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Well gang, the September meeting had about 43 people in attendance. We all owe our thanks to the "Dynamic Duo" ("Odd Couple"?) of Ron Hamilton and Matt Guilfoyle for their presentation of the "Everything you always wanted to know about foil application but were afraid to ask" seminar, which included both bare metal foil and Matt Guilfoyle's newfound gold foiling techniques. Thanks a bunch, guys! We 'preciate it! See page two for further info on the gold foil!

This past month was also the *special Flathead theme month* which the club voted on. We had about half a dozen or so flathead-themed projects on the table, but I would a thunk we could had a lot more, what with 43 people in attendance. Oh well, go figure! By the way-I would like to thank the gang (Lyle) for the harass, ER encouragement over finishing my R-M '69 Judge and displaying it at the Flathead theme meeting!! I'd like to thank everyone involved for the encouragement and help necessary to get it done-it was much appreciated!

This month's *club picnic* at Patapsco State Park was decently attended, both by MAMA's BoyZ and our friends from the PA chapter. I am unsure as to whether or not anyone showed up from the Midnight Modelers. At any rate, A good time was had by all. There was plenty of food to go around, and it wasn't too hot. Thanks to those of you who contributed your time and food items to make this picnic a success! Some *'eye candy'* was on hand in the parking lot in the form of our *own Ron Bradley's* new *Street Rod. She's a beaut, Ron!* Also there was *Bill Geary's* old *Mercedes,* and yer fearless editor's *'68 GTO*, which is seemingly becoming a monthly feature at club meetings. Guess anyone who doubted its existence does so no longer!

As far as the monthly meeting goes, by now you should all realize that last month the club celebrated it's *Tenth Anniversary* of existence! *Time really does fly when you are havin' fun!!* We need to thank our own *Mike Hemp*, for the obligatory cake-it was pretty good, Mike! Next up, a big thank you to *Joe "The Hat" Atwell* and his cohort in crime, *Cathy Romano* for the awesum color covers on last month's newsletter! That was their contribution to the club-thanks, Joe and Cathy!! We also need to thank all of the club members who have donated not only raffle items for our monthly raffles which support the club, but also for donating their time and hard work as well (you all know who you are!). First and foremost of these would be...drum roll......Norman Veber, the guy responsible for starting this insanity! Thanks to Norman and his lovely wife Mary, for allowing him to get as carried away as he has! Thanks also to all of the local hobby shops, Cottage Industry businesses, and model manufacturers (AMT, Lindberg, Revell-Monogram, and Testors) for their continued support of not only our club, but also our annual NNL event. Without them, it would not be possible to be where we are at this point in time, and that is the largest-attended club in the United States! So, thanks to all! I just hope we can keep it up!

By the way, to the individual who may have purchased a new kit at the September meeting and forgot to take it with you, please contact Norman Veber.

The raffle raised 88.00 (as well as \$43.00 from the box). The club would like to thank the following raffle donors: Mike Hemp, Ron Bradley, Brad, Marty Oberman, Mark Mason, Jerry Frazier, Lyle Willits, Jim Reagan, yours truly, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. Of MD. Special thanks also go out to those listed below:

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

<u>'98 MEETING SCHEDULE</u>

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.

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

Seminar Update

Listed below are sources for the chrome and gold craft foil, which I used in my seminar at last month's meeting:

INKSPIRATIONS

1641 Route 3 North, Suite 103 Crofton, MD 21114 301-858-1422 or 410-451-5614 On-Line: www.inkspirations.com

TRIFLES Rubber Stamps

Fallston Mall 2315 Bel Air Road Routes 1 and 152 (Mountain Road) Fallston, MD 21047 800-839-8945 or 410-879-9862 On-Line: www.trifles.com

The foil is available in chrome (silver), gold, black, and other assorted colors on three-quarter inch by 10-foot rolls, and costs about \$3.25 per roll (a lifetime supply!). I would suggest calling ahead to ensure that they have what you want in stock. Ask for "artistic foil media." You may be able to find this, or a similar product, in a rubber stamp craft store near you, so check around!

By: Watt Guilfoyle

Helpful Hints from Matt

Our own *Norman Veber* brought to my attention a new paint discovered at *Hechinger's*. It is about the closest thing you are going to find to *chrome* in a *spray can*!! It is made by *Krylon*, and is called *Original Chrome*. You will find it with the craft paints, in a black and chrome can, about the size of *a Duplicolor* or *Plasticot*e can. An 8 ounce can retails for about \$2.85. I would suggest using a very good basecoat sealer *(such as Floquil Barrier)* as this paint is 'hot', and will attack the plastic!

1966 Chevy El Camino

(Revell-Monogram #7648; 1/25th scale; modified reissue; 111 pieces plus decals)

What's this? Two new models of the Chevy El Camino in the same year?! Well, yes! This kit is significant in that this is the first rendition of the 1966 model in this scale from a mainstream manufacturer. Revell-Monogram used their 1965 Chevy SS396 as the basis for this kit, and the result was pretty good.

The 21-piece *engine assembly* depicts the *325-horsepower version* of the *396 cubic inch V-8*, which was the only big block V-8 available in the El Camino for the 1966 model year. The well-engraved engine has separate pieces for the starter, oil filter, water and fuel pump, which is customary of late from this manufacturer. Curiously, with all the detail present that there are no brackets for the alternator. Superdetailers will no doubt go to the aftermarket to provide further realism, but for everyone else, this is a good basis.

The 15-piece *interior assembly* consists of an interior floor with the cab rear wall, separate door panels, console, 2-piece dashboard and bucket seats, the standard steering wheel with horn ring, and steering column. When these parts come together, a pretty good looking and accurate interior will result. Decals are used for the radio, and instruments for added realism.

The 8-piece *body assembly* includes the body shell with the bed and fenderwell detail molded in, separate clear windows, dome lamp, rear view mirror, and the heater and firewall wiring. Curiously, there are sink marks in the lower 'B' pillars, which must be filled for accuracy.

The *chassis pan* features separate upper A arms in a well-engraved, but simplified assembly, especially when compared with the separate floorboard/frame from the folks at AMT/ERTL. The exhaust system is separate, as is the front suspension, four coil springs, rear axle, sway bar, and shock absorbers. The brake drum detail is minimal, but in 1966, disc brakes were not available on the El Camino.

The *wheels and tires* consist of the optional full wheel cover, with a decal for the center emblem. Unfortunately, the *tires furnished* are *those hoary old Michelin TRX tires* that Revell-Monogram has put in many a kit. They have a beautiful Goodyear Polyglas tire, which is included in the '66 GTO and '69 Charger kits. Why not use these tires? They would be a much better choice.

As we continue on, we have the core support and radiator, with a separate, clear windshield washer canister and fan shroud. The master cylinder mounts on the firewall, as do the separate heater hoses. With the separate upper and lower radiator hoses, a very good engine compartment will result, with only the addition of the normal detailing parts to make it completely accurate.

The *final assembly* consists of the hood with separate hinges and trim, a separate hood latch plate, the grille/bumper assembly with separate, clear headlamps and turn signals, rocker panel trim, chrome tail light bezels, with clear red tail lights and clear back-up lights, separate door handles, windshield wipers, ands side mirror. Decals are utilized to cover the fine emblem detail, which, in my opinion, is too faint.

In summation, while the Revell-Monogram 1966 El Camino is not as finely detailed as the AMT/ERTL 1968 El Camino, it is very easy to assemble and accurate in its details. This is a very good kit, and a worthwhile addition to any collection. I applaud the inclusion of *the interior/exterior color matrix chart* using the *actual names*. Minor annoyances with this kit would be the placement of the mold lines on the roof, and the lightly-engraved front emblems. Overall, I recommend this kit to anyone who likes this car.

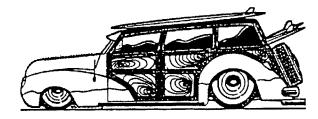
By: Ron Hamilton

Hobby Shop Dilemma!

After hearing of the closing of yet another hobby shop at our September meeting, I felt it would be an appropriate time to recognize our dwindling resources, as well as to urge modelers to patronize the remaining shops.

Within the past few years, we have seen 7 hobby shops (that I know of) close in Maryland alone. These shops have closed for a variety of reasons, generally due to a lack of business. They include:

- ✓ American Hobby Center, Bel Air
- ✓ Citywide Hobbies, Parkville
- ✓ Timonium Hobbies, Timonium
- ✓ Bobby's Hobby Lobby, Westminster
- ✓ HobbyWorld, Pasadena
- ✓ Annapolis Hobbycrafters, Annapolis
- ✓ Squadron shop, Wheaton



There have also been some new shops open that are actually expansions of existing businesses, most notably HobbyWorks in Gaithersburg and Hobby Town USA. Without the serious hobbyist's support of the remaining shops, we will continue to lose a most valuable resource!

By: Matt Guilfoyle

50th Anniversary F-150 pick-up combo set

('48 Ford F-1/'98 Ford F-150; Revell-Monogram #85-7654; 243 pieces; White, clear, clear red, vinyl tires)

Both of these models have recently been spotted as individual kits. Both are nicely done with great detail, albeit with minor exceptions. For a great deal of younger modelers, documentation is not readily available to them, consequently, they rely on the box art photos to build and detail their kits. The box art model of the '48 F-1 is the source of my biggest criticism. It is totally wrong for the following reasons:

- □ '48 F-1 grilles were Tucson Tan, not silver, and not chrome
- □ '48 F-1 bumpers were smooth and slightly curved from top to bottom
- □ '48 F-1 wheels were black
- ☐ All '48 to '52 F-1 seats were tan vinyl
- ☐ Ford flathead V-8's were painted a gray-green
- '48 to '50 F-1 pickup beds were steel, not wood
- ☐ Hubcaps should be silver, not chrome
- Taillight housings should be gloss black, not chrome

Engine: A nice, 20-piece unit, and quite possibly one of only two very nicely detailed Ford Flathead V-8's. The air and oil filter decals are a great touch, but the basic engine should be gray-green, not red. The carb and fuel pump should be dullcoated for realism.

<u>Interior:</u> A nice 14-piece unit. A few years back, a good buddy of mine owned a '51 F-1, so I can relate firsthand that 99% of this kit is dead-on accurate! The pedals *(all three of 'em)* are molded as a separate piece. The seat brackets are exactly right. The only correction I would point out is that the entire interior should be body color, with a tan seat and visor, while the dash gauges should be pale gold or platinum. No less than five decals make up the gauge cluster, a nice touch!

<u>Chassis:</u> The chassis is made up of 55 pieces. They include items such as separate leaf springs, shocks (even the rear shock mounts are separate pieces!), a tierod, drag link, and steering box. There are four radiator hoses (two uppers, two lower), a 2-piece horn, and a 3-piece radiator. The spare tire lacks lug nuts, and the tires for a stock pickup should be blackwall.

<u>Body:</u> The body is 40 pieces in all, and appears to be dead-on correct. It also goes together just as the real one does. The molding around the windows should be black rubber in color. Only the vertical posts between the side window and vent window should be chrome, and then only for the '48 model. There is a detailed 6-volt battery which gets a Ford oval decal, which mounts to the firewall. Detailers take note that this is a positive ground system. However, the heater is the most impressive part of this assembly. Not only does it feature correct engraving, but it also has ribbed hoses that route up to the windshield defrosters.

As mentioned earlier, Ford F-1's didn't return to wood floor pickup beds until the '51 model year. There is one set of decals provided for both models in this combo pack, but it's the coolest part of the kit. There are 8 different pairs of company logos, in full color, and 4 pairs and 4 single license plates. Light Commercial guys should **LOVE** this decal set!

<u>'98 F-150</u>

The '97 F-150 was reviewed here in 1996 upon its introduction. The '98 F-150 is unchanged, so I won't bother with an in-depth description. I built this kit last year, and I can say that it goes together very well with minor exceptions. The rear cab wall could use some tabs or something to provide more positive glue points, but patience and care will get the job done. Also, the 2-piece dash seems a bit odd and unnecessary. Assembly leaves a gap no matter what you do, so minor filling will be necessary. The chrome parts on the engine are not correct, so strip them and metalize 'em, or at least, dullcoat 'em. I felt that the headlight assembly was the most realistic ever done in scale. If you use chrome foil behind the taillights, they will look just as good. Contrary to the previous reviewer's comments, the color-keyed side mirrors and 17" aluminum wheels and tires are correct for this model. If you get a dealer brochure on this truck and check under "Features and Options", these two items are available on 4X2's, XLT's, and Lariat models as "preferred options." If you use a magnifying glass (the ravages of old age!), and check the quarter panel, the "XLT" is there. Dullcoat the wheels except for the center caps, subdue the grille bars, and you are faced with the best build-up of the new F-150 available from the "Little Three".

BITS & PIECES

- Rumor Mill continues! How does a '41 Chevy Pick up grab ya?! Still hearin' rumors of a new chopped '34 Ford street rod of the snap variety. And now, I'm hearin' about a '56 Chevy Del Ray 2-door. How about a '61 Chevy Impala convert, '63 Chevy lowrider, stock '64 Plymouth, late model Dodge police van, and a late model Ford Crown Vic Fire Chief's car? And another one which just reached me is a '57 Olds convertible, with a 'Petty' option. Betcha can't guess who might be doin' these!
- E-mail madness! Several club members have brought it up 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!)
- "Second Time's a charm?!" The DC Police recently pulled over a DC Housing Authority official for driving a stolen car. It turns out that it was stolen from him! Police found the car in Maryland after the officer reported it stolen. The officer got his car back, but the stolen vehicle report was never cleared from the computers. The officer was stopped, and, after showing his ID and proof of ownership, and having a colleague vouch for him, was allowed to leave with the car! Thanks to The Washington Times for this one!
- "Deer Michael!" The Maryland State Police are considering adding a new ticketable offense, PWI (Prancing While Intoxicated!), after a recent incident just off Route 18 near Queenstown. Around midnight, Sgt. Michael Maresca of the Glen Burnie barracks was headed home, when he spotted more than 10 deer crossing the road! About this time, 3 deer did approximately \$2,000 damage to his cruiser. One of them made off with his antenna, while the other two ran into the side of the car. Sgt. Maresca was visibly irritated; stating that if he were able to write a ticket, the deer would definitely be at fault! Thanks to The Washington Times for this one!
- "Van on the roof!" (Not to be confused with "Fiddler on the Roof!") A 4-year-old girl shifted a parked van into gear and took a ride that ended when the van stopped on a garage roof! Thankfully, no one was hurt in the bizarre accident on the steep hills of Cumberland. James Edward Kennell of Ridgeley, W. Va., had left his two children, ages 4 and 2, inside the van outside a co-worker's home. The van coasted down an alley, through a vacant lot, and across the flat top of a cinderblock garage, where it stopped with its front wheels dangling off the edge. The Fire Department was able to secure the van with ropes until a wrecker arrived to return it to the street. Thanks again to <u>The Washington Times</u> for this one!
- More new stuff! I received some info at our last meeting that there are rumors about the release of a '66 Chevelle hardtop from the gang at Lindberg next year. Believe it or stuff it! And on another front, the long-awaited Galaxy Chevy kits are rumored to be available by the end of October for around \$26.95. Wait and see.
- Thanks to MAMA! The Model Car Builders Museum has expressed their appreciation to the club for the additional support in the form of monthly rent check from MAMA's BoyZ, so pat yourselves all on the back for your efforts to preserve the history of our hobby!
- MCG On-line! Word reaches me that before long (late-October, I am told), our 'Bud', Bob Korunow (a.k.a. Model Car Garage!) will make his presence felt on-line!! Keep an eye out for Bob at www.modelcargarage.com, where you will soon find a fully illustrated website!
- Diecast Goat Revisited! Last month I spoke in error regarding the fact that *Danbury Mint had measured a fellow Royal GTO club members' Judge (Bob Coleman)* for their upcoming Judge. Talked with Bob at the Laurel car show, and Bob debunked that story. Sorry 'bout that!
- Strictly Stock returns! Actually not returns so much, but is reborn. It can now be found at www.strictlystock.com. The website is reformulated, much the same way the "new Coke" is, to use Larry Greenberg's analogy! Check it out!
- "Hog Heaven!" There is quite a bit of licensed Harley-Davidson merchandise hitting the shelves lately. First off, the gang at <u>Matchbox</u> are releasing a series of 6 tractor trailers advertising various 'hogs': A Kenworth Conventional touting the '29 H-D WL-45 cubic inch twin; a Peterbilt touting the '37 H-D 61 OHV Knucklehead; a Ford Aeromax touting the '57 H-D Sportster; a Kenworth Cab-over touting the '09 H-D V-Twin; another Peterbilt touting the '66 H-D Electraglide Shovelhead; and last but not least, another Ford Aeromax touting the '48 H-D 74 OHV Twin Panhead. They cost \$29.95 each, are collectively referred to as <u>The Harley-Davidson Milestones of Motorcycling Collection</u>, and you can get 'em by calling Matchbox at 1-800-858-0102.
- And still more Hogs! According to the latest issue of <u>The Blueprinter</u>, the gang at <u>AMT/ERTL</u> are releasing a line-up of <u>1/12th scale cold-cast porcelain Harley-Davidson sculptures</u> which will include: #64AO-H-D America "Loyal Friends", showing an owner wiping his hands, admiring a '49 Hydra Glide; #65AO-H-D America "Fishin", showing an owner resting up against a Sportster; #66A- H-D America "Eagle Lookout", showing an owner looking for Bald

Eagles, while one is sitting on the bike seat; #67A- H-D "Last Chance Café", showing 2 guys refueling their bikes, a Hydra Glide, and a Sportster; #68AO- H-D America "Tender Loving Care", showing a Fat Boy sitting by a fence, w/water and cleaning supplies; #80AO-H-D America "Anticipation", showing a Fat Boy sitting on the roadside w/helmet and jacket on the seat. These should be available in the November/December timeframe. Unfortunately, cost is not available.

• 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 a new location-The Christian Church of Christ, 8132 New Cut Road, Severn, MD 21144 (410) 969-0384. I understand the meetings are still held from 2-5 P.M. Bring a friend!

COMING EVENTS

- Saturday, Oct. 17th and Sunday, Oct. 18th-5th Annual Ford Fever Classic at MIR presented by Washington Area Ford dealers.
- Sunday, Oct. 18th- 26th Collector's Die Cast Toy Show from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Fire Hall in Shrewsbury, PA. Admission is \$2.00 per person, children under 12 free. For info, call Joe Golabiewski at (410)592-5854, or Carl Daehnke at (717)764-5411.
- Saturday, Oct. 24th-Great South Model Contest VI hosted by the IPMS Flying Tigers Scale Model Builders at John Curtis Christian High School, 10125 Jefferson Highway River Ridge, LA from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. For further info, contact Todd Enlund (504) 348-3104; for vendor info, contact Tyler Moore (504) 286-0234.
- Sunday, Nov. 1st- 57th Fall Meet sponsored by CMVCC from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Fire House in Fairfax, VA.
- Saturday, 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.
- Sunday, Nov. 8th-Maryland Toy Vehicle Collector's Show at the Stony Creek Democratic Club, 8123 Ft. Smallwood Road Pasadena, MD from 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Admission \$3, children 6 and under free. For info, call (410) 526-0102, or (410) 437-3763.
- 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.
- April 16 & 17th, 1999-IPMS Region 6 Convention '99 at the Radisson Inn, 2150 Veterans Boulevard, Kenner, Louisiana sponsored by Flying Tigers, Inc., Scale Model Builders IPMS New Orleans. This year's theme is 'Vive La France' (Hey, Matt!). That would include armor, aircraft, figures, ships, autos, and more. For further info, contact IPMS Flying Tigers Scale modelers, Inc. 710 Carondelet Street New Orleans, LA 70130. Phone Lee Coll (evenings) (504) 751-9181 or Jerry Chatelkain (days) (888) 340-2121; e-mail leecoll@eatel.net.

<u>CLASSIFIEDS</u>

WANTED- Someone to build a 1954 Chevy Bel Air for me. Call Virgil Graham, of the Lost in the 50's car club at (410) 761-6651.

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

Question: If you throw a cat out a car window, does it become kitty litter?