

# MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: "GTO"

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

About 78(!) people were in attendance at last month's rather spirited meeting, which seemed to have nothing in particular as its highlight. Thanks to *Tim Powers* for the 'MAMA pumpkin'-the *Merc* was *positively radiant* (especially when he lit the candle!). The club also talked about our annual "Toys for Tots" drive which will be collected in November (you *did* remember, didn't you?!). Thanks again to *Norman and Mary Veber (a.k.a. Mr. & Mrs. Claus!)* for delivering the toys to the pick-up point. At this point, we may have finally found a place to meet. Thanks to those of you who had some input on possible meeting places. Special thanks to *Walt Rook* for the info on our *new meeting place in Greenbelt, Md.*

The raffle raised \$113.00 (!) (as well as \$75.00 from the box!). The club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: *Mike Hemp, Bill Kilby, Ron Bradley, Ron Palmer, Brad, George Johnson Jr., Dave Toups, Walt Rook, Barry Horner, Mike Tate, Bobby Towles, Lyle Willits, and Ami Pacifico (FasTrak Hobbies), and Replicas & Miniatures Co. Of MD.* Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

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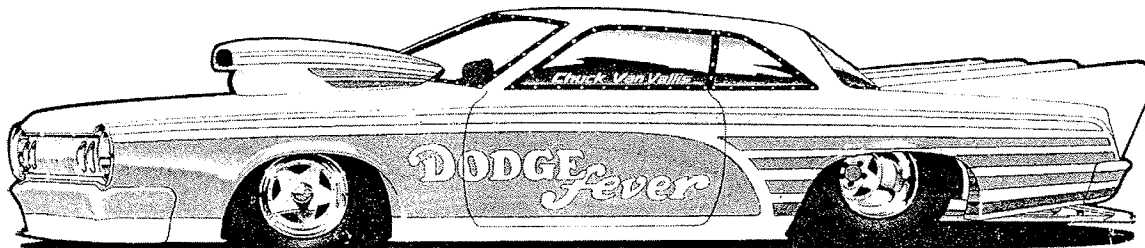
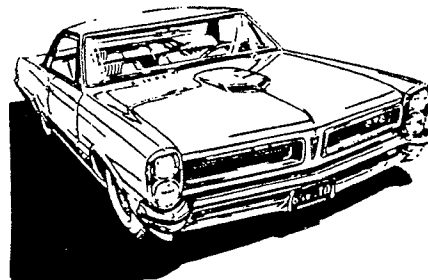
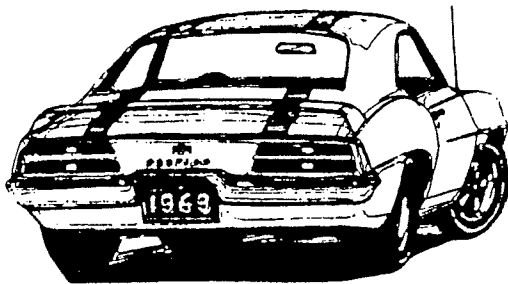


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## '96 Meeting Schedule

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!

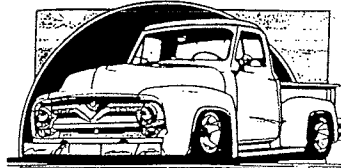
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December 21st (K100)

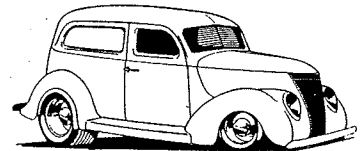
## '97 Meeting Schedule

Well guys, word has just come down from the mountain regarding next years' schedule and meeting place. If you have been on another planet or something, we are moving to the Greenbelt Community center multipurpose room for the dates listed below due to what I call the 'Greed Factor' of the folks at Catonsville Community College.

January 18th  
February 15th  
March 15th  
April 19th  
May 17th  
June 21st



July 19th  
August 16th  
September 20th  
October 18th  
November 15th  
December 20th



## Sneakin' a Peek!

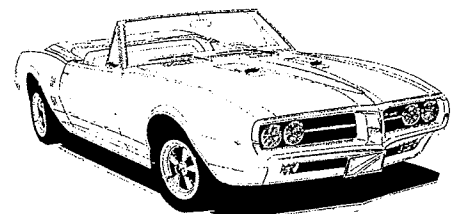
This column will appear as frequently (or infrequently!) as new releases from the manufacturers. The idea behind it is to give a "thumbnail review" of the releases as they hit the shelves with a detailed review to follow at a later date (hopefully!). We'll see how it goes! (Ed. Note: The kits are listed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

- "QVC" T-Bird (AMT #8706): Molded in Lt. Gray....basically, a straight reissue of the '95 T-Bird with the electric fan option, and correct "QVC" graphics.
- '34 Ford 5-window Coupe (AMT #8214): Molded in Lt. Gray....modified reissue of earlier street rod version....(4) 2-piece tires (separate whitewall insert) which mount wire wheels complete with chrome Ford dog dish hubcaps....your choice of stock (unplated) or Offy (plated) heads, in addition to 1-carb/2-carb intake options....separate, clear headlight lenses....Vintage street rod building option....optional 'Greyhound' hood ornament....spare tire w/cover....vintage NJ, VA "34STCK", NY "RUMBLE" plates.
- '57 Corvette (AMT #8212): Molded in Lt. Gray....all-new tool....(4) Firestone skinnies mounting full wheel covers, complete w/decal for center cap....separate, clear head parking light lenses, clear red tail light lenses....separate chrome window frame....nice, finned chrome valve covers....dashboard top molded to body....some mold seams require attention....crisp, light emblems....exhaust system 2-pieces per side (mufflers split in an odd fashion!)....platform-style interior....nice 23-piece fuel-injected small block V-8....12-piece chassis....chrome steering wheel....very complete instructions including interior/exterior color matrix, detail painting instructions....WA "57-FUELLY", NY "1HP-1CI" plates.

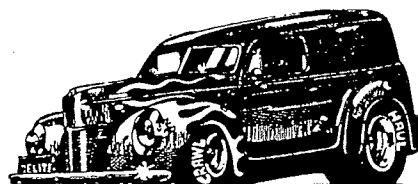
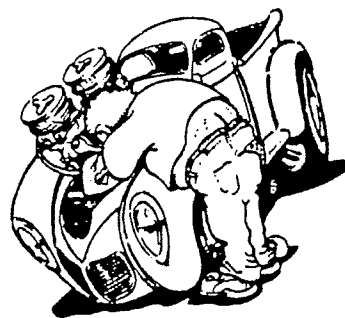
## 1997 Releases

### AMT/ERTL

- 1997 Corvette Coupe Snapfast Plus
- 1997 Chevrolet Stingray III concept car Snapfast Plus
- 1997 Corvette Coupe



- 1997 Camaro SS coupe
- 1997 Camaro 30th Anniversary convertible
- 1997 Chevrolet Blazer LT 2-door
- 1967 Chevrolet Impala SS427 Street Machine
- 1963 impala SS 409 2-door hardtop
- 1957 Corvette Street Machine
- 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air 2-door hardtop (all-new tooling)
- 1955 Chevrolet Nomad
- 1953 Corvette Snapfast Plus
- 40th Anniversary Corvette Gift Set (1957/1997 Corvettes)
- Chevrolet Z10 Custom (S10 Hugger Concept Truck)
- 1955 Chevy Stepside Pickup<sub>1</sub>
- Pro Street Camaro Z28 (91?)<sub>1</sub>
- Corvette Grand Sport Coupe<sub>1</sub>
- 1997 Dodge Viper GTS Coupe Automotive Concept (?)
- 1997 Dodge Viper GTS Snapfast Plus
- 1971 Plymouth Duster 340 (modified reissue)
- "General Lee" Dodge Charger from "The Dukes of Hazzard" (scale unknown)
- Dodge Viper RT/10<sub>1</sub>
- 1997 Ford Mustang GT coupe
- 1997 Ford Mustang SVT Cobra coupe
- 1997 Ford Explorer Limited 4-door
- 1967 Shelby GT-350<sub>1</sub>
- 1961 Ford Falcon Ranchero Street Machine
- 1940 Ford Sedan Delivery (Stock/Street Rod)
- 1997 Firebird Trans Am convertible Snapfast Plus
- 1997 Firebird Trans Am coupe
- 1979 Firebird 10th Anniversary Trans Am
- 1969 Firebird Trans Am 2-door hardtop
- "Mummy Machine" Street Rod
- "Creepy T" Street Rod
- Exotic Car Gift Set (Diablo, XJ220, and GTS coupe prototype)

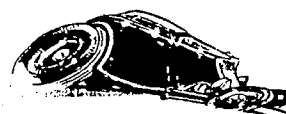


1- These kits feature glue, a six-color paint strip, and a paintbrush (from Testor's). A great idea for kids!

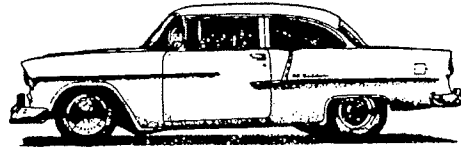
(ERTL's NASCAR and Supertruck releases were *TBA-To Be Announced!*)

### AMT/ERTL "American Muscle" Series

- 1934 Ford 3-Window Coupe Street Rod 'Newstalgia'
- 1934 Ford 3-Window Coupe Street Rod High Tech
- 1966 Pontiac GTO in Tiger Gold or Starlight Black
- 1970 Dodge Challenger T/A in Moulin Rouge
- 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T in Plum Crazy
- 1969 Plymouth GTX convertible in Spinnaker White or Crimson Red
- 1949 Mercury Coupe
- 1949 Mercury custom
- 1955 Chevy Bel Air in Shoreline Beige/Neptune Green<sub>2</sub>
- 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air in India Ivory & Dusk Pearl or India Ivory & Tropical Turquoise
- 1969 Dodge Daytona in Jade Green/Black Stripes<sub>2</sub>
- 1969 Shelby GT-500 in Onyx Black/Red Stripes<sub>2</sub>
- 1997 Camaro Z28 30th Anniversary convertible
- 1997 Trans Am 25th Anniversary
- 1957 Chevy "Ready to Rumble" in Red w/Yellow Flames<sub>3</sub>



- 1957 Chevy "Ready to Rumble" in Black,
- 1969 Triumph TR-6 in Carman Red/Jaguar blue
- 1956 Custom Ford F100 Pickup
- 1956 Stock Ford F100 Pickup
- Dodge Ram Pickup in Emerald Green/Silver,
- 1955 Chevy Stepside in Commercial Red



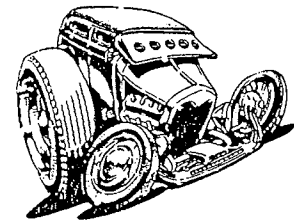
2-new color

3-these kits have working head and tail lights, working horn and dashboard lights, and roaring, shaking motor

### "American Muscle Cruisin' Series"

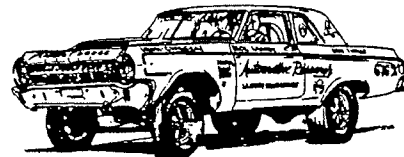
This series highlights the art of Bruce Kaiser in three-dimensional limited edition scenes. They will be in both *1/43rd scale* and *1/18th scale*. The *1/43rd scale* will include two diecast vehicles, while the *1/18th scale* will include one. All scenes will include a unique set of cold-cast figures and 50's era props, along with a print of the Kaiser illustration that inspired the scenes.

- 1955 Bel Air/Drive-In; Includes a custom-painted '55 Bel Air, driver and waitress figures.
- 1932 Ford Newstalgia/Drive-In; Includes a flamed '32 Ford, and a young couple on a date.
- 1955 Chevy Stepside/Gas Station; Includes a '55 Chevy Stepside in a unique color, driver and gas station attendant.
- Johnny's Restaurant; Includes a 427 Cobra and a '57 T-Bird.
- Wally's Service Station; Includes a '55 Tow Truck, and a '57 Bel Air.
- Starlight Drive-In; Includes a '50 Chevy panel van, and a '52 Cadillac.



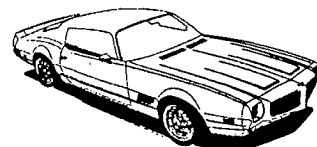
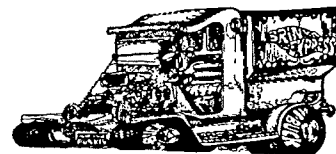
### Lindberg

- Chrysler Atlantic Concept Car
- 1997 Sebring JX convertible
- 1964 Richard Petty NASCAR Plymouth Belvedere
- 1961 Impala SS409
- 1964 "Ramchargers" Super Stock '64 Dodge
- Ford Cougar II
- "Michigan State Police" Cherokee 4X4 (1/20th scale)
- Chevy Z10 (1/20th scale)
- Camaro F-1 (1/20th scale)

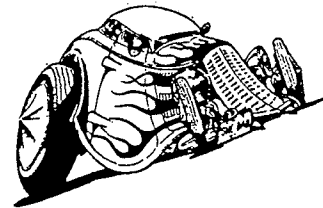
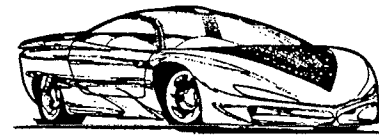
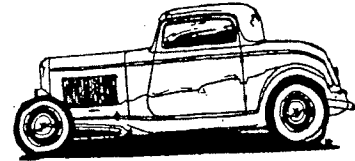


### Monogram-Revell

- Tom Daniels' "Pie Wagon" (January '97)
- Ed Roth's "Road Agent" Show Car (January '97)
- #88 "Quality Care" T-Bird (1/32nd SnapTite®) (January '97)
- 1967 L88 Corvette® Coupe (February '97)
- 1967 Dodge Coronet R/T Hemi 2-door hardtop (February '97)
- 1997 Corvette® Coupe February '97)
- 1937 Ford Pickup (February '97)
- Thunderbird Legends Combo ; '81 T-Birds- Neil Bonnett ("Hodgdon"), and Benny Parsons ("Melling") (March '97)
- 1997 SnapTite® Corvette® Coupe (March '97)
- NASCAR #23 John Deere 1997 Pontiac Grand Prix (March '97)
- NASCAR #75 "Remington" T-Bird (March '97)
- 1956 Chevrolet® Nomad (March '97)
- 1997 SnapTite® Ford Expedition 4X4 SnapTite (March '97)



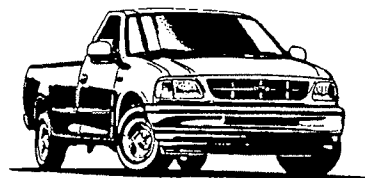
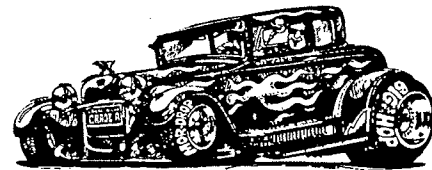
- SnapTite® “Goodwrench” Race Rig (March '97)
- Volkswagen van camper (March '97)
- NASCAR #16 “NAPA” Chevrolet® Supertruck (April '97)
- Kenworth W900 Wrecker Truck (April '97)
- 1955 Chevrolet® Bel Air convertible Indy Pace Car (April '97)
- Batmobile™ (Single-seat) (May '97)
- Redbird™ (Robin's motorcycle, 1/12th scale) (May '97)
- Jurassic Park 2™ Hummer (May '97)
- Jurassic Park 2™ Mercedes-Benz AAV (May '97)
- Harley-Davidson® Sportster® XL™1200C Sportster® 1200 Custom(1/8th scale) (May '97)
- Harley-Davidson® XLH™ Sportster® 883 (1/8th scale) (May '97)
- NASCAR #24 “Quaker State” Chevrolet® Supertruck (June '97)
- Shirley “Drag-on-Lady” Shahan 1967 Plymouth GTX Super Stock (June '97)
- 1965 Chevrolet® Lowrider (June '97)
- 1959 Chevrolet® convertible Lowrider (June '97)
- 1937 Ford Panel Truck July '97)
- “Castrol GTX” Pontiac Firebird funny car (July '97)
- NASCAR #43 “STP” 1997 Pontiac Grand Prix (July '97)
- “Snake & Mongoose’ funny car combo set (August '97)
- 1950 Ford Street Custom Pickup August '97)
- “Quaker State” Sprint car (September '97)
- 1997 Plymouth Prowler with trailer (September '97)
- 1996 “Sunoco” Camaro® Trans Am racer (September '97)
- 1932 Ford Highboy roadster Street rod (September '97)
- 1987 Buck Grand National (September '97)
- “McDonald’s” Firebird funny car (October '97)
- SnapTite® “Grave Digger” Monster Truck SnapTite (October '97)
- 1931 Ford Model A Woody (November '97)



(Dates listed here were received from the good folks at Revell-Monogram in a Press Release. This makes it easier to know *how broke we will be at a particular time of the year!*)

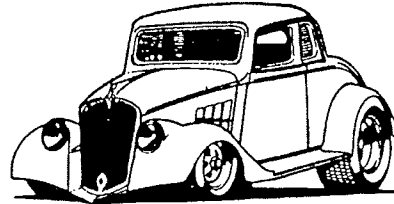
## Testors

- “Black Dog the Pirate” (1/8th scale)<sub>4</sub>
- “King Thutmose” (1/8th scale)<sub>4</sub>
- “Chicken Hawk” (1/8th scale)<sub>4</sub>
- “Crom” (1/8th scale)<sub>4</sub>
- “Samurai” (1/8th scale)<sub>4</sub>
- “Nitro Bum’s Fuel Flier” (1/32nd scale)<sub>4</sub>
- “Cousin Ralph’s Suicide Skateboard” (1/32nd scale)<sub>4</sub>
- “Von Hutch’s Rocket Rod” (1/32nd scale)<sub>4</sub>
- “Fatomic Bomb” (1/43rd scale custom Merc)<sub>4</sub>
- “Mercster” (1/25th scale open-wheel '49 Merc)<sub>4</sub>
- “Fire Roadster” (1/25th scale)<sub>4</sub>
- “Extremeliner” (1/25th scale)<sub>4</sub>
- “Mercoholic” (1/25th scale)<sub>4</sub>
- “Triclopz” (1/25th scale customized Tucker?!)<sub>4</sub>
- “Rareflow” (1/25th scale customized Airflow?!)<sub>4</sub>
- “Zoomerang” (1/25th scale, Thom Taylor design)<sub>4</sub>
- “Screechosorus” (1/25th slammed Chevy Astro Van)<sub>4</sub>
- “Sportstar” (1/25th scale Coddington design)<sub>4</sub>
- '33 Rodney (1/32nd scale)<sub>4</sub>
- Frankenstude (1/32nd scale)<sub>4</sub>



- Del Aire (1/32nd scale),
- 1970 Olds 442 (1/25th scale Johan Tool) (includes metal rims)
- 1971 Plymouth Barracuda (1/25th scale, old Johan Tool)(includes metal rims)
- Boyd's Hauler (1/25th "Quickbuilder" & "Full Detail")
- "Smoothster" (1/24th scale "Full Detail")
- Ford F150 Flareside (1/24th scale metal kit)
- Ferrari F50 (1/24th scale Metal kit)
- Camaro convertible (1/24th scale Metal kit)
- Viper GTS Coupe (1/24th scale Metal kit)
- Porsche 911 Carrera (1/24th scale Metal kit)

4-These are Jimmy Flinstone kits



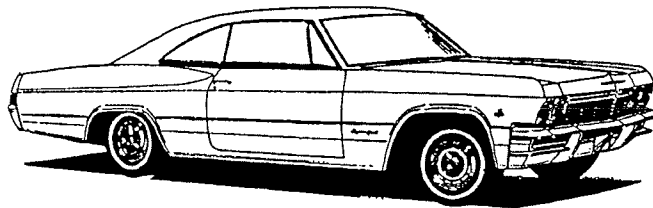
### 1965 Chevrolet Impala SS396 Coupe

(Monogram #2470; 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale)

When Monogram announced it was going to issue the '65 Impala SS in 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale, I was elated. I could not wait for this kit, if the company's recent releases of the '65 Chevelle Z-16 and '67 Corvette convertible were any indication of what to expect. While there were minor inaccuracies in body proportions, the kits would build into beautiful replicas with proper modeling techniques.

In preparing this review, I obtained 3 kits, and *each* one exhibited the same problem to a certain degree. The bodies were twisted and/or the roof crushed. I was able to salvage one of the bodies to build straight from the kit, and the others? You'll find out later! Now, on with the review.

**Engine:** A 22-piece representation of the big block 396 Chevrolet engine and 4-speed manual transmission as installed in the full-size body. Monogram's normal crisp, excellent engraved details are evident here. Notable items for this unit include separate parts for fuel pump, starter, power steering pump, extra detail for an A/C compressor, unique air cleaner, and exhaust manifolds for this application. Curiously, there were no brackets for the belt-driven accessories. With a few select detail pieces and paint, this could be one of the best representatives of a big-block Chevy engine in scale.



**Chassis:** This assembly consists of a 1-piece floorboard and frame rails, which are molded as a unit, with separate, multi-piece assemblies for the front and rear suspensions. The 10-piece front suspension assembly includes separate pieces for the A-arms, crossmember, tie rod, coil springs, steering box, and lower suspension. The steering is not posable. The rear suspension is a 12-piece assembly which is also nicely detailed.

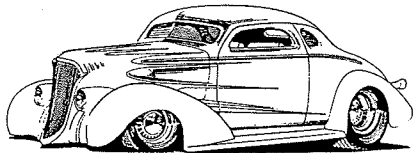
**Wheels & Tires:** These units include the inner wheel/drum brake, the SS wheel cover, with separate spinner, and an all-new set of 8.25X14 Goodyear Power Cushion tires with an accurate tread and printed whitewall detail. These are some of the best tires to come out of a kit in a long time, typical Monogram quality.

**Interior:** The interior consists of a floor assembly with a back seat and package tray molded in. The well-detailed and engraved interior side panels are separate as are the 2-piece bucket seats, floor console and 4-speed shifter, front firewall/floor unit with the power brake master cylinder and A/C condenser, 2-piece dashboard, separate pedals, steering wheel, horn ring, and column with turn signal stalk.

**Body:** The body has a headliner engraved in the ceiling, with separate glass units for the windshield with sunvisors, vent windows, rear view mirror, dome light, rear window, and tail lamp units. The radiator assembly is very well detailed wall, radiator, upper and lower hoses, battery, hood striker plate, windshield washer bottle, and A/C hoses. The outer body is well-proportioned and captures the look of the real car except that the rear window molding seems a little on the thick side.

The emblems are crisp and well-defined, and will not get lost under a couple of light coats of paint. The door handles, windshield wipers, antennae, and mirrors are all separate pieces, in the current Monogram tradition. The grille and front roll pan are one unit with a separate bumper and clear lenses for the headlights and turn signals. The rear bumper and upper trim panel are one piece. All parts are beautifully engraved, and the details are crisp.

Overall, if you get a workable body, you'll end up with a beautiful replica of one of my favorite cars.



By: Ron "Big Car" Hamilton

## **BITS & PIECES**

- **More Power! Argh! Argh!** How 'bout an *LT5-powered Impala SS?!* Jon Moss, head of Chevrolet Motor Division is helping Tim "Tool Man" Allen by building a 'poked & stroked' 6.3 liter, 454 hp monster! It will run a reprogrammed 4-speed automatic trans, aluminum driveshaft, beefed-up ring and pinion, 4-wheel discs, and stainless steel exhausts (with catalysts!). *Argh! Argh! Argh!* Thanks to the November '96 issue of Motor Trend for the scoop.
- **"Can ya spare a nickel?!"** Sylvia Straton, a grandmother of 10, was walking near her home in Cincinnati, Ohio last week when she spied one of our "Boys in Blue" writing parking tickets at cars parked at meters that had expired. Feeling as though she wanted to do a good deed, she put a nickel in one meter, and a dime in the next. "That's against the law!" the cop yelled. She thought he was joking, so she turned to walk away. She says he ran up, jerked her arm painfully behind her, slapped the cuffs on, and threw her in jail. She's charged with obstructing official business, and disorderly conduct, and faces up to four months and a \$1,000 dollar fine! Thanks to a local radio station for this zinger!
- **"Cars of the King!?"!** Remember the book the *Walker P. Stephens publishing company* was planning on releasing on *Richard Petty* two years ago? Well, fans of "*The King*", take heart. The book manuscript was purchased *Keaton Press (P.O. Box 1876 Highpoint Road Coopersburg, PA 18036, 610-346-8203)*. Anyone who originally ordered one may now actually get it, with delivery expected by Christmas. Thanks to *Chuck & Delia Conner* for the info!
- **"Like a Rainbow!"** Our own *Ron Palmer* has come into possession of a whole bunch'a paint. His company, Rainbow Products, has 'em available in 3/4, 1, and 2 oz. Bottles. Interested? Give Ron a call at (410)633-3260 for price and ordering info!
- **Japanese Lowriders?!** Don't laugh! There was an article in the Washington Times recently about a gent by the name of *Hirohiko Kawachi* who imports them into Japan for Japanese youth. These long, low rides are the coolest thing going for the Japanese, offer them a safe taste of the exotic, and are somewhat rebellious in their regimented society. They even have a *bimonthly magazine, Roraida Magajin*, with circulation of about *100,000 copies!* There are only a *few hundred 'real' lowriders (those imported from the US)*, but it is really catching on. The cars sell for anywhere from *\$25,000 to \$40,000*, and they average about *three orders a month!* Now, would you like your *Sushi to go?!?*
- **Smokin' Section!** They finally figured out what started a *fire that destroyed a car* in Pullman, Washington. It was the *plastic prism hanging from the rear view mirror*. It apparently magnified the sun's rays, setting fire to some papers on the seat, which triggered the fire which consumed the car. Here's the best part-*the plastic prism was a gift, given to the driver by his insurance company!* Thanks to a local radio station for this one!
- **SATCO goodies!** Got one of SATCO's fliers from Chi-Town, and he has some goodies for us late '96/early '97. First up is the *1966 Chevy C10 Custom cab Longbox pick-up Craftsman kit (Whew!)*, followed by *another pick-up, a 60's Sports car, and a 50's sedan (all to be announced)*. Next up we have a *1966 Chevy 4X4 multimedia Deluxe Craftsman kit*, as well as *another kit (to be announced)* in this series. To add to this, he has *new tires* coming out, too. *1995 Top Fuel slicks, Mickey Thompson 28 X 18.5 Pro Street tires, Firestone Deluxe Champion Blackwalls (all in Dec. '96), NASCAR slicks (monogram size), 1960's Goodyear Suburbanite 4X4 snow tire set (both in Jan. '97), 1962 M & H Racemaster 7" slicks, 1949*

*Firestone 6.00 X 16 tires, and 1965 Firestone 8.25 X 14 Redlines (all in Mar. '97). Thanks, Rodger!*

### COMING EVENTS

- *Nov. 30th- Bobby's Hobby Lobby Annual model car contest.* To enter, you must purchase a plastic model at the store, but need not enter the one you purchased. Age group; Junior-up to 13 years old; Senior-14 years old and older. Judging will be by our customers by ballot between Nov. 30th and Dec. 14th. Gift Certificate prizes, 1 entry per person.
- *April 5th, 1997-Model Classic 97* hosted by the Northern Virginia IPMS modelers at the Robert E. Lee Recreation Center, 6601 Telegraph Road Alexandria, VA. It starts at 9 A.M. For further info, call John Lee at (301)670-4794 or Tom Henderson at (703)680-9354.

### 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.

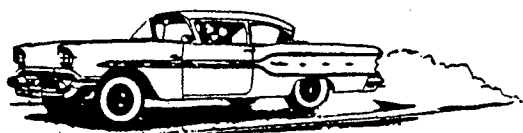
**WANTED-***hood for a 1967 Olds Tornado* (to copy, will be returned). Call Tim Powers at (410)255-3976.

**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 Roehrl at (410)875-9476.

**WANTED-***'60 Plymouth Phoenix parts*, especially interior. Contact Roland Sutherland at (301)687-9133.

**FOR SALE-***1/12<sup>th</sup> scale McLaren MP4/6*, mint in the box, \$250.00. Call Richard Gustafson at (540)786-0295.



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