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by: "GTO"

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Well gang, the November meeting had about 48 people in attendance. It was a very laid-back meeting, with the majority of discussion revolving around the new kit releases for 1999. Somehow it slipped our collective minds that we traditionally did our "Toys for Tots" collection in November. Hopefully, those of you who elected to participate either got your donations to Norm and Mary Veber for delivery, or dropped them off yourselves. The other topic centered on something that MAMA's BoyZ know well-food for the December chow-down. Hopefully, we will get a nice selection of food to share at next month's meeting.

I would like to take a few minutes to acknowledge any and all the help I have received over the past year with regard to kit reviews, and submissions to your newsletter. I won't name names for fear of missing someone, but you all should know who you are. And if you weren't involved, but would like to have done something, get together with me, and we'll see what we can do to rectify that situation! I would also like to thank the kind folks at the model manufacturers (AMT/ERTL, Lindberg, Revell-Monogram, and Testors. If it weren't for them, we wouldn't have anything to do! I'd like to thank them for their support over the last year in the form of review samples. And last but certainly not least, are our local Hobby Shops. Let's remember their contributions, and support your local hobby shops, whether that involves buying kits or supplies from them, or even just displaying some of your finished models for others to admire-every little bit helps, and they appreciate it! And finally, I hope everyone of MAMA's BoyZ, not to mention everyone else on our massive mailing list has a *safe, Happy Holiday season*. Here's to an even better year in 1999!

The raffle raised \$67.00 (as well as \$33.00 from the box). The club would like to thank the following raffle donors: **Ron Bradley, Brad, Lyle Willits, Chris Whalley, Barry Horner, Mike Hemp, Ron Palmer, Joe Atwell, Jerry Frazier, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. Of MD.** Special thanks also go out to those listed below:

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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).

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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, a club member may reserve any kit that is available 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*):

- **'66 Chevy El Camino** (*Revell-Monogram #7648*): Molded in white.... Nice 21-piece fat block V-8....platform-style interior, with separate console housing a 4-speed shifter....2-piece bucket seats....simplified lower front suspension, nice, multi-piece rear suspension....stock hubcaps mount onto R-M's old TRX tires....upper/lower radiator hoses and heater hoses....separate chrome rocker panel/hood trim....3-piece tail lights-clear, clear red, chrome bezel (!)...clear headlight lenses....instrument panel gauge face decal, El Camino body scripts, 2 sets of license plates, and Gary's Auto Body decals for doors to build a shop truck. (*Available*)
- **"Blues Brothers 2000" dragster** (*Revell-Monogram #7659*): Molded in white....a reissue of the earlier Top Fuel dragster, in Tony Schumacher's "Hollywood Video/Blues Brothers 2000" colors. (*Available*)
- **"Wrangler" T-Bird** (*Revell-Monogram #3150*): Molded in white....again, a reissue of earlier R-M T-Bird, this time in Wrangler colors. (*Available*)
- **"Gravedigger SnapTite** (*Revell-Monogram #1901*): Molded in Bright green, silver, and black....very nice step-by-step instructions....simplified engine molded in three pieces (?!)—left and right half, sand front....left and right sides of chassis screw together....2-piece rims mounting nice rubber monster truck tires, which mount with metal axles....adhesive-backed markings included, along with a chart in the instructions as to where they are located. (*Available*)
- **Mako Shark Snapfast Plus** (*AMT #6133*): Molded in dark blue w/silver fogging on lower panels....minimal parts count (no engine!)...separate door panels for interior....waterslide decals for dash, several body scripts....wheels and tires mount by way of metal axles....final assembly is by way of 4 screws. (*Available*)
- **Dodge® Concept Car Snapfast Plus (a.k.a. Copperhead!)** (*AMT #8129*): Molded in Copper Met., black, blue, & Silver....very nice 5-spoke mags, 4-wheel disc rotors/calipers, and Goodyear big 'n littles....snap and screw assembly....decals for gauges, emblems. (*Available*)
- **'60 Custom Fleetside** (*AMT #6310*): Molded in Lt. Gray....18-piece 6-cylinder engine....chrome grille and bumpers....multi-piece chassis....2-piece single exhaust system....platform-style interior....multi-piece cab and pickup bed....color matrix, including two-tones....(3) plates—"FLEET" IL, "AM 0816" CO, and "30-4878" (*all vintage, ALL undersize!*) (*Available*)
- **'57 Bel Air Street Machine** (*AMT #8319*): Molded in Lt. Gray....nice, carbureted big block, w/wiring and wiring diagram.... Multi-piece chassis, separate, mildly tubbed floorpan, replete w/bowtie logo in gas tank area....4-piece dual exhausts....4-bar rear suspension....platform-style interior....ZR1-style 5-spoke mags, mounting big 'n bigger Goodyear GS-C's....separate outside chrome trim (wipers, door handles, etc.), and chrome foil trim for remainder....(4) pinstripe graphics, underhood/trunk markings, 'Chevrolet' scripts, (2) plates—"MY 57" Mass, and "RD KING" Wash (*again, vintage, AND undersize*)....Note: No mention of Michigan "AUTOKNOW" plates as on box art car. (*Available*)
- **'62 SD Catalina** (*AMT #6134*): Molded in Lt. Gray....nice 25-piece 421 V-8....fuel lines included (from carbs to fuel pump!)....platform-style interior....clear steering wheel w/chrome horn trim ring....multi-piece chassis, separate floorpan....4-piece dual exhausts....(2) nice Firestone skinnies (*appear to be new tool!*), and (2) non-period Goodyear Blue Streak Dragway Special slicks....wheel choice is steel rims and dog dish hubcaps, rather than aluminum wheels, as in early photos!.... Center of chrome grille will need painting.... 'Fan Caution', and '62 CAT' MI plates only decals. (*Not Available*)
- **'66 442 W30** (*AMT #6268*): Molded in Lt. Gray....nice tri-power 400....choice of stock 5-spoke wheels, or very nice billet wheels, mounting AMT's Firestone tires, w/groove for red or white line....nice, multi-piece chassis, and separate floorpan....4-piece exhaust system....good news/bad news in front bumper—Good news: separate clear headlight lenses;

Bad News: Ram air scoops missing in parking light area (*see box art*)....decals consist of (3) sets of plates-‘W30 442’ IL, ‘66 OLDS’ IND, and ‘AA1231’ CO (*Again, all vintage, and ALL undersize*). (*Not Available*)

[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 him or herself), 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 him or her 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 a review of it within a reasonable time, that you will not receive another!]*

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

Restoration of a Built-up model

Decal Application

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

Building a resin kit/conversion

Tire Detailing

’Twas the Night Before Christmas in Brooklyn

’Twas the Night Before Christmas,
Da whole house was mella,
Not as creature was stirrin’,
Cuz I had a gun ‘neath da pilla.
When up on da roof
I heard somethin’ pound,
I sprung to da window
To scream, “Yo! Keep it down!”
When what to my
Wanderin’ eyes should appear,
But da Don of all elfs,
And eight friggin’ reindeer!
Wit’ slicked-back black hair,
And a silk red suit,
Don Christopher wuz here,
And he brought along da loot!

Wit’ a slap to der snouts,
And a yank on der manes,
He cursed and he shouted,
And he called dem by name-
“Yo Tony, Yo Frankie,
Yo Vinnie, Yo Vito,
Ay Joey, Ay Paulie,
Ay Pepe, Ay Guido!”
As I drew out my gun
And hid by da bed,
He flew troo da winda,
And slapped me ‘side da head.
“What da Hell ya doin’
Pullin’ a gun on da Don?
Now all’s you’re getting’ is coal,
Ya friggin’ Moron!

Den pointin’ a fat finga
Right unda my nose,
He twisted his pinky ring,
And up da chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh,
Obscenities screamin’,
Away dey all flew,
Before he trew dem a beatin’.
Den I heard him yell out,
What I did least expect,
“Merry Friggin’ Christmas to all,
And yous better show some
respect!”
*(Ay, whaddaya expect? It is
Christmas!!)*

“Class of 1966”-Lindberg Chevelle SS396 vs. AMT/ERTL Olds 442 W30

1966 Chevelle SS

[Lindberg #72181, 1:25 scale, 109 pieces, white, chrome, clear, clear red, vinyl tires]

Since both Revell and AMT released their excellent kits of the ‘67 Chevelle SS in 1989 (*yep, it's been that long ago*), muscle car model builders have been pleading for *the ‘66 SS396. So, what to our wondrous eyes should appear, but a ‘66 Chevelle at the end of the year.....from Lindberg. Well, this IS the December newsletter.....gimme a break!*

If the ‘53 Ford kit didn't convince modelers that the folks at Lindberg were *serious players*, this kit should put them over the top. Overall quality, detail and accuracy is excellent throughout this kit with just a couple very minor hiccups.

ENGINE: Assembled from 22 parts, a very accurate and well-detailed 396 big block is represented, with some "firsts" in a 1/25 scale kit. The air cleaner assembly is made from 2 parts. The base and engraved filter element is in white plastic for detail painting, and the chromed air cleaner lid is a separate item. The well detailed pulley and belt assembly attaches to the correct brackets molded to the heads and also mounts a power steering pump with hose, which later connects to the very accurate steering gearbox. All of the other engine parts are very well engraved, including exceptionally well done distributor with vacuum advance and 4-barrel carburetor. The one "glitch" in this area is the intake manifold, which is rather thin and does not depict the runners that go to the heads. The piece is acceptable, but builders may want to use a more detailed manifold from virtually any other Chevy big block kit.

CHASSIS: The very well detailed chassis is made up from 19 pieces, including separate exhaust components. The 6-piece front suspension can be made to have possible steering by simply "trapping" instead of gluing the kingpins and tie rod. Wheels are assembled using standard backing plates, with no brake detail. Tires provided are Firestone thin lines, with the "line" indented so thinned water based paints can be flowed into them. The wheel covers are the factory optional "fake mags" first found on the '65 Chevelle Z-16. Although these are fairly well represented after careful detail painting, the same wheel covers found in the Revell Z-16 kit are frankly, much better. Although these wheel covers are sought today by car collectors and restorers, in the mid-sixties they were met with disdain as fake simulated mag wheels, and very few buyers selected them. Much more common wheel treatments were the standard full wheel cover (*found in the Revell '66 El Camino kit*) or the very common steel wheels and dog dish caps (*available from THE GOOD STUFF and other aftermarket companies*).

INTERIOR: The well-engraved interior is built up from 16 pieces starting with the separate floor pan. Door/side panels have molded armrests and door and window handles. The rear seat is a 2-piece affair as are both of the front buckets. The dash assembles from 3 pieces including a petal and air duct unit, which mounts to the bottom of the dash.....*another "first"!* Very nice decals are found for the gauges and radio face. One little glitch here- the instructions would have the builder mount the tachometer to the top of the steering column. This is wrong! The tach mounts to the lower area of the dash, just to the right of the steering column, hence the nickname "*kneebuster tach*" which was a real pain (*no pun intended*) and was relocated on the '67 Chevilles. Two (!) steering wheels are provided; the standard Chevelle wheel and the RPO N34 wood grained sport wheel, with the holes in the two spokes molded open!!!

BODY: Added to the one piece body are the hood, separate grille, front and rear bumpers, chromed door handles, chromed wipers, tail light buckets with clear red lenses, separate chromed hood edge molding and the two chromed inserts for the hood "power bulges". These last two items feature very finely detailed grille engraving which, with careful detail painting, should positively enhance the overall look of the model. All scripts and emblems are VERY lightly engraved on the body and will disappear after the first primer coat. However, the scripts and emblems are also printed in silver on the decal sheet, as with other Lindberg kits. (*MODEL CAR GARAGE WILL SOON HAVE THE PHOTOETCH KITS FOR SEVERAL CHEVELLE MODELS.....uh.....after I get off my butt and send the reference material to the artist*). Naturally a comparison was made with the body from the Revell '67 Chevelle and the Lindberg wheel wells are about 1/8 inch farther apart. Guess what!!!! The Lindberg wheel base scales out to 115 inches, meaning the Revell kit has been slightly wrong all these years!!! Way to go, Lindberg! Last comment about the body; the rear window frame is a separate piece found on the chrome tree. This is a neat idea, but by the time one removes the two mounting points and the four injection pins from the frame, one has a lot of chrome missing in spots. Plus, this will be a very finicky piece to install in the painted and polished body without making a serious boo boo. I would suggest gluing the rear window frame in place before any primer or paint and use chromed foil as you would on any other model.

DECAL SHEET: Excellent representations are found for virtually all stickers, decals and emblems found on the real car. Also, as mentioned, are the interior gauges, two sets of nice license plates, and 3 (!) air cleaner decals for either the 325hp, 360hp, or 375hp versions of the big block. *Thanks, Lindberg!!!*

All right, so this kit contains a couple of minor and easily correctable inaccuracies.....what kit doesn't? But these glitches are also offset by some innovative components not previously found in 1/25th scale. Overall, this kit is superb. *Thanks, Lindberg!* And thanks for listening to the adult modeler's requests!

Now, (*in my best Andy Rooney voice*), "*have ya ever noticed the only 1968 SS 396 model kit was produced ONLY in 1968 and we haven't had one since?????*" *HINT HINT HINT !!*

Lyle (you knew I was gonna like this one) Willits

1966 Olds 442 W30

[AMT/ERTL #6268; 1/25th scale; 100+ pieces; gray, chrome, clear, clear red, vinyl tires]

The 442. Oldsmobile's answer to the GTO. By 1966, the musclecar wars were in full swing, as evidenced by all GM cars having engines with displacements hovering around the 400 cubic inch mark, with advertised horsepower ratings ranging anywhere from 325 to 375. Olds had two heavy hitters-the *L69 442*, and for really *serious gearheads*, the *W30 442*. They were mostly identical, featuring *tri-power carburetion*, but the W30 went a bit further by adding *ram air, fiberglass*

inner fenders, a more radical cam, and moving the battery to the trunk area. The W30 option was also referred to as a 'TracPac', meaning it was intended for competition (*street or strip!*). You could order the L69 without W30, but not the other way around.

Engine: A very nice twenty-piece tri-power 400 cubic inch V-8, including the unique tri-power ram air air cleaner. Unfortunately, the tri-power air cleaner is not chrome, as it should be. The ram air ducting is also included, consisting of four pieces, which attach in a later assembly stage. The tri-power carburetors are two pieces (*top and bottom*). The now-standard longitudinal seam is minimized by the separate oil pan. Also included is a nice set of chrome valve covers.

Chassis: A very nice ladder frame unit to which the multi-piece front and rear suspensions are attached. The eight-piece front suspension includes separate kingpins, springs, sway bar, upper A arms, and simplified lower suspension. It appears to be possible to make it possible with some work. The rear suspension includes a two-piece rear end, separate shocks, springs, sway bar, and upper and lower control arms. The driveshaft and a four-piece exhaust system round out the chassis.

Wheels and Tires: The builder has a choice here between a set of nice 5-spoke Magnum 500-style rims, and a beautiful set of billet rims. These rims mount onto a set of AMT's Firestone tires with groove for red or white line to be added at the builder's choice. Brake backing detail is evident, and nicely done.

Body: The body depicted is that of a 2-door hardtop. All body trim is molded to the body. The separate hood features the upper grille molding attached to it, meaning that it will need a bit of attention with Bare Metal foil. Visible on the kit are the vinyl roof edge chrome moldings. Unfortunately, there is no texture to the roof portion to simulate a vinyl roof. A major omission in this kit concerns the front bumper. W30 442's featured ram air ducts located in the slots in the front bumper occupied by the parking lights. The lights were relocated inboard, and the scoops took up residence in either end of this opening. Sadly, AMT neglected to include these scoop openings. To make matters worse, they are prominently featured on the box art car! Otherwise, flash is minimal. Unfortunately, the front grille on my review sample had a large, rectangular chunk missing. The good news about the front bumper lies in the separate headlight lenses AMT included.

Interior: The interior is platform-style, as are most of AMT's newest offerings. Separate side panels feature very crisp engraving. Bucket seats are two pieces each, while the package shelf is molded to the rear seat. An interesting point here is the inclusion of the battery, which on W30 cars is mounted in the trunk. This is interesting considering that it will not be seen once the kit is completed. Thanks, AMT. The dashboard features the gas, brake, and clutch pedals molded to it. A separate chrome tachometer, steering column (*with turn signal stalk*), and two-spoke steering wheel round out this unit. A 4-speed shifter and a clock mount to the console.

Glass: The sunvisors are molded to the windshield. The remaining glass tree includes the rear window, clear windshield washer bottle, and four clear headlight lenses. Clear red taillights round out the glass.

Decals: The decals on this car are quite minimal (*as they should be!*) They include three sets of license plates (*all vintage*)- 'W30 442' MN, '66 OLDS' IND, and 'AA 123' CO. Sadly, they suffer the fate of almost all of AMT's other plates-they are undersize! No gauge face decals are included.

Instructions: Nicely done, and step-by-step, unfortunately, no parts are identified by name. Painting choices however, are listed.

In the end, this stacks up to be a nice kit. Unfortunately, the neither the W30 442 or the L69 can be built as this kit is currently done. A nice L69 is still possible, with the addition of some small chrome air cleaners, such as those used on the '66 GTO. Perhaps ERTL will correct these issues in the convertible version of this kit. Time will tell.

By: Tim "Buick/Olds/Pontiac" Sickle

1961 Impala SS409 convertible

[Lindberg #72182; 1/25th scale; 115 pieces; white, chrome, clear, clear red, vinyl tires]

In the past few years, Lindberg has been somewhat of an enigma in the model car business. They may have taken their lumps for a market *folly* (*1/20th scale kits, and reissues of the old Palmer Plastics tools*), as well as manufacturing missteps (*the '67 442 hood, and '61 Impala SS409 coupe foibles*), which they have corrected for the most part. They have also been responsible for one of the *best models* on the market, namely, the *'53 Ford Victoria hardtop*. In the case of this model, Lindberg has taken a good model and improved upon it.

First of all, if you will examine the box art car, you will notice that the wheels are *reverse rim wire wheels*, normally found on *Lowriders*, and the convertible boot has a contrasting piping, suggesting a mildly customized car. Inside the kit, there is a properly modified '61 Impala convertible body, boot, and interior panels. Also included are spotlights, period-correct "*Foxcraft*" *fender skirts*, and dual antennas for the rear fenders. For rolling stock, this kit has the same Goodyear bias-ply blackwall tires as the hardtop kit, while the wheels are 1-piece nicely engraved wire wheels equipped with 2-prong knockoffs. A little wash, and a whitewall applique will bring these items out nicely. Curiously, there is no stock wheel trim, forcing the builder to raid the coupe kit for a set of factory stock wheelcovers if they wish to build a Factory Stock convertible.

Everything else is the same as in the coupe kit, down to the foreshortened seats, with the incorrect upholstery patterns, as well as the shallow interior tub. These foibles notwithstanding, this kit is a welcome addition to the manufacturers kit line-up, and I am quite sure that many a modeler will build and enjoy this kit. In case you couldn't tell, I like this kit!

By: Ron Hamilton

1998 Corvette convertible Indy 500 Pace car

[AMT/ERTL #30021; 1/25th scale SnapFast Plus; 45 pieces; Purple, yellow, clear, clear red, vinyl tires]

The **Indianapolis 500**. Commonly referred to as America's race. An auto manufacturer who is lucky enough to be chosen to have one of their cars pace this race is put under the microscope. Not only must the car have excellent acceleration for starts and restarts, it must also be very visible. For 1998, Chevrolet licked both problems with their new fifth generation Corvette. The new LS-1 V-8 is arguably the best small block ever, and as far as being noticed, no one can argue that this car wouldn't be noticed, what with its screaming yellow wheels and seats contrasting with its deep purple paint job. **And that's before you even get to the Pace car graphics!** AMT released this car in its Snap FastPlus lineup, obviously meaning that the engine is non-existent, but let's take a look at what you do get.

The **body** is molded in a beautiful purple hue, reminiscent of this firm's recently released **Stingray III**. The plastic has remarkably few swirls, and with judicious work with files and a polishing kit, can be built up to be quite presentable without paint. Separate items include the 'waterfall' between the seats, outside rear view mirrors, and front and rear bumpers. To this you add the clear marker lights up front and clear red tail lights out back.

The **interior** is tub-style, and is molded in black. Ditto for the dashboard and steering wheel/column, and shifter. The seats are two pieces each, and are molded in yellow.

The **chassis** is molded in black, and attaches to the body with four screws. There are four disc brake units (*molded in yellow*) which attach at each corner.

The **glass** is clear and scratch-free, and is clearly marked as to where it will be painted black for the window frame. **Bare Metal foil**[®] used carefully as a mask will make the job neater and easier.

The **decals** are nice and crisp, and include all necessary Pace car graphics, crossed flag logos, and side marker lights. These decals were more than likely pirated from their glue kit, as the decals are all identified by numbers. The only problem with this is that the **instructions** have **no placement guide** to correspond to these numbers! The box may be utilized to a degree for decal placement.

The pros to this kit are that one is able to build up a more than presentable shelf model in a minimal amount of time, and with a minimal amount of effort. Just the kind of thing to allow a builder a break from a months-long contest-quality model. The cons would, I think be limited mostly to the lack of an engine. And even that can be overlooked for a nice shelf model. There is a place in our hobby for snap kits, and this one is well worth the price of admission.

By: Tim Siekle

BITS & PIECES

- **More New stuff!** Word reaches me about **AMT's** next round of **Buyer's Choice kits**, which should be due out in the **May '99** time frame. They will include the **'69 Falcon**, **'65 Olds 88**, and the **'66 Buick**, all being the **modified versions (dirt track versions!)**. So, I guess that's a **good news/bad news** situation for you **Replica Stock builders** out there!
- **Good news!** In a recent press release, **Honda USA** announced that the price of its' **'99 Acura NSX sports** car will remain unchanged at **\$84,000 (!)**, while the **NSX-T** will remain at **\$88,000 (!)**. So, ya better get out there and get 'em before they change their minds!
- **Diecast Pick'em ups!** The gang at **Matchbox Collectibles** are at it again. **The Classic American Pickup Truck Collection** will include a **1934 International Harvester C-series**, a **1938 Studebaker Coupe Express K-model**, a **1941 Chevy Model AK ½ pickup**, a **1946 Dodge Power Wagon WDX**, a **1939 REO Speed Delivery Vehicle**, and a **1940 Ford pickup**. As in the past, they are all 1/43rd scale, and sell for \$29.95 each. You can reach 'em at 1-800-858-0102.
- **"Indians! Indians!"** The **Classic Indian motorcycle** may make reappearance using a new prototype and casino funds of the **Cow Creek Band** of the **Umpqua tribe**. **Eller Industries, Inc.** plans to resurrect the name and manufacture the bike in a factory near Myrtle, Ore., on land owned by the Cow Creek Band. **Bob Lutz**, Chrysler Chairman, is adviser to Eller Industries, the company that won the contract to buy the assets of the now-defunct Indian motorcycle company for **\$20 million bucks**. Somehow, Indian's court-appointed receiver awarded Indian to another group for \$17 million bucks, which is made up of Canadian and Japanese companies. The whole matter is currently weaving its way through the judicial system. Thanks to **The Washington Times** for the scoop.

COMING EVENTS

- *Dec. 27th*-**Diecast & Collectible Vehicle Toy Show** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new Morris Meadows Historic Preservation Museum, 1523 Freeland Road, Freeland, MD. Admission is \$2.00 (kids under 5 free w/adult or guardian). For info, contact Joe Golabiewski at 12317 Harford Road, Kingsville, MD 21087 (410)592-5854 (after 6 p.m., please!).
- *Jan. 8th to 10th*- **Championship Auto Shows World of Wheels Car Show** to be held at the Baltimore Convention Center in beautiful Baltimore, MD. *Street Rodder* magazine is sponsoring a model car contest! Classes include: *Street Rod, Custom, Street Machine, Straight Line Competition, Competition (Other), Curbside, Diorama, Senior (entrants will be between 13 and 16-years old), Junior (entrants will be 12-years old and younger), Box Stock, Factory Stock, Light Commercial, and Heavy Commercial.* There will also be awards for *Best in Show (Beginner, Junior, & Adult), Best Finish, Best Interior, Best Detail, and Best Engine.* For additional info, contact Donna Bolt at (248)650-5560.
- *Mar. 14th*- **1999 Annual Spring Toy Show** from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the York Fairgrounds (Memorial Hall) in York, PA. Admission is \$3.00 (kids under 12 free). For info, contact the Club Office at (717)653-7327.
- *Mar. 14th*- **Washington Antique & Collectible Toy Show** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA. Admission is \$4.00. For info, contact Ferdinand Zegel at P.O. Box 589 Fort Belvoir, VA 22060 (703)524-2061 (evenings), or Richard Wilkinson at (301)907-3441 (days).
- *April 11th*-**58th Annual Spring Meet** sponsored by the *Capitol Miniature Auto Collectors Club* from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Fire House Community Hall, 2148 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA For info, contact James William Brostrom, 6632 Cardinal Lane, Annandale, VA 22003.
- *April 16th & 17th*-**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.
- *May 16th*- **Diecast & Collectible Vehicle Toy Show** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new Morris Meadows Historic Preservation Museum, 1523 Freeland Road, Freeland, MD. Admission is \$2.00 (*kids under 5 free w/adult or guardian*). For info, contact Joe Golabiewski at 12317 Harford Road, Kingsville, MD 21087 (410)592-5854 (after 6 p.m., please!).
- *June 13th*- **Washington Antique & Collectible Toy Show** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA. Admission is \$4.00. For info, contact Ferdinand Zegel at P.O. Box 589 Fort Belvoir, VA 22060 (703)524-2061 (evenings), or Richard Wilkinson at (301)907-3441 (days).
- *Sept. 12th*- **Washington Antique & Collectible Toy Show** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA. Admission is \$4.00. For info, contact Ferdinand Zegel at P.O. Box 589 Fort Belvoir, VA 22060 (703)524-2061 (evenings), or Richard Wilkinson at (301)907-3441 (days).
- *Nov. 7th*- **Annual Fall Meet** sponsored by the *Capitol Miniature Auto Collectors Club* from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Fire House Community Hall, 2148 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA For info, contact James William Brostrom, 6632 Cardinal Lane, Annandale, VA 22003.
- *Nov. 21st*- **Washington Antique & Collectible Toy Show** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA. Admission is \$4.00. For info, contact Ferdinand Zegel at P.O. Box 589 Fort Belvoir, VA 22060 (703)524-2061 (evenings), or Richard Wilkinson at (301)907-3441 (days).
- *Dec. 4th & 5th*-**10th 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.

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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:

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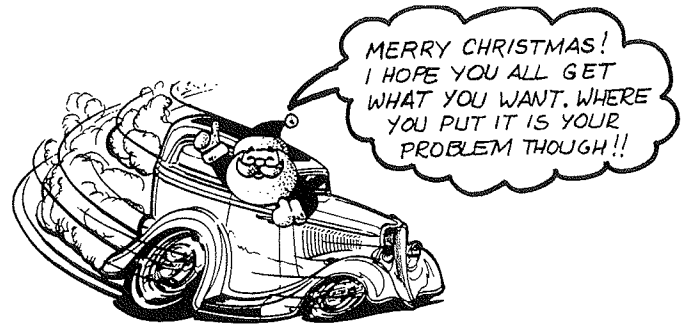
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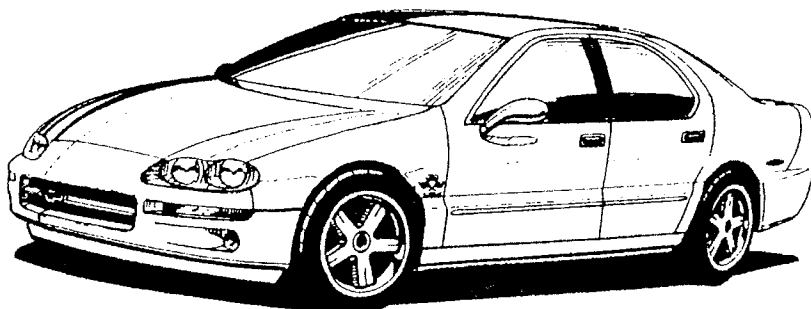
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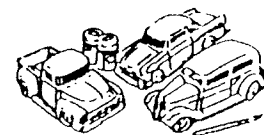
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