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by: "GTO"

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Well gang, the May meeting had about 34 people in attendance. The hot topic of conversation (*again!*) had to be our *NNL show*. Except, this time, we were talking about *themes for next years' version!* After the smoke had cleared, It appears as though the *1999 themes for our show will be 'Media Cars' (Movies, TV, and Songs), and 'Decade cars' (Cars which end in '9'-i.e., 1929, 1939, 1949, etc.).* So, if we've hit a nerve with this theme, drag out that *'29 Ford, '49 Merc, 'Knight Rider' T/A, or 'A Team' van,* and get busy! Our next show is just around the corner! Now, we all need to keep an eye out for the *event coverage,* because, by now, it should be in Kirk Bell's very capable hands!

We also decided to work on a *theme build* for the month of *September.* Anyone in attendance at this month's meeting knows it was a knock-down, drag-out battle, but in the end, *Flatheads* was victorious. Anything with a flathead in it I guess, would qualify for space on the table in this special theme for September. So, again, get busy on that *Flathead Flyer!* After these two sessions, our own *'Founding Father', Norm Veber,* was *ecstatic.* Seems as though he has been pulling for the Media Car class for several years, and the Flathead special was just icing on the cake! *Whatcha gonna build, Norm?*

The raffle raised *\$68.00 (as well as \$21.00 from the box).* The club would like to thank the following raffle donors: *Mike Hemp, Ron Bradley, Max Wolfthal, Ron Palmer, Rich Wilson, Jim McGuinness, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. Of MD.* Special thanks also go out to those listed below:

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The club would also like to extend a *very special thanks* to *George Bojaciuk* for his very generous donation of the *Franklin Mint '70 Chevelle SS diecast,* which raised *\$99.00* in a special raffle. *Thanks, George!*

'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.

SNEAKIN' A PEEK!

This column appears 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 more detailed review to follow at a later date (*hopefully!*). We'll see how it goes! How about this, gang? To better identify possible kit reviews, at the end of the item on the kit, the words 'Available' or 'Not Available' will appear. Obviously, any kit which is available may be reserved by a club member with a simple call to the Editor. Conversely, a kit which is 'Not Available' was either already reserved by someone, or was something new inserted by yours truly, and paid for with my hard-earned moolah! (*Ed. Note: The kits are listed in no particular order*):

- #26 'Cheerios' Taurus (*Revell-Monogram #2553*): Molded in White....reissue of excellent 'Exide' Taurus, with Cheerios graphics.
- "Dupont" Monte Carlo (*Revell-Monogram #85-1702, 1/32nd Snaptite*): Molded in Red....Reissue of earlier Monte Carlo, including chrome wheels....peel and stick vinyl 'Dupont' markings. (*Available*)
- Vette Agin (*Revell-Monogram #85-2536*): Molded in white....modified reissue of '53 Corvette....custom front fender vents and molded-in sidepipes....platform-style interior w/new seats, and drop-in door panels....Goodyear ZR40-series tires with 5-spoke Torque Thrust-style mags....choice of stock fuel-injected or 2 4-barrel V-8 engine. (*Available*)
- '66 Pontiac GTO (*Revell-Monogram #85-2537*): Molded in white....very nice tri-power 389 V-8....Rally I wheels w/open slots....platform-style interior, w/separate chrome console, 4-speed shifter, and wood wheel....open hood scoop....nice, crisp body molding....decals include Pontiac floor mats, black and white stripes, redlines for tires, all emblems, and (3) sets of plates.
- '57 Corvette Deluxe kit (*Revell-Monogram #85-6669*): Molded in Red....reissue of the '57 'Vette kit w/3 paint tubs-aluminum, satin black, and tan, along with a paintbrush, and a tube of Ambroid cement. (*Available*)
- 'Highway Scenes' '37 Ford w/Drive-in diorama (*Revell-Monogram #85-7800*): Molded in white....reissue of '37 Ford....heavy cardboard Drive-in included....again, same excellent period decals as in earlier issues. (*Available*)
- 'Highway Scenes' '69 Talladega w/Diner diorama (*Revell-Monogram #85-7803*): Molded in white....unchanged reissue of '69 Talladega....heavy cardboard Diner included....same excellent period decals as in earlier issues. (*Available*)
- '41 Plymouth (*AMT #6184*): Molded in Lt. Gray....choice of stock, flathead 6-cylinder, or a street rod V-8....choice of stock wheels, mounting on new Firestone tires, or custom wheels mounting on Goodyear GSC tires....10-piece front suspension, 5-piece rear (*not counting the metal axles*)....upper/lower radiator hoses....two styles of bumpers-stock, and smooth....separate ribbed running board surface....decals consist of double white pinstripes for wheelwells, and 3 sets of (*undersize*) license plates-'HV721' PA, 'MY-041' DC, and '26-551' AR, all vintage. (*Available*)
- "Kellogg's" Monte Carlo (*AMT/ERTL #6297*): Molded in Lt. Gray...apparent reissue of earlier Monte Carlo, still including incorrect chrome wheels....up to date "Kellogg's" graphics, including associate sponsors. (*Available*)
- 'Kodak Film' Monte Carlo (*AMT #6299*): Molded in Lt. Gray....apparent reissue of earlier Monte Carlo, still including incorrect chrome wheels....'Kodak' graphics are at least up to date. (*Available*)

- 1968 El Camino SS396 (AMT #8017): Molded in Lt. Gray....nice, apparently new multi-piece fat block V-8....separate chassis w/multi-piece front and rear suspensions....5-piece separate cargo bed....molded-in vinyl roof....Chevy Rally wheels w/open slots....backing plates have some drum detail on 'em!....platform-style interior, w/console and chrome 'Horseshoe' shifter....radiator, heater, and A/C hoses present....clear headlight lenses, clear red tail light lenses....license plates (*undersize*)-'3 9 6' GA, '3 4441' WY, and '62 9972' IN plates (*all vintage*).
- '70 Monte Carlo SS454 (AMT #8060): Molded in Lt. Gray....454 big block V-8....platform-style interior, separate chassis and floorpan....Chevy Rally wheels w/open slots....dual exhausts....separate fender skirts....multi-piece front and rear suspensions....(3) sets of license plates-'70 SS' OH, 'SSMC' OR, and '70 STOCK' CO (*vintage, still somewhat undersize*).
- Hard Hat Hauler (AMT #8248): Molded in Lt. Gray....triple-blown 426 Hemi V-8....2-piece plastic tires-"Good 'N' Rich" slicks out back, and "Fire 'N' Brimstones" skinnies out front mount slotted mags, w/optional smooth discs....9-piece fork lift....chrome helmet 'roof' and mag wheels, despite box art car. (*Available*)
- 1957 Bel Air (AMT #8315): Molded in Lt. Gray....(5) Wide Whitewall tires, one mounting a steel rim for the trunk, the others mounting hubcaps w/separate knockoffs...choice of carbureted or fuel injected 283....9-piece front suspension, 8-piece rear suspension....6-piece exhaust system....chassis separate from floor pan....platform-style interior....separate inner fender panels, air ducting beneath hood....opening hood and trunk, separate fender skirts....separate chrome door handles, wipers, antenna, outside mirror, bullets, scripts, and Vees....hood subassembly is 8 pieces by itself!....clear head and parking light lenses....decals include 'Chevrolet' scripts, displacement and underhood decals, jacking instructions, and (*undersize*) vintage plates-'TAILFIN' WA, and 'ICON' MA. (*Available*)
- 1957 Chevy Bel Air 'Pro Shop' Series (AMT/ERTL #8455): Molded in White....seemingly the same kit as AMT #8315, with exception of added parts consisting of a photoetch set, chrome foil (*seemingly missing in this kit*), ignition wiring, and rubber heater and radiator hoses....several underhood decals, along with two sets of plates-'ULTIMATE' CA, and '57 CHEV' IND, both '57 vintage.

[Note to all concerned: It has been brought to my attention of late that there is a potential problem with regard to the review articles published in this newsletter. Let me give you a little background on this subject. The model manufacturers (AMT/ERTL, Revell-Monogram, and Lindberg) all attempt to send our club current releases in exchange for our critiques on what we liked and didn't like about them. That means that we need to get written reviews published in the newsletter in a reasonable time frame to accomplish this. If you will recall, I have stood up at recent club meetings to enlist the aid of the members in attendance to get kit reviews. At present, Ron Hamilton has done more than his fair share of reviews. In the past, Lyle Willits also did his share of reviews, as well as yer Fearless Editor. If anyone wishes to see reviews written by someone else (or take a crack at it themselves), they need to contact me, in order to determine which kits are available for review. I don't have the time to chase anyone down and browbeat them for a review. Rest assured though, if you take a review sample, I will be your worst nightmare if I don't get a review within a reasonable time (right, Leonard?). You may also rest assured that if you take a kit for a review, and do not return it within a reasonable time, that you will not receive another!]

1968 EL CAMINO SS396

(AMT/ERTL #8017; 1/25th scale; new tool; 97 pieces; Lt. Gray, chrome, clear, clear red, vinyl tires)

When AMT/ERTL made the announcement that they would be releasing a new tool of the 1968 Chevrolet El Camino SS396, I was, to say the least, very excited at the prospect of building the model immediately upon its release.

First of all, when I saw the box art model depicted on AMT/ERTL's newly redesigned boxes, much like the '70 Monte Carlo, it was Ugg-Lee! I'm sorry that I cannot put my opinion any other way. The model appears to have been rushed together, and the detail painting appears sub-par. The saving grace about the box is the fact that they at least chose to use actual photos of the model.

When you open the box, you will notice AMT/ERTL's normal light gray plastic, with gray and chrome parts separately bagged. Unfortunately, the glass and tires are not.

The 20-piece *engine* is an excellent depiction of Chevrolet's 396 V-8 with a *Turbo 400 automatic transmission* attached. The engraving is clean, and texture is excellent. Judging from the use of the *Holley 780 cfm carb, open element air cleaner, and chrome valve covers*, it appears to me to be the 375 hp version of this engine. The engine includes an A/C compressor, power steering pump, and alternator with upper bracket. A few aftermarket items will bring this unit to life. The only drawbacks I have found with the engine are that the fuel pump is molded to the block, and the transmission pan will have a seam down the middle, as it is not a separate piece. Aside from these minor problems, this unit is excellent.

The *wheel and tire combination* is the *Chevy Rallye wheel* along with *G70-15 Goodyear Polyglas bias-ply blackwall tires*. The wheels are excellent in that all they need is a little detail paint to bring them out. The wheel back detail is excellent, due to the fact that the drum brake detail is molded in. Even though the tires are not correct, they do look good, and they beg for red or whitewall detail. If you do not have access to a bow compass to apply this feature, see Norm Veber (*Replicas & Miniatures Co. Of MD*) for a set of his resin tires with the stripe of your choice.

The *interior* builds up from the floorboard with separate 2-piece bucket seats, with accurate upholstery detail, a center console with the '*stirrup*' shifter, a well-detailed dashboard with brake and emergency brake pedal suspended from it, the 3-spoke custom steering wheel, 2 well-engraved door/side panels, and the structural brace across the rear. The only problems I found with the interior assembly are the abundance of feed tabs on the floor, which would be easily covered with flocking, and no turn signal or tilt wheel stalks (*these could be made from plastic rod*).

The *6-piece bed assembly* incorporates the rear cab panel and fuel tank. This is very good for the builder, in that it allows a good coat of paint on the floor and sides prior to assembly, for a better appearance.

There is a *separate frame assembly*, which seems to be the new standard from AMT/ERTL, and it is handled very well, as the others were. The bed assembly and interior mount positively to the chassis by way of pins and holes on both assemblies. There is a 4-piece dual exhaust system, an 11-piece rear axle assembly, and a 7-piece front suspension system. Even though the front suspension is non-posable, these assemblies are very well detailed, and go together easily with careful assembly.

The *body's* proportions seem to be right on the money, and the detail is very good. All the emblems are crisp, and in the right place. The bumpers and glass fit very well, again using holes and pins. The body features vinyl roof detail molded to it, with a very light grain detail. In my opinion, the seams seem a little thick, and need to be lowered to look accurate. A few minor foibles present on the body are as follows:

- molded in door handles
- positive locators for the door mirrors
- sink marks on roof sail panels and front fenders
- bad chrome-clear coat reaction

These items are minor, and most modelers should be able to resolve them during assembly if they so choose. *Underhood detail* consists of the heater hoses, A/C plumbing, windshield washer jar, battery, power brake booster and reservoir, and radiator hoses.

I have taken the time to compare this kit with the original '69 *El Camino*, and the '69 *SS396 Chevelle*, and can honestly say that this kit is superlative in every way. It looks very good, and I highly recommend it. By the way, I believe that my model will turn out a lot better than that box art model.

By: Ron Hamilton

1998 CAMARO Z28/1998 FIREBIRD RAM AIR

(Revell-Monogram #2538 and # 2539 respectively; Modified reissues, 90 pieces, plus decals for each car)

It has been a few years since Revell-Monogram has marketed the current year *GM Pony 'sister' cars*, the *Chevy Camaro* and the *Pontiac Firebird*, even though their competitors from Dyersville have offered kits of each car on an annual basis, until now (*no 1998's from AMT/ERTL as of this writing*). I decided to review the two kits together, as they share many of the same parts, much like their full-size counterparts.

The parts common to each car include the engine, chassis, and basic interior assemblies. The unique parts to these cars are the bodies (*obviously!*), wheels, and interior parts, such as the seats, door panels, dashboards, and steering wheels.

As in past issues of these cars, there exists a very well-engraved pan chassis. However, on the real cars, the chassis is primer gray with the body color fogged on the edges where the quarter panels are painted, due to their construction process. And there are no chrome exhausts on either car, even though the Firebird has polished pipes. These kits are pretty true to their full-size counterparts, in that they are crisply engraved, and very well detailed, but there are a few problems in Paradise.

The *LS-1 engine assemblies* for both cars are crisply engraved, and once assembled, will yield a convincing replica, just exercise care in painting. These engines are aluminum, and with the exception of the oil pan, rocker covers, intake manifold and accessories, which are satin black, the block, heads, and transmission should be painted with a non-buffing metalizer aluminum paint with a black wash to bring out the details.

Both cars include Revell-Monogram's 16" *Goodyear GS-C tires*, but only the Z28 has an accurate tire and wheel combo, as the Firebird is equipped with 17" wheels and tires with the Ram Air package, therefore, the tires on the 'Bird appear a little short. The suspensions have very nicely-engraved detail, and even though the front suspension is not posable, it looks more than passable.

The *interiors* on both cars are well-engraved and accurate for their respective bodies.

When working with the *body assemblies* on both cars, you'll find that the front and rear bumpers are somewhat fiddly in their attachment.

Now, the Camaro will build into an accurate replica from the kit parts, but the Firebird is another story. There are no '*Trans Am*' markings evident on this car, even though the body represents the Trans Am version. Revell-Monogram has always properly represented their Firebird models as either the Trans Am version, or the Formula version, but this model, as kitted, represents neither model properly. Does it look good? Yes, it does, but I do not care for the molded in T-top detail. I wish that they would have made the roof panels either solid or glass, in the fashion that AMT/ERTL does. For the most part, these are very nice kits, and should be good sellers. I wish that the Firebird was a Formula, then it would have been more accurate.

By: Ron Hamilton

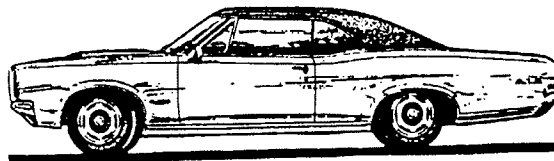
1966 PONTIAC GTO

(Revell-Monogram #85-2537; 114 pieces; white, chrome, clear, clear red, vinyl tires)

The car is molded in white as a *hardtop*, rather than a *coupe*, as was their 1964 *GTO*. Consequently, you don't have a choice as to how it will be built without a lot of scratchbuilding, to add the coupe window frames (*a convertible wouldn't be too hard to do, though!*). The molding is very crisp, with some cleverly disguised mold lines, which may present somewhat of a challenge to get rid of. The *hood scoop* is *molded open*, as if it was a Ram Air car. However, a carburetor ram air pan is not included. The hood hinges are molded separately. The tail light cove is molded to the body, and the tail lights are specific for left and right sides. The outside door handles, windshield wipers, and driver's door mirror are separate, chrome pieces.

The *interior* is platform-style, meaning the interior sides are separate pieces. The *console* is a separate, chrome unit, with a *chrome 4-speed shifter*, with '*HURST*' plainly legible on the shifter stalk. The car is also equipped with a *wood steering wheel*, which is chrome as well. Paint the rim, dull the spokes down a bit, and there you have it. The dashboard features *cutouts* for the *gauges*, which are on the *decalsheet*, and mount

The *chrome* and mount onto a tires. Included on the *decals*, along with *chassis* is a nice including a separate



from behind. *Rally I rims* have open slots, nice set of Goodyear F70-15 decal sheet are both *redline raised white letters*. The multi-piece unit, down to and steering box and shaft.

The *engine* is a twenty-five piece *tri-power* unit. It has a *separate coil, oil filter, power steering pump, starter, and chrome alternator bracket*. The *two-piece fan* has a separate, chrome clutch.

The front and rear windows are not connected by runners, as they used to be. The front window also features nice, *textured sunvisors* molded to it. Also included are *separate, clear head and parking light lenses, clear gauge face, vent windows, and interior dome light*. Oh yeah, the tail lights are molded in clear red.

The *decals* are pretty nice. They include all of the *GTO crests and scripts* if the builder wishes to remove the molded on items. Also included are the redline stripes, white-letter sidewalls, a nice, thin *double*

pinstripe in either *black or white*, *Pontiac floor mats*, and three sets of license plates, one of these being personalized California 'TRI POWR' plates.

The gang at *Revell-Monogram* affirmed their support for *Pontiac's GTO* in their press release (including prominent sponsorship of the model contest at the *GTOAA Nats in Atlanta*), relating the fact that their '64 *GTO* was one of their *best-selling kits*, most likely due to the fact that it was the first of its' breed, and they fully expect this new '66 *GTO* to follow in its footsteps. I see no reason as to why it won't be as successful, if not moreso! My only question to the folks at *Revell-Monogram* is-*what is next on the GTO horizon?* Maybe a nice '65 *hardtop*, or even a *convertible?* Write to *Ed Sexton, Revell-Monogram, 8601 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053-2211* and let 'em know exactly what you want-they listen!

by: *Tim Sickle*

BITS & PIECES

- "Show us your badge!" In East Hills, NY, Douglas Yee got upset at being *cut off by another driver on the Long Island Expressway*. He caught up to the guy, *flashed a fake badge*, and flagged him down. When the other guy pulled over, Doug went over to yell at him, but when he got there, there was a surprise waiting for him. The guy he flagged down was *Herb Daub*, a *Nassau county detective!!* He didn't take Doug's fake badge away (*strangely, it isn't illegal to have one!*), but Doug was arrested for impersonating an officer in front of an officer!
- 'Absolutely mint!' George 'Mr. 4-barrels, 4-speeds, and horsepower' *Bojaciuk* deserves our gratitude for his *support of our club* by way of the *donation* of the *recently-released Franklin Mint '70 SS396 Chevelle*. Oh, did I forget to mention that he now *works for Franklin Mint?* Yup, and like Uncle Sam, he wants us! Actually, he wants reality-based suggestions of *memorable diecasts* to be considered for the mint for *production!* (Ed. Note: *Any year GTO, natch!*). Put your suggestions in writing and mail 'em to *George Bojaciuk, Design Manager, Diecast, Franklin Mint, Franklin Center, PA 19091*. In a related vein, George, I see where *Danbury mint* is set to release a '69 *GTO Judge* in July!
- **Rumor Mill!** We discussed some *rumors* at the meeting, including possible kits of a '40 *Ford convertible*, '60 *Ford Starliner*, '70 *Ranchero*, '98 *Mustang Super Stallion*, '98 *Lightning pickup*, and a '64 *Chevy* from the gang outta Morton Grove. Well, seems as though the '60 *Ford Starliner* and '40 *Ford convertible* appear to be a go!! Word also reaches me about the new *R-M '48 Ford*. It is rumored to be *as good or better than AMT's recently retooled '57 Chevy!* It doesn't get any better than this, does it?!
- 'Firefighting-in scale!' The gang at *Matchbox* are at it again. "*The Official International Fire Engine Collection*" consists of six units-a *1904 Merriweather*, *1906 Waterous*, *1907 Seagrave AC53*, *1911 Mack*, *1912 Benz*, and a *1916 Ford Model T*. They are approx. 4 3/8"-5 1/4" in length, and cost \$37.95 each, plus shipping and handling. You can reach 'em at 1-800-858-0102 from 9 AM-9 PM Monday-Friday EST.
- "It's the real thing!" *The Premiere Matchbox Coca-Cola Collection (Hey, Larry!)* from *Matchbox*, that is!! This one includes a *1912 Ford Model T Van*, *1920 Mac AC truck*, *1930 Ford Model T pickup*, *1932 Ford Model AA truck*, *1937 GMC van*, and a *1957 Chevy pickup*, all decorated in the colorful 'Coke' colors. Interested? They cost only \$29.95 each, plus shipping and handling. You can contact 'em at the number above!
- **Still more diecast!** It seems like *Matchbox* is tryin' to corner the diecast market! Now, we've got The oldies but Goodies Collection. I'm not sure that I didn't already tell you all about this one, but here goes! For only \$19.95 each, you can get are eight 1/43rd scale replicas of some of the greatest 50's classics ever! Included are the *1955 Chevy Bel Air*, *1947 Chrysler Town & Country*, *1956 Ford Fairlane*, *1953 Cadillac Eldorado Sports convertible Coupe*, *1958 Nash Metropolitan*, *1948 Desoto*, *1959 Chevy Impala*, and a *1958 Buick Special convertible*. Look for the number elsewhere in the newsletter.
- **Memories!** Dave Wallace publishes a catalog of *over 1,000 nostalgic product selections*-all devoted to *rods, customs, and racers from 1920 to 1978*. To get one, send 3 bucks (*cash, check, or money order*) to *Good Communications Inc., P.O. Box 249, West Point, CA 95255*, (209)754-3697 (*phone*), (209)754-5521 (*fax*), or E-mail *goodcom@goldrush.com*.
- "Fill 'er up"! 'Self-Service gas station' is quite descriptive in the case of a *new station* being built in *Apex, North Carolina*. There will be *no employees on the premises*. From a command center, *station cameras* can be monitored, and if necessary, one of *20 video screens* can tell drivers their cards are

expired, or instruct them on how to use the pumps. Eventually, customers *won't need credit cards*-they can sign up for a *small radio frequency ID tag* which they can put in their windows, or wave at pumps. Also planned is an *automatic sensory system* to detect *gas thieves*. The president of *Lee-Moore Oil company*, *Truby G. Proctor, Jr.*, was among the first to use self-serve pumps. The down side of all this technology? With *no attendants*, there will be *no snack sales*, *no one to give directions*, and worst of all, *no bathroom available! And this is progress?!*

- "I didn't know that!" Wouldja believe that the reason that the car makers stopped putting those little *vent windows* in cars' front windows is that bigger single panes cost less, along with the additional benefit of being less attractive to car thieves. *Believe it, or stuff it!!*
- **Roundy-Rounders in Anne Arundel county?!** It is reported in the latest *Winston Cup Scene* (June 4th, 1998), that ground will be broken this fall for a *Baltimore, MD-area race track* which has been in the planning stages for 2 years. *Completion* is scheduled for the *year 2000*. The one-mile track seems to be a *combination* of *Pocono* and *Richmond* tracks. It will have 3 turns, with a tri-oval frontstretch (like *Richmond*). It will contain banks in the 12 degree range, and have a wide racing surface, according to Joe Mattioli III, who is heading the project. It will have a half-mile track, and a 1.8 mile road course in the infield. Mr. Mattioli seems to think it would be *nearly impossible* to get a *Winston Cup date* (but *wouldn't turn one down!*), but is very interested in the *Busch Series* and the *Craftsman Truck series*. *Guess we'll see!*
- **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

- *June 19th to 21st- Carlisle All-Truck Nationals* at the Fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- *June 21st- The 25th Annual Sully Antique Car Show* sponsored by the George Washington Chapter Inc. (Mount Vernon Region) of The Model A Ford Club of America from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at Sully Plantation in Chantilly, VA.
- *June 27th-All-Ford and Mustang club show* at Crystal Ford in Silver Spring, MD.
- *June 27th- The Superchargers Showdown* at MIR.
- *June 28th-11th Annual Mid-Atlantic Chevelle Show & Swap meet* from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. at the Big 'M' drive-in in Churchville, MD. For info, call Tom at (410)796-7725 or Rick at (410)879-7893.
- *July 3rd thru 5th-'Oldies 100', WBIG presents Gaithersburg Graffiti* at the Hilton Hotel in Gaithersburg, MD. *Fireworks! Drive-in movies! Sock Hop! Cruzin' in the streets! Cash prizes! Oldies bands indoors & out! Doo Wop groups! 50's collectible show!* To reserve a room for a 2-night stay, call (800)599-5111. Visit their *website* at *oldiesnostalgia.com*, or *E-mail* 'em at *LeadEast@aol.com*.
- *July 8th-Pro Street Invitational* at MIR.
- *July 10th to 12th- Chryslers at Carlisle* at the Fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA. Win a *'76 Feather Duster!*
- *July 19th-Fort Smallwood Park Rod Run Picnic* sponsored by *Vintage Tin of MD*.
- *July 24th to 26th- Summer Carlisle* at the Fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA. Win an *'82 Z28 Camaro!*
- *August 15th-23rd Annual Tobacco Trail Antique and Classic Car Show* from 7:30 A.M. (*Car Registration Flea Market*) to 3 P.M. (*Trophy & Award presentation*) at Allen Pond in Bowie, MD. Open to all *Antique, Classic, and Custom/Modified vehicles*. Flea market, first thru third place awards, long distance awards, picnic tables/shade trees, paddle boat rentals, and food and beverage available. For info, call Jim Scheidel at (301)855-8136. (*Fire extinguishers required in all vehicles*)
- *August 22nd-The Jet Car Nationals* at MIR.
- *August 22nd-Volunteer State Classic V Southern Fried NNL Model Contest and Swap Meet* presented by the Knoxville Scale Auto Modelers at the Smoky Mountain Convention Center in Pigeon Forge, TN. This years' theme is *Wet 'N Wild!* For info, contact Bruce Cloninger at (423)693-3496, or Bill Crowder at (423)983-3336, or E-mail *conceptone@worldnet.att.net*.
- *August 28th to 30th- Corvettes at Carlisle* at the Fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA. Win a *'78 Pace car!*
- *September 11th, 12th, & 13th-Flowmaster Pro Street Invitational* at Virginia Motorsports Park in Dinwiddie, VA, using *HOT ROD Magazine* rules.

- *September 12th-34th Annual Laurel Lions club Auto Show and Flea market* at Laurel Park, in Laurel, MD.
- *September 25th to 27th-7th Annual President's Cup Nationals* at MIR..
- *October 1st to 4th-Fall Carlisle* at the Fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- *October 17th-Beechwood Classic '98 Model Contest and Swap Meet* at Beechwood High School to benefit the Beechwood Athletic Boosters, 54 Beechwood Road, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. For info, send an SASE to Okey Spaulding, 935 Western Ave., Covington, Kentucky 410011, or call (606)581-3758 after 6 P.M., or E-mail Robbshelby@aol.com.
- *October 17th and 18th-5th Annual Ford Fever Classic* at MIR presented by Washington Area Ford dealers.
- *November 7th- 1998 NNL Southern Nationals* from 10 A.M.-4 P.M. at the Smyrna Community Center in Smyrna, Georgia. Main themes are '*Animal House*' (any car named after a Firebird, Barracuda, Viper, Impala, etc.) and '*Big, Ugly cars*' (If it's huge, hideous, and sucks gas, it's in!). For info, contact Paul Wehner 2459 Jacks View CT Snellville, GA 30078 (770)985-5953.
- *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- *Saleen-style rear wing* for *Mustang GT*. Contact Zoli Honeczy at (301)805-1149.

WANTED- *Removable hardtop from any XKE Jaguar convertible kit*. Also, complete BMW Isetta kit wanted (any manufacturer). Contact Tom Gunshannon at 579 Washington Avenue Larksville, PA 18651 (717)288-8888.

WANTED- (7) *Johan showcases*. Will trade for new Revell-Monogram cases. Also need a set of *Revell-Monogram Chevy Rally wheels*. Call Dave Lewis at (410)484-5070.

WANTED- *Pontiac parts (a man after my own heart!)*: '70 GTO tail light lenses, (2) sets of Rally II wheels, (1) set of 8-lug aluminum wheels, '69 Grand Prix rear bumper, chassis, parking and tail lights, (3) Pontiac engines, nose piece for a '65 Pontiac, and a front bumper, grille, and rear bumper for a '67 Corvette. All parts 1/25th scale, please! Call Joe Bush at (410)592-7926.

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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