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About 63 people were in attendance at last month's meeting which had as its highlight our '50 Ford pickup uncontest" wherein the idea was to build a '50 Ford pickup, and we would see what kind of variety we could come up with. Well, we seemed to be big on the rod theme, both retro and modern, with guys like Rick Lauer, John Kester, and Ron Roberts just a few of the names which came to mind. Quite a stir was created when it was evident that both Norman Veber and Matt Guilfoyle both brought their ideas of '50 Fords (although not done). Norm's will be a convertible with a Duvall style windshield, while Matt is building a panel truck from the All American kit. And the biggest surprise? Lyle "Street Rod" Willits didn't bring anything! Shame on ya, Lyle!

There was some brief talk of our recently-held NNL show, including discussions for next years' show, such as suggestions as to where to have it, since the Armory will most likely be unavailable. Anyone with any ideas, contact an officer!

The raffle raised \$84.00 (as well as \$21.00 from the box). The club would like to thank the raffle donors listed below: Brad, Mike Hemp, Walt Rook, Mike Tate, Bill Clarke, Walt Rook, Ron Hamilton, Jim McGuiness, Tim Sickle, and 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 (Q305/307) September (TBD) October (K100) November (Q305/307) 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 canceled **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)

• 1969 Mustang Mach I (AMT #8233): Molded in Lt. Gray....reissue with heavy flash in spots....(2) engine choices-presumably, a 351 cu.in. or a 428 CJ (w/shaker hood scoop)....stock GT wheels, optional 5-spoke rim....(8) tires-(4) Goodyear tires, and (4) Goodyear GS-C's....tub-style interior....plastic/metal axle wheel attachment....separate 2-piece exhaust system....decals include Mach I side striping, rear spoiler striping, "MUSTANG" letters on trunk, and roof emblem, along with a CA "MACHMUSL" plate.

# '95 Corvette Indy Pace car

(Monogram #2467; 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale; one version)

Modified Reissue: The Revellogram Corvette has returned to the Monogram fold. If you have built a

Monogram/Revell 4<sup>th</sup> generation Corvette (1984-present), you will experience no problems with this version. This kit depicts last year's Indy Pace Car Corvette, and while it is not entirely accurate, it does build into a very nice replica with proper painting and decal application. Note: Monogram made the right decision molding this kit in white, in that to paint the white lower portion on a car molded in purple could be a disaster. Another note: Take your time painting this car-if you want to be accurate, the unique purple color is not normally found as model paint, even though I am sure that Testor's has a shade of purple which is very close. At the time of this writing, I have not contacted my friend at the Chevrolet parts counter to determine if the paint is available. If it is, I'll let you know later, but I have reason to believe that it is in fact, available.

Engine: An excellent depiction of the 1995 Corvette LT1 65.7 liter V-8 with the proper details for the air conditioner and air induction system. I have just one question, Monogram-If this model is geared towards the serious adult modeler/hobbyist (Skill level 3), why are there chromed parts when a contemporary Corvette has NO chrome? A better solution would be satin aluminum

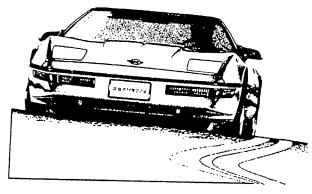
plating or no plating for these parts (even though those 5-spoke wheels are gorgeous in chrome!). For accuracy, there will be a lot of stripping and metalizing going on.

**Chrome:** While it seems difficult to assemble, following the instructions and proper painting will yield a beautiful chassis. The engraving is excellent and there are a lot of parts to deal with. Dechrome the plated parts.

Wheels and Tires: The wheels are gorgeous renditions of the Corvette 5-spoke, and while

they are chromed, you might wish to paint them with silver another story. using "Gatorbacks" few years back, but Monogram included "yellow" billboard which I guess will

Interior: which first debuted kit. I suggest hat



this is incorrect, so strip them and paint. The tires are Chevrolet stopped on the Corvette a they are still here. decal for the Eagle GS-C letters work on the tires. New interior in last year's ZR-1 when you paint

this assembly, paint it flat black first, then carefully paint in the red and purple inserts, apply the decals, and shoot the seats and door panels with semi-gloss clear. The dash, floor, and steering wheel are very flat.

**Body:** Updated Corvette convertible body with proper grille, bumper, and fender gills. All decals are included, and a note of caution here: be very careful when dealing with these decals. Apply them one at a time and use a mild clear coat after applying them. Test a scrap decal from another Monogram kit before clearing the car. Don't use any decal setting solution.

This is one pace car that includes the light bar which the official car is equipped with. There is no up-top or hardtop as in other Corvette roadster kits. One last note: As with the Grand Sport version of this kit, the tool is generating bodies with bad flash on the area around the rear bumper and fenders, meaning some serious file work needs to be done for the car to look right.

Make no mistake, this kit is not for the faint-hearted, but if you are a pace car junkie, or if you just like Corvettes, you have to have one. Highly recommended.

A Final note: If you wish to build a nice 1996 Collector Edition Corvette, buy this kit, paint the body silver, and the interior black and red and it will yield a beautiful replica of that car as well!

By: Ron "I want a 'Vette" Hamilton

# Resin Rantings

Well gang, we are back for another crack at this column! This month, we are gonna look at two different resin offerings from <u>SJS Details</u> (4510 Roadoan Road, Brooklyn, Ohio 44144). They are the '52 Nash Rambler Sedan Delivery (stock #BD-105, \$22.00) and the '62 Studebaker Champ 1/2 ton pickup (stock #BD-106-C, \$55.00).

The Nash Rambler includes a one-piece body with separate hood. Also included are the

front and rear chromed. The Revell Pro Street this will take

Before would like to take the background on its



bumpers, which are not suggested donor kit is the Beretta (although it appears considerable modification). describing the kit in detail, I opportunity to provide some origin. The Nash is molded

from a master produced from a resin kit offered by the late *Mike Watgen* (*Mike's Miniatures*). It appears the original was mastered some time ago, before the newer, thinner releases. I must acknowledge the difficulty in initially creating a resin body. You can only imagine the problems involved when working from a production kit to develop a new master. That said, on with the review.

My sample was molded with a very smooth finish on all exterior surfaces. It is molded very thickly, and exhibited voids in the extreme lower body area. These voids were filled using CA glue and Zip-kicker. I used a Dremel tool to thin the inner body (use a dust mask!). Some additional work included opening the grille and filling some unwanted body lines.

If you're interested in a very different project, this kit may be for you. Because of the unusual subject matter, and the reasonable price, I would recommend this kit for those with some experience working with resin.

The Studebaker Champ 1/2 ton pickup, which is based on the Lark, includes a cab (with separate hood), grille shell, headlights, front and rear bumpers, firewall, inner fenders, radiator support, dash, instruments, and the interior bucket. Three versions of this unusual truck are offered. This particular kit (C) features a phantom Lark-style bed, which is tubbed. The bed consists of a separate floor and three individual inner bed pieces. Also included are separate tail lights. Four square pieces of Plastruct are included, along with a template for creating a ladder chassis. No items are chrome. The kit was mastered by Curtiss Seeman.

This is a smoothly molded kit with little flash, and no pinholes evident. The suggested donor kit (according to the catalog) is the '55 Chevy pickup, although I think this recommendation is for either of the other two versions offered.

This project needs only a drivetrain of your choice and the 'Outer Limits' of your imagination to complete. Recommended for those tired of "Cookie Cutter" models.

Review samples provided by Matt Guilfoyle with his hard-earned cash.

Kit: Wild Willie Borsch's Fuel Altered

Company: MPC

New Tool: No Old Tool: Yes

Scale: 1/25th Versions: 1

Molded Colors: Gray, Chrome

Author: Jeff Decker

Type: "Wild Willie's" AA/FA Altered Rod....the "Winged Express"! The kit is a simple kit, if it were to have come out today, it would be a skill level 2. The kit goes together very well, and there is not a lot of flash to be trimmed away.

Engine: The engine is referred to on the box artwork as a 429 Semi Hemi (or "Shotgun"), but it is in reality a Mopar Hemi (392, I believe-ED.). At any rate, it is topped off with a nice GMC blower, Cragar blower drive, and an old-style bug catcher air scoop.

**Body:** The body is a 'T' body, with a turtle deck and a hollowed-out grille which the fuel tank rests in. There was no need for a cooling system on these types of cars, because they only ran for a quarter mile at a time!

Tires: Small vinyl front tires and vinyl slicks in the rear.

Wheels: Halibrand mags up front, typical of most sixties drag cars, while Ansen mags (or aluminum slots, as they are known today) bring up the rear.

<u>Comments:</u> I really enjoyed building this kit. As a drag fan, I find myself building more of the early drag stuff that is coming back out. I only hope that the model companies do not drop this limited rerelease program!

# The Future Automobile/Model

Did you know that several cars manufactured in 1996 have as many *computer systems* as *Apollo 13*?! Ever try to tune a car made in the mid 80's to present without the appropriate testing tools? *NOT!!* Our four-wheeled friend and creator of our hobby recently celebrated its *100th Birthday*, while model car building has been around approximately 45 years. I still have fond memories of some of my first kits such as the '55 Ford (Revell), the Green Hornet, and Black

Widow (Monogram), and my first 3 in 1 '58 Ford (AMT). Fortunately, most of these early issues are returning from either the model manufacturers or the resin casters. Thank you very much!

I recently cam across an article concerning the 100th Birthday of the Automobile and what 21st century automobiles may be like.

- Keys and locks will be replaced by touch pads that will recognize your fingerprints, or owners can unlock the car by password via a voice-activated lock.
- Steering wheels will be replaced by joysticks.
- Car phones will be replaced by calls thru the radio. If you are in an accident, a call will immediately go out to 91!!
- Headlights will be replaced by a special night vision system that will use radar to project a picture of the road ahead onto a screen.
- Drivers will be able to start their engines before getting into the automobile.
- Designers will revive styles that were popular in the first 100 years such as chrome, fins, and whitewalls (don't forget redlines!), and vinyl tops.
- Gasoline will be replaced by fuel cells-electric, hydrogen, and natural gas.
- Sheet metal will be replaced by recycled plastic bottles (Yeah, Right!!)
- Rubber tires will be replaced by levitation. You older builders may remember the Levitation Model/'60 Falcon kit. Hope you don't have to blow through a tube to drive the future cars!
- Easy to change paints to suit your mood.

I can see it now! 0-60 in 1.2 seconds at a noiseless Warp 1 Scotty. But, I prefer the good old 20th century-loud, boil the hides holeshots by those gas-guzzling, butt-kicking, big blocks (409, 426, 427,440, 454 ring-a-bell V-8's). Flashback-Mad Max "I see you're drivin' one of the last V-8 Interceptors". Sorry gang, a brief bit of insanity!

Seriously, I do believe we will have some very interesting models to build in the 21st century, and hopefully, designers will incorporate some of the past popular styles into these automobiles (*Please* forget some-*Yugo*, *LeCar*, *Vega*, *and Pinto*!)

by: Mike Tate

(Ed. Note: I would like to take this time to thank our Pennsylvania contingent for not only attending our monthly meetings most every month and sharing in our fun, but also for their contributions to our club newsletter! It not only makes my job easier, it makes me feel good that these guys feel comfortable enough to contribute something to our newsletter. Now, how 'bout the rest of you guys?)

#### BITS & PIECES



- Old Home Week?! We saw several faces at last month's meeting which we hadn't seen in some time. Folks like *Dave Roehrle*, and *Dave Lewis*-guys who were around when the club originally formed, have found their way back, and it was nice to see 'em.
- Take a chance on a 1:1 Nova SS 396?! The National Nostalgic Nova club is raffling off an authentic L-78 Nova (396 cu.in., 375 hp.). It is Shadow Grey with a black interior, and is equipped with a 4-speed. It is one of only 3,765 cars produced. It will be restored and if you are the lucky ticket holder (only 1,600 chances exist), you could be flyin' this guy home! To enter, send your name, address, and telephone number along with \$25 for 1 of the 1,600 numbered prints of this car to National Nostalgic Nova, Inc. P.O. Box 2344 York, PA 17405. Or, for more info, call NNN at (717)252-2383.
- Model contest! The club will be hosting a contest at Lost in the 50's car show on September 8th in Glen Burnie. Awards will be given for First, Second, and Third place in Junior and Adult

- categories. So, tell all those Juniors out there, and let's drum up a great Junior turnout for this one!
- SuperSonic Plastic! The latest round of SSP's from Monogram/Revell due out in September will include, from Monogram: the Green Hornet, Ferrari 275P, Tom Daniel's' Sand Shark, the USS Chicago Cruiser (1/506th scale), and a Space Taxi. From Revell, the 240Z racing version, Deal's Wheels VW van, '56 Chrysler New Yorker (custom), the USS United States (1/620th scale), an Aerobee Research rocket (1/40th scale), and a Sikorsky Skycrane (1/72nd scale).
- Quarter Mil for Ford! Some time later this year, Ford Motor Company will free its 250 millionth vehicle on the American roads. That is, since Henry Ford took a spin in his first gasoline-powered quadricycle in Dearborn, Michigan 'way back in 1896. Put all those Fords together bumper to bumper and they would circle the earth 30 times. Or, stacked one on top of the other, they would reach 765,000 miles out into space. You've come a long way, baby!
- "Your Father's Olds....NOT!!" Word is, that for the 1997 version of the <u>Indy 500</u> that there will be only two powerplants in use-not Cosworth, not Honda, not Buick. Wouldja believe Oldsmobile and Nissan?! Yup! Not only that, but an as yet unnamed Oldsmobile will pace the field! Whoa!!
- "Real Man's Pickup Truck!" Nope, not a Chevy, Ford, or even a Dodge. Wouldja believe....a Freightliner?! Yup, they are showing off a concept pickup truck. A 4X2 with a 26-inch extended cab and a GVWR of 19,000 pounds! It's equipped with a Dodge Magnum V-10 gas engine and a Chrysler 47RE 4-speed automatic tranny. No word on price (hopefully, not by the GVWR rating)!! Thanks to the June 7th edition of the Wheels section of the Prince George's Journal.
- Somebody's listenin'! A recent press release from Revell/Monogram espouses how they are responding to modelers' requests to mold their kits in primer colors! It goes on to say that beginning with the '59 Impala hardtop and the '65 Z-16 Chevelle, all their 'glue' car kits will be molded in white plastic, while aircraft will be molded in gray plastic (Snap Kits will remain in color, for less experience modelers who "usually leave the body in the unpainted colored plastic"). Thank yew, Revell/Monogram!
- "Brickyard Duo"! (Distant relatives to Batman & Robin, the Dynamic Duo!). Who am I talking about? Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt, that's who! Stopped in a local hobby shop the other day, and saw a new twin kit on the shelves. It includes Jeff's and Dale's Monte Carlos, and is limited to 1 of 10,000. And you know what that does to the price. The kit is priced on the high side of \$40.00!! And it sits right next to other twin sets for only \$22.95. I wonder if Monogram is makin' any money at all after paying royalties to Indy (can I say that?!), Earnhardt, and Gordon?!
- New kits! And speakin' of Monogram, anyone notice the new Hobby Heaven ad in the latest SAE? They list, of all things, an Ernie Irvan "Havoline" T-Bird and a Dale Jarrett "Quality Care" T-Bird scheduled for release in August and September respectively! Save one for me, Ron!
- "The Stalker!" No, it's not a new 'Slasher" movie! Its the new radar gun that is being handed out to Delaware State Troopers! They cost \$2,300 each, so that means they won't be in abundant supply (each Delaware State Police troop will get at least 4). These suckers are powerful! They have a range of 6,000 feet (or more than a mile!), front and back antennas which can clock motorists from the front or rear, and can block out vehicle radar detectors so motorists won't know they are in the vicinity! Ya better be careful out there! Thanks to the July 3rd issue of the Prince George's Journal for the warning!
- Classic Remake!! According to the August '96 issue of Motor Trend magazine, the Fox Broadcasting Company has remade the cult classic "Vanishing Point"! It will be rebroadcast this fall as part of their "Tuesday Night Movie" series. Kowalski's part will be played by Viggo Mortenson (he played "Weps" in "Crimson Tide"), and Jason Priestly will take over Cleavon Little's part of "Super Soul". It was mostly filmed in Utah's Monument Valley and Arizona, and the producers even rounded up three '70 Challengers (one an original Hemi!), for the starring role. Word is that the Disney Channel is announcing a remake of "The Love Bug", and rumors

- abound about a recycling of "Death Race 2000" and "Gumball Rally" as well! So watch for 'em!
- 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**

- July 12th thru 14th-Chryslers at Carlisle at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA. The Giveaway car is a '65 Satellite convertible.
- July 14th-5<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car Rally at the Big T in Laurel, MD from 6-9 P.M.
- 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. The Giveaway car is a '66 Buick Grand Sport.
- July 31st-Mountain Motor Nationals at MIR in Budds Creek, MD
- August 3rd- 4th Annual Midnight Modelers Model Car Contest & Swap Meet at Hugo's Showhall on Route 7 in Bealeton, VA from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. For info, contact Jerry Frazier (540)582-1009 or Dave Tolson (703)221-6923. This years' theme is *Drag Racing*.
- Aug 4th-5<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car Rally at the Big T in Laurel, MD from 6-9 P.M.
- Aug 9th thru 11th-Goodguys Carlisle Rod & Custom Classic at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- Aug. 17th: Volunteer Classic III presented by the Knoxville Scale Auto Modelers at the Holiday Inn Convention Center World's Fair Site, Knoxville, TN from 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Hospitality Suite on both Friday & Saturday nights. For info, call John Larkin (423)239-7070 (Vendors), or Kenny King (423)691-1846 (Show info).
- Aug. 17th-Jet Funny Car Nationals at MIR in Budds Creek, MD
- 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.
- Aug 25th-5<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car Rally at the Big T in Laurel, MD from 6-9 P.M.
- Sept. 8th- Lost in the 50's Car Show
- Sept. 11th-Yates Auto Parts Pro Stock Open at MIR in Budds Creek, MD
- 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.
- Sept. 29th-Ford Fever Classic drag race, car show, new car display, and flea market at MIR in Budds Creek, MD
- Oct. 5th-Superchargers Showdown including Funny Cars, Dragsters, Altereds, Wheelstanders, and Pro Modifieds at MIR in Budds Creek, MD.
- 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.
- Oct. 12th: NNL Seventeen sponsored by the Cleveland Automotive Modelers Society at the
  Lucas County Rec Center in Maumee, OH from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. This years themes are Street
  Rods (Hey, Lyle!) and Lowriders. So, let's get crackin', guys! For info, send an SASE to Rick
  Forrester 4736 Porter Road North Olmstead, OH 44070.

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

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!

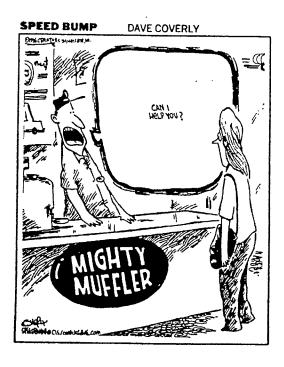
**FOR SALE-** Various kits (AMT, Monogram-Revell) for sale-\$5 each. See Tim Sickle at a meeting for a list. *Also available*-Editor's *former newsletter computer* with some software, 14" color monitor, 640K ram, dot matrix printer. \$150/Offer?

FOR SALE- 283 Chevy engine equipped with '461' heads, Crane Cam, Edelbrock intake, HEI distributor- \$650.00. Contact Tim Powers at (410)255-3976.

WANTED- '69-'72 Nova (unbuilt). Call Steve Siboroski at (410)551-0314 after 5:30.

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FOR SALE-Over 500 model cars and trucks. Call Dave Roehrle at (410)875-9476.





"Looks like you're the victim of the latest fad in vandalism. Somebody took out your sunroof and put a big magnifying glass in its place."

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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