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About 53 people were in attendance at last month's meeting, which had as its highlight a rather spirited discussion with regard to our seminar folks, Bob Korunow and Ken Hamilton. The membership voted to bring these two fine gentlemen in for our NNL to perform seminars (2 each, morning and afternoon, I am told). Mr. Korunow's seminar choices are covered in the Bits & Pieces, and I was not informed as to what topics Mr. Hamilton would cover, but I fully expect them to be both interesting and informative! And remember, we have the Hospitality Suite at the Hampton Inn on Friday the 28th from 6 P.M.-2 A.M., so be there!

We are going to try something a little different here now, gang. We are going to experiment with running the Treasurer's report on a quarterly basis rather than once a month. So, let's see how it goes. The club would like to thank the raffle donors as shown below: Brad, CPMCC (York, PA club), Chris Whalley, Ron Bradley, Walt Rook, Mike & Mikey Adams, Ed Brown, Bill Clarke, and Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

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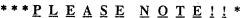
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It also bears mentioning at this time that Dirk "Smirk" Johnson (a.k.a. Detail Master, P.O. Box 1465 Sterling, VA 22170) will be (and has been!) a very active supporter of not only our club, but many other clubs across the country as well. It's up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







The meeting schedule for 1995 has been finalized (almost!) by our own Matt Guilfoyle. All meetings will be from Noon to 5 P.M. and astute MAMA's BoyZ will notice a few changes and one or two gaps in the schedule. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place in room K100. On two occasions, we will be in building Q, rooms 305 & 307 and in August, we will hopefully be scheduling rooms Q305 & 307 as well, but cannot do so before January 1st, 1995. Will advise upon confirmation of same. Got it?! Good, 'cause there will be a test on it!

January 21st (Room Q305 & 307) February 18th March 18th April 22nd (Room Q305 & 307) May 20th June 17th

July 15th August (TBD) September 16th October 21st November 18th December 16th



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! (Ed. Note: The kits are listed in no particular order)

* Revell Snaptite Wrecker (Revell #6393): Molded in Orange....(6) Tracker A/T tires....15-piece wrecker assembly w/instructions on using a length of thread (not included) for winch cable....chrome grille w/body-colored grille guard....very simplified chassis....chrome rims, deepened at the rear...mudflaps....peel 'n stick markings.

* '67 427 Corvette Roadster (Monogram #2968): Molded in Red....generic tires w/no sidewall detail (decals include redlines)....(2) beautiful chrome trees which include windshield frame, bumpers, door handles, rocker moldings, triangular tri-power air cleaner, grille, sidepipe shields, and great looking finned wheels....separate, drop-in door panels, tub-style interior....nice engraving on chassis & dash....up convertible top included....windshield, rear window, separate vent windows, parking lights, and back-up light....red, white, blue & black 427 stripes, air cleaner decal, owner's manual cover?....beautiful instructions name parts, list colors, color matrix for stripes vs. interior/exterior combos.

* '95 Corvette ZR-1 (Monogram #2455): Molded in Yellow...big & bigger Goodyear ZR tires....clear side marker lights & back-up lights...nice 5-spoke wheels (Jus' shoot 'em with dull coat!)....chrome intake and exhaust system, disc brake rotors & calipers....drop-in door panels, new seat upholstery, new dash w/nice engraving (& a sink mark on top)....airbag steering wheel....separate underhood bracing...nicely engraved body w/minimal flash, new fender vents....separate red tail lights & CHMSL....4-piece radiator.

* #2 Rusty Wallace T-Bird (Monogram #1700): Molded in Black....1/32nd scale Snaptite....peel 'n stick "Penske Racing South" decals....old T-Bird body....rubber tires....open, chrome 9-hole wheels....open hood.





- * '64 Mustang Indy Pace Car convertible (Monogram #2456): Molded in White....(4) Goodyear Polyglas GT meats....(2) shifters....separate, chrome door handles, tail lights....tub-style interior, chrome dash gauge pod.....separate console....convertible boot, up-top....2-piece bucket seats....289 cu.in. engine, dual exhausts....Indy 500 Pace car graphics, 289 air cleaner decal....nice box art-drawing on lid, finished model on sides.
- * Boss Shinoda Mustang (Revell #6390): Molded in Black....1/25th scale Snaptite....unique, spoked, chrome wheels mounting Goodyear GS-C's....front, rear and 1/4 windows all one piece, frosted on the rear....Boss Shinoda graphics in black & silver....clear red tail lights....tub-style interior w/drop-in door panels....opening hood w/Mustang prancing horse on underside....dual exhausts w/Ford part nos. on mufflers....12-piece fuel injected 5.0 engine.

* Collector's Showcase w/standard display surface (Revell #3811): Lt. Gray base w/multiple holes for adjustability with a length of wire to

fasten model (not included!) securely.

* Collector's Showcase w/Brickyard 400 surface (Revell #3807): Lt. Gray textured base w/Brickyard 'finish line' w/multiple holes for adjustability with a length of wire to fasten model (again, not

included!) securely.

- * '71 Plymouth GTX (Revell #7608): Molded in Yellow....separate, clear headlights....(4) steel belted radials....chrome six pack air cleaner, carbs & valve covers....2-piece bucket seats....."Tuff" steering wheel, proper GTX dash, tub-style interior....440 Six Pack ram air hood...."440 Six Barrel", "Air Grabber", "COMN GTX" MI plate....nice box art with photo-retouched real GTX on cover, built up model on sides.
- * Darrell Waltrip combo set (Monogram #6391): Molded in White....Reissue of "Mt. Dew" Regal along with the notchback Monte Carlo with new "Pepsi" decals.
- * '95 ZR-1 Corvette (AMT #6535): Molded in Lt. Gray....5-spoke ZR-1 wheels, (4) Goodyear GS-C tires....dark-tinted parking lights/side markers...."Corvette Fever", "Winner" KY plate, "ZR ONE" Maine plate, "ZR-1" logos, underhood decals, scallops....chrome ZR-1 motor...airbag steering wheel (w/light sink mark)....disc brake/rotor at each wheel.
- * '95 Ford F150 (AMT #6106): Molded in Lt. Gray....(4) Goodyear Wrangler AT tires mounting 10-hole aluminum Ford wheels or 5-spoke custom wheels...."150 XLT" CO, "HUSKRS" Neb plate, underhood decals....interior/exterior color matrix.
- * '95 Chevy Blazer Snapfast Plus (AMT #6651): Molded in Black....1/25th scale snap kit....tub-style interior....molded-in console....(4) chrome rims....1-piece glass w/molded-in rear defroster lines....(4) Goodyear Wrangler AT tires....rear step bumper...."BLA ZER" TX, "CLIMBER" WV plates, "Blazer", "LT" emblems, gold pinstripe....seats include seat backs.
- * Bobby Allison's Matador (AMT #8116): Molded in Lt. Gray....chrome 9-hole wheels....(4) Goodyear Stock Car Special tires....tub-style interior w/8-piece padded roll cage....glass has no window straps on it....body & bumpers properly modified for aerodynamics....typically excellent directions.
- * Shelby Cobra 427 (Monogram #1097): Molded in Blue....1/32nd scale snapkit....black plastic big & bigger tires....vinyl stripes, "COBRA" IL plate....windshield, frame, and windwings molded as one piece, clear headlights...no Cobra hood scoop...minimal flash....easy-to-follow instructions w/color suggestions....very nice box art of built kit.
- * Racing Petty's Combo (Monogram #6389): Molded in Petty Blue (what else?)....reissue of '82 Buick Regal & Pontiac Grand Prix w/appropriate decals for Kyle's #42 & Richard's #43 "STP" team cars.
- * Harley-Davidson Heritage Softail Classic (Revell #7302): Molded in Black....1/8th scale snaptite....decals include H-D tank logos,

speedometer, side markers, fender striping, engine markings....(2) large rubber tires (same size)....clear fairing, marker lights....clear red & amber markers as well....rivet & belt detail on saddlebags & seat....(2) chrome trees smooth & shiny....H-D stand for completed model display....excellent instructions w/color suggestions.

* '77 Ford Courier (AMT #6690): Molded in Lt. Gray....stock, 8-spoke wheels, optional 5-spoke wheels....chrome grille, front bumper, and step bumper...clear sunroof....tonneau cover...stepside fenders...nice

16-piece 4 banger w/optional turbocharger....16-piece chassis w/apparently posable front wheels....(2) metal axles...."COURIER" MN,

"TRUCKN" CA plates....tub-style interior,

1895 Panhard

[Europe Model Kits; 1/32nd scale; 50 parts-black & clear (bagged-hint, hint, Little Three) (each tree also bagged separately)

I have almost no reference info on the Panhard, but here is what I could find. The Panhard is a two-cylinder, twin chain-driven French automobile. The instruction sheet is written in French (?), (which I cannot read). The "PRESENTATION" section appears to contain a lot of info. The Panhard came in at least coupe and open car styles. A Panhard is credited with being involved in the first race accident (Ed. Note: A dubious distinction at best!) as well as winner of the first actual race at an average speed of 15 mph (!). All parts are bagged, flash is zip, and ejector pin marks are easily hidden or remove. Only builds one version (no imagination?).

The <u>chassis</u> consists of 20 pieces. Buggy springs and solid axle front and rear. The wheel may be more accurately described as wagon wheels. (On a humorous note, big and littles, no less!).

The <u>engine</u> consists of two shapes molded to the bottom of the wagon, ooooops, chassis.

The <u>interior</u> consists of 6 pieces-a bench seat, steering tiller, and pedals.

The <u>body</u> consists of 24 pieces- the basic body is 3 pieces, both halves and a top. It appears the body halves can be glued together and the seam filled for painting with the top put on after the interior is completed. Head and tail lights are lanterns of the times.

Despite the language problem (mine for not being able to read it!), the instructions are very clear. All parts are numbered and a "NOMENCLATURE" sectionidentifies each part by number. An "INDICATIONS DE COLORS" looks nicely done and if I was going to build this one replica stock, along with the nice box art, could probably get very close. All in all, one of the nicer sheets I have seen recently. Actually, a nice model in all respects. By now, I am sure some of you are wondering, "Why th' heck did Gary build this kit?!" I was in the mood for something completely different, yet easy to have fun with. The \$4.49 price tag, a flash of my well-stocked parts bin/drawers and then a flash of Street Rod and I was hooked! Picture this: Ditch the wagon fenders, replace the chain drive with a shortened 39/39 Ford rear with torque tube, slap on a set of 1/24th or 1/25th wheels, swap the lanterns with some bolt on (make that glue!) ones outta the parts box, use up that half can of metallic paint, throw in some flocking, WoW, a Fun model. And for those who tell me, "It's already been built....", I still say, ""So what, it was Fun!"



by: Gary Sutherlin



Why should MAMA become a chapter of the IPMS?

If your experience with the International Plastic Modeler's Society (IPMS) have led you to regard them as a bunch of militant snobs spaced-out geeks who look down their inflexible noses at model car builders, you're not alone. That's an image of the IPMS which has persisted for years which has also been fueled at local chapter levels. What most of us haven't realized is that at the national level, the IPMS is a very different organization.

Did you know that the national president of the IPMS builds, amidst many other types of models, car models (Gasp!). Did you know that the editor/publisher of the IPMS Journal is a car modeler? These are national officers, guys. They build cars too. The Journal's editor is the only car builder in his local chapter, yet he's one of the car modelers who's been working hard to change the way IPMS regards model car builders. Remember the all-encompassing "Civilian" vehicle class or how about "Other"? That's changed at the national level and the understanding of how to classify and judge car models is filtering through the organization as more car builders are joining and educating. There are now all-automotive chapters. There are now judges for the automotive categories who know what they are doing. Where did they come from? They came from clubs like ours who had the courage to join IPMS and change it for the better.

So, what's all this got to do with MAMA? The fact is that the changes occurring within IPMS regarding their attitudes toward and competencies with model cars are happening because some car modelers have had the courage to not only join IPMS, but to get deeply involved and to create change from within. Clubs like MAMA can now join IPMS 1) to support the work that's done already by showing a willingness toward cooperation and 2) to further that work by adding new, deeper levels of insight and educating the "Old Guard" that cars aren't just for kids.

What about dealing with those existing local chapters that have not exactly been courteous during past encounters? We don't have to. MAMA can charter itself as an IPMS chapter all its own. We won't have any obligation

to deal with other chapters, unless we decide that we want to.

How would chartering into IPMS change the club? It won't. We'll still meet on the third Saturday of the month, we'll still be all car oriented, we'll still hold our annual NNL our way. We won't start handing out meaningless blue ribbons at every meeting, or turning our monthly display table into a mini-contest. MAMA is all about fun and will remain all about fun. First and foremost, we'll still be MAMA. We'll just happen to be affiliated with IPMS. If there were any possibility of MAMA's identity, either to its members or to the modeling public's eye, being altered by this affiliation, we wouldn't even consider it.

What does the IPMS get out of it? Numbers. They already have many of the world's modelers from other areas of the hobby (planes, trains, boats, and armor), but they have relatively few automotive builders. Consequently, IPMS is a voice that's heard by the kit manufacturers in areas of IPMS interests. Without model car clubs linking in, the IPMS hasn't got much influence in the automotive kit arena. With more model car clubs joining, the IPMS strengthens its voice in the hobby and it becomes more attractive

to prospective car building members in other areas.

What does MAMA get out of it? Well, aside from the altruistic benefits already mentioned (supporting existing work to raise the stature of car modeling within IPMS, further the work to raise thee consciousness of nonautomotive builders, swelling the ranks of a worldwide organization of modelers to build a powerful guiding voice for model kit manufacturers, and making that growing organization more attractive for future prospects to join), there is a big financial benefit for MAMA. This year, MAMA will pay \$515.00 to secure a one million dollar insurance policy for our NNL show on April 29th. More than \$500 for just that one show. By joining IPMS as an independent chapter, we'll be covered, automatically, under their one-anda-half-million dollar insurance policy for any and every gathering. That's

meetings, picnics, NNLs, anytime we get together for an official club purpose.

What's that kind of insurance coverage going to cost us? Ten dollars. That's it, just ten bucks a year for the charter fee buys us \$1.5 million in coverage. Several of us donate that much to the door box every month. That's a savings of \$505.00 every year from now on. We've been together as a club for seven years now, if we go the next seven years as an IPMS chapter, we could save \$3535.00 in insurance payments, assuming that the commercial rates (\$515.00) wouldn't ever go up.

Now, there is a requirement that at least five people in the club be direct IPMS members for \$19.00 per year. That's already covered. Norman Veber, Harold "Brad" Bradford, and Dirk Johnson are already active IPMS members. Larry Boothe and myself are joining (we should be members by the time you read this). That's the five minimum required members. We're joining because we believe that the club will benefit. All that's left is for the club to vote yeah or nay, and if yeah, send in the ten bucks.

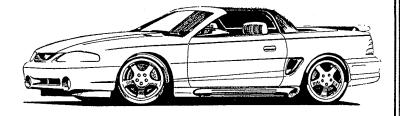


(The previous Vice Presidential diatribe by no means expresses the feelings or opinions of the club, rather it expresses the humble opinion of our fearless Vice President, Tim Powers. This topic will no doubt be a hotly debated subject when discussed, hopefully after our NNL is "put to bed" so to speak, to give the membership adequate chance to weigh the pros and cons to make an informed decision)

Model: Ford Mustang GT Convertible

Company: Tamiya, model #24141

Versions: 2 Price: \$32.00



Molded colors/Parts count: Med. Blue/19, clear/8, plated/7, rubber-vinyl/8, decals/10

ENGINE: This is one of those "Less is More" kits-the more you pay, the less you get! As this is a curbside model, the lower part of the engine/transmission is cast to the chassis. That is all the engine you get.

CHASSIS: The engine, transmission, and driveshaft are molded into the chassis pan. The front suspension is thirteen separate pieces, while the rear suspension is nine pieces. The dual exhausts and transmission mount are also separate parts. Brake rotors/calipers are cast separately, and as one piece. Anti-sway bars are also included. The chassis pan has a lot of nice engraving. The tires are typical Japanese, and that is to say very nice. The tread is deep. The sidewalls exhibit "BRIDGESTONE EXPEDIA 255/45ZR17" lettering. Overall, the chassis looks to be very well done.

INTERIOR: The interior is a partial bucket. The rear seat and console are cast into place. The lower part of the doors are part of the interior bucket and have some light ribbing detail. The upper part of the doors are separate, with arm rest, door pull, and electric window buttons cast in place. The dash exhibits nice engraving, with the pedals cast on, while the gauge face is a decal. The dash is left hand drive. Seats have separate backs. The steering wheel has a nicely engraved "galloping horse" and no sink mark. The steering column has the turn signal stalk and the ignition key slot. Overall, the interior is a very nice piece as well.

BODY: Although the body is basically a one-piece affair, the front and rear panel are separate pieces, as are the trunk-mounted wing and some fender flares, which are indicated as being part of the Japanese version. Although this is a convertible with a removable hardtop option, the hardtop is cast integrally with the body. You are instructed to cut the roof off for the top down version. There are molded-in guide lines to aid the build-

er in doing this. Unless you are very careful in your "plastic surgery", it will probably be a very loose fit if placed back on the model. I assume the roof was done this way to strengthen the body, but they can still strengthen the windshield frame with removable sprues, so I would have preferred to see this done as a separate piece. For the convertible version, there is a tonneau cover. Head and tail light lenses, wipers, and mirrors are separate parts. All lenses are clear. The tail lights are done in a similar fashion to Monogram's. That is, you have to paint body color around the lenses. For what this kit cost, I feel that Tamiya could have done the tail lights as AMT does. Windows have frosted areas around the edges, thus making the painting of the blacked-out area easier. The sunvisors are cast to the windshield.

DECALS: These consist of a sunshade band for the windshield, a Ford and two Mustang GT logos, two "MUSTANG" license plates, two Japanese plates, a California plate and finally the instrument cluster decal. This last one looks complete when viewed at close range, but it is very dark and

would probably be impossible to see once installed in the model.

COMMENTS: First of all, let me say that this is a very good kit. If it were not for the price, I could give it a highly recommended. After all, it is a curbside model, and a very expensive one at that. Perhaps you are thinking that Tamiya is finally catering to the American market, what with this kit and the Jeep Grand Cherokee. This may be what they want us to think, but it is definitely not the case. As I understand it, about 80% of what Tamiya produces stays in Japan. The other 20% goes to the rest of the world! I would hazard a guess that the U.S. gets between 5 and 10%. This means that Tamiya could lose the entire US market and barely hiccup! Stick with me on this one! This kit, as well as the Cherokee, were done for the Japanese market. We were an afterthought. These two vehicles are very popular in Japan. That is why we have kits of them. Therefore, I have to make a statement that we have all heard before-Buy American! The AMT and Monogram glue kits of the new Mustang are every bit as good as the Tamiya kit. In fact, better, because they have engines. You can get three American Mustang kits, with engines, for the price of the engineless Tamiya kit. And there are seven, count 'em, seven US kits to choose from. Here's a list:

Monogram: #2967-'94 Mustang GT, #2975-'94 Mustang Indy Pace car convertible

Revell: #6390-Boss Mustang (Snaptite)

AMT: #6178-'94 Mustang GT, #6200-'95 Mustang GT Cobra, #6201-'95 Mustang Cobra, #6784-Mustang GT (Snapfast Plus)

Anyway, now that I have spoken my piece on the Tamiya thing, I will climb down off of my soapbox to enable someone else to use it. Keep on buildin' 'em!



by: Norman "Buy American" Veber



BITS & PIECES

* 1:1 model! None other than "Mr. Replica Stock" Larry Greenberg and his lovely wife, Evelyn have been blessed with a baby girl! Jennifer Elizabeth was born on April 11th (one month early) and weighed 3lb., 15 oz. Mother and daughter are doing fine. Congrats, you two! How long before she's building models, Larry?!

* Seminars "R" Us! Word reaches me that Bob Korunow will be doing seminars on hinging and vinyl top installation at our NNL. Can't

wait!

* Party Time! Remember that the <u>Hampton Inn</u> Hospitality Suite is ours from 6 P.M.-2 A.M., so be there or be square! And remember to be on

- the lookout for our "Knoxville Connection", John Larkin and his faithful sidekick Kenny King, who will be arriving "fashionably late"!
- * Light Headed?! Seems as though none other than Edelbrock is legitimizing the revered Pontiac nameplate. How, you ask? They are releasing an all-new set of Pontiac aluminum heads! They are based on their legendary Ram Air IV design and word is that they are easily modified for racing duty. The tab? \$1499.95 for a fully assembled set. Watch out, brand X racers! Thanks to the May '95 issue of Car Craft for the scoop! (Ed. Note: I gotta sell a whole lotta models before I get a set for my Goat!)

* Condolences. It is my sad duty to report that the owner of <u>City Wide Hobbies</u> recently passed away. Next time you are in there, show 'em

you care by passing along your personal feelings.

* Kudos! The recently-held D.C. World of Wheels model contest rewarded several MAMA's Boy Znicely. Leonard Harrod snagged 2nd Comp Drag for his "Summit" Olds Pro Stock; Kelvin "Tubs" Brown nailed 2nd Street Machine with his Pro Street 300; and Irv Arter nabbed 1st Street Machine and Best Finish for his black 'Vette; 1st Light Truck for his '40 Ford Sedan Delivery; 2nd Custom (Street Machine?) for his '40 Ford Coupe as well as several Honorable Mentions. While on the subject, MAMA's Boy Z were also well-represented at NNL East. How Well? Harry Charon copped Best '55 Chevy for his Rustbucket '55 and Lyle "Bowtie" Willits copped Best Truck for his '50 Chevy. Congrats to all of you guys!

* New track! A new 1.5 mile track, <u>Las Vegas</u> <u>Motor Speedway</u>, will be built adjacent to Nellis AFB. It is expected to include 107,000 seat-grandstands, 100 glass-enclosed suites, a huge parking lot, buildings for engineering facilities, permanent garages, & training grounds for driving schools (none other than Carroll Shelby has already signed on to relocate his <u>Shelby American</u> headquarters there). It will be built near I-15 with a six-lane access ramp connecting them. The tab? A cool 72 million dollars, and word is that they are already planning an Indy racing league 500 mile race

in September '96.

* PA 'C' note! It must be mentioned here that our modeling buddies to the north, the <u>Central PA club</u>, have eagerly donated a crisp \$100 dollar bill to the cause to bring Mr. Korunow to our upcoming NNL.

Thanks, guys!

* MAMA's BoyZ in danger?! Since Christmas last year, 2 of our members have been involved in car accidents not of their making. The first was Matt Guilfoyle, when a lady attempted to "customize" his CRX on the way to work one morning, totaling it and injuring Matt (he's still recovering). The latest victim is Art Henriquez, who was hit while standing alongside his van during rush hour on Security Blvd & Rolling Rd. His van was apparently the fifth vehicle involved. Art's injuries include a dislocated left wrist, broken left arm (now equipped with pins & plates), and ankle, 2 broken ribs and 14-17 stitches in his face. Art is on the mend and doin' fine. Is there a conspiracy underway with a disgruntled ex-member behind it (Ed. Note: There weren't that many!). Be careful out there, guys, OK?

* Moldy Oldies! Revellogram Selected Subjects phase 10 include Tommy Ivo's Showboat 4-engined dragster, White gas tanker truck (1/48th scale), Pontiac Club de Mer, '32 Deuce Hot Rod, '30 Ford Woody, & Cherry Bomb show rod. Expect these sometime in June. And while on the subject, AMT's initial offerings in their "Buyer's Choice" program set to begin in the fall will include the '63 Ford Galaxie, '64 Merc Marauder, Olsonite Indy car, & the STP Lotus Turbine Wedge.

Start savin' now!

* Clipped clip art! Now I've heard everything! The <u>Auto Modelers Group</u> out of Wisconsin have referred to MAMA's BoyZ as "earth conscious" for "recycling" some of Mike Fischer's excellent clip art to enhance

our little rag. And, yes Wayne, I pride myself on my eye for excellent clip art! And by the way Wayne, when we figger out what a

'Glen Burnie' is, we'll let you know!

* "Cutting under the influence"?! A Norwegian man was convicted of drunken driving-on a lawnmower-and then let off the hook 'cause he wasn't going fast enough to do any damage! The 54-year-old man was cutting grass in a small town when police caught him driving a lawn tractor between lots. He wasn't doing anything wrong, police just stopped him as part of a spot check. His blood-alcohol level showed the equivalent of three beers, well over the limit. He was fined \$795.00 and sentenced to 24 days in jail. The judge then suspended the sentence, noting that the mower's speed of 6 mph was too slow to be dangerous.

Down Under! Screams from under his car made Chris Luckett think he had run someone over. What he found was Charlie Urie, who said he had fallen into the storm drains while cooling his feet at the edge of an open manhole cover. He estimates he wandered around 20 feet underground for two to four days. Rescuers lowered a flashlight, water, rope, and a blanket. Charlie was able to direct his rescuers to him with the flashlight. Believe it or stuff it! These last two

items are brought to you via the wire services.

* "The Boss is Back!" Shades of Bruce Springsteen! Just read a story about a gent living in beautiful downtown Silver Spring, MD who owns not one, not two, but six pink Cadillacs! And, appropriately enough, he is known as Cadillac Bob! The cars are either 58's or 59's and he has collected them over the years. Bob is divorced and turned 50 on April 14th. Bob insists "You can't have cars and a wife too". Bob rents the Caddys out for parades and other similar events. Believe it or stuff it! Thanks to The Baltimore Sun April 14th edition for this item.

* "Our Model is Christ" has set their 1995 meeting/seminar schedule

and it is as follows:

May 13th-Hobby Knives by Tim Powers

June 10th- open July 8th- open Aug 12th- open

Sept 9th- Spray Painting by Irv Arter

Oct 14th- open Nov 11th- open

Dec 9th- Christmas party & gift exchange

You will notice several open dates-if you are interested in performing a seminar of any sort, contact David "Mark" Wheeler.

* "Would you buy a car from this guy?!" As I write this, ex-Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca and his multi-billionaire cohort Kirk Kerkorian wanna buy Chrysler Corporation! I hear when news of this deal hit, on paper, Mr Kerkorian's stock earned 300 million dollars(!). Chrysler has not said no, and has left the door open to further dealing to complete the second-largest corporate buyout in U.S. history. Guess they both took a page from Mr. Kayam's book-"They liked it so much, they wanna buy the company!"

* Electric Rebate! In an effort to boost electric car sales, France is offering \$1,000.00 to anyone buying one, and the power company is promising twice that amount to any company selling an electric vehicle whose price, excluding the battery, matches a fuel-powered vehicle. (with today's inadequate battery technology, chances are that batteries would probably cost twice that much to replace!).

Thanks to the wire services for this tidbit.

* Recall Notice! Finally (!), we leave you with the following recall notice uncovered by our "investigative reporter" (yours truly, upon scanning the latest LIARS Briefs!):

"It has come to our attention that we may have a minor problem with the left front tire/wheel assembly staying in place on all

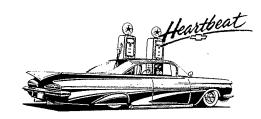
two-tone '58 Chevys that reside in Mays Landing, NJ. If you have experienced this problem, please contact your local Chevy dealer to effect repairs before further damage is done. We regret this belated recall notice as we've been aware of this problem since approximately February of 1959.

Also, we believe the tire/rim assembly found on the median strip of Harding Highway is from the aforementioned vehicle.



Director of Recall (for 1958 Chevies)

Larry Boothe



COMING EVENTS

April 15- Killer Kar Nationals at MIR.

April 20 to 23- Spring Carlisle held at the Fairgrounds in Carlisle,

* April 29- 5th Annual Mid-Atlantic NNL Model Car Show & Swap Meet hosted by the Maryland Automotive Modelers Association at Ruhl Armory in Towson, MD-6,600 sq ft vendor area, 60+ tables, easy access for set-up, large parking lot, 1,500 sq ft display area, snack bar, restaurant & lodging nearby. For info, contact Norman Veber 317 Roosevelt Ave S.W. Glen Burnie, MD 21061 (301)768-3648.

April 29 & 30- "The Cincinnati Challenge 3" proudly presented by the Cincinnati Auto Modelers at the Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel 11440 Chester Road Cincinnati, OH (513)771-3400. Included will be a model car contest, best club contest, gravity drags, swap meet, seminars, video, plus a car crooze in. For info, contact Dan Mangold at 8047 Peacock Rd Cincinnati, OH 45239 (513)522-5663 or Mike Langford at 9140 Trelawney Ct Cincinnati, OH 45251 (513)521-8143.

April 30- All Harley Davidson Spring Festival drag race at MIR. Gates open at 8 A.M. Admission is \$20.00 per person. For info, call (609)652-1159.

May 5 to 7- President's Cup Nitrous Nationals at MIR. To be televised by ESPN.

* May 5 to 7- North American Model Car Championship at the Clarion/Quality Inn Rosemont in Chicago, IL. For info, send an SASE to NAMCC, 205 E. Hibbard Road, Owosso, MI 48867 [or fax questions to (517)723-6703].

* May 7-14th Annual Rod Run at NOVA Community College in Manassas, VA. from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. (rain or shine). For info, write to Bull Run Street Rods, Inc. P.O. Box 1482, Manassas, VA 22110.

May 12 to 14- Carlisle Import-Kit/Replicar Nationals at the Fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA. A 1963 MGB will be given away to a lucky attendee!

May 13-4th Annual All-AMC Day at Cecil County Dragway. For info, contact Don Bangs, Mid-Atlantic Classic AMX Club, 965 Davisville Rd., Southampton, PA 18966 (215)364-3548.

* May 18 to 21- Mopar Parts Nationals at Englishtown, NJ.

* May 20- Concours d'Elegance of the Eastern United States in Reading, PA. For hotel, ticket, and reservation information, call (610)481-

* May 21- Mattos 2nd Annual Show and Shine for Charity at the Prince George's EquestrianCenter in Upper Marlboro, MD.For info, contact Tom Wighington at (301)423-1142.

May 21- 34th PA Model car, Diecast, & Kit collector's meet at Gilbertsville Fire Hall in Gilbertsville, PA from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30

P.M.

* May 21- All-Pontiac Show at Walker Pontiac in Bowie, MD from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Sponsored by the Royal GTOs.

* May 22- U.S. Pro Stock Open at MIR.

* June 1 to 4- Richmond Nationals at Virginia Motorsports Park in nearby Petersburg, VA.

* June 4- Burdette Brothers Pontiac Show

- * June 9-11- Carlisle All-FORD Nationals All-FORD Flea market, manufacturer's area, car corral & carshow atthe fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA The giveaway car at this show will be a 1955 Thunderbird! It will be given away on June 11th, at 4:00 P.M. and you must be present to win!
- * June 9 to 11- Coal Field Nationals presented by the Grimefighters at the Raleigh Country Armory in Beckley, WV. The world's largest indoor & outdoor Car, Truck, & motorcycle show. Bikini contest, model car contest, hydraulics contest, go-kart giveaway, dash plaques, Saturday cruise & concert. For info, call Gary at (304)255-0428 (day) or Scott at (304)252-6672 (night).

* June 9 to 11- Inaugural Glen Motorsports Homecoming at Watkins Glen race track in Watkins Glen, NY. There will be a swap meet, car show, corral, and free parking, and general admission is only \$5.00! For info, call (607)535-2481 (days) or (716)663-7310 (evenings/weekends).

* June 10- 3rd Annual Model Car/Truck Contest & Swap Meet at the Sheraton Inn at 2801 Plank Rd (Rt. 3) in Fredericksburg, VA. Sponsored by the Midnight Modelers, this year's theme is Show Rods as well as Best Mopar. Classes will include over 90 awards (!) in Junior, Senior, Adult, & Advanced Adult. For info, contact Jerry Frazier at (703)582-1009 or Dave Tolson at (703)720-0414.

* June 10- Ninth Annual Northeast Challenge Model Car show and Contest at St. Michael's Church, corner of Page Avenue and Ridge Road in Lyndhurst, NJ from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. This year's theme is '50 Chevy Pickups (Hey, Gary & Lyle!)

* June 11-22nd Annual Antique Car Show w/Auto, Crafts, & Antique Flea Market from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at Sully Plantation in Chantilly, VA.

* June 11- Washington Antique & Collectible Toy Show from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Elks Lodge at 8421 Arlington Blvd Fairfax, VA. For info, call Ferdinand Zegel at (703)524-2061 (evenings).

* June 17- Match Race Madness at MIR.

* June 18- The Inaugural Pontiac Drag Sports Nationals at Maple Grove Raceway in Reading, PA. It will be sponsored by the Keystone State Chapter of POCI, Pinno Pontiac/Buick, Rock & Roll Engineering, & High Performance Pontiac magazine. There will be a manufacturer's Midway, car show, Pontiac bracket racing, Catalina 2+2 vs. Ferrari 2+2 (?), and Pontiac Historical Services will be on hand as well. For further info, contact Maple Grove Raceway at (610)856-7200. See Ya there!

June 23 to 25- Carlisle All-Truck Nationals (Hey, Tim!) at the Fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA

Anyone having an item for the Newsletter whether it is a Bit, a Piece or even a Classified, it can be included by contacting one of the individuals listed below:

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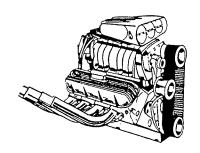


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