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

About 41 people were in attendance at last month's meeting, which was a great turnout considering almost a *dozen* of 'da gang' made the trek to Knoxville for the Volunteer Classic! The neat thing about this show was that it was held at a hotel, meaning once ya checked in, you didn't check out (Oops, that's Black Flag's Roach Motel!!). The event was held right in the hotel, so you didn't have to get up early, and get in your car and drive to the show. We renewed a lotta old friendships while there, as well as starting a few new ones (see elsewhere in this newsletter for related story!). While there, several of us managed to visit and drool over Floyd Garrett's Musclecar museum in Sevierville, which is just outside Knoxville. A one-word description of this place is-Indescribable!! Otherwise, I'm told by several people that the hot topic of conversation last month was the loss of the room due to a sky-high rent increase for the 1997 year. Hopefully, we can get through this situation. If you know of a place where we can meet on a monthly basis, get some specifics and talk to an officer!

Hey, I just thought of something. Do you guys realize that our 'little' group has been together going into our *ninth year?!?* It just doesn't seem like that long. *Guess time really does fly when you're havin' fun!* Everyone should take a minute to give *Founding Father Norm Veber* a rousing 'thank you!' for his time and effort in creating this monster! We have several challenges ahead of us for the coming year, but we will persevere!

The raffle raised \$107.50 (!) (as well as \$21.00 from the box). The club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: Mike Hemp, Jim McGuiness, Ron Roberts, Bill Kilby, Mike Tate, Don Krone, Walt Rook, Ron Bradley, Ed Brown, Bill Wagaman, and Billy from PA. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

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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, er 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 (K100) October (K100) November Q305/307) December 21st (K100)



P.S. In the event of significant snowfall, The <u>Catonsville Community College "Snowline"</u> 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)

- #29 "Cartoon Network" Monte Carlo (Monogram #1707, 1/32nd scale Snapkit): Molded in Yellow...reissue of "Goodwrench" kit....chrome engine pieces, wheels....rubber Goodyear tires....vinyl peel and stick Flintstones markings.
- #29 "WCW" Monte Carlo (Monogram #2485): Molded in White...reissue of excellent "Goodwrench" kit (again!)....colorful "WCW" decals (good luck paintin' this guy!)
- #6 "Valvoline" T-Bird (AMT #8403): Molded in Lt. Gray....reissue of earlier T-bird, with updated front end with '96 style grille opening, and twin bumper openings and hood....remainder basically unchanged.
- "Ramchargers" 1964 Dodge 330 Super Stock (Lindberg #72161): Molded in White....Modified Reissue of "Color me Gone" car....426 Hemi in place of wedge motor....Hemi hood scoop and single headlight grille....Bucket seats in place of bench seat.
- '55 Ford "Harley Davidson" Panel Truck (Revell #7246): Molded in White....smooth, bright chrome....big 'n bigger Goodyear Rally GT's (heavy flash)....12-spoke, finned chrome rims....Cobra small block with tri-power....simplified front and rear suspensions....gauge face decal with clear cover....separate clear headlight lenses....WI "H.O.G." plates.



Lost in the 50's Show

The big day, September 8th, had finally arrived. The combination event, put on by the Lost in the 50's car club and the Maryland Automotive Modelers Association, was finally here! Yours truly, and Matt Guilfoyle, arrived at the show site in Glen Burnie at around 7:30 A.M. The 50's guys directed us as to where to set up, and the work began. We found Dennis Zadra and Ron Bradley already busily setting up. Norman Veber and Lyle Willits arrived shortly thereafter. Throughout the setup process, we could hear the real cars arriving out in the parking lot. After we had gotten things pretty well set up, we managed some time to have a little breakfast.

Entrants and fellow MAMA members trickled in throughout the day. It seemed as though there were at least a dozen MAMA's BoyZ there (it was really good to see *Harry Charon* there, having just recently been in the hospital again. He looked good), and that we had scheduled an impromptu club meeting! It was a great way to pass the time away. *Norman* purchased an *AMT Snapfast Plus Dodge dually*, built it that morning (including decals!), and entered it in the contest (Ed. Note: He didn't win)!

Both the 1:1 car guys and spectators alike trickled in throughout the day, marveling at these miniature masterpieces. One particular 1:1 car guy stood out, though. The owner of a certain 1:1 T Bucket who just so happens to own a hobby shop out in Frederick. Yup, John Mauchamer from Wheels not only brought his T Bucket to the show, but spent quite a bit of time with the modelers inside! Nice ride, John!

The awards were announced at 3 P.M. First, Second, and Third place awards were given out in Junior and Adult classes, along with a Sponsors Choice trophy, chosen by the Boy Scouts. The lucky award recipients were as follows:

Junior

1st Place- David Wilson; #28 "Havoline" T-Bird 2nd Place- Jesse Atwell; Plymouth Prowler 3rd Place- Brian Whisman; Deusenberg

Adult

1st Place- Ryc Martin; Mercedes Street Rod 2nd Place- Bill Richards; Roth diorama 3rd Place- Jim Chesnutt; Jaguar XKSS

Sponsor's Choice- Angelo Rivera; '37 Ford Street Rod

In the end, we had about 100 cars on the table, managed to make about \$70 from the contest alone for the handicapped scouts, all entrants got dash plaques commemorating their participation, saw some very nice 1:1 cars, and in general, had a good time to boot! Bob Everson was so happy with the final results of this little shindig, he may want to make it a yearly thing! Thanks to everyone for your help and participation!

"Ode to Knoxiousville"

Several MAMA's BoyZ, world travelers that we are (Yeah, right!) made the trip to Knoxville for the Volunteer Classic III model car show and swap meet. Lyle Willits, Dave Toups, and Larry Boothe arrived early on Thursday and managed a visit to nearby Pidgeon Forge for a large Rod and Custom run. Ron Hamilton, Matt Guilfoyle, and yours truly arrived Friday afternoon and managed a visit to Floyd Garrett's Musclecar museum in nearby Sevierville. For the paltry sum of about \$9.00, you not only get to see a fine collection of restored musclecars, drag racers and yes, even NASCAR stock cars, but you may even be regaled by ol' Floyd hisself with some of his stories! Just a sampling of his cars include one of less than 10 '69 Trans Am convertibles, a '69 Judge, a '71 Judge convertible, a COPO Camaro, a Yenko Nova, a Z16 Chevelle (which looks suspiciously like the one on the Revell box lid), a '65 Impala SS, a Hemi Roadrunner, a few old Super Duty Catalinas, some old Hemi Plymouth and Dodge drag cars, a Thunderbolt, a lightweight Galaxie, Richard Petty's old '77 Monte Carlo racer, Smokey Yunick's infamous '66 Chevelle, and the last car Richard Childress drove prior to becoming an owner. All in all, an incredible collection of machinery, and to hear Floyd talk, he's just gettin' started!

Oh, the "Classic"? It was great to see some of our old friends in the Hospitality suite on both Friday and Saturday evenings. They had a reasonable selection of vendors, but prices for old kits seemed to be in the stratosphere. All told, they had about 316 total models on display. They ranged from Ricky Couch's beautiful '37 Ford wagon, to primer projects brought along by several of 'da

BoyZ'. In the end, Ricky Couch snagged Modeler's Choice with the aforementioned '37 Ford wagon, while Jim Latham copped People's Choice with his Predicta. Other winners included our own Larry Boothe with his perennial Primer project '67 Mustang, and Lyle Willits for....are you ready for this? Best Mopar for his '69 Dodge Dart convertible! Let's not let him live it down for a while, OK?

Afterward, a bunch of starving, plastic-crazed modelers (16 to be exact, including Tim Powers and Bob Korunow!) Went down the road to an All-U-can-eat buffet and proceeded to chow down (I think Larry cleaned 'em outta brownies, that MAMA staple!). I think they were glad to see us leave!

A few minor problems were encountered on the trip, but nothing that seriously detracted from the good time that we had seeing these guys again.

'32 Ford 3-Window Coupe

(Revell #85-7605; 110 pieces; 2 versions; White, chrome, clear, clear red, vinyl tires)

It is hard to believe that in the 45 years of plastic automotive modeling, that we finally have an accurate 3-window 32 Ford for the Street Rod modeler. In 1990, Monogram made a feeble attempt to update their old 32 Roadster to a 3-window, but it was an unbuildable disaster which rapidly disappeared from the catalog. Revell has wisely chosen to produce an all-new tool, and the kit can be built either as a Highboy or a full-fendered coupe. It should be noted that this is a Street Rod-only kit, as 'tons' of work would be needed to turn this into a Replica Stock model.

Engine: A very nicely represented 302 Ford small block is assembled from 22 pieces. The engraving on these parts is excellent. The engine/transmission halves are assembled with separate oil and transmission pans to hide the seam. From the chrome tree comes the headers, round no-name air cleaner, and Ford Motorsports valve covers. This is a very nicely done engine and offers the modeler a nice change of pace from the "standard" Chevy Street Rod mill (Larry Boothe paid me a LOT

OF MONEY to write

Chassis: The
25 pieces and builds up
unit without the use of
The rear axle is a wellwith separate coil-over
dropped tube axle is
probably the best-looking



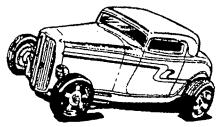
chassis consists of about into a modern, 90's style radically exotic parts. detailed Ford 9-inch shocks. The front highly detailed and Street Rod front axle

found in any kit. Front and rear ends are held in place with chromed Pete & Jake's-style 4-bar linkage. A separate crossmember holds a 2-piece brake master cylinder. A 2-piece exhaust system with integral mufflers, a steering box and chromed steering linkage, and separate chromed front shocks complete the basic chassis. Disc brakes are provided for all four corners. Beautiful chromed 5-spoke American mags mount big and little Goodyears as found in the '37 Cabriolet kit. A really neat feature is the 5-spoke wheel backs which produce very accurate open mag wheels instead of just having nothing behind the front of the spokes.

Full-fendered version: Although contrary to the instruction sheet, it is <u>strongly</u> recommended that the separate right and left fender units be glued to the basic chassis FIRST, before anything else is assembled or painted. Some test-fitting will be required to get these pieces assembled properly. The integral frame covers on the front of each fender unit hook into the <u>inside</u> of the front frame rails, while the remainder of the fender unit hooks under the <u>outside</u> of the frame rails. Also, the basic chassis plate and the two fender units are rather flexible and a tight, uniform fit would be difficult after the components were painted. Use a liquid cement for styrene to mount the fender units so that some slight tweaking can be done to ensure the fenders are level and aligned from side to side (Just a little tip from your Uncle Lloyd!).



<u>Body:</u> The body appears to be accurate in its dimensions but the roof appears to have a mild chop already provided (I'll let the other micrometer-carrying anal-retentives in the hobby prove or disprove the above observation). The character lines and unique 3-window doors appear accurate, including the three molded door hinges. The body fits the frame like a glove, and the rear portion snugs



right up to the separate gas tank cover with separate, chromed gas cap. A modern style recessed firewall installs into the cowl. The hood is a three-piece affair with stock side louvers and fits snugly to the smooth grille shell. A separate front splash apron and chromed door handles complete the body. There is, however, a major problem that requires the builders attention prior to painting. The engraved ribs on the inside of the roof which simulate a modern headliner caused mirror-image ripples on the top of the roof during the molding process. The exterior roof surface needs to be thoroughly block sanded to smooth it out, or if a 50's style rod is being built, maybe a scratchbuilt cloth insert would hide this flaw.

<u>Interior</u>: The interior seems to be an odd assortment of old and new parts. The separate door panels are 90's style, but the wide pleated bench seat seems to be pretty much the way ol' Henry made 'em. A billet-style steering column with shifter and signal stalks is topped off with a billet steering wheel and is combined with a stock dash and gauge panel.

<u>Decals:</u> Front fender and hood flames and two sets of license plates-South Carolina and Wisconsin.

Undoubtedly, this kit will sell extremely well, and was worth the wait for the Street Rod builders, but it is no "Walk in the Park". As mentioned, the fenders are finicky, the roof needs block sanding, and, depending on one's point of view, the interior parts seem to be mismatched. None of these issues should present a major problem for the builder with moderate experience. If you like Street Rods, this is definitely a "must have" kit. By the way, with very little work, all of the old AMT '32 Ford bodies fit this kit. I think the folks at Revell will be working overtime foe a while to make enough of them.



By: Lyle "Mine will have a small block Chevy anyway" Willits

Resin Rantings

Well gang, we are gonna look at an offering from <u>The Modelhaus</u> (5480 Traughber Road Decatur, IL 62521). That would be the *1955 Chevy extended cab pick-up (phantom)*.

This kit features a one-piece cab (no hood is supplied-use the kit piece), chassis extension, and interior tub with a separate jump seat. This transkit addresses one of the hottest trends in trucking today. The required donor kit is the '55 Chevy pick-up.

The few pieces in this kit are flawlessly molded and require virtually no cleanup.

Recommended for that "quick and different" project.

Review sample provided by Matt Guilfoyle.



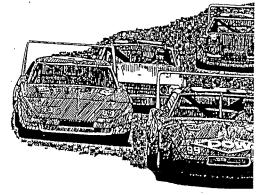
BITS & PIECES

By: Matt Guilfoyle

• Rumor Mill!! Word reaches me of possible automotive 'Enthusiast' kits in the Promodeler line from Monogram. Cars discussed? The Dodge Charger. Not one, but three! A 1969 Dodge Charger R/T, followed by a Charger 500, which will possibly be followed by a Daytona! We should be so lucky! Please say it's so, Monogram! Still another rumor is a Pontiac stock car from the stock car 'leader', possibly in time for the '97 Daytona 500.

• New Stuff! New items from our aftermarket buddies include a left-hand drive dash for the Aoshima MGB kit which is available from Replicas & Miniatures Co. Of MD; photoetched script sets upcoming from Model Car Garage include the AMT '58 Chevy and AMT '62 409 Bel Air; and billet aluminum wheels available to fit Monogram/Revell's Eagle ZR/GS-C's, Michelin ZA4s, or AMT Mickey Thompson Pro Street tires (among others) which will be available from Detail Master. So many projects, so little time (and money!) Thanks to Larry "Strictly Stock" Greenberg for the straight scoop!

• "Ya pays yer choice!" <u>Buyer's</u> the next round of selections will Early Modified, the original box), '55 and parts pack include Wheels & Drag Strip not least, drum engine! These should of '97.



money, ya takes yer Choice, that is! Rumor is Buyer's Choice include the '36 Plymouth '59 El Camino (in the Nomad (1/16th scale), accessories which will tires, T-Bucket chassis, accessories, and last bur roll....the Allison be available in the Spring

- More discounts! For you folks in the Bowie/Crofton area, *Eric Baugher* at *GPA Hobbies* would not only like to extend to us a 10% discount, but also some space in his display case for those who would like to display their masterpieces, and gain new members at the same time! Thanks, Eric! Let's take him up on it, guys!
- "Fill 'er up!" At a gas station in Bradenton, Florida, a man threatened the clerk with a hatchet until she handed over \$300 before he sped off in a red rental car. The cops chased him at speeds of up to 110 mph, but after about 20 miles, his car sputtered to a stop, and he surrendered. He had run outta gas!! The sheriff said, "When you set out to rob a gas station, you're supposed to fill up the tank <u>BEFORE</u> you hold up the clerk!" Heard this yuk yuk enroute to work in the morning!
- ArbetMania! What's an Arbet? It is only the World's Smallest car, that's all! It consists of five sheets of metal, 5,000 handmade parts, and seven years of labor for Arliss Suder to build the World's Smallest street legal auto. It is powered by an air-cooled twin cylinder engine which makes a whopping 13 hp. The car weighs 1,006 pounds (soaking wet, probably!), is 7 ½ feet long, has a 5 ¼ gallon fuel tank, and has a top speed of 45 mph. It is equipped with a heater and defroster, back-up lights, turn signals, hydraulic 4-wheel drum brakes, windshield wipers and washer, cigarette lighter, full gauges, 3-speed transmission, and wall-to-wall carpeting! No lie, this thing makes a VW Bug look big! And as if to top this all off, it is listed in The Guiness book of World Records as the World's Smallest Car. If you wanna see a picture of this thing, see me at a meeting!
- "Built Nash Tough?!" The latest issue of <u>Classic and Sportscar magazine</u> (September '96), has a story about a *Nash Metropolitan* in *Zimbabwe* which has *224,000 miles* on the odometer!! The *74-year old owner* drives the little runabout every day, filled with homemade craft products and blankets. Apparently, the Nash was a Birthday present when it was new! Routine maintenance isn't a problem, and she *handpainted* the entire car about two years ago with excellent results. *They just don't make 'em like this anymore!*
- They could build one for me!! Saw an item in the <u>Prince George's Journal</u> the other day about that outrageous new *Plymouth* (the *Prowler*, natch!). Seems as though it will be promoted in its own 30 second ad later this month. In it, a guy is supposedly playing with a handful of Silly Putty and eventually shapes the Prowler out of it. Oh, if only it were that easy! Quite obviously, this car will be the centerpiece for all of Plymouth's advertising this year!
- "Cops save car thief from car owner!" In *Milan, Italy, Ruggero Campese* was stealing a van when the owner returned. He started to drive away, but the owner grabbed onto the door, and Campese punched him to the ground. An ambulance driver took him to the local hospital. Meanwhile, Campese got into an accident with the van a few miles away. He needed medical

- attention, and guess where they took him? Yup, the same place as the van's owner. He promptly fingered the crook to police who arrested him. That one was on a local radio station!
- 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

- Sept. 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.
- Sept. 21st-All-Chevy Car Show sponsored by the <u>Maryland Camaro Club</u> at Win Kelly Chevrolet in Clarksville, MD.
- 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
- Oct. 3rd thru 5th- Corvettes: Past, Present, and Future at Criswell Chevrolet in Gaithersburg, MD.
- Oct 3rd thru 6th- Fall Carlisle at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- Oct. 5th- Superchargers Showdown including Funny Cars, Dragsters, Altereds, Wheelstanders, and Pro Modifieds at MIR in Budds Creek, MD.
- Oct 5th- National All Make Show <u>plus</u> 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 <u>Shenandoah Valley Modelers</u>, 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. 5th- Bethesda Hot Rod/Custom Car show at Chevy Chase Cars in Bethesda, MD. For info, call (301)657-4000.
- 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.
- Oct. 20th- Chesapeake Miniature Vehicle Collector's Toy show at the fire hall in Shrewsbury, PA from 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
- Nov. Ist & 2nd- Boomercon 1996 Region 2 IPMS convention hosted by the <u>Baltimore chapter</u> of the <u>IPMS</u> 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!

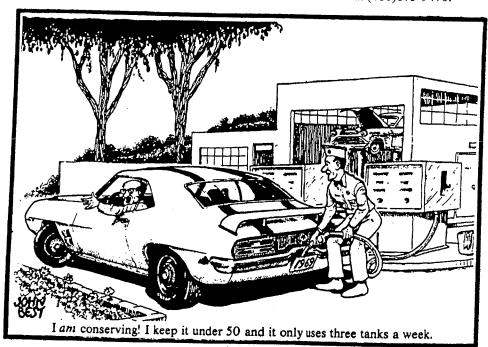
FOR SALE- Various kits (AMT, Monogram-Revell) for sale-\$5 each. See Tim Sickle at a meeting. for a list. *Also available*-Editor's *former newsletter computer* with some software, 14" color monitor, 640K ram, dot matrix printer. \$150/Offer?

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-hood for a 1967 Olds Tornado (to copy, will be returned). Call Tim Powers at (410)255-3976.

TRADE-GM or Ford engines for Mopar V-8's (1/25th scale plastic, of course!). Call Ron Drechsler at (410)255-7369.

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



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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