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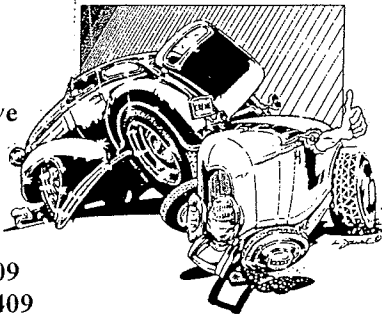
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(The Maryland Automotive Modelers Association is a chapter of the IPMS in addition to the AMS)

About 40 people were in attendance at last month's meeting (Gee, sure seemed like a lot more! Hope you guys are signing in, otherwise, we're gonna run outta newsletters at the meetings! And I don't wanna be around if that happens, 'cause it could get ugly!) which had as its highlight talk of *T-shirt/polo shirt orders*. For anyone interested, bring your money so we can get an accurate count of those who really want these items before we place the order for them. Also on the agenda, *Ami Pacifico* (a.k.a. *Fastrack Hobbies*) received their *Certificate of Appreciation* (which yours truly forgot! Sorry!) Otherwise, the hot topic of conversation was Mike Hemp's invite to a Stevens International hobby shop party, where he spied empty, shrinkwrapped boxes of several of *Lindberg's '97 releases* (see related item in the *Bits & Pieces* section), chief among them a re-release of the *ex-IMC Cougar II*, a new, corrected version of the *'64 Dodge Super Stocker in "Ramchargers" colors*, a *'96 Crown Victoria in Ohio State Police trim* (Ed. Note: *Where are the Toledo attendees? Any ideas for a diorama?*), and last but most certainly not least is a *'61 Impala SS409!!* All these kits are in *1/25th scale*. So, as the potato chip ad goes (Doritos?), "*Buy 'em, we'll make more!*" This is echoed in a note to yours truly from *Mike Perkins* at Lindberg. He says, "*Glad you like the lineup. Keep buying them so we can bring out more adult kits.*" *Not a problem, Mike!*

The raffle raised \$86.00 (as well as \$18.00 from the box). The club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: *Brad, Mike Hemp, Jim McGuinness, Ron Roberts, Steve Autry, John Kester, Bill Long, Phil Jones, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD*. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

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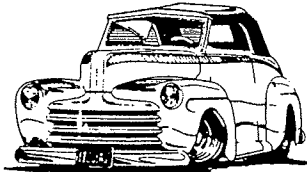


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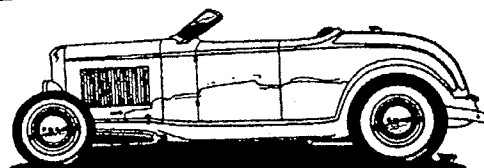
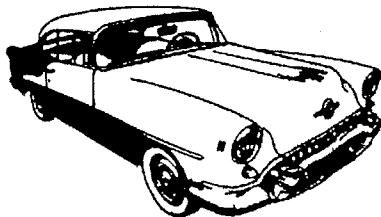
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## '96 Meeting Schedule

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)

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May 19th (K100-Sunday!)

June 15th (K100)

July 20th (K100)

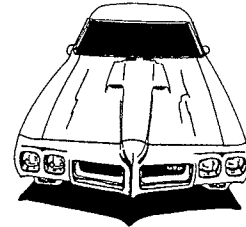
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November (Q305/307)

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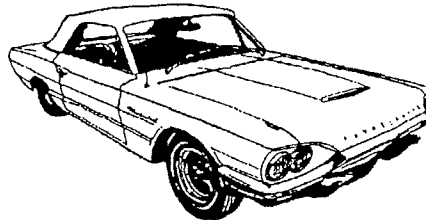


P.S. In the event of significant snowfall, The Catonsville Community College "Snowline" number is (410)455-4567. That way, you "diehard" members with four wheel drive vehicles can verify that the meeting has not been canceled before you get there and find nobody else was able to get thru a foot of snow!

## Sneakin' a Peek!

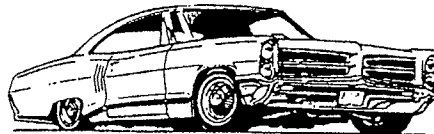
This column will appear as frequently (or infrequently!) as new releases from the manufacturers. The idea behind it is to give a "thumbnail review" of the releases as they hit the shelves with a detailed review to follow at a later date (hopefully!). We'll see how it goes! (Ed. Note: The kits are listed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

- '66 Thunderbird (AMT #8210): Molded in Lt. Gray (body badly warped, also)....mildly modified reissue....tub-style interior, simplified chassis....body exhibits light engraving, and some flash and seams to attend hardtop....stock and mild, and wild bucket Firestone skinnies, and mounting stock T-Bird wheels....custom front **STYLE**", "66 BIRD", "FLYNBY" '66 plates.
- "Western Auto Parts America" Monte Carlo (AMT #8404): Molded in Lt. Gray....straight reissue of earlier Monte Carlo....chrome 9-hole wheels and jack....front and rear glass has rails and braces molded to them....quarter windows have duct openings molded in, and a separate NACA duct for the driver....no yellow Goodyear tire markings for tires....main sponsor decals present, builder must entirely paint car otherwise....#17 numerals are gray rather than silver foil as on box lid photo of actual car.



to....separate custom hoods....stock, seat options....(8) tires-(4) (4) Goodyear VR50's 'caps or BBS-style and rear ends....VA "IN OH "THUNDER",

## Ford GT90



AMT #8381; 1/25th scale Snapfast Plus; one version; molded in white, blue, chrome, clear, vinyl tires)

The *GT90*. Ford's angular, 720hp., DOHC twin-turbocharged, V12-powered \$3-million dollar one-off supercar (whew, say that three times fast!). Built for the show circuit, it was hinted that Ford might even consider a return to *Lemans* with this car. After all, this summer does mark the 30th Anniversary of Carroll Shelby's assault on the famous race track when his teams scored an impressive 1-2-3 finish. Apparently, the only way we will see this car in production is by way of AMT, in the form of this Snapfast Plus kit, and a promo to be released later this year.

**Engine:** A simplified rendition of the V12 is molded to the interior tub. Good engraving is evident, and the "Powered by Ford" plates on the valve covers are easily readable.

**Chassis:** Basically, a flat plate which attaches to the body via four screws. There are two separate fans which mount on the front end which are visible through the hood opening.

**Wheels and Tires:** AMT tooled up the unique *GT90* tires. What makes them unique? The "GT90" which is cut into the treads around the entire contact patch of the tire, that's what! These tires mount onto the correct rims with separate knockoffs. The really neat thing about these rims is that they are 1-piece, but the center is blue plastic with a chrome outer ring, just like the real thing! Its as if they masked off the blue center and chromed the outer ring.

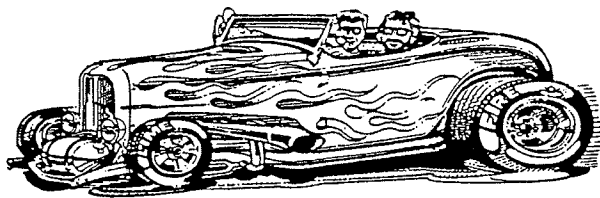
**Body:** The basic body consists of seven pieces, and seems to capture the angular look of the car very well. Mold lines are at an absolute minimum, and easily attended to. The separate mirrors are nicely done, standing off the body on their twin stalks and are provided with their own separate silver mylar faces. The 'hood' is a separate item, along with the inner scoop faces and the rear panel. The exhaust outlet is a separate piece. Clear red tail lights are provided, which isn't totally correct as these lights have an amber strip on the inner face.

**Interior:** The interior is tub-style, with the engine bay attached. The interior floor, and 1-piece bucket seats are true to the original, with "GT90" literally written all over them. The dash is 1 piece, with the 3-gauge cluster molded separately. The steering wheel and column are 1 piece each. The small triangle on the steering wheel is yellow, from the reference material available to me. The unique console is molded in black, with the special, exposed shifter rail and shifter molded in chrome. A shot of dullcoat does wonders for this unit. Gauge faces are provided as either waterslide or vinyl stick ons.

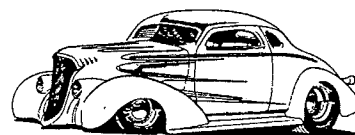
**Glass:** The glass canopy is 1 piece with a separate rear window. The door lines/window frames are engraved on the underside, and look good when painted. The rear window has a piece of the body work molded to the bottom which will need to be painted white to be correct. A decal is provided for the back of the canopy. Separate clear lenses slot into the front of the body for the headlights. Curiously absent are the front parking light lens covers. The tail lights are separate red items, to which the builder must add the amber to the inner edge.

**Markings:** AMT thoughtfully provided markings for this car in two formats-vinyl stick-ons, or waterslide style. So, the kit should appeal to adult as well as junior modelers. AMT provides the amber strip for the tail lights, as well as (4) Ford logos (for the front, sides, and rear of the car. Guess they want everyone to know what it is!), along with some small decals for the B-pillar.

This is a car which, based upon its 'unique' look, people either love or hate. Upon receiving it, I began to look through it. The more I looked, the neater it got. This kit was a lot of fun (even for a snap kit!), and AMT did a really good job on it.



By: Tim Sickle



## Resin Rantings

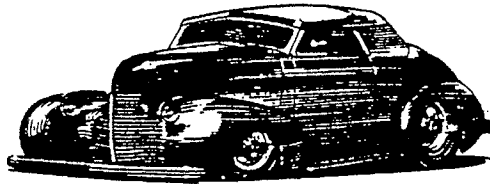
Well gang, we are back for another crack (Ed. Note: Don't say crack to a modeler!). We are gonna look at an offering from *Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD* (317 Roosevelt Ave Glen Burnie, MD 21061). That would be the '39 Chevy Coupe with "Posies" style roofline. Originally available from Altered States, *Rik Hoving* (who did the master) approached Replicas and Miniatures Co. of MD proprietor *Norman Veber*, offering him exclusive rights to several of his masters.

This kit features seven pieces, including the one-piece body and separate hood, separate grille, headlight buckets, and nicely done clear headlight lenses and clear red Blue Dot teardrop tail lights. There are no chrome pieces. A template for creating windows is provided. The recommended donor kit is either the Revell/Monogram '37 Ford or Monogram '39 Chevy.

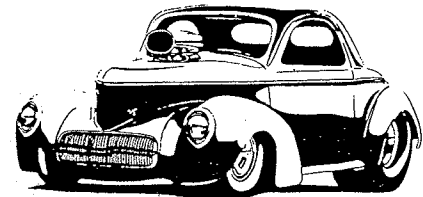
This a cleanly molded and styled custom. The body had flash in the window openings and rear wheel openings. This was very thin and virtually fell out on its own. There were no pinholes evident. The panel lines were crisp and distinct.

I would recommend this kit for those seeking a well-done custom with loads of potential. Contact Replicas and miniatures Co. of MD at the address above for price, availability and ordering info.

Review sample provided by Matt Guilfoyle with his own hard-earned cash.



By: Matt Guilfoyle



### "The Race goes on....."

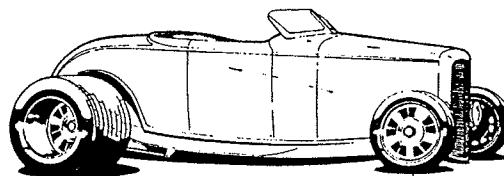
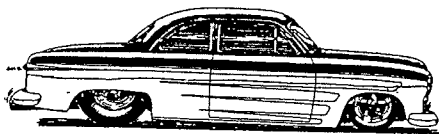
When *Davey Allison* arrived at the Pearly Gates, he saw his friend *Alan Kulwicki* waiting for him. They talked for a bit, and Alan said, "I've got something to show you."

Alan took Davey down a corridor and into a room. There sat the #7 "Hooter's" T-Bird. "Wow, is there racing up here?" Davey asked.

"All the time!" answered Alan. "Let me show you something else", Alan said. He led Davey down a second corridor and into another room. There sat a shiny, black #28 "Havoline" T-Bird. Davey said, "This is great, are there any other racers here?"

Alan led him down the third corridor and into another room. Inside was a shiny, black #3 with the "Goodwrench" logo on it. "I didn't know Dale was up here", Davey said. "He's not", Alan said, "That's God's car."

(I got this bit from someone in the club. It was obviously written by someone who is an Earnhardt fan, though!)



## Toy Shows

Having been both a *vendor* and a *customer* at toy shows, I would like to share both viewpoints with you. At the end of this article, you will find some *helpful tips* regarding toy show shopping.

### *Vendors.....*

- .....don't like customers who only want to *buy certain parts* out of that *expensive, discontinued kit*.
- .....don't like customers who must *touch every built and unbuilt model kit* and *buy nothing!*
- .....don't like *parents of children from Hell* who let them find out if *wheels turn on built models!*
- .....don't like *customers* who bring in *trading material!*
- .....don't like people who *stand in your face* when you are *attempting to stock your table prior to the show opening*.
- .....feel sorry for *people* who go from *show to show searching in vain for models NEVER produced!*
- .....like *customers* who find the *best show prices at your table!*
- .....like *customers* who become *your friend* as well as a *dedicated customer!*
- .....feel sorry for *customers* who *procrastinate* and *lose good deals!*

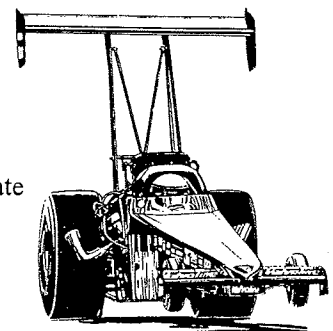
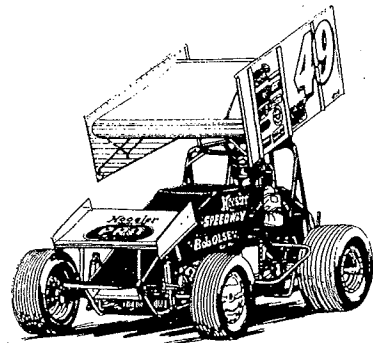
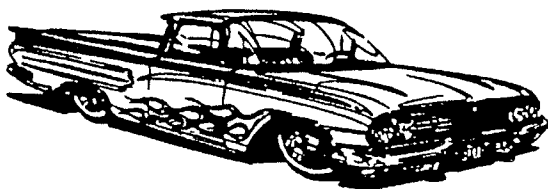
### *Customers.....*

- .....like *vendors* with *reasonable prices* who are *model builders too!*
- .....don't like *vendors* who won't give you the *"best" price!*
- .....don't like *vendors* who demand *high prices for junk!*
- .....don't like *vendors* who won't let you *inspect an unsealed kit* prior to purchase!
- .....like *vendors* who *remember your name!*
- .....don't like *vendors* who *talk to adjacent vendors* and *totally ignore customers! HELLO!*
- .....like to be *thanked* when *making a purchase!*

## Toy Show Tips

- Save money, bring trades!
- Always ask for the BEST price, stretch your purchasing power!
- Don't be a procrastinator, especially if that rare find appears!
- Always check under tables for hidden treasure!
- Get a business card from dealers!
- Get there early for a bigger and better selection!
- Ask questions! Networking produces results!
- Beware of sealed kits that have been exposed to excessive sunlight/heat! Could be your loss, not the vendors!
- Always check unsealed kits for completeness!
- Beware of damage hidden by price label (built-ups, promos)
- Always check prices between vendors before making purchase!

Happy Shopping!



By: Mike Tate

## BITS & PIECES

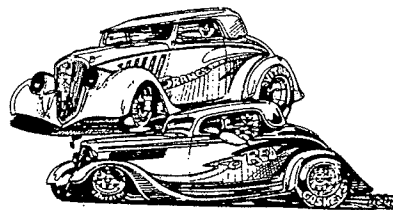
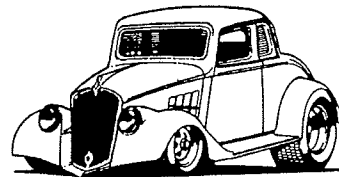
- **Model contest!** The club will be hosting a *contest* at *Lost in the 50's car show* on September 8th in Glen Burnie. Awards will be given for *First, Second, and Third place* in *Junior and Adult categories*. So, tell all those Juniors out there, and let's drum up a great Junior turnout for this one!
  - **"I Brake for porcupines!"** *The U.S. Forest Service* had to close a campground at *South Dakota's Little Spearfish canyon* last week, because *porcupines* there have developed a taste for *brake fluid!* The prickly little vermin have been sneaking under camper's vehicles, chewing through the brake lines, and sucking the fluid out. Officials didn't want people getting into their vehicles in the morning, heading down the canyon, and finding they had *no brakes!* Experts say they probably *like it because it's salty*, but they put out *bowls of salt to lure them away*, but they *ignored it* and went for the brake fluid. *Why didn't they just put out bowls of brake fluid!?* Thanks to a local radio station for this one.
  - **New kits!** Lindberg has announced the first half of its *'97 product line*, and they have got some modelers (*Lyle!*) positively *foaming at the mouth!* In the month of October, they will be releasing a *'95-'96 Ford Crown Victoria police car* (curbside snapper, rumored to be as good or better than the Caravan!), the *ex-IMC Cougar II*, another variation of the *Super Stock Dodge* (complete with *Hemi* and *single headlight grille*) in *"Ramcharger's"* markings, and, drum roll, please....a *'61 Impala SS409!* According to Lindberg, it will feature a world class level of detail. These kits will all be in *1/25th scale*. They will also be releasing several *1/20th scale* kits, such as a *'97 Camaro Z28 F1*, a *police-equipped Jeep Grand Cherokee*, and a *Chevy S10 Hugger*. Thanks to *Mike Hemp* for original info, and to *Larry Greenberg* for confirmation!
  - **More New Stuff!** Word reaches me that AMT will issue a *'53 Corvette* in its *Snapfast Plus* lineup, later this year. AMT has also finally gained the *rights* to the *Trans Am trademark* from the *SCCA* in time for the *30th Anniversary* of the *Firebird*. In response, they intend to release a *Snapfast Plus '97 Trans Am (too much to Air?!)*, along with a reissue of the *ex-MPC '69 Trans Am coupe*. They also plan to release *'97 versions* of the *Mustang GT and Cobra* with *4.6 liter SOHC and DOHC modular motors*, respectively. Thanks to *Larry Greenberg* for the straight scoop.
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- **"What an eye-opening commute!"** *David Warner*, a car salesman in Annapolis, was driving to work recently with a cup of coffee in his hand when he noticed several tiny *snakes* on the floor of his Toyota pickup. They were dropping out of the heater vent and slithering around his gear shift. It all began when he was playing golf at a Laurel course and he saw a couple of *turtles* he wanted for the *pond* in his backyard. Then he saw a *black snake* and a *garter snake*. He put them all in a bag to take them home. The *garter snake* turned up *missing*. Seems as though the *pregnant mother* decided to have her young in the car. He lost count of how many snakes there were, but by the next afternoon, he figures he caught about *30* of the non-poisonous snakes. A few of the snakes actually tried to bite him when he attempted to catch them. He now keeps a box on the seat and drops the snakes into it, often while on the road, and releases them when he gets home. *Anyone wanna buy a Toyota pickup-cheap?!* Thanks to a recent issue of the *Prince George's Journal* for this one!
  - **"Excedrin Headache #300!"** Two German motorists had a *literal head-on collision* in heavy fog near the small town of Guetersloh. Each guy was driving along at a snail's pace near the center of the road. Both of them had their heads out of the window to better see where they were going. What they didn't see were *each other's heads*, which *smacked right into each other!* Both men were hospitalized with *severe head injuries*, but *their cars weren't scratched!* Thanks to a local radio station for this one as well.
  - **Kudos!** Quite a few *MAMA's BoyZ* were on hand at the recently-held *Midnight Modelers show* in Fredericksburg to see a few of our own trophy! *Ed Brown* managed a *First Place* in *Diorama* for his *"Little Old Lady Super Stock Dodge"* diorama; *Lyle Willits* copped *First Place* in *Replica Stock* with his *'55 Chevy Pace car convert*, and we are really proud to announce an

Honorable Mention for *Junior modeler Delia Connor* (hope I spelled it right Delia!) for her "*Fruit of the Loom*" *Avenger funny car*. In addition to her certificate, she also received a *Certificate from Detail Master* for her accomplishment! Congrats to everybody! A good time was had by one and all-kudos to the *Midnight Modelers* for a good show! Oh, by the way, *Ryc Martin's Mercedes street rod* copped *Best of Show* in case ya was wonderin'!

- **A Cool Mil!!** The *millionth Porsche* rolled off the assembly line in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen recently in a ceremony attended by *Ferry Porsche*, the honorary chairman of the supervisory board of Porsche and Porsche board chairman *Wendelin Wiedeking*. The *historic car, a 285 hp. police version of the 911* was presented to the *German state of Baden-Wurttemberg*, where it will see *Autobahn duty! Look out!* Thanks to the *Washington Times* for this one.
- **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

- *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- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car Rally* at the Big T in Laurel, MD from 6-9 P.M.
- *Aug. 25th- Seventh Annual All-Camaro Car show* will be held at Koons Chevrolet-Geo in Tyson's Corner, VA. It is sponsored by the *Mid-Atlantic Camaro club*, and there will be 14 classes featuring all 4 generations. Admission is free to spectators. For info, call (703)830-3983 or (301)336-6584.
- *Aug. 31st- Car and Truck show* to be held at the Maryland Line Volunteer Fire Company, 21631 York Road, Maryland Line, MD from Noon to 5 P.M. \$7.00 entry fee for judging, \$2.00 general admission, vendor space available. For info, contact Brett at (717)235-0880.
- *Sept. 8th- 6th Annual Boy Scout Troop 216* at Burnie, MD. 1:1 cars, meet. For info, call Bob
- *Sept. 11th-Yates Auto* MIR in Budds Creek,
- *Sept. 21st- Sheehy* Springfield Sheehy Ford Springfield, VA. See May 4th show for specifics and contact person.
- *Sept. 28th- Modelfest Plastic Modeler's Flea Market* from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the College Park Holiday Inn at US Route 1. Admission is \$3 at the door, vendor tables are only(?) \$40. For info, contact Jeff Garrity, 204 Hanthorn Street Mays Landing, NJ 08330 (609)625-1454.
- *Sept. 29th- Ford Fever Classic drag race, car show, new car display, and flea market* at MIR in Budds Creek, MD



**Benefit car show** for Special the Carnival grounds in Glen model contest, and swap Everson at (410)768-0872.

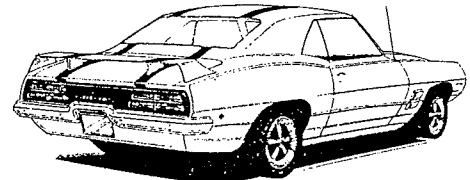
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- Oct 3rd thru 6th- Fall Carlisle at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- Oct. 5th- Superchargers Showdown including *Funny Cars, Dragsters, Altered's, Wheelstanders, and Pro Modifieds* at MIR in Budds Creek, MD.
- Oct 5th- National All Make Show plus Hot Air Balloon Races at the St. Charles county fairgrounds in LaPlata, MD. See May 4th show for specifics and contact person.
- Oct 5th- 1996 Model Car Contest & Swap Meet at the War Memorial Building in Jim Barnett Park, Cork Street, Winchester, VA. Sponsored by the *Shenandoah Valley Modelers*, doors will open at 9 A.M. with awards being made at 3 P.M. \$1.00 entry fee, \$15.00 vendor tables. For info, call Mark Tutton at (703)667-8697 (Mon-Sat 10 to 6) or J.J. Smith at (540)828-2591 (wk).  
Special theme-30 Years of Trams Am Racing.
- 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.
- Nov. 1st & 2nd- Boomercon 1996 Region 2 IPMS convention hosted by the *Baltimore chapter* of the *IPMS* at the BWI Holiday Inn at Baltimore-Washington Airport, Elkridge Landing, MD. For info, contact John Borleis, 6108 Fair Oaks Avenue Baltimore, MD 21214-1547, or call (410)254-6297.



## 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

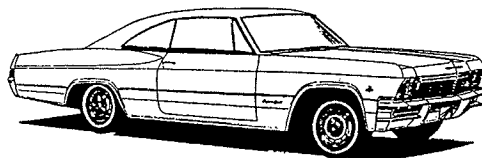
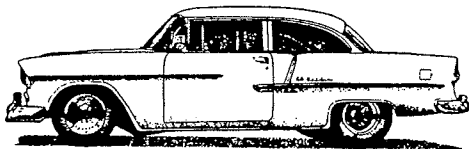
**FOR SALE-**Thinning collection (not quitting), list available. Contact Harold Bradford at (301)604-8591 or see him at a meeting!

**FOR SALE-** Various kits (AMT, Monogram-Revell) for sale-\$5 each. See Tim Sickle at a meeting for a list. *Also available-*Editor's *former newsletter computer* with some software, 14" color monitor, 640K ram, dot matrix printer. \$150/Offer?

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**FOR SALE-**Over 500 model cars and trucks. Call Dave Roehrle at (410)875-9476.



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