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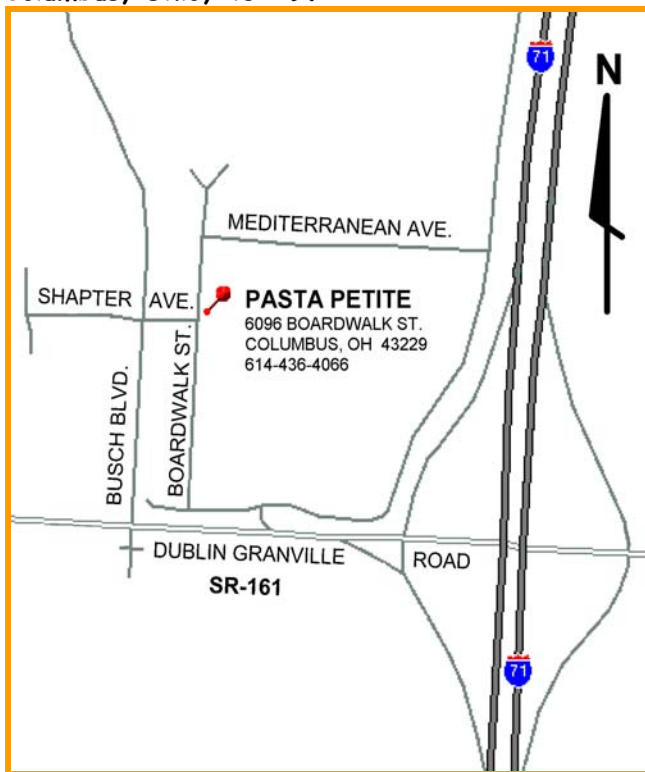
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## January Meeting Location...

The January meeting will be Held Thursday, January 5th at Pasta Petite, starting at 7:30pm. From anywhere in Columbus, make your way to I-71. Take I-71 to SR-161 (Dublin Granville Road). Head west to Busch Boulevard. Turn RIGHT. (Bob Evans is on the corner). The first traffic light north of 161 is Shapter Avenue. Turn RIGHT. (Wendy's is on the corner). You will come to a stop sign. This is Boardwalk Street. Turn LEFT. PASTA PETITE is in the little strip center on your right. Turn RIGHT into first driveway. The address is: 6096 Boardwalk Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43229.



If you get lost and need instructions, I will have my cell phone with me so please give me a call at 404-5502... See ya there! Tom...

## Last Meeting Minutes...

As nearly all of you know, last month was our annual Christmas party. A great time as had by all who attended. There was great food (I never did get a cream puff!) & great models on display all around. We voted for both Same kit night & model of the year. Clean Sweep winner was our New President, Mike Lomaka Jr. with his '69 Corvair & '69 Camaro, respectively:



'69 Corvair-Same Kit night 06 by Mike Lomaka Jr.



'69 Camaro-Model of the Year by Mike Lomaka Jr.

## President's Message...

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and happy New Year. Now it's my turn to be president for a year (hey these drawers really are glued shut!) after spending a year as president-elect. I'm not sure that was enough time to learn everything, but here I go. I would like to thank Tom Dillion for hosting the 2005 Christmas bash at his house and everyone who brought food (especially those cream puffs). The Party was fun, business went quick and gifts were exchanged (more in the minutes). It was really nice to see some of the faces that have been missing for a while and get caught up. I would also like to encourage you to try to get in contact with Uncle Bill as he is/was in the hospital.

One of the first things I got to participate in as President was the selection of this Year's themes. Basically, we took the list, took the ones we haven't had for a while and drew from a hat. The results are further in this letter. I also chose the Same Kit Night kit. As long as all goes well, Carl will have these at the meeting. I tried something a little different this year to try to get more of a response. I don't think we have ever done this before, and I would like to say before there are complaints, think outside the box. This year's selection has the potential to have the widest variety of results. There are a few rules I will explain at the meeting and will put in the next newsletter, just so I don't let the cat out of the bag.

Well, I'll try to keep it short as I will have to do this eleven more times, and I don't get to take any fun vacations anywhere to see car stuff. I will try to make it to a model contest or two as I haven't been to one in quite a while. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the voting results last month. It means a lot to me to be able to win an award from, and from among the members of BSAC. It really is a tribute to all of you, as you have influenced my building greatly.

As a sub-theme this month, bring in those projects you are working on now that it is cold outside, and let's go build something.

**Mike Lomaka Jr.**

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## 2006 Officers...

President:	Mike Lomaka Jr.
President-Elect:	To Be Determined
Treasurer:	Carl Rees
Secretary-Editor:	Michael Newport

## Phoenix - the "Air Vair"...

Due to numerous requests to submit another article to the newsletter (alright, one - Thanks Rick Schneider!) I decided to let you in on the latest product of a warped mind (in this case, two of them).

While talking to Bill Aitcheson awhile back we started to throw out (or up) ideas for what to go with the "same Kit" model of the Corvair. I already had an idea in mind, the Yenko "Stinger" I showed at the Christmas party.

Bill mentioned an idea he had to turn a Corvair into a real air vehicle by turning it into a hovercraft, but didn't think it would be a working idea in 1/25 scale without a lot of effort. It was just another styrene brainstorm between two model buddies.

Like a bad song that gets stuck in your head and won't leave, the idea of a floating Corvair wouldn't let go. Some of the younger members won't remember it, but back in the early 60's AMT had a little number called the Ford 'Leva Car' that was based on an actual design. The little creation only had one seat and was about the size of a BMW Isetta. I'm not sure what kind of power the real car had, but the model came with a length of rubber hose and a mouthpiece. The tubing plugged into a fitting at the back of the car and if you blew hard enough the thing would actually float because the air came out a bunch of little holes in the lower part of the body.

I haven't seen a Leva Car kit since I was a kid, although I'm pretty sure you could find one on Ebay for a small fortune. As it was the only 'levitating' model I knew of, I decided to use it as the inspiration for an "Airvair". As it happened, I had an extra Corvair to work with a failed attempt at a 'same kit' model, which is why I picked the name "Phoenix" for it, as in rising from the dead (or the parts box!)

A 'Skull session' on paper showed me what I needed to do. The main idea would be to make sure the body, interior, and lower pan would be airtight, as leaks would be a killer. I also did want to 'pressurize' any more area than I needed to. I must have done at least one thing right, because now my chassis floats!

Clear silicone sealer proved to be a real blessing in this project. When I put the interior in, I used it to seal up any cracks or leaks, the same went for the frame. When I was done, I had a solid base for what was to come.

I used  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch strip styrene to form a 'fence' around the lower edge of the body. To make sure I had a 'square' surface for it, I placed sandpaper on top of my glass showcase and sanded the body until it too was 'square'. I was working to create an air chamber or 'plenum'. I would attach a lower pan full of hole after I was sure all was airtight.

My idea up to now was going pretty good and I was proud of the way I had things figured out so far. I knew I didn't want to blow through a hose

to make it float because it was already heavier than the little 'Leva Car'. I first thought about using a balloon, but there wasn't enough room on the back for the size fitting I would need. I decided to try to use a can of 'propel' compressed air, but I would need to devise some sort of attachment for the air hose from the can. When I tried to explain this to Bob at the hobby shop, he just looked at me funny.

I've taken it this far and you know that once I get an idea into my head, I don't stop until I make it work or make it worse. I've got a plan in mind to try out and I'm sure I can make this idea fly - Oh, the humanity!

Still, this has been a fun project and it is really something different. I had to fill in the wheel openings to make it work and it actually look kinda cool in a 'motorama' sort of way. Even if it never really 'floats', it will still be a neat example of what happens when a good (or Bad) idea takes root in a pair of creative minds.

The Phoenix Lives! ( and maybe flies too!)

Gary Omen

## BSAC Website... By Tom Dillion II

<http://bsac.topcities.com/>

Please visit our website & check out all of our cool stuff & leave a message on our message board. You will also find the online version of our newsletter here.

## Classifieds...

### WANTED

Someone to pick me up so I can attend meetings:

Would really like to get out to the next meeting, but I have no way to get there. If you can come & pick me up for the next meeting, I would greatly appreciate it!

Contact Danny Tomas (614) 491-2260

### WANTED

1967 Ford galaxie body, hardtop or convertible:

Looking for body shell only, roof is optional.

Contact Bill Atchison (614) 873-5131

### WANTED

The Club Drag race diorama has also been tracked down, & is in Jerry Hackney's Possession. UPDATE: last week I received Jerry's newsletter in the mail as "RETURN TO SENDER-UNABLE TO FORWARD" I have no forwarding address & no known phone # for Jerry. If anyone can shed some light on his whereabouts, please let me know!

As a convenience for all the members, below is a large version of the 2006 Build schedule that may be removed & hung near your workbench as a reminder of what is coming up next!

## Editor's Notes... by Mike Newport

Okay, after two months of discussion & lots of club money spent on newsletters, it has been decided to 'slim down' the budget. Moving the Newsletter into the 20th century and going electronic will accomplish this. Yes, I know that we all used to receive an Electronic newsletter and most everyone complained that there were no pictures to look at. Well, times have changed & it's been three years since we have tried out the electronic format.

Here's the Deal: Hopefully by the time the January '06 newsletter is ready to be published, it can be made readable, in it's entirety, (including pictures!) on our website. An E-mail will be sent to remind the current members of the impending meeting, so they can check our website & look at the newsletter online. It will be able to be printed by the individual member if he/ she so chooses to print it. Those of you that have no Internet access / email will still receive a paper copy via the United States postal service (this will not incur extra dues). When you pay your dues to the treasurer, you will need to provide your complete address & a Current Telephone Number & a valid E-mail that can be used to send the Newsletter reminder to. The first couple of months of this will be a trial to see what can be done & how well it works, so please, bear with us as we make this change for the better!

Also Mentioned was the Monthly themes. As we were too wrapped up in the holiday festivities at the Christmas party I actually forgot that we needed to get this done also. I met with our outgoing President, Mark Harmon (Word on the street is that he's actually kind of shy) and our inbound President Mike Lomaka Jr. (He has been cleared for landing) do get this accomplished. As far as the categories go, we have over 60 different categories (that includes this years and last years) to choose from. As members make suggestions I will continue to add categories. As it stands now, monthly themes from 2005 would eligible for reuse for 2009+. I think this is a great way for us not to get stuck in the same routine.

REMEMBER! I can be reached by phone at (614) 353-6504. Any correspondence should be mailed to BSAC News c/o Michael Newport 6560 Brock Street Dublin, OH 43017, Or E-mailed to: [bsacnews@wideopenwest.com](mailto:bsacnews@wideopenwest.com)

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# 2006 Build Schedule

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- January 5<sup>th</sup>:** **Box Stock**  
Right out of the box...
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>:** **Winter Rides**  
Rusted out, 4x4, Covered in Snow...
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>:** **Tuners**  
Loud exhaust, Loud Graphics, Loud Music...
- April 6<sup>th</sup>:** **Commercial & Service Vehicles**  
Police, Fire & Rescue, Work vans, Semis...
- May 4<sup>th</sup>:** **Race on Sunday, Drive on Monday**  
Any Sanctioning body racecar or its street equivalent
- June 1<sup>st</sup>:** **The 6's (Car year ending in '6')**  
2006, 1996, 1986, 1976 (you get the idea...)
- July 6<sup>th</sup>:** **Goodguys kickoff meeting**  
No Contest!
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>:** **Dodge, Chrysler, Plymouth**  
MOPAR Fans rejoice...
- September 7<sup>th</sup>:** **Pre WWII**  
Anything produced before December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941
- October 5<sup>th</sup>:** **Cars of the Eighties**  
That would be 1980 thru 1989
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>:** **Annual Consignment & Donation Auction**  
No Contest!
- December 7<sup>th</sup>:** **Annual Christmas Party**  
Same kit night  
Vote for model of the Year  
Modeler of the year Announcement