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by: "GTO"

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Well gang, the October meeting had a good turnout, with around 40 people in attendance. The meeting had no highlights to speak of, except for the *slightly late Anniversary cake*, again graciously donated by *Mike Hemp* to mark the club's Anniversary in September. *Thanks, Mike!*

The raffle raised \$70.00 (as well as \$60.00 from the box). The club would like to thank the following raffle donors: *Walt Rook, yours truly, Ron Hamilton, Brad, Rich Wilson, Ron Roberts, Ed Brown, Ron Palmer, Bill Kilby, Mike Hemp, Mark Mason, Bill Spradlin, 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

& **Note: This is the Fourth Saturday!**

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.

New Stuff!

The following information was brazenly copied directly from *The Model Car Hub website!* Thanks, Dirk!

AMT/ERTL/Racing Champions

(All kits are 1/25th scale unless otherwise noted)

1957 Chrysler 300-C	"Black Force" Snapfast Slammer (<i>Chrysler Atlantic meets 1939 Ford</i>)
1960 Ford Starliner (<i>New tool</i>)	1932 Ford Vicky Street Rod (<i>Pre-decorated glue model</i>)
1941 Ford Woodie	1958 Edsel (<i>Pre-decorated glue model</i>)
1971 Dodge Charger R/T (<i>New tool</i>)	1957 Chrysler 300-C (<i>Pre-decorated glue model</i>)
1939 Chevy Wagon Rod	1941 Ford Woodie (<i>Pre-decorated glue model</i>)
1070 1/2 Baldwin-Motion Camaro (<i>New tool!</i>)	1939/40 Ford Sedan " <i>Millennium</i> " series
1966 Stock Buick Riviera (<i>New tool</i>)	1950 Ford Convertible " <i>Millennium</i> " series
1962 "Rumblin' Ramblur" convertible Snapfast Slammer	1951 Chevy Fleetline " <i>Millennium</i> " series

Classic Metal Works Generation II

(1/24th scale; opening hood, doors, and trunk; hand-assembled from 60+ parts; fully detailed trunk w/spare tire; limited, numbered editions of 5000 pieces; realistic plug wires; Collector's Display case)

1966 GTO Royal Bobcat	Michigan State Police Patrol Crown Vic
1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z28	Florida Highway Patrol Crown Vic
1970 Chevelle "Street Rat"	Dallas City Police Patrol Crown Vic
1961 Chevy Impala SS409	Cleveland City Police Patrol Crown Vic
Texas Highway Patrol Crown Vic	Los Angeles Police Patrol Crown Vic

(1/87th scale; diecast body & chassis; over 21 tampo & paint finishes per car; real rubber tires; plated parts; opening hoods w/detailed engines; factory official paint colors)

1953 Ford Victoria	1941 Plymouth Coupe
1970 Chevelle SS	1948 Ford Convertible
1950 Ford Pickup	1955 Chevy Bel Air convertible
1948 Ford Woody	

Lindberg

(All kits are 1/25th scale, unless otherwise noted)

1953 Ford Indy Pace Car convertible	1937 Cord Speedster (<i>Pyro reissue</i>)
1948 Lincoln Continental (<i>Pyro reissue</i>)	1864 Impala "Dancer" Lowrider
1935 Auburn Speedster (<i>Pyro reissue</i>)	Chevy S10 Hopper w/bed lift (<i>1/20th scale reissue</i>)

Monogram

1970 Torino GT <i>Pro Modeler</i> (<i>1/25th scale</i>)	Badman " <i>Monogram Classics</i> "
1940 Ford Convertible <i>Pro Modeler</i> (<i>1/25th scale</i>)	1969 Z28 Camaro (<i>1/12th scale</i>) " <i>Monogram Classics</i> "
Midget Racer " <i>Monogram Classics</i> "	1932 Cadillac V-16 " <i>Monogram Classics</i> "
Lil Coffin " <i>Monogram Classics</i> "	
Predicta " <i>Monogram Classics</i> "	

Revell

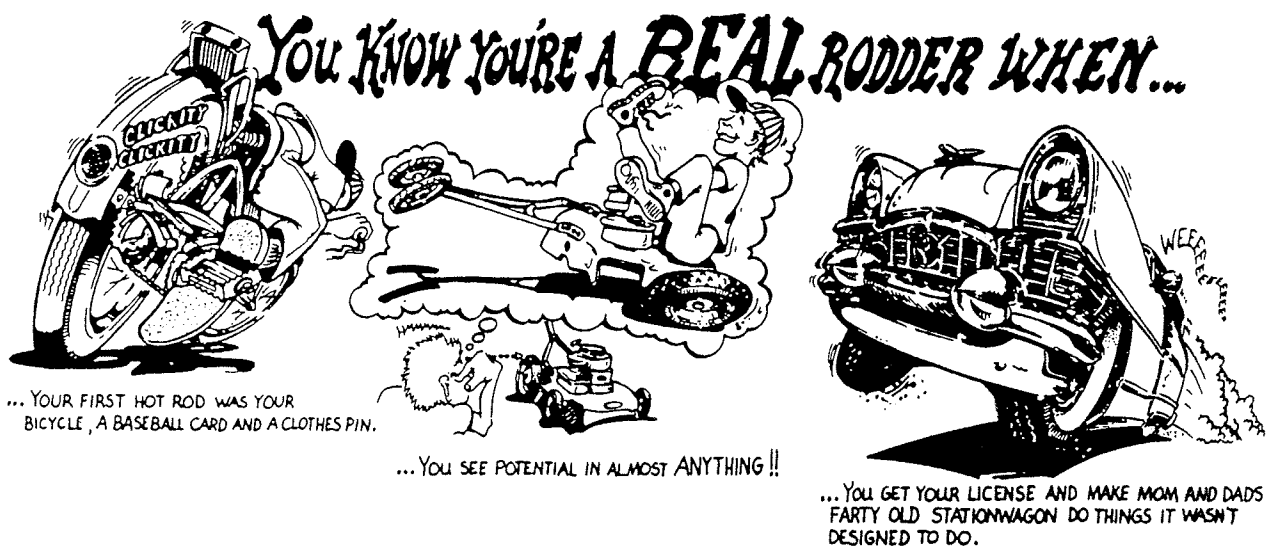
Team Green Reynard Champ Car	"Next Gen" #24 "Dupont" Monte Carlo
McDonald's Reynard Champ Car	"Next Gen" #3 "Goodwrench" Monte Carlo

"Next Gen" #31 "Lowe's" Monte Carlo
 "Next Gen" #6 "Valvoline" Taurus
 #20 "Home Depot" Grand Prix
 #18 "Interstate Batteries" Grand Prix
 #22 "Caterpillar" Grand Prix
 #22 "Havoline" 1988 T-Bird (w/Davy Allison figure)
 Revell/Slixx Lumina stock car
 Revell/Slixx Dodge Charger funny car
 "Jeg's" Olds Cutlass Pro Stock
 Baldwin-Motion Drag Cobra
 Tony Nancy's "The Loner" AA/FD dragster
 Mickey Thompson's Grand Am funny car (1/16th scale-red version)
 Warren Johnson's "Superman" Firebird Pro Stock
 1968 GTO Street Machine (reissue)
 1971 Plymouth Cuda Street Machine (reissue)
 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner (modified reissue of the 1970 GTX)
 1967 Dodge Charger
 1968 Mr. Norm's Dodge Dart GSS
 1939 Chevy Sedan Delivery Lowrider (modified reissue)
 Shelby Series 1
 Acura Integra 'R' Hot Hatch
 1926 Ford 'T' Sedan Delivery (reissue)
 1980 Ford Bronco (reissue)
 "Amigo Pack" (consisting of a 1/25th scale 1963 Impala Lowrider w/matching 1/64th scale diecast 1963 Impala)
 1964 Impala hardtop Lowrider
 1963 Impala Lowrider Pro Finish glue kit

"Next Gen" #24 "Dupont" Monte Carlo Pro Finish glue kit
 "Next Gen" #3 "Goodwrench" Monte Carlo Pro Finish glue kit
 "Next Gen" #31 "Lowe's" Monte Carlo Pro Finish glue kit
 "Next Gen" #88 "Quality Care" Taurus Pro Finish glue kit
 #20 "Home Depot" Grand Prix Pro Finish glue kit
 #18 "Interstate Batteries" Grand Prix Pro Finish glue kit
 Revell Complete Kit New VW Beetle (1/24th scale)
 Revell Complete Kit Mazda MX-5 Miata (1/24th scale)
 Revell Snaptite ProFinish "Interstate Batteries" Firebird funny car (1/24th)
 Revell Snaptite ProFinish "MAD" Firebird funny car
 Revell Snaptite ProFinish "Next Gen" #24 "Dupont" Monte Carlo
 Revell Snaptite ProFinish "Next Gen" #3 "Goodwrench" Monte Carlo
 Revell Snaptite ProFinish "Next Gen" "Valvoline" Taurus
 ProFinish Corvette Lemans Pace Car
 ProFinish 1957 Chevy Bel Air (Turquoise w/white top)
 ProFinish SMART Car
 ProFinish 1934 Ford Coupe Street Rod
 Wheels of Fire 2000 Ford T-bird
 Wheels of Fire 1963 Corvette
 Wheels of Fire 1977 Monte Carlo Lowrider
 Wheels of Fire 1957 Chevy Bel Air

Revell Diecast

Milner's "American Graffiti" Deuce Coupe
 Falfa's "American Graffiti" 1955 Chevy
 Suzanne Somers' "American Graffiti" 1956 T-bird



Testors

#3 Monte Carlo (both snap & glue versions)
#6 Taurus (both snap & glue versions)
#24 Monte Carlo (both snap & glue versions)
#88 Taurus (both snap & glue versions)
Coupster
Daddy Weird-Oh
Davey Weird-Oh
Mama Weird-Oh
Baby Weird-Oh
1958 Impala Hopper (1/24th metal body kit)
Hummer (1/24th)
VW New Beetle Metal Body kit (1/24th metal body kit)
Ford Crown Vic Trooper Interceptor (1/24th metal body kit)

Mustang Cobra (1/24th metal body kit)
1934 Ford 5-window Coupe (1/24th metal body kit)
1949 Mercury (1/24th metal body kit)
1955 Chevy Bel Air (1/24th metal body kit)
1957 Chevy Bel Air (1/24th metal body kit)
1969 Chevy Camaro (1/24th metal body kit)
1966 GTO (1/24th metal body kit)
1961 Impala Lowrider (1/24th metal body kit)
1932 Ford Hiboy (1/43rd metal body kit)
1949 Mercury (1/43rd metal body kit)
1969 Charger Daytona (1/43rd metal body kit)
1964 Corvette Grand Sport (1/43rd metal body kit)
VW Beetle (1/43rd metal body kit)

Polar Lights

"Gas Ronda" Mustang funny car
Gene Snow's "Rambunctious" Charger funny car

Holman-Moody Talladega
Sunny King Talladega

1966 Buick Riviera Lowrider

[AMT/ERTL #30084; 1/25th scale; new tool; 114 pieces, including 100 pieces for the car, and 14 for a lowrider bicycle]

A few months ago when AMT/ERTL announced the impending release of the 1969 Buick Riviera lowrider, I wondered to myself: Would it be a straight reissue of the 1966 annual kit? Or, would it be a modification of the 1969 Riviera recently issued in the "*Buyer's Choice*" series? Or, would it be a brand new tool from the ground up? Well, to my amazement, AMT decided to do this kit justice, and retool the kit in the style of their latest releases. As soon as I picked up the car, I compared it with the original 1966 Riviera annual kit. More on that later in the review.

For those of you not familiar with this car, here's a capsule history. In the late 50's, General Motors made the decision to enter the personal luxury field. At that time, the Ford Thunderbird was the only vehicle being marketed in that class, and it was a rousing success. The Riviera that was introduced in 1962 as a 1963 model was originally designed to be a Cadillac model known as the LaSalle. Fortunately for Buick, Cadillac decided they did not want to market this type of car. The design was modified and given to the Buick division, as they needed a flagship model to bring in more customers, and this car did just that.

The car, while not a huge seller, successfully brought more buyers into Buick showrooms. Other divisions with General Motors, including Cadillac, followed suit with competitive models when the decision was made that it would not be cost-effective for a single division to have its own body structure (*save for Chevrolet's Chevy II, Corvair, and Corvette*).

In the 1966 model year, the totally restyled Buick Riviera was joined by the Oldsmobile Toronado, which differed from the Riviera in that it was a front-wheel-drive car, with a completely flat passenger compartment floor.

The three cars, while resembling each other ever so slightly, had distinct personalities that catered to the people they were marketed to. The Eldorado was a sporty luxury car, while the Toronado with its bold, unusual styling, was reminiscent of the Cord automobile of the late 30's. The Riviera had a style all its own, which was an evolution of the breakthrough design of the first Riviera, and that, along with a rear-drive chassis made the car one of the most desirable cars in that era to apply the "Lowrider" style to it. The car has a heavy, yet sleek look to it. Make no mistake; this is one big, heavy car. The sharp edges of the bladed fenders, the "W" shape of the front and rear ends of the car, the slope of the windshield and rear window, as well as the sculpturing along the sides of the car were typical of the cars coming from Bill Mitchell's styling studio.

Upon comparing the kits, I came to the conclusion that AMT/ERTL made the right move in tooling up a new kit. Looking at the annual, it has only two advantages over the new kit:

- A 'Replica Stock' and two 'Custom' versions of the car, one mild, and the other a bit more elaborate, and
- More delicate engraving for the emblems, wipers, and door handles.

I came to the conclusion that this kit is designed to build one version (*Lowrider*). The only option the builder has with the parts in the kit is the suspension 'attitude'. While checking out the parts, I could not help myself, as the car is already up on its wheels, to allow me to check out its 'attitude' as a completed model. Let's look at this puppy!

Engine: An 18-piece replica of Buick's 425 cubic inch V-8, equipped with a Turbo 400 transmission. It is also equipped with unplated finned aluminum valve covers, dual 4-barrel carb setup, and a huge chrome air cleaner. This is the

optional engine setup offered by the factory when the car was new. This has to be the best depiction of a stock Buick 'Nailhead' V-8 ever put in a model kit. The engraving is crisp, and the detailing is right o the money. With proper painting and selected aftermarket part usage, it is the engine of choice for any Buick of that era. It looks 'right' under that massive hood. Curiously, there is no A/C equipment, but seriously, how many cars were so equipped in 1966?

Interior: A 13-piece assembly, which builds off of the floorpan, just, like a real car. The firewall is also heavily engraved, and the car has a separate steering box, and brake reservoir and booster. The interior side panels are deeply textured, and show off the switches and controls very well. The dashboard is also well detailed, with a separate steering column w/shifter and turn signal stalk, and a 'chain link' steering wheel, which in my opinion, only belongs on a show car. The front seat is the optional Strato-back front seat, with the fold-down center armrest. On the real car, there was an option of bucket seats and a console, which, by the way, was featured on the annual kit. A full-width bench seat brings up the rear of this assembly. This is superior to the original kit in that the engraving of the new kit is much deeper, and therefore, more three-dimensional.

Chassis: An 11-piece unit, which includes AMT/ERTL's separate frame, radiator, exhaust system, and suspension systems, which is far more detailed than the pan type system in the annual kit. That thing had a positively bizarre axle attachment system!

Suspension: As in all of this manufacturer's Lowrider kits, there are parts included for the builder to display the model in various 'attitudes.' Fully lowered (*my personal favorite!*), fully raised, or a combination of raised and lowered in either the front or the rear. I am willing to bet that some enterprising modeler will do a side to side, or a partially raised or lowered suspension setup using these parts. The annual kit again featured that bizarre wheel mounting system with only one 'attitude.'

Wheels/Tires: A set of Goodyear Eagle GS-C 17" directional radial tires is provided which mount a gorgeous set of Wheels styled similarly to the *Colorado Custom "Valdez"*. The annual kit included the chrome Buick 5-spoke road wheel, American Torque Thrust D 5-spoke wheels, and the Buick finned wheel cover with 2-prong knockoff. The annual kit tire choices were limited to the standard whitewall tires, or low profile blackwall donuts.

Body: Separate windshield and rear windows mount onto the body, as well as the heater and radiator hoses, air cleaner, and mirrors, which round out this subassembly.

In the old days, the manufacturer gave the builder multiple versions of the car. In the case of the Riviera, we had multiple front and rear treatments, a second hood, and a heavily padded landau-style vinyl roof for the body. Additionally, three sets of wheels and two sets of tires for rolling stock, and an additional set of seats and a custom dashboard for the interior. We were then able to mix and match these parts, and create a truly unique model, as well as quite a few extra parts for another project. Today, the model manufacturers will issue a model with a single building version, or at best two (*with an added wheel/tire combination*), and, to be honest, that's just fine with me.

Included in this kit is a "Lowrider Bicycle", which is entirely chrome plated, with separate, clear spoke assemblies. The seat, wheels and tires must be detail painted, and the frame can be painted to match the car, or left chrome. This little jewel is worth the price of admission alone!!

The question remains, is this a good kit? *Yesssssss, no doubt about it!* AMT/ERTL has done an excellent job. If you are into the cars of that era, this kit is a must-have. Originally, I was going to convert my model into a Replica Stock 1966 Riviera GS, but as good as this one is, I am going to wait for that version from the manufacturer. I hope that they see fit to offer both the Buick chrome 5-spoke road wheels and the finned wheel covers with knockoffs!!

By: Ron Hamilton

BITS & PIECES

- **"It was HIS time of the month?!?"** A recent *road rage incident* in Oklahoma City caused a man to shoot another man five times in the traffic altercation. *Ricky Dewayne Bryen* was charged with assault in the altercation. Ricky's excuse? **"Gender Identity Disorder"** caused him to shoot another man! Mr. Bryen, 29, has since begun *sex-change treatment*, and is now known as *Stacy Michele Bryen*. *He, ER, she (?) even went so far as showing up for trial wearing a skirt, pumps, red lipstick, and long blond hair!* A psychologist testified that Mr. Bryen believed he was a man trapped in a woman's body. Thanks to **The Washington Times**.
- **Kudos!** Congrats must go out to **MAMA's Boy Bill Geary** for his participation in the *recent IPMS convention*. Bill managed to nail down a **First Place award** for his *Ferrari*, a **First Place award** for his *427 Corvette*, and a **Third Place** for his *1/43rd scale Ferrari Testarossa*. **Wayto go, Bill!** Anyone else I might have missed, lemme know, OK?
- **EBay Bimmer.** *Ebay* strikes again! Seems as though **BMW** and the on-line auction giant teamed up on Oct. 29 when the first **BMW X5 SUV** hit the block on Ebay-where the high bid surged to **\$500,000-NINE TIMES** the suggested retail price! The bidding surged past the **\$60,000 mark** in the **first hour** of bidding, past **\$250,000** by **mid-afternoon**, and then doubled to **\$500,000** by **Oct. 29**, with 144 bids submitted. The winning bidder will receive a silver X5 on December 1, about two weeks before the vehicles are scheduled to hit dealer's lots. The

vehicle was donated to the *Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer foundation*, which will receive all proceeds from the sale.

- **“Plymouth sinking!”** Yup, seems as though the execs at Daimler-Chrysler have decided to sink the troubled Plymouth ship, phasing out the *Breeze, Neon, Voyager minivan*, and *Prowler roadster* beginning in the second half of next year (*Rumor has it that the Prowler may be rebadged as a Chrysler or a Dodge!*)! The Plymouth brand was axed last year in Canada. The company also recently stopped putting the Plymouth emblem on the minivan. Thanks to **The Washington Times**.
- **On-Line model car mag!** How about a *“Blast from the Past?”* Well, I heard that none other than *Roy Sorenson*, former editor of *Plastic Fanatic magazine* is putting together a new venture- an *on-line model car magazine!* We all know that things could be much more timely in this format, since it could be updated DAILY. Roy is talking about many more pictures of contest coverage than the dozen or so run in print magazines, and with the on-line format, no hassles printing or mailing it! The mag will feature *model car building (natch!)*, but it will also feature *collecting, diecast, new product reviews, event coverage, kit reviews, and model car features*. The content is expected to change every two months, and this is where Roy needs help. He needs *event coverage* from modelers, but he is also actively in search of *RELIABLE, regular contributors* to do bi-monthly columns. Submit your resume and/or ideas to Roy at *motoreplica@worldnet.att.net*. The magazine is set for a *January 2000 introduction*, and the address will be www.escalecars.com.
- **“Hot Rod Garage!”** *Ray Bartlett*, owns and manages the garage, a 50-minute drive from *Superior Auto Body*, where all his customers want their cars repaired ASAP. Not so at the *Hot Rod Garage*, in nearby Denton, MD, housed in a converted Ford dealership on the Eastern Shore (*due to the prohibitively high costs of buying land in the Bowie area to build a shop of his own*). Customers of this shop have *plenty of time and patience*, while Bartlett’s seven employees create and restore masterpieces. Bartlett’s tastes run to the *‘classic stuff’* as he puts it, which is why he and a partner started *The Rodder’s Journal*, which currently enjoys about *7,500 subscribers*. They wanted *“to do a coffee table book rather than a bimbo kind of thing.”* Well, I think he has succeeded, on both counts! Thanks to **The Washington Times** for a nice item on Ray.
- **Cowboy Limos!** *“Truly Texas” limousine owner Brad Goodbread* has something different in *limos-a 31’ Chevy C-3500 (!)*, and a *34’ Ford F350 (!)*. *Whatta tailgate Party Machine possibility!!* Thanks to **The Washington Times**.
- **“Future Shock!”** Technology experts recently revealed their visions for the next century, predicting that we’ll all be *driving electric cars fueled by nuclear reactors (!)*. This is due to the need to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. This will also mean less pollution from things like coal and oil, as well as a diminished chance of war with the Middle East. *I just don’t wanna be around when the neighbor’s electric Ford Excursion experiences a meltdown!!* Thanks to **The Washington Times**, for the look into the crystal ball.
- **“Let’s get Stoned!”** Remember that slogan from the 60’s? Well, *Mercedes* figures people may be tired of having real wood trim, fake wood, and painted plastic in their cars, so, they plan to offer *‘Designo granite’* (optional, of course!) *stone trim* on its new *top-line 2000 model CL Coupe* when it goes on sale this Spring with a sticker in the *\$80,000 to \$90,000 range* (!) Mercedes says that the stone accents are extremely thin, and don’t weigh much more than wood trim currently used in top-line cars. *Guess if it goes into the water, it’ll sink like a rock, eh?*
- **Diecast Yenko Camaro!** Cars Plus is producing a 2,500 (*limited*) piece run of a *1/64th scale 1968 Johnny Lightning Yenko Camaro*. It will be *Matador Red*, and feature the *unique ram air hood*, real wheels with red stripe tires, and the Yenko stripe package. The tab is \$16.00 each (*one to 11 models*), or \$13.00 each (*12 or more*), plus \$5.00 shipping and handling on each order. Send orders to: Cars Plus/Gary Coffey, 4100 Cumberland Place, Racine, WI 53405; [(262) 554-7144 (between 6 and 9 p.m. Central), or E-mail coffey@acronet.net.
- **“Businessman of the Century”** Fortune magazine recently chose none other than *Henry Ford* as *Businessman of the Century!* Ford was selected from a series of profiles on 20th-Century business leaders published in Fortune over the past six months. Mr. Ford transformed the automobile from a rich man’s toy into a working man’s necessity! Thanks again to **The Washington Times**.
- **“Cars of the Century!”** *The Washington Automotive Press Association* recently chose its *Top Ten Cars of the Century*. These vehicles were selected based upon consumer appeal, sales, design, engineering innovation, effect on the industry, and historical significance. They are: *The Curved-dash Olds (1900-1909); the Model T Ford (1910-1919); the 1928 Chevrolet (1920-1929); the 1937 Chrysler Airflow (1930-1939); the 1944 Jeep (1940-1949); the 1959 Cadillac (1950-1959); the 1964 GTO (Ed. Note: See! I Toldja!!) (1960-1969); the 1979 VW convertible (1970-1979); the Dodge Caravan (1980-1989); and the Mercedes M-Class (1990-1999)*.
- **And, speakin’ of GTOs!** The *Pontiac GTO* was recently inducted into the *“Cruisin’ Hall of Fame”* at the *10th Annual Route 66 Rendezvous*, recognizing it as *America’s original musclecar*, a class of automobiles it is credited with creating! The Route 66 Rendezvous is a nostalgic celebration of the historic *“Mother Road”*.
- **Retired 1940 Ford!** *Danbury Mint* is retiring their *1940 Red Ford Deluxe Coupe*, never to be seen again! This one features *opening doors, hood, and trunk, and steerable wheels through the steering wheel*. The tab for this

only \$112, payable in four monthly installments of \$28 (plus \$1.95 S + H per installment). You can reserve yours by contacting them at Danbury Mint 47 Richards Avenue Norwalk, CT 06857. Also available from the gang at Danbury, is *Santa's Roadster*, a 1931 Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster. It is finished in classic Christmas red and green, and includes all holiday accessories, such as candy canes, wreath, 'Season's Greetings' message on the doors, and a rumble seat full of gifts! This one will set you back \$125, payable in four monthly installments of just \$31.25 (plus a total of \$7.80 for shipping and handling). And remember their money-back guarantee!

- **New 2000 DeVille drives like a truck!!** Seems as though a new option on the new *Caddy* is the 'Reverse-Sensing System.' Simply put, it is a series of four ultrasonic sensors mounted in the rear bumper which alerts the driver of his proximity to objects by *emitting a series of beeps* that increase in frequency as the vehicle moves closer to the detected object. *You know, kinda like when those large delivery trucks back up with that irritating 'Beep Beep Beep'!* In their defense, this system is available on some new *Fords* and *Lincolns* as well. *Are vehicles getting that big that this is really necessary?!*
- **More club meetings.** Mark Wheeler, known 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

- **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. 14-16, 2000- 41st Annual Big K Mart World of Wheels** at the Baltimore Convention Center. Be there for the *Scale Auto Enthusiast model car show!* For info, call (410) 590-4950.
- **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 'I' 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!](http://www.CARSMoDelCarGallery.com)

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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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Bradley's Model Car Collectibles is pleased to announce a joining of forces with All Good Stuff Automotive in order to offer a full time discount retail outlet for your model car/truck hobby purchases.

We will carry a full line of old and new kits from ERTL, Revell-Monogram, Lindberg, Polar Lights, etc, as well as foreign kits from Tamiya, Hasegawa, and others. All prices will be discounted from retail with most \$11.00 retail kits selling for \$7.95 everyday. More items will be added in the future, possibly including paint, detail supplies, automotive and hobby books, diecast, t-shirts, and other automobilia.

Show your Maryland Automotive Modelers Association membership card for 10% discount on all kits.

All Good Stuff Automotive is an old 2-bay Gas Station with Automobilia/Petroliana, offering basic automotive and lawnmower repair, and t-shirt screen printing at very reasonable prices.

All Good Stuff Automotive is located at 8090 Solley Road, Glen Burnie, MD.

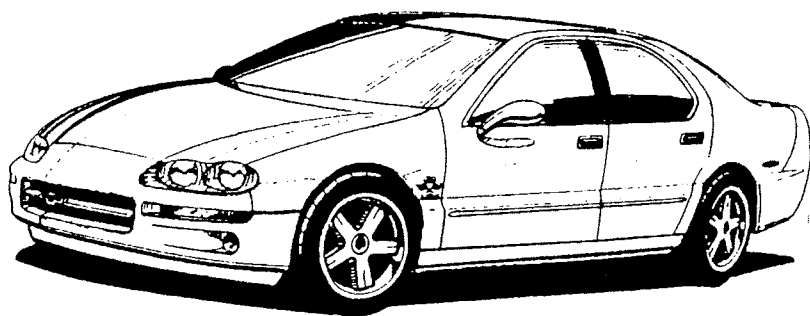
Head towards Gibson Island on Mountain road, turn left on Solley. The store is about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile on the left.

Hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 7:30 to 6:00

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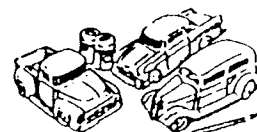
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