

MARYLAND AUTOMOTIVE MODELERS ASSOCIATION

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by: Timothy Sickle

About 26 people were in attendance at the August meeting which had as its highlight the appearance of the one, the only Gary McNutt! Long time no see, Gary! How have you been?

The raffle raised \$86.00. The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Jerry Flynn, Randy Paschke, Gary Sutherlin, Chris Whalley, Charlie Saglinbene, Dave & Karen Roehrle and Replicas and Miniatures Co. of Md.. Special thanks also go to those as shown below:

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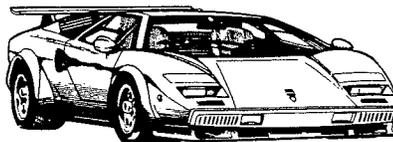
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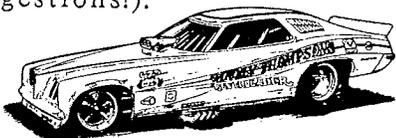
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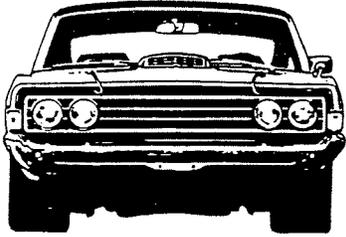


A big Thank You! goes out not only to all those people who donate items for the monthly club raffles but also to the manufacturers for their continued support! Without this support, the club would not be where it is today!

It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465, Sterling, Va. 22170) will be a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up to us to actively patronize Detail Master in appreciation of his continued support [Ed. Note: With the detail items he has currently available (or on the way!), I don't believe this will be a problem!]

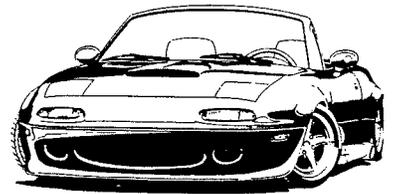
(Ed. Note: If this month's newsletter is a little easier on the eyes, thank Matt & Donna Guilfoyle for their help and suggestions!).





From the President's Workshop

by: Larry Boothe

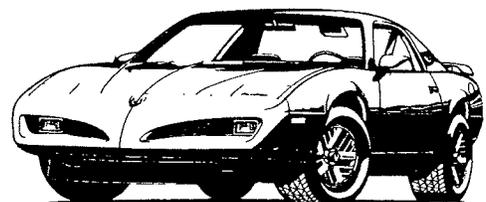
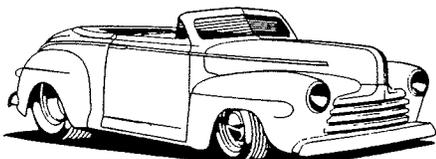


I would like to spend just a few minutes "tooting our horn" so to speak, regarding our club. I have again been reminded about MAMA not only for its laid back, hands-on, non-political atmosphere, but also for the talented group of people that comprises MAMA. We are all friends with a common interest and a desire to help each other, and as long as I am President, this attitude will prevail as this is what MAMA is all about. I'm proud of all of you for this reason! This hobby is supposed to be fun, and its a blast (Ed. Note: Please don't use that word in connection with plastic models!) as long as we let it be. Along these lines, we will never experience the pressure associated with an in-house contest ('cause we'll never have one!). The squabbles and politics of other clubs is exactly that, other clubs. I will always strive to put ourselves above all this. Inevitably, there will be some disagreement, but we will discuss them and then move on. I certainly hope I have done a credible job as President, and if I haven't, I am sure you will inform me accordingly. MAMA is an open club. Come to the meeting and join in the fun (and have a brownie!).

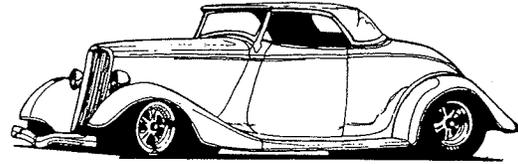
Sneakin' a Peek!

This column will appear 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 detailed review to follow at a later date (hopefully!). We'll see how it goes!

- * Datsun 280ZX (Monogram #1075): Molded in red and black....Goodyear GT Radials mounting 280ZX 4-spoke wheels....no decals.
- * Pontiac GTO (Monogram #1076): Molded in orange and black....Goodyear GT Radials mounting Pontiac 5-spoke mags....tri-color "Judge" stripes.
- * Ford Bronco (Monogram #1077): Molded in Turquoise and black....2-piece Goodyear Wrangler tires....tonneau cover...
...light bar....grille brush guard.
- * Chevy Police car (Monogram #1078): Molded in black and white....light bar....Mount Prospect police decals....chevy rally wheels w/Goodyear GT Radials.
- * Baldwin-Motion 427 Camaro (Revell #7426): Molded in red....nice, smooth, shiny chrome....correct unique Mr. Gasket domed air cleaner....new Goodyear Polyglas F70-15 tires!....unique rear spoiler....upper and lower radiator hoses....new hood w/hood pins in all 4 corners....unique sidepipes (hooked up to headers!)....sunvisors molded to windshield....all pertinent Baldwin-Motion decals seemingly present! (Ed. Note: This bad boy appears to be a real winner!!)



1971 Hemi Cuda



(Monogram #2943; 1/24; one version; 68 pieces; purple, chrome, clear, vinyl tires)

I actually had to do a lot of research on this car because this is the first Mopar I have ever done (Ed. Note: Chris has "Ford Blue" in his veins!). Most of the info I got was from my aunt (?!), who was lucky enough to own one of these beasts for about five years and sold it a few years ago. The only things I remember about it was that it was **Limelight Green** and very fast!

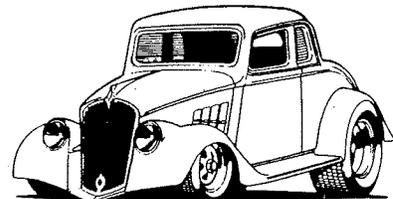
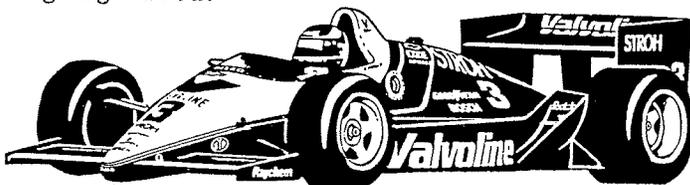
I didn't find too much to complain about with the way the kit was made, just in the way it is packaged. The box says that this car is a 1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda, but all my research shows this car to be a 1971 Hemi Cuda. It has six grille openings in conjunction with four round headlights, "gills" on the front fender and a one-piece matte black quarter panel decal rather than the "hockey stick" stripe running along the top edge of the quarter panel. This car at first appears to be a new release but it is actually just a reissue. The instruction sheet carries two dates-1982 and 1991. I've never seen the 1982 version so I can't really point up the differences in the two, if any, so let's just stick to the current edition (Ed. Note: Yours truly has a 1982 issue of this kit, and near as I can tell, it is a straight reissue except for the color in which it is molded).

It seems to be a well detailed '71 Hemi Cuda. The body is molded in a shade of purple that Plymouth called **In-Violet**, not **Plum Crazy** (the Dodge name for the same color!) and is made up of nine pieces, including bumpers and the two-piece shaker hood scoop. The body is nicely detailed when it comes to emblems, down to and including the tiny Chrysler (Ed. Note: Can I say Chrysler?) pentastar at the bottom of the front fender.

In case you have not been paying attention, this model is equipped with the (in)famous 426 Hemi with dual four barrel carbs and a four-speed transmission complete with the pistol-grip shifter. The two four barrel carbs exhibit excellent detail. However, there is one drawback-apparently, they provide a place for oil breathers to be installed on the valve covers, but no oil breathers are included in the kit.

The chassis is one piece, including the exhaust system and floor pan. The front and rear suspensions are also separate pieces. Strangely enough, no shocks are provided for the rear axle. A little work (or parts box searching!) and the missing shocks should be taken care of. The wheel/tire combo works well, too. The mopar rally wheels exhibit good detail and Monogram includes Goodyear GT Radial tires. Not correct, as I believe these cars ran F60-15 belted tires, but acceptable.

The interior is a tub-style interior made up of six pieces. As is the case with tub-style interiors, door panel detail is on the light side. Everything seems to be as it should be here. Additionally, the dashboard exhibits very nice detail in the gauge area.



Other than the front and rear windows, the only other parts included on the clear tree are headlight lenses. The taillights are chrome, but when they are detail painted and in place, they look fine.

The decals included are minimal, but then, decals were minimal on the full size version as well! They include the black quarter panel "Hemi" decals along with two North Dakota "Dr. Hemi" plates and a white "Plymouth" decal.

Overall, despite these very minor drawbacks, with a little time and effort, this car would be a very nice addition to your collection. This kit is also Monogram "skill-rated" as a level two. I am anxious to see what Monogram considers a skill level 3 kit, as all I've seen so far are skill level one and two kits. Thanks to Monogram for providing the review sample.

by: Chris Bonaiuto

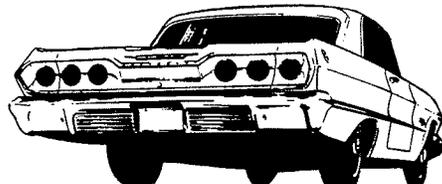
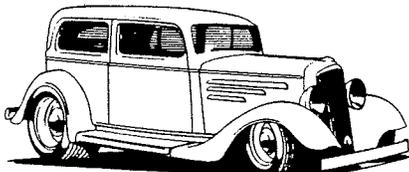
1970 Boss 302 Mustang

(Monogram #2923; 93 pieces; 2 versions; yellow, chrome, clear, vinyl tires)

Since our beloved, beleaguered and sometimes bewildered Newsletter Editor (Ed. Note: Who, me!?) has banned me for life from ever penning another sentence about Chevrolet's Camaro, I figure I'll take a crack at Ford's attempt to produce a Camaro. I know, I know-the Mustang came first (Ed. Note: Thank you very much!). Well, if you believe in the theory of evolution, you realize apes were here prior to the appearance of man. By the late '60's Ford realized they needed to create a very special, limited edition of their ape, er, Mustang with a specifically engineered powerplant just to try to keep up with Chevrolet's regular production Camaros, but that's another story [Ed. Note: This "specifically engineered powerplant" was the 306 hp 289 cu. in. engine found in the 1965-67 Shelby GT350 Mustangs which "Joe Consumer" could lay his hands on at his local Ford dealer. The racing Shelbys, known as R-models, were rated at between 340 hp. and 450 hp. and "galloped" to the national class championship in SCCA B-Production (competing against small block 'Vettes, E-Type Jags, Sunbeam Tigers, etc.) from 1965 thru 1967].

This kit so clearly shows its heritage from Monogram's Boss 429 kit of '81 that I'll try just to stick with the new part highlights.

The most obvious difference between this kit and its 429-powered ancestor is the engine/transmission. To my untrained eye (my experience with blue oval beaters is somewhat limited) (Ed. Note: Don't you mean bowtie beaters, Tim?), it appears that Monogram did an outstanding job replicating the big-headed small block that powered this car. Most impressive is the well-detailed toploader 4 speed trans-very nice. Two intake assemblies are included: a stock type dual plane manifold with single 4 bbl. carb (from Revell's Yenko Camaro kit) and stock-type air cleaner assembly, and a "Cross Boss" manifold with the Autolite 4 bbl. carb.



The interior still features weak door panel detailing. The separate armrests do help to camouflage this weakness a bit. The assembly of the basic body, interior and chassis remains the well thought out design it always was. And the radiator now features two holes for the two upper hoses of the "Cross Boss" manifold.

One area of note is the mufflers which now have embossed Ford emblems and factory part numbers. You Replica Stock builders should love that!

The basic body remains unchanged. It still has that weak, easy to cover Mustang script across the rear edge of the trunk lid. What is new about the body is the flat, un-holy hood (yeah!) and the optional Pro Stock-style hood scoop. The scoop is really lame. It's too skinny. With a little shortening, it would look right at home on a 1/32 scale model.

Overall, this new kit is still the same great kit it always was (Ed. Note: Heresy! a "Bowtie guy" sayin' something nice about a Ford! Tim's done one Camaro too many and has finally cracked!). I highly recommend it.

by: Tim Powers

Ed. Note: conversion kits exist for both of these kits to make them something they are not. I am, of course referring to the 1970 AAR conversion kit & the 1970 Hemi Cuda conversion kit which is available from MPB Detail Products, P.O. Box 198, Amherst, N.Y. 14226.

The AAR kit includes a 2-piece vacuformed hood, resin-cast taillights, rear spoiler and '70 grille section. The Hemi Cuda kit includes the resin-cast '70 grille section and taillights. The price for the AAR kit is \$8.50, while the Hemi Cuda kit is \$5.00:

A transkit is available for the Boss 302 (or Challenger T/A, Pontiac Trans Am to name a few) from Resin Casting Specialties, 14008 Adkins Road, Laurel, Md. 20708.

The Boss 302 Transkit includes 4 tires (two different sizes), 4 Minilite wheels w/axle stubs, wheel backs to fit Monogram axles and a racing seat. The cost of this kit is \$9.95.

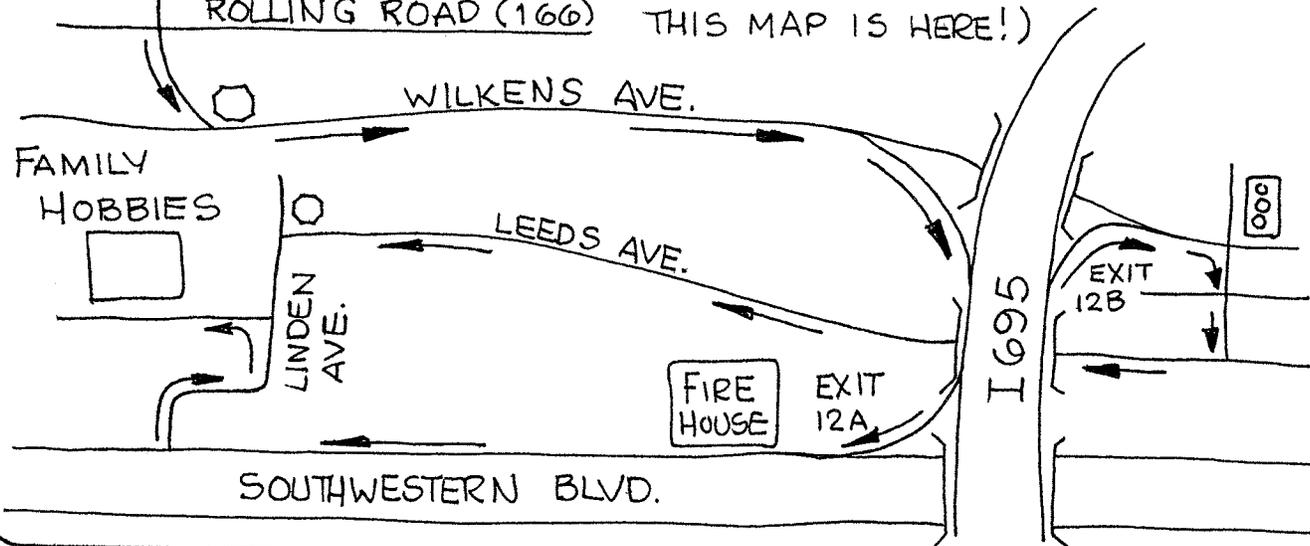
Fred Cady markets decal sets for both stock and racing AAR 'Cudas as well as a set for a racing Boss 302 Mustang.

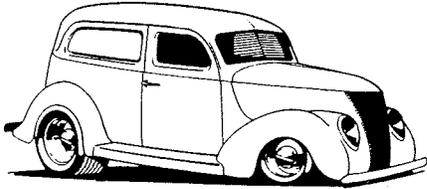
So, if you want something really different, go for it!

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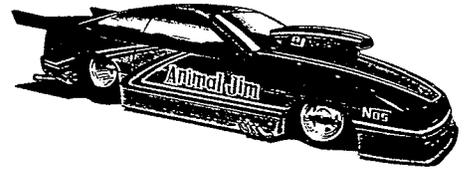
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ROLLING ROAD (166) THIS MAP IS HERE!)

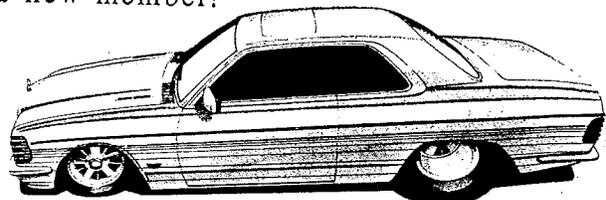
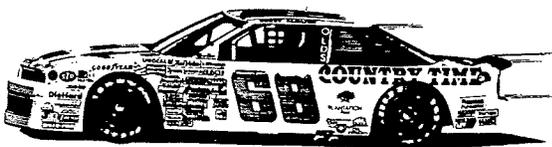




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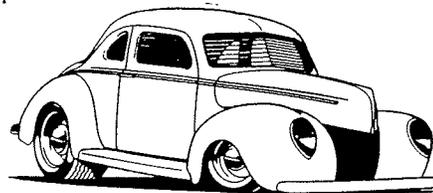
- * "Deuce Coupe"! Anyone interested in keepin' in touch with Al Gransee, he can be reached at the following address: P.O. Box 246, Plattsmouth, Neb. 68048. I'm sure "Deuce Coupe" would love to hear from anyone who cares to write!
- * And speaking of "Deuce Coupe", I understand that he is now a farmer, having taken up residence in an old farm house. Hey, "Coupe"! Anything in the barn?!? What? No barn?!?
- * Food! Now that I have your attention (especially you, Larry!), thanks go out to Matt Guilfoyle (hissself!) and Karen Roehrl for the World famous (?!?) brownies. They were very good and very much appreciated!
- * Jackets! Any of you newer members wanting club jackets, they will cost \$38.00 and will be similar to current club jackets (satin with silver club logo on breast pocket and larger logo on rear). At least initially, Jerry needs to place a minimum order of 12 and he already has 6. After that, we can order as many (or as few) as we want. So if you are interested, contact Jerry (preferably with the money!).
- * Rumor Mill, the sequel! An ad spied in the latest issue of Scale Auto Enthusiast has someone taking orders for 1992 Viper Promos (and other 1992 promos, as well). Can a Viper kit be far behind? Let's hope so, AMT!
- * FYI It should be noted here that for those of you who were unaware, there is **no smoking in the buildings on campus!** So, it would be appreciated if you smokers would take your "butts" outside! Thanks!
- * New releases! There are strong rumors that at least two manufacturers are readying more snap-type kits for release next year to appeal to the younger modeler. Let's do what we can to help get these younger modelers off on the right foot as this is the future of our beloved hobby!
- * "Little Wheels", again? No, I am afraid not. Harry Charon says that he will be more than happy to instruct anyone in the finer points of "video production" down to and including the "set", but Harry is moving on to bigger and better things (Look out Spielberg and Lucas!). Thanks for your past help, Harry!
- * Contest fans! The IPMS contest in October at BWI is fast approaching. Anyone interested in lending their "automotive expertise" by Judging? If so, contact Norman to see what can be worked out!
- * Hobby Shops. It might be a good idea if people posted their phone number in hobby shops which they frequent. That way, if an interested modeler purchases a kit, if he has any questions or is even unaware that there is a club for scale model car builders, then he could contact you and get any info or answers that he might need. And, who knows? We might even get a new member!



- * Diecast fans! On a recent foray into a well-known discount toy store chain, Yours truly (and son Nick) managed to turn up some interesting new additions to the Hot Wheels line-up. For starters, how 'bout a Ferrari 348, what appears to be a '57 Ferrari Testarossa, a Mini Truck (a California custom pick-up), a new Lamborghini Diablo, a T-Bird Stocker in "Havoline" markings and last but not least, a '50's era custom which looks like it just rolled out of the GM Motorama, a 2-seater replete with continental kit, fender skirts, sidepipes and sporting a two tone (white over turquoise) paint job which is named, appropriately enough, "Street Beast". You think I'm kiddin', but check 'em out! They are pretty neat!

COMING EVENTS

- * Sept. 15-Franklin Mint 5th Annual Antique Automobile Festival. For info, call the Franklin Mint Museum at (215)459-6582.
- * September 22-Model Car, Toy, Collector's show and Contest at the Sheraton Inn in Warrendale, Pa. (Route 19 & I79). For info, contact Jeff Linkowski, 446 Coolidge Ave., Pittsburg, Pa. 15228 or call (412)341-2180 between 5 and 11 P.M.
- * Oct 3 thru 6-Fall Carlisle in Carlisle, Pa.
- * Oct 6-Cincinnati Auto Replicas present The 5th Annual Southwest Ohio Model Car Challenge. For info, contact Joe Dansberry or Bill Bench (see numbers above).
- * Oct 12-NNL #12 at the Lucas County Rec Center (Key St) in Maumee, Ohio. This year's theme-Shoeboxes (Car or Truck!) from '49-'59! (Ed. Note: Otherwise known to us "East Coasters" as "The Big Go West"!).
- * Oct 18 thru 20-IPMS Region II Convention held at BWI Airport. For info (or even to volunteer your services!), call Bernie Hackett at (301)882-2352.
- * Oct. 20-Chesapeake Miniature Vehicle, Collector's Club 22nd Collector's Toy Show held at the Shrewsbury Fire Hall in Shrewsbury, Pa. from 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. For info, contact Carl Daehnke, 1878 Powder Mill Road, York, Pa. 17402, (717)741-3334.
- * Nov. 3-Capitol Miniature Auto Collectors Club 1991 Fall Meet held at the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire House Community Hall in Dunn Loring, Va. from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. For info, contact Charles Francis Wilding, 10207 Greenacres Drive, Silver Spring, Md. 20903, (301)434-6209.
- * Nov 3-Fall Model Car Spectacular 1991 hosted by The Adirondack Glue Cruc at the Sons of Italy Hall, 415 Liberty St, Schenectady, N.Y. from 9 A.M.-3 P.M. Or, call (toll-free!) 1-800-962-8007 for further details!
- * Nov 10-1991 AMS Convention at the Southwest Challenge in Irving, Texas. For info, write The Southwest Challenge, P.O. Box 193, Bedford, Texas 76095.





* Dec. 15-1st Annual Fallston Volunteer Fire Company Toy Show held at the Fallston Volunteer Fire Company in Fallston, Md. from 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. For info, contact Fallston Vol. Fire Company, P.O. Box 345, Fallston, Md. 21047-0345, (301)893-9579 or (301)877-7644.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED- 2 Monogram 1969 GTO Judges. Also 4 Monogram Mini-Exact Pontiac Grand Prix Stock Cars. Also interested in purchasing a Stealth Promo. Contact Tim Sickle at 249-3830.

WANTED-1966 Monogram Hertz Shelby GT350 (preferably unbuilt), also need Monogram Boss 429 hood and decal set. Contact Chris Bonaiuto at 843-1484 or write 3511 Fox Ridge Rd. Waldorf, Md. 20601.

WANTED-Reasonably priced 1988 NASCAR fuel pump or equivalent. Also have the following kits for trade: AMT #6144-'91 Corvette convt, #6278-Dodge Charger Daytona, Revell #7398-Henry J. Contact Dave Jr. at 254-9574 or see me at a meeting.

WANTED-AMT '34 Ford Coupe either unbuilt or in restorable condition. Contact Dave Roehrle at 876-8007.

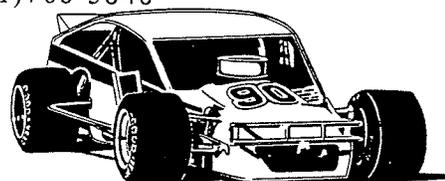
**As if to celebrate MAMA's 3rd Anniversary,
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is holding an
INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE
the week of September 21st thru the 28th!
Most kits' retail prices* will be reduced by \$1.50!
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* Kits selling for \$6.75 and up.

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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