA to help organize a contest in conjunction with a three-day national VCCA event to be held in August of 1995 at the Guest Quarters Hotel at BWI. More on this opportunity as it develops.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to both Harry Charon and Dave Schmidt for their invaluable assistance at this years'

show.



'37 Ford Convertible with Trailer



(Mono...oops! Revell #7245; 1/24th scale; 131 pieces; molded in Medium Blue, clear, chrome, vinyl tires)

Believe it or not, it was almost eight years ago when Monogram released the '37 Ford Tudor street rod kit and even without its promised trailer, it surely must be the best-selling street rod kit of all time. It has now been reissued under the Revell brand with much more than the new body style and long-awaited trailer. The amount of new tooling added to the original kit is truly impressive, making this the most modified reissue that I have ever seen.

Body: The fender unit and separate stock and "smoothie" running boards are straight reissues. The Cabriolet body appears to have the correct dimensions and accurate dip and contour around the roof well. The upper door moldings are correct and the windshield is chopped. The chopped cabriolet roof is finely engraved with a canvas texture, seams, and molding. Based on an almost endless supply of photos and magazine spreads, the scribed trunk lid appears to be too narrow. Also, the lower corners of the trunk lid should slightly curve in toward the center, but on the model, the trunk edges are straight and abruptly end. New to this kit are two billettype mirrors and two mini-wipers which are correct for the chopped windshield. Stock taillight stalks are not included but billet type chevron taillights are present on the chrome tree.

Interior: The only item carried over from the original kit is the LeCarra steering wheel-the rest is all new. The smoothed dash has an indentation for the new billet gauge panel which is chromed. Hit this piece with some flat clear paint and you will have aluminum! The gauges in this piece are well engraved, but they are small. Better use some Detail Master gauge faces here (Don't tell D.J., but you can also take a magazine ad with gauge faces and reduce them in a copy machine!). The sculptured door panels are well engraved and include arm rests, sunken door handles, and power window buttons. The pattern from the door panels is carried over to the new front and rear bench seats. By the way-these interior pieces adapt very easily to the phantom '37 Ford 3-window from Scale Resin Detailers (Bribes and kick-backs should be cash only!)

Engine: The original kit contained a well done Chevy 350/350 engine and trans, so why mess with a good thing? The new item here is an oval-shaped billet air cleaner patterned to match the reissued valve covers.

Chassis: Still here is the most accurate '36-'48 Ford frame rendered in plastic with the Corvette rear suspension and reissued separate exhausts. Revell has responded to the complaints regarding the original stock front axle and wishbones and the kit now has an accurate 8-piece replica of a Heidt's ifs. Although the tie rod doesn't actually attach to the separate spindles, it would be easy to achieve posable steering. The new rolling stock is fantastic. New unidirectional custom billet wheels are intricately detailed and represent Billet Specialties "Challenger" wheels (I don't memorize the wheels-I look 'em up!). Big and little Goodyear tires

are new to this kit and they look great even though they are apparently reissued from something or other. They read "Sports Car Special" in very small letters on the sidewalls, but even your highly-trained Optometrist won't see these. After all these highly detailed updates to the kit, the same 'ol plain backing plates are used for the wheels, so a trip to your favorite aftermarket dude will be necessary for disc brakes.

Trailer: The neat little street rod trailer promised in 1987 didn't make it into the original kit because it would raise the kit price and the box would need to be larger. My, how times have changed! The trailer builds up from 8 pieces, not counting the matching billet wheels and Goodyear "littles". (You'll be left with two Goodyear "bigs" for your spares box).

Decals: The small decals sheet contains blue and green stripes and "swoopy" scallops for both the car and trailer and one Illinois license plate for the trailer (I guess in Illinois, if you pull a trailer, you don't need a tag on the car!).

It seems that I can't do a kit review without making this same observation-while all of the blue plastic parts are safely bagged, the chrome tree slides around, unprotected, in the bottom of the box. For thirteen

bucks, couldn't we have the chrome in a small #!:*&+? plastic bag?!?

Anyway, Larry Greenberg's task of counting ballots for Reissue of the Year will be easy this time-this is the one!

by: Lyle I'm doin' the Posey two-tone, so don't even think about it! Willits





1994 S.M.I.L.E.S. Show

Sunday, September 25th, 1994 marked the 5th year for the S.M.I.L.E.S.

Car, Truck, Van, Motorcycle, Boat, and Race Vehicle (Whew!) show.

S.M.I.L.E.S. stands for Service Makes Individuals Lives Extra Special. This is a student service group at Havre de Grace high school in Havre de Grace, MD. This show is used as a fund raiser for various charitable events held throughout the year. This year, thanks to several volunteers and many generous sponsors, the show raised nearly \$4,000.00 as well as several boxes of canned goods.

This year is the 4th year for the model car show. Each year, the show has been well represented by M.A.M.A. members. This has brought a lot of enjoyment to many people who would not otherwise get to see such a nice variety of models. In the past 4 years, we've also seen the number of

Junior entries grow.

I'd like to thank everyone for entering, especially; Harry Charon, Mike Adams (and family), and Roland Sutherland for their help with set-up, running the show, and tear-down. I'd like to thank Lyle Willits for entrusting Harry with his models so even though he was unable to attend, the spectators could enjoy his craftsmanship. Not everyone is that trustworthy! (More on that later)

A big thanks also goes to Ron Bradley for his generous financial support! I know more than a few people who said they came to the show solely to purchase models from Ron because they got such good deals last

year.

We had 32 total entrants, 18 adults, and 14 juniors. There were 73

total entries. 448 people voted for the three People's Choice awards.

Harry Charon emerged as the clear cut crowd favorite. His '55 Chevy beater was the top vote getter. The next highest vote tally was Harry's cool 50's-style '59 Chevy convertible. (Remember when this guy used to build Replica Stock?!?). Tony Meeker's pretty little custom '49 Ford shoebox took 3rd.

In typical M.A.M.A. style, rather than accept two of the three awards, Harry requested that we give his second trophy to the Junior entry with the highest vote tally. This was also a '59 Chevy convertible built by eleven-year old Chris Wiseman. What a class move by Harry. I thought this young lad would be thrilled when he picked up his model and trophy-he didn't crack a smile or even say thanks. Oh well.

I had my most embarassing moment in modeling at this years' show. While frantically trying to keep up with registration, keep an entry list and talk-I dropped my clipboard. No big deal? I dropped it on the '70 Mustang of Casey Wiseman (Maybe that's why his brother Chris wasn't happy!) and the '57 Chevy of Lyle Willits. Both car owners were very kind and

understanding. Really sorry guys!

No-I didn't feel bad, everybody kept me away from the table for the rest of the day and kept me away from sharp objects as well. Hope some of you can make next years event.

Respectfully submitted, Pat "Smasher" Maphis

P.S. I won't get near the tables.



BITS & PIECES



- * "Another one bites the dust!" Word reaches me (somewhat late!), that Charlie Atkinson got married on the same weekend as the Toledo NNL. So, the next time you see him, extend your congratulations!
- * Thank Yew! That one goes out to S & S Graphics (Irv Arters place of employment) for allowing us to print our newsletters every month!

* Solid Gold Plastic! Several "deals" spotted at the recently-held Toledo NNL: 1963 Corvette promo-\$750.00; 1967 Mustang promo-\$750.00; and lastly 1969 Fl. Coming bit 6275.00

and lastly, 1969 El Camino kit-\$275.00. WoW!

New Stuff! Got a press release from Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD (who?!?) the other day. Seems as though Norman has been hard at work comin' up with new items for Tamiya's new Caterham Super Seven 1/12th scale kit. Start off with four lug Minilite wheels (\$24.95); this set includes (5) wheels, center caps, and tubing for valve stems. These rims fit the Tamiya tires and wheel hubs perfectly. The basic Minilite pattern was provided by Randy Derr. Next is a wood rim steering wheel (\$24.95) (14"). The rim is real cherry, and the spokes are photoetched nickel silver. There is a separate attachment ring that fits around the kit horn button (instructions provided). Next, we have a Detail Set (#39.95) which includes seat belt hardware, rear fender stone guards, hood latch parts, tie down hardware, and lots of carburetor linkage details (about 40 photoetched nickel silver and brass parts in all). Buy 'em all at once for only \$75.00 and save \$15.00! For a catalog and ordering info, send \$2.00 to Replicas & Miniatures Company of Maryland, 317 Roosevelt Avenue S.W. Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

"Fit for a King!" Model King, that is! For those interested, the club still has a limited quantity of the Model King '63 Impalas for sale for only \$19.00 each. If interested, contact Treasurer Matt Guilfoyle.

* The Final Detail! A new book came to my attention the other day. Put out by Speed Details of Canada, it is the definitive source on the

Ford Indy car engine, with exquisite drawings of all the systems. Am told it will keep even the "most anal retentive modeler (CB) happy for some time". To order one, send \$6.00 U.S. to Speed Details 223 Scenic Acres Dr. N.W. Calgary, Alberta Canada T3L-1L4. Thanks go out to Russ Bundy of Motor Racing Replica News for the straight scoop!

Pontiac Power! I can't let you guys off too easy, can I? The latest issue of Motor Trend (Dec. 1994) discusses the return of none other than Ram Air to 1996 Firebirds and Grand Ams too! To go along with this, it is rumored that a freer exhaust system and other small mods will bring horsepower "up around 300". The Firebird will also get some suspension "tweaks" to handle this new-found power infusion. Also in '96, the Grand Am's 2.3 liter Quad 4 gets enlarged to 2.4 liters. Waytogo, Pontiac!

MORE Power! Think that you got all the power you need in your LT1 Corvette at 300 hp?!? How does a scorching 5,000 hp sound?!? And no, it's not a Top Fuel or Funny Car engine-it's a diesel locomotive engine! It's a new Caterpillar V12 with a dislpacement of 1,127 cu.in. per cylinder! Four fans are mounted atop the raiators in this new locomotive to cool this beast! As if to top this off, I hear that this engine has a bigger brother-a 16-cylinder 7,000 hp monster! Thanks to the December 1994 issue of Popular Mechanics for

the straight scoop.

On track! Word reaches me about some new race tracks attempting to be built. The first one is the 'baby' of O.Bruton Smith (of Charlotte fame!). Plans call for it to be built west of the Mississippi (possibly Dallas-Ft.Worth, Las Vegas, or St. Louis/Branson) and that it will be similar to CMS in layout. This track may be joining California Speedway and Miami Motorsports Complex not to mention the re-opening of Texas World Speedway! To my knowledge, none of these tracks have commitments from NASCAR for race dates, but that could change!

*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):

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.

Sharp dressed club! Advance warning- due to the ever-expanding membership of our club, we will be preparing new orders for T-Shirts, hats and jackets. If interested, advance payment is

required. More info when available.

* Hallmark model cards!?! Word reaches me that Hallmark (Yep, those guys who sell all those greeting cards!) bought up none other than Monogram/Revell. Word is that there will be no change in the day to day operation of Monogram/Revell. Just take a look at their 1995 offerings elsewhere in this issue-WoW! In a related development, Hallmark will be coming out with a new card-"Sorry to hear that your paint job didn't turn out!"

Movie Critic?! Heard about a new comedy due out by the end of December about a car buff starring Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen

called "Pontiac Moon" (Really!). Appropriate title, I think!

* Miniature Bug-In! Seems as though Tamiya is sponsoring a Beetle Contest. The rules are simple. Merely purchase and build Tamiya's new 1/24th scale Volkswagen 1300 kit (in whatever style moves ya!), and send 3 clear photos and a description of its highlights to Tamiya. If yours is chosen, fame and fortune could be yours! (Well, fortune, anyway). The prizes include Tamiya's new Spray-Work HG air compressor, plus a Tamiya kit of your choice (up to \$100.00)-First

Prize; Tamiya HG airbrush and Tamiya kit of your choice (up to \$100.00)-Second Prize; and a Tamiya kit of your choice worth \$100.00-Third Prize. Well, better get on out and git them bugs worked out! (sorry, I couldn't resist!)

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 Musclecar 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 McGuiness 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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