

MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: "GTO"

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Well gang, the July meeting had a good turnout, with around 50 people in attendance. The meeting had no highlights to speak of, except for the usual gathering, and sharing (*not to mention buying, swapping, and or selling to get what you wanted that day!*).

Reminder-dig up something out of your collections for our **upcoming auction next month!** And, remember, it does not have to be plastic! It can be a **new unbuilt kit, a vintage kit, parts** (*labeled accordingly*), **diecast cars** (*any size!*), **tools, detailing supplies**, and last but certainly not least, **reference material**. In short, anything connected with **model car building!** So, use your imaginations, and don't come to next month's meeting empty-handed, OK? No word on who is going to play the part of the auctioneer.

The raffle raised **\$75.00** (*as well as \$45.00 from the box*). The club would like to thank the following raffle donors: **Bob Ege, Ron Bradley, Walt Rook, Yours truly, Ron, Brad, and Replicas & Miniatures Company of Maryland**. Special thanks also go out to those listed below:

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'99 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 16th
February 20th
March 20th
April 17th
May 15th
June 19th



July 17th
August 21st
September 18th
October 23rd *👉*
November 20th
December 18th

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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, 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*):

- **"Summit" Trans Am Pro Stock** (Revell #7660): Molded in white....modified reissue....new '99 Firebird body (*as evidenced by honeycomb pattern and round backup lights molded into tail light*)....also included proper new dash, to replace last generation dash....large decal sheet including all necessary sponsors and associate sponsors, even **'Goodyear' & 'Eagle' tire lettering**. (*Not Available*)
- **Chip Ganassi's Target Reynard** (Revell #85-2325): Molded in white....6-piece driver figure....cockpit split longitudinally....left and right fuel filler choice....no engine....separate front suspension arms....separate side pods/wings....OZ racing wheels, w/2 sets of tires-slick and rain....metal axle for rear....front Speedway/Road Course wing choice....same for rear wing....mirrors molded to clear windscreen....nice, seemingly complete decal set. (*Not Available*)
- **Dan Gurney's Castrol Reynard** (Revell #85-2328): Molded in white....see Target Reynard above for remainder. (*Available*)
- **McDonald's '32 Ford Diorama** (Revell #85-7804): Molded in white....carbureted small block Chevy....nice brake backing plates....big 'n bigger tires, mounting chrome rims w/dog dish hubcaps....louvered hood side panels....uptop included....flame decals, Von Dutch eyeballs, Moon-equipped, and Eight ball shifter decals included....heavy cardboard McDonald's restaurant, using bottom of box as parking lot. (*Available*)
- **VW Beetle convertible** (Revell #85-2579): Molded in white....21-piece Vee Dub motor....separate interior side panels....hinged engine cover....uptop w/clear rear window....nice steel rims, w/chrome VW dog dish hubcaps...'BUGGY' IL plate. (*Not Available*)
- **Blue Max Mustang funny car** (Revell #85-7661): Molded in white....24-piece Ed Pink Hemi....Cragar Supertrick wheels mounting what appear to be new tires....multi-piece tube chassis....colorful "Blue Max" decals. (*Not Available*)
- **"Channelock" Sprint car** (Revell #2575): Molded in white....modified reissue....same nice tires, new wheels....same engine...."Channelock" decals. (*Available*)
- **"Cartoon Network" Race Rig** (Revell #85-1715): Reissue, molded in white....nice Ford Aeromax cab, attached to trailer which can be used to display 1/32nd scale car....all interior cabinetry, shop area, and tools, including drill press, bench vises, and grinders....what appear to be HUGE vinyl stickers are actually cut into smaller, more manageable sections-good thinking, Revell! (*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

Panel Opening-Bill Geary ✓

Airbrush Technique

Restoration of a Built-up model

Decal Application

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

Building a resin kit/conversion

1:25 Scale Diecast Gas Pumps

I recently stumbled across a great deal (*Ed. Note: Hope ya didn't get hurt too bad!*). If you like accessories for displaying your models (*hey Bill Richards!*), get on down to your local **Target store**.

While wandering aimlessly around the store (*Ed. Note: Matt does this a lot!*), I came across an aisle in the automotive section that contains the gas cans, oilcans, and drain pans. Also in this aisle is a small assortment of "automobilia" like *tin signs and diecast banks*. A company called **GEARBOX Collectibles** out of Cedar Rapids, Iowa offers a line of diecast gas pumps in various scales, including 1:25 scale. For only **\$9.99**, you can pick up an incredible **1920's style Wayne gas pump**. This is the one with the glass reservoir on top. Three different **Texaco pumps** (*one all silver Sky Chief, one red and green Sky Chief, and an all red regular pump*) are offered, along with a **John Deere variant** and others. The pumps are nicely detailed with flexible hoses and very fine tampo graphics.

Highly recommended.

By: Matt Guilfoyle

USRRC 427 COBRA

[Revell-Monogram Kit #85-4149]

This is a repop of the **Essex Wire Cobra**. Unfortunately, the chrome is not bagged as the rest of the parts are, but it is shiny, and no flash is present. The stock windshield frame is still on the tree, but no glass, only the small windscreen is included. White is the color of the plastic, not the metallic blue of the original issue. The decals will replicate the car represented on the box. And, speaking of the box, Revell-Monogram/B&S/Hallmark have taken a small step backwards with the type of box. It's still one piece, but it can be used for storage. The box art is very good, with drawings on the top and sides, and actual photos of the model on the sides.

This is another in the line of Revell-Monogram attempts to reissue with figures associated with the real car. The figures of **Ken Miles**, and 'Father Shelby' are very well done and worth the price of the kit. The Ken Miles figure fits in the driver's seat like it was made to fit there. Some of the decals are for the figures, a large COBRA for Carroll's back, SAAC emblem and his name for the shirtfront, and a small Goodyear emblem for Ken Miles' figure. Other than that, the figures are fully painted and detailed.

This is a **Limited Edition kit** and a **Certificate of Authenticity** is included, if that is important to you. Grab a few of these while they are around, so you won't have to search for one later, and end up paying **collector's prices!**

By: Mike Adams

1969 Pontiac GTO Judge

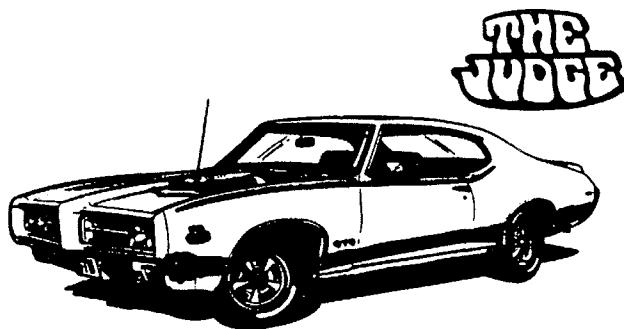
[Testors Lincoln Mint Series #7120; 1/24th scale modified reissue (?); 144 pieces, including photoetch, and stickers; \$27.00 MSRP]

When Testors made the announcement that the **1969 Pontiac GTO Judge** would be the first kit under their "**Lincoln Mint**" banner, I was intrigued. In the promotional photograph, I could swear that I was looking at the **Danbury Mint's** version of this car, I contacted **Tim Sickle** (*also known as the GTO guy*) and rushed over to compare this kit to the **fully finished Danbury Mint version**, as well as his beautifully built Monogram collection. Tim and I came to the conclusion that the Testors kit and share a fair amount of tooling. The Danbury Mint version has a few premium additions such as rubber tires in lieu of vinyl ones, which belies its price differential, but the kit from Testors compares very well to the fully built car. More on this point later in the review.

"In 1964, Pontiac was credited with marketing the first intermediate-bodied Muscleder, the GTO."

For those of you unfamiliar with this car, a brief history. In **1964**, Pontiac was credited with marketing the first **intermediate-bodied "Muscle car," the GTO**. The car was an instant success, and other manufacturers soon followed suit with competitive models. As the years passed, the GTO, as well as its competition, found that the market for these cars, while still strong, was declining for younger enthusiasts with limited funds. The cars were steadily increasing in price, more or less

a unction of the way they were marketed at the time as fairly well appointed cars. Now, the savvy marketing people at **Plymouth** changed the rules. What they did was to release a car, which was more than competitive with cars in the class, but at a far lower price, through *'decontenting'* the vehicle in its standard form. What they did was to drop in a pretty good small displacement *'big block'* engine displacing **383 cubic inches**, and making **335 horsepower** into their *cheapest, lightest intermediate car* (*Belvedere two-door coupe*), apply some *catchy graphics*, and a *name* which would appeal to the *youth market*, and voila, the **Roadrunner** was born for the 1968. model year. The other carmakers, including Pontiac, had to release something that would be to this "Budget musclecar" from inexpensive ilk. Pontiac was introduce a similar in concept for *'Elapsed Time'*. The ET was *coupe* done in the same style as funny thing happened on the way Pontiac, being the upmarket decided not to release a original *'Great One'*, so, what introduce a *distinctive version of* aim at this market. According to marketing person who was credited with naming this car came up with the name while watching TV, when he saw the *"Here comes the Judge"* comedy routine (performed by *Sammy Davis, Jr.*) on a popular TV show (*"Laugh-In"*). *And, as they say, the rest is history!* In the 1969 to 1971 model years, the GTO Judge was regarded as one of the top musclecars available to the buying public in both looks and performance.



an attractive alternative Plymouth, and its going to follow suit and called the *"ET"* (short a *Tempest two-door* the Roadrunner, but a to the showroom. division they were, had cheapened clone of the they did was to *the GTO*, which took some sources, the

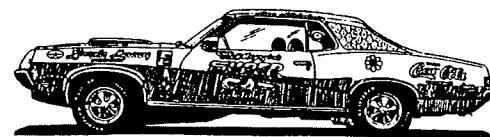
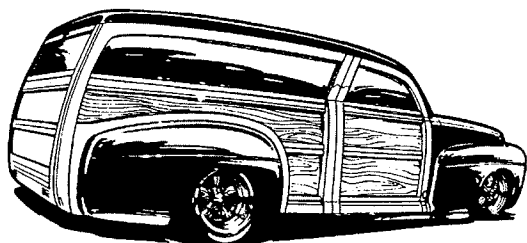
When I *'cracked the plastic'*, I found that the gang at *Testors* has indeed *been listening to us*. The kit was packaged in a series of real boxes! The glass, chrome, photoetched parts, and other trees were in separate plastic *'baggies'*, and the *body itself* was *wrapped, bagged, and protected in heavy cardboard* to minimize any possible damage in handling. **THANK YOU!** I opened the instruction booklet to familiarize myself with the assembly process for the car, as I have never built a disassembled diecast replica, other than a Pocher kit. *I suggest that if you choose to build one of these, take the time to thoroughly read the instructions and test fit the various subassemblies of the car, as it goes together differently from anything else you may have been exposed to in the past.*

The **400 cubic inch "Ram Air IV" V-8** and **4-speed transmission** are very simplified, as it was meant to be assembled in rapid form for its intended purpose as a replica engine devoid of the real detail found in the plastic kits we are used to building. Ditto the chassis and posable steering. Once assembled, it looks decent enough, but again, not as good as the models showcasing greater levels of detail from the model manufacturers. A pleasant surprise is *the interior*, with its *'soft feel' seats*. The body, in my opinion, while not as accurate or as well proportioned as the Revell body, is still well done. It comes *pre-painted* in a *finish most modelers would die for*, as well as having the *decals pre-installed*. This manufacturer has obviously *'been to school'* with regard to its *diecast offerings*, and took steps to ensure that this one was as close to being dead-on as possible. Note that all of the *chrome moldings* on this car are *separate plastic 'chrome' pieces*, which, in my opinion, is a bit heavy-handed, but it is all based on perception. No model is perfect, but give credit where it is due, Testors did an excellent job. Compare it with any of the currently available 'build-it-yourself' diecast models from any manufacturers. Most of the others are not even close on this one.

Now, not all is right in paradise. *This kit is not easy to build, not even by my standards.* I do not feel that this kit is meant for most of the younger modelers in that it requires an inordinate amount of patience, and a gentle touch when it comes to assembly. The metal used in the body is fairly soft, and the screws are meant to be used only once. Also, if you opt to use CA glue on this model, make sure it is fully cured and outgassed for appearance sake. CA glue will leave a white cloudy film over the model, which is not easy to remove. But, if you can get this beast built, you will have a replica, which will, in my opinion, rival anything from either of the "Mints" offerings. One of the advantages of this one is that you can do a little *'detail painting'* in certain areas of this kit to make it more realistic, or, for the *really adventurous* among you, *strip off* that *beautiful Carousel Red finish*, and paint it in one of the other colors available in the GTO lineup.

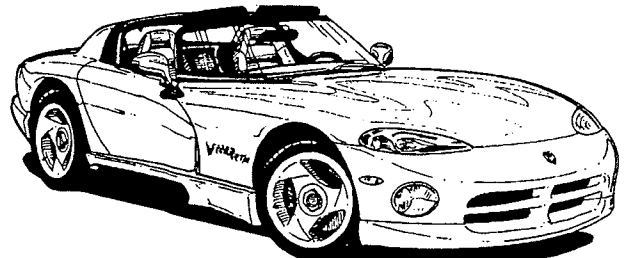
The question remains, *is this a good kit? Yes! Testors has done an excellent job.* The price is higher than what we normally pay for a kit, but the value is there (*especially if you are a Pontiac zealot!*). If you are into cars of this era, this kit is a must-have!

By: Ron Hamilton



BITS & PIECES

- **Rumor Mill!!** Right now, heading into the Fall season, the rumor mill is up to full speed, and here are some tasty ones from the gang at *AMT/Racing Champs: 1957 Chrysler 300-C hardtop, 1941 Ford Woody, 1971 Dodge Charger R/T, 1960 Ford Starliner, 1963 Ford Galaxie, stock 1966 Buick Riviera, 1963 Studebaker Avanti, 1958 Edsel, 1970 ½ Baldwin-Motion Camaro, 1966 Buick lowrider custom, stock 1966 Nova SS, Monkeemobile (!), Fireball 500 (!), Raider's Coach (!), stock 1968 Roadrunner, Richard Petty Dart Sportsman racer, 1988 Mustang (?), and the AMTronic. If half of this is true, guess we better start savin' right now!* So far, no word on competitors *Revell, Testors,* and *Lindberg.*
- **Mint Explosion!** *Danbury Mint*, that is! Let's start off with a *White 1952 Four-car carrier.* It features a detachable cab, separate wheel chocks, ramp stands, and genuine rubber spare tire. The cab features an accurately detailed engine, complete with spark plug wires. It sells for only \$195, payable in five easy installments of \$39 (*plus two dollars S+H per installment*). Or, how about a *1956 Ford Thunderbird?* Complete with a 292 cubic inch V-8 underhood, to the lift-off roof, and continental kit on the rear bumper. It sells for only \$112, payable in four monthly installments of \$28 (*plus \$1.95 S+H per installment*). You can contact Danbury Mint at 47 Richards Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06857, or call 1-888-854-7108 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time.
- **Lowridin' Diecasts!** The Gang at *Revell* are set to release an initial series of four *1/64th-scale diecastposable lowriders!* A *'39 Chevy sedan delivery, '71 Riviera, '61 Impala, and a '64 Impala* will be included in this release. So, watch for 'em at a hobby shop near you! These should fit quite nicely with the new *Racing Champions Lowriders series,* too! Look for those at a toy store near you!!
- **Classic Checkers!** Mr. Gray has been motoring up and down D.C.'s streets for 14 years in his *1976 Checker Marathon(!) Taxi cab,* stating quite matter-of-factly, that *"It's probably the biggest cab in the city!"* People bypass other cabs to ride in the Checker, making Mr. Gray feel like a celebrity. The venerable Checker stopped rolling off the assembly line of *The Checker Cab Manufacturing Co.,* in 1982, leaving Mr. Gray and fellow Checker driver Herbert Joseph as members in an exclusive fraternity. They say they are driving *two of only three Checkers* left on D.C. streets, as working cabs, and it was Mr. Joseph who sold a Checker to Mr. Gray! The three talk regularly and often to swap stories, and info on sources for parts. Getting parts is obviously a challenge, and these guys stay in touch with a nationwide network of Checker devotees who belong to, what else? *The Checker Car Club of America!* One thing for sure Mr. Gray doesn't worry about while driving the car is getting hurt, as it is a *tank on wheels.* A few years ago, a *Honda Accord* ran a red light, and slammed into his cab at 15th and G streets N.W. No one was hurt, but the Honda needed some *MAJOR repair work,* while the Checker suffered a *minor dent in the bumper, and a few scratches. A hammer, and some yellow touch-up paint,* and the Checker was ready for work again! Mr. Joseph's odometer reads *300,000 miles (?),* while his friend Mr. Gray's odometer is showing about *600,000 (!) miles.* Asked how long they intend to keep these dinosaurs on the road? *"Forever!"*
- **Web Caddy?** *General Motors* plans to offer *voice-activated Internet access in a car by the end of next year.* GM will begin test-marketing the *"Web Car"*-probably a *Cadillac,* with World Wide Web access in the Fall. *Great! Now, in addition to idiots changin' lanes while yakking on a cell phone, we gotta dodge these same idiots on the Beltway 'Surfin' the Web'?!*
- **Mopar Heaven!** That would be the new *Walter P. Chrysler museum,* near Detroit. Located on the same site as Daimler-Chrysler's relatively new North American headquarters and engineering center in Auburn Hills, Michigan, the museum is the first on-site museum built by a North American automobile company. The museum is scheduled to open to the public on October 5th, will include an auditorium to seat 125 persons, an automotive-themed gift and souvenir shop, a historical archives and research area and an exterior courtyard for vehicle displays and special events, such as owners' club gatherings. The cars will definitely be the stars though, and some of the cars featured will include: a *1931 Chrysler experimental turbine car, the original Dodge Viper concept vehicle, the 1941 Chrysler Thunderbolt, and twin-cockpit Chrysler Newport Phaeton.* Another 35 cars will be parked on the lower level, in *"Boss Chrysler's garage",* the center of which will look like a giant racetrack with eight performance vehicles. The lower level will also include a visitor's lounge resembling a *1930's dealer showroom,* and a replica of Chrysler's famed *"Room 13",* the experimental dynamometer cell where legendary high-performance engines like the first Chrysler Hemi V-8, Chrysler 300, and ram Chargers were developed in secret. The cars will be displayed in context. For example, a *Jeep will be displayed in front of what appears to be a French village (Hey, Matt!); Classics from the 50's will be displayed in the driveways of typical 50's homes; Pre-World War II vehicles include a 1929 Desoto that was never sold, and found walled up in a Chrysler facility; a 1929 Nash that never left the American Motors plant in Kenosha, WI. A 1924 Chrysler Six, the*



first car to bear the Chrysler name, can be seen through the window of a replica of Walter P. Chrysler's 1920's office. A cast figure of the man sits behind the desk that really was his in a meeting with three brilliant engineers he hired-Fred M. Zeder, Owen R. Skelton, and Carl Breer. The museum will include a scene of Walter P. Chrysler's original workshop with a cast figure made from his grandson and Chrysler's original tool chest, including some of the tools he made. Museum officials have no clue as to how many people may visit the site in a year's time, conservatively estimating *125,000*. *Crayola Crayons museum draws about 300,000*, *Mercedes-Benz museum in Stuttgart draws about 350,000*, and even *Spam town in Minnesota* draws about *60,000 (!)*. Who knows? *If Mopars float yer boat, check it out!*

- **The Duke Boys are back!!** Well, actually, *'Cooter'* (a.k.a. Ben Jones, two-time Democratic Congressman from Georgia), the greasy mechanic friend of those *durn Duke boys*, who always seemed to be helpin' 'em outta trouble! Ben Jones opened a *cramped General Store* in an *old garage on Route 211 near Shenandoah National Park*, and it has become a *museum*, of sorts, for all things *Hazzard*. Ever since *TNN (The Nashville Network)* began airing repeats in 1996, the network's ratings jumped *21 percent!* And Mr. Jones credits them with reviving *'Dukemanial'*. There are *fan clubs, conventions, and Internet sites* (including one in *French- Hey, Matt!*). People have come from as far away as *Germany, Australia, and Italy* to visit the museum. Cooter's Place even has *the real 'star'* of the show on display-an *orange 1969 Dodge Charger*, complete with Rebel flag. Word is the producers of the show wrecked *about 250 Chargers (!?)* while jumping everything they could find. Guess owners of remaining Chargers have these folks to thank for making remaining Chargers more valuable, eh?
- **Beaming Bimmer!** A Bowling Green, VA man was recognized last month for a feat a select few *motorcyclists* ever achieve-*riding a million miles!* Dave Swisher, 69, began riding in 1973 at the age of 43 when he purchased his first BMW motorcycle. *Sixteen years and 13 more BMW motorcycles later*, Mr. Swisher received his million-mile award at the BMW Motorcycle Owners (MOA) International Rally, in Rhinebeck, New York, the weekend of July 13-14. He has been to *Alaska, made 30 round trips to the West coast, a tour through five European countries, four trips to Mexico, five coast-to-coast trips in Canada, and numerous rallies throughout North America.*
- **More club discounts!** The gang over at *"Collector's Zone"* in the Golden Ring mall (6400 Rossville Blvd. Rosedale, MD 21237, (410) 391-8376) wish to extend card-carryin' MAMA's BoyZ a *10 percent discount* on their merchandise! They carry *NASCAR diecast and plastic kits, cards, plaques, trophies*, down to and including *Beanie Babies*. So if you are in the neighborhood, stop in and check 'em out, and tell 'em MAMA sent ya!
- **"Shoot first, apologize later!"** Andrew Ebner, a volunteer fireman was recently on his way home from a blaze when the *first shotgun blast hit the tailgate of his pickup*. He sped up, but so did the truck on his tail-*boom-another blast*. He went faster, but the truck behind also kept pace. The *rear window* got *shot out*. Approaching a major intersection, he finally stopped and got out, and the shooter, Kenneth Ramsburg, realizing that this was the *wrong guy, apologized, offering to pay for the damages, gave him his card, and left!!* He went to a liquor store parking lot, where he found his *intended victim*, and *shot him in the leg!* Returning home, Mr. Ramsburg passed Mr. Ebner, and two Sheriff's deputies who were taking his statement. The deputies pursued and arrested Mr. Ramsburg, who is being held without bail on charges of *attempted murder, assault, reckless endangerment, driving while intoxicated, property destruction, and a weapons violation. Oops, never mind!*
- **'Clone the Past'**. Anyone interested in participating in the *"Clone the Past" program*, please check out the *National Model Car Builders' museum* website for the particulars, and the *"Hot 150 List"* of models needed, in order to check the availability of possible choices.
- **More club meetings.** Mark Wheeler, know as the founder of the *"Our Model is Christ" model car club* has found a new home. The club will make its successful return on *September 19th* at *Fork Christian Church, 6908 Sunshine Avenue, Fork, Maryland 21051, (410) 592-2292*. The remaining 1999 meeting dates are as follows: *October 10th, November 14th, and December 15th*. The meetings will be from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. For more info, call Mark at (410) 551-4230.

COMING EVENTS

- *Aug. 21st-Jet Car Nationals* at Maryland International Raceway in Budd's Creek, MD.
- *Aug. 21st- 24th Annual Tobacco Trail Antique and Classic Car Show* at Allen Pond Park in Bowie, MD. For further info, contact Jim Scheidel at (301) 855-8136.
- *Aug. 27th to 29th- Corvettes at Carlisle* at the fairgrounds.
- *Aug. 27th to 29th- Lowrider and Import Indoor Supershow* at the New Jersey Convention and Expo center at Raritan Center, Edison, NJ. 300 of the Best Customs in the Northeast! *Hydraulic competition, over 60 classes*. For *info*, contact *Showin' Off, Inc. P.O. Box 213 Pompton Plains, NJ 07444 [(973) 636-1258, or E-mail NJSHOW@AOL.COM.*
- *Aug. 28th- Third Annual All-Ford, Mustang, Lincoln, and Mercury swap meet and show* sponsored by the Mid-Maryland Ford Club, Inc. of Frederick from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Mason-Dixon Dragway on Route 40 in Boonsboro, MD. Spectators are \$5.

- *Aug. 28th- First Annual Street Survivors Street Rod Picnic/Show* at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis, MD. Check out the website for further details at <http://www.angelfire.com/md/streetsurvivors>. *Hope to see you there!*
- *Aug. 29th- 11th Annual Rod Run to then Park*, sponsored by the *Valley Cruisers* of Harrisonburg, VA is open to *street rods, street machines, and customs*, but, *no vans, motorcycles, or four-by-fours*. There will be food, door prizes, games, and a picnic area and swimming pool for participants. For info, call Glen at [(540) 434-8213], or Carrol at [(540) 433-16757].
- *Sept. 11th- Run Amuk in '99 Model show* from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Baron's Room, in Knoxville, TN. For info, contact Kenneth King at 2803 Dee Peppers Road Knoxville, TN 37931 E-mail cmking@icx.net).
- *Sept. 11th- 35th Annual Laurel Lions Auto Show and Family Fun Day* at Laurel Park in Laurel, MD from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Trophies, dash plaques, door prizes, vendors, DJ, food, concessions, clowns, pony rides, games, and more. *Free admission for spectators!* For info, contact 'em at (301) 483-9807, or E-mail lionshow@aol.com.
- *Sept. 12th- Lost in the 50's car club and the Maryland Automotive Modelers Association 9th Annual Benefit Car Show for Special Boy Scout Troop #216* (physically and mentally handicapped) at Glen Burnie High School, Rt. 648, Glen Burnie, MD from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dash plaques, door prizes, Chinese auction, swap meet, crafts, collectibles, and model car show! The paltry sum of \$3.00 allows the entry of any number of models, so come on down-your money will definitely go for a good cause!
- *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).
- *Sept. 12th- Annual Mid-Atlantic Buick Performance Club Car show*, at Covington Buick/Pontiac/GMC in Silver Spring, MD.
- *Sept. 12th-11th Annual Washington Times Out of the Past Revue antique car show* featuring autos showcased in past issues of the *Autoweekend* section of the *Washington Times*. The event is free for both participants and spectators. It will be held at the Spring Hill Recreation Center in McLean, VA from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- *Sept. 18th- Start Your Engines Auto Showcase 99 Car Show Series car show (To Be Announced)*.
- *Sept. 19th- Bay Country Region VCCA Antique Auto Display* at the Baltimore Museum of Industry in Essex, MD. For info, call Mike or Rose Schoppert at (410) 789-3161.
- *Sept. 26th- 13th Annual Buick Owner's of Maryland (a.k.a. BOOM!) (Hey, Matt!) All-Buick show* at Miller Motors Buick, 5937 Bel Air Road, Baltimore, Maryland (rain or shine!), starting at 9:30 a.m. Call Michael Lawton for details/registration forms at (717) 428-3408.
- *Sept. 30th to Oct. 3rd- Fall Carlisle* at the fairgrounds.
- *Oct. 1st thru 3rd-8th Annual President's Cup Nationals* at Maryland International Raceway in Budd's Creek, MD.
- *Oct. 6th-Fall Hershey AACA meet*.
- *Oct. 8th & 9th—IPMS Washington, D.C. 1999 Region II Convention* at the Holiday Inn in Gaithersburg, MD. Raffle, door prizes, vendors, modeling demos, and speakers. Model registration runs through 1 p.m. on Saturday. *'Civilian vehicle' classes* will include *Cars & Trucks (1/43)*, *Cars, Replica tock (1/24)*, *Cars "Mild to Wild"/Street & Show (1/24)*, *Cars, racing-open wheel (1/24)*, *Cars, racing-closed wheel (1/24)*, *Commercial Vehicles-all scales*, *Cars & Trucks (1/12)*, and *Motorcycles-all scales*. For info, contact IPMS Region II P.O. Box 230054 Centreville, VA 20120; [(703) 494-5997]; E-mail: priflyedit@aol.com; Internet: <http://members.aol.com/IPMSR2Conv>.
- *Oct. 8th thru 10th- 3rd Annual East Coast Buick Performance Meet* in Northeast, MD. Friday-Test & Tune at Cecil County Dragway; Saturday-All-day Buick race day at Cecil Co. Dragway, w/Cruise to Big M in Churchville that evening; Sunday-Buick Performance car show at Cecil Co. Community College.
- *Oct. 9th- NNL Nationals* in Maumee, OH. For info, SASE to Rick Forester 4736 Porter Road North Olmstead, OH 44070.
- *Oct. 9th- Start Your Engines Auto Showcase 99 Car Show Series Auto Showcase #5 car show* at Pep Boys on Pulaski Highway.
- *Oct. 10th- 2nd Annual Cancer Cure Cruise, Car show, and Parade Sunday* from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Merriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia, MD. For info, call (410) 531-6737.
- *Oct. 17th-Thirty-Seventh Collector's Diecast Toy Show* hosted by the *Chesapeake Miniature Vehicle Collector's Club* from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Fire Hall in Shrewsbury, PA. For info, call Joe Golabiewski at (410) 592-5854 or Carl Daehnke at (717) 764-5411.
- *Oct. 30th-Bay Country Region VCCA "All Chevrolet Show"* from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bob Bell Chevrolet in Bel Air, MD. For info, call (Jerry Prodoehl at (410) 544-7873.
- *Nov. 6th- Start Your Engines Auto Showcase 99 Car Show Series Auto Showcase #6 car show* at the Toys "R" Us on Pulaski Highway.
- *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.

- *Saturday, Nov. 13th- 7th Annual Hobby Expo 1999* sponsored by the *Suffolk Scale Model Club, and the Long Island Auto Replica Society (LIASRS club!)* , at the Holiday Inn on Veterans Memorial Highway (near Islip MacArthur Airport) in Ronkonkoma, NY from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Model show, and 3,200 sq. ft. vendor room. Rooms available at a discounted rate for show attendees. Call 585-9500, and ask for Sue Brotowski. Check out the LIARS website for further info at <http://hometown.aol.com/LIARSCC/auto/index.htm>.
- *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.
- *Dec. 12th- Semi-Annual Toy Show* at the Fallston Volunteer Fire Department in Fallston, MD from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For info, call June or Joe Livingston at (410) 877-7644, or Hobie Howell at (410) 877-3568.
- *Jan. 20th, 2000 (!)- Super Sunday Collectors Toy Show* at the Shrewsbury Fire Hall in Shrewsbury, MD from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For info, call Joe Golabiewski at (410) 592-5854, or Carl Daehnke at (717) 764-5411.
- *March 4th, 2000 (!)-The Birmingham Classic NNL Model car show and swap meet* at the Oporto Armory in Birmingham, AL from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Theme awards this year are "*Birds and Bees*" (*Anything with a bird or insect name in it!*). For *Vendor info*, contact Dan Morgan at P.O. Box 988 Cullman, AL 35056, or call [(256) 739-1819]. For *Show info*, contact Tommy May at MCCM 5605 12th Ave. South Birmingham, AL [(205) 591-8038] (SASE for flyer), or E-mail TMayMCCM@mindspring.com.
- *April 9th, 2000 (!)- WCCA Millennium Spring Toy Show* at the York Fairgrounds in York, PA from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For info, contact club office at (717) 653-7327.
- *April 29th, 2000(!)- The First Annual Scenic City Classic NNL Model Car Show/Expo* sponsored by the Chattanooga Auto Replicas in Scale at the Camp Jordan Arena in scenic Chattanooga, TN *Themes* are "*Anything with a '1' in it*", and "*Fun in the Sun.*" For *vendor info*, contact *Lee Baker* at 927 Belvoir Hills Cir. East Ridge, TN 37412 [(423) 629-0121], or E-mail augie@vol.com; for *sponsorship* and *other show info*, contact *David Rose* at 3856 S. Quail Lane Chattanooga, TN 37415 [(423) 870-9619], or E-mail cars@vol.com. Check out their website at <http://www.CARSMoDelCarGallery.com!>

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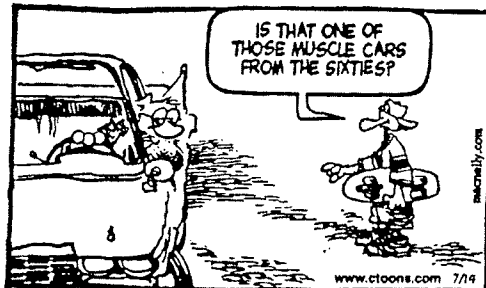
FOR SALE- *Five Scale Auto Enthusiast binders (red with gold print).* Very good condition, \$5 each, or all five for \$20. Also *SAE #41-61 (Jan/Feb 1986- June 1989)*, \$10 each. Call Tim Powers at (410) 255-3976.

WANTED- Two *Jaguar XKSS kits (Revell of Germany).* Contact Harold Bradford at (301) 604-8591.

WANTED- One *Revell-Monogram '70 Challenger T/A.* Call Dave Johns (*Ed. Note: I hear that this one is being reissued, Dave.*)

FOR SALE- *Display case,* glass front, top, and sides, 28" wide, 48" long, (2) full-length glass shelves. left and right sliding doors on rear, \$100. Call Jack Wallenfelt at (301) 856-4482.

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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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