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MCMA NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: March 7th
Garden and Arts Center**

CLUB NEWS by Chuck Cady

As most of us know by now March is an important month in the MCMA calendar. This is mainly because of our club's flagship event, the Showdown. This year it's going to be earlier than usual but we still look forward to an enjoyable event. It's a chance to see a lot of great models, visit with old friends, make new acquaintances, buy kits and supplies and eat cookies and deli sandwiches. Oh, and for some lucky ones, the chance to win an award. (Or maybe more than one!!). So come to the Senter Park East building on Saturday the 13th and join the fun.

Not to be forgotten is the annual Shamrock Challenge green models mini-contest at the March meeting. So bring out your green models. Any shade or style. Doesn't have to be new. Or even finished. Just green.

Don't forget donations for the Showdown door prizes. Sponsors are still needed for some of the award categories so consider filling this need.

UPCOMING MEETING

DATES:

Showdown Mar 13

April 4

(Senter Park East)

May 2

June 6

July 11

(Senter Park East)

August 1

September 12

(Senter Park East)

October 3

November NNL

Nov 6

December 5

(Senter Park East)

All MCMA meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month in the Garden and Arts building in Irving unless otherwise stated. Special events such as the Showdown and the NNL LoneStar are held in the Senter Park East building.

Any changes will be made enough in advance for members to be contacted. Please make sure your membership information is correct and up to date.

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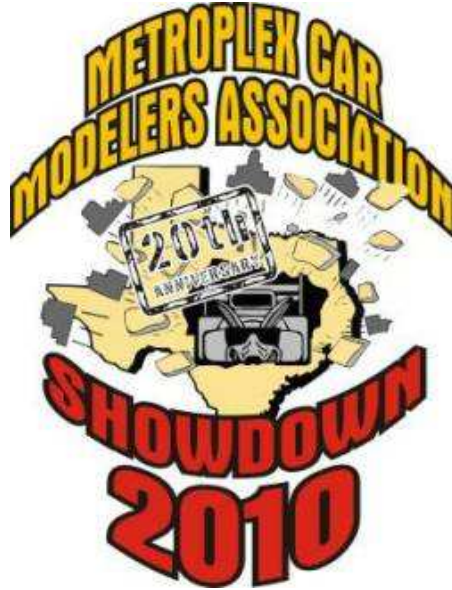
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Showdown #20

Saturday March 13, 2010



**Location: Senter Park East
228 Chamberlain St. Irving, TX 75060**

see website: www.themcma.com for map

The 20th annual Showdown is a traditional judged contest. We award 1, 2 and 3rd place for each of the 21 categories. In addition we have Master awards for Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Engine Compartment, Best Chassis Detail and Best of Show. We also have the Bob Barnett award for best 50's Custom and Richard Dunn Memorial award for best Nostalgia Drag.

Common Kit this year is the Revell Black Widow 57 Chevy

Free food & drinks

Just 1/2 mile from the largest hobby shop in DFW (Wild Bill's)

Contact: Len Woodruff @ PO Box 118642 Carrollton, TX 75011 or 972-979-5722 for Vendor Tables

Vendor Setup 8am. Registration 9-12pm Judging Noon -3 pm Awards 4pm

November NNL Theme 2010

We need a theme for the November NNL and Jim McKinney suggested "Wild Life". Here is a list we put together. Let me know what you think at the March 7 Meeting or by e-mail.

Falcon Mustang Jaguar Impala Sting Ray
Marko Shark Pinto Barracuda Firebird Thunderbird
Skylark Eagle Cheetah Panther Viper

THE SHAMROCK CHALLENGE by Chuck Cady

The March meeting is when we hold our annual Shamrock Challenge mini-contest for green models. Why do we do this? Considering St. Patrick's Day, the arrival of spring and with it the starting of the return of green to lawns, bushes and trees there appears to be no obvious reason to have a contest for green models in the month of March. (LOL)

But all smart-aleck comments aside it actually came about as a chance to insert another mini-contest into our club activities calendar. We had the Orange and Black for years even before we made it a feature of our LoneStar NNL. That fit in well in the fall to fill out the time after the Showdown in the spring. We later put in a summer contest to again fill in a time gap from spring to fall in July with the patriotic colors of red, white and blue for the theme. This contest has been going along for years and it continues to be popular.

At one time we had a theme at the March meeting to the effect of a Countdown to the Showdown mini-contest where members were encouraged to show off what they were working on for the Showdown. This was tried for a few years but proved to be unsuccessful for a myriad of reasons and was dropped. There was still an interest in a mini-contest at this time of year even though the big club focus in March has been and continues to be the Showdown. After discussing some other possibilities it was pretty obvious that the choice of a green-themed contest was the most popular choice.

Not everyone has models to enter into the Showdown with its fully-judged classes and high standards of quality. Not everyone attends the Showdown for any number of reasons. So the idea of a popular-choice low-stress contest with a simple theme for the March meeting has worked out pretty well.

Since the only stipulation is that model has to be green it isn't generally hard for many members to have something that qualifies to enter. Any shade of green is acceptable whether the model is all green or even if it's green with others colors such as two-toned paint.

Model Fiesta Feb 20, 2010

Dale Watts, Jim McKinney, Claude Jones and Len Woodruff took our annual road trip to San Antonio, TX for the 29th annual IPMS show. This is a great show and the club has been going regularly for more than 10 consecutive years. This show was another great show and had over 130 Cars in attendance.

This was the 3rd time a club member won Best Automotive which makes 2 out of the last three years we have taken this award. Claude won Box Stock with his 73 Charger. I won Street machine w/ Eleanor the 67 Mustang. Jim got 3rd in Competition Oval. Charles Feuerborn won Drag with his 32 Ford.

Here are some pictures. I have a link on the club website in the Gallery Section.

Len Woodruff's Corvette



Charles Feuerborn's 1932 Ford

Jeg's Camaro by Jim McKinney



Sportsman dirt tracker by



1973 Charger by Claude Jones

Ferrari by Dennis Kolbert

