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Well gang, the April meeting had 44people in attendance! The *highlight* of the meeting had to be the final tune-up for our Mid-Atlantic NNL on May 8th. I won't bore you here with the details. If all goes well, elsewhere in this rag you should find a capsule report on the show, with event coverage to be submitted to the good folks at Kalmbach for publication consideration.

The raifle raised \$96.00 (as well as \$56.00 from the box). The club would like to thank the following raffle donors: Ron Bradley, Brad, Mike Hemp, Lyle, Walt Rook, Mark Mason, Craven Moorehead, Phil Jones, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. Of MD. Special thanks also go out to those listed below:

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# 'DD 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 16th February 20th March 20th April 17th May 15th June 19th



July 17th August 21st September 18th *October 23<sup>rd</sup>* And November 20th December 18th

A Note: This is the Fourth Saturday!

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):

- "Small Soldiers" Grand Prix (Revell-Monogram #4144): Molded in white....reissue of R-M's Grand Prix tool with colorful "Small Soldiers" color scheme from movie of the same name. (Not Available)
- '99 Corvette Hardtop (Revell-Monogram #2578): Molded in white....Modified reissue containing many of the same excellent pieces as earlier coupe and convertible....20-piece small block V-8, w/engine/trans split in half longitudinally....simplified 5-piece front suspension....tub-style interior including 2-piece bucket seats, drop-in door panels, 3-pirece dash (incl. Clear gauge cover), 1-piuece exhaust system....disc brakes for each wheel....Goodyear EMT tires (specific for each location!) mounting chrome 5-spoke Corvette rims....glass is frosted on the rear, and mounts from the outside....decals include gauge face, underhood markings, crossed flag logos for front and rear deck and wheel centers, and colorful South Dakota plates (front optional!). (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
Restoration of a Built-up model
Decal Application
Scratchbuilding small details (acetate windows, antennas, etc.)
Building a resin kit/conversion
Tire Detailing

## 8th Annual Mid-Atlantic NNL Unofficial results

Well gang, our show is history, as they say, and those of you who showed up and poured yourselves into the show should be proud of yourselves!

Overall, the number of entrants was down somewhat from previous years, but the quality just seems to be getting better and better! The two special themes-Media cars and Decade cars seemed to be very well received, and there was an especially good turnout of both. We had a shade over 300 models displayed on the tables this year.

We hosted a total of about 25 vendors, who spread out on double that amount of tables, hawking their wares. Many of these vendors donated items to the daylong door prize drawing, making many people very happy.

We had two photographers present to record the event for submission to Scale Auto Enthusiast, and amazingly enough, both Dirk Johnson, and Tim Powers managed to get a break or two in the course of the afternoon. A surprise to many in attendance was the appearance of Plastic Fanatic editor Gregg Hutchings, who was also apparently busily photographing models for coverage in an upcoming issue of the magazine.

As far as the winners go, guess you'll have to watch for the contest coverage to show up!

## Indy Cars vs. Stock cars

- Indy cars look like rocket ships......Stock cars looked like the ones you wrecked last week, and still owe 12 payments on.
- When Indy cars bump into a wall, they explode.....Stock cars slam against each other, bounce off a concrete fence, do a double back flip, and keep on going.
- ► Indy fans are named Biff and Buffy.....Stock car fans are named Bubba and Bonnie Sue.
- ▶ Indy fans can name all the Presidents.....Most stock car fans can name the President.
- ► Indy fans are fly fishermen.....Stock car fans belong to B.A.S.S.
- Indy cars are assembled by a team of Swiss and German scientists in a top secret lab in Geneva.....Stock cars are built in the back of Gomer's garage by men named Waddell, Junior, and Banjo.
- When an Indy car race is over, drivers shake hands..... When a stock car race is over, drivers shake their fists.
- Most Indy car fans could not tell you who won last year's race.....Stock car fans can recite every race winner, and what he had for breakfast for the last 30 years.
- Indy car fans won't leave home without American Express.....Stock car fans won't leave home without their drink coolers.
- The Indy 500 has yet to sell its name to a corporate sponsor..... A stock car promoter will name his race after a bathroom disinfectant, personal hygiene product, or cat food, if the price is right.
- The average Indy car driver looks like James Bond.....The average Stock car driver looks like Indiana Jones.
- Indy car drivers act like they are doing you a favor if they glance your way.....Stock car drivers will autograph your hat, tell you where the fish are biting, and ask you over to their house for supper.
- Buffy wears heels.....Bonnie Sue married one.
- ▶ Biff subscribes to the Wall Street Journal.....Bubba buys Guns & Ammo off the rack.
- Indy car fans know the party's over when the pate' runs out.....Stock car fans know the party's over when the police arrive.
- ▶ Indy car drivers are named Mario.....Stock car drivers are named Fireball, Coo Coo, and Tiny.
- Indy car writers like to pop a cork, sit around and discuss the new Penske chassis.....Stock car writers like to pop a top, sit around and discuss Brooke Gordon's chassis.
- Indy car writers sweat and toll over award-winning stories.....Stock car writers worry about explaining the 30 slabs of ribs on their expense accounts when they get back home.

## Rod Rageous Snapfast Slammer

[AMT/ERTL #30002; 17 pieces]

Having won a raffle prize, and not seeing anything that particularly struck my interest on the table, I picked up the Rod Rageous kit (for my son (who is 6 years old).

When I returned home with my usual stack of goodies from the meeting, this kit was on top of the pile. Instead of the usual "Daddy's home!" cry, accompanied by a hug to the knees, I was greeted by a resounding "Wow!" as he jumped up

and grabbed the kit, and headed for the living room. He had it out of the box, and assembled before the empty box could hit the floor! Total build time-.008 seconds!

Since then, he has enjoyed a month of heavy-duty fun with this model, which resulted in one wheel and both sidepipes having to be reattached with super glue.

To the gang at AMT/ERTL, you've scored one big hit with this six-year old (and his dad)!

By: Frank Hannasass

#99 "Exide Batteries" Taurus
[Revell-Monogram ProFinish #1314; 20+ pieces; pre-painted body, gray, black, clear, vinyl tires, adhesive-backed markings]

South Boston, Virginia resident Jeff Burton, in conjunction with crew chief Buddy Parrott, and Jack Rousch is poised to explode onto the NASCAR scene, and give the frontrunners a real hard way to go. His two wins so far this season in NASCAR serve notice that he will be a force to be reckoned with.

Last month, we looked at AMT/ERTL's rendition of Jeff's team mate Mark Martin's Valvoline Taurus. This month, we'll see how the Revell-Monogram version stacks up to it.

Engine: Again, as in the ERTL version, no engine, is present, and the hood is sealed shut. There is a representation of one, including a nice, separate exhaust system.

Chassis: The chassis is in two main pieces-the frame itself, and the floorboard. To these two pieces are attached the aforementioned exhaust system, radiator, lower front suspension, seat, shifter, dashboard, steering wheel, vent hoses, upper roll cage, and left and right side roll cage bracing. Two screws each from the top side retain the front and rear suspensions.

Wheels/Tires: The rims are black in color, and feature open slots. The tires are very nice, featuring the Goodyear Eagle lettering printed on the sidewalls! Merely sand the tires a bit for a bit more realism, install them onto the axles, and attach them to the chassis unit.

**Body:** The body is pre-decorated with the majority of the now-standard colorful paint job, and, as the instructions imply, is a superspeedway body. It features all of the requisite items-roof rails and flaps, and front and rear airdams. It seems to be amazingly flash-free.

Glass: The glass is nothing short of incredible, considering the target market for these kits. All of the engraving is present for the areas to be painted black on the inside of the glass, so it is possible to add some paint detailing to enhance these kits a bit further. The glass unit snaps into place up in the roof.

Markings: The adhesive-backed markings are very well done, and appear to be thinner than previous markings. There appears to be something missing, as the trunk itself is bare. In the modern era of high-dollar sponsorships, this space would be much too expensive to leave blank!

Instructions: The instructions are step-by-step, easy to follow, and name parts by name. There is no need to identify colors for the parts, as this kit is pre-painted. On the last page of the instructions, Revell-Monogram thoughtfully lays out the pieces included in the kit, in case there is a problem. Also included in the kit is a color ad for Motorsports artist Sam Bass, including his website (www.sambassart.com), along with an entry form for the ProFinish Lead the Field NASCAR Design Contest. Some lucky will win a trip to Charlotte Motor Speedway (Oops, Lowe's Motor Speedway) to attend the UAW-GM Quality 500, and see a parade car decorated with their winning design circle the track.

The body attaches to the chassis unit with four small screws.

In the end, both of these kits come off as very nice replicas of two of the premiere NASCAR Winston Cup teams in the sport today with minimal work. It will all come down to personal preference-whether or not you want black windows, as in the AMT kit, or clear ones as in the Revell-Monogram kit. With a bit of luck, we will hear from someone in the target audience on these kits in the coming months!

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## Another Opinion- Revell-Monogram '66 El Camino

Engine: A very nice twenty-two piece 396 V-8 (23 if you use the two-piece double-snorkel air cleaner included on the parts tree, but not referenced in the instructions), including separate upper and lower radiator and heater hoses, oil filter, fuel pump, and fan clutch! It positively screams for metalizers and detailing.

Chassis: Nicely engraved, with simplified lower suspension, upper A arms and coil springs up front, and a nice eight-piece rear suspension. Two-piece dual exhausts round out this unit.

Wheels and Tires: Incorrect Michelin TRX's hold up correct chrome hubcaps and inner wheels, which lack any detail. How about some Goodyear Polyglas GT's and Cragars or Keystones as an option?

Body: Very nicely done, with separate, chrome rocker panels, and lower hood trim. The best hood hinges I've seen yet, along with a latch plate, windshield washer bottle, separate master cylinder, and a part referred to as "firewall

components" finish off the engine bay. Fine script engravings with decals to cover them is a nice touch. I'll find out when the paint cures! Chrome door handles, windshield wipers, and a three-piece taillight (!) finish off this Elky.

One point I'm unsure of, is where the cargo box joins the cab, a downturn in the belt-line crease is evident. This is not evident on the box art photo, and I have yet to locate a 1:1 or a good enough photo to confirm this point. I believe it to be a concession to the molding process, to keep the rear glass in scale, but overall, it does not distract from this otherwise nicely done subject.

<u>Interior</u>: Platform-style interior, with accurate door panels, a console (with clock!) and separate chrome shifter, two-piece dash with brake, clutch, and parking brake suspended, three-piece steering column w/turn signal, and separate horn ring on the steering wheel (ignore the painting tips and paint rear of interior body color). Windshield has sunvisors molded in, and a separate inside rear view mirror and dome light are also included!

Comments-The instructions for this kit are straightforward and easy to follow listing parts names and painting suggestions. Take care in fitting the chassis to the body-with a solid tailgate, it's tight, and doesn't flex too much. Thanks must go out to the gang at R-M for a great kit. How about a ProModeler kit, complete with photoetch scripts, optional wheels and tires, and high-performance goodies for the 396?

By: Frank Hannasass

## **BITS & PIECES**

- SSPs! <u>Revell-Monogram</u> has announced their <u>latest limited subjects</u> to be released in the July timeframe: a 1/24<sup>th</sup> scale <u>Edmonds Supermodified w/trailer</u>, and a 427 Shelby Competition Cobra w/figures of Carroll Shelby and Ken Miles. Apparently, a 'Baby Ruth' Busch Grand National T-Bird was announced, but cancelled. Thanks to the San Diego model car club, and the Auto Modelers Group for the scoop!
- Blue Max! Again, according to the San Diego newsletter, the 'Blue Max' Mustang funny car from the gang at Revell-Monogram is expected to release in the month of June. It is rumored to have a one-piece frame, rear tires, and silkscreened decals. Rumor is also strong that Slixx decals will release several sets of decals for this kit.
- New Diecast madness! Yours truly got a glimpse of the Spring '99 Johnny Lightning newsletter, and they have big things in store for diecast collectors. The first new series will be "America's Finest" (a police series) which will include police vehicles from across the country using four vehicles-a Caprice, Crown Vic, Camaro, and Tahoe. Next up is the Camaro Collection, which will include a '67 Z28, '68 Camaro, '69 SS, a '71 RS (split bumper), '76 Camaro, and an '82 Z28. Next up we have Mustang Illustrated Cover Cars, including a '64 Mustang convert, a '67 Mustang, '69 Mach I, '71 Mach I, '76 Cobra, and a '94 Mustang. Then, how 'bout a Hummer set? It will include a Civilian Hummer 4-door wagon, Atlantic Beach Rescue Hummer, an M1025A2 TOW Missile Carrier HUMVEE, and last but not least, a Racing Hummer! How 'bout Indy Pace Cars? A '68 Torino, '69 Camaro SS, '70 Hurst/Olds, '71 Challenger, '72 Hurst/Olds, '73 Eldorado, '74 Hurst/Olds, '77 Delta 88, '78 Corvette, '79 Mustang, '92 Allante, and to top it off, a '98 Corvette! Next up is the Street Freak Series consisting of retools of the Musclecars series 3 cars with big motors, and no hoods. In the 1/43rd scale Magma lineup, we will get a '68 Camaro, '71 Boss 351, '71 Mach I, '70 Challenger T/A, '71 Roadrunner, Munster's Drag-u-la, a T'rantula, and Al Unser's Johnny Lightning Special. Rumor is high that we will also get a 1/64th scale Munster Coach as well. An upcoming series which I think will tank is the U.S. Postal Service Truck/Stamp Replicas, where Johnny Lightning will take their existing Truckin' series, and partner it with replicas of postage stamps on signboards in the beds of the trucks. Themes will include Space/Fantasy, Dramatic Dinosaurs, Riverboats, Endangered Species, Space/Discovery, and Prehistoric Animals. This is all rumored to be available by late Summer of '99, so start savin' your money if you are into diecast!
- ♦ Speakin' of diecast! The <u>Danbury Mint</u> has just announced a 'killer' car-the 007 Aston Martin DB5!! For the paltry sum of \$149, you get a replica with all the features James Bond grew so fond of: Opening tail lights (dispensed oil on the real car), revolving license plates, hidden telephone in driver's door, operable bulletproof shield, removable rubber spare tire, opening console, radar screen on dash, operable antenna, working front and rear suspensions, genuine leather seats, with driver's side able to tilt forward, whirling tire slasher (left rear wheel), working front bumper rams, fixed machine guns in the 'ready to fire' position, and last but not least, a working ejector seat!! You can reach 'em at 1-800-332-6468, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time.
- ♦ And, speakin' of Danbury Mint! They are conspiring to bury diecast collectors. Just received is a mailing detailing their latest offering, a 1946 Chevy Suburban! Equipped with Chevrolet's 216 cubic inch, 90-hp. 6-cylinder engine, it also features tilting front seats (both), tilt-out windshield, removable spare tire, two removable rear seats, and the front wheels steer through the steering wheel! If you are interested, see above item foe phone number!
- Revell-Monogram reschedules! It has recently been announced that Revell-Monogram has 'backed up' the release of several kits scheduled for release in 1999. Affected are the '67 Dodge Charger, the Baldwin Motion drag Cobra, the '56 Chevy Delray, '57 Chevy hardtop (snap), '59 Corvette convertible, '68 Dodge Dart, "Mr. Norm's" Charger, '70 Ford Torino Cobra, Shelby Series 1, and the Acura Integra 'hot hatch'. Rumor is that the R & D budget got cut for

- this year, and R-M is releasing some 'Plus' kits of NASCAR stockers, and a 'Complete' line of pre-finished kits to recoup some of their investment.
- ◆ "Mowin' 'em down, Cross-Country!" Mr. Hauter recently embarked on a cross-country trip-on his lawnmower! He slipped his helmet over his head, adjusted his orange vest, and waved goodbye. He is attempting to raise \$100,000 dollars for charity and get in the "Guiness Book of World Records" with a lawn tractor journey of more than 4,500 miles. And, if he runs out of money, I guess he could cut a few lawns along the way for spending money! Thanks to The Washington Times for this gem!
- ◆ Plymouth Whatchamacallit! Seems as though the gang at Plymouth are ready to unleash their Chrysler PT Cruiser (Personal Transportation!) on the public as a 2000 model! It could also be referred to as a "Flexible Activity Vehicle", according to Daimler-Chrysler Chairman Robert Eaton. So, what is it Bob-a car? A truck? Or is it two, two treats in one?!
- ♦ Yugo Girl! The activity in Serbia is really upsetting a local girl by the name of Laura Snow. Seems as though parts availability for her Yugo was bad enough before the NATO forces bombed the Zastava plant! She has adorned her car with hand-painted flowers, alternative band decals, and a "Go Vegetarian" sticker. Dale Darden, a repair shop owner in Annapolis, remembers picking up a Yugo which was totaled in a parking lot crash going no more than 5 mph! Only about 100,000 Yugos were sold in the US in the four years before the company pulled out of the US market in 1991.
- Online NSX! Acura has launched a website for their sports car. The address is www.NSXbyAcura.com, and has links to the NSX Club of America. Thanks to The Washington Times.
- ♦ Mustang Museum scales back plans. A proposed Mustang Museum has had to scale back its plans due to *fund-raising problems*. High costs of real estate, construction, and operations for the proposed \$30 million dollar facility, as well as competition from the tourist industry, are making a standalone museum "economically unfeasible", officials said. Instead, they are looking to possibly join an existing museum or attraction to house the Mustang collection. Ford Motor Company has pledged \$1.5 million dollars toward the project. The *final two sites in the running* to house the museum are *Atlanta* and *Orlando*. Thanks to The Washington Times for the 'poop' (pun intended!).
- Rumor Mill! Rumored from Tamiya for a June release is the new Honda S2000 sports car (Hey, Matt!). Or, how 'bout a Chrysler 300 from 'South of the Border'?!
- ◆ Talking GPS! By Spring, GPS (Global Positioning Systems) will do more than show you where toy are. They may talk to you and tell you, one turn at a time, how to get where you want to go! Make a detour, and they will quickly tell you, "You made a wrong turn, dummy!" Seriously, if you deviate from the route, the GPS will quickly give you a new one. Talking GPS units are available from TravRoute of Princeton or the Magellan Corp., of Santa Clara, California, starting at less than \$400, ranging up to \$2,000.
- Online Madness! Check out our own *Dirk Johnson's online Model Car Buyer's Guide*. It provides alphabetized listings, as well as by company of many of the firms that do business in this rather large hobby of ours. Dirk's site is at http://www.modelcarhub.com. Check him out, and tell him I sent you!

## **COMING EVENTS**

- Saturday, May 15th- CountryFest and Car Show hosted by the Tri-County Cruisers Rod and Custom car club at the Charles county fairgrounds in LaPlata, MD from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Car show categories include Top Twenty, Best of Show, Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Engine, and Best Unfinished; Country bands and singers, craft show, and tractor pull also on tap.
- May 16th- Diecast & Collectible Vehicle Toy Show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new Morris Meadows Historic Preservation Museum, 1523 Freeland Road, Freeland, MD. Admission is \$2.00 (kids under 5 free w/adult or guardian). For info, contact Joe Golabiewski at 12317 Harford Road, Kingsville, MD 21087 (410) 592-5854 (after 6 p.m., please!).
- May 16th- Bay Country Region VCCA "A Day by the Bay XVI Downs Park Spring Dust-off" from noon to 3 p.m. at Downs Park in Pasadena, MD.
- May 19th-U.S. Pro Stock Open at Maryland International Raceway in Budd's Creek, MD.
- May 23rd- Capitol Cadillac Spring Antique and Classic Car Show hosted by the Cadillac-LaSalle Club of the Potomac region from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Capitol Cadillac in Greenbelt, MD. Awards in 10 categories, plus recognition for Best Prewar, Postwar, and Best of Show autos. For info, call Ben Berman at (703) 437-6820, or Bill Brown at (301) 424-0059.
- May 28th to 30th- Spring Bash at the Big M in Churchville, MD.
- May 29th- All-GM Car show hosted by the Northern Virginia chapter of the Buick Club at Wright's Buick in Manassas, Virginia, Rain or Shine. For info, call Phil Strassner at (540) 743-4686, or Joe Reynolds at (703) 893-9480.
- May 30th- 13th Annual Supreme Chevy/All-GM Car Show from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 75-80 Dragaway in Monrovia, MD.
- June 4th to 6th- Carlisle All-Ford Nationals at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- June 4th to 6th- NSRA Street Rod Nationals East at the fairgrounds in York, PA.

- June 5th- Late Great Chevy Car show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Win Kelly Chevy, on rts. 108 & 32 in Clarksville, MD. For info, call Matt Brashears at (410) 785-8578.
- June 6th-Wheels for Memory '99 hosted by *The Metro-Vettes club* from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the American Legion Green Acres Post on Route 224 in Pomonkey. Proceeds will benefit families dealing with Altzheimer's disease. For info, cal Colbert E. Carter at (301) 645-3758 or (301) 843-4904.
- June 6th-5th Annual Performance Years Pontiac Nationals at Maple Grove Raceway in Reading, PA.
- June 12th- Start Your Engines Auto Showcase 99 Car Show Series Hazelwood Inn Classic car show in Rosedale.
- June 13th- Washington Antique & Collectible Toy Show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA. Admission is \$4.00. For info, contact Ferdinand Zegel at P.O. Box 589 Fort Belvoir, VA 22060 (703) 524-2061 (evenings), or Richard Wilkinson at (301) 907-3441 (days).
- June 18th to 20th-15th Annual Ford Motorsport Nationals at Maple Grove Raceway in Reading, PA.
- June 25th- Carlisle All-Truck Nationals at the fairgrounds in Carlisle, PA.
- June 26th & 27th- 12th Annual Mid-Atlantic Chevelle Show and Swap Meet/ACES Northeast Regional sponsored by the MD Chevelle Club, at Northeast Community Park in Northeast, MD.
- June 27th- 3rd Annual Freestate Chevy show and flea market at the Big M in Churchville, MD.
- July 10th- Start Your Engines Auto Showcase 99 Car Show Series Auto Showcase #3 car show at the Toys "R" Us on Pulaski Highway..
- July 10th & 11th-Supercar Showdown '99 Nostalgia Nationals at Maple Grove Raceway in Reading, PA.
- July 21st-Mountain Motor Nationals at Maryland International Raceway in Budd's Creek, MD.
- July 23rd to 25th-Super Chevy Show XVII at Maple Grove Raceway in Reading, PA.
- July 30th, Aug. 1st- Summer Carlisle at the fairgrounds.
- August 14th- Start Your Engines Auto Showcase 99 Car Show Series Auto Showcase #4 car show at the Toys "R" Us on Pulaski Highway.
- Aug. 14th & 15th-HOT ROD Magazine Power Festival at Maple Grove Raceway in Reading. PA.
- Aug. 21st-Jet Car Nationals at Maryland International Raceway in Budd's Creek, MD.
- Aug. 27th to 29th- Corvettes at Carlisle at the fairgrounds.
- Aug. 27th to 29th- Lowrider and Import Indoor Supershow at the New Jersey Convention and Expo center at Raritan Center, Edison, NJ. 300 of the Best Customs in the Northeast! Hydraulic competition, over 60 classes. For info, contact Showin' Off, Inc. P.O. Box 213 Pompton Plains, NJ 07444 [(973) 636-1258, or E-mail NJSHOW@AOL.COM.
- Aug. 28th- First Annual Street Survivers Street Rod Picnic/Show at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis, MD. Check out the website for further details at <a href="http://www.angelfire.com/md/streetsurvivers">http://www.angelfire.com/md/streetsurvivers</a>. Hope to see you there!
- Sept. 11th- Run Amuk in '99 Model show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Baron's Room, in Knoxville, TN. For info, contact Kenneth King at 2803 Dee Peppers Road Knoxville, TN 37931 E-mail <a href="mailto:cmking@icx.net">cmking@icx.net</a>).
- Sept. 12th- Lost in the 50's car club and the Maryland Automotive Modelers Association 9th Annual Benefit Car Show for Special Boy Scout Troop #216 (physically and mentally handicapped) at Glen Burnie High School, Rt. 648, Glen Burnie, MD from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dash plaques, door prizes, Chinese auction, swap meet, crafts, collectibles, and model car show! The paltry sum of \$3.00 allows the entry of any number of models, so come on down-your money will definitely go for a good cause!
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- September 18th- Start Your Engines Auto Showcase 99 Car Show Series car show (To Be Announced).
- Sept. 30th to Oct. 3rd- Fall Carlisle at the fairgrounds.
- Oct. 1st thru 3rd-8th Annual President's Cup Nationals at Maryland International Raceway in Budd's Creek, MD.
- Oct. 6th-Fall Hershey AACA meet
- Oct. 9th- NNL Nationals in Maumee, OH. For info, SASE to Rick Forester 4736 Porter Road North Olmstead, OH 44070.
- Oct. 9th- Start Your Engines Auto Showcase 99 Car Show Series Auto Showcase #5 car show at Pep Boys on Pulaski Highway.
- Oct. 17th-Thirty-Eighth Collector's Diecast Toy Show hosted by the Chesapeake Miniature Vehicle Collector's Club from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Fire Hall in Shrewsbury, PA. For info, call Joe Golabiewski at (410) 592-5854 or Carl Daehnke at (717) 764-5411.
- Nov. 6th- Start Your Engines Auto Showcase 99 Car Show Series Auto Showcase #6 car show at the Toys "R" Us on Pulaski Highway.
- Nov. 7th- Annual Fall Meet sponsored by the Capitol Miniature Auto Collectors Club from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Fire House Community Hall, 2148 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA For info, contact James William Brostrom, 6632 Cardinal Lane, Annandale, VA 22003.

- Saturday, Nov. 13th-7th Annual Hobby Expo 1999 sponsored by the Suffolk Scale Model Club, and the Long Island Auto Replica Society (LIASRS club!), at the Holiday Inn on Veterans Memorial Highway (near Islip MacArthur Airport) in Ronkonkoma, NY from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Model show, and 3,200 sq. ft. vendor room. Rooms available at a discounted rate for show attendees. Call 585-9500, and ask for Sue Brotowski. Check out the LIARS website for further info at http://hometown.aol.com/LIARSCC/auto/index.htm.
- Nov. 21st- Washington Antique & Collectible Toy Show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA. Admission is \$4.00. For info, contact Ferdinand Zegel at P.O. Box 589 Fort Belvoir, VA 22060 (703) 524-2061 (evenings), or Richard Wilkinson at (301) 907-3441 (days).
- Dec. 4th & 5th-10th 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 29th, 2000(!)- The First Annual Scenic City Classic NNL Model Car Show/Expo sponsored by the Chattanooga Auto Replicas in Scale at the Camp Jordan Arena in scenic Chattanooga, TN Themes are "Anything with a '1' in it", and "Fun in the Sun." For vendor info, contact Lee Baker at 927 Belvoir Hills Cir. East Ridge, TN 37412 [(423) 629-0121], or E-mail augie@vol.com; for sponsorship and other show info, contact David Rose at 3856 S. Quail Lane Chattanooga, TN 37415 [(423) 870-9619], or E-mail cars@vol.com. Check out their website at http://www.CARSModelCarGallery.com!

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

WANTED- Two Jaguar XKSS kits (Revell of Germany). Contact Harold Bradford at (301) 604-8591.

WANTED- One Revell-Monogram '70 Challenger T/A. Call Dave Johns.

FOR SALE- *Display case*, glass front, top, and sides, 28" wide, 48" long, (2) full-length glass shelves. left and right sliding doors on rear, \$100. Call Jack Wallenfelt at (301) 856-4482.

### **RUBES/LEIGH RUBIN**



He was devastated. It was a John Deere letter. His tractor of 20 years had left him.

### **RUBES**/LEIGH RUBIN



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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