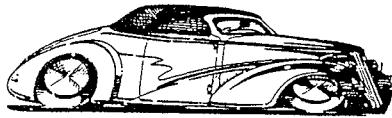
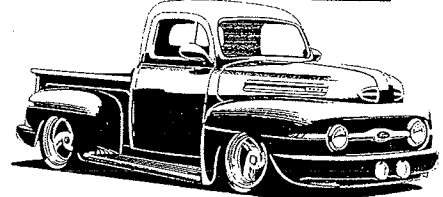


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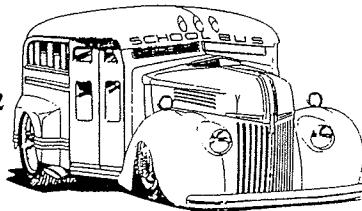
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by: "GTO"



About 65 people were in attendance at last month's meeting which had as its highlight a "Hobby Shop Appreciation Day". And, you know what that means, right? *Food!* So, you know ol' Larry was in his element! Seriously, quite a few hobby shop owners showed up to see what we have been doin' with all their donations, scarf down a little food, and unbeknownst to them, they each received a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the club for their continued support of our group which were printed utilizing the *new club printer* located in yours truly's basement. Thanks a bunch, guys! Also on hand to entertain was our own "Stormin' " Norman Veber with part 2 of his *engine detailing seminar*, covering *dipsticks* and *distributors*. Hopefully, he will conclude this seminar next month. *Thanks Norm, we 'preciate it!*

The raffle raised \$125.00 (as well as \$22.00 from the box). The club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: *Brad, Mike Hemp, Ron Bradley, Frank Anderson, Joe "The Hat" Atwell, Mike Tate, Alex Arter, Walt Rook, Ron Hamilton, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD.* Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

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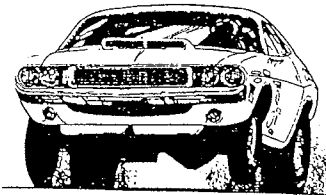


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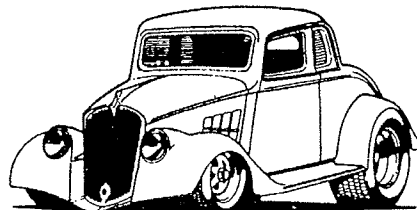
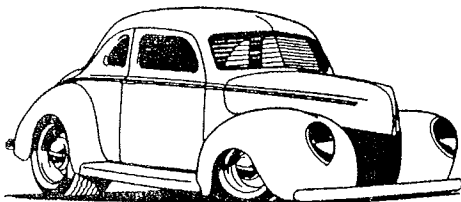
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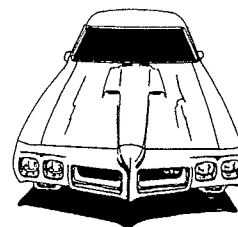


'96 Meeting Schedule

Well guys, word has just come down from the mountain regarding next years' schedule. It is still incomplete at this time, due to the fact that the college needs to finalize a few things before giving us our dates. When we receive the info, you'll be the first, or the second ones to know!

January 20th (Q305/307)
February 17th (K100)
March 16th (Q305/307)
April 20th (Q305/307)
May 19th (K100-Sunday!)
June 15th (K100)

July 20th (K100)
August (Q305/307)
September (TBD)
October (K100)
November (Q305/307)
December 21st (K100)



P.S. In the event of significant snowfall, The Catonsville Community College "Snowline" number is (410)455-4567. That way, you "diehard" members with four wheel drive vehicles can verify that the meeting has not been canceled **before** you get there and find nobody else was able to get thru a foot of snow!

Sneakin' a Peek!

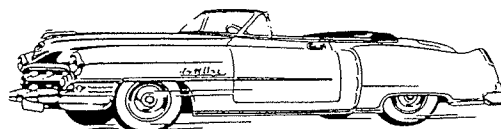
This column will appear as frequently (or infrequently!) as new releases from the manufacturers. The idea behind it is to give a "thumbnail review" of the releases as they hit the shelves with a detailed review to follow at a later date (hopefully!). We'll see how it goes! (Ed. Note: The kits are listed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

- '96 S10 LS Sportside (AMT #6188): Molded in Lt. Gray....modified reissue of S10....same Vortec V-6....instructions spell out painting tips for 5-spoke wheels, but wheel choices are limited to 10-hole aluminum or 5-spoke ZR-2 style 4X4 rims....interior/exterior color matrix included....platform-style interior....separate tailgate and rear bumper complement new stepside box...."SPORT" IN, "96S10" MASS plates, instrument cluster, emblem decals.
- '87 T-Bird combo set (Monogram #6392): Molded in White (!)....separate nose, rear bumper....nose approximates Davey Allison's/Alan Kulwicki's cars (Elliott, Schrader to a lesser degree)....engraved "THUNDERBIRD" lettering, smoothed headlight doors, large, rectangular opening with smaller, screened-in opening centered....majority of kit unchanged (new closure panels)....new glass, quarter windows....'83-'86 grille and headlight doors blocked off on new chrome tree....decals include white Goodyear tire markings, seat belts much like their newer releases.



NASCAR, Circa 2020

With the explosion in popularity of the NASCAR Winston Cup series, *MAMA's Boy Jack Wallenfelt* began wondering what NASCAR would be like in 25 years. His crystal ball revealed that the tracks are bigger, races longer, and seats are everywhere. Listed below are the top twelve stories for the year 2020. Enjoy, and thanks, Jack!



JANUARY: Jack Rousch adds a twelfth car to his team in an effort to keep up with Rick Hendrick's fourteen-car team

FEBRUARY: At 2.5 seats, Daytona, the smallest be on the schedule next year. dad, Dale, on the last lap of the leaving him winless in that event (the condominiums, "Oceans 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27" will be torn down and the 4.1 mile Beach/Road course will be rebuilt on its original site in time for the "Firecracker 800".



miles, and only 300,000 track on the circuit, will not Kelley Earnhardt beats her last "Daytona 500", thus

MARCH: Fans and crews were irate when they missed the "Miller 600" in Richmond because they were still stuck in Atlanta trying to leave the parking lot.

APRIL: After the Blizzard of '96 broke up the concrete on the half mile track, Bristol rebuilds as a three-mile, 55 degree banked turn clay oval. Dave "Pappy" Marcis is unofficially clocked at 273.31 while testing Goodyear's new 24 inch wide tire.

MAY: Memorial Day-Six different live Indy car races were shown on ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN3, ESPN4, ESPN5, and ESPN6, while TNN covered the Charlotte 1200, still the longest race in NASCAR. Humpy Wheeler has the Legend cars run on the little 1.5-mile inner track during caution flags on the 4-mile octagon-shaped track.

JUNE: Dover, the only three-mile track with a horse track and a state university in the pits, announced a new policy for next year. No campers of any kind during race week will be allowed (the tent campers sued and won).

JULY: Seats for the 2021 Talladega 1000 are now on sale. Send your certified check for \$650.00 (bleacher seats) or \$950.00 (tower seats) in today. Only 400,000 good seats left.

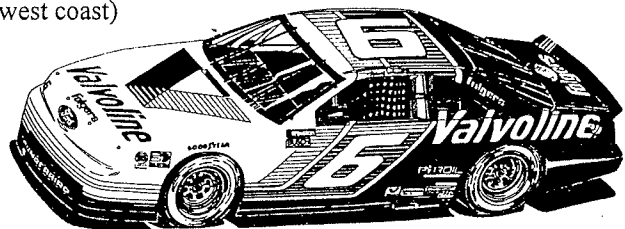
AUGUST: Bill Elliott wins the "Winston Billion" after winning the "Suzuka 500 by Honda" in Japan, the fourth of the "Big Four" international races required to win the bonus.

SEPTEMBER: At the "southern 500", a 100-lapper on the five-mile, egg-shaped oval in Darlington, a secret drivers' meeting was held and the drivers agreed to pull out of the race so that Michael Waltrip could win his farewell race, after 1185 starts. While unloading, the car rolls off the top ramp of the hauler and cannot be repaired in time for the race.

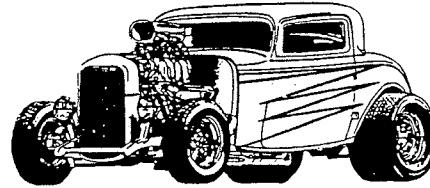
OCTOBER: The Monte Carlo has won the last 115 races with their "stock-appearing" 82 inch wide rear deck lid. Ford was allowed to lower their roofline 1/64th of an inch and the Pontiacs 1/32nd of an inch to keep them competitive.

NOVEMBER: Dale Earnhardt wins his 14th championship with owner Richard Childress, leaving him now only three behind leader Jeff Gordon, who won ten championships in a row, and fifteen of his seventeen with owner Richard Petty.

DECEMBER: At the Winston Cup banquet in Switzerland, it is announced that the racing season will expand from 40 to 42 races, with new, six-mile, one and one half million seat tracks being built in Canada and Greenland (still no ovals on the west coast)



Model: '37 Chevy Early Modified
Company: AMT
Price: \$12.95
New Tool: No Old Tool: Yes
Scale: 1/25th
Versions: 2
Molded colors: Gray, chrome
Author: Jeff Decker



Type: 1937 Chevy Modified asphalt race car. There are two different ways to build this car. Take off the slicks and add the tires from the Monogram Sprint car kit and you now have a dirt track car for guys that do it in the dirt like *John "Hog out those wheelwells" Kester*.

Engine: The kit comes with a 427 big block Chevy V-8 hooked to a 4-speed trans, modified Hurst shifter, Vertex magneto, Holley 4-barrel carb, and Stahl headers (*Ed. Note: Jeff, you name dropper you!*)

Chassis: A standard Tobias tubular chassis with a full roll cage found on most of your current dirt and asphalt race cars. Features of this chassis are the Frankland Quick-change rear end, two-point link suspension, Koni coil over shocks, and ATL fuel cell.

Body: your standard '37 Chevy body all hacked up to make the car lighter for more speed. The hood is removable, or it may be glued in place.

Wheels: Halibrands both front and rear.

Tires: 2-piece Goodyear asphalt slicks front and rear.

Comments: I am looking forward to building this kit. I myself will most likely build the Dirt track car.

1996 Corvette Grand Sport Roadster



(Monogram #2452; 1/25th scale; one version)

This kit is a modified reissue of Monogram's excellent glue-type corvette kits dating from 1985. I have mixed feelings about this kit, in that the subject matter, engraving, detail, and assembly is very good, but there are a few inaccuracies, possibly due to cost-cutting, which I will cover in this review.

Rear Body Assembly: This unit is molded in Medium Blue Metallic which is more than a few shades off from the actual Admiral Blue color used on the actual car, so painting is necessary if you intend to build a Grand Sport, or any '96 Corvette for that matter. The body itself has been updated with the correct '95-'96 gills on the front fenders. On the rear deck area, the mold lines are a little heavier than normal, so a little filling and filing is necessary to eliminate them. The overall engraving and body shape seems to be on the mark. The white stripes and red hash marks are done with decals.

Firewall assembly: Deeply engraved with a separate brake booster and master cylinder.

Interior assembly: Bucket-style with separate door panels, featuring good door handle detail, and updated to current specs. The 2-piece bucket seats are accurate, as well as the airbag-equipped steering wheel. The dashboard also features nice engraving, but unfortunately is missing the turn signal and tilt steering wheel stalks. The pedals are molded to the floorboard, which will be lost under paint or flocking. They should be a separate assembly.

Chassis: The chassis features separate front and rear suspensions, 'X' brace and exhaust system. The engraving is very accurate with fuel and brake lines molded in. The exhaust system and upper and lower suspension control arms are chromed, and this is totally inaccurate. These parts should be dechromed and painted with the appropriate finish to be accurate.

Engine: The engine is the normal Monogram late Corvette style with the transmission, driveshaft, torque bar, and differential molded in one unit, split in half, resulting in a seam in the oil pan, transmission, and differential which will require attention. Several of the engine's accessories are chromed, and again, this is inaccurate. These items should be finished in black or the appropriate metalizer finish to be correct. One note: The engine, when assembled and properly painted, will depict the LT4 engine of the Grand Sport, but the auto transmission is inaccurate as the only transmission available is the 6-speed manual. The correct tranny is in the ZR-1 Corvette kit.

Wheels/Tires: These consist of the 5-spoke aluminum wheels, which should be painted black with an aluminum rim to be correct. These mount onto the Goodyear Gatorbacks, which while they look good, are wrong for this car. Come on, Monogram, tool up some GS-C's for the Corvette similar to the Camaro and Firebird. The disc brakes look good when mounted.

Overall, I liked this kit, and since it is the last in a series of Corvettes, I will buy several as it can be used to depict not only the Grand Sport, but also the Collector Edition, as well as any other Corvette Roadster with a wheel change from the 40th Anniversary kit.

By: Ron Hamilton

Kit: Don Garlits "Wynn's Jammer"

Company: AMT

Versions: A lot of different dragsters

Price: \$7.25

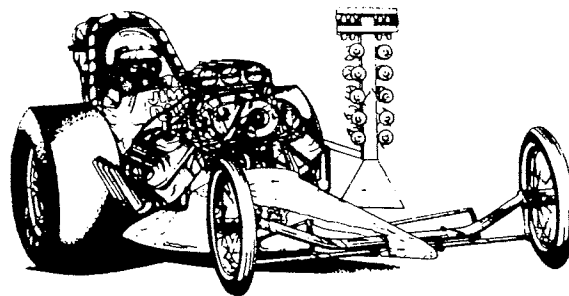
New Tool: No **Old tool:** Yes

Parts count: Over 85 parts

Scale: 1/25th

Molded colors: Gray, clear, chrome

Author: Jeff Decker



Type: 1964 front-engined dragster. There are several different ways to build this kit. I myself cut the body to make the first dragster that Shirley Muldowney drove to get her class A driver's license.

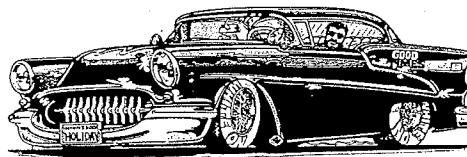
Engine: The kit comes with 392 cubic inch V-8 with estimated horsepower of 1,250 (on 85% nitromethane). My kit however, is powered by a small block Chevy with fuel injection.

Chassis: Tube-type chassis with a wheelbase of 150 inches, and a ground clearance of 4 inches.

Body: The body in the kit is molded in clear and must be painted from the inside, and therefore a clear coat is unnecessary.

Wheels: Halibrand mags on the rear and bicycle wheels on the front.

Comments: This kit is great for building into a dragster from the 60's.



BITS & PIECES

- **New Stuff!** The latest issue of the *Blueprinter* arrived on my doorstep yesterday, and they have some neat stuff on the way such as *Series 3* of the "Buyer's Choice" program which will include the '70 Impala SS454, '28 "Gangbusters" Lincoln, the '33 Willys van, and the International Transtar Eagle II, as well as the '63 Corvette coupe diecast in Sebring Silver/red interior, and the '69 GTO Judge in Liberty Blue/White interior. Also on the way are 1/18th scale diecasts of the #95 "Cat" Monte Carlo, #5 "Kellogg's" special edition Monte Carlo, the #1 "Hooter's" Grand Prix, the #30 "Pennzoil" Grand Prix, and the #23 "John Deere Motorsports" Grand Prix. The last one will also be available as a special edition only to John Deere dealerships and employees. Can the plastic Grand Prix kits be very far behind? Also in this issue is an application to join the "Team ERTL" American Muscle club (for a \$5.00 fee).

- Club Thanks! We all owe *Charlie Scheerer* a debt of gratitude for his efforts which resulted in the *channel 2 news coverage* of our *NNL*. *Thanks, dude! Charlie will be signing autographs next month!*
- The New Dodge! Took the family to see *Twister* the other night. One of the main characters drives a new *Dodge Ram extended cab*, which made a neat commercial for Dodge, 'cause one of the many twisters they encountered in the movie *pushed the Dodge around*, but I think the Dodge got the best of the *first* confrontation. And, speakin' of Chrysler, the good news is that they are developing an *all-new vehicle* (not the Prowler!) which will be built at the Newark, DEL plant (*rumored to be a sport-ute*). The bad news is that they aren't going to produce the *beautiful Chrysler Atlantic show car*.
- Ol' Shel is at it again! A recent interview in the *USA Today* detailed some of his plans for the immediate future. Slowly getting back up to speed (pun intended!) after a kidney transplant in January, he detailed his plans to continue producing the Cobra, in the guise of the "you-assemble-it" (or "component cars" as he calls 'em) *CSX4000*, which should retail for *\$38,995* (minus engine/transmission). About 100 orders have already been received. He is also building 'new' '65 Cobra "continuation cars" due to the fact that he has unused serial numbers from the original run. These cars are *hand-assembled by inmates at the Southern Desert Correctional Center* in Indian Springs, Nevada, and sell for a cool *\$500,000!* Better hurry though, 'cause only *29 numbers are left!* And finally, he discussed his 'new' *Cobra, a two-seater coupe* due out in 1997 powered by a *tweaked Aurora V-8*. To quote Shelby's conversation with Don Rager, chief operating officer of Shelby American, "*I found an engine with a lot of horsepower. Now, figure out what th' hell to do with it!*"
- Diecast Muscle! *Johnny Lightning* is at it again! New series will include : *Wacky Winners-Cherrybomb, Tijuana Taxi, (Root) Beer Wagon, Tarantula, Bad Medicine, Bad News, Badman, Garbage Truck, Draggin' Wagon, and Troublemaker; Muscle Cars 2- '66 Malibu, '68 Shelby, '68 Charger, '69 Firebird, '69 Roadrunner, '70 GSX, and a '72 Javelin; Dragsters USA 2-Mooneyes, Rug Doctor, McDonald's, GTX, Pioneer, In & Out, Fast Orange, Western Auto, Super Clean, GM Performance, Fruit of the Loom; Frightening Lightnings-Boothill Express, Christine, Vampire Van, Elvira's T-Bird, Haulin' Hearse, Munster's Coach, Mysterion, Ecto 1; Indy 500 set-Indy car* from a certain year and a *pace car ('69, '70, '74, '75, '77, '78, '79, and '92); Speed Racer-Mach 5, Assassin car, Fastcar, and Racer X*. Start savin' your money now if this is your thing!
- More diecast muscle! *Racing Champions* is also gettin' into the act with a *'68 Shelby GT500KR fastback, '57 Chevy, '57 T-Bird w/continental kit, '50 Chevy 3100 pickup, Dodge Viper GTS*, and a 90's Firebird. They should be priced at about \$5 each. Thanks to Kenny King and our buddies at KSAM for the diecast scoop!
- Mario Andretti rides again! Mario Andretti recently drove an Indy car around Michigan International Speedway over the U.S. 500 qualifying weekend. He was trying to make a different kind of show, though. His car had an *IMAX camera* in it recording footage for a *movie scheduled to debut next spring*. Thanks to the May 31st issue of the *Prince George's Journal*.
- More Club meetings! Mark Wheeler's club, "*Our Model is Christ*" has their 1996 meeting schedule finalized. They meet on the *second Sunday* of the month from *2-5 P.M.* The dates are: Jan. 14th, Feb. 11th, Mar. 10th, Apr. 14th, May 12th, June 9th, July 14th, Aug. 11th, Sept. 8th, Oct. 13th, Nov. 10th, and Dec. 8th.

COMING EVENTS

- *June 15th: 1st Annual NNL Southern Nationals Model Car Show and Swap Meet* sponsored by the *Atlanta Car Model Enthusiasts* (or *A.C.M.E.* for short!) and Year One to be held at the Smyrna Community Center in Smyrna, GA. Hospitality suite Friday & Saturday night. For info,

contact Paul Wehner at (770)985-5953 or send SASE to *A.C.M.E.*, 2459 Jack View Ct., Snellville, GA 30278.

- *June 21st thru 23rd-Carlisle All-Truck Nationals* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- *June 23rd- Sheehy Ford All Ford show* at Sheehy Ford of Marlow Heights, MD (Exit 7B, Branch Ave). See May 4th show for specifics and contact person.
- *June 23rd-5th Annual Classic Car Rally* at the **Big T** in Laurel, MD from 6-9 P.M.
- *June 28th thru 30th-7th Annual Rod & Custom Jamboree* at the Delaware state Fairgrounds hosted by the *Southern Delaware Street Rod Association*. Open to '72 & Earlier Street Rods, Customs, Classics and any year Pro Street. Top 25 plaques plus 6' Best of Show trophy, DJ all weekend, door prizes, Flame Thrower contest, Women's & children's games, neon parade, and much more! For info, contact Southern Delaware Street Rod Association c/o Paquette 516 Sussex Ave. Seaford, DE 19973.
- *June 30th: Automotive Toy Show* presented by *Model King Productions* at the Wayne PAL building in Parsippany, NJ from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Plastic, resin and diecast will be on hand. For info, call Model King at (908)240-3987.
- *July 12th thru 14th-Chryslers at Carlisle* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA. The Giveaway car is a '65 *Satellite convertible*.
- *July 14th-5th Annual Classic Car Rally* at the **Big T** in Laurel, MD from 6-9 P.M.
- *July 21st- Wilson-Powell All Ford show* at Wilson-Powell Lincoln-Mercury in Marlow Heights, MD (Exit 7B, Branch Ave). See May 4th show for specifics and contact person.
- *July 26th thru 28th-Summer Carlisle* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA. The Giveaway car is a '66 *Buick Grand Sport*.
- *July 31st-Mountain Motor Nationals* at MIR in Budds Creek, MD
- *August 3rd- 4th Annual Midnight Modelers Model Car Contest & Swap Meet* at Hugo's Showhall on Route 7 in Bealeton, VA from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. For info, contact Jerry Frazier (540)582-1009 or Dave Tolson (703)221-6923. This years' theme is *Drag Racing*.
- *Aug 4th-5th Annual Classic Car Rally* at the **Big T** in Laurel, MD from 6-9 P.M.
- *Aug 9th thru 11th-Goodguys Carlisle Rod & Custom Classic* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- *Aug. 17th: Volunteer Classic III* presented by the *Knoxville Scale Auto Modelers* at the Holiday Inn Convention Center World's Fair Site, Knoxville, TN from 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Hospitality Suite on both Friday & Saturday nights. For info, call John Larkin (423)239-7070 (Vendors), or Kenny King (423)691-1846 (Show info).
- *Aug. 17th-Jet Funny Car Nationals* at MIR in Budds Creek, MD
- *Aug 18th- Abyss Scuba Center All Ford show* at the Abyss Scuba Center, 6455 Old Alexander Ferry road Clinton, MD. See May 4th show for specifics and contact person.
- *Aug 23rd thru 25th- Corvettes at Carlisle* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- *Aug 23rd thru 25th- HOT ROD Magazine Power Festival* at Atlanta Dragway in Commerce, GA.
- *Aug 25th-5th Annual Classic Car Rally* at the **Big T** in Laurel, MD from 6-9 P.M.
- *Sept. 11th-Yates Auto Parts Pro Stock Open* at MIR in Budds Creek, MD
- *September 21st-Sheehy Pontiac and Ford show* at Springfield Sheehy Ford and Pontiac dealerships in Springfield, VA. See May 4th show for specifics and contact person.
- *Oct 3rd thru 6th- Fall Carlisle* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- *Sept. 29th-Ford Fever Classic drag race, car show, new car display, and flea market* at MIR in Budds Creek, MD
- *Oct. 5th-Superchargers Showdown* including *Funny Cars, Dragsters, Altered, Wheelstanders, and Pro Modifieds* at MIR in Budds Creek, MD.
- *Oct 5th- National All Make Show plus Hot Air Balloon Races* at the St. Charles county fairgrounds in LaPlata, MD. See May 4th show for specifics and contact person.
- *Oct. 12th: NNL Seventeen* sponsored by the *Cleveland Automotive Modelers Society* at the Lucas County Rec Center in Maumee, OH from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. This years themes are *Street*

Rods (Hey, Lyle!) and *Lowriders*. So, let's get crackin', guys! For info, send an SASE to Rick Forrester 4736 Porter Road North Olmstead, OH 44070.



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE- Various automotive books (including out-of-print *Automobile Quarterlies*), and high quality models such as *Pocher, Protar, Tamiya*, etc. Call Tom Barry at (410)876-6643

FOR SALE- Thinning collection (not quitting), list available. Contact Harold Bradford at (301)604-8591 or see him at a meeting!

FOR SALE- Various kits (AMT, Monogram-Revell) for sale-\$5 each. See Tim Sickle at a meeting for a list.

FOR SALE- Original Monogram "Big Deuce" kit, mint, box bottom still sealed. \$200.00 + shipping. Original (mid 70's) Aurora "Super Magna-Traction" '55 Chevy Nomad in chrome-purple, still sealed on display card, \$30.00. Contact John Larkin at (423)239-7070.

FOR SALE- 283 Chevy engine equipped with '461' heads, Crane Cam, Edelbrock intake, HEI distributor- \$650.00. Contact Tim Powers at (410)255-3976.

WANTED- '69-'72 Nova (unbuilt). Call Steve Siboroski at (410)551-0314 after 5:30.

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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