

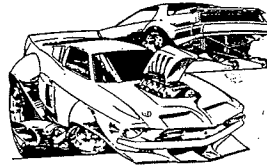
## MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: "GTO"

About 30(?) people were in attendance at last month's meeting, which had as its highlight a final hair-pulling session with regard to our Mid-Atlantic NNL. Everything seemed to go well. Otherwise, it was business as usual, just talkin' models and havin' a good time!

The raffle raised \$77.00 (as well as \$33.00 from the door-thanks, guys!). The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Brad, Chris Whalley, Ron Hamilton, Bill Clarke, Dave Schmitt, Harry Charon and Replicas & Miniature Co. of MD. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

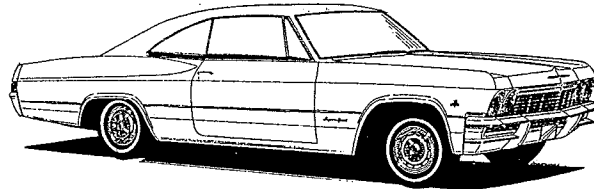
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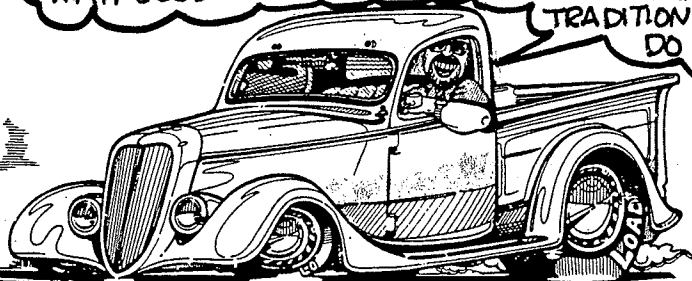
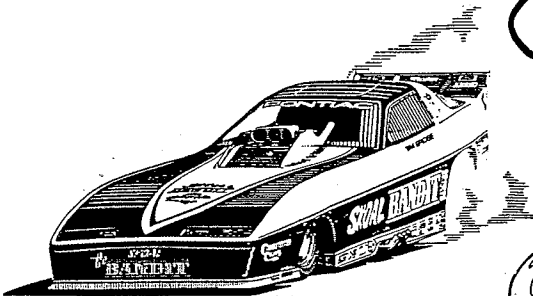
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It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk "Smirk" Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465 Sterling, VA 22170) will be (and has been!) a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up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

HEY, EVERYBODY! IN CASE YA HADN'T NOTICED, SPRING IS HERE! TIME FOR ALL THOSE CAR SHOWS, RACES, SWAP MEETS, MODEL CONTESTS, ETC. THAT COME WITH GOOD WEATHER. SO, IN THE BEST "ANIMAL HOUSE" TRADITION, "LET'S DO IT!!"

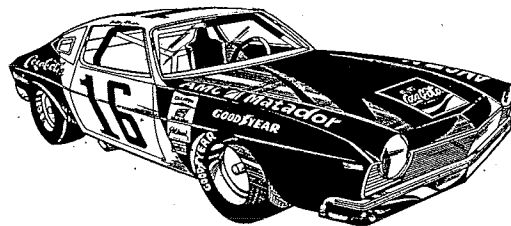
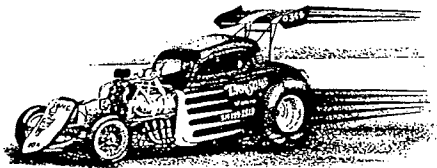
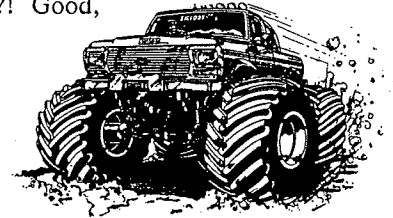


\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE!!\*\*\*\*\*

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

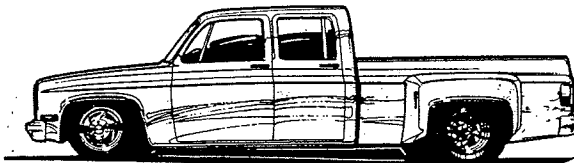
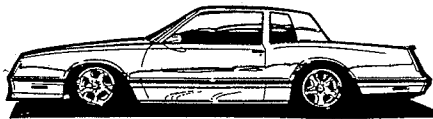
July 15th  
 August (TBD)  
 September 16th  
 October 21st  
 November 18th  
 December 16th



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)

\* '65 Pontiac 2+2 (AMT #6629EO): Molded in Lt. Gray....correct fastback roofline....reissue of Bonneville...utilizes metal axle through engine block....tri-power intake....new upholstery pattern.....8-lug aluminum wheels.....exhaust system molded to chassis....optional fender skirts....proper 2+2 logos, vents on front fender.



Aluma-Coupe by Boyd

(Testors Quickbuilder; 1/24th scale; 41 pieces; yellow, chrome, dark smoked clear, vinyl tires)

Although I am a fan of Boyd Coddington's vehicles, I bought this kit mostly to satisfy my curiosity. I wanted to see just how good (or bad) a six dollar kit could be.

This is a simplified kit, as the name implies, but surprisingly builds into a nice display model. Not counting the paint-drying time, it can be assembled in one to two hours. It has no engine or interior, so this may be the first "slammer" kit in the modern era of car modeling.

The body consists of ten pieces, molded in yellow. I gave the body a couple of light coats of Testor's Aluma-Coupe Pearl Yellow (what else?) even though the yellow plastic had a nice, high gloss sheen for the younger builders. Chromed front and rear grilles are added to the assembled body along with four dark-tinted windows, which mount from the outside. Mirrors (with no chrome faces provided) are installed in addition to the two headlight buckets. Chrome "lenses" are provided and also dark-tinted lenses are

found on the "glass" tree but are not mentioned on the instruction sheet. For realism, I installed a couple of lenses from the old parts box, after applying Bare Metal foil to the inside of the light buckets. (Your number of spare, clear headlight lenses is directly proportional to the depth and color of your carpeting).

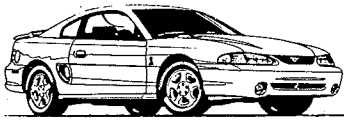
Beautifully chromed suspension components assemble and mount in locator holes in the outside of the body. The one-off Goodyear tires with unique tread design on the real car are accurately duplicated in the kit. They mount on fantastic copies of the Boyd wheels along with four separate disc brakes with calipers. These wheels and tires really "make" this model and will surely be found on many other models.

Vinyl stickers represent the tail light and two thin black "openings" for the body vents. I substituted a strip of chrome foil painted with some Tamiya clear red for the sticker.

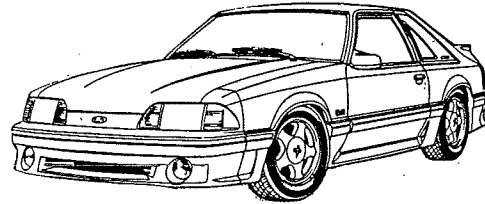
Like most modelers, I had my doubts for a long time about these six dollar kits since they were announced over two years ago. But I think Testors has really hit on a neat idea here. These kits are simple enough for any youngster to assemble, resulting in a nice representation of a real car from the magazines instead of some neon plastic cartoon. At the same time, adult modelers can take a welcome break from scratchbuilding glove box door hinges and assemble a fun project that looks decent on their display shelf. There will probably be at least one "name" builder who will open the doors, hood, trunk, scratchbuild the chassis and interior, install a Mitsosucky engine and head off to Chicago. Regardless of age or building skills, the end result is an accurate display model of a famous car.

Buy one for your kid. Buy one for yourself. Hey, for six bucks, treat it as an aftermarket wheel kit!

Lloyd "I wish it had an American engine" Woddington



'53 Ford F-100 Pick-up



[AMT #6487: 1/25th scale: 200+ parts; Gray (Yes!), chrome (nice and bagged), clear (not bagged, minor scuffs), vinyl tires)

This kit is another welcome re-issue. While comparing it to kit #6606, which is vintage '85 (no tilt front end kit on my shelves), I see the following differences: The old kit is molded in blue, the slicks are gone as is the metal hood hinge clip (but not the firewall notch), five spoke mags replaced with chrome reverse with baby moons, decal sheet smaller and completely redone, six page instruction booklet replaced with a confusing, more cluttered one pager.

The latest version features stock, custom, and service (no slicks-no drag) versions with **multiple(!)** options. It still has the stock flathead and custom Desoto engines as well. The multiple options include exhaust, tires, wheels, bumpers, grilles, rear fenders (Chevy), customizing pieces, welding rig and tools.

The stock flathead consists of 18 pieces and is nicely detailed. The Desoto consists of 30 pieces and is the '50's Firedome Hemi with either eight two-barrels w/air cleaners or eight injectors (wonder if the service version gets the injectors?). Still no bottom radiator hose on either engine.

The wheel and tire combo consist of 30 pieces. The spare is a "treaded" Firestone. Tires are four Goodyear polyglas or five Firestone Supremes.

The chassis consists of 24+ (more depending on options) pieces. Front suspension is leaf spring and straight axle, rear is leaf spring with

optional space to jack it up. Exhaust options are stock single, duals with scavengers (just what I need for my '53 Merc high school re-creation!) or lakes pipes. As for the frame, the desired-to-be pieces separate pieces are not molded in.

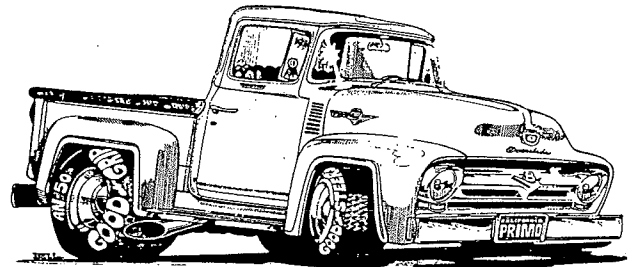
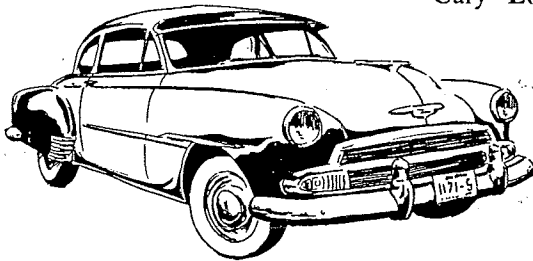
The interior and cab are 13 minimum (plus options, options...) pieces. Dash detail is decent, along with bench seat, and separate brake and clutch pedal. The instruction sheet shows how to mount the rear view mirror backwards. The bed is 6+ pieces (again, even MORE options), with movable tail gate.

The decal sheet has "Loss Arc Welding" on it (gone are the drag and pinstripes), three sets of license plates (no comment-I am spoiled by photoetch), and some mild gray and black graphics. The sheet exhibits good registration.

As for the instruction sheet-All parts are numbered and named, but painting suggestions are missing. The sheet states that it is a reproduction of the 1963 version. The first side (engines, tires, basic chassis) is clear and not overloaded. The other side gave me a 1960-style building flashback, if its in the kit, it must go on the model. There are WAY too many options to even attempt this as a lark: two sets of bumpers, three different grilles, and more add-on doodads that surface to attach. If you can't tell by now, I really prefer the 1985 instruction sheet and think it would be MUCH less confusing to a new model builder.

Overall, I really like this kit. Flash and injection marks are minimal. Looking back at some of the kits I have built the last few years, I regret not having built several versions of this pick-up. I will certainly remedy that situation with this re-issue!

Gary "Lost in the 60's" Sutherlin



#### BITS & PIECES

- \* **MAA?!** Yup, The Maryland Automotive Association, that group of MAMA's BoyZ who have full size "hobby cars" (myself, Frank Anderson, Dave Toups, Jimmy Bray, Rex Turner, to name a few) has been increased by one. Ron Bradley had his "baby", a '39 Chevy Sedan street rod in attendance last month. Lookin' good, Ron!
- \* **The Club?!** A woman in New York recently fought off a would-be-thief with the Club (y'know, that steering wheel anti-theft device?). She was attaching it to her steering wheel when a man tried to force his way into her car. As he opened her door, she began to hit him with the Club. He grabbed her purse and began to run, dragging her along with it. Passersby managed to chase him down. What an appropriate name for this device in this situation! Thanks to the P.G. Journal- this item made their "hit" parade!
- \* **Congrats!** Our own Lyle Willits and Harry Charon were recently honored at NNL East. Lyle was awarded **Best pick-up** for his little red '50 Chevy while Harry copped **Best '55 Chevy** for his rustbucket. Congrats, guys!
- \* **"On the mend!"** None other than MAMA's Boy Art Henriquez was in attendance at last month's meeting after his accident which proves one thing-"Ya can't keep a good (MAMA's) Boy down!" Great to see ya, Art!
- \* **Poncho Power!** The June '95 issue of Road & Track magazine was again in search of the fastest cars in America. Their test included 10

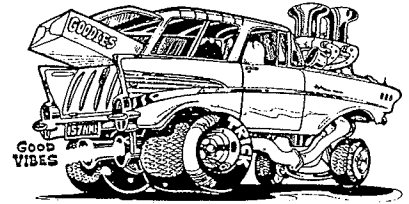
musclecars, 5 stock and 5 modified. The results include 0-60 times, 1/4 mile ET and speed, and top speed. Without further ado, the results:

#### Stock

Viper RT/10: 4.5 sec, 12.8 sec @ 114.5 mph, 167.1 mph  
Corvette ZR-1: 5.2 sec, 13.6 sec @ 105.7 mph, 178 mph  
Z28 Camaro: 6.4 sec, 14.9 sec @ 93.6 mph, 155.3 mph  
Firebird Trans Am: 6.5 sec, 14.9 sec @ 93.9 mph, 157.8 mph  
Mustang GT: 7.4 sec, 15.8 sec @ 88.2 mph, 135 mph

#### Modified

Hennessey Venom 550 Viper: 4.1, 12.5 @ 114.1, 174.8  
Vortech Z28 Camaro: 5.2, 13.6 @ 110.2, 177.1  
Saleen S351 Mustang: 4.9, 13.2 @ 111.9, 177.1  
DRM Corvette ZR-1: 4.4, 12.7 @ 115.3, 186.8  
Lignefelter Firebird 383: 4.5, 12.7 @ 114.3, 192.1

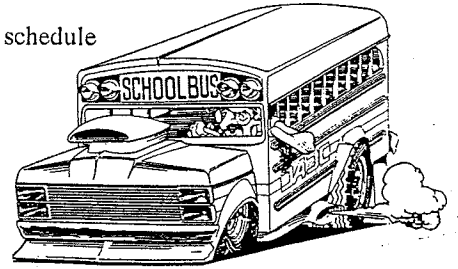


- \* "She's real fine, my 409!" Petersen Publishing Co., in a move to increase their subscriber base, is giving away a 1964 409 Impala! It was restored by California Street Rods and is valued at approximately \$10,000.00. It is dark blue with a medium blue interior and is equipped with a 409 cu. in., 340 hp. engine backed with a 4-speed. It has BF Goodrich Comp T/As on 5-spoke mag wheels. Details in the June '95 Car Craft.
- \* "Born to be wild?!?" Police handed out speeding tickets to 26 Pennsylvania motorcyclists after the group refused to stop. Total fines approached \$7500.00. The group was headed to Summit Point Raceway on Rt. 26 in nearby West Virginia to watch a motorcycle race. Each driver was charged with traveling 83 mph in a 50 mph zone. Police clocked them using both radar and VASCAR. All tickets carry fines of \$260.00 and 5 points on their licenses! Four were also given \$260.00 fines for not having motorcycle licenses. Originally, officers were only going to stop them and ask them to slow down, but the group took off. Troopers called for local assistance as well as the State Police helicopter. Eventually, the police were able to stop the group by blocking westbound traffic on Rt. 26 at the Monocacy river for a short period of time to apprehend these scofflaws. Thanks to the local P.G. Journal for this scoop.
- \* **KSAM Kudos.** Thanks to our "sister club", the "Knoxville gang" for the nice mention in their latest newsletter of Tim Powers' (a.k.a. "Mr. SRD") nice Ford six cylinder engine, as well as Norm Vebers' (a.k.a. Replicas & Miniatures Co of MD) Galaxy trailer detail sets. They were also very appreciative of support of their upcoming show by not only MAMA's BoyZ, but Matt Guilfoyle and Dirk "Detail Master" Johnson as well. I know you guys will enjoy the clip art, John, happy to do it!
- \* "Do you believe in miracles?" After you read this, you just might! In the March newsletter, I told you about a local guy by the name of **Tommy Kram** who has an inoperable brain tumor. Well, he is also a big Camaro fan (no accounting for taste!). Well, the Mid-Atlantic Camaro Club helped him out by refurbishing an early Camaro for him through the "Make a Wish" program. Well, Tommy had his very first radiation treatment, and the doctors have told him that the cancer is in remission! The story ended with Tommy cruisin' down the street in his Camaro. I hope he has many more years of enjoyment out of it!
- \* "Mus' be nice!" Felix Sabates, owner of the Coor's Light Winston Cup team and co-owner of the Kendall team recently bought a Legends car for Adam Petty, the 15 year-old son of Kyle Petty, driver of the #42 Coor's Light Pontiac.
- \* "Will you take a check?" On a recent shopping trip to Chaisson Motor Cars in Las Vegas, the former heavyweight boxing champ, Mike Tyson, bought not one, not two, but four (!) new \$319,000 Bentley Azure

convertibles. That adds up to about \$1.3 million dollars of high-priced sheet metal. By the way, did I mention that Mike recently signed an exclusive multi-million dollar deal with Showtime to fight? Thanks to the May 1st issue of the USA Today for this expensive tidbit!

\* "Our Model is Christ" has set their 1995 meeting/seminar schedule and it is as follows:

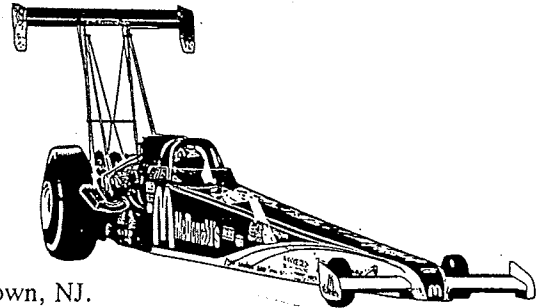
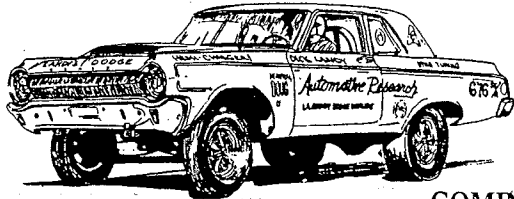
June 10th- open  
 July 8th- open  
 Aug 12th- open  
 Sept 9th- Spray Painting by Irv Arter  
 Oct 14th- open  
 Nov 11th- open  
 Dec 9th- Christmas party & gift exchange



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

\* **Tin Indian contest.** Seems as though the Hoosier Model Car Club is having a Pontiac-themed model contest at an upcoming meeting. Time for me to make a road trip?

**Thanks!** The San Diego Model Car Club recently ran a club profile on our club. Thanks to Bill Walker, newsletter editor for both including and continuing to send us their newsletter. It's nice to see what's up with other clubs on a regular basis.

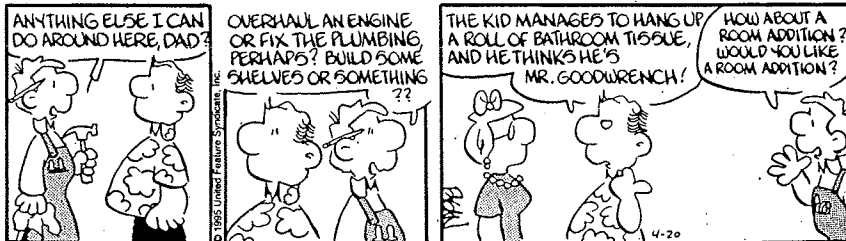


#### COMING EVENTS

- \* May 18 to 21- Mopar Parts Nationals at Englishtown, NJ.
- \* May 20- Concours d'Elegance of the Eastern United States in Reading, PA. For hotel, ticket, and reservation information, call (610)481-9810.
- \* May 21- Mattos 2nd Annual Show and Shine for Charity at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD. For info, contact Tom Wighington at (301)423-1142.
- \* May 21- 34th PA Model car, Diecast, & Kit collector's meet at Gilbertsville Fire Hall in Gilbertsville, PA from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
- \* May 21- All-Pontiac Show at Walker Pontiac in Bowie, MD from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Sponsored by the Royal GTOs. Be there for the debut of a certain GTO!
- \* May 22- U.S. Pro Stock Open at MIR.
- \* June 1 to 4- Richmond Nationals at Virginia Motorsports Park in nearby Petersburg, VA.
- \* June 3 & 4-Flowmaster Muscle Challenge '95 at Atco Dragaway. For further info, contact NMCA, Dept. CC, 3404 Democrat Road, Memphis, TN 38118 or call (901)365-3779.
- \* June 4- Burdette Brothers Pontiac Show.
- \* June 9-11- Carlisle All-FORD Nationals All-FORD Flea market, manufacturer's area, car corral & car show at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA The giveaway car at this show will be a 1955 Thunderbird! It will be given away on June 11th, at 4:00 P.M. and you must be present to win!
- \* June 9 to 11- Coal Field Nationals presented by the Grimefighters at the Raleigh Country Armory in Beckley, WV. The world's largest indoor & outdoor Car, Truck, & motorcycle show. Bikini contest, model car contest, hydraulics contest, go-kart giveaway, dash plaques, Saturday cruise & concert. For info, call Gary at (304)255-

- 0428 (day) or Scott at (304)252-6672 (night).
- \* June 9 to 11- Inaugural Glen Motorsports Homecoming at Watkins Glen race track in Watkins Glen, NY. There will be a swap meet, car show, corral, and free parking, and general admission is only \$5.00! For info, call (607)535-2481 (days) or (716)663-7310 (evenings/weekends).
  - \* June 10- 3rd Annual Model Car/Truck Contest & Swap Meet at the Sheraton Inn at 2801 Plank Rd (Rt. 3) in Fredericksburg, VA. Sponsored by the Midnight Modelers, this year's theme is Show Rods as well as Best Mopar. Classes will include over 90 awards (!) in Junior, Senior, Adult, & Advanced Adult. For info, contact Jerry Frazier at (703)582-1009 or Dave Tolson at (703)720-0414.
  - \* June 10- Ninth Annual Northeast Challenge Model Car show and Contest at St. Michael's Church, corner of Page Avenue and Ridge Road in Lyndhurst, NJ from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. This year's theme is '50 Chevy Pickups (Hey, Gary & Lyle!)
  - \* June 11- 22nd Annual Antique Car Show w/Auto, Crafts, & Antique Flea Market from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at Sully Plantation in Chantilly, VA.
  - \* June 11- Washington Antique & Collectible Toy Show from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Elks Lodge at 8421 Arlington Blvd Fairfax, VA. For info, call Ferdinand Zegel at (703)524-2061 (evenings).
  - \* June 17- Match Race Madness at MIR.
  - \* June 18- The Inaugural Pontiac Drag Sports Nationals at Maple Grove Raceway in Reading, PA. It will be sponsored by the Keystone State Chapter of POCI, Pinno Pontiac/Buick, Rock & Roll Engineering, & High Performance Pontiac magazine. There will be a manufacturer's Midway, car show, Pontiac bracket racing, Catalina 2+2 vs. Ferrari 2+2 (?), and Pontiac Historical Services will be on hand as well. For further info, contact Maple Grove Raceway at (610)856-7200. See Ya there!
  - \* June 23 to 25- Carlisle All-Truck Nationals (Hey, Tim!) at the Fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA

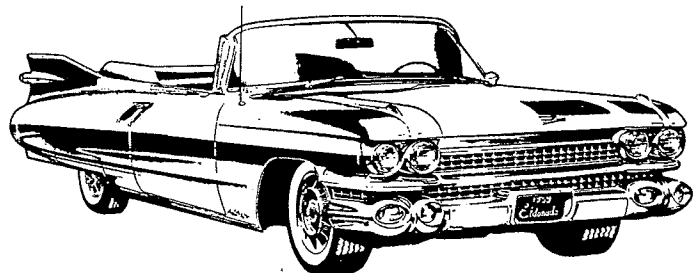
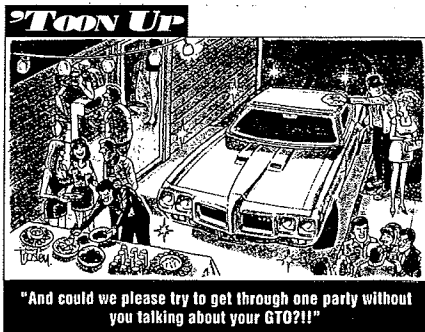
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