

<u>Volume 8, No.6 Feb.1996</u> by: "GTO"

Over 55 people were in attendance at last month's meeting which had as its highlight(?) a seminar on basic kit preparation by yours truly using our Seminar '67 Z28. I tried to impart several simple techniques which I sto...er...picked up along the way in my model building which seemed to work well for me on the occasion that I actually finished a model! No applause please, just throw money! Further highlights include the appearance of Mark Wheeler (out of the hospital doin' fine), and our own Irv Arter, unable to attend more regularly due to his job. Welcome, guys!

Well, I was finally able to dig the *Merc logo car* out of the *snowbank* delivered by the blizzard of '96, and look what I found? *Let's go racin'!!* 

The raffle raised \$85.00 (as well as \$29.00 from the box). The club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: Brad, Mike Hemp, Ron Palmer, Frank Anderson, Mike Tate, Fastrak Hobbies, Ron Roberts, Rick Lauer, Harry Charon, Ed Brown, Mark Wheeler, Danny Whiting, Tony Shanko, CPMCC (York, PA), Ron Bradley, Irv Arter, Rich Martin, Lyle Willits, Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD. Special thanks also go out to those as shown below:

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### '96 Meeting Schedule

Well guys, word has just come down from the mountain regarding next years' schedule. It is still incomplete at this time, due to the fact that the college needs to finalize a few things before giving us our dates. When we receive the info, you'll be the first, er the second ones to know!

January 20th (Q305/307) February 17th (K100) March 16th (Q305/307) April 20th (Q305/307) May 19th (K100-<u>Sunday</u>!) June 15th (K100) July 20th (K100)
August (TBD)
September (TBD)
October (TBD)
November (TBD)
December 21st (K100)

P.S. In the event of significant snowfall, The <u>Catonsville Community College "Snowline"</u> number is (410)455-4567. That way, you "diehard" members with four wheel drive vehicles can verify that the meeting has not been cancelled before you get there and find nobody else was able to get thru a foot of snow!

### 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)

- '34 Ford Street Rod (AMT #6686): Molded in Lt. Gray....dash appears to have A/C outlets, gauges, and stereo molded in....chrome "Edelbrock" valve covers, "Weiand" air cleaner....4-speed tranny rather than 700R4 as advertised....some flash on rear of body, roof insert present....A-arm front, independent rear suspensions....electric fan for engine....ribbed rather than smooth running boards....choice of '39 Ford or '50 Pontiac tail lights....combination of Goodyear wide 'n wider VR/ZR rubber mounting '50 Merc (?) rims which protrude from wheelwells.
- '96 Z28 convt. (AMT #7231DO, 1/18th diecast): Finished in Mystic Teal Metallic....opening doors and hood....steerable wheels....wheels appear more chrome than aluminum....clear red/white tail lights...."GR8 Z28" MI plate....incorrect 275 hp rating on box....windshield has black paint in proper areas...tan interior....dash face decal.
- '96 Corvette Grand Sport convt. (Monogram #2452): Molded in Blue....body has a fair amount of flash....hardtop included....5-spoke chrome wheels mount (4) Goodyear ZR40's....(4) disc brake calipers/rotors....decals include white stripes, Grand Sport logos for fenders & seats, red hash marks for fender, "LT4 GS" MI plate....real car photo on lid, built-up model on sides.
- '97 Ford F150 XLT (Revell #7620): Molded in Silver....(5) chrome wheels (s/b aluminum) mounting (5) Goodyear Wrangler RT/S tires (a real spare!!)....24-piece Triton SOHC 4.6 liter V-8....2-piece dash (w/gauge face decal!)....tub-style interior w/drop-in door panels....separate windshield wipers, mirrors w/chrome faces, clear overflow tank, and rear cab light....sliding rear window....rear step bumper....3-piece radiator....legible Ford script on steering wheel and chrome front grille....real truck photo on lid, built-up model on sides.

- '97 Ford F150 Flareside 4X4 (Lindberg #72149): Molded in Blue....(4) aluminum 4X4 rims (spare is unplated) mounting (5) Goodyear Wrangler RT/S tires....very minimal flash....2-piece tail gate, separate flaresides, cargo box....separate wipers, outside mirrors (w/chrome mirror faces)....tub-style interior....4-piece engine block, 20 pieces total....disc brake rotors/calipers evident at front wheels!....posable wheels appear possible....separate leaf springs....3-piece front bumper (not counting separate clear lenses!), chrome rear step bumper....1-piece dash w/gauge face detail & pedals molded in....nice ladder frame...bagged clear parts....clear red tail lights....nice decals include window sticker, gauge face, "F150" cab, tail gate emblems, "150 XLT" CT, "FRD 150" PA plates, "Ford" logos, several underhood decals....real truck pictured on box top.
- "Beer Wagon" (Monogram #2453): Molded in Yellow....Woodgrained bed floor....very simplified engine....minimal flash....nice, smooth chrome....barrels molded in brown, 2 pieces each....beer stein shifter....2-piece Goodyear slicks....decal for gauge face....Tom Daniel-autographed box lid rendering, built-up model on sides.
- #24 "Dupont" Monte Carlo (Monogram #2476): Molded in Blue...,reissue of excellent "Goodwrench" kit.
- Plymouth Prowler (AMT #7394, 1/18th diecast): Molded in Prowler Purple....Opening hood reveals 3.5 liter, 214 hp. V-6....wheels steer thru steering wheel....interior seems to be correctly painted-portions of dash & door panels are purple, with white gauge faces in dash....good-looking Prowler-specific mag wheels mounting big & bigger tires.
- '96 Chevy Tahoe (AMT#8236, 1/25th scale Snapfast Plus): Molded in Dark Blue....chrome grille and rear step bumper....molded-in running boards....separate hood and tail gate....4X4 5-spoke rims complete with wheel weights!....seats w/separate backs....separate gauge cluster....glass features engraved rear defroster lines, windshield wipers molded to front window....separate side mirrors...."Chevrolet Tahoe", "1500", "LS", & "MY LS" MI, "MITAHOE" In plates.
- '96 Dodge Ram Dually (AMT #8237, 1/25th scale Snapfast Plus): Molded in Red....Again, as in all Snapfast kits, incredible packaging with everything bagged or wrapped....(6) BF Goodrich tires mounting dually rims (complete w/legible 'Ram' center cap!)....chrome grille and step bumper....nice chassis engraving....gray interior....separate gauge cluster...."Ram 3500 V10", "RAM V10" IN, "DUALLY2" MI plate decals.
- '96 Collector Edition Corvette convt. (AMT #8031): Molded in Lt. Gray....tool shows flash in spots....updated fender vents....ZR-1-style 5-spoke wheels, optional 5-spoke wheels w/Corvette center cap....engine shows correct 6-speed trans....separate convertible "X" brace for chassis....separate convertible uptop....clear red tail lights, smoked turn & parking lights (yet)....tub-style interior....dash has light gauge face detail engraved in....(2) Collector Edition fender decals, "LT4 PWR" NM, "SEBRING" IN license plate decals.
- '96 Corvette Grand Sport hdtp (AMT #8763, 1/25th scale Snapfast Plus): Molded in Blue....moderate flash....GS rear fender flares....black plastic ZR-1 style 5-spoke wheels....big 'n bigger GS-C's....smoked plastic parking/cornering lamps....proper seat pattern....white stripes, GS logos, CHMSL, fender hash marks, "BLAZE" Hawaii, "LT4 PWR" KS license plate decals.

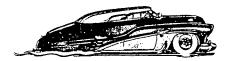
## World of Wheels Custom show /Model Car contest Capital Expo Center Chantilly, VA

Despite a somewhat shaky start, the <u>World of Wheels ERTL/Street Rodder Model Car</u>

<u>Contest</u> did take place at the Capital Expo Center in Chantilly, Virginia on January 19th thru the 21st, 1996. A few modelers appeared on Friday evening with their handiwork in tow and were promptly told that there were no judges lined up to oversee the contest. Being one of these people, I told the promoter not to worry, that someone would step up and help out. The wheels were turning. After making a few phone calls, four volunteers (including myself) agreed to judge the 80+ models

which were entered by the Saturday afternoon deadline. By that evening, *Pete Olsen, Matt Sturgeon, Oppie Opper*, and *I* made our selections and the contest that almost didn't happen turned out to be quite a success, despite the change in location from the DC Armory and the decided lack of advertising about the model car contest. *Howard Neverson, Sr.* took top honors in the Adult category and many entrants expressed interest about next year so they could see more great models and at the same time wondering who 1997's last-minute judges will be.

by: Rex Turner



### 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe



(AMT/ERTL #8236; 1/25th scale Snapfast Plus)

I would have to call this offering a new tool in that it shares nothing with any previous model except for maybe the front bumper. This is a Snapfast Plus offering, which in other words, is a blown apart promo (kinda appropriate for a Chevy, eh?), or a curbside model designed for ease of assembly using a minimal amount of glue for the beginning modeler.

**Body:** Molded in a dark 'Indigo" blue metallic. If it wasn't for the occasional swirl in the plastic, you could get away without painting the model, as the finish is that smooth. The proportions look right from any angle. The glass installs in such a way that it is flush-mounted and once trimmed around the edge in black and side and rear windows tinted, will take on a very realistic appearance. The engraving of the moldings, door handles, and window edges are very crisp and the molded-in running boards are a nice touch.

Engine: None-This is a curbside model.

Chassis: Very well engraved for a 4WD vehicle that, with proper detail painting will look very good. Wheels are accurately depicted Chevy aluminum 4WD wheels with Goodrich radial Long Trail T/A On/Off Road tires which fill the wheelwells nicely. Metal axles attach the wheel/tire assemblies to the chassis.

Interior: Nicely engraved tub-style interior with a separate rear seat, front bucket seats, dashboard w/pedals. It is molded in gray for a good contrast with the blue body.

Overall, this is a very good shelf model which with careful detail painting, can be outstanding.

by: Ron "Truckman" Hamilton

# Resin Rantings

This month's column will take a look at a *Phantom*. That is, a resin body which represents something which was never produced but looked as if it could be. The kit in question is the *1957 Buick Sedan Delivery* by <u>The ModelHaus</u> (5480 Traughber Road Decatur, IL 62521).

This kit features a one-piece body (the hood is molded closed, promo style). Included are chrome front and rear bumpers as well as the Buick trademark portholes. Also included are a vacuformed windshield and rear glass. I would suggest using one of the Nomad kits for a chassis, etc. as one is not specified.

The resin castings are typical of the fine work produced by Don & Carol Holthaus. Other than clearing of the portholes, and filling of some very minor pinholes, clean-up involved only the

requisite soaking in Westley's Bleche-White ("Do you know you're soaking in it?"), followed by a light sanding with 1500 grit sandpaper. The chrome is nicely done.

This kit is recommended for those seeking something a little different with limited experience working with resin.

Review sample provided by me with my own hard-earned money.

by: Matt Guilfoyle

Note: In my earlier reviews, I neglected to give the addresses of the aftermarket suppliers. Sorry 'bout that, they are as follows: <u>Cutting Edge Technology</u> (1/43rd scale '67 Penske/Donahue Trans Am Camaro) P.O. Box 1176, Big Rapids, MI 49307; and <u>Classic Reproductions</u> (1954 Corvette "Waldorf" Nomad) 209 Cartwright Drive, Springfield, IL 2704). Hope these help!



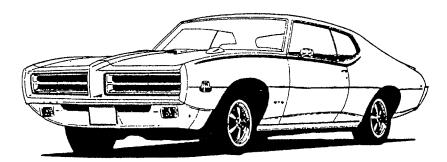
### BITS & PIECES



- Commemorative plates! None other than Bob "Model Car Garage" Korunow is busily preparing a special photoetched license plate frame and color plate in honor of our annual NNL due in part to the good time we showed him at last year's event! Bob tells me that these will be presented to all entrants to our show. But the really neat thing about this deal is that Bob will do this every year from here on out!! Way cool, and thanks, Bob!
- More Show News! Word reaches me that the *Model Car Museum* will have a display at our upcoming NNL show! It will be sent out and the club will return it upon the show's conclusion. And while on the subject of the Museum, I'm told that in their latest 2-page newsletter that *MAMA's BoyZ* are mentioned no less than *seven times*! Thanks, guys!
- "Little Juice Coupe, part 2!" According to an article in the Jan. 21st <u>Washington Post</u> on electric cars, not only will GM's electric car, the EV1 cost approximately \$35,000, it will also be necessary to buy a \$2,000 battery charger!! It just gets better 'n better!! Next question is, how long will the batteries last, and what will it cost to replace <u>them?</u>!
- "King of State" Richard Petty?! Seems as though oi "King Richard" has made an official announcement that he will run for the office of Secretary of State in North Carolina. He has served several terms as a Randolph county commissioner, and decided the time was right to make a change. He started a political action committee several years ago, and considered a bid for governor. Good luck, "King"! Thanks to the Jan. 26th edition of the Prince George's Journal for this one.
- Another MAMA first- A Drive-Thru Hobby Shop!! Seems as though several 'Neanderthals' 'borrowed' two Jeeps from their unsuspecting owners for a joyride. They then proceeded to drive in thru the front door of Hobby Works in Laurel, and make off with some R/C equipment in the front window. In the same fashion, they then parked the second Jeep in a Radio Shack window in the Odenton area, and made off with some electronic gear. Apparently, they were spotted, and a description of the car in which they were riding was broadcast, and they were subsequently caught. Hobby Works estimates the damages at about \$10,000, and by the time you read this, they should be back to normal. Thanks to Matt Guilfoyle for the straight scoop!
- Seein' Double!? Nope. Word is that the guys at *Hobby Works* are opening a *second store* in Federal Plaza in the *Rockville area* in the March time frame. They were busily preparing for this during the above incident, but seem to have things well in hand!
- "Pontiac Craft"?! The Feb. 96 issue of Car Craft magazine may as well have been renamed. It started off with the new Pro Stock Firebirds of Warren Johnson ("GM Performance Parts"), Kurt Johnson ("Delco Freedom Batteries"), and Mark "Cowboy" Pawuk ("Summit"). Next, the article on the IROC series switchin' to Firebirds this year. How 'bout the piece on the ILR "Mongoose" Firebird concept car? Basically a '96 T/A with the 305 hp LT-1 with Ram Air,

3.42 posi rear, P27540R17 GS-C's, the 1LE chassis package (including 13" brakes, larger front sway bar, Koni double adjustable shocks, and bushings). It also includes a larger fuel tank, SLP perf exhaust, Hurst shifter, aluminum driveshaft, and aluminum rearend cover (*Ed. Note to Pontiac: I want one!*). What doesn't it have? Air conditioner, rear seat, stereo, speakers, and antenna. Last but not least is the feature on *Greg Stanfield's wheelstanding '95 Super Stock GT/EA Formula*. Propelled by a carbureted 360 cubic inch motor, he's run a best of 10.05 @ 132.30! *Pontiac Power!* 

- More Pontiac Power! Winternationals results are in! Funny Car was an all-Firebird finale, with Al Hoffman besting John Force, 5.05 @ 302 (Force shut off). The top three in funny car points are all 'Birds-Hoffman, Force, & Pedregon. In Pro Stock, it was also a 'Battle of the 'Birds' with Jim Yates besting Billy Huff with a 7.04 @ 195 to Billy's losing 7.14 @194. The Pro Stock top three are Yates, Huff, and Warren Johnson-also all 'Birds!
- Clear thanks! Our own Mike Adams has kindly provided clear bags with which we intend to package our Model Car Garage license plate packages for our NNL. At last month's meeting, he also gave away a number of clear pill bottles which will be great for small part storage, or maybe even flocking. Thanks ,Mike!
- Prowler Pix! Just got wind of a neet Chrysler promotional effort for the Prowler-two beautiful full color posters measuring 22" x 32". One depicts a Prowler 'street racin' with a red Hemi Cuda ragtop and a 440-powered 33 Plymouth street rod and the other is a scene outside a diner and again has the Prowler sitting in the foreground with the same 440-powered 33 Plymouth rod, red Hemi Cuda ragtop, and a blue Plymouth Superbird. The posters are only ten bucks each and are available by writing to Plymouth Prowler Program Headquarters P.O. Box 27610 Detroit, ME 48227 (Make checks or money orders payable to "Plymouth Prowler Program Headquarters"). They are cool!!
- PA Freebies! Thanks to CPMCC for the newsletters at last month's meeting. It kinda lets us know just what our "neighbors to the north" are up to!
- New Show! Looks like MAMA's BoyZ will be involved with the Lost in the 50's car club to promote a model car show in conjunction with a full size car show and swap meet in the Glen Burnie area in September. More details as they become available!
- "Bunny will be Back!" As many of you know, drag racer Bunny Burkett was involved in a violent crash at PA's Beaver Springs dragway on Labor Day in her alcohol funny car. She is looking at a recovery schedule of 6-12 months. They are selling "I Helped Bunny get back on Track" T-Shirts for only \$15.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. The shirts are color, and printed both sides. If interested, mail your order to Bunny Burkett Racing Team 23266 Shaw Road Sterling, VA 20166. Get Well, Bunny!!
- More Club meetings! Mark Wheeler's club, "Our Model is Christ" has their 1996 meeting schedule finalized. They meet on the second Sunday of the month from 2-5 P.M. The dates are: Jan. 14th, Feb. 11th, Mar. 10th, Apr. 14th, May 12th, June 9th, July 14th, Aug, 11th, Sept. 8th, Oct. 13th, Nov. 10th, and Dec. 8th.



### **COMING EVENTS**

- Mar 2nd- The Birmingham Classic NNL Model Car Show and Swap Meet to be held at the Oporto Madrid Armory in Birmingham, AL from 8 A.M.-5 P.M. Theme awards for <u>Best 50's Pickup</u> (any Style!), <u>Best Vintage NASCAR</u> (Pre-Winston Cup Era), <u>Best in Show</u>, <u>Most Popular</u>, <u>Best Paint</u>, and <u>Best Detail</u> Special guest-Mark Gustavson! For info, contact Tommy May at (205)591-8038, Dan Morgan at (205)739-1819, or write to Magic City Modelers at 5408 7th Court south Birmingham, AL 35212.
- April 6th- Northern Virginia Model Classic '96 sponsored by Northern VA Modelers IPMS/USA in the gymnasium of the Lee District Park Recreation Center in Alexandria, VA. Admission is \$8.00 to enter, \$5.00 to look, kids 17 and younger are free! Vendor tables available. For info, contact Alan Vandam at (301)843-3861 or Dick Cole at (703)978-8490.
- April 12th thru 14th-17th Annual Hershey in the Spring Flea Market and Car Show. For info, SASE to HITS P.O. Box 234 Annville, PA 17003-0234.
- April 18th thru 21st- Spring Carlisle at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- April 27th- 6th Annual Mid-Atlantic NNL Model Car Show and Swap Meet to be held at the Ruhl Armory, 1035 York Rd, Towson, MD from 9 A.M.-3 P.M. Theme awards for <u>Best Pickup (any style!)</u>, and <u>Best Phantom</u>. Several other <u>class awards</u> will also be handed out. Food on premises, restaurant and lodging nearby, door prizes, and seminars. For vendor info, contact Norman Veber at (410)768-3648, and for general info, contact Matt Guilfoyle at (410)551-6070.
- May 4th-National Mustang Association All Make Show at Surattsville High School behind the post office in Clinton, MD from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Vendors, swap meet, and car corral! 24" tall trophies! Classes include; Stock-1931, '32-'49, '50-'54, '60-'64, '65-'69, '70-'79, '80-'89, 90+; Modified-'49, '50-'59, '60-'70, '71-'79, 80+; Trucks-Stock '65 & '66; Modified '65 & '66; Minis, 4X4s; 1ST, 2nd, & 3RD gen Mustangs. Send check to National Mustang Association attn. Andy Anderson, 9200 Foxcroft Avenue Clinton, MD 20735.
- May 10th thru 12th- Carlisle Import-Kit/Replicar Nationals at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- May 17th thru 19th- HOT ROD Magazine Power Festival at Norwalk Raceway Park in Norwalk, OH.
- June 1st & 2nd- 2nd Annual Super Stock Reunion at Virginia Motorsports Park in Petersburg, VA
- June 1st & 2nd-6th Annual "Summer Slam '96" Car and Truck show at the Frederick county fairgrounds in Winchester, VA. 40+ classes for cars, trucks, and vans. Pre-registration \$15.00, \$20.00 day of show. Bikini contest June 1st at 3 P.M. Proceeds to benefit Fremont Street Nursery of Winchester. For info, contact Shennandoah Custom Creations 2120 Valley Ave. Winchester, VA 22601.
- June 7th thru 9th-Carlisle All-FORD Nationals at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- June 21st thru 23rd-Carlisle All-Truck Nationals at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- June 23rd- Sheehy Ford All Ford show at Sheehy Ford of Marlow Heights, MD (Exit 7B, Branch Ave). See May 4th show for specifics and contact person.
- July 12th thru 14th-Chryslers at Carlisle at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- July 21st- Wilson-Powell All Ford show at Wilson-Powell Lincoln-Mercury in Marlow Heights, MD (Exit 7B, Branch Ave). See May 4th show for specifics and contact person.
- July 26th thru 28th-Summer Carlisle at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- Aug 9th thru 11th-Goodguys Carlisle Rod & Custom Classic at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- Aug 18th- Abyss Scuba Center All Ford show at the Abyss Scuba Center, 6455 Old Alexander Ferry road Clinton, MD. See May 4th show for specifics and contact person.
- Aug 23rd thru 25th- Corvettes at Carlisle at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- Aug 23rd thru 25th- HOT ROD Magazine Power Festival at Atlanta Dragway in Commerce, GA.

- September 21st-Sheehy Pontiac and Ford show at Springfield Sheehy Ford and Pontiac dealerships in Springfield, VA. See May 4th show for specifics and contact person.
- Oct 3rd thru 6th- Fall Carlisle at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- Oct 5th- National All Make Show <u>plus</u> Hot Air Balloon Races at the St. Charles county fairgrounds in LaPlata, MD. See May 4th show for specifics and contact person.

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

**WANTED-** Any and all photos of *Fireball Roberts' '62 Pontiac* (black and white **and** color). Will copy and return! Contact Tim Sickle at (301)249-3830 or see me at a meeting!

FOR SALE- Various automotive books (including out-of-print *Automobile Quarterlies*), and high quality models such as *Pocher, Protar, Tamiya*, etc. Call Tom Barry at (410)876-6643

**FOR SALE**-Thinning collection (not quitting), list available. Contact Harold Bradford at (301)604-8591 or see him at a meeting!

FOR SALE-1983 Buick Lesabre (1:1 scale!) 2 door. V-8, full power, dealer-maintained, many new parts, 89,000 miles, great condition, \$2,500.00 OBO. Call Charlie Scheerer at (410)661-5140.

**FOR SALE-** Original Monogram "Big Deuce" kit, mint, box bottom still sealed. \$200.00 + shipping. Original (mid 70's) Aurora "Super Magna-Traction" '55 Chevy Nomad in chrome-purple, still sealed on display card, \$30.00. Contact John Larkin at (423)239-7070.

And here's something to think about: "You may be a Redneck if........... Taking your wife on a cruise means circling the Dairy Queen."



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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