

MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: "GTO"

(The *Maryland Automotive Modelers Association* is a chapter of the *IPMS*)

Well gang, attendance at the *June* meeting ramped up to a more normal 52 members in attendance, from 30 the previous month. Guess vacations and heat have abated somewhat? *Good thing car shows and events are still goin' strong!*

The hot topic of conversation this month was our Mid-Atlantic NNL - *again*. We discussed *themes* for next year's event. We had some interesting ideas for themes, such as: *Motorcycles, Fallen Heroes, Roth cars, station wagons, Movie/TV cars (Norman!), pickup trucks, experimental cars, rear-engine cars, plain-jane cars, police cars, 'Orphan' cars, musclecars, and 'Graffiti' cars*. In the end, it seems as though the themes picked by a majority of those in attendance will be *Station wagons* and *pickup trucks*. This, in spite of the fact that we had already done trucks at an earlier NNL, and more recently included station wagons (*Along with Woodies and deliveries*). Another possible problem is the decided lack of station wagon material (*AMT/ERTL '65 Chevelle wagon excluded*). Oh well, guess you all better get to work. The tentative date for the show is May 11th, 2002, so, mark your calendars and get busy!

The raffle raised \$71.00 (*as well as \$31.00 from the box*). The club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: *Mike Hemp, Ron 'The' Bradley, Ron H, Charlie Saglinbene, Rick Wilson, Lyle Willits, Bob Ege, Harry Charon, Scott Quillen, Bruce Black, Slix decal, Replicas and Miniatures Company of MD, and Nostalgic Plastic*. 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 26th
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

'71 Charger Street Machine

[AMT/Ertl/RC kit # 30054; 108 parts, 9 chrome, 10 clear, 1 clear red]

Someone said if you look at the box art just right, it looks like a '69 *Judge* instead of a *Charger*. It's a shame that this kit wasn't done as a stock Hemi Charger, because the street machine doesn't interest me at all.

The *engine* is built off the 383/440 block and auto transmission; the only changes being cylinder heads, valve covers, chrome dual four-barrel intake, and oval air cleaner. They didn't bother to change the exhaust manifolds. The 383/440 and hemi exhaust manifolds were completely different. They did include two Carter AFB carbs each in 2 pieces. The *air conditioning system* is still in here, but seems out of place in a hemi car. In fact, air conditioning was not available with the Hemi or the 440/6-pack in the '71 Charger.

If the box art car looks like it's *dragging ass*, it's because the rear leaf springs have lowering blocks on them. The only other change is in the exhaust system. They gave us new tail pipes with fluted tips that need to be chrome plated.

Tires are the *Goodyear GS-Cs* we've seen before, and the mags look ghastly. Give them to someone who builds import models.

The *interior* is unchanged and there are no extra parts for it either.

The *hood* has been changed to the air grabber hood cut out, and there is a *two-piece air grabber assembly*. The scoop looks a little thick for the scale.

The only *decals* that are factory correct are the *grille emblem* and the *Superbee* for the hood. Blacking out the hood and the pin stripe around it are up to the modeler. Be sure to leave a circle in the black out for the body color for the bee emblem. The hood in my kit seems to be riddled with sink marks from the under hood framing. Watch out for a sink mark in the center of the roof as well.

If you were disappointed with the "*Millennium edition*" '69 *Plymouth (Roadrunner)*, use it for parts for this '71 Charger. The Dana 60 rear axle and springs should fit and would be more appropriate for a Hemi car. It also has the correct exhaust manifolds and a complete Hemi manual trans as well.

By: Rich Wilson

'65 Chevelle Station Wagon

[AMT/ERTL kit no. 31219, Re-issue in BUYER'S CHOICE series]

This straight-up re-issue of the venerable '65 Chevelle 4 door wagon has been long awaited by us "wagon fans." Thankfully, this time around it is molded in neutral gray plastic. The box tells us that you can select any one of four building options, "Crew car," stock, or "custom drag." Kudos to AMT/ERTL for bagging *EVERYTHING* separately, including the glass, chrome and tires. The instructions offer three color choices in step five. Somehow, I think Chevy made more color choices available.

Body: Essentially, you're looking at a stock Chevelle wagon body with minor modifications as options. These mods include a hood scoop, various unattractive bumper replacement "pans" and the ugliest roof rack since Sears stopped selling the Ex-Cargo. As stated above, the body is nicely molded in gray plastic with virtually no flash evident. The mold lines are very manageable and all the emblems, although lightly molded, are crisp. The hood is a separate piece and has a cutout for the optional hood scoop. I'd suggest filling the cut-out with melted sprue prior to painting as I'm sure this will come back to haunt you once the paint is rubbed out. The body is attached to the chassis with molded in "pins" which don't appear to be beefy enough to hold the bumpers, much less anything else. (In the earliest releases it was screwed to the chassis) The chrome is about average for AMT. Along with the stock grille and bumper (with separate clear headlight lenses), there is a chromed vintage custom tube grille option. The engine compartment is adequate considering the age of this tooling. You get a separate radiator, battery, overflow tank and firewall. In addition to separate clear headlight lenses, there are clear red taillight lenses and a red "bubblegum machine" for the roof. The window glass is molded in one piece.

Interior: Unfortunately the vintage tub style interior has the front bench seat molded as one piece. The rear seat (*molded open*), dashboard, steering column, steering wheel, floorshifter, and rear tailgate panel are separate items. The detail on the dashboard is nicely done. Options include a driver's side shoulder harness and tachometer (*chrome*).

Engine: The engine is the standard Chevy small-block 327 V-8 with a four-speed transmission. You can choose parts to build it one of three ways. The stock engine has a four-barrel carb and painted valve covers. The custom option has a dual-4bbl setup with individual air cleaners and finned chromed timing cover. The drag version has a blower and "bug catcher" in chrome. Also, headers are included. Surprisingly, no chrome valve covers are offered. Once again, due to the age of the tooling, there is a huge hole in the engine block for the metal axle to pass through.

Chassis: The plate chassis has the dual exhaust molded in. You have the choice of two ride heights when passing the metal axles through to attach the wheels. That's pretty much it for the chassis. At least the spare well is correctly molded vertically.

Wheels and Tires: The wheels are all one piece and pretty basic. There are separate two-piece rims for the drag slicks. The chrome tree has stock wheelcovers and well-done Cragar S/S mags. Included for your building pleasure are ten tires. You get one set of four Firestone bias-ply tires with limited sidewall detail. Also, a set of four Goodyear PolySteel Radials with decent sidewall markings but some tread that looks like it belongs on a 4X4. Finally, two very nice Goodyear Blue Streak Dragway Special slicks.

Decals: The small decal sheet features various vintage performance logos and nothing else. There are no license plate decals.

Various and sundry bits: Other items included are the "wooden" push bumper and maintenance ramps found in the last issue of the kit.

All in all, aside from any issues that arise because of the age of the tooling, I'm very pleased that AMT/ERTL has included this kit in their **BUYER'S CHOICE** program. Considering the Robber-Baron prices seen for these kits recently, this kit is well worth the price.

Review by Matt 'Wagonmaster' Guilfoyle

BITS & PIECES

- ❑ **Art, we'll miss you!** For those of you unaware, it is my sad duty to inform you of the *untimely passing* of a gentleman in our circle of friends! As you read this, final good-byes and church services will already have been offered for our own **Art Henriques**! Art suffered a *heart attack* in late June, from which he was unable to recover. I'm sure that we all have our own *memories* of **Art**, being the character he was. Mine would have to be the vision of Art waving a winning raffle ticket, and scrambling over other eager raffle participants in order to lay claim to yet another diecast to add to his collection. *Many old-timers in our small group of friends will definitely miss Art.*
- ❑ **More condolences!** I am also sorry to report that **Bill Richards' dad died** in late May. Sorry to hear that Bill – I know how you feel.
- ❑ **Ferrari guarantee!** In an effort to keep speculators from driving the prices of the company's limited edition (448 units for World-wide sale!) **550 Barchetta Pininfarina**, buyers of the 127 cars making the trip to the U.S. have to *sign an agreement that if they sell the car within one year of taking delivery, their dealer or Ferrari North America gets first crack at buying the car back at the same price (which, by the way, is a paltry \$258,000!!)*. Ferrari believes that this should weed out the speculators. Ferrari's least-expensive model is the **360 Modena**, which goes for **\$145,000**, and the car has a *three-year waiting list*, with some car owners and dealers advertising these cars for **\$200,000 or more**. Ferrari only builds about **4,000** cars annually, and a little more than **1,000** are earmarked for the U.S. market.
- ❑ **Save the Turtles!** Remember seeing one of the *current Volvo ads* where the Volvo driver gets out of his car in a downpour in order to relocate a *sea turtle* from the highway back to the sea? Well, being as how sea turtles are an *endangered species*, and it is against the law *top even touch one*, how did they go about making a star out of one? Quite simple – they created a *70-pound replica out of plastic and fiberglass*, and named it **Tia**. More than 1,000 animal lovers sent letters of praise to Volvo on Tia's (*a fake turtle!*) behalf. Tia will retire to sunny Florida, where she'll promote the protection of her species. Well, not exactly her species, since she is not really part of a species. The Caribbean Conservation Group will use Tia to educate the public about the plight of sea turtles. Thanks to The Washington Times for this one.
- ❑ **V8-6-4 Revisited!!** Anyone remember the *V8-6-4 engine* foisted upon the unsuspecting public by the **Cadillac division** of **General Motors** in the early 80's? Basically, a computer would deactivate up to 4 cylinders of the division's 4.1-liter V-8 (*if I recall correctly*), in an attempt to boost mileage. Well, it was a miserable flop, and was discontinued. Well, here it is **Summer 2001**, and **GM** says that it has discovered a way to squeeze *up to 25 percent more fuel efficiency out of a V-8 engine using a technology called 'displacement on demand', or DOD* for those of you into acronyms. A **2001 Chevy Suburban** with a conventional, 8-cylinder engine has a current

mileage rating of between *14 and 18 miles per gallon*. The new technology could increase that to *16 to 22 miles per gallon*. Using computer sensors, the technology cuts off *four* of the *eight cylinders* during normal driving conditions. The engines could be installed as *standard equipment* by 2004. *Hope these work better than the first go round!*

- ❑ **Onstar on the Job – Again!** We've all heard about *GM's Onstar system* being touted on its newest cars and trucks (*Guess not EVERYONE heard!*). Well, it was in action again recently. Seems as though a *brain dead miscreant* visited *Walker Pontiac* in *Bowie*, and was sizing up a *\$46,000 GMC Yukon Denali*. Well, the man wanted to hear the engine run, so the salesman started it up. The potential 'customer' suggested that they listen to the vehicle's '*powerful exhaust*' from the rear. He said he was a *mechanic*, and could tell how well the *engine would run* from the *sound* of the *exhaust* (*honest!*). We can all guess what happened next. The man ran to the driver's seat, jumped in and sped off, before the salesman could jump into the open passenger's side door. After a call to *Onstar*, they located the man and the truck about an hour later, when the man tried to unsuccessfully squeeze past a barricade, reportedly doing about *\$20,000 damage* to the *truck*. A Word of advice for potential crooks with regard to attempting to steal new GM vehicles – *"Doh! Can't outrun the telephone and Onstar!"*
- ❑ **Kudos!** Seems as though our own *Irv Arter* was fortunate enough to have *pics* of his *cars* used by *Tim Boyd* in a *new book*. *Congrats!*
- ❑ **Welcome!** For those of you who hadn't heard, *Terry Thompson* (*of FSM fame*) is now in charge over at *SAE*. Sorry to say that *Kirk Bell* is out. Here's wishing Terry good luck at the helm of SAE, and Kirk success in his next job.
- ❑ **Accurate report?!** The rumor has been flying over the Internet that *Accurate Miniatures* will *close down* as of June 30, 2001. I can't confirm or deny it. If anyone can, lemme know, OK?

COMING EVENTS

- ❑ *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. 3rd to 5th - 38th Annual Das Awkscht Fest* three-day car show hosted by the Keystone State Chapter of POCI (Pontiac Oakland Club International, for the abbreviation-challenged among you!), in Macungie, PA. Seems as though for 2001, none other than *Oaklands* (1908-1931) and *Pontiacs* (1926-1976) are the feature cars, wherein they will help to celebrate *Pontiac's 75th Anniversary!* For info, contact Frank Hemp at 1603 S. Main Street, P.O. Box 298, Bechtelsville, PA 19505, (610) 367-6664 (6:30 to 9:30 p.m., please).
- ❑ *Aug. 11th - 16th Annual Model Car Contest and Swap Meet* sponsored by the Music City Modelers, at Wilson Hall, at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds, in Nashville, TN. The show will include 21 classes (*one non-automotive*), and the theme is *Futuristic Prototype and Concept cars*. For info, contact Jack Aaron Coggins, 2604 Morgan Meade Drive, Nashville, TN 37216, Jacoggins@earthlink.net.
- ❑ *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. 9th - The 2nd Annual Fourbridges Challenge Model Car show, and Vendor Swap Meet*, hosted by the Staten Island Modeler's club in conjunction with the Staten Island AACA Car Club from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Petrides School (*the former College of Staten Island, Sunnyside campus*), 715 Ocean Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301. Themes are *Forgotten Marques* (*i.e., AMC, Plymouth, Willys, Tucker, Oldsmobile, Edsel, Studebaker, Desoto, Hudson, and Duesenberg, to name a few!*). For info, E-mail hwcall@home.com, or tommy85@home.com.
- ❑ *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. 16th - Sixth Annual Hagley Antique Car Show* (*autos, cycles, and trucks through 1981*) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hagley Museum and Library, on Routes 141 and 100 in Wilmington, DE (rain or shine!). For info, go to www.hagley.org.
- ❑ *Sept. 23rd - The Super September Showdown II Model Contest and Vendor Show* sponsored by *The Model King and Fantastic Plastics* in conjunction with the *Central Pennsylvania Model Car Club* from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gilbertsville Fire Hall on Route 73 in Gilbertsville, PA. For info, call Len Feinberg at (610) 923-7534, or Dave Burket at (732) 240-3987, or E-mail FmPlastics@aol.com.
- ❑ *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.

- ❑ Oct. 12th & 13th – The 2001 “Virginia Shootout” & Region II Convention Model Show and Contest will be sponsored by IPMS Roanoke Valley at the Roanoke Civic Center Exhibition Hall in Roanoke, VA. Contest is open to all modelers – *IPMS membership is NOT required*. Over 70+ categories, and the theme is *2001: A Space Oddity*. For info, contact Jeff Hinchee at (540) 989-7723.
- ❑ October 13th – *NNL Nationals #22* sponsored by the Cleveland Automotive Modelers Society, at the Lucas County Recreation Center in Maumee, Ohio. This year’s theme is ‘*Model Car Cruise Nite 2001*’ – shoot a picture of a car at a local cruise night, and build a replica of it! Be sure to bring the picture! For more info, SASE to Glenn Marek, 512 Abbyshire Drive, Berea, Ohio 44017.
- ❑ Oct. 13th – *NUCAR Pontiac/GTO Club of Delaware Inc. Car Show* at NUCAR Pontiac in Newark, DE (rain date is Oct. 14th).

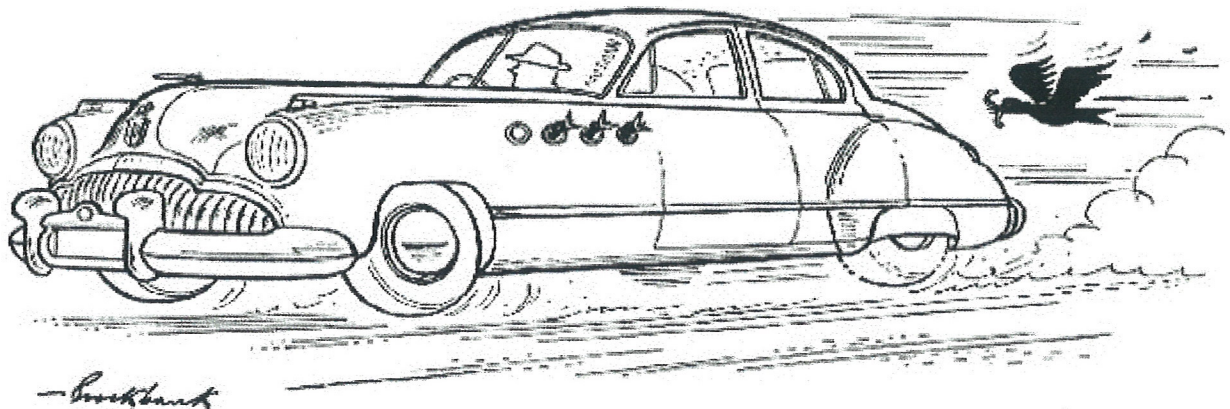
CLASSIFIEDS

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*)

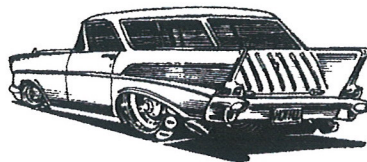
FOR SALE – Hot Wheels Sojourner Mars Rover set, including pathfinder, lander, and rover still in original packaging. \$5.00 each (*two available*). Contact Rich Wilson at a meeting, or call him at (410) 674-5750.

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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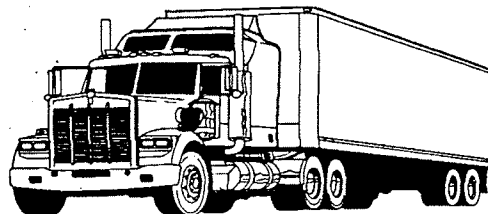
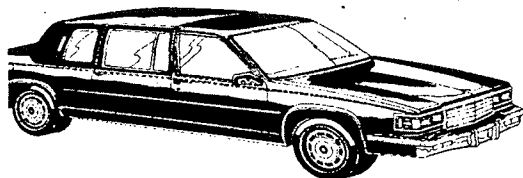


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In closing, some Bumper stickers I'd like to see:

*"If you don't like my driving, don't call anyone, just take another road.
That's why the highway department made so many of them."*

*"Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow.
Do not walk beside me either. Just leave me the Hell alone!"*



The Model King and Fantastic Plastics
In conjunction with the Central Pennsylvania Model Car Club
Present

THE SUPER SEPTEMBER SHOWDOWN II

MODEL CONTEST AND VENDOR SHOW

Sunday September 23, 2001

From 9 am to 2pm

At the

Gilbertsville Fire Hall

Route 73

Gilbertsville Pa

Admission is \$3.00 and Includes Contest Entries

OLD KITS, NEW KITS, PARTS, DECALS BUILT UPS, DIECAST, etc

Contest Entries & Registration from 9 am to 1 pm

Awards at 2 pm

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