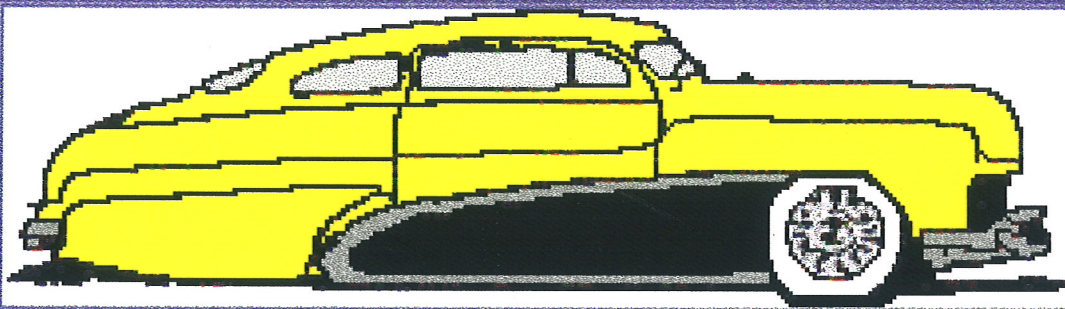


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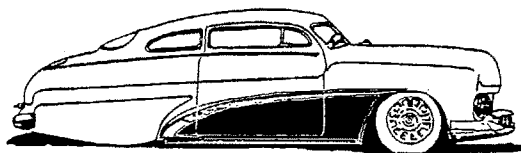


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by: "GTO"

(The Maryland Automotive Modelers Association is a chapter of the IPMS)

Well gang, the August meeting had about 30 people in attendance. Conspicuous by his absence was **Prez Lyle Willits**. It was again a very low-key meeting (*in fact, almost a sleeper!*), due to the great weather, with all the car shows and all. As a matter of fact, anyone not in attendance missed the *debut* of *yours truly's '68 GTO* (1:1, or as we also refer to 'em in terms that everyone can understand-full scale!). I finally managed to rumble into the parking lot,. And must admit, raised a few eyebrows in doing so! Whether or not anybody actually believed that I actually owned one, or what kind of condition it was in, it doesn't much matter. Hopefully, it will be getting out a lot more often for a little exercise!

In case you missed last month-s newsletter, hopefully, elsewhere in this newsletter is a *map* to the *picnic* tomorrow. Be there, or be square! And, bring along a dish to share!

Guess you may all have noticed the *different look* of the *newsletter* this month. Well gang, the answer is simple- *I'm still on vacation!* Working out of the house, some of the usual newsletter goodies I employ are at work, and I couldn't drag myself in to get 'em, so deal with it, and it will be back to normal shortly! By the way, hope everyone is hard at work on his or her *Flathead Projects* for the *September meeting!* If you are not building a Replica/Box stock kit, then our own *Norman Veber* has so many *Flathead items* in his voluminous product line-up, that you should have no excuses, so get busy!

The raffle raised **78.00** (as well as **\$20.00** from the box). The club would like to thank the following raffle donors: **Mike Hemp, Ron Bradley, Brad, Rich Wilson, Bob Dylan, Marty Oberman, Mark Mason, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. Of MD.** Special thanks also go out to those listed below:

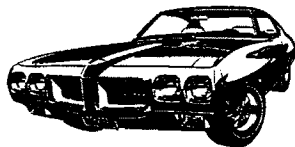
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'98 MEETING SCHEDULE

Well guys, here it is, just as I promised ya! Ain't it great when things work out like they are supposed to? Thanks to Matt Guilfoyle for his hard work in ensuring that we have a place to meet every month next year! Yup, we are back at the **Greenbelt Community center** multipurpose room for the dates listed below. As usual, the meetings start at noon, and last until 3 or 4 P.M. (*and maybe even later, depending on what is going on!*).

January 17th
February 21st
March 21st
April 18th
May 16th
June 20th



July 18th
August 15th
September 19th
October 17th
November 21st
December 19th

From the Baltimore Beltway (RT 695): Take Exit 7, Route 295 (*Baltimore-Washington Parkway*) south towards Washington approx. 18 miles to Route 193 (*Greenbelt Road*), and exit. When on the off-ramp, stay to the right and merge right onto Southway (see below).

From the Washington Beltway (RT 495): Take Exit 22 north, towards Baltimore. Stay in the right lane and take the first exit onto Route 193 (*Greenbelt Road*). When on the off-ramp, bear to the right and take Greenbelt road west, towards College Park. Stay in the right lane and immediately after passing over the Parkway, make a right (*at the light*) onto Southway (see below).

Once on Southway: Go straight to the second (2nd) STOP sign. Make a left onto Crescent road. Go to STOP sign and make a right into the parking lot behind the Greenbelt Library. Once in parking lot, look to right. The large, white building is the Greenbelt Community Center. Enter building using doors near fenced tot lot. The multi-purpose room is on the second floor. There is an elevator to the left of the entrance.

SNEAKIN' A PEEK!

This column appears 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 more detailed review to follow at a later date (*hopefully!*). We'll see how it goes! How about this, gang? To better identify possible kit reviews, at the end of the item on the kit, the words 'Available' or 'Not Available' will appear. Obviously, a club member may reserve any kit that is available with a simple call to the Editor. Conversely, a kit which is 'Not Available' was either already reserved by someone, or was something new inserted by yours truly, and paid for with my hard-earned moolah! (*Ed. Note: The kits are listed in no particular order:*)

- **'71 Duster 340 Street Machine** (*AMT/ERTL #8334*): Molded in Lt. Gray....Viper GTS-style fuel injection, and finned aluminum valve covers for the 340 small block....GTS-style 5-spoke mags (one size) mounting Goodyear Eagle F1 tires (one size as well)....4-wheel disc brakes as well....decals include **'PRODSTR'** CO, **'ZPR 831'** MN plates, along with blue scallops for hood, matching striping for sides of car. (*Not Available*)
- **#2 'Team ASE' Ford Race Truck** (*Revell-Monogram #85-2547*): Molded in white....clear bagged parts-Thanks, R-M!!....chassis based on Chevy race truck....same new excellent Goodyear tires (*w/o Goodyear lettering present on sidewall*)....nice looking Ford truck body, w/separate front air dam and hood....minimal seam work....cooling vents molded in on airdam....decals include airbrushed headlights, taillights, tire sidewall lettering, seat belt, and most major sponsor markings (*two-tone painting added by builder*)....new Lindberg-style flip-top style box includes 'pavement' base on underside. (*Not Available*)
- **#9 'Cartoon Network' Ford Taurus** (*Revell-Monogram #2563*): Molded in white....Reissue of excellent Taurus, this time w/Cartoon Network's colorful, imaginative graphics. (*Not Available*)
- **'Mad Magazine' Firebird funny car** (*Revell-Monogram #7657*): Molded in white....Reissue of excellent Firebird funny car tool, with *"What-me worry?"*, *"Spy vs. Spy"*, and *Alfred E. Newmann* graphics. (*Available*)
- **#15 "Wrangler" Thunderbird** (*Revell-Monogram #3150*): Molded in white....Reissue of earlier 'SquareBird' kit, with "Wrangler" graphics. (*Not Available*)
- **#28 "Hardee's" Monte Carlo** (*Revell-Monogram #3153*): Molded in White....Reissue of earlier notchback Monte Carlos, with "Hardee's" graphics. . (*Not Available*)
- **'57 Chevy Cameo** (*AMT/ERTL #63408*): Molded in Lt. Gray....Modified Reissue of '55 Cameo, with corrected side windows....283 2-barrel V-8....blackwall Firestone Supreme tires....tub-style interior....2-piece exhaust....separate steering box....8-piece pickup box....window visor, separate chrome exterior emblems....**'31 24'** GA, **'0816'** GA, **'CAMEO'** NV plates. (*Available*)
- **'66 El Camino** (*Revell-Monogram #85-7648*): Molded in White....nice fat block 396 cu. In. V-8....platform-style interior w/separate console....separate steering shaft....2-piece exhaust....heater hoses, upper/lower radiator hoses....separate chrome rocker trim, upper grille bar....separate chrome wipers, door handles, 3-piece tail lights! (*chrome base, red lens, & clear lens*)!....**'BPL 548'** MN, **'TVV 622'** TX plates, emblems, gauges, wheel hubcap centers....flip-top box w/road on bottom. (*Not Available*)

[Note to all concerned: It has been brought to my attention of late that there is a potential problem with regard to the review articles published in this newsletter. Let me give you a little background on this subject. The model manufacturers (AMT/ERTL, Revell-Monogram, and Lindberg) all attempt to send our club current releases in exchange for our critiques on what we liked and didn't like about them. That means that we need to get written reviews published in the newsletter in a reasonable time frame to accomplish this. If you will recall, I have stood up at recent club meetings to enlist the aid of the members in attendance to get kit reviews. At present, Ron Hamilton has done more than his fair share of reviews. In the past, Lyle Willits also did his share of reviews, as well as yer Fearless Editor. If anyone wishes to see reviews written by someone else (or take a crack at it him or herself), they need to contact me, in order to determine which kits are available for review. I don't have the time to chase anyone down and browbeat him or her for a review. Rest assured though, if you take a review sample, I will be your worst nightmare if I don't get a review within a reasonable time (right, Leonard?). You may also rest assured that if you take a kit for a review, and do not return a review of it within a reasonable time, that you will not receive another!]

SEMINAR LISTING

Bare Metal Foil-Ron Hamilton

Gold Foil application-Matt Guilfoyle

Fear of Photoetch-Lyle Willits (?)

Interior Detailing

Door Hinges

Engine Detailing-Norman Veber

Paint Polishing

Airbrush Technique-Chad Shapiro

Restoration of a Built-up model

Decal Application

Scratchbuilding small details (acetate windows, antennas, etc.)

Building a resin kit/conversion

Tire Detailing

VETTE AGIN

By: Tim Powers

[Revell-Monogram #85-2536; 1/24 scale; 67 pieces; white, chrome, clear, transparent red, (4) Goodyear Eagle ZR40 directional vinyl tires]

Just a few years ago, renowned automotive artist, **Thom Taylor** designed an exciting update for the first edition of America's only two-seater. His redesign of the 1953 Corvette, christened, Vette Agin, was that of a rounded, svelte, agile, low-riding, corner-burner. This year, Revell-Monogram has rendered the Vette Agin in plastic as the second kit of a series based on Mr. Taylor's designs.

Oddly, the Vette Agin features a paint scheme that is unrelated to Mr. Taylor's design. The same is true of the first kit in this series, Thom Taylor's Alternomad. No reason for these variances has been cited. Other deviations from the original Vette Agin design include, a shortened hood, alteration of the stylized Corvette logo on the nose, lower positioning of the side vents, raised ride height, and replacement of the well-integrated, rounded air intake opening with an out-of-place angular rendition. One design alteration that actually improves on the original design is the replacement of the raised taillight pods with flush-mounted lenses. This really cleans up the look of the rear end of the car and provides front-to-rear profile symmetry missing from the original concept.

This kit is clearly based on the tooling for Monogram's 1957 Corvette (*some optional and interior parts of that kit are included.*) The chassis and drive train components are unchanged from the previous incarnation. New parts include the body, interior, wheels and tires. Being that this kit is based on the 1957 kit has caused some concern that the tooling for the 1957 body has been altered forever into the Vette AGIN body. That would be a shame.

Unfortunately, the body is ill proportioned. Its height is that of the bodies it was based on, however its width has been expanded considerably. Placing a Monogram 1957 Corvette body nose-to-nose with it shows that the stock vehicle's body is much narrower. The extra girth gives the Vette Agin an uncomplimentary, bloated appearance. The body may have been widened to fit over the wider tires. The Goodyear Eagle ZR40's are about twice the width of the stock 1957 kit's tires. Regardless, the expanded front end is reminiscent of some pudgy-faced cartoon characters of the 1930's. This isn't the look that the designer intended.

Even with the new interior and body, building the Vette Agin is a familiar exercise. If you've ever assembled Monogram's 1957 Corvette kit, then you know what to expect of the Vette Agin. The chassis and engine assemble just as they always have in the 1957 Corvette kit. The interior, while it looks very different, assembles in the same manner as in the previous kit. The body is simpler to assemble with fewer parts. The front and rear fascias fit well as do the flush-mounted headlight and taillight lenses. The chopped windshield fits well, too, but it is lacking any form of positive locating assistance. You have to position it by eye.

Because the frame and suspension are unmodified from previous issues, the ride height is much higher than that intended for the Vette AGIN. You'll have to do some serious lowering to get this car to sit properly. Centerline's 17-inch Starfire 5-spoke wheels are nicely rendered in this kit and should be showing up on many other custom and street rod models in the near future.

To see for yourself how Thom Taylor first envisioned the Vette AGIN, check out the following book:

How to Draw Cars Like a Pro, by Thom Taylor with Lisa Hallett. Pages 74-79.

#9 "CARTOON NETWORK" TAURUS

[Revell-Monogram #85-2563; 1/24th scale; 92 pieces; white, clear, vinyl tires]

Well gang, here is the latest version of the highly successful (for Revell-Monogram) Ford Taurus stock car. It is obviously based on their earlier offerings, such as the #99 "*Exide Batteries*" and "*Cheerios*" Taurus (Tauri?). Let's take a quick look-see.

The **358 cu. in. engine** is pretty much unchanged from earlier versions. The nice thing here (finally!) is the decided **lack of chrome**. Revell-Monogram finally realized they don't need to chrome anything, that it will be properly painted by the builders, without having to be stripped first.

The **chassis** appears to also parallel earlier issues (*T-Birds*?) with what I would describe as '**outriggers**'-which widen the chassis to fit the wide Taurus body. There is also a piece at the rear bumper to fill in this area as well.

The **tires** are the same as in earlier issues, with no lettering molded to the sidewalls, with the exception of the number 'D5574'. These tires mount a set of **slotted wheels** with open slots.

The **body** of the car seems to be as close to a Taurus as RM could get it at the time of production. NASCAR (and the Chevy guys!) were still tweaking it (*too fast for the Chevy drivers, not fast enough for the Ford drivers!*). It has the usual NASCAR-mandated roof flaps, and rails. The hood and trunk pins are molded in, and the rear spoiler is also molded to the rear deck, as are the front and rear bumpers.

The **glass** is also separate, and exhibits the requisite rails and braces molded to it, in addition to being frosted on the rear for the black paint. Both quarter windows have NACA ducts molded in. The unique shape of the rear window seems to be spot-on.

The **decals** can honestly be referred to as colorful in this issue, due to the inclusion of cartoon characters such as *Magilla Gorilla*, *Huckleberry Hound*, and *Top Cat*, just to name a few! The yellow Goodyear tire markings are also included, as well as driver's seat belt, and airbrushed head and parking lights, which flank the grille decal included.

The **box** in the newer Revell-Monogram kits are noteworthy. This one has photos of the Cartoon Network Taurus at speed on the top, while the side and end caps are reserved for photos of the built-up model. The noteworthy feature has to do with the adoption of the **Lindberg-style flip top box**, which has a '**blacktop**' base on the bottom, suitable for a **diorama**.

This kit will only tend to add to Revell-Monogram's bottom line as far as stock car model builders are concerned. A sad footnote to this story was the **recent release of driver Lake Speed** from driving chores for this car, to be replaced by young driver **Jerry Nadeau**, who, ironically enough was himself just released from the **Elliott-Marino "Firstplus" Taurus!** Guess that's the way it goes in the tough World of Winston Cup!

By: Timothy Siddle

'71 DUSTER 340

[AMT/ERTL #8437; 1/25th scale; 120 pieces plus decals; Molded in Lt. Gray]

'71 DUSTER 340 STREET MACHINE

[AMT/ERTL #8334; 110 pieces plus decals; Molded in Lt. Gray] [New tools]

These two kits are essentially the same, but with subtle differences in engine assemblies, wheel and tire combinations, and decals. Consequently, we will examine them simultaneously.

AMT/ERTL has done it again, in that they have released a much-wanted kit of an overlooked musclecar. In examining these kits, while not perfect, they seem to represent the subject matter in fine fashion.

In both kits, the **engine** of choice is **Chrysler's fabulous 340 cu. in. V-8**. In the stock kit, there **are two separate carburetor intake systems included**, one being the **single 4-barrel carburetor setup**, which is accurate for this car, and the **optional 3x2-barrel setup**, which, while not a factory option on this vehicle, is a dealer-installed option. In the Street Machine kit, a **fuel injection system** replaces the carburetor setup, which mimics that used on the **Dodge Viper**. This setup features cylinder head-mounted ignition units, separate throttle bodies, and air cleaners. I have never seen this setup on any 340 V-8, but it gives the engine a high-tech look. In both kits, the engines are well engraved and detailed. An air conditioning system (*compressor and plumbing*) is included in the Replica Stock version, but not the Street Machine version.

Both versions feature the same **chassis and suspension setups**. AMT/ERTL has done an excellent job with these assemblies, which feature a separate front subframe with king pins, transmission mount, simplified front suspension/lower crossmember unit which is well-engraved, and fits together very well. A separate anti-sway bar completes the unit. When detail painted, the unit looks quite good, but it lacks the operating steering that the Revell-Monogram Pro Modeler Charger has. The front subframe mounts to the chassis floorpan/lower interior floor, which is customary AMT/ERTL practice in

their latest kits. The rear axle/suspension mounts to the floorboard, and it consists of the standard 8 ¾ rear axle, leaf springs, shock mounts, drive shaft, and shock absorbers. The chassis assembly is completed with the addition of a 6-piece exhaust system. Again, properly painted, it looks quite good.

The *interior* builds up from the floorboard with a pair of 2-piece bucket seats, dashboard with a separate steering column and wheel, shifter, rear seat package tray, interior side panels, and steering box/shaft. On the Replica Stock version, the A/C vent unit is also included. While the interior is accurate and very well detailed, a *floor console* and the *"Tuff" steering wheel* would have been more representative of the method in which the majority of these cars were equipped. I have also seen the box art car for the Replica Stock version of this car in person, and it was equipped this way.

Upon installing the *windows* into the body, the windshield and rear window go in quite easily with locating tabs, but the side windows contain no such provision, consequently, care must be exercised in their installation. A possible solution to this dilemma could be the addition of a strip of styrene to the headliner as a locating point.

The *wheel and tire combination* for the Replica Stock car consist of the *venerable Chrysler Rally wheels*, and *Goodyear Polyglas bias ply tires*, which are accurate for this car. The inner wheels feature *very nice drum detail*. The Street Machine includes *Viper GTS-style aluminum wheels* and *Goodyear Eagle F1 tires*. They look quite good, and along with the *disc brake detail* will find their way onto many a 'high tech' street machine.

Upon examining the *body*, AMT/ERTL has done a credible job with this car. The body shape appears to be accurate, even though the side windows are a little "round". Once the rear quarter windows are installed, the body takes on a much better appearance. The fit of the interior and chassis unit is quite good. The bumpers feature a tab, which attaches to a slot, which aids in alignment. Curiously, the rear spoiler holes in the trunk lid are open, while the hood scoop holes are not-Go Figure! If memory serves, very few Dusters were equipped with the rear spoiler, while the *hood scoops* were only available on the *"Twister" version*, and not the 340 from the factory. I am quite sure that some folks did buy the scoops and install them on their vehicles, as they did enhance the image of the car.

Underhood detail consists of a clear windshield washer jar, battery, master cylinder, windshield wiper motor, and vacuum tank. The Replica Stock version also includes an *A/C compressor and hoses*.

Each version of the car has a set of *decals* to fit the cars personality. The Replica Stock version provides the *longitudinal stripe* in either *black or white*, along with the *"340 Wedge" hood decal*, which was only available in the flat black hood/upper fenders/doors treatment. The *strobe stripes* used with the hood scoops are accurate for the *"Twister" version* of the Duster only. The Street Machine decals consist of some nice looking *blue scallops* that if used, will restrict the color schemes available for the builder.

Overall, this is a pretty good kit. The only problems I have with the kit are the following:

- The *door handles* and *wipers* should have been *separate pieces*, instead of being molded to the body.
- The *spoiler holes* on the rear deck should have been *left closed*, giving the builder the option of building the car with or without the spoiler.
- A *color chart* should have been included in the instructions for Replica Stock builders

These are very good kits, which I heartily recommend to anyone enamored of these vehicles. With careful assembly, an exceptional model will result. I am quite sure that these kits will turn out to be very good sellers for AMT/ERTL.

By: Ron Hamilton

BITS & PIECES

- **Fall Sale!** *GPA Hobbies* in Crofton, MD is havin' a sale on *September 26th*, from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. They are offering *20% off plastic models, rockets, paint, glue, and more! 10% off all train and R/C items! Special tent sale items up to 50% off!! Special Truckload a 'World' of Plastic at 35% off!! Be there!!*
- **Rumor Mill continues!** How does a *'41 Chevy Pick up* grab ya?! Still hearin' rumors of a new chopped '34 Ford street rod of the snap variety. And now, I'm hearin' about a *'56 Chevy Del Ray 2-door*. How about a *'61 Chevy Impala convert, '63 Chevy lowrider, stock '64 Plymouth, late model Dodge police van, and a late model Ford Crown Vic Fire Chief's car?* Betcha can't guess who might be doin' these!
- **E-mail madness!** Several club members have brought it up lately that perhaps in the next update to the *club roster*, that we should include *E-mail addresses* for those of you on-line. If you like the idea, you can E-mail your address to yours truly at *gtoguy@mindspring.com* (surprised, huh?).
- **MAMA plates!** Another MAMA's boy, *Clyde Bagley*, is attempting to have some *MAMA plates* made up for those interested. Basically, they would be in metal, and very similar to regular license plates, and will be reflective to boot! They will need to have the holes drilled in them, though. If you are interested, contact Clyde at 748 Kingston Road Baltimore, MD 21220, or call him at (410) 687-9495. We started a list at last month's meeting for those interested. Price is dependent upon number of plates ordered (*i.e. the more ordered, the cheaper they are!*)

- **"Up a tree-literally!!"** After Alan Cost's son had gotten his third speeding ticket, he could merely have *suspended his son's driving privileges*, but he chose to *suspend his son's pick-up truck-from a tree!!* Mr. Cost used a backhoe to lift the rear end of his son's '86 Chevy pick-up several feet in the air, and used a chain to suspend it from a tree in his front yard, along one of Birmingham (AL's) busiest roads. The sign in the front window read, *"This is what happens when a teen-ager does not mind."* And in smaller letters, it says, *"May be for sale."* That was on August 29th, and word is that it was to remain there for another week or so. Thanks to the Washington Times for this one!
- **'Builder' credits!** The latest issue of the *Model Car Museum's publication, "The Builder"*, has several donations by MAMA members, appropriately credited. *Chris Whalley* apparently responded with complete photocopies of *"Models & Modelers World"* (Fall '63), *"Models"* (Winter '63), *"Models and modelers World"* (Spring '64), as well as *photocopied instruction sheets for Dave Shuklis's "Hot Canary" '36 Ford custom, an instruction sheet for Auto World "Fibreglas, plastic casting, rubber molding kit," and an instruction sheet for Auto world's "Dave's Lighting Instruction kit."* Another MAMA's Boy, *Mike Hemp*, had his positive comments for the job well done in preparing the Builder credited as well. The Builder also credits MAMA's donation of rent in support of the museum, along with our 'sister' club, the CPMCC.
- **MCG On-line!** Word reaches me that before long, our **'Bud', Bob Korunow (a.k.a. Model Car Garage!)** will make his presence felt *on-line!!* Keep an eye out for Bob at www.modelcargarage.com, where you will soon find a fully illustrated website! And, speaking of Bob, it shouldn't be too much longer that we should be seeing the *'65/'66 GTO set, Monte Carlo, and '62 Impala convert*, among others! I fully expect them to be up to Model Car Garage's stringent quality standards, both for workmanship, and for completeness and correctness!
- **Kurtis Midget!** The latest from the gang at *Etzel's Speed Classics (P.O. Box 5195 Lafayette, IN 47903-5195)* is a 1/25th scale Kurtis Midget! Consisting of high quality white metal and resin parts (including a fine lost wax nickel silver grille), the kit sells for \$60 ppd. (\$70 overseas and airmail). By the way, his E-mail is boardtrack@hotmail.com.
- **"Night-drivin' Caddy!"** Seems as though Cadillac is upping the hi-tech ante. For the *2000 model year*, they will be premiering an option for the redesigned DeVille called *Night Vision*. The device is a sensor installed behind the front grille that, according to Cadillac engineers should allow drivers to *see objects up to five times farther than with low beam headlights and three times farther than with high beam headlights*. It should also help drivers *avoid glare from oncoming headlamps*. Night Vision utilizes *infrared technology*, which detects the thermal energy of objects. A camera and a mirror project objects detected onto the windshield by way of a heads-up display (HUD) in the driver's peripheral field of vision. Raytheon Systems Co. and Delphi Delco Electronics Systems developed it. It could be utilized on other vehicles, but will initially be installed on the DeVille.
- **Diecast Goat!** Thanks to a fellow MAMA member who shall remain nameless (thanks, Ron!), I got a glimpse of the *Danbury Mint flyer* for the *'69 Judge*. It is incredible! *Opening doors, hood, and trunk, functioning hidden headlights, removable floor mats and spare tire cover, engine wiring*, are just some of the highlights in the brochure! You can reserve yours for the sum of only \$109 from *Danbury Mint, 47 Richards Avenue Norwalk, CT 06857*. Rumor has it that the car measured for this replica belongs to a *fellow Royal GTO club member, Bob Coleman!*
- **New stuff!** Highlights from the *Modelhaus July 1998 supplement* include: kits of a *'67 Impala station wagon (due in August), '57 Plymouth Belvedere convert, '61 Chrysler New Yorker 2-door ht, '68 Dodge Coronet 2-door ht, and a '65 Corvette big block coupe*. Still more rumors, this time from the gang at *Lindberg*. *'61 Impala convertible, '63 Impala lowrider, stock '64 Plymouth, late model Dodge Police van, and a late model Ford Crown Vic Fire Chief's car*.
- **More meeting dates!** Here are the *1998 dates* for *Mark Wheeler's club, "Our Model is Christ"*: January 11th, February 8th, March 8th, April 5th, May 3rd, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, and December 13th. The meetings are held at a *new location*-The Christian Church of Christ, 8132 New Cut Road, Severn, MD 21144 (410) 969-0384. I understand the meetings are still held from 2-5 P.M. Bring a friend!

COMING EVENTS

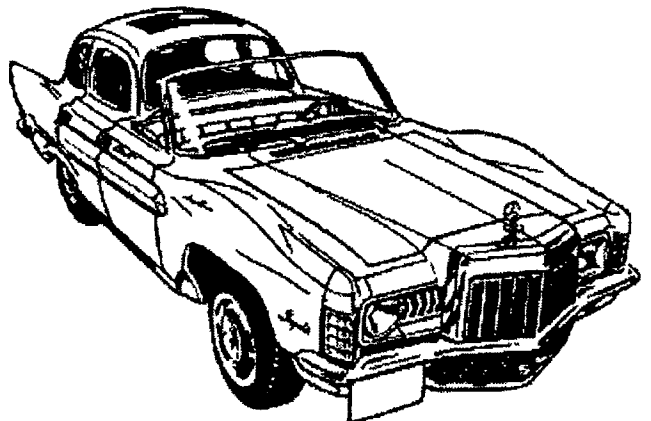
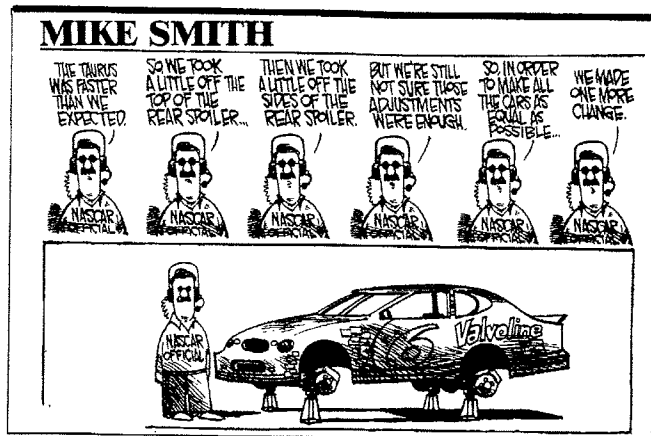
- *Sept. 25th to 27th-7th Annual President's Cup Nationals* at MIR.
- *Sept. 26th-34th Annual Laurel Lions club Auto Show and Flea market* at Laurel Park, in Laurel, MD. (Please note date change!)
- *Sept. 27th-All Pontiac show* to be held at Walker Pontiac in Bowie, MD sponsored by the *Royal GTOs*. Food on premises, along with the *"Interstate Batteries" Pontiac show car*.
- *Oct. 1st to 4th-Fall Carlisle* at the Fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- *Oct. 10th- NNL Nationals #19* from 2 to 8 P.M. in conjunction with John Carlisle's Toledo Toy Show at the Lucas County Recreation Center, 2901 Key Street Maumee (Toledo), Ohio. *Themes* this year are *Wagons, Woodies, and Deliveries*. For info, send a #10 SASE to Rick Forrester, 4736 Porter Road North Olmstead, Ohio 44070.

- **Oct. 10th-Third Annual NUCAR Pontiac Show** sponsored by the GTO Club of Delaware, Inc. At NUCAR Pontiac.
- **Oct. 17th-Beechwood Classic '98 Model Contest and Swap Meet** at Beechwood High School to benefit the Beechwood Athletic Boosters, 54 Beechwood Road, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. For info, send an SASE to Okey Spaulding, 935 Western Ave., Covington, Kentucky 410011, or call (606) 581-3758 after 6 P.M., or E-mail Robbshelby@aol.com.
- **Oct. 17th and 18th-5th Annual Ford Fever Classic** at MIR presented by Washington Area Ford dealers.
- **Saturday, Oct. 24th-Great South Model Contest VI** hosted by the IPMS Flying Tigers Scale Model Builders at John Curtis Christian High School, 10125 Jefferson Highway River Ridge, LA from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. For further info, contact Todd Enlund (504) 348-3104; for vendor info, contact Tyler Moore (504) 286-0234.
- **Nov. 7th- 1998 NNL Southern Nationals** from 10 A.M.-4 P.M. at the Smyrna Community Center in Smyrna, Georgia. Main themes are '**Animal House**' (any car named after a Firebird, Barracuda, Viper, Impala, etc.) and '**Big, Ugly cars**' (If it's huge, hideous, and sucks gas, it's in!). For info, contact Paul Wehner 2459 Jacks View CT Snellville, GA 30078 (770) 985-5953.
- **Sunday, Nov. 9th-Maryland Toy Vehicle Collector's Show** at the Stony Creek Democratic Club, 8123 Ft. Smallwood Road Pasadena, MD from 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Admission \$3, children 6 and under free. For info, call (410) 526-0102, or (410) 437-3763.
- **Dec. 5th & 6th-9th Annual Street Cars of Desire Car show and Automotive flea market** at the MD state fairgrounds, Cow Palace in Timonium, MD. Call (410) 876-3842 (until 9 P.M. S.T.) for further info.
- **April 16 & 17th, 1999-IPMS Region 6 Convention '99** at the Radisson Inn, 2150 Veterans Boulevard, Kenner, Louisiana sponsored by Flying Tigers, Inc., Scale Model Builders IPMS New Orleans. This year's theme is '**Vive La France**' (Hey, Matt!). That would include **armor, aircraft, figures, ships, autos, and more**. For further info, contact IPMS Flying Tigers Scale modelers, Inc. 710 Carondelet Street New Orleans, LA 70130. Phone Lee Coll (evenings) (504) 751-9181; e-mail leecoll@eatel.net; Call Jerry Chatelkain (days) (888) 340-2121.

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WANTED- (7) Johan showcases. Will trade for new Revell-Monogram cases. Also need a set of **Revell-Monogram Chevy Rally wheels**. Call Dave Lewis at (410) 484-5070.

WANTED- Pontiac parts (a man after my own heart!): '70 GTO tail light lenses, (2) sets of Rally II wheels, (1) set of 8-lug aluminum wheels, '69 Grand Prix rear bumper, chassis, parking and tail lights, (3) Pontiac engines, nose piece for a '65 Pontiac, and a front bumper, grille, and rear bumper for a '67 Corvette. All parts 1/25th scale, please! Call Joe Bush at (410) 592-7926.



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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