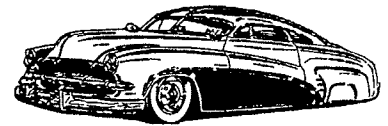




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14 Years and Still Going Strong!

The September meeting featured a very good turnout of MAMA members who were treated to a *history lesson* on the *birth* and *growth* of the club that we all hold near and dear. Thanks to *Mike Hemp* for the *cake*, *Ron Bradley*, for supplying our '*plastic addiction*', and last but certainly not least, our '*Founding Father*' *Norman Veber* for his *diligence* and *hard work* in *creating this 'monster'* those many years ago! I would also like to take a minute to thank Lyle and the assembled masses

for the recognition for my efforts. It's something I started *LOOONG ago* that I enjoy, and am glad to know it is appreciated.

The *September hobby show* was a hot topic of conversation. Peek inside to see some of what we can expect in 2003. Check it out!



Whatta Ragtag bunch!!

Lyle Willits returns with another of his *Custom Rod Modeler covers*. Enjoy!

The raffle brought in *\$81.00 (plus \$52.00 from the box)*. I would like to thank the following people this month: *Larry Boothe, Ron Bradley, Ed Brown, Harry Charon, Bob Ege, Bob Foster, Matt Guilfoyle, Mike Hemp, Ron Hamilton, Phil Jones, JC Reckner, Ken Shanks, Chris Whalley, Ray Wickline, Lyle Willits, Rich Wilson, Kalmbach Publishing Co., and Replicas & Miniatures Company of Maryland.* 🍷

2002 Meeting Schedule

🔊	January 19th
🔊	February 16th
🔊	March 16th
🔊	April 20th
🔊	May 18th
🔊	June 15th
🔊	July 20th
🔊	August 17th
🔊	September 21st
🔊	October 19th
🔊	November 16th
🔊	December 21st

MAMA Gear!

Our illustrious treasurer, *Matt Guilfoyle*, is currently soliciting interested MAMA members for an *apparel order*.

Here's the deal: Matt will be collecting money for a *pre-paid order* for the months of *September, October, and November*, with *delivery*

planned for *December*.

The *T-shirts* will be dark blue (*no exceptions!*), with the club logo on the left front and on the back.. In other words, *NO* special orders! The prices are as follows: Small to XL – \$14.00; 2 XL – \$15.00; and 3 XL – \$16.00. *Polo shirts* are also available, with the following pricing: Small to XL –

\$20.00; 2 XL – \$22.50; and 3 XL – \$23.50.

For those interested, a *jacket order* could be made with a minimum of *six*. They would be exactly the same as those ordered in the past, and would cost \$55.00.

So, if you are interested, git yer money ready, and get it to Matt before the end of November. *No exceptions!* 🍷

1967 Pontiac® GTO™

By: Tim 'GTOguy' Sickie

[AMT/ERTL #31764; 1/25th scale; 87 pieces; gray, chrome, clear, clear red, vinyl tires]

The Great One. Known by several names over the years, the Pontiac GTO is credited with starting the modern musclecar movement in 1964. By 1967, the body started moving toward the coke bottle shape of the soon-to-be-introduced 1968 GTO (*also chosen as Motor Trend's Car of the Year*), seemingly getting longer and leaner than the boxy 1964 that started it all. Of note in 1967 was the loss of not only the 389 cubic inch V-8, but Pontiac's trademark tri-power as well. Not to worry though, as a stout 400 cubic inch V-8 replaced the 389, and the addition of an HO option almost made the loss of tri-power bearable. That said, let's examine this *good news/bad news* proposition.

Engine: The 19-piece engine (*either stock or supercharged*) thankfully, does away with the axle through the engine block syndrome that plagued modelers for years. The two-piece block has a separate, two-piece transmission, and separate oil pan. Chrome valve covers mount onto the heads, and the builder's choice of stock, cast iron exhaust manifolds or headers are provided. A chrome round element air cleaner tops this unit off.

Chassis: The chassis is a fairly shallow plate with little engraving. It features two sets of axle holes in the rear, in order to get the right 'attitude' on your Goat. The ex-

haust system, rear axle, and differential are all molded as a single piece.

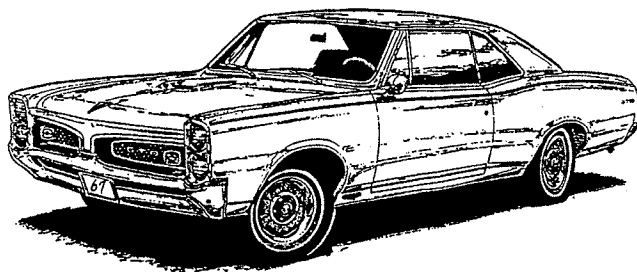
Wheels/Tires: Wheels consist of your choice of either the new Rally II, or a turbine style deep-dish wheel reminiscent of something you would see on a custom van. Tires included are along the same lines – BF Goodrichs. These are mounted to the car by plastic axle stubs up front, and a metal axle in the rear. A big surprise here is that the tires are safely encapsulated in a bag, along with the taillights and metal axle.

Body: The only separate item

"Given the 30+ year-old technology utilized, and the errors as packaged, this kit is almost not worth the plastic with which it is molded."

here would be the hood and bumpers. In contrast to newly-tooled kits, this one does not feature separate door handles, wipers, chrome trim, or even outside rear view mirrors! It features a GTO script molded onto the quarter panel, 'PONTIAC' script on the taillight panel, and a molded 'pinstripe' on the top of the fender, running the length of the body. Of interest here is the *inclusion* of the **1970 GTO front bumper** on the parts trees. What purpose does this piece serve – *customizing*?!

Interior: The tub-style interior



is also (*understandably*) light in detail. This is also where some of the inconsistency comes in. It includes Pontiac's **1969/1970 style steering wheel**, and **1970 bucket seats with headrests!!** The car, as kitted, is equipped with an automatic transmission. The larger automatic brake pedal is molded to the dashboard, and the console top is molded as a separate, chrome piece, with separate shifter. A set of custom seats (*complete w/two-piece headrests*), three-piece roll bar, fire extinguisher, and Moon gas pedal are also included.

Glass: The front and rear windows are connected (*barely*) by a runner, and no side window glass is included. A big change here is again that this unit is bagged.

Decals: Minimal at best, consisting of two blue stripes for either side of the hood, and matching stripes for the sides of the car, as well as two license plates. Not surprisingly, the exact same decals appeared in the last version of the kit.

Instructions: The instructions are very nearly a direct copy of the original issue. With one glaring exception, that may be a result of its *Mexican heritage*. The original

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New Stuff!

Here is 'new' stuff from AMT/ERTL from the trade show last month with release dates, if available:

- 1968 Camaro Z-28 Street Machine (10/02)
- 1974 Barracuda Ht., snap (10/02)
- 1950 Chevy Pickup, snap (1/03)
- 1951 Chevy Bel-Air Ht. (1/03)
- 1969 Camaro SS Conv. (1/03)
- 1969 Firebird Ht. (1/03)
- 1979 Firebird 10th Anniversary Ht. (1/03)
- 1983 Camaro Z-28 (1/03)
- 1993 Ford F-150 Styleside Pickup (1/03)
- 1994 Camaro Z-28 (1/03)
- 1995 Camaro Z-28, snap (1/03)
- 1996 Firebird Formula Ht. (1/03)
- 1996 Firebird, snap (1/03)
- 1997 Camaro 30th Anniversary Conv. (1/03)
- Ghostbusters Ecto-1A 1959 Caddy Ambulance (2/03)
- 1965 Pontiac 2+2 Ht. (2/03)
- 1966 Fairlane 427 Ht. (2/03)
- 1955 Corvette, snap (3/03)
- 1970 Coronet Super Bee Ht. Pro Street (3/03)
- 1996 Corvette Coupe Grand Sport, snap (3/03)
- 1996 Chevy Tahoe 4 door, snap (3/03)
- 1997 Viper RT/10, snap (3/03)
- Ford Louisville Delivery Truck (3/03)
- 1966 Fairlane GT/GTA Ht. (4/03)
- xXx 1967 GTO Ht. (4/03)
- 1970 Chevy Impala Ht. (4/03)

- xXx 2002 Corvette (4/03)
- Dodge Little Red Express Pickup (4/03)
- American Graffiti 1932 Ford Milner's Deuce Coupe (5/03)
- 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 Ht. snap (5/03)
- 1969 GTX 440 Ht. (5/03)
- 1992 Ford F-150 Flareside Pickup (5/03)
- Fast and Furious 1995 Toyota Supra Turbo (*new tool*) (5/03)
- 1997 Ford F-100 Extended Cab Styleside Pickup, snap (5/03)
- Fast and Furious 1995 Mitsubishi (*new tool*) (6/03)
- American Graffiti 1955 Chevy 2 door (6/03)
- American Graffiti 1956 T-bird (6/03)
- 1971 Roadrunner Ht. (6/03)
- Kenworth Conventional W-925 (6/03)

AMT will also release the following **Buyer's Choice** kits:

- Lotus Indy Turbine (1/03)
- Coke Vending Machine Custom Rod (1/03)
- Barris Surf Woody (1/03)

The following will be a limited RCHTA show kit:

- Barris "Rickshaw" 3-Wheeled Custom Rod, 1/20th (2/03)

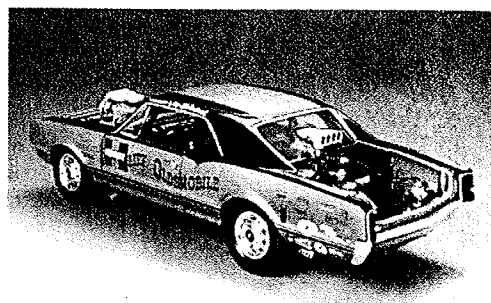
Miscellaneous notes:

- Johan* and *Lindberg* were not at the show
- The *Trumpeter* 1960 *Bonneville Hardtop* and 1963 *Nova Hardtop* were on display, with pics available soon (see related item in 'Hobby Buffet' column). BTW, the skirts on the Bonneville convert are in fact separate pieces.
- The *Revell* 1931 *Ford sedan*

has been converted back from the sedan delivery, and will include new street rod parts, but will not include stock parts. For those who want to build one stock, the 1931 Woody is a willing donor.

- The new *Revell* 1963 *Chevy* does include *all stock parts* in addition to the lowrider parts.
- The Earnhardt "Plus" car, Silver Anniversary car, and the Wrangler car will feature box art by Sam Bass.
- The Chevy monster truck and the 1979 Camaro will feature box art by Tom Daniel.
- Kenny Bernstein* is responsible for the *Dale Jr. "Bud" car*. Kenny insisted that Bud allow the name on his digger kit, and after they agreed to the "adult collector" thing for it, the Jr. car was a cinch.

Thanks to Tom Carter and the gang on the Hobby Heaven website!



Hurst Hairy Olds, from Highway 61 Collectibles

New Metal Stuff!

Check it out! This info came from the **Diecast Zone website** (<http://www.diecast.org/>), via the hobby show in September including release dates, if available.

AUTOart

- 1968 Manta Ray concept car
- 1968 Mustang GT 390 (*Gold*)

ERTL

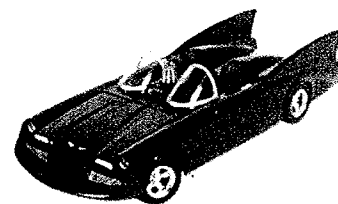
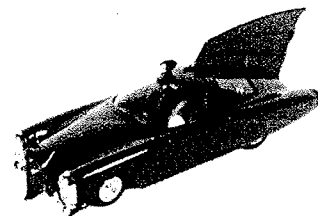
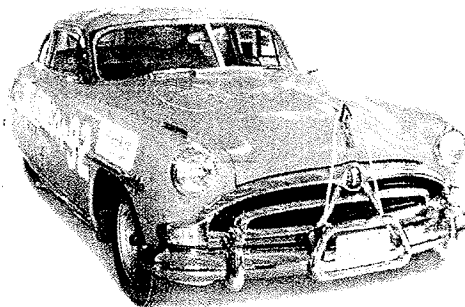
- 1973 "Gone in 60 Seconds" Mustang (9/02)
- 1976 "Starsky & Hutch" Grand Torino (9/02)
- 1967 "xXx" GTO (*before weapons*) (11/02)
- 1967 "xXx" GTO (*after weapons*) (1/03)
- 1968 GTO (*Black, Blue, Solar Red*) (1/03, 3/03)
- 1969 Judge Street Machine (4/03)
- 1977 "Rockford Files" Firebird (3/03)
- 1966 427 Biscayne (*Gold, Red, Black, & Blue*) (5/03)
- "The Car" (6/03)
- 1971 "Phantasm" Cuda
- 1972 Vega (*Black, & Orange*)
- Speed Racer "Shooting Star"
- "Black Beauty"

Exoto

- 1967 GT40 Mk IV #2 (1/10th scale)
- 1966 Ford GT40 Mk II #1 (*Gulf colors, 1/10th scale*)
- 1966 Ford GT40 Mk II #2 (*'dirty' D. Gurney version, 1/18th scale*)

Georgia Marketing

- 1968 Penske Trans Am Camaro (*Mark Donahue*)
- 1971 Green Judge
- 1972 Arizona Gold GTO



Coming from Highway 61 Collectibles

Highway 61 Collectibles

- 1968 Dart GT (*Racing Green, Red, & Silver*)
- 1952 Hudson Hornet (*Black/Boston Ivory, Boston Ivory/Texas Tan, Fr. Gray/Toro Red*) (12/02)
- #6/#92 Hudson Hornet Racers
- 1963 Pontiac Lemans (*Aquamarine, Caravan Gold, Nocturne Blue*) (4/03)
- 1964 Dodge 330 (*Cordovan, Light Green, Turquoise Poly*)
- "Color Me Gone" 1964 Dodge 330
- "Ramchargers" 1964 Dodge 330

Lane Collectibles

- 1967 "Tin Indian" Firebird
- 1970 Olds 442 W30
- 1972 Olds 442 W30 convertible
- 1971 Cutlass Supreme SX
- 1968 Z28 Camaro

Miscellaneous

- Maisto** 1962 Bubbletop Bel Air (*Red & White*)
- Welly** Ford Thunderbird
- Welly** 1963 Impala
- Welly** 1955 Oldsmobile

More info when it becomes available! 🚗

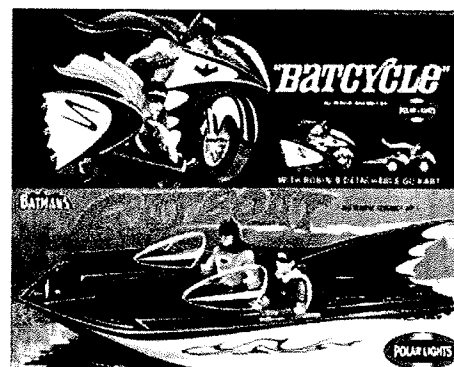
The "Dynamic Duo!"

MORE Stuff!

I found the following new plastic kits on a recent visit to **Polar Lights'** website (<http://playingmantis.com/pl/index.php>):

- Batcycle (*based on old Aurora tool, but with separate wheels and soft tires*) (1/03)
- Batboat (*based on old Aurora tool*) (5/03)
- Simpson's™ "The Homer" Car (7/03)
- Scooby-Doo™ Mystery Machine™ Snap kit (*retooled, includes pre-painted Shaggy & Scooby-Doo figures*) (1/03)

They also list two **Star Trek** ships, a **Spiderman** figure, and an **Incredible Hulk** figure, for those of you that build 'other' stuff! 🚗



This 'N That!

The next-to-last **Chevrolet Camaro**—a **red T-top Z-28**—fetched **\$71,500** at a charity auction, as reported by The Associated Press. A 32-year-old business manager from Mayville, Michigan, said **"I paid a lot more than I wanted to, but I wanted it bad."** The **last Camaro** to roll off the assembly line at the General Motors plant in St. Therese, Quebec, is headed for **Chevrolet's museum**. More than 4 million Camaros (and two million Firebirds) were sold since the muscle car debuted in fall 1966 with the 1967 model. **Bye, bye, 'F' cars – we'll miss ya!....** Another GM division witnessed the end of a high-profile nameplate. The **last Saturn S-series car**, a red sedan, rolled off the line in Spring Hill, Tenn., on August 29. Over its 12-year production run, Saturn built **2.7 million S-series cars**. The nameplate has been replaced by the **Ion**....August 30 was the final production day for the **Mazda 626** and **Mercury Cougar**, both built in Flat Rock, Mich. The 626 began its production run in 1989, and 926,674 were produced. The Cougar was introduced in the 1967 model year, dropped in 1997 and reintroduced for the 1998 model year. Since then, **235,028 Cougars** were produced....A new five-passenger sport wagon called the **Chevrolet Equinox** will bow in the 2005 model year, GM said Tuesday. It will be



based on the **Saturn Vue**, and available in front- and all-wheel-drive models. It is expected to replace the **Tracker** at CAMI, a joint venture of GM of Canada, Ltd. and Suzuki Motor Corp. of Japan....Word reaches me that **Pontiac Motor Division** not only helped promote **"xXx"** and the **star**, a **1967 GTO** (actor **Vin Diesel** is the co-star!), they are also intent on making the **redesigned 2004 GTO** a **'Star' in the sequel!** Time will tell!....**Alfa Romeo's** return to the United States has been delayed again. Sources say Fiat Auto's sporty brand won't go on sale in North America until **2007**, three years later than originally planned. The relaunch has been postponed twice, due to delays caused by problems developing models that meet U.S. safety and emission regulations. Fiat pulled Alfa Romeo out of the United States in 1995. They want to return to the U. S. with a full range of products - the replacements for the 147, 156, Spider, GTV coupe and a full-sized sport wagon....**Seven-time Winston Cup Champ Richard Petty** joins legendary car designer **Giorgetto Giugiaro** October 18 in Dearborn, Michigan, as the only two living inductees of the **2002 Hall of Fame field**. The honored field also includes deceased auto veterans **Giovanni Agnelli**, the founder of



Fiat, **Frank McCarthy**, the former president of the National Automobile Dealers Association; tire company founders **Andre** and **Edouard Michelin**; and Chrysler engineer **Owen Skelton**. Giugiaro,

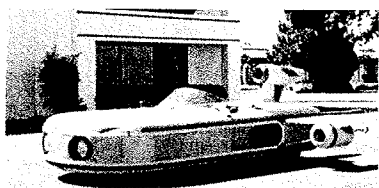
who is already a member of the **European Hall of Fame**, is noted for **designing more cars in the 20th century than any other designer**. His designs

include the **BMW 3200 CS** (1961), the **Fiat 850 spider** and **Dino coupe** (1965-1967), the **Maserati Ghibli**, **De Tomaso Mangusta**, the **Lotus Esprit**, **Volkswagen Scirocco**, **DeLorean DMC 12**, **Saab 9000** and **Lexus GS300**. His daughter is managing director of the family-controlled **Italdesign-Giugiaro SpA**, and his son has taken over the styling and prototype studio. Petty is known as a pioneer of Winston Cup racing who is the all time record holder of NASCAR wins with **200** – seven of which came at the Daytona 500. In the 1967 season, Petty won 27 of 48 races, including **ten consecutive victories**....In the apparently never-ending battle for control of the shape of the **Cobra sports car**, a press release issued by **Superformance International Inc.**, a South Africa-based maker of replica Cobras, following an August 21 ruling by a federal judge in Boston: **"Carroll Shelby**

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has no Trade Dress Rights in the Shape of the Cobra." Or, this from Shelby: **"Carroll Shelby Continues to Take Aim at Cobra Replicar company in Trademark Infringement Case."** He calls the ruling **"just another bump in the road."** Essentially, U.S. District Judge Rya W. Zobel dismissed Shelby's case against Superformance regarding alleged counterfeiting of the trade dress, or design, of its replica Cobras. Shelby called the court's findings **"encouraging,"** because the judge **"recognized the true design history of the Cobra."** **"We've been dealin' with these issues for over 20 years, but we won't rest until we expose all of these knock-off parts makers for what they truly are."** Guess that means Shel plans to appeal....**V-8 Caddies!** By now, we all know that the **2004 XLR roadster** will have a Northstar V-8 under the hood. The Northstar will also power the **2004 SRX sport wagon.** The SRX shares its vehicle architecture with the **Cadillac CTS sedan**, which makes the CTS a candidate for using the new Northstar engine in the future. No comment from GM....A year after **Chrysler** executives announced plans to build the **Crossfire**, engineers are busy testing pre-production cars in the States and Europe in preparation for a manufacturing start in January 2003. German builder **Karmann** will assemble the car, making about 11,000 in the first year of produc-



tion—increasing to 20,000—with most of those earmarked for the North American market. Look for the first cars in U.S. dealerships by late next spring. The resemblance to Mercedes is no coincidence: the car **borrow**s nearly **40 percent** of its parts from Chrysler's German partner, including a **215-hp 3.2-liter V6** linked to a **six-speed manual** or **five-speed automatic transmission**....**One owner, low mileage—really!!** I had the pleasure recently of seeing **Luke Skywalker's Land**

Speeder sell on eBay for **'only' \$13,100** (Yup, you all missed it)! It is powered by a **'reliable' 1988 Escort four-cylinder** backed by an **auto-**

matic tranny, is titled as a Ford, and has **only 880 miles** on the odometer (since being rebodied). The side jet pods are adjustable (for driving) and removable (for storage). **Never know what you'll find on eBay!....**And, speakin' of eBay, a **'Museum quality' 1968 Mercury Cyclone 'race car'** model recently sold there for **\$1,200!!** The car was a **Pro Street style build**, with fabbed floorpans, stainless steel chassis, twin funny car style cage, a 698 cu. In. Jon Kaase replica Boss, topped off by a 3-stage Dupont red and black paint job, polished to perfection. Build time



was listed as six months. That equates to **just less than seven bucks an hour, if he worked 24/7!!....**GM plans to build up to **40,000 retractable hardtop**

Pontiac Grand Ams for 2006. A **sedan** version is expected in 2004, followed by a **coupe** in 2005.... **Not just another pretty face!** 20 coats of candy red paint applied over custom body panels, wrapped around leather seats, and powered by a **Magnuson supercharger** (which ups horsepower to 490!), and you have the **Avelate Corvette**. Go to <http://avelate.com/> for more info....**Pontiac** recently unveiled the **2004 Grand Prix**. A new competition package includes **17-inch wheels, tuned suspension and Stabilitrak Plus**, and **TAPshift** (TAP stands for Touch Activated Power), which switches the car from automatic transmission to



manual with a **Formula One-style paddle lever on the steering wheel**. The supercharged V-6 is also **uprated to 250 hp**....And, while on the subject of **Pontiac**, Pontiac GM Lynn Myers said engineers are making **two changes to the upcoming GTO's powertrain**. One will **increase low-end torque** so that the sports coupe delivers better zero-to 60 performance. The other is to the **exhaust system**. **"In Australia, it's a very quiet car. We are putting some Pontiac exhaust note in it."** **"Yeah, Baby!"** 🍷

Model Buffet

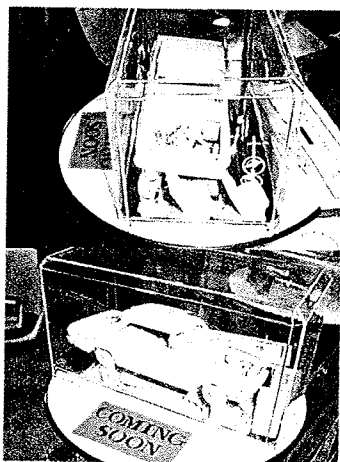
Well, it looks as though this column is back! It will continue to appear depending upon the flow of information and new products of interest to MAMA members.

Remember the **Pontiac Rally II Wheels** mastered by **Mike Hanson** are available *with OR without a SEPARATE chrome plated trim ring* mentioned last month? My apologies for not telling you where to get 'em. Try **Scale Equipment LTD.** – <http://seltd.com>!

For those of you who haven't heard, **Trumpeter** is busy producing a **1963 Chevy II**. Take a gander at the enclosed photos, courtesy of **Matt Guilfoyle**. More info when it is available.

Larry Krauk at **Resinworks** is proud to announce that he now

carries **The John Macgowan Signature Series** of **turned aluminum parts**, formerly available through **Detail Master** (and at lower prices, or so I am told!). Visit his website at www.resinworks.com, e-mail him at resinworks@mchsi.com, or 'Snail mail' him at Resin Works, 4051 W Sierra, Battlefield, MO 65619. Remember Larry offers a full line of resin parts and accessories, in-



cluding my favorite, the **Skull Shifter Knobs**.

A company by the name of **Auto Atomix** is offering a set of **machined late 60's Mopar dog dish hubcaps**. They retail for \$5.75 a set, with \$1.00 shipping and handling. Send money orders to Auto Atomix, Dennis Smith, P. O. Box 1145, Dublin, VA 24084, AutoAtomix@aol.com. More products are in the works.

A source for waterslide decals for you racing modelers is **Radical Decals**, 1049 S.E. Walnut St. #11, Hillsboro, OR 97123, Phone 503-640-0410. They feature decals in 1/18, 1/24, 1/32, 1/64, and HO scales. Visit his website at: www.radicaldecals.com.

Thanks to **Matt G.** for the preceding. Send items of interest to me at gtoGuy@mindspring.com.

Croozin'!

Okay gang, **REALLY** nice weather brings Croozers out of the woodwork (*some spots that may be near you*). So, check 'em out!

Every Tuesday:

- ☛ From 6 to 9 p.m. at Ledo's Pizza at Park Plaza (*on Ritchie Highway*) in Glen Burnie, MD.

Every Thursday:

- ☛ From 6 to 10 p.m. at Cetrone's Restaurant off Route 450 (*behind AutoPro Auto Parts*) in Bowie, MD
- ☛ Sam's Club paring lot on Route 301/5 in Waldorf, MD

Every Friday:

- ☛ From 7 p.m. to ?? At Roy Roger's on Route 40 in Edge-

wood, MD

- ☛ From 6 p.m. to ?? At Tastee Freeze on Route 1 in Laurel, MD
- ☛ From ?? To 10 p.m., the Street Survivors of MD cruise the Burger King parking lot corner of Route 2 (*Ritchie Highway*) and Mountain Road in Pasadena, MD
- ☛ 1st Friday of each month at the Denny's on Route 50 in Easton, MD

Every Saturday:

- ☛ Sicily's Pizza on Route 176 (*Dorsey Road*) near the airport in Glen Burnie, MD
- ☛ From 6 to 11 p.m. at Ledo's Pizza at Park Plaza (*on Ritchie Highway*) in Glen Burnie, MD.
- ☛ Gathering of the Gearheads Mid-Atlantic 4 x 4 and Speed on Ritchie Highway, between 6th and 8th avenues, in Glen Burnie, MD
- ☛ Big M Drive-in in Churchville, MD
- ☛ 1st/3rd Saturday of each month at Jimmy Cone's in Mt. Airy, MD
- ☛ 2nd/4th Saturdays of each month at the Dairy Queen on Liberty Road, in Eldersburg, MD
- ☛ 2nd Saturday of each month at Downey's on Route 213, in Chestertown, MD
- ☛ 4th Saturday of each month the Mid-Shore Cruisers meet in the Wal-Mart parking lot off Route 50, in Cambridge, MD

Every Sunday:

- ☛ Cheeseburgers in Paradise in Frederick, MD. ☛

Lyle Willits Next 'Collectible' Cover

For Everyone Who Always Wanted To Be Rick Hanmore

CUSTOM ROD

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Lindberg's new '53 Ford Custom



NEW PRODUCT: 32 inch Wheels
From Pegasus

Get License Agreement From Barris Geary Makes 1:25th Scale

Before Building That Ala-Kart

By Matt Guilfoyle

Kalmdown Publishing

Well gang, here is the next installment in Lyle Willits' creative covers. 'Nuff said – enjoy! I can't wait to see what's next, Lyle! Maybe you missed your calling?

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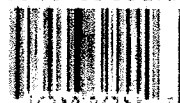
instructions displayed the MPC logo. What AMT/ERTL attempted to do was to merely replace it with their own. However, their spell-checkers/translators failed to in-

form them that Pontiac is spelled **PONTIAC**, not **PONTICA** (Hence, the introduction to this review)!

It should be noted here (not to sound as though I am defending

AMT/ERTL, 'cause I'm not) that this kit is a *straight reissue* of the original tool, which was *bad* to begin with! Why is it so bad? As noted above, this kit actually includes several pieces from the 1970 GTO produced by the now-defunct *Model Products Corporation* (MPC), that were bought up by AMT. Given the 30+ year-old technology utilized, and the errors as packaged, this kit is almost not worth the plastic with which it is molded. It amazes me how this one compares to the Revell 1966 GTO. I sincerely hope that the manufacturers read this review. IMHO (*In My Humble Opinion!*), the manufacturers must feel that if a kit has been tooled once, regardless of its age, a brand-new tool of the same subject would not sell. *Quite the contrary, I hope to tell ya!* A perfect example is the aforementioned Revell 1966 GTO. The tooling advancements since the MPC 1966/1967 GTOs were produced have yielded an excellent replica, while at the same time *'stretching the envelope.'* Elimination of the tub-style interior in favor of a floorpan and separate side panels; separate windshield wipers, door handles, and mirrors; and even a decal sheet containing all body scripts, allowing the builder the option of how to handle them, are just a few enhancements to illustrate my point. Guess I'll be in the market for more of the *Revell 1966 GTOs*, in an attempt to model, to the best of my limited ability, a *correct 1967 GTO*. Now where did I put that 1967 GTO reference material? Lyle – advice?! 🤖

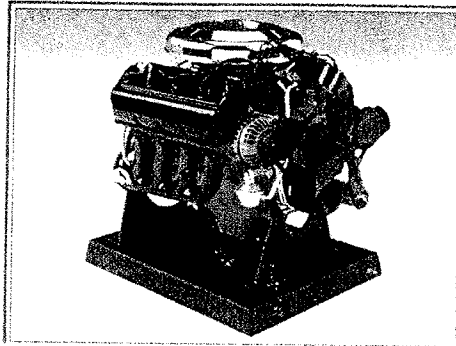
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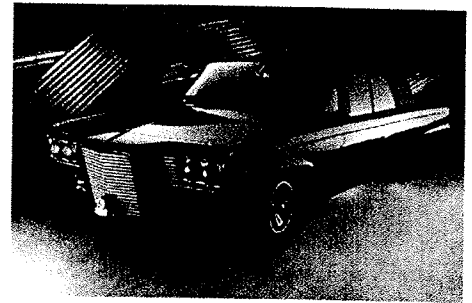
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Happy Anniversary to us!!



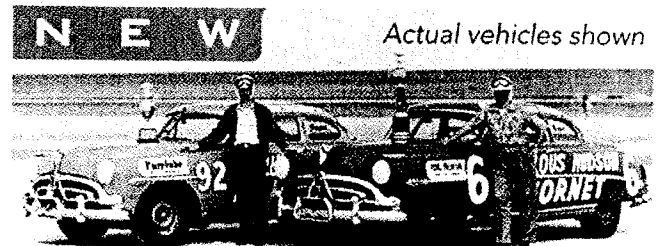
Fully assembled, detailed, 426 Hemi engine (incl. stand), about 4" long, from Liberty Classics



What a "Beauty" of an Idea for NNL East '03 (ERTL 1/18th diecast)



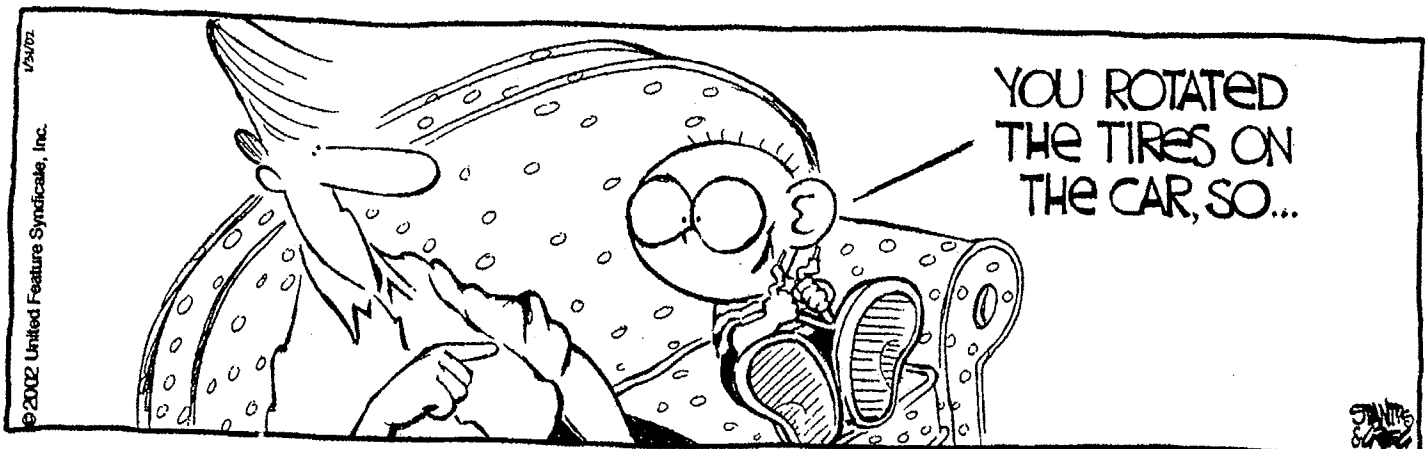
MAMA's Boy "Racer Rex" Turner at speed at Lowe's Motor Speedway. He dared a newer Corvette to pass him, but he declined!



Highway 61 Collectibles Hudson Hornets (again)

A new Muscle Machine, available shortly

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Events

- 🏆 **Oct. 19th - 41st Annual Car Show** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Rockville Civic Center. Info: Call (301) 309-3334.
- 🏆 **Oct. 19th - Ford Fever Classic** sponsored by Washington Area Ford Dealers at MIR, in Budd's Creek, MD.
- 🏆 **Oct. 20th - Bug Meet 10 car show, race, and swap meet** At Beaver Springs Dragway, in Beaver Springs, PA. Car show, swap meet, parts vendors, 1/8th mile drag racing. Special event: six fastest (*normally aspirated*) Beetles in the East to race heads up. Host motel Comfort Inn, campground Gray Squirrel Campground (*no camping at the track*). Mention VW Bug Meet for motel and campground discount. Info: contact Bill Gundrum, (570) 754-7209, e-mail: gundrum@infi.net.
- 🏆 **Oct. 20th - Baltimore Street Car Museum Show**, from Noon to 4 p.m. Info: Call Paul at (410) 732-1826.
- 🏆 **Oct. 26th - TAMS 10th Annual Model Car/Truck Contest and Swap Meet**, hosted by the **Tidewater Chapter Automotive Modelers Society**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VFW Post 4809, 5728 Barteet Street, Norfolk, VA 23502. **Show Theme: "Born in the USA"** (*American Muscle Cars '55 to '75*). Info: Ronnie Ward (252) 465-9904, or Jerry Quick (757) 468-6854, or e-mail tamsmodeler@aol.com

for e-mail flyer attachment, or Madmax47@coastalnet.com with questions.

- 🏆 **Nov. 3rd - 2nd Annual LIARS Model Car Challenge**, hosted by the **Long Island Auto Replica Society**, at the Imperial Manor, 345 Hicksville Road, Bethpage, NY. Info: George Vita (631) 736-3556, or <http://members.aol.com/Liarscc> (*see flyer in this issue!*).
- 🏆 **Nov. 23rd - Modcon 2002, 5th Annual Model Show and Contest**, hosted by the **North Central West Virginia Scale Modelers**, at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown, WV. \$6.00 entry fee for first model, \$1.00 each additional model. Info: Chip Wamsley (304) 296-0993, chip@wamsleycycles.com, Scott Owen (304) 842-7091, sameowen@msn.com; or Tom Gilpin, at tom.gilpin@mail.wvu.edu, or <http://ncwvsm.freesevers.com>.
- 🏆 **Dec. 7th & 8th - Thirteenth Annual Car Show and Market Place** Sponsored by **Street Cars of Desire** at the Cow Palace at the Timonium Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$5 admission for the largest indoor car show on the East Coast. Music, food, raffles, entertainment, vendors, trophies, and auction. Registration forms available on our web site, <http://www.streetcarsofdesire.com>. Info: contact Dave Cohen, 1 Wandsworth Bridge Way, Luther-ville, MD 21093-3962, (410) 628-6262 e-mail:

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Note:

Remember the **"Toys for Tots"** Toy Drive for the **November meeting**, since by the December meeting it is too late to deliver them!

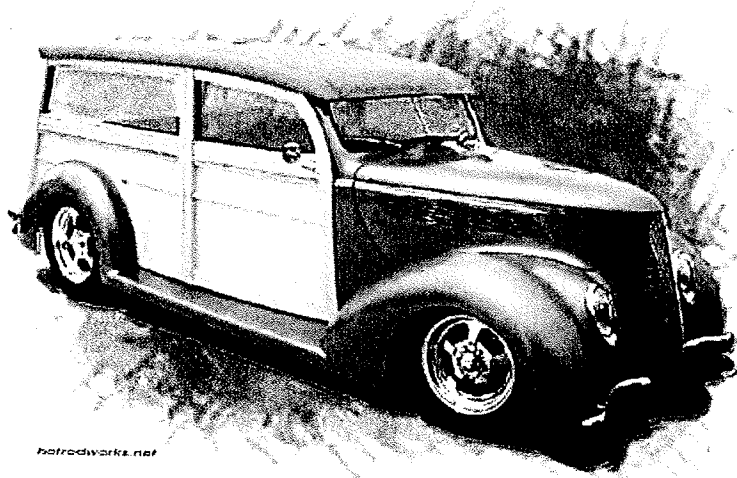
2003 Events (!)

- 🏆 **Feb. 28th, Mar. 1st, & 2nd - Hot Rod & Custom Car Show**, at the Ocean City Convention Center, at 40th Street and Coastal Highway. Info: Call (410) 798-6304.
- 🏆 **April 26th - 3rd Annual Eastern Technical High School Car & Truck Show** at 1100 Mace Avenue, in Essex, MD, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: Call (410) 887-0190.
- 🏆 **May 15th to 18th - Cruisin' Ocean City** on the Boardwalk in Ocean City, MD.
- 🏆 **June 21st & 22nd - 16th Annual Mid-Atlantic Chevelle Show/ACES Northeast Regional**, in Northeast, MD, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Call (301) 464-7618.
- 🏆 **Oct. 10th to 13th - Endless Summer Cruisin' V** on the Boardwalk in Ocean City, MD. 🏆



Wouldja believe - a Super Stock T1000 (a.k.a., Chevy Chevette)?!

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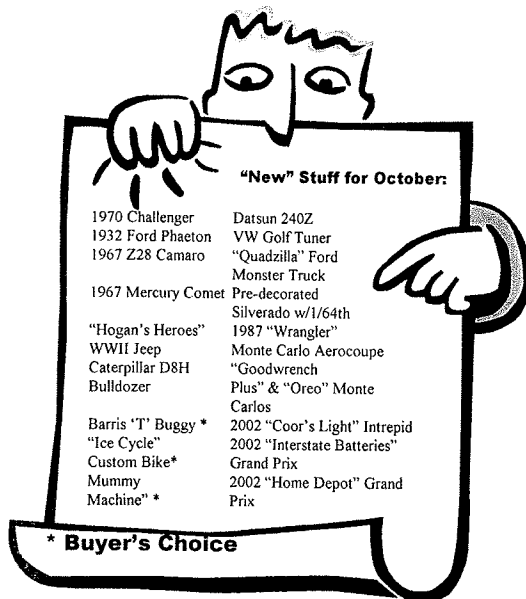
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MAMA's BoyZ do it in scale!



Kudos!

And finally, the *Scale Auto (no Enthusiast) contest annual* just hit my mailbox, and our show, as well as several MAMA's BoyZ were recognized for their accomplishments! The following names may be familiar to you guys, as either having models featured, or being listed as winners. Here they are, in no particular order: **John Kester, Tom Strehle, Scott McKenzie, Bill Garner, Jeff Sauber, Rodney Jefferson, Terry Adams, Bill Hamburg, Bill Geary, Diego Perri, Damien Bringear, Jim Steumpfle, Bill Richards, Stanley Markowski, Nick Bonomo, Irv Arter, Joel Chevery, Rex Turner, and Gary Branick. Congrats to you all, and apologies to anyone I missed – it wasn't intentional!** 🚗

New Website

CrashBonsai (<http://www.crashbonsai.com/index.html>) is the creation of **John**

Rooney, an artist who is torn between the desire to create and destroy. Recently, he has been combining bonsai plants with model cars and trucks to create "**CrashBonsai**," little living car crash sculptures, which are available in some Boston area stores. Now

through this web site, he is offering his crashed car and truck models to bonsai gardeners who wish to use them as accessories for their own creations. You'll find a variety of crashed vehicles, with scales and dimensions listed.



Each model is unique, and individually disassembled, cut, melted, filed, smashed, then reassembled to replicate a real fender bender. Some might work perfectly with a bonsai you already have, but you should expect to create a new bonsai around the vehicles, often placing the tree more to the side of a pot to make room for the vehicle. No passengers have been injured in these accidents!

Please note that these models are not just for bonsai alone. They look great on coffee tables, kitchen counters, smashing into lamps and toasters. *Kinda neat –*

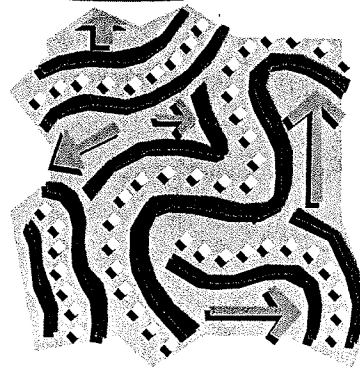
We're on the web!

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

Directions

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 (read on!)



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