



# MAMA Sez!

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- ☞ New, and Improved (?) format!
- ☞ Same garbage, different look!
- ☞ MAMA bragging!
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- ☞ Holiday wishes!
- ☞ That's all, folks!

## Stand Back – Food's here!!

Do you like the *new look* for MAMA? With this, the December issue, and the club's *Annual Christmas party*, I thought it was time for a change! I have had this software for some time now, and have cursed computer icon *Bill Gates* repeatedly (*really! Ask my wife, Debbie!*), when the software just flat out wouldn't do something simple like I think it should, or attempted to anticipate my next action. So, I am attempting to switch from simple word processing software, to a desktop publishing system. We'll see how it goes. It'll be a bit of a learning experience.

Along those lines, please let me know what you like and don't like, so I can make the necessary refinements.

I have a lot to be thankful for this year, namely, my new job over at NASA. I would like to *thank* those of you within the club who offered your support (*esp. Walt Rook, at NASA!*). It is appreciated. I have also been somewhat *restricted* in my *model building* and *newsletter editing* with the *computer class* in which I am enrolled. My class is rolling right along, and getting much more interesting! The



This newsletter is a work in progress, OK? So, your suggestions are welcome!

schedule is in a constant state of change, with the only constant that I hope to complete it in early Spring. *That said, let's move on!*

The raffle brought in \$92.00 (while the box contributed \$45.00). The raffle coordinator (me!) would like to thank the following people this month: *Brad, Rick Wilson, Ron Hamilton, Ron*

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## Double Zero (Y2K) 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're back at the Greenbelt Community Center multipurpose room for the dates listed below. Meetings start at noon, and last until 3 or 4 p.m. (*and maybe even longer, depending on what is going on!*).

Meeting dates are as follows: *January 20th, February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, May 26th, June 16th, July 21st, August 18th, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th, and December 15th.*



## MAMA's BoyZ take Tidewater!

We all know our club is well represented at the *NNL East* and *Toledo* events, but our membership gives a good account of itself at other, lesser-known venues as well.

The end of October is the time of the year for the *TAMS* Tidewater Automotive Modelers Society) *Annual model Car/Truck contest and Swap Meet*, and their Ninth event was held this past October 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Knights of Pythias Lodge 169, in Norfolk, Virginia. Mama's Boys figured prominently at the show.

At the top of the heap was *Ryc Martin's '41 Lincoln Continental convertible*, which won *Best in Show/People's Choice*, as well as *First place* in the *Custom Lead Sled category*. The classic Monogram kit received the full treatment from Ryc, from its "*in da weeds*" *channeled stance* to the immaculate maroon paintjob, with its complementary cream/beige interior. This elegant land yacht was an aftermarket Tour de Force, with a display stand covered in velvet,

calling up images of custom car shows of the sixties. The trunk even featured a nice layout of chromed tools. I hope Norm's photographs do it justice!

Other *First place* showings included *Ron Dreschler's blue '90 Dodge Stealth – Pro Street category*, as well as *Gordon Holsinger's Heller Formula 3 Brabham BTII – Competition Open Wheel*, and *Jerry Frazier's '60 Ford NASCAR racer – Competition Closed Wheel – pre-1981 category*. These three modelers were multiple winners, exhibiting their skills in other categories. *Ron's white '64 Savoy* took *Second place* in *Factory Stock – 1961 to 1970*, and he won *Third place* in the *hotly contested Competition- - Straight Line category* with his *Lindberg Chrysler Atlantic* snap kit converted to a *funny car*. Ron was edged out by fellow *MAMA member Jerry Frazier* with his near-perfect *out-of-the-box build-up* of Revell's new "*Big John*" *Mazmanian '41 Willys Gasser*, which took *Second place*

in *Competition – Straight Line*. *Gordon Holsinger* scored again with his red *Tamiya Porsche 959*, which placed *Third* in *Factory Stock – 1971 and Newer*. Rounding out the winners was another of MAMA's Fredericksburg contingent, *Bill Spradlin*, who won *Third place* in *Vehicles – Heavy Commercial*, with his *GMC COE "Cracker Box"*. Trucks of all kinds were heavily represented, from pickups and woodies to sedan deliveries, and appear to be more popular than ever.

The unique aspect of the TAMS show is its plentiful awards table, including special Out-of-the-Box plaques for every category. It's a very '*User-Friendly*' contest, enabling the modeler who builds cleanly but doesn't have the time or budget to go the super detailing route to compete and win. So well executed were some of the Out-of-the-Box builds-ups that they even placed outside that classification in their individual categories.

Also of note was the vendor's room, which was well attended by a number of dealers we all know and love, including some private collectors. I believe I saw *Matt Guilfoyle* at one of the tables, filling in the gaps in his 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale and Foreign Import collections. *I hope he left some kits for the other attendees!*

By: Steve Strauss



## Flash! More New Releases from ERTL!

The following list of *additional 2002 AMT/ERTL releases* comes to us from *Fantastic Plastic (and Hobby Heaven)* by way of our own *Matt Guilfoyle*: *Bulldozer*, *Kenworth Aerodyne COE*, *livestock trailer*, *'Fall Guy' pickup*, *'Hogan's Heroes' Jeep*, *'Beverly Hillbillies' truck*, *Dodge*

*Ram D-50 pickup*, *Extreme S10 pickup*, *'67 AND '70 GTOs (!)*, *'69 Dodge Daytona*, *'68 Ford Torino Cobra*, *Vampire van*, *'69 Olds 442 W30*, *'67 Camaro*, *USA-1 monster truck*, *'Bigfoot' monster truck*, *'69 Cougar Eliminator*, *'68 Shelby GT500*, *'49 Mer-*

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## '29 Ford "Rat Rod"

[Revell #85-2348; 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale; 163 total pieces—95 molded in white, 64 chrome plated, and 4 vinyl tires]

This is a clever reissue of an old standard in the Revell line, and a welcome one at that. Taking advantage of the latest trend in full-scale rodding....the *anti-billet*, *return-to-our roots* "Rat Rod".... Revell has added a few features to an already flexible, multi-option kit to stake a claim in *Nostalgiaville*. Since this is where my hot rodding heart lives, I was sold on this one the moment I heard about it, especially since I already owned a prior incarnation of this kit in its *1987 Hot Rod magazine Custom Model A Pickup packaging*, and found it to be a classic, worthy of comparison to its '31 Woody sibling, of which it shares a common lineage. It was first introduced in 1965.

**First impressions:** The box art, while nothing special, makes its point right away, with a photo of a well-displayed track nose roadster pickup, hardtop cab or raised soft

top versions. I would've preferred a more creative approach, but this method depicts instantly what you're getting for your money!

The kit is molded predominantly in white (*beats the bright red of my previous purchase.... thank you very much!*) but you immediately notice the white trees, which are nicely bagged, while the



chrome one is unbagged (*as with other kits, I rectify this by immediately exchanging contents*).

The chrome tree looked to be in surprisingly good condition, although one side appeared to be less glossy looking than the other. Fortunately, it was the side with the wheel backs, although the front axles appear to exhibit a little

'two-tone.' Oh well....a real Rat Rod would have minimal chrome anyway, wouldn't it? I imagine a true rat rodder would be putting his hard-earned dough into whatever speed equipment he could lay his hands on, like a pair of Strombergs, or that 'secret' cam....screw the plating and fancy paint!

An interesting addition, not in previous releases, is the small bag labeled "*Bag Rat Rod Wheel and Tire Assy - Made in China.*" It includes a little nine-piece chrome tree of hubcaps and trim rings (*bagged within the bag no less!*), plus two separate plastic trees of whitewall inserts and steelies with wheel backs. Also separately bagged are four soft big 'n little no-name tires. These were the first items that I assembled upon opening the kit, and I must say, they look sharp (*Ed. Note: Not Mahvelous?*). I can't attest to their accuracy in scale, but they work for me.

**Engine:** This is the same Ford four-banger as in the classic '31

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## Flash! More New Releases from ERTL!

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cury, 'Yankee Challenge', '32 Ford phantom, '66 Thunderbird, '69 Cougar, '55 Nomad, '64 Impala SS, '29 Model A Roadster, '70 Chevelle SS, '65 El Camino, '58 Chevy, '65 GTO, '63 Impala SS 2 'n 1, '53 Studebaker, '69 Chevelle SS, and in the "Buyer's Choice" lineup, the '33 Willys

coupe and van, Moonscope, '59 El Camino 3 'n 1, Barris 'T' Buggy, Vette gasser, and altered wheelbase '66 Mustang fastback. Now, this is the AMT of old!



## Stand Back.....

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Bradley, Mike Hemp, Walt Rook, JC Reckner, Chris Whalley, Nostalgic Plastic, and Replicas & Miniatures Company of Maryland. Oh, and let's not forget Revell's continued support, either. Thanks, guys, and please just get the new releases back on schedule, OK?



## ***Displacement 101!!***

1.6	98	Ford	4.1	250	Buick	5.7	350	Buick	6.7	406	Ford
2.0	122	Ford	4.1	250	Chevrolet	5.7	350	Chevrolet	6.7	406	Mercury
2.3	140	Chevrolet	4.1	250	Ford	5.7	350	Oldsmobile	6.7	409	Chevrolet
2.3	140	Ford	4.1	250	Mercury	5.7	350	Pontiac	6.7	410	Mercury
2.4	144	Ford	4.1	250	Oldsmobile	5.8	351	Ford	6.8	413	Chrysler
2.4	144	Mercury	4.1	250	Pontiac	5.8	351	Mercury	6.8	413	Dodge
2.4	145	Chevrolet	4.2	258	AMC	5.8	352	Ford	6.8	413	Plymouth
2.5	153	Chevrolet	4.3	259	Studebaker	5.8	352	Mercury	6.9	421	Pontiac
2.7	164	Chevrolet	4.3	260	Ford	5.9	360	AMC	7.0	425	Buick
2.8	170	Dodge	4.3	260	Mercury	5.9	360	Chrysler	7.0	425	Oldsmobile
2.8	170	Ford	4.5	273	Dodge	5.9	360	Dodge	7.0	426	Dodge
2.8	170	Mercury	4.5	273	Plymouth	5.9	360	Plymouth	7.0	426	Plymouth
2.8	170	Plymouth	4.6	283	Chevrolet	5.9	361	Chrysler	7.0	427	Chevrolet
2.8	170	Studebaker	4.7	287	AMC	5.9	361	Desoto	7.0	427	Ford
3.2	194	Chevrolet	4.7	289	Ford	5.9	361	Dodge	7.0	427	Mercury
3.2	195	Pontiac	4.7	289	Mercury	5.9	361	Plymouth	7.0	428	Ford
3.2	196	AMC	4.7	289	Studebaker	6.0	364	Buick	7.0	428	Mercury
3.3	198	Buick	4.8	290	AMC	6.3	383	Chrysler	7.0	428	Pontiac
3.3	198	Dodge	4.8	292	Ford	6.3	383	Dodge	7.0	429	Cadillac
3.3	198	Plymouth	4.8	292	Mercury	6.3	383	Plymouth	7.0	429	Ford
3.3	199	AMC	4.9	300	Buick	6.4	389	Pontiac	7.0	429	Mercury
3.3	200	Ford	5.0	302	Chevrolet	6.4	390	AMC	7.1	430	Buick
3.3	200	Mercury	5.0	302	Ford	6.4	390	Cadillac	7.1	430	Lincoln
3.5	215	Buick	5.0	302	Mercury	6.4	390	Ford	7.2	440	Chrysler
3.5	215	Oldsmobile	5.0	304	AMC	6.4	390	Mercury	7.2	440	Dodge
3.5	215	Pontiac	5.0	305	Studebaker	6.5	394	Oldsmobile	7.2	440	Plymouth
3.6	221	Ford	5.0	307	Chevrolet	6.5	396	Chevrolet	7.5	454	Chevrolet
3.7	223	Buick	5.0	307	Pontiac	6.6	400	Buick	7.5	455	Buick
3.7	223	Dodge	5.2	318	Dodge	6.6	400	Chevrolet	7.5	455	Oldsmobile
3.7	225	Ford	5.2	318	Plymouth	6.6	400	Chrysler	7.5	455	Pontiac
3.7	225	Mercury	5.3	326	Pontiac	6.6	400	Dodge	7.6	460	Ford
3.7	225	Oldsmobile	5.4	327	AMC	6.6	400	Ford	7.6	460	Lincoln
3.7	225	Plymouth	5.4	327	Chevrolet	6.6	400	Mercury	7.6	460	Mercury
3.8	230	AMC	5.4	330	Oldsmobile	6.6	400	Oldsmobile	7.6	462	Lincoln
3.8	230	Chevrolet	5.6	340	Buick	6.6	400	Plymouth	7.7	472	Cadillac
3.8	232	Pontiac	5.6	340	Dodge	6.6	400	Pontiac	8.2	500	Cadillac
3.9	235	Chevrolet	5.6	340	Plymouth	6.6	401	AMC			
3.9	240	Ford	5.6	343	AMC	6.6	401	Buick			
4.1	250	AMC	5.7	348	Chevrolet	6.6	402	Chevrolet			

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Woody/Sedan Delivery of Revell's ancient past, and it has aged well.... it was good then, still looks good. A 22-piece assembly in stock form, or 24 in its hopped-up/custom version....it's a better-detailed unit than any other similar block that I am aware of. The custom version is still the two-carb intake, mounted over an "Ansen" block-off plate, but one interesting addition not seen before is the "**Winfield**" script now appearing on the chrome-plated cylinder head. The hot-rodded engine retains the zoomie-style chrome exhaust, although this option is not shown on the instruction sheet.

**portion of them sporting 40's Ford hubcaps or baby moons....with a handful of Kelsey-Hayes wire wheels now and then, or maybe a set of Lancer wheel covers or chrome reverse wheels).**

**Body:** This is where the kit shone in the past. All three versions have **opening doors**, although some fidgeting and massaging may be called for if the plastic exhibits any warpage....my kit seemed OK. Both the hard and soft tops exhibit a nice, cloth-like texture, although the wood-like underside of the hardtop features ejector pin marks. The woodgrain of the pickup bed lacks any such faults.

The headlights furnished are chrome inserts, and the only windshield/glass is a strip of thin acetate....so what's with the "**Clear?!**"

**Decals:** A **real** plus! You get period-perfect red flames or blue/turquoise scallops, as well as white and yellow pinstriping. A welcome surprise are the "Navarro" speed equipment logos in red and yellow, and the "Hop Up" magazine black and yellow ovals, as well as what appears to be a Stroker McGurk caricature (*without a magnifier, I couldn't make out the lettering*). Also included are "SCTA" and "Street Rods of America" window stickers, and the omnipresent

**Chassis:** Basic Model A.... again, similar to the '31 Woody kit. As in the past, many of the suspension parts, front and rear, are chrome-plated, while a real rat rod would most likely forego such an ostentatious display. In all of my reference material for the period, the most chrome you would see on the frame back in the post-war era of hot rodding would be the occasional plated front axle. This kit gives you the optional dropped front axle, in addition to the stock item, which isn't noted on the instructions.

**Interior:** Choice of either stock or custom pleated bench seat is offered, but, who cares? Again, a **REAL** rat rod might feature surplus Army Air Corps bomber seats....or maybe, no seat at all....just a skeleton of a seat with a **Mexican blanket** draped over it (*more on that later!*). A stock dash with a plated instrument cluster is pretty much standard issue here....as is the steering wheel. A parts box wheel from a '50's custom or an aftermarket skull shifter would be 'de Rigueur' (try Larry Krauk's *Laughing skull knob from his own Resin Works line....they're great!*).

Mooneyes. Yellow on black California plates— "IRC 631", and white on green Colorado vanity plates—"GREASER" are furnished, as well as some nondescript gauge faces, and an unrealistic-looking pickup bed woodgrain decal. Another neat touch are the multi-hued Mexican blanket decals for the bench seat, and last but not least, is the T-shirt decal with "29 Just in Time!" design. How realistic these two items appear will probably depend on how skilled one is with decal setting solution, and the amount of texture you can get to transmit through the film. I doubt just laying the T-shirt decal over the door or tailgate is going to achieve the desired effect in scale, but cutting the shirt design out and placing it on a tonneau cover or signboard would be a neat trick.

**Wheels:** The aforementioned steelies on Bigs 'n Littles are a prerequisite for any **REAL** rat rod. Also included are a set of plated five-spoke mag wheels, but I question whether they are appropriate for this application (*If you question my skepticism, check out Andy Southard's "Hot Rods of the 1950's"....90% of the rods he photographed....on the street, at the races, even in shows, had painted steelies painted with a significant*

**Instructions:** The sixteen-page booklet is simple and to the point, while omitting a couple of items here and there, which are included on the plastic trees (*but not illustrated*), such as the stock front axle, and racing exhaust header. There's a reference to the rat rod phenomenon, but not much of a historical perspective. The real oddity of the preface is the reference to white and "**clear injected molded plastic.**"

**Summary:** This kit is a great jumping-off point for Nostalgic Rod modelers. It features more options and finesse than the Monogram '29 Pickup kit (*the old "Blue*

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## 'This 'N That!

The gang at *Danbury Mint* have just put me on notice that they are intent on retiring (*never to be produced again!*) their *blue 1935 Ford Pickup*, by December 31st of this year. And, while we are at it, I just received notices from them about their *Tuxedo Black 1963 Corvette Sting Ray coupe*. It features opening doors, hood, operable headlights, steerable front wheels, removable spare tire, opening gas cap, folding bucket seats, and the antenna goes up and down. Under the hood, we find the killer 360 hp. Fuel-injected V-8, with full wiring. It costs **\$112**, payable in four monthly installments of only \$28 (*plus a total of \$7.80 for shipping and handling*). And what about the new *James Bond 007 BMW Z-8* (through a special arrangement with Kyosho Corporation)? This one is somewhat different, as it is in the larger *1/12th scale* making it 14 inches long! This one also features opening hood, doors, and trunk. Additionally, it has a separate hardtop to complement the working converti-

ble top, and surface to air missiles which deploy from the side vents at the touch of a button, and Bond's sunglasses sitting in the console! Being larger, this one will set you back **\$299**, payable in five easy monthly installments of just \$59.80 (*plus a total of \$20 for shipping and handling*). They can be reached at 47 Richards Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06857, or by phone at 1-888-854-7108, Monday

"A new twist on the old Bits and Pieces format, with the same far-reaching, wild and wacky items as in the past."

through Friday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time.....Just got a copy of *Classic Metal Works 2002 catalog* from Bill Giacci, and they have some interesting additions to their product lineup. In their *1/24th scale Precision Mints series*, they include a *'70 Torino GT* (*in Grabber Blue and Calypso Coral*), a *'67 Dodge Charger* (*in Silver Metallic*

*and Bright Red*), a *'69 Yenko Camaro* (*complete w/Torque Thrust mags*) (*in Lemans Blue and Rally Red*), a *'58 Corvette* (*in Signet Red and Silver Blue Metallic*), and last but **CERTAINLY** not least, a *'66 GTO convertible (!)* (*in Montero Red and Nightwatch Blue*)! In their *California Kicks line* designed by *Thom Taylor*, they have added *'Buikool'* (*what appears to be a stylized '53 Buick*), *'Swoop Coupe'* (*an early 3-window Ford with a track T nose*), *'Beach Bomber'* (*a woodie wagon*), and *'Haulicination'* (*a 50's Ford pickup*). In their *1/87th scale lineup*, they have added a *Metro delivery truck*, *'51 Chevy Fleetline*, *'67 Dodge Charger*, *'55 Bel*, *Air 210 sedan*, *'58 Corvette*, *'51 Ford F6 stake bed truck*, *'48 Ford delivery truck*, and a *'51 Hudson Hornet*! And, finally, in their *1/160th scale lineup* (*'N' scale for you train guys!*), they have added many of the same vehicles as their *1/87th scale line* (*'51 Ford F6 stake bed truck*, *Metro*

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## Editor's Soapbox

This has been quite a year, and I don't mean that in a good way. What with the tragedy of September 11th, my bout with unemployment seems inconsequential. And it is a safe bet that most of the troops who are making our case to the terrorists will most likely not be with their families for Christmas. So, as I started off in the intro, I have a lot to be thankful for this year, and I would just like to wish each and everyone of you the happiest of holidays, and thank you all for your concern and support on my behalf this year. It is comforting to know that I have friends such as all of you. It makes times like these much easier to deal with. *Be safe!*

## Late-Breaking, and Thanks!

Late word reaches me about accolades received by another MAMA's Boy. This time, the honors are heaped on *Mike Hemp*. It seems as though he was just named *'Modeler of the Year'* in a year-long competition in the *Central PA club*. *Congrats, Mike!*

I almost forgot to thank our Resident race car expert, *Brad*, for his excellent seminar on polishing decals at last month's meeting. *Thanks!*

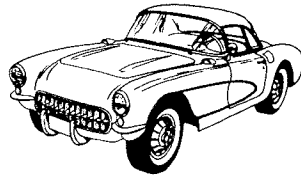


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**delivery truck, '51 Chevy Fleetline, '55 Bel Air 210 sedan, '48 Ford delivery truck, and '51 Hudson).** In addition to these, they have also added what appears to be a **'49 Mercury Coupe**, and a **'53 White 3000 COE van!** Hey, where's the **GTO!?** **Thanks for the heads up, Bill!**.....The 29<sup>th</sup> edition of the **Pirelli calendar** is always anticipated calendar was recently released, and there are **no nude women.** Instead, Pirelli has included **up-and-coming actresses.** They were photographed at **Paramount studios in Hollywood.** It features two pages per month, in both black and white and color. The first page shows the picture and the month, while the second contains the biography of the selected actress for that given month.....**Frank Sinatra's 1986 Hunter Green Jaguar J40** was recently sold at auction to a Cape May, NJ couple (*early Christmas*

*gift – the wife is a Sinatra fan*) for **\$20,000**, with proceeds to benefit the Bergen County, NJ United Way Community Response fund to help the families of the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> victims.....**UN Scertary Kofi-Annan** took possession of a **new black bulletproof BMW 750** to replace the **armored Volvo** he used while in New York. The car was a gift from BMW.....**GM** will begin equipping its **large trucks and SUVs** with **"displacement on demand" engines**, reportedly beginning in **2004.** They are reported to save as much as 25 percent in certain conditions. GM plans on producing **150,000** of these fuel-efficient V-8s in the first year (*optimistic, ain't it?*). Production will then be increased over the next several years to **nearly 1.5 million units in 2007 (!).** **Hopefully, they will work better than their ancestors!**



Dan Morgan at (256) 739-1819, or write Magic City Car Modelers P. O. Box 98 Cullman, AL 35056.  
**March 23rd, 2002 – 16th Annual NNL East Model Car Show and Swap Meet** at the Parsippany P.A. L. Building on Baldwin Road, in Parsippany, NJ. Themes this year are **Lions, Tigers, & Bears....Oh my!** (*Cars with animal names*), and a **subtheme** of **pickup trucks.** For info, E-mail Ken Walkley at TSSMCCCKJW@aol.com, or Tom Geiger at ModlCitizn@aol.com.  
**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002 – Model Car Collector's Association Spring/Summer 2002 Regional Show** at the Salem Civic Center (*on the boulevard, two blocks off Route 419*) in Roanoke/Salem, VA. People's Choice contest (*show admission includes entry fee*). For contest info, contact Ray Denney, 5113 Sugar Loaf Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018, (540) 774-8109; for Vendor info, contact Old Toyland Shows, John W. Carlisle, P.O. Box 1007, Lockport, N.Y. 14095-1007.  
**May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002 – 11th Annual Mid-Atlantic NNL Model Car Show and Swap Meet** at the Ruhl Armory in Towson, MD. Themes this year, in case you forgot, are **Wagons** and **Pickup Trucks.**  
**May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002 – Charlotte Hot Rod Reunion & Racing Memorabilia show** at Metrolina Expo, in Charlotte, NC. Rod run-style event, to display street rods, musclecars, and race cars. All years and models welcome. Racing memorabilia and vehicles will also be on sale.  
**June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002 – Super Stock/Gasser Reunion** at Rockingham Dragway, in Rockingham,

## Coming Events

**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002 – Old Dominion Open '02 Invitational Show and Contest**, hosted by the IPMS Richmond Chapter at the Richmond International Raceway, (*in the Colonial building*) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults \$7.00 (*5 entries* or \$10.00 (*unlimited*)), Juniors 17 and under \$1.00 (*unlimited*), and general admission is \$5.00 (*12 and under \$1.00*). For info, contact Aaron Winer at 2427 Cedar Cone Drive, Richmond, VA 23233.,

(804) 270-789.

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002 – The Birmingham Classic 2002** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., hosted by the Magic City Car Modelers and the Birmingham IPMS. The theme is **"Pickup Lines" – Pickup trucks and straight-line racers.** For show info, contact Tommy May at tmaymccm@aol.com, or write to Magic City Car Modelers 5605 12th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35222; for vendor info, contact

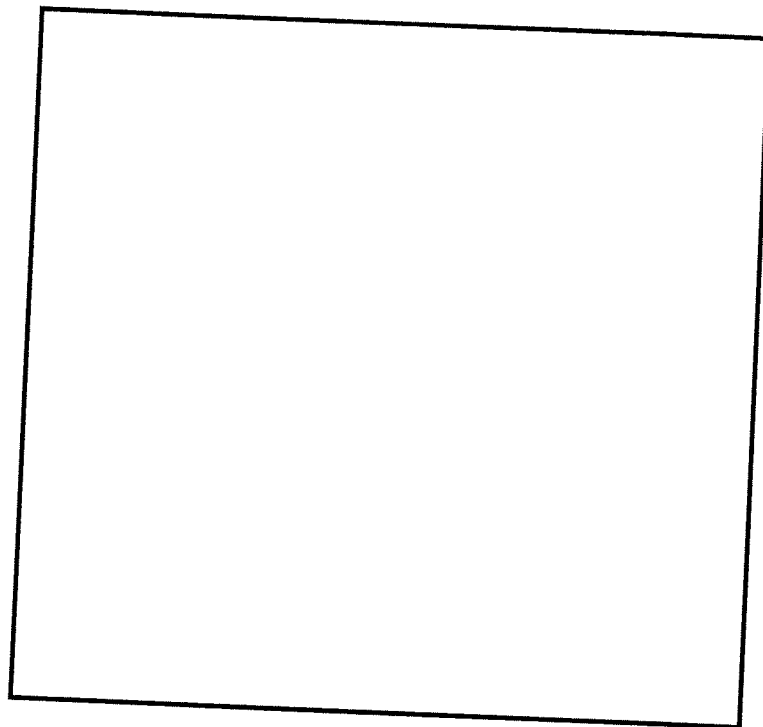
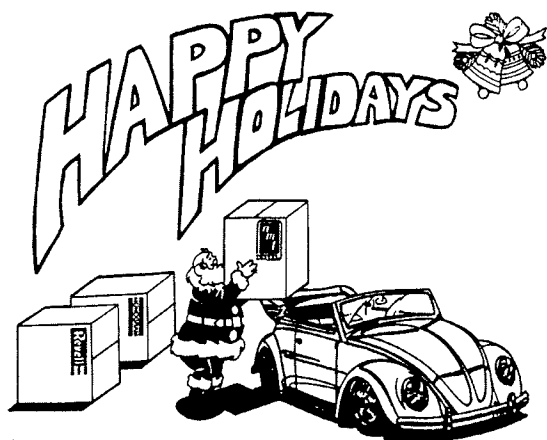
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MAMA's BoyZ do it in scale!



We're on the web!

<http://www.geocities.com/MAMAZboyz/>

## '29 Ford "Rat Rod"

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Beetle" variant we all know and loved). Most modelers will probably opt for a flathead V-8 with any number of speed equipment choices available from **Replicas and Miniatures Company of Maryland** (Offenhauser, Thickstun or Ardun heads, Eddie Meyer intakes, or even the new SCOT blower kit....they're all good!). A **Dodge 'Red Ram'** from AMT's '29 Roadster would be an interesting alternative, as would an **Oldsmobile**, **Cadillac**, or even a **Buick nailhead**. Judging by the number of kits sold at the November meeting, I expect the display table to be 'infested' with 'rats' real soon!

P.S. If this kit itself isn't inspiration enough, check out the April,

2001 issue of that "other" car modeling magazine for the cover story, **"Rat Rods: The Latest Craze"** and photos of Joe Orozoco's 'tasteful' vermin. His flat black '29 pickup on '32 Deuce rails is perfect, as is his red oxide-primed channeled AMT '29 Roadster. Also between the covers is Tim Boyd's comprehensive review of his own variants of this kit. Also not to be overlooked is **Scale Auto Enthusiast's August, 1998 Issue number 116**, with its cover story, **"California Dreamin'- Build this Retro-rod pickup"** by Tim Boyd. The yellow track nose Roadster pickup was inspired by Bill Nickamp's 1950 Oakland Roadster Show's winner of "America's Most Beautiful Roadster" award. But, beauty is in

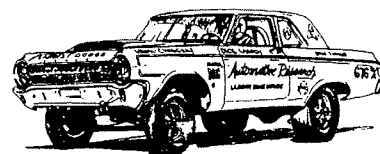
the eye of the beholder....I'll take a primer-gray with grease spots and road dirt any day! That's real do-it-yourself, '50's rodding!

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It'll be great to see some racin' back at the airport, even if it's only a swap meet!