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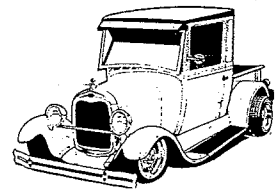
by: "GTO"

About 40 people were in attendance at last month's meeting which had as its highlight nothing of any significance except for the arrival none other than our own Kelvin "Pro Street" Brown and Andy Matthews. More discussion was given to the election of a new President and Vice President. Current Prez, Larry Boothe nominated *Lyle Willits* and *Dave Hebler* to fill those respective positions. If anyone else has any other possible nominees, please make an officer aware of them at the August or September meetings to be voted on for the October meeting at which time we will be installing these new "recruits", OK?

Within this month's newsletter appears a quarterly club financial statement, which should satisfy anyone's curiosity. If anyone has any further questions, please see Matt at an upcoming meeting. In the meantime, the club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: Brad, Mike Hemp, Ron Bradley, George Openhym, Jack Wallenfelt, Walt Rook, Jim Chesnutt, Dave Schmitt, and Replicas & Miniature Co. of MD. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

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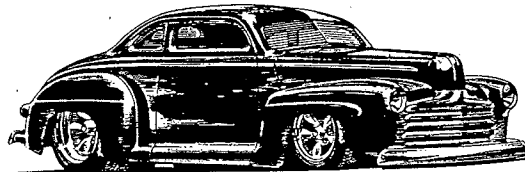
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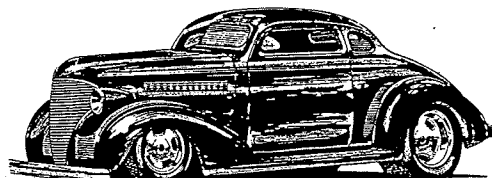
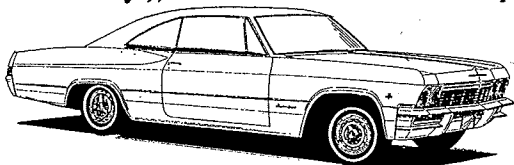
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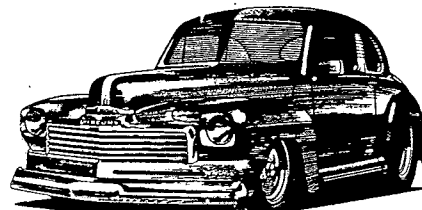
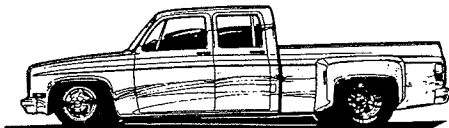
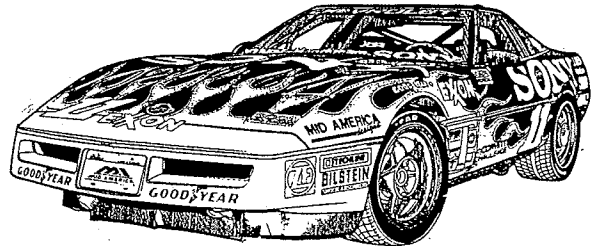


It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465 Sterling, VA 22170) will be (and has been!) a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up to us to actively patronize Detail Master in appreciation of 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
June, 1995**

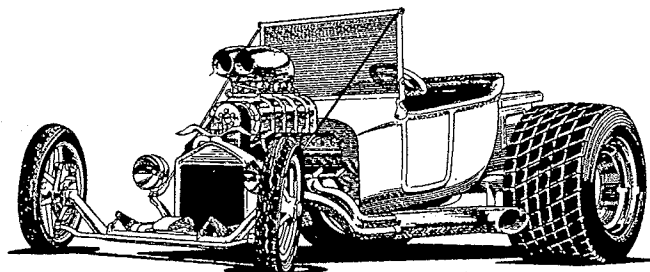
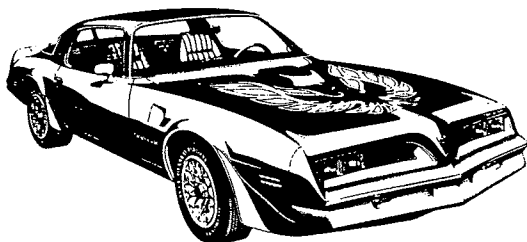
	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Balance on hand, 9/17/95	\$ 2,972.68	
Deposit: June '95 raffle	44.00	
and door receipts	18.00	
Note pad sales	10.00	
Expenses:		
Postage-June '95		20.00
Donation to Midnight Modelers		60.00
Ruhl Armory-NNL '96		485.00
Wilkinson Rentals-NNL '96		200.00
Catonsville Community College (Room rental-2 months)		120.00
TOTALS	\$ 3,044.68	885.00
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CURRENT BALANCE	2,159.68	



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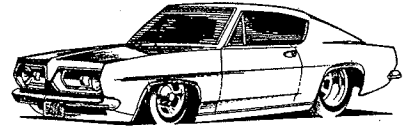
The meeting schedule for 1995 has been finalized (almost!) by our own Matt Guilfoyle. All meetings will be from Noon to 5 P.M. and astute MAMA's BoyZ will notice a few changes and one or two gaps in the schedule. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place in room K100. On two occasions, we 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!

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| January 21st (Room Q305 & 307) | July 15th |
| February 18th | August (Rom Q305) |
| March 18th | September 16th |
| April 22nd (Room Q305 & 307) | October 21st |
| May 20th | November 18th |
| June 17th | December 16th |



The President's Soapbox

By: Larry Boothe



As I prepare to step down from my longstanding position as MAMA's President, I feel that a few words of explanation are in order. With the increased workload and responsibility at Pepsi, spare time has been hard to come by. Saturdays off have become a luxury, causing my attendance at our meetings to be sporadic at best. This situation has also affected my ability to travel to other shows and events, to spread the good word about MAMA.....and there is much to be proud of. Very simply.....our members! You are the most talented, largest, and most fun group of automobile modelers, anywhere. Hold up your head MAMA, be proud of who you are!

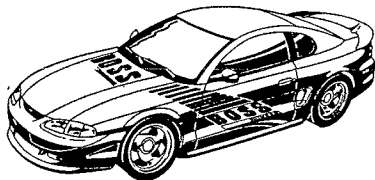
As the new President and Vice President take over the responsibilities of our club, I wish them the best of luck in all these new undertakings, and in leading this club in the direction in which it was intended by our founder, Norman Veber.

Let me leave this office with this important reminder as to what MAMA has always stood for:

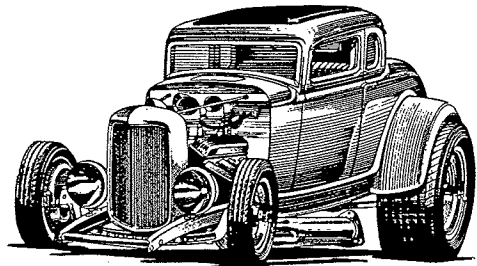
- * Keep it fun
- * Keep the politics out
- * No in-house contests
- * Enjoy our hobby



And never forget, this is the members club!!
It's been a blast, and, no.....I'm not going away, you're still stuck with me.
Thanks for everyone's support over the years.



Sneakin' a Peek!

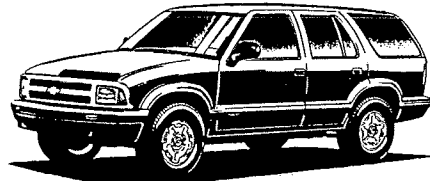
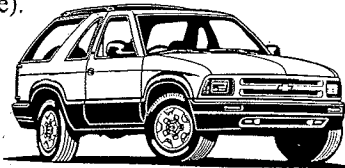


This column will appear as frequently (or infrequently!) as new releases from the manufacturers. The idea behind it is to give a "thumbnail review" of the releases as they hit the shelves with a detailed review to follow at a later date (hopefully!). We'll see how it goes! (Ed. Note: The kits are listed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

- #94 "McDonald's" Thunderbat T-Bird (*Monogram #1701*, 1/32 Snaptite): Molded in Black....Reissue of the Penske Racing South T-Bird....still has chrome wheels (even though box art shows black ones!)....colorful "Thunderbat" vinyl markings.
- #94 "McDonald's" Thunderbat T-Bird (*Monogram #2469*, 1/24th scale): Molded in Black....Reissue of older T-Bird (down to and including '83 grille & headlights on chrome tree)....bright chrome tree including wheels which will need stripping....fair amount of flash and seams due to age of tool....due to use of older body, roof flaps are missing....colorful, apparently complete "Thunderbat" markings (including screened-in openings on front end).
- #3 "Goodwrench" Monte Carlo (*Monogram #2447*): Molded in Black....glass still not wrapped, but at least it's placed in the bottom of the box

beneath decals & instructions....glass is frosted on the rear, side window included, roof rail molded to rear glass....rear bumper is molded to body along with spoiler ('way too thick!)....roof rail appears to interfere with operation of diagonal roof flap!....no fan on engine, instead unit attaches to radiator....front air dam separate, with one opening in it (with chrome grilles for it and the grille opening)....bright chrome tree....same excellent chassis including upper and lower radiator hoses and adding new oil cooler lines....rocker panels appear to roll in a bit too much....typically excellent instructions naming parts and colors....colorful decals include "trademarked" #3 as well as Bassett decals, NASCAR approval dot for windshield and "tire rub markings" (*Ed. Note: Gee, I wonder why?*)!

- #4 "Kodak" Monte Carlo (*Monogram #2448*): Molded in Yellow....decals include wheel hubs, Bassett decals, NASCAR windshield approval dot....see Goodwrench for remainder.
- Thames Panel Truck (*Revell #7609*): Molded in Emerald Green....Opening hood, side, and rear doors....period M+H Racemaster slicks....acetate included for windows (along with templates for same in instructions)....injected Olds engine with upper and lower hoses....nice instructions....smooth, bright chrome.
- #18 "Interstate Batteries" Monte Carlo (*AMT #8186*): Molded in Lt. Gray....reissue of earlier Lumina....chassis pan lengthened somewhat, new upper chassis crossmember added....window braces, rails molded in, separate NACA duct for driver's window, vented quarter windows (no ductwork)....Goodyear Stock Car Special tires w/chrome 9-hole Bassett wheels (Exactly how long ago did NASCAR stop running chrome rims, anyway?)....decals appear complete, down to and including "Bassett" and tire marking decals.
- #5 "Kellogg's" Monte Carlo (*AMT #8187*): (See "Interstate Batteries" Monte Carlo above).
- #24 "Dupont" Monte Carlo (*AMT #8190*): (See "Interstate Batteries" Monte Carlo above).



1995 Chevrolet Blazer (*AMT/ERTL #8978*; Nearly new tool)

AMT/ERTL has another winner in this kit. From the subject matter to the level of detail, this kit is a winner. The reason I call this kit a "nearly new tool" is that like the real 1:1 vehicle, the Blazer shares several of its' components with the S-10 pick-up, such as the front fenders, hood, grille/bumper, and doors, as well as the dashboard and windshield detail. The engine is also shared, all of which exhibit excellent detail.

Body: An accurate rendition of the 2-door S-Blazer, properly proportioned. All moldings and emblems are crisp, and will not be lost under a few coats of paint. An interesting note here: I have never seen a 2-door Blazer with composite headlamps or body side moldings as depicted in the kit. Whoever does the research for AMT/ERTL needs to maintain a little better contact with the vehicle manufacturer regarding accurate vehicle specifications. I will be removing the molding from the body in order to model an accurate Blazer LS. With the exception of the windshield, the glass mounts from the outside, to yield the correct flush appearance. Accessories for the body include the stock outside tire carrier, rear view mirrors, luggage rack, and aftermarket grille guard and winch.

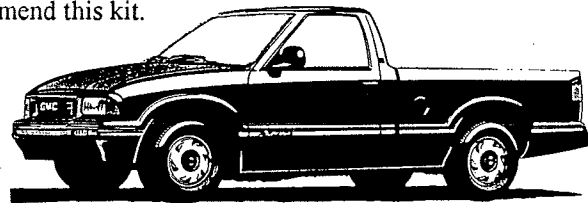
Engine: A well detailed and engraved 19-piece rendition of the 4.3 liter Vortec V-6 CPI engine and 4L60E automatic transmission. The engine is unique in that the engine/transmission are divided into upper and lower halves, instead of left and right. This feature, along with separate accessories and accompanying A/C pieces make for a very accurate engine when painted properly. Note: Get a GMC or Chevrolet truck brochure for an accurate color photo of the engine.

Wheels/Tires: Chevrolet's 5-spoke aluminum wheel and Goodyear Wrangler Mud & Snow tires are depicted here, with an optional Centerline-style modular wheel. Note that the wheels are chrome plated in the kit, whereas on the real vehicle are painted light argent for the factory wheels, so they should be stripped and painted with the proper silver paint for a more accurate appearance.

Interior: This assembly builds from the floorboard and is very well detailed. The seats are 2-piece affairs which are accurate for the Blazer. Both front and rear seats are separate units as well as the console, door panels, and dashboard assembly. Follow the instructions for painting and assembly and with some care will yield a beautiful interior package.

Chassis: A 20-piece assembly which when completed accurately depicts a 4-wheel drive chassis. The front suspension unit, while not posable, and simplified, has separate assemblies for the front drive axle, and transfer case. The rear suspension is comprised of a 2-piece rear differential, leaf springs, and shock absorbers. A separate exhaust system is also included. Front disc brakes are also included, but curiously, rear brake detail has been omitted. Underhood-detail includes the A/C plumbing and associated pieces, separate brake reservoir, battery, windshield washer and overflow reservoirs, ABS module, and vacuum chamber. Exactly how do they get all that stuff under the hood?!

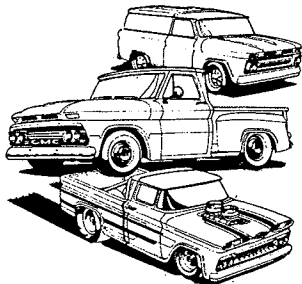
With some patience and attention to detail, this kit will yield a beautiful replica of a 1995 Chevy Blazer. I highly recommend this kit.



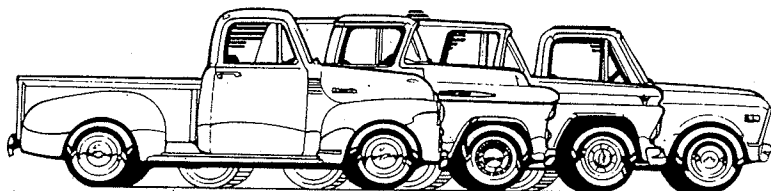
1995 GMC Sonoma SLS pick-up (AMT/ERTL #8109; Modified reissue)

I will make this review short and sweet. This is the same excellent kit of the Sonoma we had last year with the same minor inaccuracies (S10 seat upholstery pattern molded in, body side moldings, and decal stripe color-white instead of silver or red).

Changes for 1995 are as follows: an air bag for the steering wheel and a reversed wheel pattern, which is accurate for the truck pictured on the box, but inaccurate for a two-wheel drive truck, as these are four-wheel drive wheels. Last year's stock wheels would have sufficed. I intend to convert the truck to four-wheel drive using the suspension components from the 1995 AMT/ERTL Chevrolet Blazer. Therefore, I might use the wheels after all.



by: Ron Hamilton



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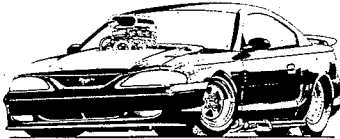
- **No more resin riots!** Word is that *Don & Carol Holthaus* have added a 1/25th scale 1981 Chevy Impala Sedan to their awesome line-up! The kit should include the body, a complete interior, front & rear bumpers, a tail light panel, a set of correct Impala wheel covers, correct molded-on scripts, vacuformed glass, and possibly a chassis. Interested? Contact 'em at *The Modelhaus, 5480 Traugber Road Decatur, Illinois 62521* or call 'em at (217)864-4402. Thanks to *Mr. Terry Jesse of Scale Auto Enthusiast*.
- **Brownies return** (or so I'm told!)! Yes, that staple of Maryland Automotive modelers, the brownie, was present at the July meeting (if only briefly, what with *Larry "Brownie Man" Boothe* around!). I managed to snag a few crumbs before he cleaned us out! Thanks to the efforts of *Veep Tim Powers!*
- **"A Day at the Races!"** No, not that Marx Bros. classic, the "Big go West", the *NNL* in *Toledo*. Their theme this year is *Race cars (all types)* and *Dream Cars* (40's thru 90's). With that in mind, what are you waitin' for? Get busy!
- **Hogs in love?!** *Chi Chi*, a pot-bellied pig residing in Key West, FL, is guilty of falling in love with another hog- a **Harley-Davidson!** Chi Chi was caught trying to have sex with the front wheel of the motorcycle he found in *Walter Wyatt's* yard. In the process, this 50-pound animal scratched the paint and tore the bike's fabric cover, with the total damage estimated at about \$100.00. State law requires that all unclaimed strays be neutered. The owner of the bike doesn't even know if the alleged sex act against the Harley is a felony! On the bright side, a motorcycle salesman offered to let Chi Chi go "hog wild" in his showroom to "get the lust out of his gut" (only for one night though!)
- **"He took his work home with him!"** Bridge Tender *Piet van Schijndel* from *Heeswijik, Netherlands* loved his work as a drawbridge operator so much, that when he retired after 20 years, he bought the bridge for an unspecified amount of money to put in his back yard! Apparently, the bridge is being replaced by another one further upstream. After the bridge is in place, Van Schijndel plans to add a small pond. "A bridge has to have water under it", he said. Kinda gives new meaning to the term, "*playing a little bridge*", eh? Thanks to wire services for the two preceding items!
- **Good news!** Seems as though the **Bare Metal Foil** company is in business after all! There were some rumors flyin' around to the contrary, but the foil should be more readily available as you read this. Thanks to *Veep Tim Powers* for the info.
- **RRRacing!** *Tim "Tool Man" Allen* recently ran his first race for Saleen/Bondurant racing and impressed everybody with a 6th in class, and an 11th place overall. Heck, he even made \$700.00 in the process!
- **More Power!** And speaking of *Tim Allen*, rumor has a supercharged 4.6 liter DOHC SVT Cobra running around the Dearborn proving grounds pumpin' out about 330 hp! And, unfortunately for 'GM fans, this engine is scheduled for production! Thanks to the Aug. '95 issue of *Car Craft* for the scoop.
- **Rumor Mill!** The model car column in August '95 *Street Rodder* by *Tim Boyd* (Also unfortunately his last, I might add) there are unconfirmed rumors of a 40's Chevy model possibly coming and, of all things from Monogram-Revell- a 90's style Deuce Hiboy roadster! One can only hope! *Sad to see ya go Tim, good luck!*
- **S & M returns!** No, *Sox & Martin!* They plan to run **T-Birds** and **Probes** in both NHRA & IHRA. They will be backed by **Patrick Ford** and will run their trademark red, white, and blue paint scheme.

- **Midnight thanks!** *Jerry Frazier* and the **Midnight Modelers** would like to thank MAMA's BoyZ for their donation in support of their recent show. Heck, that's what we're here for, guys!
- **Different strokes!** Rumor has it that an unnamed MAMA's Boy is buildin' of all things, a boat! Oh well, whatever floats yer...oops,.....whatever!
- **Knoxville knears!** Yours truly has had several phone conversations with *Kenny King* of **KSAM** regarding the *Volunteer State Classic II* and it sounds like it's gonna be a whale of a show! How 'bout **48 vendors** occupying **65 tables**?! Kenny and I are also exchanging show pictures (both 1:1 and scale!) and video tapes, which will be available to interested members after I've seen 'em! So, be there or be octagonal!
- **"Match Race Madness!"** That's the title of a new book by *Grady Bryant* which compiles 30 years of bench racing into a book all racing enthusiasts can enjoy. The book contains humorous stories about the legends of the sport from the early days of match racing. Expect to see it released late summer. Thanks to the **Metroplex Car Modelers Association** for the straight scoop!
- **Japanese trade show.** Word reaches me from the **C.A.R.S. in Miniature** group of some new Japanese kits. *Tamiya*-Volvo 850 wagon, Japan touring car **Toyotas**, new **Escort Rally car**, and a 1/20th scale **Tyrell F1 car**; *Hasegawa*-**BMW 325 British Touring racer**; *Fujimi*-**Ferrari F50 (1/20th scale)**; *Pocher*-**Ferrari F50 (1/8th scale, metal)**.
- **NASCAR revisited!** Last month, I told ya about *Jeff's racing Souvenirs* in Glen Burnie. I neglected to give you their hours. Monday thru Friday 11-7, Saturday 9-7 and Sunday 10-5.
- **Press release!** Got a nice mailing from the folks at *Revell-Monogram, Inc.* the other day. it included information on the **#94 Thunderbat T-Birds** (both 1/24th & 1/32nd), the **Thames panel truck** available now, the **Goodwrench and Kodak Monte Carlos** available now, the **Burger King Monte Carlo** available in August, the **Family Channel T-Bird**, the **'59 Cadillac hardtop**, **'50 Ford pick-up**, **Ford Aeromax**, and 1 **Kendall GT-1 Avenger funny car** available in September. There was also some mention of an airplane (a **Hornet**, I think), a boat (actually, a **destroyer**), and **Star Trek Voyager** coming out in July, August, and September respectively. The stock cars will cost no more than \$11.25 each, while the **Thames panel truck** should cost \$10.25 and the **'59 Caddy & '50 Ford pick-up** should sticker at \$13.50.
- **Club Club de Mer?!** So many people in our little group have bought one of these kits, it was jokingly suggested that we have a **Club de Mer night!** And for anyone interested in building an accurate replica of this significant show car. A magazine titled *Pontiac Enthusiast* and edited by *George Ellis*, has a 7-page article on it including a few **color photos** along with several black and white ones. The magazine is available by subscription only, but if you contact *George* at *Milestone Miniatures, Inc. 136-41A Jewel Avenue Flushing, NY 11367-1921*. (Hint: *George* is a modeler, so if you appeal to him on that basis, you may be successful!)
- **Ram Air fever!** Not only will *Pontiac* be offering the **'96 Firebird with Ram Air** (the **WS6** option, puttin' out 300 hp), rumor is that they are also workin' on a **Grand Am GT** with ram air pushin' out 220 hp! No word on actual production, though. Way cool! Thanks again to the Aug. '95 issue of *Car Craft* for the scoop!
- **"Don't shoot!"** Earlier this year in Wesley Chapel, FLA, *Joseph C. Aaron*, 20, was hit in the leg with pieces of the bullet he fired at the exhaust pipe of his car. While repairing the car, he needed to drill a hole in the pipe, and when he couldn't find a drill, he tried to shoot a hole in it.

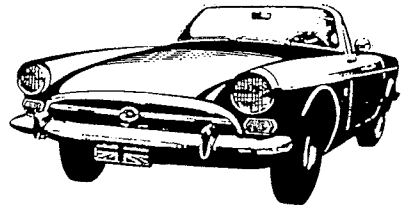
- He got “dumped on”. *James Burns*, 34, of Alamo, MI, was killed earlier this year when he tried to repair a “farm-type dump truck”. Burns got a friend to drive the truck on a highway while Burns hung underneath so that he could locate the source of a noise. His clothes caught on something, however, and the other man found him “wrapped around the driveshaft”. Thanks to the *Washington City Paper*, “News of the Weird” column for the last two items.
- Elections. Just a reminder that elections will take place in October and that reigning **President Larry Boothe** and **Vice President Tim Powers**, will be unable to run again. So, if you have a candidate in mind, let’s get him (or her?) on the ballot for October!
- “Have you driven a Fjord....Lately?!” The May ‘95 issue of *Hot Rod Mechanix* had a real automotive “odd couple” if you will....A Volvo wagon with a Ford V8! The article chronicles the marriage of a Volvo 240 wagon and a ‘90 fuel-injected 5.0 liter Mustang engine. The result? A wagon that does 0-60 in seven seconds, gets 25 mpg, and is emissions legal and all for about \$4,000!! The Volv-8 conversion, put together by Converse Engineering (1-800-289-2548) in South Portland, Maine, allows 200 and 700 series Volvo owners to (and I quote) “replace their gutless four- and six-cylinder motors with Ford V8 power. Two kits are available-one for carbureted 302s, one for fuel-injected ones. Both can be coupled to either a Ford AOD autobox or the 5-speed manual tranny. Got a tired, old Volvo? Give ‘em a call!
- A/FX reunion! The reunion was an absolute hoot! For anyone who missed it this year for whatever the reason, don’t fret bunkie! It went so well that the word is that it will be back in ‘96 on the first weekend in June. So mark your calendars!!
- Satisfaction guaranteed! Seems as though *Gary Sutherlin* ordered a Chimneyville Hobbies decal sheet from BSR Replicas in GA. Well, when he got it, it was defective. Gary didn’t get mad. He sat down and wrote a polite letter to the folks at Chimneyville, enclosing the suspect sheet. Well, shortly thereafter, Gary got a very polite, apologetic letter from Chimneyville Hobbies which included two sheets to replace the bad one he returned! Chimneyville has an impressive track record for the past year, having only 16 bad sheets out of approximately 40,000!! The moral is, if you are unhappy for whatever the reason, let someone know about it and try to rectify the situation!
- Racin’ in print! The *Maryland Gazette* publishes a bi-weekly column titled “On the Fast Track” which highlights local racers and stories. Just finished reading the article on Vince Myers & Grant Carter, who race at Summit Point with the SCCA. Then there was the story about the Dillon Family, who run a 1991 Pontiac Grand Prix in the NASCAR Late Model division at Old Dominion Speedway. Their long-term goal is to go Winston Cup racing. There was also a story about the growth of NASCAR from the fans perspective, featuring local fans Ron & Joyce Robbins and Mark Weeks. An interesting point raised in this article was the speedway proposal by the recently-formed *Maryland Motor Associations Limited Partnership*. It would be a \$100 million dollar, 75,000 seat stadium & 1000 acre complex west of Martin State airport in Essex with a scheduled completion by 1998. It would be known as Essex International Speedway. Whoa, Mama! Thanks to Matt Guilfoyle for this tidbit.
- No go GTO! Well, *Summer Carlisle* is a memory, and so is the ‘65 Tri-power GTO. You see, Even with 12 chances to win it, someone else took it home shattering Nick’s (and my) dreams! Oh well, easy come, easy go? Anyway, spotted a few “bargains” while there. How ‘bout what appeared to be a 1:1 Yenke Deuce for \$5500.00 (Is that possible, Lyle?!). The “out in left field” award goes to a guy who was asking \$20.00 for the just-discontinued AMT

'69 Firebird! Get real! On the trip home, we spotted what appeared to be a really b**chin' peach-colored fat fendered street rod up on 695. Couldn't catch 'im for a closer look-we were doin' 75 and not gainin' a bit! Do ya s'pose he was a distant relative of Lyle Willits?!

- **Free kits!** Yes, you too can get free model kits. How? Simple! The "Little Three" (AMT, Monogram/Revell, and Lindberg) send the club samples of their new releases to get our comments. I have identified several MAMA's BoyZ who would gladly give me their opinions on these kits in the form of a review. And they keep the kit for their trouble. Otherwise, the kits don't get swallowed up into a "black hole", they go into the raffle. You see, they send us these kits for our comments, not to be placed into our collections and forgotten about. So, if you are interested in doing a review on a kit, see yours truly at a meeting!
- **MAMA mention!** Thanks to "Mr. Parts Box", Tim Powers for his kind mention of MAMA's BoyZ in his latest column with regard to development of individual skills and talents, as well as "peripheral activities" several of us have found to enhance our enjoyment of this great hobby. *Thanks, Tim!*
- **Supertrucks in '96?!** Word reaches me from the Auto Modelers Group that apparently both Monogram AND AMT will possibly be doing kits next year of these beasts! Hope this "rumor" pans out! *Thanks, Wayne!*

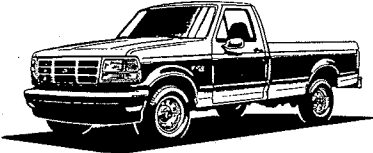


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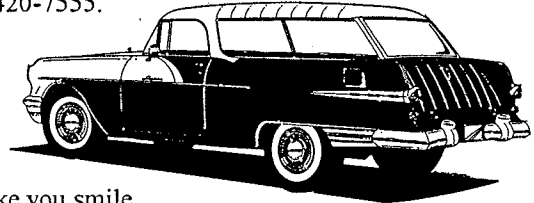


- *Aug 18 & 19-* Volunteer State Classic II hosted by our "sister club", the Knoxville Scale Auto Modelers & Tennessee model hobbies at Baron's room, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN. For *vendor info*, call John Larkin at (615)239-7070; for *show info*, call Kenneth King at (615)691-1846.
- *Aug 25 to 27-*Corvettes at Carlisle at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA. A 1975 Corvette will be given away to a lucky attendee.
- *Aug 26-* Jet Funny Car Nationals at MIR.
- *Sept 9-* 31st Annual Laurel Lions Show at Laurel race track in Laurel, MD
- *Sept 10-*4th Annual Mid-Atlantic Chapter Gran Sport Club of America (MAGS, for short!) in conjunction with 75-80 Dragway Nostalgia Drags Show & Shine. For info, call Bill at (410)668-0439 or Bill at (410)661-8967.
- *Sept 10 & 11-* Parts Plus Super Chevy Sunday Show at Raceway Park in Englishtown, NJ. For info, call (908)446-7800.
- *Sept 14 to 17-* Pioneer Electronics Keystone Nationals at Maple Grove Raceway in Mohnton, PA.
- *Sept 17-* Big Rig Truck Nationals at MIR.
- *Sept 23-* Fall Funny Car Classic at MIR.
- *Sept 23-* Maryland Camaro Club's All Chevy Car Show featuring all Chevies, all years at Win Kelly Chevy Geo in Clarksville, MD from 11 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Car show, free sodas & hot dogs, face painting, clowns, spacewalk. For info, call 1-800-458-5640.
- *Sept 30-*The Shenandoah Valley Modelers present 1995 Model Contest & Swap Meet at the Youth Center at Commerce Ave (U.S.522) & 8th St. in Front Royal, VA from 9 A.M. to around 3 P.M. Theme-The Movies (Hey, Norm!), i.e. any real vehicle seen in the movies (cars, aircraft, etc.) For info, call Mark Tutton at (703)667-8697 Mon-Sat 10-6 or J.J. Smith at (703)652-6083.

- Oct 7- NNL 16 at Maumee (Toledo!) Ohio. I understand this years' theme is **Racing** (*all types!*)
- Oct 14- **Pro Challenge** at MIR.
- Oct 15- **Atlas Pontiac Show** in Brandywine, MD
- Oct 15 & 16- **Parts Plus Super Chevy Sunday Show** at Virginia Motorsports Park in Petersburg, VA. For further info, call (804)862-3174.
- Oct 21-**Third Annual Model Car Contest** sponsored by the **Tidewater Automotive Modelers Society** at the Little Creek Bingo Hall, 1760 East Little Creek Road Norfolk, VA 23518 (Vendor tables available). For info, call **Bart Powell** at (804)467-7153 or **Tom Childers** at (804)420-7555.



"Re-Tired"



Here's a story off of the Internet that should make you smile....

Introductory Chemistry at Duke University has been taught for about a zillion years by Professor Bonk (his real name!), and his course is affectionately known as "Bonkistry". He has been around forever, so I wouldn't put it past him to come up with something like this.

Anyway, one year, there were these two guys who were taking Chemistry and who did pretty well on all of the quizzes, midterms, labs, etc. such that going into the final, they had a solid A. They were so confident going into the final that the weekend before finals week (even though the Chem final was on Monday), they decided to go up to the University of Virginia to party with some friends up there.

So, they did and had a great time. However, with their hangovers and everything, they overslept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to Duke until early Monday morning. Rather than taking the final then, what they did was to find Professor Bonk after the final and explain to him why they missed it in hopes of making it up.

They told him that they had gone to UVA for the weekend, and had planned to come back in time to study, but that they had a flat tire on the way back and didn't have a spare, and couldn't get help for a long time, and were late getting back to campus.

The Professor thought it over and agreed that they could make up the final the next day. The guys were relieved and happy. So, they studied that night and went in the next day at the appointed time for their make-up exam. He placed them in separate rooms and handed each of them a test booklet and told them to begin.

They looked at the first problem, which was something about molarity and solutions and was worth 5 points. "Cool" they thought. "This is going to be easy". They did the problem and turned the page. They were unprepared, however, for what they saw on the next page. It said:

(95 points) Which tire?

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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