

MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

Volume 8, No. 1 Sept. 1995

by: "GTO"

About 40 people were in attendance at last month's meeting displaying 33 models. This despite the fact that the entire board and several "regulars" who chose to attend the show in Knoxville, TN instead. Yet another highlight was a demo of a 1/24th scale R/C stock car by, if I'm not mistaken, *Walt Rook*. A particular high point of the meeting (or so I'm told), was the question and answer session on the models which we seem to have gotten away from in recent months. Guess we'll have to revive it, eh?

At this point, I need to extend a great big *thank you* to *Gary Sutherlin*, who took notes and ran the meeting while we were away. *If not for him, you wouldn't be reading this now! I heard from more than one member about the excellent job he did. Thanks, Gary!*

The raffle raised \$62.50 (as well as \$24.00 from the box). The club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: *Ron Palmer, Brad, Jim McGuiness, Walt Rook, Mike Hemp, Ron Bradley, and Fastrack Hobbies*. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

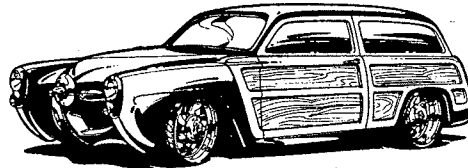
**John Mauchamer,
Wheels Hobby Shop
45 Waverly Drive, Unit O
Frederick, MD 21701**

**City-Wide Hobby Shop
7710 Harford Road
Baltimore, MD 21234**

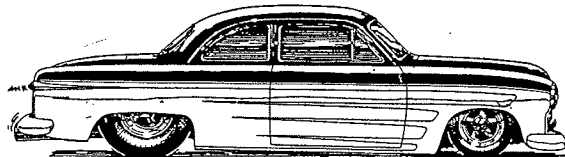
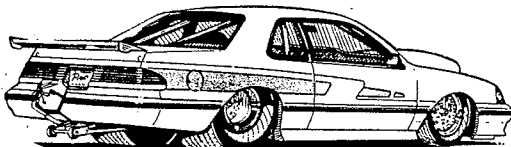
**Bob Eager,
The ERTL Company
P.O. Box 500
Dyersville, IA 52040-0500**

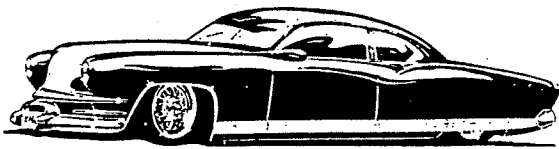
**Mike Perkins,
RPM Craft House Corp.
50 E. Dresden Street
Kalkaska, MI 49646**

**Ed Sexton/Bill Lastovich
Monogram/Revell
301 North Third Avenue
Des Plaines, IL 61101**



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!]

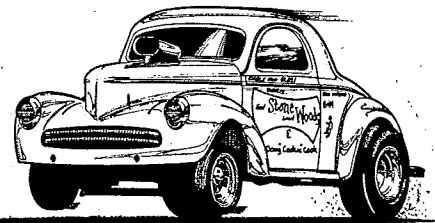
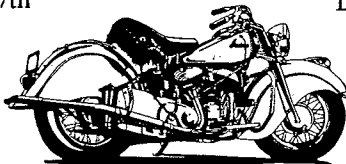
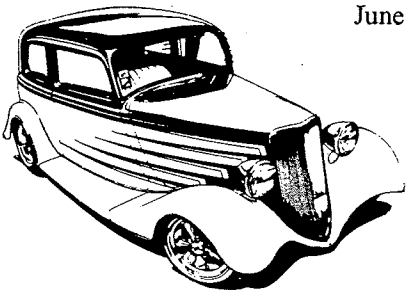




*****PLEASE NOTE!!*****

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)	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



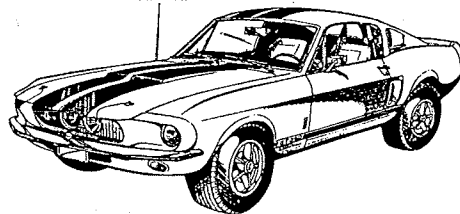
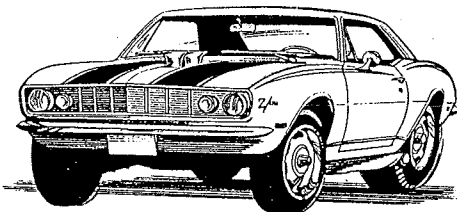
Sneakin' a Peek!

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" Thunderbird (AMT #8188): Molded in Lt. Gray....hood, and front bumper updated to '95 specs (rear bumper unchanged)....window braces molded in, missing window rails on rear glass....Goodyear Stock Car Special tires w/chrome Bassett 9-hole wheels (again, how 'long ago did they stop running chrome wheels?)....pretty complete decals again including tire marking decals and "Bassett" wheel decals....builder is on their own with regard to painting the yellow around the bottom of the car (black striping provided).
- #6 "Valvoline" Thunderbird (AMT #8189): Molded in Lt. Gray....builder to paint both blue and white areas, decals for the remainder....see "McDonald's" T-Bird for remainder.
- #8 "Raybestos" Thunderbird (AMT #8191): Molded in Lt. Gray....builder to paint faded paint scheme on decal as it is not provided....see "McDonald's" T-Bird for remainder.
- '96 Ford Explorer 4X4 (AMT #8968): Molded in Lt. Gray....4-door "Limited" model w/running boards....standard chrome grille and optional body-colored "Limited" style grille....clear head and tail lights along with back side door glass....glass frosted on rear for black areas....interior builds up platform-style....seats appear to be leather, consistent with upscale "LTD"

package....Goodyear Wrangler AT tires with BBS-style wheels....full four-wheel drive mechanism....upper and lower radiator hoses....separate rear shocks, including a third "torsion shock"....exterior/interior color matrix chart included in typically excellent instructions...."EXPLORER" OR, "96 LTD" CO, and "LIMITED" MO plates, and white stripes.

- #87 "Burger King" Monte Carlo (*Monogram #2468*): Molded in Kodak yellow....identical to Goodwrench & Kodak cars reviewed last month....both colors will need to be painted, separation stripes supplied on decal sheet....decal sheet also includes Bassett wheel decals, Goodyear tire decals, and grille openings.
- '67 Shelby GT350 (*AMT #6633*): Molded in Lt. Gray....chrome 5-spoke magnum-style wheels....Shelby roll bar....Shelby scooped hood, spoiled decklid, correct front end w/twin driving lights (w/clear lenses), correct rear end with large tail lights, & separate C-pillar scoops as well as quarter panel-mounted scoops....complete 289 cu. in., 271 hp. motor carried over from GT version....decals include white stripes, Shelby emblems for front fenders and decklid.
- '67 Z28 Camaro (*AMT #6638*): Molded in Lt. Gray....Body exhibits "CAMARO" block script on front fenders above peak, "Chevrolet" scripts on panel over headlights and on trunk....Rally wheels appear different than '68 units (molded closed, different center caps)....'67 Camaro-specific grille....seat upholstery, console different....exhaust system, "Chevrolet" script valve covers unchanged....chrome 14" low restriction air cleaner in addition to '67 Cowl Induction air cleaner....rear traction bar....optional 5-spoke billet-style wheels (unplated) w/(4) Firestone tires, (2) Goodyear L60-15's....Black and White 'Z' stripes, '302' air cleaner decal, '67 CUSTM' CO, '1ST Z28' DE plates.



MAMA does Knoxville!

(Boothe's presence felt despite failure to attend)

As most of you are acutely aware from the absence of several officers and members from the August meeting, a group of us consisting of *yours truly (and my lovely wife Debbie), Matt Guilfoyle (and his lovely wife Donna), Lyle & Lynn Willits, Dave Toups, Tim Powers, and Norm and Mary Veber* made the trek down to the lovely town of Knoxville for the Volunteer Classic II. Debbie & I, and Matt & Donna 'copped out' (we flew-literally, Lyle!).

We arrived in town on Wednesday prior to the event and took the ladies sightseeing in Nashville, and craft shopping in Gatlinburg (Thanks to John Larkin for ALL those brochures-they were a big help!). An unexpected bonus was the Lead Sled Nationals being held in Pidgeon Forge that same weekend. Well, we had to drive right through the town to get to Gatlinburg. We never saw so many chopped Mercs, F100 pickups, and lowered stock type vehicles in one place (with the possible exception of the Lions' show at the Laurel race track every year!). Unfortunately, we forgot the cameras! Oh well!

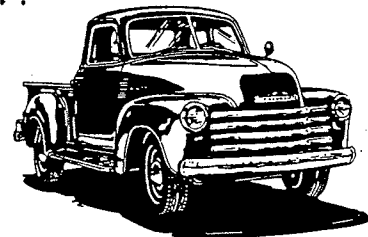
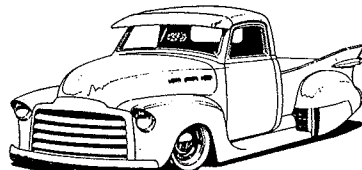
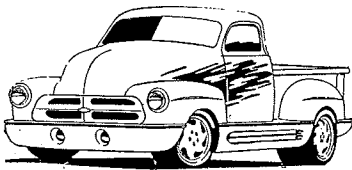
The ladies had the luxury of our company up until late Friday afternoon at which time the hospitality suite would be open and they would lose us to that incurable disease which afflicts us all-Modelmania! And guess what? The guys down there have it as bad as us, some worse! Matt & I visited Kenny King's house (while the girls went to a movie), and came away amazed! He has models & boxes full of parts squirreled away in every nook and cranny of his house and garage!

The show was great! *All American Models, Altered States, the Modelhaus, American Satco, Model Garage, Scale Resin Detailers, and Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD* were only a few of the vendors filling that hall. Matt and I were running around like men possessed, literally throwing money at these vendors for the chance to take some of their stuff home to put on the shelf in our collections. At one point, there was some question as to Matt carrying all his resin spoils on the plane (2 bags worth!), and how Donna was going to get home! Lyle Willits finally carted home his spoils to help Matt keep his happy home!

All told, they had 400+ models show up. Names like *Ricky Couch, Bob Downie, Lyle Willits, Trae & John Larkin, John Mahaffey, Ron Hamilton, and Gary Sutherlin* graced the tables. I unselfishly carted Ron's slammed AMT Jimmy and Gary's '60 Ford down, thanks to fellow member *Irv Arter's "MAMA box"*-a very secure item allowing transportation of up to 8 models. *Thanks, Irv! Larry Boothe's* infamous '57 T-Bird as well as his custom "Redbird" made the trip, much to the delight of several of the KSAM guys. Gary's Ford and Ron's little Jimmy garnered their share of attention from Pat Covert & Terry Jessee and *Larry's '57 T-Bird pulled down Best Replica Stock*. Congrats to all the winners! The highlight of the show had to be the presentation to *Pat Covert* of the "Hogdoo Grundy Polishing kit". Ya hadda be there, right Pat?

There was almost an incident on the return trip at the airport, though. The female inspector politely informed me that she would have to inspect the contents prior to boarding the plane. When she saw what was inside, I explained that we were in town for a model show. She was immediately attracted to Gary's '60 Ford. Matt & I had to do some fancy talking to leave the Knoxville airport with his car safely in the carryall rather than in her possession! The rest of the trip was uneventful.

This years' attendees had so much fun, plans are already underway to attend next years show. Several of the gang in Knoxville (and surrounding area) voiced their intentions to head north next year for our Mid-Atlantic NNL. All we can say at this point is, "*Y'all come on up, we'll leave the light on!*"



50 Chevy chopped pick-up Cab body

[*Replicas & Miniatures Company of Maryland #B-12; 1/25th scale; 1 piece; molded in white resin (bagged), including "Working with Resin" instructions*]

WOW! Thank you Lyle and Norman! This is a chopped top 3 window cab for the AMT 50 Chevy pick-up. I understand the master was modeled by *Lyle Willits* and he did a NICE job. In my opinion, the mild chop, coupled with the stock height rear window provides a nice 'look' for a non-stock model.

Specifically, what was changed: the top was lowered 2 scale inches, Nu-view windows were filled, left, right, and cowl vent openings were filled, windshield wipers, door handles, and drip rails were removed, and the external gas cap was replaced with a fuel filler door. This body still requires the kit rear cab extensions and left/right fender fillers. The kit hood fits as if it belongs with the resin body.

Now, for the other details: flash is minimal for a resin body, RMCM's white resin feels slightly heavier than the AMT kit body and thickness appears the same, the kit mold lines are non-existent on the resin cab, and yet hood latch detail is still crisp. Body clean-up and prep should be minimal with a minor bit of seam work around the top of the doors. On mine, I found NO pin holes or sink marks.

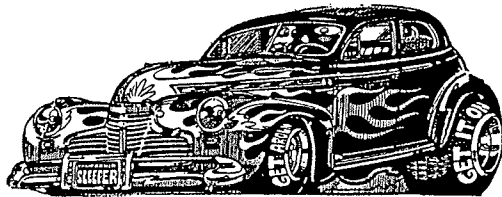
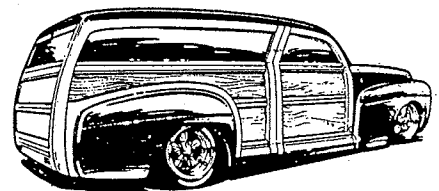
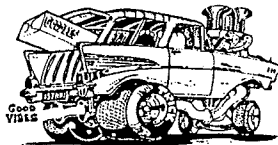
The "Working with Resin" instructions are general resin tips and are clear and easy to understand. A contact name, address, and phone number is provided for problems or comments.

In case you can't tell, I LIKE this cab very much and intend to buy more. Considering my limited resin experience, this will be easy to use and won't stay on the "Build SOON" shelf very long.

Review cab courtesy of Replicas and Miniatures Company of Maryland



by: Gary Sutherlin



BITS & PIECES

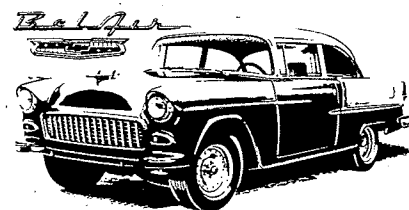
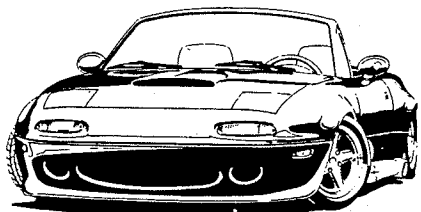
- **Viper Pacer!** For the second time in its short life, *Dodge's Viper* (this time a *GTS Coupe!*) is set to pace the 1996 Indy 500. Maybe the *Plymouth Prowler* will get the call for the 1997 race? Thanks to the *USA Today* for the update.
- **More Mopar!** We've already heard that *Plymouth* will put the *Prowler* into production. Further word is that the *Chrysler Atlantic* and the *Eagle Jazz* may also make the cut as well! That would mean that each Chrysler division would have their own "image" car. Thanks to the July '95 issue of *Motor Trend*.
- **Kudos!** The latest *Plastic Fanatic* arrived the other day with coverage of NNL East between the covers. Featured therein was *Lyle Willits' '55 Chevy* and *'40 Ford Woodies* as well as *Kelvin Brown's "In-progress" '32 Ford*. Waytogo, guys!
- **More new stuff!** Heard that the next phase of AMT's limited reissue program due out in March(!) will be the *'37 Chevy modified*, the *'69 Riviera*, the *'65 El Camino w/camper*, and *"Wild Willie's" roadster (1/25th)*. I don't know where the '65 came from (it's not on the list), whereas the '69 is #2. How 'bout it, AMT? Will we ever see the number 2 car on the list? I'm sure there are a lot of modelers out there who very much hope so, and I'm one of 'em!!
- **Speakin' of Kelvin!** Word reaches me that, at least for now, Kelvin has earned a new nickname. Apparently, he has recently built several *roundy-rounders* (and did a nice job, too!). So, I guess until we see his Pro Street '32 Ford, he will be known as *Kelvin "NASCAR" Brown!*
- **More Kudos!** Everyone owes their thanks to *Irv Arter* and *Kelvin Brown*. Why? For their unselfish efforts of providing the club with enough newsletters

for not only the meeting every month, but the mailing list as well. This amounts to roughly 100+ copies (and still growing!). Yours truly can write whatever I dadgum please (*dadgum?!? Y'all did this to me in Knoxville, John & Kenny!*), but it doesn't mean diddly unless these guys copy it! Just let 'em know you appreciate it next time you see 'em, ok?

- **Rumor mill!** How about a high tech '32 Ford, something called a '32 Ford "Speedwoody", '56 Nomad, (2) different '69 Dodge Dart drag cars, a '62 T-Bird roadster, "Hemi Under Glass", and a '71 Monte Carlo?! Guess all we can do is hold our breath and pray for now!
- **Hamilton does Goodguys!** Ron Hamilton, Nick, and myself made the trek to Carlisle for the annual Goodguys show. Neet street rods and heat were the order of the day! Even spotted a *small twister (Duster?!?)* which lifted a canopy about 30 feet into the air and unceremoniously dropped it on a rod! No real damage done (thankfully!). Even that didn't scare us hardy souls off! Ron took his recently-completed GMC Jimmy, '64 Impala, and '67 Impala SS. The Jimmy copped *Best Custom*, while the '67 SS copped *Best Street Machine*. Waytogo, Ron!
- **More Croozers!** Word is that another MAMA's Boy, none other than *Charlie Scheerer* has recently acquired a **Buick Grand National** and is anxiously seeking crooze spots! Congrats, Charlie!
- **Smell like a 'Vette?!** Got a flyer the other day for a new *cologne* called, what else-*Corvette* (shades of 1964 and the Pontiac GTO!). A small sample was provided and no, it didn't smell like gas, tires, oil, or even fiberglass! It actually smelled pretty good. Now, as to whether or not I can purchase any with my Pontiac background is another matter! Interested? You can reach 'em at 1-800-699-3579.
- **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!
- **What a drag!** The *Baltimore Sun* ran a nice article on *75-80 Dragway* written by Bethany Nikfar in its Aug. 30th edition. It talked about track owner Bill Wilcom, age 58, and how he has missed only 1 race in the tracks history (his brothers helped out where needed). It also focused on local racer *Carol "Bunny" Burkett* who, by the way, marks her *30th Anniversary in drag racing this year!* Thanks to Ms. Nikfar and The Sun for a nice article and Happy Anniversary to Ms. Burkett!
- **The Rich almost get richer!** After NASCAR star Kyle Petty dropped out of the Aug. 20th race at Michigan, team owner *Felix Sabates* returned home to discover he was *one number shy of winning \$7 million dollars in the Florida lottery* (he did win \$793) for picking 5 of 6 numbers. If he had picked *number 18* (which won the Michigan race) instead of *number 42*, he would have collected the \$7 mil. Spooky! Thanks to the Aug. 31st *Winston Cup Scene* for this one!
- **Another new modeler!** *Tim "Inscale Illustrated" Bongard* and his wife *Maureen* are the proud parents of 8lb. 13oz. Joseph Theodore, who was born on Aug. 15th. Congrats to both of you! When do you plan to put him to work on the magazine, Tim?
- **Car Trek!** No, it's not what you get when you cross automobiles with Star Trek! It is a new *classic car and part inventory service* available on the *Internet*. For info, call 1-800-728-3240. *Beam me up, Scotty!*
- **Hobby Shop changes hands!** It hadda happen. *Wanda Pease of Bobby's Hobby Lobby* is *retiring after 41 years in the hobby & craft business*. The new owners will be *Randy & Bonnie Henry* as of Aug. 16th, 1995. I know we

all wish Wanda well in her retirement and will help the new owners any way we can!

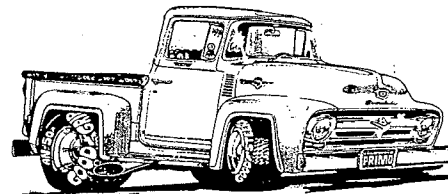
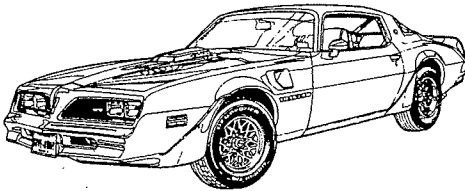
- **Own your own '69 Camaro SS pace car!** The folks at *Danbury Mint* (1-800-332-MINT) can oblige you with their latest 1/24th scale diecast for three measly payments of \$31.50.
- **Poncho fans!** Word is that *Modelhaus* may produce a resin kit of the rare '67 *GTO ragtop!* The kit would include the body, convertible boot, & seats and would sell for about \$24. Interested? Give Don & Carol a holler (*Now, where did I leave that Modelhaus order form?!*)
- **Poncho Power!** Rumors are flying about a well-known Pro Stock Olds racer with the initials WJ switching to Pontiac! Cars are under construction, but they are reported to be *Grand Prix*s instead of the swoopier *Firebirds*. Stay tuned!
- **New long distance member!** MAMA's Boy regular *Ron Roberts* has been lucky enough to have several of his models (and even a letter, I believe) featured in *Rich Rothermel's* column in *Rod & Custom* magazine. Well, Ron got a very nice response from Rich inquiring *how to join MAMA!* He also wants input for a "*Project 50*" to begin in December. It is a 50 Ford convertible for which Rich needs direction. Custom? Street Machine? Send your suggestions on a post card to R&C in Miniature. Prizes will be awarded (magazine subs, merchandise) and a winner will be announced in the column probably next summer. So, let 'im hear it, guys!
- **Bicyclist sees stars!** He just didn't see Saturn! 14 year-old *Bruce Pringle* ran into none other than *Dawn Powers*, Tim's lovely wife, in her Saturn. The left front fender was damaged, and Bruce suffered a facial cut and a bruised rib, and got a 'copter ride to the hospital. Everyone seems to be fine at this point (I hope!). Thanks to the Aug. 12th issue of the *Maryland Gazette* for the scoop.
- **Smart Meters?!** An article in the July '95 issue of *Motor Trend* gives us an insight into the next generation of *parking meters*. Smart new electronic models could count and time every car, accurately display how long a car has been at an expired meter, and be programmed for a maximum amount of time per car, refusing to give more time even if more coins are deposited! Further down the road, how 'bout a 'Supermeter' that can use infrared sensing devices to determine when a vehicle leaves a parking spot and delete any remaining time?! *Remember how easy parking used to be?!*



COMING EVENTS

- *Sept 14 to 17- Pioneer Electronics Keystone Nationals* at Maple Grove Raceway in Mohnton, PA.
- *Sept 17- Big Rig Truck Nationals* at MIR.
- *Sept. 17- Jaguar Concours de Elegance* At Montgomery College. For info, call Bill Moore at (703)827-9509.
- *Sept. 23- 20th Annual All-Buick show* at the Holiday Inn-Calverton sponsored by the Washington, DC, Metro area chapter of the Buick club of America. For info, call John Nordin at (703)425-7821 (free admission!)
- *Sept. 23- Antique Auto show* to benefit Harvest Time Helping Hands Food Pantry in Hampstead, MD. For info, call Lois Krupinski at (410)239-5327.
- *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. 24- 6th Annual SMILES Auto & Model Car Show* in Havre de Grace, MD. For info, call Phyllis Perzanowski at (410)939-2399.
- *Sept. 24- All-Ford Show* sponsored by the National Mustang Association at Wilson-Powell Lincoln-Mercury in Marlow Heights, MD (exit 7b off the Beltway). For info, call Andy at (301)856-2575 (after 6) (free admission!).
- *Sept. 30- 16th Annual MG Show & Swap Meet* sponsored by Baltimore MGs at Rocks State Park 4H Camp. \$1.00 admission. For info, call Tracy Trobridge at (410)426-6735 or Richard at (410)887-6896.
- *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- Chesapeake Miniature Vehicle Collector's Club Thirtieth Collector's Toy Show* at the Shrewsbury Fire Hall in Shrewsbury, PA from 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
- *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.



CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED- Any and all photos of *Fireball Roberts' '62 Pontiac* (black and white and color). Will copy and return! Contact Tim Sickle at (301)249-3830 or see me at a meeting!

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:

Timothy C. Sickle
15905 Ark Court
Bowie, Maryland 20716
(301)249-3830

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

