

## 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*)

Well gang, the December meeting was jam-packed with at least 50 people and *plenty 'o food!* It's amazing to me that on the *sign-up sheet* at the *November meeting*, we had *not even 6 people signed up to bring a dish.* And yet, the food was filling the tables to overflowing! Thanks to everyone who brought something to share with the rest of the club, and a *special thanks* to *Mike Hemp* for the *cake!* With all that food, I'm sure that everyone got something to eat! At this time, I'd also like to *thank* the gang at *AMT/ERTL, Lindberg, Revell-Monogram*, and *Testors* for their continuing support of our club throughout the years. Let us also not forget how much that *Norman Veber*, our '*Founding Father*' has done for not only the club as a whole, but many individuals within it. Norman is unselfish to the extreme, and he needs to know that we 'preciate it! *Salute, Norman!*

Besides the mountains of food available at the meeting last month, *entertainment* was provided by *Mr. Jay Fitzhugh*, by way of a *talk on the Kinmount brake connection, as well as Thickstun speed equipment.* He also brought along a few of his *vintage flathead speed pieces*, which necessitated activation of the "*Flathead parts detector*" at the door *to ensure that Jay left with all of the parts he came with!* Many club members, *Norm Veber* chief among them, were salivating over these items, *some of which appear in Replicas & Miniatures Co. Of MD's extensive line.* Thanks not only to Mr. Fitzhugh for his informative discussion, but also to our own *Ron Bradley* for setting it up!!

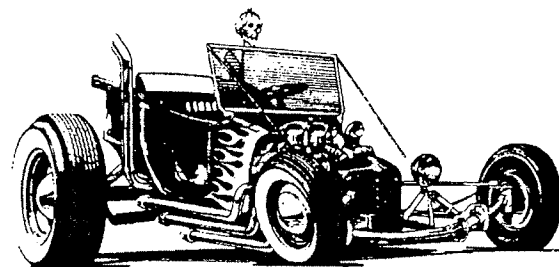
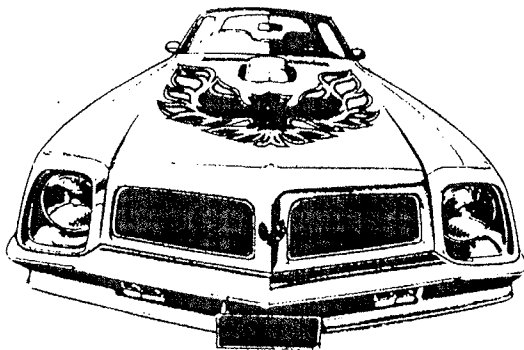
The raffle raised *\$71.00 (as well as \$37.00 from the box).* The club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: *SAE/Kalmbach, Mike Hemp, Ron Bradley, Brad, Chris Whalley, Max Wolfthal, Lyle, Bill Richards, Vinny Tufano, Steve Buter, Brian Morrison, Ron Hamilton, Rex Turner, and Replicas and Miniatures Co. Of MD.* Special thanks also go out to those listed below:

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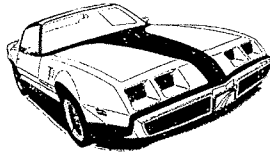
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## '98 MEETING SCHEDULE

Well guys, here it is, just as I promised ya! Ain't it great when things work out like they are supposed to? Thanks to Matt Guilfoyle for his hard work in ensuring that we have a place to meet every month next year! Yup, we are back at the *Greenbelt Community center* multipurpose room for the dates listed below. As usual, the meetings start at noon, and last until 3 or 4 P.M. (*and maybe even later, depending on what is going on!*).

January 17th  
February 21st  
March 21st  
April 18th  
May 16th  
June 20th



July 18th  
August 15th  
September 19th  
October 17th  
November 21st  
December 19th

**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.

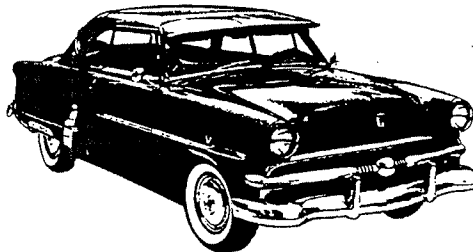
## 'A FIRST LOOK'

***1953 Ford Crestline Victoria 2-door hardtop***  
(Lindberg #72172); New release; 1/25th scale; List price; \$15.00

This kit is molded in white, with separate chrome, clear, and clear red sprues. The sprues, with the exception of the chrome, are individually bagged. I would suggest that it is more important to protect the chrome from abrasion instead of the white plastic parts. Also included are 'no-name' tires with whitewall inserts.

Overall, this kit releases. This is only a castings. I have stated 'vague' to me, meaning edged as other said, I think this kit looks

The *flathead V-8* individual pieces. This is I've seen. Just add wiring else to add, unless you wish to upgrade the engine with some performance pieces. I'm sure that *Norm Veber* (*a.k.a. Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD*), will be checking this out to see exactly how well his *flathead pieces* will fit. The car depicted has an automatic transmission.



has the look of recent Lindberg comment regarding the part repeatedly that the castings look that they are not as crisp and fine-manufacturers' offerings. That pretty good.

is made up of twenty-seven one of the most detailed engines and detail paint. There is nothing

The *engine compartment* includes separate inner fenders. The two-piece, separate heater blower is nicely done.

The *chassis* is comprised of nineteen pieces. Although the castings appear a little heavy, it appears that it should build up nicely. There is no detail on the wheel backs as the kit includes wheel retainers to allow them to roll. This will disappoint the superdetailers out there.

The *interior* is platform-style (*thank you, Lindberg*), with separate side panels. I would have preferred to see separate, chromed interior door and window handles. There are no ejector pin marks in the carpeted floor. Total parts count is ten. The dashboard is nicely, although faintly engraved. Decals are provided.

The *body* appears to be well proportioned to me. I especially like the fuel filler detail, although it will be obscured when the license plate door is added. The molded on emblems are very faint, but this would appear to be in scale. Lindberg has included decals for the emblems as well.

The body includes separate, chromed door handles, hood ornament, and side spears. The nice touch is the casting of the side chrome with the sprue attachment points on the underside of the part. This will make these areas much less noticeable when installed. I think Lindberg should be applauded for this well thought out decision. I wish other members of the "Little Three" would take think like this into consideration when designing molds.

Other features are nicely done *dual exterior mirrors* and *spotlights*. Especially welcome are the interior handles for the spotlights (*nice touch, Lindberg!*). If you look very closely at the box art, you may see a *continental kit* peeking over the trunk. This is included in the kit. I cannot recall having seen this type before. The Continental kit is a non-functional (meaning no tire inside) add-on which does not require a rear bumper extension.

I'm very pleased with this kit as a whole. I can't wait to see what comes from the aftermarket manufacturers in response (*Hey, where's the photoetch?!*).

*Review sample provided by Matt Guilfoyle*

### AFTERMARKET REVIEW

*Modelhaus: 1959 Dodge convertible; \$77.00 with open hood, convertible boot, and optional Dodge D-500 engine with transmission (\$5.00)*

This kit accurately depicts the *Dodge Custom Royal Lancer convertible* (*Ed. Note: Say that three times fast!*)

Included are the body, hood, convertible boot, chassis assembly, wheels, wheel backs, tires, and a tub-style interior with separate dash and steering wheel. The windshield is vacuformed clear plastic. There is also a firewall and radiator plate. The chrome pieces include front and rear bumpers and separate tail lights with clear red inserts.

This resin kit is available with either a convertible boot or an uptop. Also available is a promo style kit (*boot or uptop*), with the hood molded closed and an engine plate molded to the chassis. The prices do vary some between options and kits, so check the latest catalog.

My kit was cleanly molded with no pinholes. I did have to do some additional cleanup of mold lines left over from the original promo. The hoods required sanding to sit flush in the opening. Be careful to check the fit of the front grille before making any modifications to the hood or opening. The promo this kit was mastered from does exhibit some gap in the fit there, which is more pronounced when the hood is removed. There is less rigidity at the front of the fenders, so some warping and bowing may be evident.

The standard Johan-style front suspension torsion bars in my kit were cast so far off register (*the halves don't match*), that I elected to make my own from plastic stock. No axles were provided, so these were also made from stock.

The kit includes Modelhaus T-400 tires, which are from the Revell-Monogram 1959 Cadillac kits. These tires include whitewall inserts, and are quite nice. The four-bar Lancer wheel covers are very nicely done. It is hard to believe that these Lancers look much better detail-painted, but they really stand out! It's well worth the extra effort. You will have to drill out the axle holes on the chassis, so take some extra time there to get the 'right' look (*For Ron Hamilton, that of course, means lower!*).

The interior is a shallow, promo-style tub. There isn't a lot to work with, but it looks OK when done.

The optional D-500 twin-carb engine is standard Johan stuff, so, I don't need to beat that dog. You will have to saw off part of the top of the transmission to get everything to fit (*but, it's no great loss!*). I must be possessed by demons, because I actually added plug wires to my engine. It does help some.

If you like 50's cars, this is a good addition to any collection that doesn't require a lot of work.

*Review sample provided by Matt Guilfoyle*

## BITS & PIECES

- Kudos!! Thanks to *Matt Guilfoyle* for holdin' up the *reputation* of *MAMA's BoyZ!* Matt, an *'infrequent builder (not by choice!)*, was *the only MAMA's Boy to get his models featured in the recently-released Scale Auto Contest annual. Waytogo, Mattster!*
- "We've Moved!" *Pro Custom Hobbies* can now be found in the *Freedom Village Center* in Eldersburg, MD. The phone number is (410)549-9169.
- "Stop acting like a 10-year-old!" Yup, you guessed it. Our group has been at it *going into our 10th year!* Who'du thunk it 'way back when we started playing around that we would exhibit this kind of staying power?! Are we still havin' fun? You be the judge! If all goes well, we should be *holding elections* this month.
- "Don't try this at home!" How about trying a little experiment for the entire year of 1998. *Why not bring in some of your oldest models still around?* In that way, we can see how we have improved our individual skills with time and each other's help!
- More Kudos! *George "Four Barrels, Four speeds, & Horsepower" Bojaciuk* has a *Musclecar book* coming out later this year in which he *credits MAMA's BoyZ*-thanks, George!
- Rumor mill!! The '98 releases are barely rolling in yet, and already *rumors are flyin'* about more new stuff, regarding *AMT's new '62 SD Catalina*. Specifically, several other versions to follow the stock SD. Rumors include *'Fireball' Roberts' stock car*, *Arnie "The Farmer" Beswick's drag racer (Yeah!)*, and a *'62 Grand Prix*. Kinda makes sense, don't it? *Here's hoping!*
- "Can I give you a hand?!" *Jim Rankin* got tripped up by a *plastic foot*. He drove around town with a *fake foot hanging out the back of his car*, until he ran into (not literally) a *University of Texas police officer who didn't have a sense of humor*. Rankin filed a formal complaint against *Sgt. Chris Myers*, who after spotting the foot is accused of *handcuffing him* and *waving a gun in his face!* Rankin said, *"That foot's fake. It's plastic"*, to which officer Myers replied, *"We don't know that yet."* Then, the officer touched the foot and said, *"That's a sick, sick joke. That's disgusting."* Officer Myers said, *"I'm very cautious about that because it's not unusual to find body parts in a vehicle."* *Maybe he ought to go back to his cruiser and retrieve his brains?!*
- Vice President Turner?! Not *MAMA!* Rex was just recently elected VeeP of the *National Capital Region Mustang club. Congrats, Rex!*
- Bigger is better! A December, 1997 issue of *Autoweek* had an *Opel GT show car* for sale to the highest bidder. What's so special about this, you ask? It was equipped with a *1,200 hp Allison aircraft engine!! More Power! Argh! Argh!*
- Fish story! Marine Artist *Christian Riese Lassen* recently *custom-painted* his purple 1994 Lamborghini Diablo. The paint scheme now includes, *10 more or less full-sized dolphins swimming around in the purple paint. "The Diablo is a masterpiece of automotive engineering, while the Dolphin is one of the world's most evolved creatures,"* he's quoted as saying. He's listed the car for *sale at only \$750,000*, but so far, no takers. Thanks again to *Autoweek*.
- "I need to hit the ATM." How many times have some of us said these very words? Well, a guy in *Bellview, Florida* took them literally! And the score is *ATM-1, Crook-0*. This guy backed a truck through a glass storefront, wrapped a towchain around the ATM, and gunned it. The bolts holding the ATM to the floor of the *Wahlgreen's drug store* eventually broke loose, but there was another *'small' problem-the money machine was apparently too heavy to lift into the truck bed!!* Consequently, the driver had to flee empty-handed. Damage to the machine was estimated at about \$30,000, with an additional \$10,000 to the store.
- "I'd drive a mile to hit a camel?!" Seems as though late in the month of December, a man driving on Route 50 near the Eastern Shore *hit and killed a 600-pound camel* which was part of a live Nativity scene. The camel apparently got loose, and the driver of the car, *Vinit Moody* of Columbia, saw the dark shape of the camel running into the headlights. His first reaction was, *"How in the Hell is a camel on Route 50 in the United States of America?! You only see a camel in the zoo!"* Thankfully, the two people in the car suffered only minor injuries. *Can you imagine the reaction of this guy's insurance company?!*
- More meeting dates! Here are the *1998 dates for Mark Wheeler's club, "Our Model is Christ"*: January 11th, February 8th, March 8th, April 5th, May 3rd, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, and December 13th. The meetings are held at the First Christian Church on

320 Oak Manor Drive in Glen Burnie, MD from 2-5 P.M. in the Fellowship hall. For info, call (410)761-3863 or (410)551-4230. Bring a friend!

### COMING EVENTS

- *January 25th-Super Sunday diecast collector's toy show* at the fire hall in Shrewsbury, PA from 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. For info, call Joe Golabiewski at (410)592-5854 or Carl Daehnke at (717)764-5411.
- *March 1st- Chesapeake Miniature Vehicle Collector's club's 35th Collector's toy show* at the fire hall in Shrewsbury, PA.
- *March 7th- The Birmingham Classic NNL Model Car Show and Swap Meet* sponsored by the *Magic City Modelers* and *IPMS Birmingham*. Themes are *any vehicle that is lowered (we're talkin' on da ground!)*, and *weathered vehicles (a.k.a. 'Down and Dirty!')*. For show info, contact Tommy May at (205)591-8038 or write Magic City Car Modelers at 5605 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Birmingham, AL 35222. For Vendor info, contact Dan Morgan at (205)739-1819 or write Magic City Car Modelers at P.O. Box 988 Cullman, AL 35056.
- *March 11th- Toy show* at the Stony Creek Democratic club on Fort Smallwood road in Pasadena, MD.
- *March 14th- MosquitoCon VII Model Contest* at the Wayne PAL Hall in Wayne, NJ. The main contest theme is "The Post-war dream, 1946-1956". Other awards will be made for: Best Mosquito theme, Small air force theme, and Tailhook. Adults-\$6, 17 and under-\$4, walk-ins-\$3. First five models entered free, additional models \$.50 each. For vendor and contest info, contact Bob Ladura (732)360-9733 or (732)360-9634, or Ron Dobrzelecki at (973)340-3650.
- *March 22nd- Toy show* at the Gilbertsville Fire Hall.
- *March 28th-12th Annual NNL East* in memory of John Slivoski from 9:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. at the PAL building on Baldwin Road in Parsippany, N.J. Themes this year are "*King of the Street*" which will include an award for the *best AMC big block car, best Ford big block car, best GM big block car, and best Mopar big block car*. The other theme is "*King of the Road*", an award for the best model of a *heavy, diesel-powered big-rig truck*. For general info or flea market spaces, call Ken Walkley at (201)641-0344, or E-mail at TSSMCCKJW@aol.com.
- *April 5th- Capital Miniature Vehicle Auto Collecting club's Spring '98 meet* at the fire Hall in Dunn Loring, VA from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. SASE for info to James William Brostrom 6632 Cardinal Lane, Annandale, VA 22003.
- *April 24th & 25th-7th Annual Mid-Atlantic NNL model car show and swap meet* sponsored by the *Maryland Automotive Modelers Association* at the Ruhl Armory in Towson, MD from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Themes this year are *'1967' Cars*, and *50's Customs*. For vendor info, contact Norman Veber at (410)768-3648, and for show info, contact Lyle Willits at (410)796-2768, or e-mail him at MAMAprez@aol.com.
- *May 1st to 3rd- The North American Model Car Championship* at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48152, (313)464-1300, or (800)465-4329. For info, send *two first class stamps* to Contest Headquarters, 205 East Hibbard Road Owosso, Michigan 48867, or E-mail siegman@shianet.org.
- *June 7th-Twenty-fifth Annual Antique and modified Chevrolet Car show and flea market* at Sport Chevrolet in the Montgomery Auto Sales Park on US 29 & Briggs Chaney road. For info, call Jack Thompson at (301)384-1932, or Maureen Blades at (301)262-5148.
- *December 5th & 6th-9th Annual Street Cars of Desire Car show and Automotive flea market* at the MD state fairgrounds, Cow Palace in Timonium, MD. Call (410)876-3842 (until 9 P.M. .S.T.) for further info.

### CLASSIFIEDS

**WANTED-** Magazine articles or what have you on *Arnie 'The Farmer' Beswick's racing Pontiacs*. Will carefully copy and return! Contact Tim Sickle at (301)249-3830.

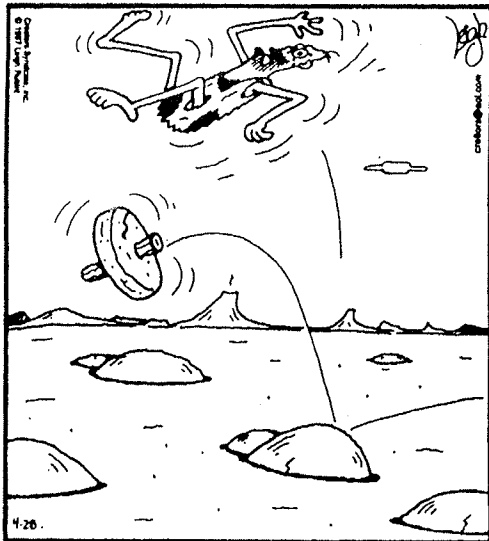
**FOR SALE-** Magazines-*HOT ROD*, November '88 thru October '95 (complete), and September '87, as well as *Car Craft* August '89, November '89, October '94, December '94; *Popular Hot Rodding* June '88-\$1.00 per issue. See Tim Powers at a club meeting, or call him at (410)255-3976.

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

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

**WANTED-** Old redline Hot Wheels cars, buttons, accessories, tracksets, catalogs, Georgia Highway Patrol police car pictures, Monogram show gum cards. Contact Kenneth King, 2803 Dee Peppers Drive, Knoxville, TN 37931 or e-mail to [cking@usit.net](mailto:cking@usit.net).

**RUBES/LEIGH RUBIN**



Not long after the wheel came the discovery of the speed bump.

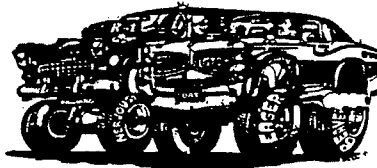
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He was devastated. It was a John Deere letter. His tractor of 20 years had left him.

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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