

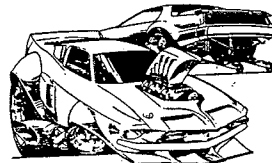
MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

Volume 7, No. 7 Mar. 1995
by: Timothy Sickle

About 68 people were in attendance at last month's meeting, which had as its highlight discussions and final preparations for our upcoming NNL in April. Flyers were sent out in Detail Master's latest mailing (around 1700 people!), the hotel has been chosen. It will be the Hampton Inn where we have reserved the hospitality suite and a block of discounted rooms for those wanting them. The food vendor has been chosen and given a down payment. This vendor, Wilkinson Rental is also taking care of our table and chair rental. We have Harry Charon to thank for negotiating the discount room rates as well as Dave Hebler for the food and table vendor-thanks, guys! And last but certainly not least is the job sign-up which will be the most important of all. If you sign up, we expect you to show up as there will be plenty to do! Oh, our own Kelvin "Pro Street" Brown (and 'significant other') and Leonard "Pro Mod" Harrod showed up fashionably late. Congrats to Kelvin and his wife as they are expecting a 'little modeler' in a few months!

The raffle raised \$85.00 (as well as \$23.00 at the door). The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Brad, Irv Arter, Pat Maphis, John Kester, Tony Shanko, Chris Whalley, Lyle Willits, Ron Hamilton, George Openhym, the Central PA model car club, and Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

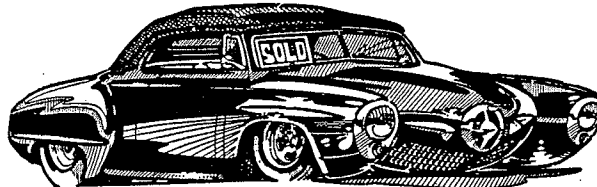
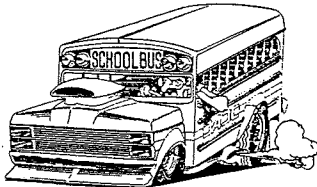
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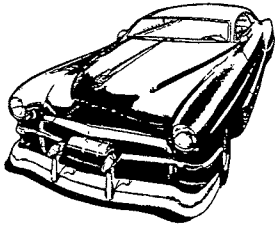
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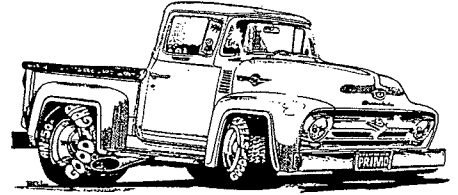


It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465 Sterling, VA 22170) will be (and has been!) a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up to us to actively patronize Detail Master in appreciation of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

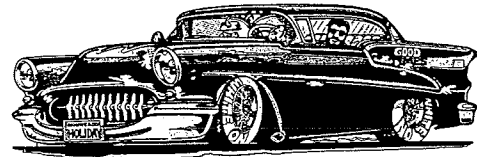
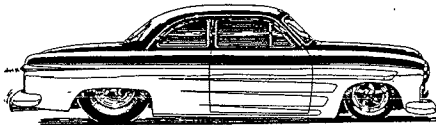
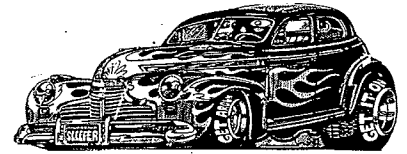




Maryland Automotive Modelers Association
Treasurer's Report
Feb. 1995



	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Balance on hand, 2/18/95	\$	4,091.48
Deposit: Feb. '95 raffle and door receipts		85.00
NNL Table Fees (4)		23.00
		120.00
Postage Feb '95		30.00
Notepads		84.00
Bankcharge		5.00
Ruhl Armory		75.00
NNL Trophy Purchase		260.45
CCC room rental (1994)		480.00
Patapsco state park pavilion		105.00
Wilkinson Rental deposit		175.00
Hampton Inn- Hospitality Suite		236.25
NNL table refund		60.00
TOTALS		4,319.48
		1,510.70
CURRENT BALANCE		2,808.78

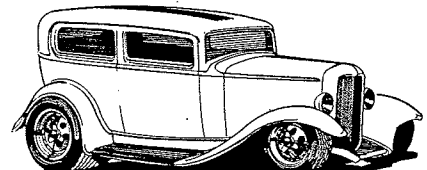
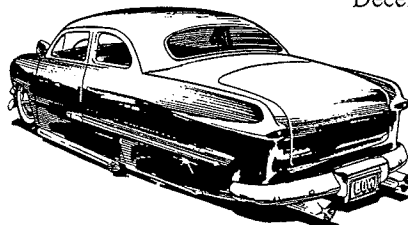
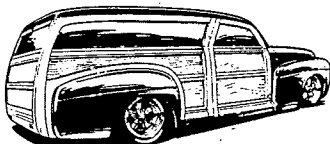
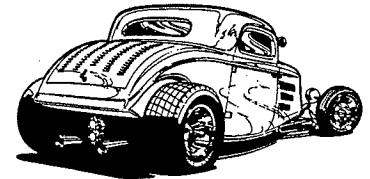


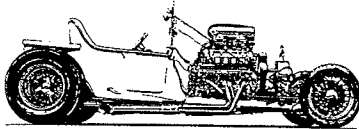
*****PLEASE NOTE!!*****

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!

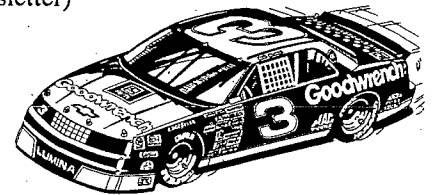
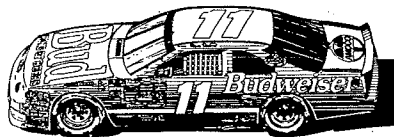
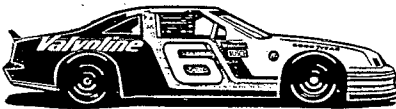


This column will appear as frequently (or infrequently!) as new releases from the manufacturers. The idea behind it is to give a "thumbnail review" of the releases as they hit the shelves with a detailed review to follow at a later date (hopefully!). We'll see how it goes! (Ed. Note: The kits are listed in no particular order)

* '95 Ford Mustang GT (AMT #6200): Molded in Lt. Gray....re-hash of excellent '94 kit....front and rear windows, quarter windows frosted for black paint....flash nearly non-existent....decals include underhood markings, "GT" emblems, "BLAZE" MI plate & "MY GT" IL plate, & high-mounted brake light....typically excellent instructions w/color matrix and parts identified by name and color....excellent box art showing photos of a real chrome yellow GT on the lid along with engine and interior shots on sides of box.

* '95 Ford Mustang Cobra (AMT #62012): Molded in Lt. Gray....Correct Cobra intake and front bumper as well as 5-spoke Cobra wheels....decals include underhood markings, "VENOM" MI plate, and "COBRA" IL plate....see '95 Mustang GT for remainder.

* '70 Plymouth AAR 'Cuda (Revell #7601): Molded in Limelight Green....Revised reissue of Dodge Challenger T/A....all correct AAR pieces (hood, 340 six pack motor, reverse flow exhaust system, etc.)....interior tub features separate, drop-in 'Cuda door panels....molded plastic heater hoses for engine....black and white AAR stripes, "Mopar Nats" window sticker, "340 Six Barrel" air cleaner decal, "DAN 48" CA plate....box art features real car on lid and build-up on sides. (See full review elsewhere in this newsletter)

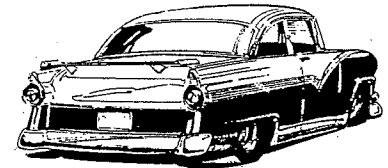


The following Top Secret memo was intercepted by Agent 006 7/8 with regard to proposed rule changes in Winston Cup racing.

To: Bill France

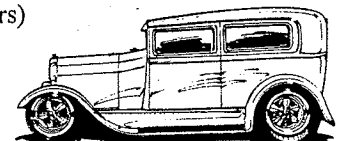
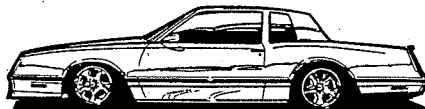
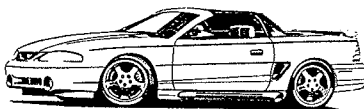
From: Gary Nelson, Chief Inspector, NASCAR

Re: Rules Change Notification



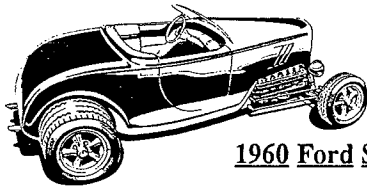
In an effort to further enhance the art of motorsport racing, and to give someone else a chance at the Winston Cup Championship, the inspectors in the garage area will immediately implement the following rule changes under general order #1995.600372.03 (A.K.A. "The Intimidator Parity Rule"):

1. Regardless of qualifying speed, Dale Earnhardt must start 10 laps down.
2. Dale Earnhardt must drive blindfolded with one arm tied behind his back.
3. Car #3 must use 87 octane fuel and four flat tires (Hoosiers)

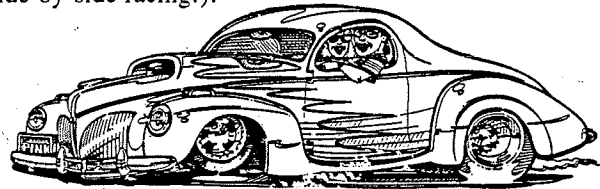


4. Earnhardt's car, #3, shall be allowed to operate in one gear only-reverse!
5. Earnhardt shall carry two passengers, preferably Sumo wrestlers.
6. During pit stops, only one crewman at a time may go over the wall in the #3 pit stall.
7. Geoff Bodine shall be allowed to bump any car on the track as he deems necessary to get to the front.
8. Rusty Wallace shall be allowed to change cars when he blows the engine or suffers any other damage, and the other racers must stop and wait so Rusty may re-enter the race in First place.
9. Ditto for Mark Martin.
10. Bill Elliott shall be allowed to run without a restrictor plate.

(Actually, this little gem came into my possession off of the Internet. Hope everybody has a sense of humor 'cause there is no disrespect intended to any one of these professional athletes who entertain us week in and week out with their thrilling side-by-side racing!).



1960 Ford Starliner



(Modelhaus; 1/25th scale; 16 pieces; tan resin, chrome, clear and red, all parts bagged to prevent scratching and scuffing) (A bag 'o bags)

This is my first attempt at building a resin kit. I bought the 1960 Ford for high school memories (both attending and kit build times). I bought the Modelhaus kit (\$45.00) based on their reputation for quality, ease of assembly, and a built example I spied at NNL East.

Engine and Chassis: None. The Modelhaus catalog suggests using the 1957 Ford kit. My initial check shows the chassis is fine for closed hood (kit hood molded closed), but the frame (in my opinion) is too short otherwise. Since I want to build an open hood mild custom, I plan to use a modified '65 Ford chassis.

Interior: The interior consists of 3 pieces: tub-style interior, dash, and steering wheel. The interior tub has nice detailing despite one-piece molding including bench seat. The interior has the convertible mechanism wells. The dash has nice detail. I really want bucket seats in mine but have not researched an interior alternative. The steering wheel requires the most clean up of the whole kit.

Body: The body consists of 8 pieces: body, hood (molded closed), front grille/bumper, rear valance/bumper, 2 red tail lights, 2 front fender trim pieces, and 2 vacuformed windows (front and rear). Scripts, hood, and trunk emblems are nice (easy on the paint-they were also easy to sand off). Compared to other resin providers I have seen, the flash is minimal. Body thickness is typical big three. There appears to be only one light sink mark on the top of the right rear fender. The windows are OK. I have little vacuformed experience but Denbigh Hobby Center (Newport News, VA) has higher standards in this area.

This leaves 4 parts unaccounted for: 4 1960 stock wheel covers. All chrome pieces are nice!

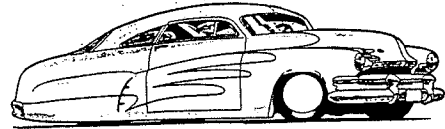
Decals: None.

Instruction sheet: None. I have to believe that most can figure out where the parts fit together.

In conclusion, I am glad I bought this kit and am now working on chassis, engine, and interior choices. The kit as is with a '57 Ford chassis does make a nice looking stocker.

by: Gary Sutherlin





1970 Plymouth AAR 'Cuda

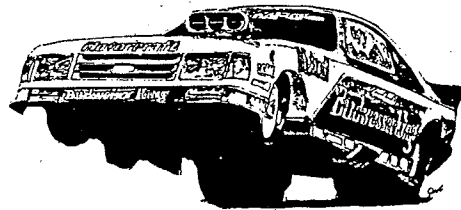
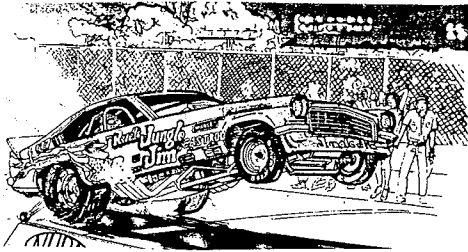
(Revell #7601; 1/24th scale; one version; Lime green, clear, chrome, vinyl tires)

What do you get when you cross a Monogram 1970 Challenger T/A with the desire to create a new Barracuda kit? Why, you get Revell's "new" AAR 'Cuda, that's what! This eagerly-awaited kit may disappoint many people. Read on to find out why!

To start with, it is a modified reissue. It looks very much like Revell took the Challenger molds and attempted to modify them enough to end up with the 'Cuda. Well, this is difficult when you realize that the wheelbase of the Challenger was 110" while the Barracuda rode on a slightly shorter 108" wheelbase. Consequently, the top appears to be "chopped" because of this difference in length. In examining the molds, this kit has all the "right stuff" so to speak (the 340 six pack motor, the correct exhaust system, proper scooped hood, etc) but if you hold the Monogram HemiCuda up alongside the Challenger, the differences become obvious. The reissued AAR 'Cuda is about a quarter of an inch longer than the Hemicuda. Also, the rear window has the incorrect shape of the Challenger rather than the 'Cuda. Upon closer inspection, Revell even goofed and left the Challenger's hood scoop and rear tail light area on the trees. They did do a nice decal sheet with both black and white stripes on it as well as an air cleaner decal and "DAN 48" CA plates.

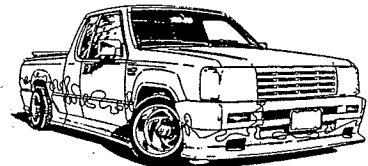
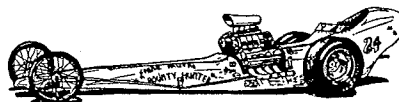
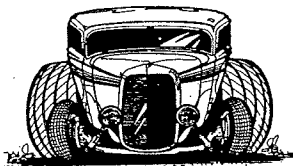
The worst part of all of this is that it will be quite a job to even use a Monogram Hemicuda to convert the existing Challenger/'Cuda into a reasonable facsimile due to the fact that everything is slightly larger to look "in scale" on the Challenger. For example, the nice, scooped six pack hood is not only too wide, it is too long as well! Ditto with the unique exhaust system due to the extra 2" in wheelbase.

I guess we either take the 'Cuda and build it out of the box (and don't look too close) or wait for someone to master a correct body. Sorry Revell, you dropped the ball on this one!



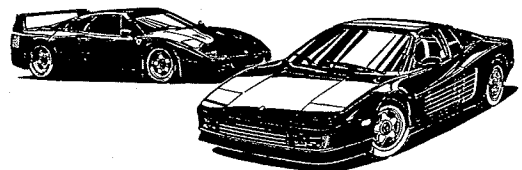
BITS & PIECES

- * **NNL themes!** Looks like we have lined up the themes for our 6th Annual NNL. They are, drum roll please.....Pick ups and Phantoms! (Didja ya hear that John Larkin?!). So start thinkin' about that project for next year's show and get to work!
- * **Knoxville Gang!** At last month's meeting, it was voted and approved to sponsor (4) trophy packages for the Knoxville Scale Auto Modelers (KSAM). Well, our own Matt Guilfoyle added another package to it by personally sponsoring a fifth package. Well, several club members recently made the trip to the Birmingham show and hung out with guys



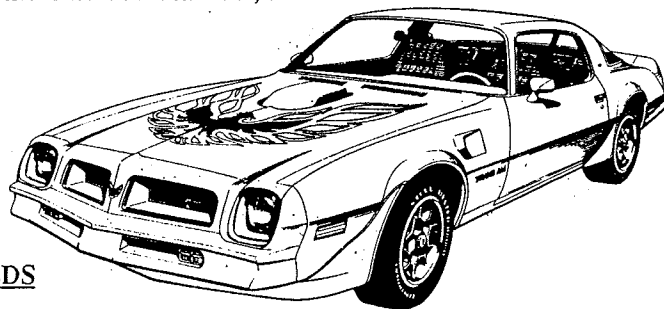
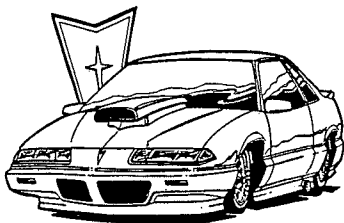
like Pat Covert, Evan Hermel, and John Larkin from the Knoxville 'gang'. Well, Larry Boothe presented the checks to John Larkin and crew to begin a relationship with our newly adopted "sister club", the Knoxville Scale Auto Modelers. They are so much like us with regard to positive attitudes and having fun that its a natural union! Whaddaya think KSAM guys....John? By the way, these guys say we're 'dead meat' if we don't make their show in Knoxville in August (18th & 19th, to be exact!). Several MAMA's BoyZ are already talkin' about makin' the trek, and if we have even half of the good time we had in Birmingham, it'll be a bash!

- * **Model Contest!** Got a flyer the other day about one of the Car Modeler contests at Mayberry & Sons Inc. Trains and Hobbies in Kensington, MD. There will be 6 classes with 14 prizes in Junior, Senior, & Adult divisions, and Best in Show wins a Testors Model Master airbrush! The contest begins on April 1st and will be judged on April 8th between noon and 3 P.M. For further info, give 'em a call at (301)564-9360.
- * **Full size Kudos!** I saw a story on channel seven (WJLA-TV) which brought a smile to my face and I hadda share it with you guys. Seems it was a story about Tommy Kram who has an inoperable brain tumor. He is a real car nut and his favorite to-die-for car is a vintage Camaro. Well, the Mid-Atlantic Camaro Club heard about his wish through the local Make a Wish chapter and the club members managed to locate and refurbish Tommy's dream car with donations from local businesses! By the time you read this, Tommy should be croozin'!
- * **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!
- * **"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.
- * **NASCAR resurgence!** Not the series itself, but AMT's kit selection in it! Seems as though according to the latest issue of the Blueprinter that AMT will be releasing 6 new stock cars this year! They will consist of (3) Monte Carlos ("Kellogg's", "Dupont", & "Interstate Batteries"), and (3) T-Birds ("Mcdonald's", "Raybestos", & "Valvoline"). Cool!
- * **NASCAR, again!** Let's take just a moment to fantasize about the (2) 'unnamed' Monte Carlos and (1) 'unnamed' T-Bird from Monogram this year. Monte Carlos: Dare we even hold our breath for a "Goodwrench" MC, or how 'bout "Kodak", "Dupont", "Western Auto", "Kellogg's", or maybe "Olive Garden", "Hardee's", "Burger King", or "Meineke"? T-Birds: How 'bout "Havoline" (puleeze!), "Quaker State", "Citgo", or maybe even "Heilig-Myers", "Lowe's", "US AIR", "RCA", "Straight Arrow", "Factory Stores", and maybe even "K Mart/Little Caesar's"? How 'bout it Monogram? Plenty 'o choices which aren't beer or tobacco. Whaddaya think?
- * **"Our Model is Christ"** has set their 1995 meeting/seminar schedule and it is as follows:
 - April 8th- open
 - May 13th-Hobby Knives by Tim Powers
 - June 10th- open
 - July 8th- open
 - Aug 12th- open
 - Sept 9th- Spray Painting by Irv Arter
 - Oct 14th- open
 - Nov 11th- open
 - Dec 9th- Christmas party & gift exchange



You will notice several open dates-if you are interested in performing a seminar of any sort, contact David "Mark" Wheeler.

- * **SO-CAL collectible!** Got info the other day about a cast aluminum miniature (limited to 4000 copies) of the SO-CAL special belly tank lakester. It is approximately 12" long and handmade in the good 'ol U.S. of A. For the first 250 people to reserve theirs, the price will be reduced to only \$195.00 + \$5.00 shipping & handling. After that, the price will be \$225.00 + \$5.00 shipping & handling. There are also some SO-CAL belly tank T-Shirts available for only \$13.00 + \$4.00 shipping & handling per shirt. If this is of interest to you, you can reserve yours by contacting Bret Banker, Autodeco Group 2950-B Randolph Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 or call 'em at (714)549-7306.
- * **New land yacht!** Rolls Royce is looking for customers in their 40's or 50's, who own their own businesses, own property in more than one country, and own on average five fancy cars. Why? Because they have the ultimate car for you. The Bentley Azure convertible costs "only" \$340,000.00 (that's a whole lotta zeros!) and, according to Rolls Royce, has nothing comparable on 4wheels. "The true alternative would probably be a boat or a private plane (!?)" to quote the RR folks. Word is, some customers are coming to see their cars being built. The car boasts a turbocharged eight cylinder that delivers 350 hp. and a top speed of 150mph. That's what I call goin' fast with class! The preceding info came from the P.G. Journal.
- * **Micro-Car?!?** Seems as though a Japanese company by the name of Nippondenso has developed a car that is about the size of a grain of rice. The really incredible thing about it is that it runs! It was modeled after the first Toyota, a 1936 Model AA and has a magnetic motor with five parts that power it around a figure eight course. The nickel-plated car has 24 parts including wheels, axle, spare tire, headlights, rear lights, steel bumpers and nameplate. Its body is thinner than a human hair. It took 4 years to develop the car and is certified by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's smallest motorized car. I've got just one question-who's gonna drive this miniscule sucker?!?
- * **Robert Yates arrested?!?** Yup, I heard about it while in Birmingham. Seems as though he was caught breakin' into a Chevrolet dealership to see the front end of a new Monte Carlo! Just kiddin', Robert!

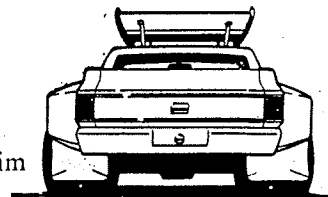


CLASSIFIEDS

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.

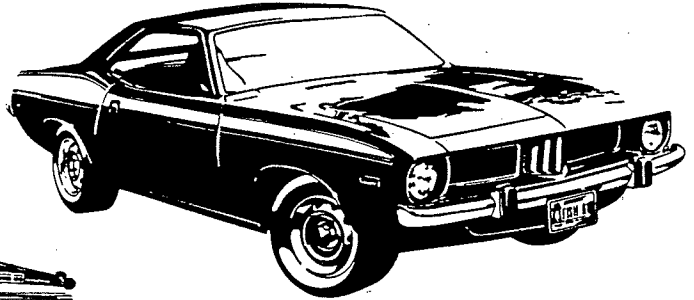
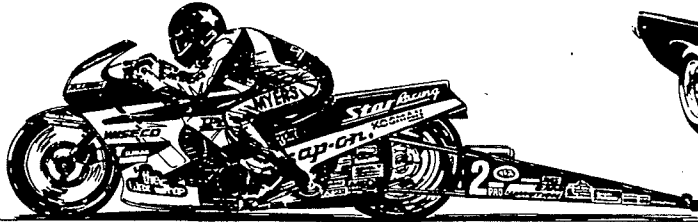


WANTED- VW Bug stuff-Models, toys, diecasts, old instruction sheets, model boxes, etc. Also looking for old Model Car

magazines. Contact Bruce Cloninger at (615)693-3496.

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

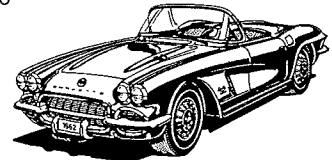
WANTED- Hot Wheels 'redlines' and accessories. Contact Chris Chapman at (615)531-6187.



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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Bowie, Maryland 20716
(301)249-3830

Norman F. Veber
317 Roosevelt Ave., S.W.
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061
(410)768-3648



SALE!

WHEELS HOBBY SHOP

*has rescheduled their Spring Sale
(25% off EVERYTHING in the store-models, supplies, etc.)
from March 25th to April 1st!!
Be there or be square!*

JUMP START/ROBB ARMSTRONG

