

MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: "GTO"

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Well gang, the *February* meeting had about 58 members in attendance. Nothing of any earth-shattering importance took place, just what we do best – buy, sell, swap, and show models!! And we seemed to do that very well. The tables were filled to overflowing, Ron had many new kits at his usual incredible prices, and members are still bringing in things to swap with one another. It is really neat when you have a group of guys within a larger group with a common interest, and they actually help each other out. Whether it is with tips, parts, or complete kits, it is really a tribute to all involved.

There was much discussion about the first big East Coast model extravaganza. You know - *NNL East* (immediately followed by our own *Mid-Atlantic NNL*). Many of those in attendance were either making carpool plans with others in their area with whom they were planning to make the trip, or considering what bits and pieces those going could bring back for the unfortunates who, for whatever reason, would not be in attendance.

Hope I don't sound like a broken record, but don't forget the "*Big Car Challenge*" thrown out by Ron "*Land Yacht*" *Hamilton*. So, drag out all those 'land yachts' - Impalas, Caprices, Bonneville's, Grand Prix's, Eighty Eights and Ninety Eights, Imperials, New Yorkers, and on and on. His challenge has been posted on the *Hobby Heaven message board* and is quite simple. Merely build a 'Big Car' (wide-open interpretation with regard to stock, racing, etc. The key factor is to start out with a big car!). Then, simply bring your completed masterpiece to our *NNL* in *May*, where we will attempt to make display space available. There was some discussion of some sort of award for the lucky winner. No word on how the winner would be determined, though. We'll let you know when more info becomes available. In the meantime, what're you waitin' for? *Get started!*

The raffle numbers were unavailable at press time. The club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: *Mike Hemp, Ron Bradley, Ron H, Jim McGuiness, Scott Quillen, Irvin Arter, Bill Spradlin, Charlie Saglinbene, and Replicas and Miniatures Company of MD*. As always, special thanks also go to those listed below:

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Double Zero One (2001) 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 again 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!). *Please note that in ALL cases, the meeting is on the Third Saturday of the month, thus making it easier to remember!*

January 20th
February 17th
March 17th
April 21st
May 19th
June 16th



July 21st
August 18th
September 15th
October 20th
November 17th
December 15th

From the Baltimore Beltway (RT 695): Take Exit 7, Route 295 (Baltimore-Washington Parkway) south towards Washington approx. 18 miles to Route 193 (Greenbelt Road), and exit. When on the off-ramp, stay to the right and merge right onto Southway (see below).

From the Washington Beltway (RT 495): Take Exit 22 north, towards Baltimore. Stay in the right lane and take the first exit onto Route 193 (*Greenbelt Road*). When on the off-ramp, bear to the right and take Greenbelt road west, towards College Park. Stay in the right lane and immediately after passing over the Parkway, make a right (*at the light*) onto Southway (*see below*).

Once on Southway: Go straight to the second (2nd) STOP sign. Make a left onto Crescent road. Go to STOP sign and make a right into the parking lot behind the Greenbelt Library. Once in parking lot, look to right. The large, white building is the Greenbelt Community Center. Enter building using doors near fenced tot lot. The multi-purpose room is on the second floor. There is an elevator to the left of the entrance.

Seminar Listing

Bare Metal Foil - Ron Hamilton ✓

Gold Foil application-Matt Guilfoyle ✓

Fear of Photoetch-Lyle Willits ✓

Interior Detailing

Panel Opening-Bill Geary ✓

Engine Detailing-Norman Veber ✓

Paint Polishing- Ron Hamilton ✓

Airbrush Technique

Restoration of a Built-up model

Decal Application

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

Building a resin kit/conversion

Tire Detailing

Photoetch Techniques – Tim Powers

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*):

- ❑ **70 ½ Z28 Camaro (AMT/ERTL #30086):** Molded in Lt. Gray....21-piece 350 cu. in. small block featuring chrome air cleaner and valve covers....styled steel five spoke Rally wheels, mounting incorrect Firestone rubber....platform-style chassis with separate front subframe....eight-piece front suspension, nine-piece rear suspension....contrary to instructions, the exhaust system is NOT plated, and consists of four pieces....drop-in door panels, separate console, two-piece (*each*) bucket seats, and the package shelf is molded to the rear seat....AMT/ERTL kitted the split bumper version of the Camaro, and also included the front airdam, and the larger one-piece rear spoiler....decals include black striping only, and three sets of license plates – '70 ½' IL, '**ZOOM 28**' NY, and 'SRV 097' TX (*Not Available*).
- ❑ **'Goodwrench' Corvette C5-R ProFinish racer (Revell #1648):** Molded in Black and Silver....Simplified 13-piece engine/trans assembly....beautiful pre-stenciled big 'n bigger Goodyear donuts which mount BBS style rims....front and rear windows are already pre-painted with black trim where necessary....body is already tampo-printed in the proper 'Goodwrench' colors....curiously, the hood does not open to display the excellent (*albeit simplified*) small block V-8....the decals are nothing short of incredible! They include several areas of carbon fiber, dash markings, and some additional exterior markings to be added by the builder. Although I have yet to build it, it is my understanding from someone who did that it is not only a very well-done kit (*especially for it being as simplified as it is*), and that it goes together very well (*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!]*

Dale Earnhardt 1951-2001

Since I don't receive too much input from the 'peanut gallery', then you will have to give me my time on the soapbox for a *small tribute* to a *Roundy-Rounder*. No, I take that back. Not just a roundy-rounder. *THE roundy-rounder*, Dale Earnhardt.

For those of you who have been living on another planet, Dale Earnhardt, the driver of the black #3 'Goodwrench' Monte Carlo, was killed in a seemingly tame last-lap mishap at the season-opening Daytona 500. His accident paled in comparison to the earlier 19-car pile-up in which Tony Stewart's 'Home Depot' Grand Prix nearly became airborne.

The really strange thing was that in this case, Dale was running blocker for his son Dale Jr., and his driver Mike Waltrip to duke it out for the win. Usually, Dale is very selfish, in that he would have been the one going for the win in this case. Instead, he unselfishly attempted to give his driver and his son a chance at winning the 'Superbowl of Auto Racing. That's the kind of man Dale had become.

Dale was seemingly the toughest guy in NASCAR today. He drove the wheels off of his car every time he strapped into it. Witness the seven championships he has to show for it. He earned the 'Intimidator' nametag for his aggressive driving style. Every competitor both simultaneously admired and feared him. The last thing anyone wanted to see in their mirrors on that last lap was that black #3 car.

He was a master of restrictor plate tracks, although he did not like restrictor plates, preferring to run flat out and wide open. People seemed to feel that Dale was so good at this type of racing, that he must actually be able to see the air as it flowed around his car, and manipulated it to his advantage. As long as Dale's cars had wheels on 'em, he wanted to be behind the wheel.

Now, before you think tat this is just the ramblings of an Earnhardt fan, you are wrong. I am a NASCAR fan. Even though I am not a big Earnhardt fan, I give Dale all the credit he is due. He was a great driver. He will be deeply missed by all in the racing community.

We can only hope that some good will come of Dale's tragic death in the form of safety enhancements, so that NASCAR stock car drivers can point to his tragic death and see something good come out of it. Dale, you will be in very good company, with names like *Neil Bonnett*, *Adam Petty*, *Tim Richmond*, and *Alan Kulwicki*, just to name a few. We will not soon forget you.

BITS & PIECES

- ❑ **Diecast Kool Kustom car Carrier!!** *Danbury Mint* will be releasing a *1930's Custom Car Carrier*. It features art deco styling which includes both front and rear fender skirts which are removable, a two-tone black over burgundy paint job (*with twin orange pinstripes accenting the color divide*), lotsa chrome, wide whitewalls with full polished wheel discs, a trick license plate door (*which flips down to reveal the removable loading ramps*), removable engine cover (*to view the GMC six-cylinder engine*), steerable wheels via the steering wheel, working winch (*to load your model, natch!*), and opening storage compartments on either side of the truck to store the wooden wheel chocks and rubber tiedown straps in order to transport your precious cargo. It lists for **\$167**, payable in five installments of \$33.40, plus \$8.00 shipping and handling. They can be reached at 47 Richards Avenue Norwalk, CT 06857, 1-800-854-7108 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time).
- ❑ **More diecasts!** Hopefully to be on the shelves as you read this is a new 1/64th scale set of cars which many of you drag racers most likely won't pass up. *Willys!* There are scheduled to be six cars in the set including *Wild Bill Cody* ('33), *Bel Engine Services* ('33), *Bryson and Sons* ('33), *Mary Ann Harmon* ('41), *Willy Fast* ('41), and *Wee Willys* ('41). Not your cup of tea? How about the *Tri-Chevy* set? It includes a '55 *Bel Air convertible*, '55 *Nomad*, '56 *Bel Air convertible*, '56 *Nomad*, '57 *Bel Air convertible*, and a '57 *Nomad*. How about the *Rock and Rollers* set? Scheduled to include a 427 *Cobra* ("Hey Little Cobra"), *Fink's Speedwagon* ("Surf City"), a *Thunderbird* ("Fun, Fun, Fun"), a *Deuce Coupe* ("Deuce Coupe"), and a '67 *Pontiac GTO* ("Little GTO"). And, for you outdoors types, a set entitled "*Bassin' USA*" which is set to include a *custom bass boat* and *matching Chevy Silverado pickup truck*. Due out in April of this year is the *Hollywood on Wheels 3* set, which is scheduled to include *Felicity Shagwell's '65 Corvette convertible*, the *Mystery Machine from the Scooby Doo cartoon series*, the *Mod Squad Woody, Supercar* (*from the old puppet TV show series*), and, finally, *Black Beauty* from the *Green Hornet!!* Due out in June of this year is the set I'm sure you are all waiting for (*I know I am!*) – the *GTO set!* It will include a '64, '65 *convertible*, '67, '69 *Judge*, '71 *Judge*, and a '72 *GTO*. By the way, these gems are all on the way from the gang at *Playing Mantis* (a.k.a. *Johnny Lightning*)!
- ❑ **Dave Schultz remembered!** Dave Schultz, who won a record *SIX* NHRA Pro Stock Bike championships, died February 11th after a battle with colon cancer at the age of 52. Schultz was the *winningest rider in NHRA two-wheeled history*, with his 45 wins earning him a class record, ranking him seventh overall in NHRA national event victories. He also holds the record for *consecutive victories (8)* by an NHRA professional competitor, set in 1994.

He was also the first rider to surpass *7.60 seconds* and *180 mph*, as well as managing to finish in the top five in Winston points for 14 consecutive seasons.

- ❑ **Robin a Dead Duck!** The *Reliant Robin*, an ungainly, *three-wheeled car*, wobbled into history recently as dwindling sales forced its makers to cease production. The *last one rolled* off the assembly line at Reliant Cars LTD sporting a *metallic gold finish*, with *two-tone leather trim* and a *walnut dashboard*. There are reportedly *44,000* of these cars still buzzing around on Britain's roads. The *first one* was produced *65 years ago*, with its most famous owner *being Princess Anne*, who paid the '*princely*' price of *5,500 pounds (or about \$8,000)* in 1999 for a *customized Robin van* to use on her *personal estate*. Early versions had *handlebars* rather than a *steering wheel*. Word is that the company priced themselves out of the market, getting about *\$14,500* for the Robin 65, the last model produced. The big attraction to these cars was that only a motorcycle license was necessary to operate one, and a motorcycle license was easier to obtain than a conventional driver's license. Tougher licensing rules had eliminated this advantage. In their heyday, the plant turned out about 300 cars a week, eventually dwindling to only 10. The car sports an 850 cc motorcycle engine, weighing in at only about 1100 pounds, and is able to eke out about *65 miles to the gallon*. Comparisons to the *Trabant* were all too common. The *car's styling* was described as '*evoking the aerodynamic grace of an overturned bass boat.*'
- ❑ **'Vanquished' V12!** *Ford Motor company* debuted the *12-cylinder Aston Martin Vanquish* at the recently-held Geneva Motor Show. The Vanquish coupe has a *6-liter 12-cylinder*, that generates *460 horsepower*. Its *0 to 60* time is *4.7 seconds*, and top speed of 196 mph. The *six-speed transmission* is operated with *paddles* on the *steering wheel*, much like *Ferrari*. The *cost?* Only *\$229,000 large!*
- ❑ **Hot Barbecue, Hot Truck!** Recently, *four armed carjackers* in *Kansas City* got more than they bargained for when they took not only a man's *Chevy Tahoe*, but the *Bar-B-Q* he had just left the restaurant with! After the robbers drove off, the man went *back* into the restaurant and called *Onstar*, who in turn, contacted the *local police*, and informed them where to find the culprits. Police arrived just as the four teenage suspects backed the Tahoe into the driveway, and they were arrested shortly after taking the *Bar-B-Q* into the house. *Guess they had THEIR dinner ruined!*
- ❑ **Rolls Royce Fireball!** No, it 's not a new high performance model, rather a description of what happened to it! US auto safety regulators said they are investigating *Rolls Royce* and *Bentley* cars because a *\$360,000 Rolls Royce convertible exploded* after a dealer employee fueled the vehicle for the first (*and last!*) time. An estimated 500 of the *2001 Corniche* and similar *Bentley Motor Cars Azure models* are under investigation by NHTSA. It was reported that the Corniche was fueled with all the windows down, and it then blew up after traveling about 75 feet while the technician was closing the windows with a master switch, injuring both the technician and a passerby, as glass flew as far as 100 feet. The car was a total loss, according to the NHTSA report (*another case of Government Intelligence at its finest!*).
- ❑ **2002 Unimog SUV!?!?** Seems as though *Freightliner*, the commercial truck manufacturer owned by *Mercedes-Benz* had to issue a press release to set matters straight. The press release quantified the *Unimog* as a 'multipurpose vehicle' rather than an SUV. It is *10 feet in height*, a full *foot longer* than a *Ford Excursion*, has a *52-gallon fuel tank (averaging about 10 miles per gallon)*, and tips the scales at *12,500 pounds!* This thing would be ideal for *carpooling* though, because it can carry as much as *30 passengers*, and *13,000 pounds of cargo!*

COMING EVENTS

- ❑ *April 1st- Capitol Miniature Vehicle Collector's Club 62nd Annual show* from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire House Community Hall on Gallows Road in Dunn Loring, VA. For info, send an SASE to James William Brostrom, Show Manager, 6632 Cardinal Lane, Annandale, VA 22003.
- ❑ *April 1st- Winross Collector's Club of America Spring Toy Show* from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the York Fairgrounds (*in Memorial Hall*) in York, PA. For info, contact the club office at (717) 653-7327.
- ❑ *April 7th- 8th Annual Model Classic 2001* from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fairfax High School on Old Lee Highway in Fairfax, VA sponsored by the IPMS Northern Virginia IPMS. Contest, vendors ,raffle, and a 'Make and Take' program for young modelers! For info, call Tom Henderson at (703) 680-9354 (E-mail to thomash281@aol.com), or Keith Sullivan at (703) 644-8539. Or, check 'em out online at <http://www.novaipms.org>.
- ❑ *April 8th -14th Annual Coming Out show* at Charlotte Hall Center in Charlotte Hall, MD. For info, call (301) 884-5717.
- ❑ *April 14th – 3rd Bi-Annual Swap Meet and Flea Market* from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. sponsored by *The Lost in the 50's Custom Car Club of Maryland* behind Sicily's at 2301 Dorsey Road in Glen Burnie, MD. \$10 per double-long parking lot slot. Cars for sale, arts and crafts, anything, as long as it's legal! Rain or shine. All area clubs are invited to participate. Food and drinks will be available. For info, call Linda Riley at (410) 760-6028 (evenings), or Kay Woppman at (410) 437-5619.
- ❑ *April 19th to 22nd - Spring Carlisle* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.

- ❑ *April 28th- First Annual Car and Truck Show* at Eastern Technical High School in Essex, MD. For info, call (410) 887-0190.
- ❑ *April 29th- Sixth Annual Car and Truck Show* at the Lynch Manor Shopping Center, in Dundalk, MD. For info, call Ron Waugh at (410) 284-4711.
- ❑ *April 29th - Saint Mary's Rod and Classic "Spring Fling XVI"* in Leonardtown, MD. For info, call (301) 475-7285.
- ❑ *April 29th - Chesapeake Classic Car Show* at the Elks Lodge in Easton, MD. For info, call Paul Haddaway at (410) 822-3815.
- ❑ *May 4th to 6th- Custom Compact Power Jam* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- ❑ *May 6th - First Annual Blessing of the Bikes and Car Show* at the North Beach Waterfront in North Beach, MD. For info, call (301) 855-6681 or (410) 257-9618.
- ❑ *May 12th- 10th Annual Mid-Atlantic NNL Model Car Show and Swap Meet* from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ruhl Armory in Towson, MD. This year's themes are *Foreign Sports Cars* and *Dioramas (300 sq. in. max)*. For vendor info, contact Norman Veber at (410) 768-3648; For show info, contact Lyle Willits by phone (*after 6 p.m., please*) at (410) 796-2768, or E-mail MAMAperez@aol.com.
- ❑ *May 17th to 20th - Cruisin' Ocean City* at the Inlet Parking lot in Ocean City, MD. For info, call 1-800-OC-OCEAN.
- ❑ *May 18th to 20th- Carlisle Import/Kit/Replicar Nationals* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- ❑ *May 25th to 27th - Fifth Annual Big M Spring Bash* at the drive-in in Churchville, MD. For info, call (410) 879-5558.
- ❑ *June 1st to 3rd- Carlisle All-Ford Nationals* at the Fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- ❑ *June 24th - Liberty Street Rods 12th Annual car show* on the Winfield Fire Department grounds in Winfield, MD. For info, call Al Rhoton at (410) 848-5141.
- ❑ *June 29th to July 1st - Carlisle All-GM Nationals* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- ❑ *July 13th to 15th- Carlisle All-Chrysler Nationals* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- ❑ *July 14th - Second Annual All Makes Car and Truck Show and Vendor Swap Meet* at the Walkersville Fire Carnival Grounds in Frederick, MD. For info, call Ron after 6 p.m. at (301) 694-7093.
- ❑ *July 27th to 29th - Summer Carlisle* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- ❑ *July 29th - Pontiacs at the Grove* drag race and car show at Maple Grove raceway, in Mohnton, PA.
- ❑ *Aug. 24th to 26th- Corvettes at Carlisle* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- ❑ *Sept. 7th to 9th - Tenth Annual Big M Birthday Bash* at the drive-in in Churchville, MD. For info, call (410) 879-5558.
- ❑ *Sept. 16th - 6th Annual Cumberland Valley Classics Car Show* at the Carlisle fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA. For info, call Denny at (717) 258-6278.
- ❑ *Sept. 30th - Walker Pontiac All-Pontiac Car Show* at Walker Pontiac in Bowie, MD (*Rain date is Sat., Oct. 6th*)
- ❑ *Oct. 4th to 7th -Cruisin' Ocean City* at the Inlet Parking lot in Ocean City, MD. For info, call 1-800-OC-OCEAN.
- ❑ *October 4th to 7th - Fall Carlisle* at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE - Minolta X-700 35mm camera with 50mm and 70-200mm zoom/macro lenses. Includes strap and spare battery holder. \$300. Contact Tim Powers at (410)-255-3976, or see me at a meeting.

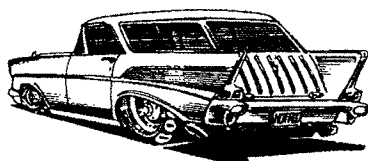
WANTED - Back issues of *Motor Racing Replica News* and/or *Motor Racing Models*. Contact me by E-mail at thereckners@erols.com, or see me at an upcoming meeting (*J C Reckner*)

FOR SALE - Hot Wheels Sojourner Mars Rover set, including pathfinder, lander, and rover still in original packaging. \$5.00 each (*two available*). Contact Rich Wilson at a meeting, or call him at (410) 674-5750.

WANTED - Meisterbrau tractor puller. Cash or have Orange Blossom Special to trade. Call Rob Spinks at (301) 604-8999.

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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