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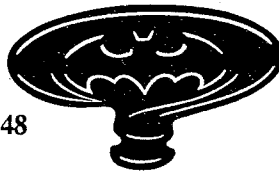
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by: "GTO"

About 40 people were in attendance at last month's meeting, which had as its highlight the return of something near and dear to us-seminars! Our VeeP Tim Powers did an interesting seminar on making templates. Thanks, Tim, it was both entertaining and informative! We intend to do more seminars at upcoming meetings, so if there is a technique or a seminar you would particularly like to see, approach an officer and tell him what you would like and we'll try to accommodate you. Another "highlight" was the 'fashionably late' appearance of Dirk Johndson. He had with him slides from our NNL, which were a big hit with those in attendance.

At this time, I would like to recognize a new category of MAMA's Boy-the long distance member. First off was our man Tom Gunshannon (and son!) from far-off Wilkes Barre, PA. Well, unfortunately for Tom & his son, they are no longer our long distance member(s). We have just added Dave Bergeron from Hartford, Conn (!). Now obviously, they won't be able to attend our monthly meetings, but they will be kept informed of all goings on by a regular mailing of our newsletter. It is my belief that both of these gentlemen found out about our group through the Blueprinter. So, thanks to the fine folks at ERTL for this publication, and thanks to Tom, his son, and Dave for wanting to be MAMA's BoyZ! Seems to me that I recall a statement (obviously from an uninformed individual!) about "nothing happening on the East Coast". The growth of east coast clubs (U.S.A.C.) and shows seems to severely conflict with the point of view of person to which this quote is attributed.

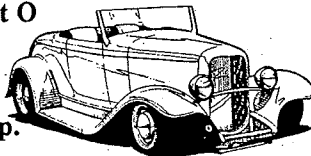
The raffle raised \$77.00 (as well as \$33.00 from the door-thanks, guys!). The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Brad, Chris Whalley, Jerry Frazier, Frank Anderson, George Openhym, City Wide Hobby Shop, and Replicas & Miniature Co. of MD. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

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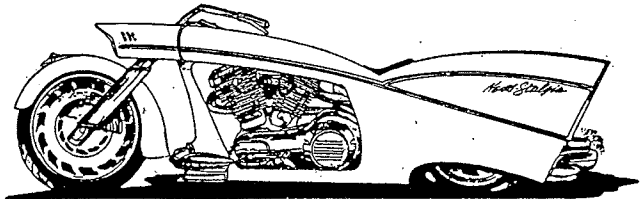
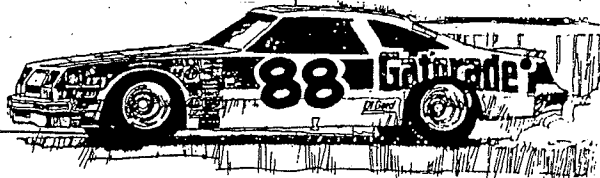
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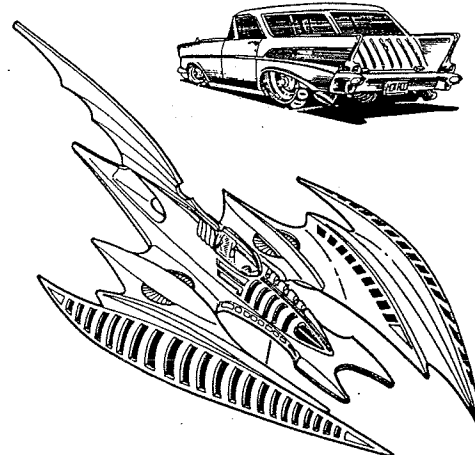
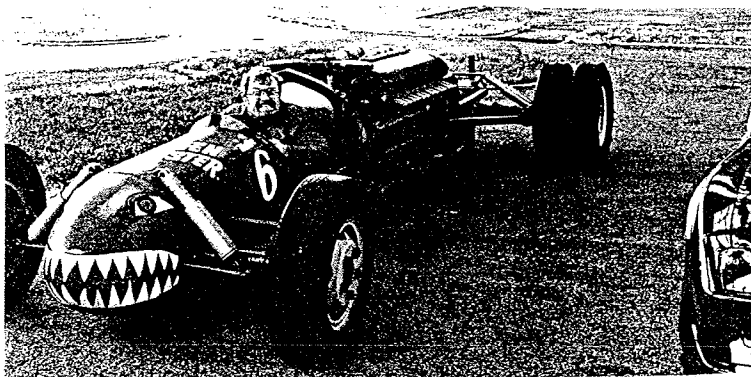
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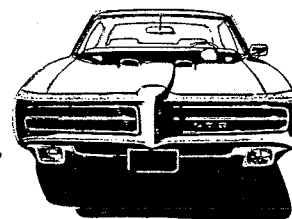
It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk "Smirk" Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465 Sterling, VA 22170) will be (and has been!) a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up to us to actively patronize Detail Master in appreciation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



DOES ANYBODY RECOGNIZE THIS GUY?!  
THE RESEMBLANCE IS UNCANNY!!!

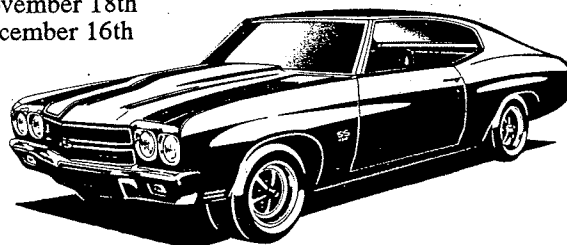
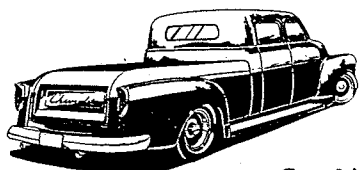
\*\*\*\*\* P L E A S E N O T E ! ! \* \* \* \* \*

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)

\* **Batmobile** (Revell #6720, 1/25th scale, skill level 2): Molded in "Nightwatch (lusterless) Black"....chrome engine inserts (curbside)....basic body consists of 13 pieces, with several seams to attend to....3 "power plant" inserts install beneath open body work....gauge pod w/decal....basic front suspension....big & bigger tires (for Gotham's hot roddin' crimebuster!)....optional open or

closed upright rear fin and canopy...."Bat-decals" for wheel centers....lightly tinted clear parts.

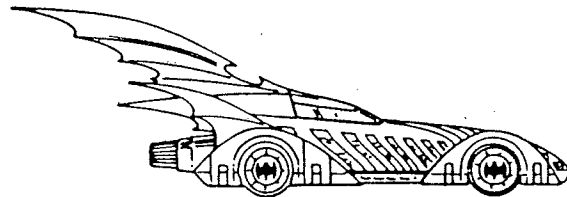
\* **Batwing** (Revell #6721, 1/32nd scale, skill level 2): Molded in "Nightwatch (lusterless) Black"....basic body is 10 pieces, with seams....several more inserts to install beneath open body work....instrument panel without decals....lightly tinted canopy....display base w/"Batman Forever" decal logo.

\* **Batboat** (REvell #6722, 1/25th scale, skill level 2): Molded in "Nightwatch (lusterless) Black"....more inserts to install beneath open body work...instrument panel without decals....lightly tinted canopy....display base w/"Batman Forever" decal logo.

\* **M.A.S.H. 4077th Medical Scene** (Revell #4820, 1/35th scale, skill level 2): Molded in Olive Drab....diorama base w/roadbed, shoulders, and truck tire tracks....figures of Col. Klinger, Col. Potter, B.J., and patient included....acetate included for truck windows (template in instructions)....7 rubber tires.

\* **Harley-Davidson Springer Softail** (Revell #7303, 1/8th scale Snaptite, skill level 2): Molded in red, gray, black, and chrome....nice decals include speedometer face, H-D tank logos & stripes, marker lights, and IL plate....rubber tires in two sizes....H-D stand for completed model....complete, step-by-step instructions w/painting suggestions, parts ID'ed by name.

(Note: In all cases with the Bat-vehicles above, the instructions all suggest a flat black wash for the chrome parts which install beneath the open body work for a more realistic appearance-thanks for the tip, Revell!)



#### BITS & PIECES

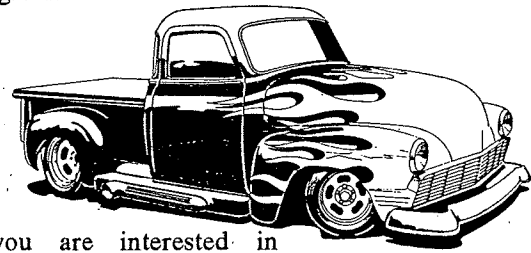
- \* **"Brownie Man!"** Thanks to Tim Powers (I believe!) for the brownies present at last month's meeting. As usual, Tim, they were very good (kudos to your 'better half', Dawn?).
- \* **PMS!** No, the Panthose Modeling Society! Seems as though a group of female Detail Master employees are forming possibly the first women's modeling group. The name of their newsletter? Why, **PMS Monthly**, of course! Good luck, ladies!
- \* **"GTO for the 90's?!"** That is the way that the man behind the "Great One", **Jim Wangers** describes the 1986-1993 Mustang LX Coupe with the 5.0 liter V-8. "It's got a powerful V-8, very fast and affordable, just like the GTO was", to quote Mr. Wangers. Thanks to the May '95 issue of Musclecars magazine for this tidbit!
- \* **Rumor Mill!** Word reaches yours truly with regard to NASCAR & NASTRUCK additions. We may see a certain red Monte Carlo with an adult-sponsored product on it. How? Do the words "adult collectible" mean anything to you? This would obviously be coupled with a somewhat restricted retail to the general public. If it pans out, it could open a floodgate for these "adult collectibles" when the mfrs see how they will sell. New stock cars from one of the "Little Three (+ one)" are rumored to be all new except for the tires. Nastruck additions are rumored to be two '95 Chevies and two '96 Fords. Hope this one pans out!
- \* **Expensive Accident!!** a 627 hp BMW-powered McLaren F1, worth \$1.1 million dollars was reduced to junk recently by BMW chairman Bern Pischetrieder when it rolled several times after going into a ditch 40 miles east of Munich. Pischetrieder and two passengers suffered minor injuries. A German newspaper reported that only five

Mclarens were in use in Germany, and that two of them were wrecked in the same week! In the other accident, a Frankfurt businessman was rocketing along the Autobahn at 170 mph (!), lost control, and hit the center divider. He escaped without injury.

- \* "The deals off!" Kirk Kerkorian has dropped his \$22.8 billion dollar Chrysler buyout bid, but not before he raked in a cool \$140 million dollar profit on paper! Thanks to the P.G. Journal (6/9) for the last two items.
- \* "Big Mac Attack!" Joe Gibbs Racing struck at the recently-held Mopar Parts Summernationals in E-town, NJ. Seems as though the "Croozer", Cruz Pedregon had a very good day, winning in his Firebird funny car, while team mate Jim Yates was "slicin' and dicin'" his way into the runner-up spot behind the Ford Probe of Bob Glidden (remember him?). In an exciting top fuel final, Larry Dixon in Don Prudhomme's MGD rail fireballed it but held on to win against Scott Kalitta, who lost a cylinder just of the line. Conspicuously absent were the all-conquering Dodge Avengers of Alderman and Geffrion, who suffered vandalism at their shop, forcing them to miss the race.
- \* Elections. Everyone is put on notice that the club will be holding elections in October. Both the President, Larry Boothe, and the Vice President, Tim Powers, due to circumstances beyond their control, will not be running. This means that club members must give careful consideration as to their replacements. Seems as though the Treasurer, Matt Guilfoyle, and the Newsletter Editor, yours truly, positions will continue to be ably (?) manned (personed?) by Matt and myself for the foreseeable (indefinite, in my case!) future.
- \* Larry does Chi-Town! Even though Larry wasn't in attendance at the inaugural NAMCC show, his presence was nonetheless felt. The "Wonderbird" took not only 1st Place Factory Stock, but the Outstanding Replica Award sponsored by The Modelhaus, and to top that off, the Grand Champion Award sponsored by Scale Auto Enthusiast! Hey Larry-do you and Norm "share" the trophies since Norm carted it out for ya?
- \* Speakin' of Larry! He and his lovely wife Betsy are grandparents again! 5lb, 14oz Rasely Warren (hope I got it right!) is the newest addition to the Boothe family! Congratulations not only to the lucky parents, but to Larry & Betsy too!
- \* More Babies! Word is Kelvin Brown and his wife Tracy had a little boy! And Walt & Michele Rook had a baby girl, 7lb, 10.5oz Courtney Shannon was born the day of our May meeting! Congratulations to all the proud, new parents!
- \* "Quite an achievement!" Our own Dave Wilson was one of 4 finalists chosen by the Odenton Kiwanis group based on his community service as a scout. Congrats, Dave (Dad & Mom, too!)
- \* "That hadda hurt!" Read a story in the P.G. Journal the other day about a guy who had a small accident with his car in Portland, Oregon. Troy Harding was standing next to his Pontiac Fiero talking with friends when he turned to leave. Well, he bumped into his antenna. No problem, right? Wrong! The antenna went up his nose and pierced his sinus, entered his brain and hit his pituitary gland! He survived, and has been hospitalized since May 29th (the article was in the 6/9 paper). He will be there until he can stand-he says that standing gives him a headache. Neurosurgeons say that "He's lucky not to have wiped anything out". Watch those antennas, guys!
- \* RRR Racing! No, I didn't stutter! Tim Allen (a.k.a. "The Tool Man") is hooked up with none other than Steve Saleen to race Saleen's 550 hp. "stallions" on the SCCA circuit. More Power! RRR!
- \* "Transform!" No, we aren't talkin' about cars, trucks, and planes 'morphing' into good or evil robots...we're talking about the American SATCO '65 Impala being 'transformed' into a '66 Impala (latest word) which should be out early next year. Word is someone else has the license to the '65 Impala.

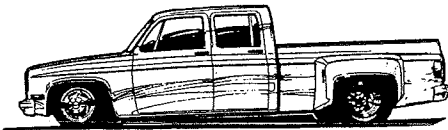
- \* **Kudos!** MAMA's Boy Jimmy Bray has several of his 'killer cars' featured in the latest issue of the Plastic Fanatic! Waytogo, Jimmy!
- \* **Club Picnic.** Remember, the annual club picnic will be on September 30th, at Patapsco State Park. More info when it becomes available.
- \* **"Our Model 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



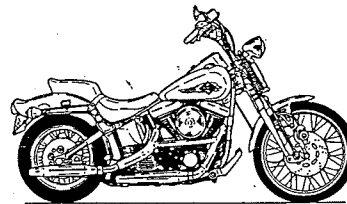
You will notice several open dates-if you are interested in performing a seminar of any sort, contact David "Mark" Wheeler.

- \* **CCM.** Car Control Module (a.k.a. the driver!). Seems as though one of the more affluent Indy car teams tested a computerized helmet which could be standard equipment in 2-3 years. It uses technology developed for jet fighters which allows drivers to view info about the car and track without looking at the dashboard (can you say "Heads-up display"-no pun intended!). Oh, the team owner? Roger Penske, of course, in conjunction with Delco Electronics and Bell Sports helmet-maker.
- \* **Defector!** That Blue Oval standard-bearer Dave Toups, has recently defected to the Mopar camp, of all things! For anyone not in attendance at last month's meeting, immediately afterwards, Dave was spied proudly showing off his brand new Neon Sport Coupe (complete with competition suspension & aluminum wheels). An impromptu drag race between Dave and Lyle Willits' 214 hp. Intrepid nearly materialized! Ya know what this means, Dave? Now ya gotta root for the Alderman/Geoffrion Avengers!



#### Harley-Davidson Heritage Softail Classic

(Revell Snaptime 1/8th scale; 69 pieces; Black, Metallic gray, chrome, clear, clear red, clear amber, solid vinyl tires)



About a year ago, when this kit was first announced, I assumed that an 1/8th scale Harley snap kit for \$20. couldn't be much. But all of the model publications have hyped it as a highly-detailed kit, so I happily plunked down \$23 for this anxiously-awaited replica of the **Great American Freedom Machine**. I soon found that my assumption from a year ago was correct.

The large beautiful box contains a collection of inaccuracies, omissions, inconsistencies, and cost-cutting short cuts that render the kit almost useless. If it were built straight from the box, a very toy-like representation of a Harley would be the result. A great amount of time and aftermarket dollars are needed to turn this into a detailed model.

The first thing noticed upon inspecting the kit was the blatant inconsistencies. One chrome tree was bagged, the other is not. The clear red parts are in a bag, but the clear lenses, windscreen, and clear amber parts are not. The quality of the chrome ranges from beautiful to flaky chrome-plated dust particles-all on the same tree. Almost every part on the metallic gray trees should be chromed, but obviously, they are not. In fact, some of the gray plastic pieces are the opposing halves of the chrome-plated parts!

Most of the major components in the kit are molded as complete assemblies in two halves. This produces a major seam down the middle of almost everything on the model. This problem can be fixed, of course on

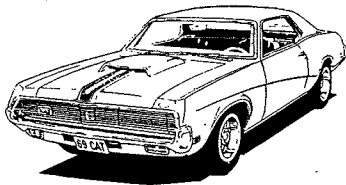
paintable assemblies, but what about the chrome ones?

The solid vinyl tires have nicely-detailed tread and sidewall detail, but are molded crooked and are drastically sloped "downhill" across the tread. In other words, one sidewall has a much larger diameter than the other one. But that is OK because the model is meant to be displayed hovering in the air over the plastic display stand provided. Ya see, the kick stand is simply engraved in the up position on the frame so you can't stand the model up after you build it.

No wiring or cables of any kind are provided. Some of the chromed trim pieces on the real motorcycle are represented as silver-gray decals, almost as if an afterthought.

DO NOT let the box art fool you. To turn this into a reasonably accurate model, you would have to send two large plastic trees to an aftermarket chrome service, obtain several types of 1/8th scale cables, and do a lot of scratchbuilding, molding, and sanding. You would then still be left with the weird tires.

Revell would have been better off producing an accurate, detailed glue kit in the \$45 range. They may have sold fewer kits, but at least they could be built. As is, this kit is a great disappointment.



by: Lyle Willits



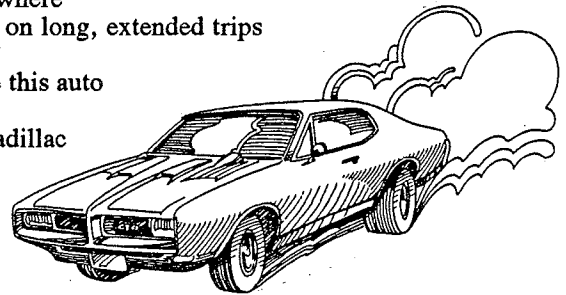
**The Name Game**  
by: Tim Powers

I found the following automotive acronyms on my first foray into the computerized netherworld known as the Internet. While there are many others, I thought that I'd share with you a selection of my favorites. These are the acronyms which either seemed most appropriate to the make of car, or they are the ones that just made me laugh out loud. I hope you'll enjoy them too.

Fiat	Failed Italian automotive technology
BMW	Broken money waster
GMC	Generally mediocre cars
Dodge	Drips oil, drops grease everywhere
Chevrolet	Car has excessive valve rattle on long, extended trips
Buick	Big, ugly import car killer
Toyota	Too often, Yankees overprice this auto
Mopar	Mostly old parts and rust
Pontiac	Poor old nitwit thinks its a Cadillac
Saab	Swedish autos-always broken

And, my personal favorite,

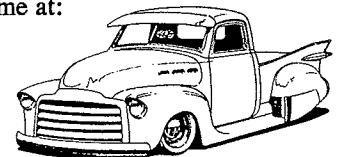
Ford F\*\*ker only runs downhill



How about you? Know any good auto acronyms? If so, send them to me at:



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