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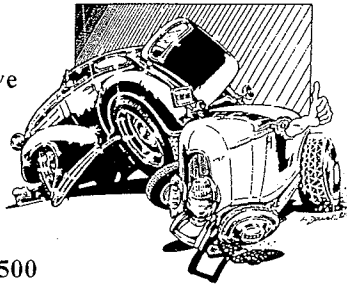
by: "GTO"

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

About 45 people were in attendance (according to the sign-in sheet), but it certainly seemed like much more than that. Last month, the club gathered together a sizable donation of items in our annual "Toys for Tots" campaign. Thanks not only to everyone who donated a toy, but also to *Norman and Mary Veber* who played *Santa and Mrs. Claus* and delivered this sleighload of goodies to the Marines for distribution! If everything goes as planned, there will be some sort of directions to our *new meeting place in Greenbelt*. Again, thanks to *Walt Rook* for digging it up, and *Matt Guilfoyle* for settin' it up!

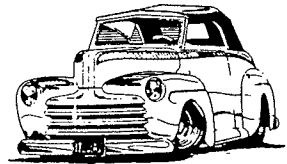
The raffle raised \$107.00 (!) (as well as \$62.00 from the box!). The club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: *Mike Hemp, Ron Bradley, Bill Kilby, Brad, George Johnson Jr., Dave Touns, Walt Rook, Barry Horner, Ron Palmer, Lyle Willits, Joe Atwell, Max Wolfthal, Tim Powers, Ron Hamilton, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. Of MD.* Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

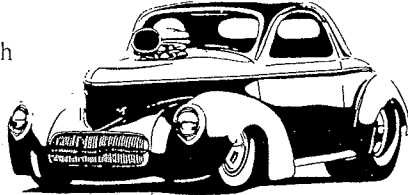


WHEWWW! MAMA'S BOYZ HAVE  
BEEN REEALLY GOOD THIS YEAR!  
AT THIS RATE, I'LL NEVER GET  
ALL THEIR GOODIES DELIVERED.  
I'LL BE GLAD WHEN MY  
SLEIGH IS FIXED AND  
I CAN RETURN  
THIS  
LOANER!!

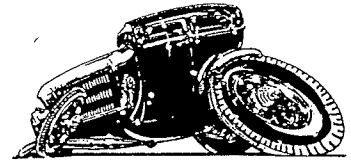
## '97 Meeting Schedule

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



**From the Baltimore Beltway (RT 695):** Take Exit 7, Route 295 (Baltimore-Washington Parkway) south towards Washington approx. 18 miles to Route 193 (Greenbelt Road), and exit. When on the off-ramp, stay to the right and merge right onto Southway (see below).

**From the Washington Beltway (RT 495):** Take Exit 22 north, towards Baltimore. Stay in the right lane and take the first exit onto Route 193 (Greenbelt Road). When on the off-ramp, bear to the right and take Greenbelt road west, towards College Park. Stay in the right lane and immediately after passing over the Parkway, make a right (at the light) onto Southway (see below).

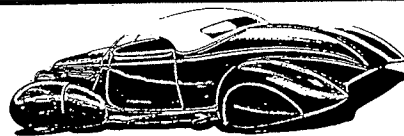
**Once on Southway:** Go straight to the second (2nd) STOP sign. Make a left onto Crescent road. Go to STOP sign and make a right into the parking lot behind the Greenbelt Library. Once in parking lot, look to right. The large, white building is the Greenbelt Community Center. Enter building using doors near fenced tot lot. The multi-purpose room is on the second floor. There is an elevator to the left of the entrance.

## 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)

- **"Beatnik Bandit II"** (Revell #85-7618): Molded in white....(6) tires....(4) Michelins are big 'n bigger, and are in a bag, while the other (2) are loose Dunlops....big 'n bigger chrome 5-spoke wheels....nice tuned-port 'Vette small block....clear dash gauge lens cover w/digital gauge face decal....Bonneville grille (*Hey, Ron Hamilton!*)....yellow-tinted canopy....new *2-piece Ed Roth figure*, along with a 2-piece Rat Fink figure.
- **Speedwagon** (Revell #85-7606): Molded in white....Big 'n little Goodyears mounting textured Torque Thrust-style 5-spoke mags....5.0 liter EFI Ford motor....body features woodgrain texture on wood panel inserts, smooth hood sides....woodgrain decal inserts, 'USP 024' OR plate (new owner?). (*See review this issue!*)
- **'78 Corvette Indy Pace car** (Monogram #85-2444): Molded in white....(4) Goodyear Eagle GT Radials which mount correct slotted aluminum Rally wheels....clear T-tops....all spoilers are separate....nice 12-piece carbureted small block V-8 w/separate, chrome air cleaner and decals....tub-style interior w/*decals for all gauges, even the 4-speed shift pattern on console!*.... decals by Scale-Master include aforementioned gauges, all markings, striping, 1978 "Indy Pace Car" plates, "USA-1", "BRIKYRD" CA plates, Goodyear GT Radial sidewall markings.
- **#10 "Tide" T-Bird** (Monogram #2478): Molded in white....re-hash of excellent 1995 T-Bird kit.
- **"American International Motorsports" dragster** (Revell #85-7616): Molded in white....Goodyear Eagle F/C slicks (heavy flash), new small, bicycle-style front tires, mounting 8-hole front wheels, ConvoPros out back....decals include all major markings, even including tire markings....re-hash of earlier dragsters.
- **Harley Davidson Electra Glide** (Revell #85-7308, 1/8th scale): Molded in white....(2) large chrome trees included (one bagged!)....tubing included for brake/clutch cables....decals for H-D markings, speedometer, and marker lights (Revell of Germany reissue?).

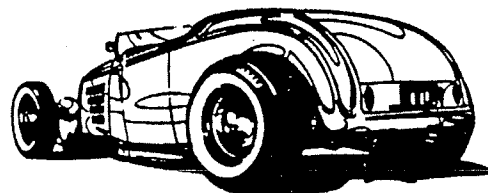
## Dan Fink's Speedwagon



(Monogram #85-7606; one version; 100 pieces; white, clear, clear red, chrome, vinyl tires)

This is the second incarnation of the excellent '32 Ford street rod kit from *Revell*, but this time, it is in a *Monogram* box. This version fairly well represents the one-off phantom woodie designed by *Thom Taylor* and built by *D.F. Metalworks* in 1993. Although the box art photos and instruction sheet provide a good start for detailing this kit, it is also very helpful to find a copy of *Street Rodder*, *September 1993* as an additional reference source. To produce an exact replica of the prototype, the above magazine is a must, because some reasonable concessions have been made to tooling and production costs.

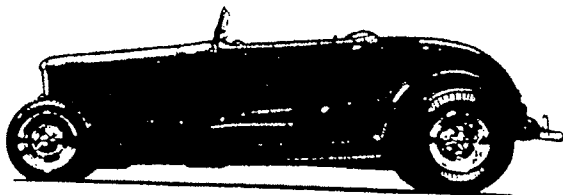
**Body:** The body appears to be amazingly accurate compared to photos of the real car. The height of the roof, the angle of the windshield and all of the wood paneling are right on the money. New, smooth hood sides are included in this kit, but the original hood top was reissued requiring the builder to remove the molded hinge ridge on top, yielding a smooth piece.



The fenders, grille shell, dropped headlight bar and spreader bars are reissued and are correct. A new, smooth gas tank cover duplicates the real thing and the correct tail lights are assembled from chrome reflectors and clear red lenses (*Now* I know what those chrome oval things are in all the 3-window kits I bought!). Finally, a two-piece outside mirror and all of the clear windows complete the assembly. All of the inset wooden panels are reproduced on the decal sheet, so the builder need only paint the raised wooden framework a light tan. Although these woodgrain decals do not actually match the coloring on the real car, they will save mucho aggravation to the builder who is not experienced in woodgraining with paint (Another alternative would be to offer *Tim Powers* some *mega bucks*, and maybe he would woodgrain it for ya!).

**Interior:** The interior is assembled from 13 pieces and very accurately duplicates the prototype. The floorpan has the rear seat molded to it and the front buckets are built up from two pieces each. The rest of the interior is reissued from the 3-window kit and is correct for this car. The wide stripe in the middle of the door panels should be painted Ford Engine Blue and the rest of the assembly painted a very light beige. The carpeting is dark blue.

**Engine:** The correct Ford 302 small block is reissued from the 3-window kit, but this time includes the fuel injection unit with integral hose and air cleaner, and new, smooth chromed valve covers. Ignore the painting instructions on the sheet regarding the heads and oil pan. The entire engine assembly (other than chrome pieces) should be Ford Engine Blue. The real car does not have an electric cooling fan as provided in the kit, but rather a six-blade aluminum, crank-driven fan. Several of our favorite aftermarket photoetch purveyors or (perverts) can provide this item.



**Frame/Chassis:** All of the frame and suspension pieces have been directly reissued from the 3-window kit. However, much of this assembly does not actually duplicate the items on the real Speedwagon. Most of us do not display our models upside-down, so who cares?!? For those wishing to build an exact replica, the frame could be modified with some scratchbuilt plastic tubing and, the exhaust system could

be copied with some tubing and correct mufflers from the parts box. The 'visible' parts of the chassis are, of course, the wheels which are technically not correct, but they are pretty darn close. The beautiful textured five-spoke mags from the 3-window kit should not be 'textured'. The real car has highly polished (chromed) American Racing Torq-Thrust wheels, which can be found in any AMT '69 Olds 442 kit.

**Decals:** The decal sheet includes the aforementioned woodgrained panels, a three-gauge dash panel, and two Oregon plates (Maybe the real car was sold to someone in Oregon!). There is also a D.F. Metalworks logo decal for the rear window, and one other small decal that could not be identified by most healthy birds of prey!!

Our friends in the aftermarket businesses will be providing some high tech items for this kit, such as the curved billet grille assembly, but straight from the box, this kit builds into a pretty accurate replica of a modern 'famous' car.

by: Lyle "Waiting for the Roadster kit" Willits

## Barris TV & Movie Cars

by: George Barris & David Fetherston  
(Published by Motorbooks, International, price-\$19.95)

In my humble opinion, it is a great book for anyone who grew up glued to a TV set. It is chock full of both black and white and color photos of some of the great cars created by Barris for many of our favorite TV shows and movies. It also contains tips on how the cars were built, as well as how many were produced to meet the needs of the TV show or movie for which the cars were produced.

It brings back a lot of fond memories not only to see these cars, but also the stars pictured with the cars they drove. Cars like the *Batmobile*, the *Goodguys 1924 Lincoln*, the *Beverly Hillbillies trucks*, the *Mannix roadster*, the *Voxmobile*, the *Munster Coach*, the *Raider Coach*, just to name a few can be found between the covers of this book. It is an especially a great reference for those of us who wish to restore the kits of the cars of many of these shows. For this, the photographs are a godsend!

The book is 128 pages, and is in stock at better book stores, as well as Timonium Hobbies.

For anyone who grew up in the 50's and 60's, it is a must have book if you are car-crazy. I will be looking at mine over and over again.

by: Mike Hemp

### "Kulture Korner"

This column came about as part of an assignment for my son Nick's English class. He found the enclosed poem, and I knew that you guys needed to see it! So, sit back and prepare to become cultured!

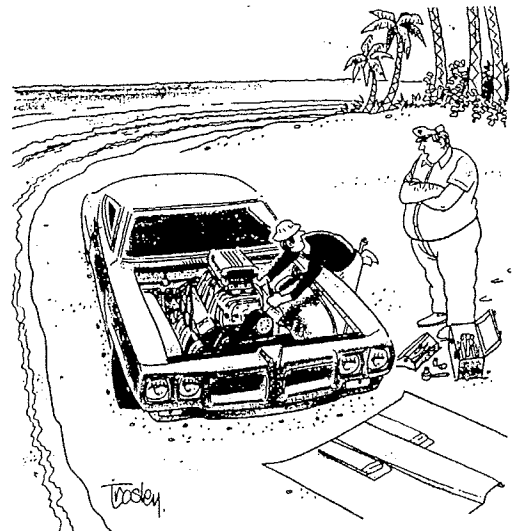
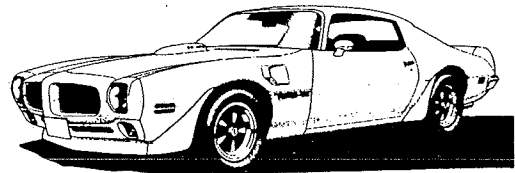
#### "The True Ballad of The Great Race to Gilmore City"

Big Ralph from Rolfe had a *black Corvette*  
The fastest one you ever met  
A 454, dual AFB's  
That car had power like a dog has fleas  
A set of Hijackers all around  
A couple of Thrushes for that low-down sound  
Four Cragar mags and Mickeys on the back  
A terror on the street or on the track was Big Ralph from Rolfe

Now Ralph made it known far and wide  
He had no equals for that Corvette ride  
On his slower days just to pass the time  
He'd beat a bunch of Smokeys to the county line  
All the cars he raced he left in the dust  
So far back they couldn't hear his exhaust  
Ralph thought that car was the very last word  
But you can bet he never heard of Peggy from Poky

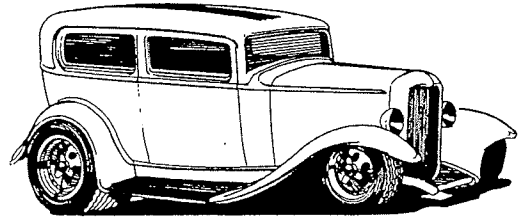
Peggy had a *Trans Am 455*  
That just for starters ate Hemis alive  
Dual quads, hot cam and a bored-out block  
But outside it looked just plain stock  
Sweet innocence in Baby Blue  
Til she fired it up then you knew  
That firebird could go like a jet  
An easy match for the black Corvette of Big Ralph from Rolfe

They set up a meeting one moonlit night



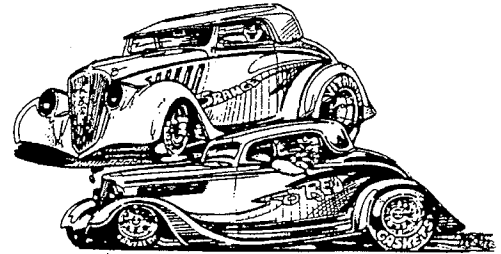
"THE PROFESSOR, MARY ANN, GINGER AND THE HOWELLS FEEL YOU SHOULD BE WORKING ON SOME KIND OF BEAT, GILGIAN..."

Highway Three was the racing site  
From the junction of Fifteen to Gilmore City  
Let it all hang out and take no pity  
The bet was on and the word spread far  
The loser was going to give up the car  
They lined the road for miles to see  
If Ralph would win or if it would be Peggy from Poky

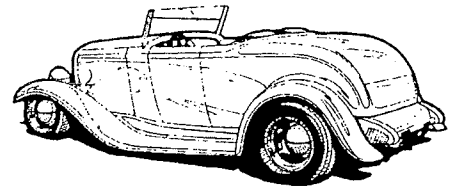


The flag went down and the squeal and roar  
Made the earth shake all the way to Thor  
With a ton of torque and a thousand-horse load  
They left rubber on a mile of road  
Now she had the traction but he had the speed  
All the power they had was the power they'd need  
Peggy thought she had an easy ride  
Until she looked over and there beside her was Ralph from Rolfe

Nose to nose and wheel to wheel  
Came them screaming shapes of steel  
She went into second at one-twenty-four  
His tach read ten-five with room for more  
With a hand like lightning he went into third  
But he just couldn't leave that Baby Blue Bird  
And thru the thundering night they sped  
With Gilmore City just a mile ahead for Peggy from Poky



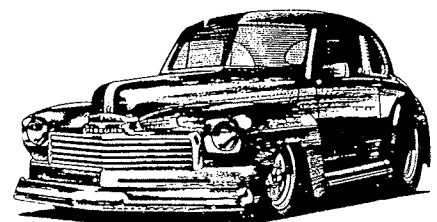
But before Ralph would let her beat him down  
He'd run wide open thru Gilmore Town  
He put his foot thru the firewall  
And the Vette shot ahead winner take all  
But after he passed the city line Peggy caught up and gave him the sign  
He tried to shut down but was going too fast  
He wiped out the town and it looked like the last of Big Ralph from Rolfe



When they saw the end of the smoke and the noise  
That black Corvette looked like Tinkertoys  
And Peggy was sure there was nothing to do  
Until she heard a voice come through  
Said, Listen honey, I'm all right  
But I think I'll need a ride home tonight  
She said, you don't need another word  
Cause you just won a Baby Blue Bird from Peggy from Poky

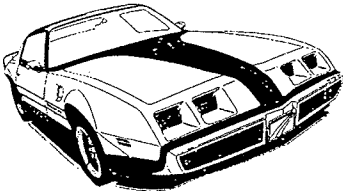


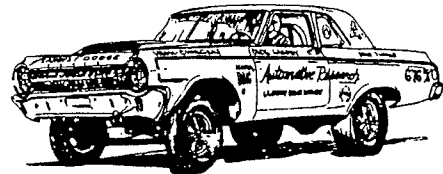
Well folks I think you know the rest  
That Trans Am soon became joint-possessed  
And Ralph and Peggy formed a racing team  
The likes of which you ain't ever seen  
You can talk about Daytona and them other races  
You can talk about Lemans and them other places  
You can talk about Indy til you're blue in the face  
But there'll never be another like that great race between Ralph and Peggy.



*(The devil made me do it!!)*

## BITS & PIECES

- **New SSPs!** The next round of the Monogram/Revell program is enroute, and will include the following—a *Ford GT*, the *Pinto Street Rod*, the *Gypsy Dune Buggy*, “*Fire Iron*” (a *Fire Engine Street Rod*), the *old Scarab*, and in the *miscellaneous* category, a *Douglass DC7-C SwissAir*, a *B-25H Mitchell*, and an *H-16 Piasecki Transporter* (a *helicopter!*). Look for these in the Mar/Apr 97 timeframe.
  - **Condolences.** I just received word that the model car hobby has lost another of its friends—*Joe Cavorley*. I have no details on how he died. Joe was a great builder of ‘work trucks’, and he will definitely be missed!
  - **Macho man!** No, we’re not talkin’ The Village People here! None other than your fearless Editor, that’s who! Seems as though I wrote a letter to *High Performance Pontiac* magazine *Macho Trans Ams* of the late 70’s and their Well, the latest issue of the magazine just arrived on the newsstands, hot rod, but also an interview and they did not only a historical article on this several of the pictures which with their creator, Dennis Mecham. They used 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trans Am credit in the article! *Way Cool!*
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- **New Magazines!** I’ve just been handed info on two new magazines for modelers. The first is *Racing Replicas* (P.O. Box 940186 Maitland, FL 23794, 1-800-833-3582). No info on what it covers (except that they would obviously be race cars!). Thanks to Ron Molineau for the scoop. The second magazine, *Model Trucking Illustrated* (516 Stage Coach Road Clarksburg, NJ 08510-1611), 1-800-365-0750, is expected to be on the newsstands in November. It will carry a suggested retail price of \$09.95 per issue, however, a six-issue subscription will cost only \$41.70, a savings of \$18.00 off the newsstand price. Thanks to Uncle Norm for the scoop!
  - **Vintage Drags!** Frank Spittle, the guy responsible for the vintage drag racing events at Virginia Motorsports Park is at it again. Just received his 1997 schedule, and he’s gonna be busy! Check the Coming Events section for the rundown. In the meantime, you can get souvenir posters (by *Tim Frederick!*), programs, and T-shirts from Frank’s bunch. Ya can contact him at Frank Spittle P.O. Box 2217 Cornelius, NC 28031.
  - **Congrats!** Got word that one of our own made a fine showing at the recently-held Boomercon. *Rex Turner* took three trophies, one in *1/43rd Street* with a *Cobra*, one in *1/43rd Race* with a *GT40*, and one in *1/12th Street* with a ‘68 *Shelby*. Waytogo!
  - **Striper Extraordinaire!?!** Seems as though when *MAMA Prez Lyle Willits* made the recent trek to Toledo with his recently-completed *steelie-equipped* ‘32 *Ford*, he got so many questions about his *pinstriping*, that he began telling everyone that he used a *very small pinstriping brush!* When that didn’t work, he finally ‘fessed up that they were from an aftermarket supplier. *Shame on you, Lyle!* Thanks to Jim Cassassa for this one!
  - **“Enjoy the Ride!!”** You know, the *recent ad* where the *300ZX goes tearing thru the house with Van Halen’s “You really got me” playing in the background?* Word is that *Nissan gave up not only an undisclosed amount of cash to use the song*, but *each band member got a brand-new 300ZX to boot!* Thanks to the *Prince George’s Journal* for this one!
  - **The Great Race returns!** Ninety years after the first *Peking-to-Paris Motor Challenge* was run in 1907 (won by a *7-liter Itala*), this race will be rerun over a somewhat different course, beginning September 6th and concluding *12,000 miles* and *11 countries* later at the Eiffel Tower on October 18th. *Eighty-six vintage cars* have been entered in the event, organized by the *Classic Rally Association of England*. *Buick* and *General Motors China* are co-sponsoring one of the cars in the race, a *1948 Buck Special 2-door sedan*. I can’t wait for the movie! Thanks to *The Washington Times* for the scoop.



## Car Acronyms

The following are several “unique” interpretations of several well-known car names which I thought you might enjoy. We’ll try Imports this month, and Domestic next month.

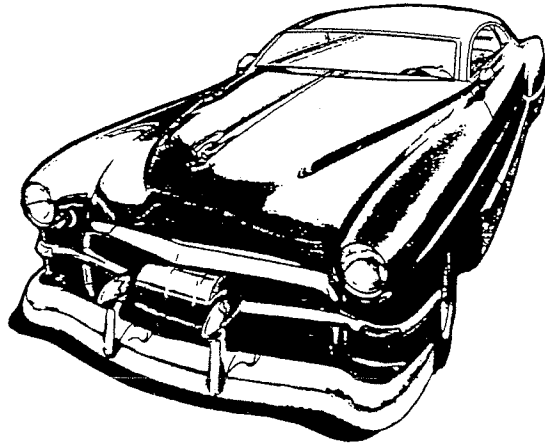
**ACURA:** Awfully crappy, unreliable, rusty automobile  
Automobile causes unusual road accidents

AUDI:

Another Uninformed driver insulted  
Another useless device installed  
Accelerates under demonic influence  
Always unsafe designs implemented

BMW:

Babbling mechanical wench  
Bad motor works  
Beautiful masterpiece on wheels  
Beastly, monstrous wonder  
Beautiful mechanical wonder  
Big money waster  
Big money works  
Blasphemous, motorized wreck  
Born moderately wealthy  
Break my windows  
Broken, money waster  
Broken, monstrous wonder  
Brutal money waster  
Bumbling, mechanical wreck  
Big money waster  
Blasphemized, motorized wreck  
Bastard money wielders  
Bought my wife  
Big, ugly import car killer  
Brutal money waster



CITROEN:

Crappy interior, terrible roadholding, owned entirely by nutters

DATSUN:

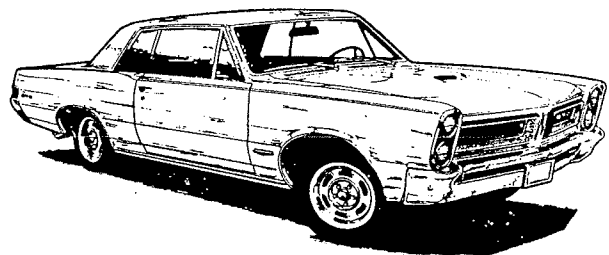
Detroit's angry towards sneaky, unscrupulous Nips

FIAT:

Failure in automotive technology  
Feeble Italian attempt at transportation  
Fix it again, Tony  
Fix it all the time  
Found in a toilet

HONDA:

Had one, never did again  
Helping out Nips destroy America  
How odd-no damn acceleration  
Hell of a nice damn automobile



HYUNDAI:

Hope you understand nothing's drivable and inexpensive

MAZDA:

Model all 'Zoids drive aimlessly  
Most always zipping dangerously along  
Mashed genitals

MG:

Now in some shitty Automotive nightmare  
Nasty import sucks savings away to Nissan  
Now in shitty shape, always nasty

NISSAN:

PORSCHE:

Pulled over regularly so cops have enough  
Phased out racer-still can't hold engine  
Puts out really smoky, Carbonate, hazardous emissions

RENAUT:

Retarded engine, no acceleraton, ugly lump of trash

SAAB:

Send another automobile back  
Society of Asinine Automotive Bacteriologists  
Swedish automobile-always broken

STP:

Stop those pistons

SUBARU:

Send undercover boat and radioactive Uranium

TOYOTA:

Taking our yen out-Thanks, all  
Too often Yankees overprice this auto

TRIUMPH:

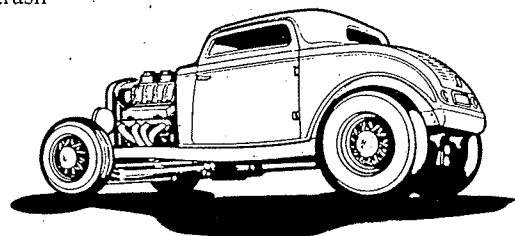
The risk of involving useless machinery pays heavily

VOLVO:

Very odd looking vehicular object

VW:

Virtually worthless



## COMING EVENTS

- *Jan. 10th-12th- 40th Annual Washington, D.C. World of Wheels* at the Capital Expo Center in Chantilly, VA features "*The Return of a Legend*" (All-Harley Revue), *TruckaRama*", featuring ten of the finest 4X4 & Sport Trucks, and the "*Cavalcade of Customs*", a ten car exhibit featuring the finest Kustom cars of the 50's!
- *Mar. 1st- The Birmingham Classic* sponsored by *the Magic City Modelers*, held at the Oporto Madrid Armory, in Birmingham, AL. For info, send an SASE to Tommy May at 5605 12th Ave. South Birmingham, AL 35222, or call (205)591-8038.
- *Mar. 15th- Mason Dixon Gas, Oil, and Automobilia Swap Meet* at the Lions club in Ellicott City, MD. Open to the public at 8 A.M. For info, call Bruce Nuckols at (301)855-5756 or Mike Carr at (410)850-0670.
- *April 5th-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.
- *April 6th-Toy Truck and Train show* at the Parkville Fire Hall in Hanover, PA. Open to the public at 9 A.M. For info, call Ron Borsella at (717)235-5167.
- *July 5th & 6th-East Coast Nostalgia Nationals* held at Virginia Motorsports Park in Richmond, VA. Dragsters, Altereds, Gassers, Funny Cars, Fuel Bikes, Modified Production, A/FX, Street, Junior Stocks, Rod & Custom Fun Run. Famous personalities barbecue. All cars & trucks up to 1972 welcome.
- *Sept. 6th & 7th-Super Stock Reunion* at Rockingham Dragway in Rockingham, NC. Only Super Stock, Stock, Junior Stock, Gassers, Modified Production and early Pro Stock cars thru 1972 allowed to compete.
- *Dec. 6th & 7th- 8th Annual Street Cars of Desire Car Show & Automotive Flea Market* at the MD State Fairgrounds, in the Cow Palace.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**WANTED**-Monogram '83 Trans Am #2202 (built-up or non-mint kit). Need nose, hood, and decals. Contact Ken Walkley at 36 Lincoln Street Little Ferry, NJ 07643, or call (201)641-0344.

**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**- 283 *Chevy engine* equipped with '461' heads, Crane Cam, Edelbrock intake, HEI distributor- \$200.00. Contact 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.

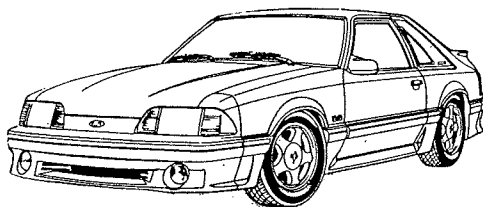
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