

Volume 7, No. 6 Feb. 1995 by: Timothy Sickle

About 70 people were in attendance at last month's meeting, which had as its highlight not one, but two seminars-one by the "famous" Lyle Willits on the subject of woodgraining plastic and the other seminar was given by none other than Dirk Johnson on his new foil application (it should be noted that it comes in two different types-chrome foil and a duller, aluminum type finish). Last month's meeting was held in a different (read smaller) room, so we were literally "packing 'em in!" We are thankfully back to norma and in K-100! Thanks to Lyle and Dirk for the helpful seminars!

The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Brad, Irv Arter, Jim McGuiness, Mike Hemp, Jason Fridley, and Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

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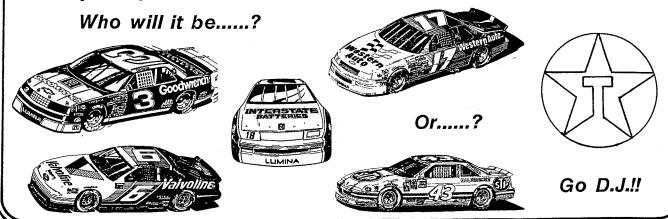
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It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465 Sterling, VA 22170) will be (and has been!) a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up to us to 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 problem!]



# Maryland Automotive Modelers Association Treasurer's Report

Jan.1995



	INCOME	EXPE	NSES
Balance on hand, 1/21/95	\$	3,735.48	
Deposit: Jan. '95 raffle and door receipts Kit Sales (1) NNL Table Fees (10)		98.00 12.00 19.00 255.00	SO POWE
Postage Jan '95 TOTALS		4,119.48 28.00	28.00 28.00
CURRENT BALA	ANCE	4,091.48	

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The meeting schedule for 1995 has been finalized (almost!) by our own Matt Guilfoyle. All meetings will be from Noon to 5 P.M. and astute MAMA's BoyZ will notice a few changes and one or two gaps in the schedule. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place in room K100. On two occasions, we will be in building Q, rooms 305 & 307 and in August, we will hopefully be scheduling rooms Q305 & 307 as well, but cannot do so before January 1st, 1995. Will advise upon confirmation of same. Got it?! Good, 'cause there will be a test on it!

January 21st (Room Q305 & 307) February 18th March 18th April 22nd (Room Q305 & 307) May 20th June 17th

July 15th August (TBD) September 16th October 21st November 18th December 16th





## 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! (Ed. Note: The kits are listed in no particular order)

- \* '95 Stealth R/T Turbo (AMT #6543): Molded in Lt. Gray...(4) Goodyear ZR40 tires....(4) stock R/T chrome wheels, (4) optional 5-spokers..... clear headlight covers....underhood decals, "BOMBER" Oregon plate....excellent instructions including color matrix chart....dash includes engraved gauge detail....cosmetic sheet metal updates seem consistent with real car.
- \* '62 Corvette convt. (AMT #6489): Molded in Lt. Gray....(8) tires-(4) Firestone skinnies, (4) Goodyear Rally GT's (in 2 different sizes)....engine intake options include fuel injection, (2) 4bbls, single and dual superchargers!...(4) stock, spoked wheel covers, (4) custom deep dish mags....simplified suspension and chassis pan w/molded on exhaust system, metal axle in rear, plastic stubs in front....tonneau cover, cut-down windscreen included...kit amazingly

flash-free....decals include twin red stripes, scallops, white coves, (3) sets (Mass, D.C., & VA) of vintage plates including "INFRNT" VA

plates.

Snapfast Plus "Shockwave" Jet-powered Truck (1/32nd scale) (AMT #8267): Molded in Yellow, Lt. Gray, & chrome....very nice ladder-type frame, interior roll cage, and dash detail....chrome wheels, rear front bumper/grille....vinyl tires....very nice body/sleeper cab unit (Ed. note: Roof is cut out-why?)....separate front fenders....nice waterslide decals.



# 1965 Ford Galaxie 500XL 2 door hardtop (AMT #6467)

This is a reissue of a kit which I built 'way back in 1965 and it is pretty much the same kit with the exception of the deletion of the NASCAR and custom versions. The kit will build up as either a nicely detailed repli ca stock coupe or a 'weekend warrior' drag racer.

Engine: An 18 or 19-piece depiction of Ford's famous 427 V8, in either

single or dual 4 bbl form. Pretty good detail from a 20-year old mold.

Chassis: Detail is excellent in that aside from the molded-in exhaust system, the front suspension assembly builds into a steerable as well as height adjustable display. The rear suspension can be built raised for drag slick clearance with spring risers. The suspension is well detailed. Optional 70's style sidepipes are also included.

Interior: Consists of an interior tub, with molded-in pedals, separate

front and rear seats, console, seat belts, and rear seat trim.

Wheels & Tires: Consist of optional stock wheel covers and blackwall Firestone Supreme bias-ply tires. The stamped-on whitewalls are missing. Optional wheels consist of reverse rim Cragar mag wheels with vintage

Goodgar Blue Streak drag slicks again circa 1965.

<u>Body:</u> The body features an opening hood with optional hood ornament or hood scoop with separate hinges for operation, as well as an opening trunk, complete with trunk floor detail, a spare tire mounted on a mag wheel, a jack and a tire iron. The emblems on the body are detailable and haven't lost a lot in 30 years. The grille and bumper are one piece not counting the four clear headlight lenses.

In conclusion, this kit was very well engineered back in late 1964 when it was introduced and with AMT's expert mold reconditioning, is very well detailed by today's standards and will build into a very nice model. I still have a '65 Ford in my collection and I wholeheartedly recommend this model, especially to those modelers who never bought a nice sixties style kit. Keep it up, AMT!

by: Ron Hamilton

# 1995 Supertruck Series Schedule

<b>DATE</b>	LOCATION
2/5 3/19 4/8 4/15 4/22 5/5 5/13 5/27 6/3 6/23 7/1	Phoenix International Raceway, Phoenix, AZ Sears Point International Raceway, Sonoma, CA Tucson Raceway Park, Tucson, AZ Saugus Speedway, Santa Clarita, CA Mesa Marin Speedway, Bakersfield, CA Portland Speedway, Portland, OR Evergreen Speedway, Monroe, WA I-70 Speedway, Odessa, MO Louisville Motor Speedway, Louisville, KY Bristol International Speedway, Bristol, TN Milwaukee Mile, Milwaukee, WI

7/15 7/29	Colorado National Speedway, Danco, CO Heartland Park, Topeka, KS
8/3	Indianapolis Raceway Park, Indianapolis, IN
9/2	Flemington Speedway, Flemington NI
9/7	Richmond International Speedway, Richmond VA
9/23	Martinsville Speedway, Martinsville, VA
9/30	N. Wilkesboro Speedway, N. Wilkesboro, N.C.
10/15	Mesa Marin Speedway, Bakersfield, CA
10/27	Phoenix International Speedway, Phoenix, AZ







# Galaxie Trailer-32' Tandem Axle Gooseneck Trailer, Model #G-32

The packaging on this kit is quite well done (the "Little Three" could take a lesson here!). Parts are packaged into several plastic bags. The box itself has drawings of both the 24' and the 32' trailers and gives the uninitiated a bit of an idea as to the differences between a tag-along and a Gooseneck trailer.

The parts of the trailer themselves are molded cleanly in a nice white resin and flash seems to be nonexistent. The exterior of the trailer exhibits molded-in rivet, marker light, and hinge detail. The baseplate contains a separate spare tire access door, complete with spare tire (plastic) to go inside. The side panel contains a separate, hinged generator access door. Also included is an engine hoist assembly (the builder need only supply the thread, cord, or wire) which mounts inside the trailer. Optional ramps are nicely done, exhibiting a treadplate pattern on their surface. There are also separate, hinged side and rear doors. Also included is the fifth wheel hook-up for the owner-supplied pick-up truck. Included as tires in this kit is a set of (4) Monogram Goodyear Eagle VR series tires.

The instructions consist of only one 8 1/2" x 14" sheet, and are simple and easy to follow. Appropriate suggestions are made with regard to construction of cabinets, tire racks, etc. to enhance the trailer.

While I am not necessarily a 'trailer' man, I am extremely excited about these rigs and all of the possibilities they represent. And may I reiterate that Norman Veber, a.k.a. Replicas & Miniatures Company of Maryland has just released or is in the process of releasing several detail sets for these excellent kits including items such as tool chests, wheels, tires, generators, and race team accessories just to name a few. Interested? Please contact Norman F. Veber, Replicas & Miniatures Company of Maryland, 317 Roosevelt Ave., Glen Burnie, MD 21061. Gotta run. Now where did I put that Galaxie order form?!?



# 1978 Dodge Lil Red Truck

[AMT #6459; 1/25th scale; 85+ parts; gray (yes!), chrome (bagged & nice), clear (not bagged, minor scuff marks), (2) metal axles, (4) vinyl tires]

This truck is a reissue of the MPC kit. I do not have a kit for comparison and cannot find what few pictures of the 1:1 truck which I thought I had. The kit has very little flash with minor mold marks except for the four under the hood. These can be carefully filled and sanded with no loss of detail. I fully expect to buy at least one more to drop in da weeds, motorvated by a parts pack Hemi.

The engine, consisting of 19 pieces, is the 360 cubic inch version. Contrary to the history section in the instructions, the kit does not have the dual snorkel air cleaner, instead being equipped with an open element style air cleaner. Interestingly, the 1/18th scale diecast is pictured with this air cleaner. The engine exhibits nice detail, including a separate alternator and power steering unit. Due to the metal axle, the oil pan is notched for clearance. However, a notch is much easier to repair than a hole through the block. Only the top radiator hose is provided.

The chassis consists of 23 pieces. The front suspension is three parts including the metal axle. Seven parts make up the drivetrain and rear end. The spare tire and retainer are one molded part, and the tire is so slick it needs cords to be added for detail. I would prefer a separate retainer to allow me to add a separate tire with tread. The exhaust system is sepa-

rate and consists of six pieces.

The tires are nice Goodyear polyglas blackwalls. The wheels are 2piece 5 slotted custom mags which are chrome plated. The slots are molded

closed.

The interior consists of 6 pieces and is tub-style with seats molded in. Door panel detail is faint. The brake and gas pedals are molded to the floor and could easily disappear if using flocking. Dash detail is decent. The 3 spoke steering wheel in my kit had been mashed but I was able to gently and reasonably straighten it. The rest of the cab consists of 12 pieces which include the California-style mirrors not shown on the box art model. The firewall has a separate wiper motor and plated (?) master cylinder. The bed unit consists of 9 pieces. The tailgate is movable and the taillights are gray.

Extra exterior features include a nice 2-piece gray tool box to put in the bed and a 2-piece floor jack. The separate jack handle allows changing

the angle of the handle, but the wheels are just blobs.

At first glance, the <u>decal sheet</u> looks nice. Look again, and the simulated woodgrain section is just an orangeish glare. The pinstripes for the wheel openings are different from the box art, meaning one or the other is wrong. At a minimum, the decals on the sheet exhibit good registration. No license plate decal is provided which is somewhat strange, knowing AMT's sense of humor when it comes to license plates.

The <u>instruction sheet</u> is especially nice. All parts are clearly numbered and identified with paint instructions clearly written under the name. Subassemblies are clear and easy to understand. The now-expected truck description/history section and generic tips and phone number in case of kit problems are provided. A reissued kit with a new instruction sheet.

All in all, I believe this will be an enjoyable kit to build. Wonder

when the Warlock will be reissued?

by: Gary Sutherlin



# BITS & PIECES



\* Congrats! The March '95 issue of Custom Rodder is on the stands, & Rick Hanmore's "Custom Rodding in Scale" features several MAMA's BoyZ. Kelvin Brown's tubbed Chrysler 300 made the cut as did Lyle Willits' "Madwood" '55 Nomad (complete with biker bimbo!), and last but by no means least, Larry Boothe's '57 Ford with trailer. Thanks Rick, and congrats guys!

More Congrats! Seems as though several MAMA's BoyZ creations showed up in the SAE contest annual, volume 2. Harry Charon's Caprice, Norm Veber's '62 Bel Air, and Dave Roehrle's lil dragster are contained between those covers. On top of this, Kelvin Brown's Pro Street Chrysler 300 appears in SAE's Toledo NNL coverage. More Congrats,

guys!

Condolences. Speaking of Kelvin Brown, it is my sad duty to report

the passing on of his mother at the end of January after a lengthy illness. I'm sure the club joins me in sending our condolences, Kelvin.

Hobby Shop Retirement?!? It is again my sad duty to report to MAMA's BoyZ that Family Hobbies, the shop which was around for the formation of our group, is closing! They began a 20% off sale on January 9th. It won't be the same without Dottie and Charlie tryin' to figure out where to put all that neet stuff in their cozy little

shop!

Hobby Shop Contest! Just got a flyer from the nice folks at Bobby's Hobby Lobby about their annual model contest. It will run from Feb. 20th thru Mar. 3rd. Bring in the finished model between those dates and fill out an entry blank (2 model limit). There will be three age groups-Junior (up to 12 years old), Senior (age 13-17), and Adult (18 and older). First, and second place will receive a trophy, and third place will receive a ribbon. Winning models from previous contests will not be eligible for prizes. They are located at 65 E. Main Street, Westminster, MD 21158 and their phone no. is (410)848-

4350. Crank up those airbrushes, guys!

Press Release! Got a very nice press release from the gang at Revellogram (Monovell?!?) the other day regarding pricing and release data on some of their 'latest & greatest' stuff. The SnapTite Wrecker truck (\$12.75), Brickyard 400 display case (\$7.50), Snaplite wrecker truck (\$12.75), Brickyard 400 display case (\$7.50), Standard display case (\$6.75), and Darrell Waltrip Combo (\$22.25) should be available in January. The '70 AAR 'Cuda (\$10.25), Snaptite Boss Mustang (\$10.00), and Snaptite Rusty Wallace T-Bird stock car (1/32nd scale) (\$8.50) should be available in February. The Snaptite H-D Heritage Softail Classic (whew!) (1/8th scale)(\$22.25), '71 GTX (\$10.25), '95 ZR-1 ((\$10.25), '67 Corvette 427 Roadster (\$11.25), and the '64 Mustang Pace Car (\$10.25) should all be available in March. Start Scrimpin' and savin' now guys!

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Six in a row! Seems as though Bob Korunow (of Model Garage fame) will be adding a stock Chrysler slant six to his ever-expanding

line-up of goodies.

Who'da thunk it? Tim Powers (of Scale Resin Detailers fame) announced at the February meeting that his prices will be going up

due to increased operating expenses.

Still more price increases? Rumor has it that model kit prices could be going up in the near future. How much, you ask? Word is anywhere from 12-15%?!? Sounds like builders may become a bit more discriminating in what they buy!



\* W.O.W. in D.C.! Seems as though the World of Wheels Model Car Contest will reappear at the D.C. Armory on March 10th through the 12th. The show will be sponsored by Street Rodder and AMT and will be manned by the guys from N.O.V.A.S.C.A.L.E. (wasn't that a TV show?). There will be several classes to enter and you can do so up to 1 P.M. on Sunday, so come on down, you are all invited!

Diecast Chebbies! At last month's meeting, you all got an eyeful of ERTL's new 1/18th scale '55 Cameo pickup (courtesy of Art Henriques) (Thanks, Art!). Well, on a recent "fact finding trip" to Toys "Backwards R" Us, yours truly spotted the ERTL '55 Chevy Stepside pickup in Ocean Green, complete with blackwall tires and dog dish

hubcaps. Cool, dude!

\* Convenient conversions! Those guys at All American Models have been burning the midnight oil with regard to new releases. How 'bout a 50 Chevy panel (for use with AMT's pick 'em up), a '59 Ford Ranchero which is a complete kit, needing only the suspension system from an AMT '57 Ford. Thanks to the guys of the San Diego model car club for the info.

\* Miniature Mopar Muscle! Wayne "Birdman" Puffer now offers resin cast parts for your Mopar (Note: He also carries GM parts, Pro Street parts, Oak base display cases, as well as offering a building service). Contact him at Muscle in Miniature, 8538 N. 107th #4 Milwaukee, WI 53224. Thanks again to the San Diego model car club.

Anti-Contest! Mr. Cassassa of the Hoosier model car club had an interesting idea for a contest which appeared in their January '95 newsletter. Basically, the entrant would just send in the reason or reasons why the kit didn't get built! The most unique and imaginative reason would then be declared the winnah. Just crazy

enough that it might work!

\* 'Nother Press Release! Our friends at Tamiya America, Inc. have added something new to their line up. Kit #24144 is the 1994 Monte Carlo Rally Winning Ford Escort RS Cosworth 4X4. The kit has a superbly detailed chassis, including front and rear suspensions, differential, and exhaust pipes. The interior comes complete with roll cage, double bucket seats, left-hand steering wheel, driver's pedals, fire extinguisher, computer, spare tire, and more. The body includes separate vents in the hood, hood-mounted driving lights, and large rear racing wing. Rubber tires, rally-type wheels, and an accurate decal set are icing on the cake. This kit should be available as you read this, so if Rally cars are your thing, get on out to the hobby shop and get yours and get to work!

\* "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.

\* You gotta be kiddin'! I just found out that I have an 11-year old relative who is a huge Jeff Gordon fan. Well, me being a big NASCAR fan, I took it upon myself to get him an autographed 8X10 picture as a nice Christmas present. I mailed the packet to Hendrick Motorsports on November 15th, almost 6 weeks before Christmas. I even included an SASE to ensure its prompt return. Well, the autographed picture just arrived at my palatial estate in Bowie, MD on Feb. 7th, nearly 3 months later by way of the National Jeff Gordon fan club in Arizona! I know Jeff is popular, but this is ridiculous! I would have been better off to just drive down to the shop in Charlotte and get his signature!

The Dale 'n Dale show, Part II!! As I write this, they have just completed Daytona 500 qualifying. And good 'ol Dale got the pole....Dale Jarrett, that is! D.J. scorched the 2.5 mile tri-oval to the tune of 193.494 MPH! Oh, the other Dale (Earnhardt)? Why, he's on the outside pole with a speed of 193.449 MPH! Seems as though D.J. backed up all those "Fast times at Ford testing" which

he had run, and is the odds-on favorite to win the 500! Guess we'll see! Go, D.J.!

New look! I understand that there will be a bit of a new look in <u>Car</u> Modeler in the near future, so keep your eyes peeled is all I can say!

\* Have you driven a Ford.....at age 70?!? Word reaches me from the recently-held IMSA Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona that none other than Jack Rousch had his infamous Mustang back for another run with drivers Mark Martin, Michael Brockman, Tommy Kendall, and none other than (70 year old) Paul Newman taking turns at the wheel. Well, in cutting to the chase, the Rousch entry not only won its class (for the 10th time in 10 starts!), Paul Newman showed that he hasn't lost anything, at times doing back-to-back driving stints. By the way, he was in the car when it took the checkered flag Third overall, only 8 laps behind the first place Porsche 962 and 3 laps behind the second place Oldsmobile Spice!

\*Supertrucks in Print! During the inaugural Supertruck race in Phoenix, there was an ad for a new mag devoted to the Supertrucks! Called SuperTruck Racing (how original!), it costs \$12.95 for six

issues. Interested? You can reach 'em at (714)572-2255.

\* Big Mac Attack! And to prove that I am not one dimensional (NASCAR), how 'bout Joe Gibbs Racing and the "Croozer" Cruz Pedregon in the McDonald's Firebird funny car winning the NHRA Winternationals?! Not to mention that another Gibbs' team member, Jim Yates in the McDonald's Firebird Pro Stocker. While he made it all the way to the quarter finals (where he met up with one of the Dodge boys), he currently stands 5th in Pro Stock points! Congrats to Joe Gibbs and the McDonald's team on their great Pomona showing, and let's keep 'em comin'! Also deserving of mention at this meet was Top Fuel winner Eddie Hill in the Nuclear Banana who beat Scott Kalitta in the final round and Randy Anderson in his Firebird alcohol funny car who beat Joe Penland's Olds Achieva with a 5.82 to a losing 5.90.

\* For Sale-Aston Martin. Seems as though none other than 'ol James Bond has been bitten by the new car bug! Word is that in his latest flick, "Goldeneye" (due out in November), he will forsake his old standby Aston Martin for BMW's secret new convertible roadster! Is

nothing sacred?!?

Old Goats show. At the recently-held World of Wheels at the Baltimore Convention Center, a certain GTO club (The Royal GTOs), had a club display consisting of four vintage 'goats'. Well, to make a long story short, the club garnered 4 trophies-two First Place, and two Second Place in several different classes. Waytogo, guys!

\* Thanks! It should be noted here that one of our newest members, Mike Hemp, donated a case of plasticware (forks, knives, & spoons) to the club. Mike "cut to the chase" as he "spooned 'em up" and "forked 'em over" to our 'founding father', Norm Veber. Thanks, Mike! We'll put

'em to good use!

\* MAMA Notes! Our own Irv Arter has made up some MAMA scratch pads which will be on sale at the February meeting. For the paltry sum of \$5.00, you will receive a total of 6 scratch pads: (2) 5 1/2" X 8 1/2", (2) 4 1/2" X 5 1/2", and (2) 4 X 5 1/2" with two different club logos on them. All proceeds will go to the club, so cough it up guys, 'cause this first run is limited! Depending on how they sell, we could run another batch, but don't count on it, get yours now! And, while you are at it, thank Irv for his legwork and effort on this project!

### **CLASSIFIEDS**

WANTED- Revell '34 Ford Coupe grille. Contact Tim Powers at (410255-3976.

WANTED- 'Unwanted' cars & trucks (bodies and parts) for spray painting practice. Contact Mark Wheeler at (410)536-8175.

WANTED- AMT '63 Falcon convertible (Craftsman series) or AMT '63 Falcon hardtop annual. Contact George Schulman at (301)261-0760.

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

WANTED- VW Bug stuff-Models, toys, diecasts, old instruction sheets, model boxes, etc. Also looking for old Model Car magazines. Contact Bruce Cloninger at (615)693-3496.

WANTED- Old Model Car magazines, model kit instruction sheets. Contact Kenneth King at (615)691-1846.

WANTED- Hot Wheels 'redlines' and accessories. Contact Chris Chapman at (615)531-6187.







# SALE! WHEELS HOBBY SHOP

is also havin' a sale and is offerin' MAMA's BoyZ 25% off EVERYTHING in the store (models, supplies, etc.)



on Saturday, March 25th Be there or be square!



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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