

MODELERS ASSOCIATION

Volume 4, No.9 April 1992 by: Timothy Sickle

About 50(!) people were in attendance at the March meeting which had as its highlight discussions concerning our continued meeting at the College in the face of a doubling in the rent. It was decided that we would continue to meet at the college due to its ease of access to a majority of the members. Also, in addition to the monthly raffle, a box would be set up for additional donations. Another highlight was the revelation that one of "MAMA's Boys", Tim Powers was celebrating his birthday. Seems to me that he should have supplied the cake and ice cream to more fully allow the club members to join in the celebration! All together now, "Happy Birthday to you!".

The raffle raised \$117.00(!). The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Gary Sutherlin, Pat Maphis, Matt Guilfoyle, Irvin Arter Jr., Lyle Willits, Randy Paschke, Dave Roehrle, Larry Boothe, Charlie Scheerer, yours truly, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of Md. Special thanks also go out to

those as shown below:

Tim Powers, Scale Resin Detailers 808 224th Street Pasadena, Md. 21122

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Dirk Johnson, Detail Master P.O. Box 1465 Sterling, Va. 22170

John Mauchamer, Wheels Hobby Shop 45 Waverly Dr, Unit O Frederick, Md. 21701

Dan Johns, RPM Craft House Corp. 328 N. Westwood Toledo, Oh. 43607



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 an the west). I don't believe this will be a problem! on the way!), I don't believe this will be a problem!]

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The rundown for the January thru May meetings is as follows-January: Third Saturday from 12:30-5:30 in Building B

(Upper level). Park near bldgs D & E and enter the upper floor of bldg B (the "Quad"). The months of February, March and May-Third Saturday from 12:00-5:00. The month of April we will be meeting on the fourth Saturday from 12:30-5:30. So, please note the room change in January (Bldg. B) and the day change in April (Fourth Saturday). See ya there!

2nd Annual Mid-Atlantic NNL

As you are all well aware by now, our 2nd Annual event is now history. We as a club, couldn't have asked for more. The event was very successful in whatever way you care to view it. Our entered model count was up fully 30% over our inaugural event, to the tune of 308 models with entrants from Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey, and even as far away as California (more on him later)! We received support from many more cottage industry suppliers vs. only one year ago, the swap meet vendors seemed to be busy all day making money (some doubling their take over last year!), and best of all, the club made money.

The five (Yes, I said five!) lucky award recipients are as

follows:

People's Choice-Junior: Dave Wilson-"Coor's" Transporter Best Truck-Junior: Eric Novak-'39 Chevy Sedan Delivery People's Choice-Adult: Jerry Frazier-F100 Sedan Delivery Best Truck-Adult: Dave Roehrle-"Rustbucket"

Oh, yeah, our official "Unofficial Long Distance Award" this

year went to Rick Suit of Cucomonga, California(!).

Several people I spoke with remarked on how well the show seemed to be organized and run, and how it seemed to be perfectly suited for the room in which it was held. Thanks to everyone for the kind words. Thanks also to everyone who helped out in whatever capacity. Everyone can take a little breather and begin formulating plans for the 3rd Annual Mid-Atlantic NNL!

1992 Ford F150 XLT

(AMT #6809; 1/25; 127 pieces; Light gray, chrome, clear, clear red, vinyl tires)

What do you suppose the best selling vehicle in the U.S. was last year? If you said a pick up-truck, you would be right. A pick-up truck?!? Yes, in particular, a full size Ford F150. This is attributed to the fact that they have become more socially acceptable. Properly optioned, they will haul the load while simultaneously coddling you with power steering, brakes, windows, locks, stereos, and in air conditioned comfort to boot! AMT gave modelers the redesigned Chevy Silverado in 1988, and for 1992, they have looked to the top of the sales charts and given us the aforementioned Ford F150 Lariat pick-up.

The truck is very cleanly molded and nearly flash-free. The cab exhibits nicely molded-in F150 emblems and Lariat trim. The pick-up bed is notched to mate with the cab in a similar fashion as the Silverado. Of particular note here is the fact that AMT chose to model this truck with the twin fuel tank option as the driver's side rear wheelwell. The tailgate includes separate

chrome trim with a clear red insert. A minor nit here-AMT molded a tailgate net that lacks any texture whatsoever and exhibits no sag as a real net would, so it appears unrealistic. Chrome mirrors with separate chrome faces are included as well. AMT also thoughtfully provided several other nineties touches that are currently 'chic' for peek-ups: A custom cab extender with a light bar attached (with clear lenses), a sunvisor, and a clear bug shield for the hood while there are textured storage boxes for the pick-up bed sides as well as a hard tonneau cover.

The interior is tub-style which means shallow door panel detail. It is made up of only five pieces (including the optional C.B. radio mike). The dash is very well done, exhibiting gauge detail underneath the instrument shroud. The seat, with integral headrests, has no back which is fine as it isn't seen once installed. Of particular note is the method of installation of the seat. It has four notches on it (two on the bottom cushion, two on the back cushion) which allow it to merely snap into the interior bucket. The seat also has a cupholder molded to it.

The engine is a 5.8 liter V-8 with a four speed automatic transmission. It consists of many separate, nicely molded parts,

including nice chrome Holley valve covers.

The chassis is a flat pan with the framework molded to it. To this attaches a seven piece front suspension and a four piece rear suspension. There is a two piece exhaust system and an auxiliary fuel tank as well as the spare tire and bracket. Unfortunately, it is a two piece, treadless plastic spare tire.

Speaking of wheels and tires, AMT has included Ford's handsome ten hole aluminum wheels as the standard wheel. They have also included a nice 'billet' five spoke wheel. The tires are the same 'ol Goodyears that were included in the Silverado.

The chrome asppears to be molded smooth and bright. Included on the chrome tree are front bumper and rear step bumper, and grille. Minor sink marks were evident in both headlight areas on my sample. With some judicious file work, the grille could be opened up from the rear. Also included are chrome running lights for the cab roof.

The decals are minimal, consisting of five underhood decals, two Ohio plates, and two 3D graphic stripes.

The instructions are also in typical AMT fashion, detailing

all painting instructions, including actual interior/exterior paint combinations.

With the release of this truck, as well as the anxiously awaited release later this year of the redesigned Ford Flareside pick-up in June, AMT has thoughtfully provided us with the number one and number two selling trucks in the country, both in long bed and flareside configurations. This is an excellent kit, that goes together well and it includes several options to customize it in true nineties fashion. Now, AMT, how about some mini-trucks (such as Chevy S10, Ford Ranger, Nissan, Toyota, and Mazda)? With the current mini-trucking craze, I believe they would be hot items! Tanks to AMT for providing the review sample.

NASCAR Trivia Question: Ford's string of seven victories to start the season is an all-time NASCAR record previously held by what manufacturer?

(The first one to corectly answer the question will receive a valuable prize chosen specifically for him or her!).





Canepa T-600A Kenworth

(AMT #6020; 1/25; one version; 267 pieces; white, chrome, clear, clear red, clear amber, vinyl tubing & tires)

Hi guys! It's me again, here to help you (the modeling public) to be better informed. Now, today's kit is the Canepa T-600A Kenworth semi-truck. By the way, does anyone know just how to pronounce Canepa? I have only seen pictures of this truck, but it is my understanding that only the most elite of racers have them. For example, A.J. Foyt was the first to get one, or so the instruction sheet says.

The body, which consists of 15 pieces, is actually very well detailed. It would, however, be better if the cab doors opened. That covers up a lot of detail, such as the air cylinders suspending the driver's seat. The door to the sleeping area does open though, which is good, considering you can hardly see any of the detail you put in there through the skylights.

Now on to the engine, a Cummins Turbo-charged diesel. The block for this engine (compared to the Ford V-8's I'm used to building) is massive, with a 36-piece buildup. For the most part, it is supposed to be painted completely tan, and exhibits excellent detail. It even includes such items as a dipstick, and fuel pump lines.

The tires and wheels are not bad either. The tires are Goodyear "Custom Hi-Milers". Surprisingly, these are not the same tires as are on the "Kodak" and "Coor's Light" trailers that are supposed to be made for this truck. The wheels are two pieces in the front, a rim and the wheel. These don't look bad, but the rear wheels are a different story. There are 8 pieces to them but the holes around the inner wheels look nondescript, and the holes around the wheel are not perfectly round at all. All the wheels are chromed and ERTL offers those "weird wheel covers" (Ed. Note: Otherwise known as "aero covers"), the same as the aforementioned trailers.

The chassis consists of quite a large number of parts. It looks very well detailed and it takes 8 steps to fully assemble it. The chassis includes such items as brake rotors and calipers and airbrake hoses.

The interior is also nicely done. The cab section has 20 parts including a nice pedal assembly, a dashboard fan, air cylinders for the driver's seat and the firewall. The sleeper section has 18 parts. Some of the details included are a bunk, cabinets, and opening side doors.

The decal sheet consists of 14 decals. Five of these are Bruce Canepa Design or Motorsport decals, while two say, "Fire Extinguisher inside", two say, Not for Hire", two say, "Team AMT/ERTL", with the company logo, along with two Iowa "ERTL" license plates, and of course, the now standard, "I Model Cars" bumper sticker.

Overall, this is a very nice kit and looks very good with the intended trailers (I have one). So, for those of you who want a truck for your stock car trailers, this kit is highly recommended.

by: Chris Bonaiuto

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!

* Corvette ZR-1 (Lindberg #72451): Molded in Red....1/32 scale snap kit....chrome tree....Eagle VR50 tires....(3) different sets of wheels....Aero package....racing version....opening hood w/chrome engine.

* Porsche 930 Turbo (Lindberg #72452): Molded in Black....1/32 scale snap kit....chrome tree....Eagle Vr50 tires....(2) different sets of wheels...opening hood

(trunk?) w/air intake molded open.

* Ford Fairlane GT/GTA (AMT #6926): Molded in Gray....26-piece engine w/incredible bolt & texture detail....automatic or manual trans w/separate linkage....new Firestone tires... ...black, white, or red GT stripes...separate "GT" or "GTA" fender emblems...."Powered by Ford" valve covers!....usually top notch instructions...."SuperFord" & "Fairlane" plates w/General Tire special events flyer.

* Dodge Viper (Revell #6260): Molded in Red....1/24 scale snap kit....super-nice Michelin XGTZ tires and Viper wheels..."Viper" visible on brake caliper through opening in wheel.
* Camaro Z-28 Snapfast (AMT #6723): Molded in "Diamond Gloss"(?) black....no engine....combination snap/glue assembly....no rubber centers in tires to trim out!...metal axles and promo-type assembly...."licensed by GM Corp." present on chassis (Ed. Note: The "Diamond Gloss" finish doesn't look any better to me than the regular finish. In fact, this one looked a little worse than normal!)

* "Interstate Batteries" Lumina (AMT #8728): Molded in black & lime green....1/32 scale snap kit....incredible decals....plastic, open-backed tires....engraved "Goodyear" on tires as well as tire location (LF, LL, RF, & RR)!....

..dashboard gauge decal....real car box art.

* "Mello Yello" Pontiac (AMT #8727): Molded in black....1/32

scale snap kit....see "Interstate Batteries" Lumina above.

* Dodge Viper RT/10 (AMT #6808): Molded in gray...incredible level of overall detail and part count....Huge, new Michelin XGTZ tires (2 different sizes)....beautiful satin finish Viper wheels (2 different sizes)....Dark-tinted headlight covers (Boo! Hiss!).

* "Raybestos" Lumina (Monogram #1089): Molded in red & met. blue....1/32 scale snap kit....open 9-hole wheels....rubber

tires....stick-on decals.

* "Interstate Batteries" Lumina (AMT #8752): Molded in gray....glue kit....re-hash of AMT's excellent "Kodak" Lumina....accurate,colorful "Interstate Batteries" markings.

* Dodge Stealth R/T Snapfast (AMT #6687): Molded in "Diamond Gloss White"....promo-type assembly....re-hash of AMT's glue Stealth R/T kit.

* Corvette ZR-1 Snapfast (AMT #6658): Molded in "Diamond Gloss Yellow"...promo-type assembly....re-hash of AMT's glue Corvette ZR-1 kit.

* "Kodak" Film Lumina (AMT #8707): Molded in yellow and black....1/32 scale snap kit....see "Interstate Batteries" Lumina above.



BITS & PIECES

Sex!! Now that I really have your undivided attention, we all owe Karen, Matt & Mike Adams' mom, Betty our thanks for providing the meeting munchies at our last meeting.

Fast on Grass!?! If it has a motor in it, somebody's gonna want race it. That explains the first Sta-Bil National Lawnmower Racing Championship, Sept. 5 at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, Ill. Riding lawnmowers, blades removed, will race on a half-mile track. Speeds could hit 25 mph in stock/prepared class, 35 mph in the factory experimental class. Other events: push mower dashes and precision lawn mower drill team demonstrations. And, yes, it is sanctioned by the U.S. Lawnmower Racing Association of Glenview; Ill. (Ed. Note: The preceding article was spotted in the April 1, 1992 of the USA Today newspaper> What's next?!? AA/FM (AA Fuel Mower?!?)

What's next, you say? How 'bout the world's fastest lawnmower? It's built right here in the good 'ol U.S. of A. by Dixie Chopper Lawnmowers. These babies come equipped with a 150 hp. turbine engine from a Chinook helicopter(!) which should easily propel the mower to 60 mph(!). As any hot rodder knows, it costs money to go fast. Just how much? How 'bout a cool \$29,000.00? With one of these babies, you could cut your yard during the halftime show on the Sunday football game and be done in time to catch

the second half kickoff!! Believe it or not!

I blew it! Ya know the neat club listings handed out at last month's meeting? Well, there was some joking around that I got a phone number wrong. Well, guess what? I got a phone number wrong! Tim Powers number was incorrectly listed as being identical to Jerry Flynn's number. Jerry's number is 255-3776 while Tim's number is 255-3976. Sorry, guys!

* Thanx! In a gesture of appreciation, Norm Veber of Replicas & Miniatures Co. of Md presented Charlie Scheerer with a gift certificate for his Herculean effort in getting the club featured on the Baltimore morning show, "Coffee with...." with Don Scott and Marty Bass. He also got to keep the "Coffee with...." mug presented to him by the film crew (they didn't bring twenty something mugs for all attendees!) so, we figger we'll take turns with the one we got. Now, whose turn is it? Oh, by the way, after this segment aired, the club received a grand total of 19 phone calls (!) inquiring about the club. Way to go, Charlie!

Kudos! Larry Boothe must be broke by now payin' magazines to run articles on his stuff! The latest issue of Street Rodder (May 1992), has an article on Boothe's '32 Ford. The article was written by our own Tim Powers with an able assist by Tom (?) Boyd. Seriously, congrats to both of you guys! (Ed. Note: And let's not forget Dirk Johnson's

* Pro Tech. What th' heck is Pro Tech, you ask? Well, Pro Tech Model Parts is just the latest cottage industry to spring up within the MAMA organization. It is the brainchild of our own Charlie Saglinbene. Charlie's initial offering is a set of milled aluminum wheels. The front wheels have a 1/16" offset, while the rears are offered in two different offsets-the first has a 9/32" offset, while the second has a 1/2" offset. The wheels are made to fit the tires and inner wheels of the following kits: Pro Street Beretta (#7168), Pro Street "Hot Rod Lincoln" (#7456), Pro Street Malibu SS (#7147), Matt & Debbie Hays' Pro Street T-Bird,Rick Dobbertin's Pro Street J-2000 (#7156), and Pro Street Corvette (#7157).





The set costs \$29.95 and consists of 4 wheels (2 front, 2

rear-your choice of offset), center caps, lug nuts, valve stems, wheel to axle adapters, a fine piece of wire (for applying glue) and instructions (Ed. Note: I just got a look at 'em, and they're phenomenal! Good job, Charlie!). If you are interested, drop Charlie a line at 1351 Amberg Ave., Palm Bay, Fla. 32907.

Picnic! For anyone who has been in Siberia, The Annual Club Picnic will be held at Norm and Mary Vebers' palatial estate in beautiful downtown Glen Burnie, Md. If you want a thoroughly relaxing afternoon, sign up to bring a dish (or help out in some way) and drag your latest project

(finished or not!) along!

of Road & Track magazine.

Pony Car fans! News is filtering out about the new Mustang, Camaro, and Firebird. In 1993, there will be a "limited Edition" (overused term in today's world!) Mustang Cobra. Its main feature will be the inclusion of the GT-40 engine mods-horsepower is said to be in the 275 hp. range. Also included will be 17" wheels and tires, and it will have a unique grille, rear bumper facia and spoiler, and rocker moldings and will be available in Red, Black or Teal. To be released in mid-1994, the new Mustang will have 5 lug wheels with Bosch anti-lock brakes and four-wheel discs, traction control, and dual air bags inside. They cannot fullfill the current demand for the modular V-8, so its use is doubtful. For you GM fans, in January 1993, the new Camaro and Firebird will debut. They will feature the same wheelbase as current cars, but will be shorter overall. Space frame design w/composite vertical body panels, rack & pinion steering, Delco anti-lock brakes and airbags, possible use of 3.4 Twin Dual Cam V-6 along with LT-1 engine (Trans Am upgrade) w/ Borg-Warner T56 (as used in the upcoming Viper). This info courtesy the May 1992 issue

* Mules. Recently spotted at the GM proving grounds: Corvette ZR-12;a ZR-1 stretched 8" between the doors and front wheel openings to accommodate a Ryan Falconer-designed 600 cu. in., all-aluminum V-12 (based on the ubiquitous small block) (Ed. Note: Do ya think Chevy is worried about the Viper? Nah!); and using the old hot rodder's trick, a 454 Camaro; a pair of Corvettes, one on a diet (lightened), and one "on the bottle". And for you "Boyz in Blue (Ford), how 'bout the F150 "Supertruck? A 5.8 liter V-8 with "significant" horsepower increases, special suspension, limited edition (there's those words again!), and supposedly able to leap certain, tall, black Chevy trucks in a single bound! Sounds like the "Big Two" are

tryin' to bring back the good old days!

Peek up! And speakin' of pick ups, did anyone but yours truly notice the "4X4" on the rear fender of the instruction sheet for the 1992 Ford F150 Lariat pick up? You missed it? Well, check it out and draw your own conclusions.

COMING EVENTS

* Apr 26: 21st New Jersey Model Car, Diecast, & Kit Show. Contact John Carlisle, Old Toyland Shows, Bewley Bldg., Room 409, Lockport, NY 14094-2914.

May 1-3: 13th Annual GSL International Model Car Championship in Salt Lake City, Ut. For more info, send an SASE with (2) \$.29 stamps to GSL XIII, 1348 Longdale Drive, Sandy, Ut. 84092. May 3: Spring Fling VII St. Mary's Rod & Classic. Car show, flea market, model car contest (no one over 18 years old, please). 2 miles south of Leonardtown on Route 5.

May 9: Wakefield Recreation Center 1st Annual Model show. For info, write Wakefield Recreation Center, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale, Va. 22003.

May 15-17: Spring Fever '92 at Bull Run Regional Park in Centreville, Va. sponsored by Car Hop Promotions. Vendor's midway, swap meet, judged car & truck show. Spectators \$5.00 (No beer allowed in Park!)

May 15-17: Maple Grove Rod & Custom Classic at Maple Grove

Dragway in Reading. Pa.

May 15-17: Import-Kit/Replicar Show at Carlisle Fairgrounds in Carlisle, Pa.

May 17: 22nd Pa. Model Car, Diecast, and kit show. Contact

John Carlisle (See address above).

- * May 24: 4th Model car, NASCAR, and Diecast Toy Show to be held at the New Hanover Twp. Fire Company. For info send SASE to Stan Namowicz, 583 Buchert Road, Gilbertsville, Pa. 19525.
- May 31: 10th Anniversary All-Pontiac Show sponsored by Burdette Pontiac in Hyattstown, Md. Food, trophies, D.A. and flea market.

June 6, 7: IHRA Pro Mod President's Cup Nats at Maryland

International Raceway (ESPN televised!).

June 6, 7: The Greatest Collectible Toy & Train Show on Earth. For info contact K. Crispin, 301 W. Monroe St., Latrobe, Pa. 15650.

- June 13: Street Rod & Custom Auto Show at George C. Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Va. from 10 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Sponsored by Northern Va. Street Machines.
- June 19-21: Budweiser Super Stock Nationals at Maple Grove Dragway in Reading, Pa.

June 19-21: All-Truck Nationals at Carlisle Fairgrounds in Carlisle, Pa.

July 8-11: 1992 Pontiac-Oakland Convention at the Gaithersburg Marriott in Gaithersburg, Md.

July 13: US Pro Stock Open at MIR (Monday night!). July 17-19: 3rd Annual Goodguys East Coast Nationals at

Carlisle Fairgrounds in Carlisle, Pa.

July 24-26: Summer Carlisle at Carlisle Fairgrounds in Carlisle, Pa.

- Aug. 21-23: Chryslers at Carlisle at Carlisle Fairgrounds in Carlisle, Pa.
- Aug. 26: Mountain Motor Nats at MIR (Wednesday night!). Only one rule-there ain't no rules!
- Aug 28-30: 'Vettes at Carlisle at Carlisle Fairgrounds in Carlisle, Pa.
- * Aug. 29, 30: 1992 NMCA Flowmaster Muffler Muscle Car Challenge car show 'n shine, drag racing, nostalgia Super Stock class, swap meet, car corral, model car show, manufacturer's midway at Maple Grove Dragway in Reading,
- Sept. 17-20: Sunoco Keystone Nationals at Maple Grove Dragway in Reading, Pa.

Sept. 18-20: Fallfest '92 at Prince William Fairgrounds in Manassas, Va. Oct. 1-4: Fall Carlisle at Carlisle Fairgrounds in

Carlisle, Pa.



* Oct. 3: Royalfest '92 Model kit Contest and swap meet. Contest theme: Musclecars of the '60's & '70's. Event to be held at the Front Royal Youth Center on Commerce Ave., Front Royal, Va. Doors open at 10 A.M., registration from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., judging to begin at 1 P.M., awards presented at 4 P.M. Admission-\$3.00 per contestant, \$10.00 per vendor table (limit 2), General admission \$1.00.For further info, call Mark's Models and Toys at (703)635-TOYS (8697).

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED-Decal sheet and/or kit for 1/24 scale Monogram "Red Baron", Monogram 1969 GTO Judge kit, AMT 1963 Ford Pick-up, MPC "Hardcastle & McCormick" Coyote, Monogram '66 Shelby, MPC '57 Chevy post sedan, and Milner's "Graffiti" Deuce Coupe. Call Dave Johns at 437-1893.

FOR SALE- Majority of personal collection. Call Matt Guilfoyle at 551-6070 for specifics and to place your order!

WANTED-AMT black'66 Fairlane GT/GTA stripes. Will willingly trade wife, kids, and mother-in-law. Call Harry Charon at (410)282-3842.

WANTED- "Trick T" dragster. Call Randy Paschke at (410)551-8598.

FOR SALE-Remote Control truck "Clodbuster". Equipped with dual motors, 4 wheel drive, 4 wheel steering, includes radio, several battery packs, battery charger, and extra set of race motors. \$475.00 or best offer. Call Charlie Scheerer at (410)661-5040.

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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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