



MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: "GTO"

(The Maryland Automotive Modelers Association is a chapter of the IPMS)

Well gang, the July meeting had about 45 people in attendance. It was again a very low-key meeting, where we discussed the resumption of our *Seminar schedule*. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for the proposed seminars. As a matter of fact, I was asked to inform you that in *September*, our own *Matt Guilfoyle* will be doing a seminar on *gold foil application*, while his 'cohort', *Ron Hamilton*, will handle the *chrome foil* portion of the seminar, so, be there! If there is something you wish to see which is not listed, please contact a club officer, and we will attempt to rectify that situation! Seminars should be starting back up in the September/October timeframe (*if memory serves me correctly, which sometimes, it doesn't!!*).

Look elsewhere in this newsletter for the *map* to the *picnic* in *September*. Also included is a *survey* from an acquaintance in the *Kentucky Automotive Model club, Okey Spaulding*. It is a *Johan reissue survey*. All you have to do is list your top *10 favorite reissues*, and then return it to Okey, who can then pass it on to the powers that be. Who knows, you might see something you want as a result!

Guess you may all have noticed the *different look* of the *newsletter* this month. Well gang, the answer is simple-*I'm still on vacation!* Working out of the house, some of the usual newsletter goodies I employ are at work, and I couldn't drag myself in to get 'em, so deal with it, and it will be back to normal shortly! By the way, hope everyone is hard at work on their *Flathead Projects* for the *September meeting!* If you are not building a Replica/Box stock kit, then our own *Norman Veber* has so many *Flathead items* in his voluminous product line-up, that you should have no excuses, so get busy!

The raffle raised **\$81.00** (*as well as \$26.00 from the box*). The club would like to thank the following raffle donors: *Mike Hemp, Ron Bradley, Ron Hamilton, Tim Powers, Clyde Bagley, Rich Wilson, Chad Shapiro (you know, the Junior award-winner at our show?), and Replicas & Miniatures Co. Of MD*. Chad contributed that dyno-mite milled aluminum oil pan in last month's raffle. This guy is so good, it's scary! Special thanks also go out to those listed below:

Tom Walsh,
The ERTL Company
Highways 136 & 20
Dyersville, IA 52040-0500

Ed Sexton/Bill Lastovich,
Revell-Monogram Models, Inc.
8601 Waukegan Road
Morton Grove, IL 60053-2295

'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.

1941 PLYMOUTH 2DOOR COUPE BUILDER'S REVIEW

[AMT- ERTL reissue 1/25 scale kit #6184 121 pieces, molded in gray with clear and chrome parts]

This kit has all stock parts plus a V-8 engine with headers and custom exhaust system. Tires are the standard Firestone for stock and Goodyear Eagle GSC P255X45ZR17 directionals for the custom. Included for the custom version are smooth bumpers and "custom wheel covers", which look very similar to '61 Plymouth wheel covers. There is very little flash, and nice sharp, clean parts.

The **body** has parting lines at the end of the drip rails and ones running from the headlight opening both vertical and horizontal. The front grill panel has to be glued to the body. You will need to trim the flange that fits behind the front fender to clear the headlight opening, glue this in place tight, the seam along the top of this panel should be smoothed in to the body as this seam is not part of the car. I was able to sand the seam out and did not need any filler.

The **flat head 6 cylinder engine** is nice but lacking a distributor, which is odd, it has a oil filler tube, a mounting bracket for the generator and what looks like a coil mounted on the fire wall, but no distributor. The **custom engine** was identified as a **340** on the instruction sheet from an older issue. (*it has a distributor*)

On the front crossmember where the radiator fits, the push pin marks need to be trimmed to allow the inner fenders and the radiator to fit against the frame. The bottom of the inner fenders needs to be reshaped also. The instructions show you to glue the interior tub to the chassis using the locator pins that fit into holes on four pads under the tub. If you do this, later when you put the chassis under the body it will not fit up in place and will "rock" between the front and back. If you remove the "pads" and trim the inner fenders so the interior can move forward a little it will fit nicely. When building mine I glued the interior tub into the body then glued the chassis into the body.

Little things I found were that the **hubcaps** are wrong, the ones on the wheels are in fact 1942 caps and lack the trim rims. The ridges you see on the flat part of the wheel should have been around the edge of the hubcap and the cap flatter to be a 1941 wheel. The **battery** is a 12-volt, not used until 1956. I am not sure about the antenna, it is shown on the right, all the pictures of old Plymouths I have, show it on the left, but I don't have a picture of a '41 with an antenna. The other problem is on the trunk. The instructions have it backwards, the trunk handle goes at the bottom of the trunk with the license plate on top. The tag light in on the top of the handle. You will also have to paint the taillights, they are plated, no red plastic here.

When complete you will notice the floor pan does not come all the way out to the running boards, a little sheet plastic will fix this.

I liked the model, I built it **stock** but might do a **hot rod** down the road. The deep door, trunk and vent lines looks like it is just begging to have the doors, trunk and vent opened.

-By: Harry "Lost in the 50's" Charon

[P.S. I might add that the built-up kit looked pretty good on the display table last month too, Harry!]

SEMINAR LISTING

Bare Metal Foil-Ron Hamilton

Gold Foil application-Matt Guilfoyle

Fear of Photoetch-Lyle Willits (?)

Interior Detailing

Door Hinges

Engine Detailing-Norman Veber

Paint Polishing

Airbrush Technique-Chad Shapiro

Restoration of a Built-up model

Decal Application

Scratchbuilding small details (*acetate windows, antennas, etc.*)

Building a resin kit/conversion

Tire Detailing

BITS & PIECES

- **Lightning strikes! Johnny Lightning**, that is! Several new sets are currently in the pipeline. The first of these is **Classic Gold**, due for release in July. It will include a '33 Willys gasser, '56 Chevy, '63 Impala, '65 Shelby GT350, Hurst

SC/Rambler, '69 Camaro RS, '70 Olds 442, '70 Cougar convert, '74 Olds, and an '87 Buck T-type. The next set is *Muscle Cars, Series 3*, due for release in August. It will include a *'65 Chevy II, '67 GTO, '68 Chevelle, '70 AAR Cuda, '70 AMC Rebel, '70 Torino, '71 Demon, '71 GTO Judge, and a '73 Charger* (Ed. Note: *I see they wised up and included not one, but two GTOs in this set!!*). The next set is *TV/Movie cars*. It will include the *Blues Brothers, Starsky & Hutch, Partridge family, the Monkees, Back to the Future, Andy Griffith, Dragnet, and Blues Brothers 2000*. And the final set is *Stock Car Legends*. It will include cars driven by *Mario Andretti, David Pearson, Pete Hamilton, Bobby Isaac, Marty Robbins, Cale Yarborough, Darrel Waltrip, Buddy Baker, and Rusty Wallace*. The last two are scheduled for release in September. Thanks to the Internet for the scoop.

- **Published Pony!** Seems as though our own *MAMA's Boy Rex Turner* had his screamin' yellow Mustang featured in the August issue of *Mustang and Ford Trader*-Waytogo, Rex!
- **A Real Good Humor man!!** A Hyattsville, Maryland man in a *Good Humor ice cream truck* was recently arrested after he *sold drugs* to a 16-year-old boy in nearby Annandale, VA, according to a recent front page article in the Prince George's Journal. Seems as though he had a quantity of *Marijuana* on ice along with the ice cream! After selling the drugs, he tried to drive away, but was quickly caught, as was the youth. Sounds like something out of a *Cheech & Chong movie!!*
- **Tanks a lot!** The army is offering a *\$2,000 reward* to anyone who can tell them where a *60-ton tank* was taken after it *was stolen* from a Fort Polk (*Leesville, LA*) firing range nearly two weeks ago! The obsolete M-728 combat engineer vehicle was on the base to be used for target practice, and has an inoperable *165mm turret-mounted gun*. Guess we'll be seeing this one on *America's scariest police chases* shortly, eh?!
- **Rumor Mill!** How does a *'53 Buick Skylark* strike you guys? Look to an 'upstart' model company for this one! Or, how about *snap kits* of *'32 and '34 Fords* (*No word on manufacturer*)? It gets even better! Rumors of a *'40 Ford convert, '41 Chevy pickup, '55 Ford Victoria* (*we could only hope for a Crown Vic!*), *'70 Torino Cobra 429, '57 Olds convertible, and a '66 Skylark* (*the latter two again from an 'upstart' company*) are still flyin'! And finally, word of one of *'The Little Three'* model manufacturers considering a *'58 Edsel*, which could be good news/bad news. The good news? Obviously, that they are considering an Edsel of any sort. The bad news? They may be looking at an *Edsel Pacer*, not the *much-preferred Citation*. For those of you whose buttons are pushed by Edsels, write the model companies and speak your minds before it is too late!
- **E-mail madness!** It has been brought up by several club members lately that perhaps in the next update to the *club roster*, that we should include *E-mail addresses* for those of you on-line. If you like the idea, you can E-mail your address to yours truly at *gtoguy@mindspring.com* (*surprised, huh?*).
- **MAMA plates!** Another MAMA's boy, *Clyde Bagley*, is attempting to have some *MAMA plates* made up for those interested. Basically, they would be in metal, and very similar to regular license plates, and will be reflective to boot! They will need to have the holes drilled in them, though. If you are interested, contact Clyde at 748 Kingston Road Baltimore, MD 21220, or call him at (410)687-9495. We started a list at last month's meeting for those interested. Price is dependent upon number of plates ordered (*i.e. the more ordered, the cheaper they are!*)
- **Cadillac Sportster?!** Recent stories in both the latest issue of *Motor Trend* (*August '98*) and the newspaper chronicle the development of a *Caddy Roadster* based on the mechanicals of the new *C5 Corvette*. Initially, it will be developed as a concept car, with production somewhere around the year 2002. What would they call it-A *Corvillac? Cadillette? Corvarado? Eldorette?!*
- **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

- *Aug. 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*)
- *Aug. 16th-Turbo Buick "Show-Off VIII" Car show* from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. (Rain or shine) at Phoenix Pontiac/Buick on Routes 23 & 724 in Phoenixville, PA. All V-6, Turbo V-6, and V-8 Buicks, & '89 Turbo T/A's (Buick-powered) welcome!
- *Aug. 22nd-The Jet Car Nationals* at MIR.

- *Aug. 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.
- *Aug. 28th to 30th- Corvettes at Carlisle* at the Fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA. Win a **'78 Pace car!**
- *Aug. 29th-2nd Annual All-Ford car & truck show* from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at Hagerstown Ford. Entry fee is \$8, with spectators admitted free. For info, call (301)842-2862 or (301)663-6903.
- *Sept. 11th, 12th, & 13th-Flowmaster Pro Street Invitational* at Virginia Motorsports Park in Dinwiddie, VA, using HOT ROD Magazine rules.
- *Sept. 12th-34th Annual Laurel Lions club Auto Show and Flea market* at Laurel Park, in Laurel, MD.
- *Sept. 13th-10th Annual Out of the Past Revue* at Spring Hill Recreation Center in McLean, Va from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. This show features scores of cars appearing in Vern Parker's **"Out of the Past" column** which appears each Friday in the *Auto Weekend section* of **The Washington Times**. The event is free, and refreshments are available. Or, spectators are free to bring picnic lunches.
- *Sept. 25th to 27th-7th Annual President's Cup Nationals* at MIR..
- *Oct. 1st to 4th-Fall Carlisle* at the Fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- *Oct. 10th- NNL Nationals #19* from 2 to 8 P.M. in conjunction with John Carlisle's Toledo Toy Show at the Lucas County Recreation Center, 2901 Key Street Maumee (*Toledo*), Ohio. **Themes** this year are **Wagons, Woodies, and Deliveries**. For info, send a #10 SASE to Rick Forrester, 4736 Porter Road North Olmstead, Ohio 44070.
- *Oct. 10th-Third Annual NUCAR Pontiac Show* sponsored by the GTO Club of Delaware, Inc. At NUCAR Pontiac.
- *Oct. 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.
- *Oct. 17th and 18th-5th Annual Ford Fever Classic* at MIR presented by Washington Area Ford dealers.
- *Nov. 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.
- *Dec. 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- (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:

Timothy C. Sickle
15905 Ark Court
Bowie, Maryland 20716
(301)249-3830

Norman F. Veber
317 Roosevelt Ave., S.W.
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061
(410)768-3648

The MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOC. Inter-club Picnic invites the CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA MODEL CAR CLUB & the MIDNITE MODELERS to join us.

Date: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1998 (There will be a regular monthly MAMA meeting on Sat., Sept 19, 1998.)

Time: 10:00AM til Sunset

Place: PATAPSCO VALLEY STATE PARK, AVALON AREA (See attached map for Pavilion #104 directions to the park.)

PARK RULES

Patapsco Valley State Park has implemented the "Trash Free Parks Program". We ask visitors to bring a sufficient number of high quality trash bags for collecting and removing trash. All accumulated trash must be bagged and removed from the park after your visit.

In each park area, there are accessible tables and facilities for the disabled. For more information contact park headquarters.

Park in designated areas only.

Alcoholic beverages may be consumed at the shelters or at picnic tables only. You must be 21 years of age or older.

Pets are prohibited.

Use of amplifier, loudspeaker, or other similar equipment is allowed by special permit only. Apply at park headquarters

Park opens at 10:00AM and closes at sunset.

Ballfields are on a first come, first serve basis.

Fees: Weekends & Holidays (March-October):
\$2.00 per adult - anyone between 16 and 62.
Children under 16 are free when accompanied by an adult.
Seniors 62 and over are free with a GOLDEN AGE PASS.
Buses pay the regular per person fees.

For any additional information or to make reservations, call 410-461-5005, Monday-Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM. DNR TTY for the Deaf: 410-974-3683.

JUMP START/ROBB ARMSTRONG



MAP TO PATAPSCO VALLEY STATE PARK - AVALON AREA, PAVILION # 104

