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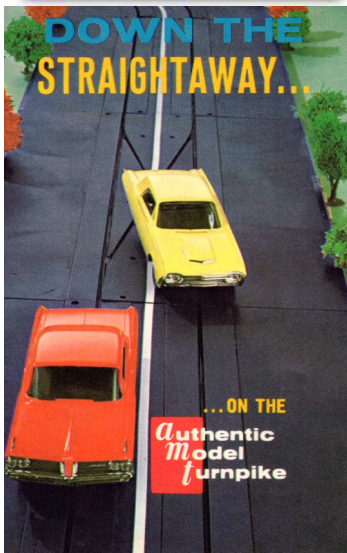
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2021 Meeting Schedule

At this point in time, **NONE** for the foreseeable future! IF anything changes, the club will attempt to notify the membership via e-mail or social media.

Inclement weather phone number: (301) 474-0646. 📞



Time To Go Racin'!

It appears as though we are still solidly locked in the pandemic, what with vaccines slowly trickling out to prioritized groups of people.

Restaurants are still restricted for dining in, or not open at all, depending on the jurisdiction.

With that said, the **cancellations** have already begun. They include the **Philly NNL**,

NNL East, our **NNL** and the **Diversified ScalerZ** show in September.

Things have changed very little (*besides the year*)—no meetings, or "Get-togethers" were possible last month, and it doesn't look good for the short-term. When we are able to meet, we will reach out and let you know.

I am hopeful that you

are all **STILL** doing what is necessary to ensure yours and your family's safety, given the current state of world affairs.

Please continue to stay safe! No idea when things will get back to some semblance of normal!—Tim 🏠



Condolences

It is my sad duty to inform the membership of the sudden, untimely passing of **Mandy Wheeler**, daughter of MAMA's Boy **Mark Wheeler** and his wife **Johnna**.

I have no further details. The family set up a Go Fund Me page to help with expenses, achieving their goal and then some. MAMA made a contribu-

tion to this effort.

Mandy loved the club, and had won the Junior award at our annual show on several occasions.

To honor her memory, the Junior award will

be renamed in her honor.

Mark, **Johnna** and **Mandy's** sister **Lisa**, wish to thank the club for the outpouring of support in this difficult time.

Prayers to the family—**Tim** 🏠

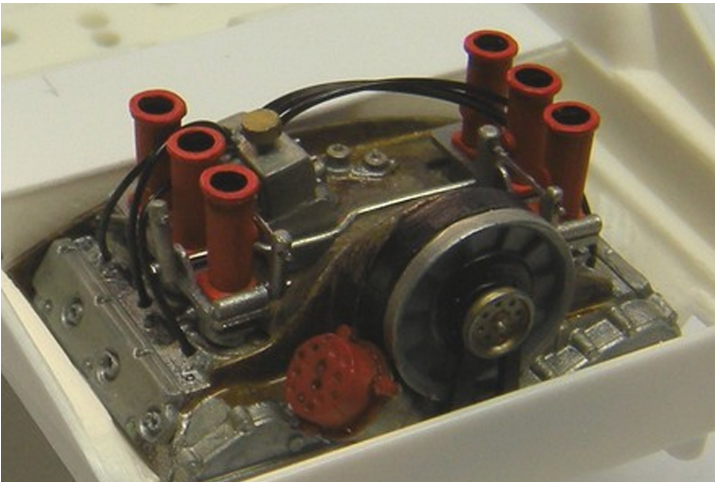


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Virtual Meeting



Paul "5-car" Lee's Series III 109 LWB Land Rover



Update on one of JC Reckner's project cars



Meet new MAMA's Boy Tyson Collins, & his first 2 builds!



Lyle Willits' tribute to Gary Sutherlin. While purchasing several items from his estate, Lyle found an old, familiar resin transkit from Replicas & Miniatures Company of MD. He immediately remembered Gary had been impressed by a build-up of it at a meeting that he immediately bought one from Norman. Assuming that this was one of countless Gary's "future projects," Lyle built it in Gary's memory. He coupled a Revell '32 Ford 5-window coupe kit with the Roush engine from a Revell Foose '56 F-100 kit, adding photoetch from The Model Car Garage. Duplicolor metallic red was cleared, color sanded, and polished. Rest in peace, Gary. Great work Lyle, and thanks!



Steve Buter's Sling Shot, complete with flagger!

Virtual Meeting



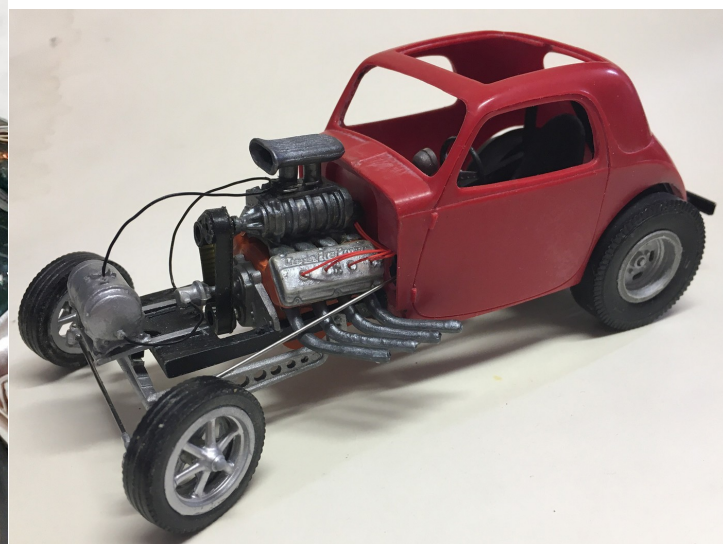
LOOK



Rick Martin's cool '37 Chevy Gasser



Don Stone's Polar Lights Petty '69 Talladega



Mal Douglas' "3 glue-bomb" Fiat Topolino Gasser



Paul "5-car" Lee's Toyota FT-86



Hope you had a cookie, and praying for more fun in '21!

'GMC' has issued a recall for an **unknown number** of **2014-16 Chevy Caprice PPV and SS sedans** over a problem related to the seat belt cable.

According to a 'GMC' document, the flexible steel cable that connects the safety belt to the vehicle at the outside of the front driver seat can fatigue and separate over time. The covering on the cable may show visible signs of wear, the automaker also said, including tears, holes or wear marks. Affected vehicles were actually repaired under a previous recall and may not have received a complete repair under the recall, hence this subsequent action.

'GMC' says that in a crash, a fatigued seat belt cable could break, reducing the effectiveness of the vehicle's safety belts and increasing the risk of injury to the occupant.

Dealers will inspect the vehicles to determine whether a new seat trim piece, which can reduce cable wear, was installed under the previous recall. If necessary, the dealership will replace the trim with the redesigned part. Dealers will also inspect and, if needed, replace the seatbelt pretensioner cable.

'GMC' has issued a safety recall for an **unknown number** of **2019-20 Buick Enclaves, 2019**

Encores, 2020 Encore GXs, 2018-19 LaCrosse, 2019-20 Cadillac XT4s, 2020 XT6s, 2019-20 Blazers, 2018-19 Cruzes, 2018-20 Equinoxes, 2018 Malibus, 2018-19 Trackers, 2018-20 Traverses, 2019-20 GMC Acadias and 2018-20 Terrains due to missing transmission accumulator bolts. The recall includes vehicles both in the US and those sold internationally as well.

'GMC' has identified a defect wherein the start-stop transmission accumulator may have bolts missing. The missing bolts can be found on six- and nine-speed front-wheel drive transmissions.

Missing bolts on the start-stop accumulator endcap could possibly result in a transmission oil leak. If the leak is not fixed, the problem may progress to a loss of propulsion, which could ultimately lead to an increased crash

risk. What's more, leaking transmission oil in the presence of an ignition source could increase the risk of a fire as well.

Dealers are currently

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instructed to inspect the start-stop transmission accumulator on affected vehicles and replace any bolts that may be missing.

'GMC' and NHTSA have issued a recall notice for **470 2020-21 Cadillacs, Chevy and GMC crossovers, SUVs and pickups** over an issue related to the seat belt fastener bolt.

The incorrect bolts may have been used at one or more fastening locations in order to secure the seat belts to the vehicle. If the incorrect bolt was used in this process, the seat belt may not be properly attached to the vehicle.

If a seat belt assembly is not correctly attached to the vehicle, the seat belt may not be able to

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properly restrain an occupant. This can increase the risk of occupant injury in the event of a crash.

Dealerships will inspect and replace the suspected faulty bolts. There are an abundance of different vehicles involved in this recall campaign, some requiring different seat belt bolts to be replaced in both the first and second rows of seating.

'GMC' has issued a recall for an **unknown number of 2020 Buick Encore GX crossovers** equipped with the turbocharged 1.2L three-cylinder engine due to an issue with the positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) system.

Affected vehicles may have a blockage of positive crankcase ventilation passage in the camshaft cover. If a vehicle has this problem, crankcase pressure may progressively increase to the point where it could cause the engine to run roughly and may also lead to engine damage. Vehicles experiencing this issue will produce an illuminated malfunction indicator lamp (*or check engine light*) on the dash/driver information center.

This is a voluntary emission recall, so this problem does not pose a safety risk. However as mentioned above, this problem could lead to engine damage if left unaddressed.

Dealers will inspect the camshaft cover in affected vehicles and replace it if a blockage is detected in the PCV passage.

'GMC' has issued a recall for an unknown number of **2021 Cadillac Escalades and Escalade**

ESVs due to an issue with the vehicles' overhead console safety warning lights.

They may have front-passenger seat belt and airbag status telltale lights in the overhead console with poor daytime visibility. This is because these warning lights may be set to "night mode" when the vehicle is started using the remote starter when the vehicle is turned off and re-started after approximately ten minutes without opening the door.

In the daytime, if "night mode" is active, these overhead console warning lights may not be visible, as required by the applicable Federal and Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. During the daytime, the driver and front passenger may not be informed that the front passenger is unbuckled or has a deactivated airbag, which could increase the risk of passenger injury in a crash or high-speed braking event.

Dealers are instructed to re-program the body control module in affected vehicles. This BCM update will be performed at no cost to the vehicle owner and should take about an hour to complete.

'GMC' has issued a customer satisfaction recall for an **unknown number of 2021 GMC Acadias** due an issue related to the steering wheel airbag circuitry.

Some crossovers left the factory equipped with an incorrect steering wheel airbag. In affected vehicles, the steering wheel airbag coil does not contain the necessary circuitry to power the optional heated steering wheel.

The heated steering wheel functionality will not work if the



vehicle is fitted with the incorrect steering wheel airbag. This issue does not affect the airbag's ability to engage in the event of a collision. This is not a safety recall but rather a voluntary customer satisfaction recall, so the problem cannot pose a safety risk to the driver. As such, NHTSA has not issued a safety recall over this issue.

Dealers will be instructed to replace the airbag coil with one capable of powering the heated steering wheel. These repairs will be performed at no cost to the vehicle owner.

In most cases, 'GMC' says it will notify owners of affected vehicles. If owners are unsure whether or not their vehicle is affected by these recalls, they can visit my.gm.com/recalls and type in their VIN to see any open recalls or other actions that may be active on their vehicle.

'GMC' has unveiled a **new**

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'GMC' Recall Ticker

of Recalls

205 (!)

of Vehicles Affected

53,416,201

C8 Watch

The C8 convertible is obviously a car designed for warmer climates, but the Corvette is a mass-market sports car that is built in fairly large numbers, so a few will inevitably go to areas with cold winters and owners that don't mind driving them during those months.

Those owners interested in driving their C8 cars during the winter should know the vehicle ***may not always be able to lower its hardtop roof.*** The owner's manual indicates the car can lower its top at temps going down to zero degrees Celsius or 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and raise the top at temperatures down to -10 degrees Celsius or 14 degrees Fahrenheit. A warning icon and message will appear on the Driver Information Center (DIC) if the vehicle detects the outside temperature is too low for the convertible top to operate.

The owner's manual also instructs the owner to, if necessary, ***move the vehicle inside a heated building in order to operate the convertible top.*** Being unable to operate the convertible top prevents the user from being able to access the engine compartment, so

this tip might come in handy to owners that find their convertible top is too cold to be raised or lowered.

The C7 convertible and the sixth-gen Camaro convertible cannot lower their top in cold weather either, however their tonneau covers do not give the owner access to the engine compartment, so it doesn't present quite the same problem as the mid-engine C8.

Chevy built 20,368 examples of the 2020 Corvette, but production of the drop-top model began later in the year, so only 3,581 of those vehicles were convertibles. The production numbers for the convertible should be higher for the 2021 model year, which entered production on December 11th of last year.

A "kinder, gentler" Corvette?

The first retail production 2020 C8 convertible will, not surprisingly, be auctioned off at ***Barrett-Jackson's upcoming Scottsdale 2021 event***, with all proceeds from the sale benefitting the ***United Way for Southeastern Michigan.***

The first convertible to roll off



ordered with options like red seat belts, GT2 bucket seats, visible carbon fiber front splitter, visible carbon fiber rocker extensions, Performance Data Recorder and the Z51 Performance Package.

Just like every other 2020 C8 convertible, this example is powered by a 6.2L LT2 V8 engine, which sends power rearward through an eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission. With the Z51 Performance Package equipped, the engine produces 495 horsepower.

Barrett-Jackson also auctioned off the first production 2020 C8 coupe last year, which sold for \$3 million to ***NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick.*** All proceeds from the sale went to the Detroit Children's Fund, a non-profit aimed at providing less fortunate youth in the Metro Detroit region with a quality education.

Similarly, Barrett-Jackson also auctioned off another 2020 Corvette coupe for ***\$370,000*** last year, with the proceeds from that sale benefitting the HeartStrings Foundation, which provides guitars to veterans and active members of the military and their families.

Mecum Auctions attempted to auction off the last production 2020 C8 coupe at its Kissimmee sale earlier this month as well, however the Sebring Orange

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the line at Bowling Green is a 3LT trim level model with a Black exterior and an Adrenaline Red Napa leather interior with black suede inserts. It was also

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Plug-In Mustangs?! Right now, the Mustang is available with a variety of engines including a turbo'ed four-banger, and naturally aspirated and supercharged V8s. The Mustang's engine lineup will look a lot different by end of the decade, with the pony car rumored to go **fully electric** by as early as 2028. According to Autoline, the Mustang will only offer battery-electric (BE) powertrains from December 2028 onward. That means the 2029 model year Mustang will be purely a battery-electric product with no internal combustion engine (ICE) option. Autoline's report also indicates the current S550 Mustang will live on until the BE version enters production in late 2028. The arrival of a BE Mustang seems inevitable, but this rumor contrasts with intel that was fed to **Ford Authority**. Rumor is a seventh-gen Mustang with ICE offerings is currently in the works under the S650 codename and will go on sale in 2022 as a 2023 model year product. The S650-gen Mustang will tap the Ford CD6 platform that currently serves in the Explorer/Aviator SUVs and will also be available with a hybrid powertrain. Intel also suggests the new S650-gen Mustang would have an eight-year life cycle, which would take it to the 2029 model year – just in time for the pure BE to arrive. While Ford is considering an electric Mustang, 'GMC' has already experimented with a BE Camaro. Back in '19, it unveiled the one-off eCOPO Camaro, a battery-electric drag car powered

by a pair of BorgWarner electric motors, a race-prepped Turbo 400 automatic transmission and a custom battery pack that used Chevy Bolt EV cells. While the 700-horsepower drag car was built for show and demo purposes only, it served as an indication that Chevy could be open to producing a high-perf electric Camaro in the future. With certain US states and the Canadian province of Quebec already outlining plans to ban the sale of new ICE cars by 2035, there will likely be a time when American pony cars like the Mustang and Camaro will have to resort to BE powertrains – the only question is how soon. I'm guessing the ***Corvette SUV*** won't be far behind...**Digital Tags?!** Lawmakers in Michigan will allow motorists in state to ditch their archaic old metal license plates for sleek new **digital license plates** starting this spring. California and Arizona began allowing digital plates in '19 and are currently the only US states where motorists are allowed to register a vehicle with them. That's all set to change this year, however, when 'GMC's' home state of Michigan joins the fray. Reviver, the company that manufactures the digital plates, is also in discussion with ten other states apart from Michigan that may be interested in using the technology in the future, according to **The Detroit Free Press**. Reviver's Rplate digital license plate runs through a smartphone app and offers numerous advantages over a regular metal plate. For starters, it removes the



need for owners to go to DMV to get plates or renew their registration. They can also alert other motorists that the vehicle is stolen or display custom messages that are inputted via the smartphone app. The Rplate is **priced from \$500** and users are also charged an **annual \$55 connectivity fee** to keep it hooked up to Reviver's servers. Only around 3,300 people have the digital plates in California and Arizona right now, but with Reviver now looking to expand to other states, they could become much more commonplace in the coming years. Reviver also offers a **more expensive version** (!!) of the plate called the Rplate Pro, which features **GPS tracking** and can **relay important telematics like vehicle speed and miles driven**. This model is mainly used by fleet operators, Reviver told the **Free Press**. While this is an aftermarket product that currently seems a bit of a gimmick, digital license plates could one day be the industry standard. Automakers may eventually integrate them into their vehicles from the factory, as well, which could completely negate the need for metal plates, in-person renewal, and registration stickers. This technology could also remove the age-old problem of license plates negatively affecting the styling of a vehicle, giving automakers more

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corporate logo. The new logo incorporates lowercase script with the “m” underlined, surrounded by a square border with rounded edges. The new logo is intended to acknowledge General Motors’ latest focus on electric vehicle technology and vision for a world with zero crashes, zero emissions, and zero congestion.

“As ‘GMC’ amplifies its EV message, it has also created a revitalized brand identity designed for a digital-first environment,” General Motors states in a press release. “The new logo builds on a strong heritage while bringing a more modern and vibrant look to ‘GMC’s’ familiar blue square. The new brand identity extends to technology brands including Ultium. The team of ‘GMC’ designers tasked with creating the new logo considered how to balance the history and trust inherent to the existing design with GM’s vision for the future.”

The new corporate logo will feature a variety of different colors, including several blue tones, the latter of which is intended to “[evoke] the clean skies of a zero-

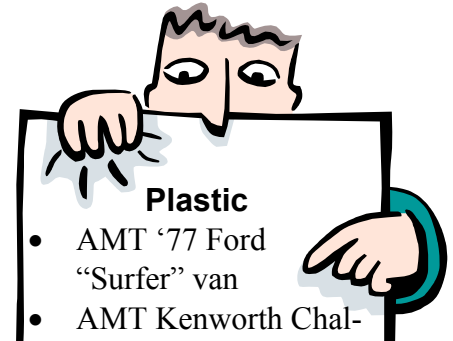
emissions future and the energy of the Ultium platform.” The underlined “m” is intended to look like an electrical outlet.

The updated corporate logo will be used in all corporate communications going forward, and coincides with the launch of a new marketing campaign titled “Everybody In,” which will promote The General’s range of all-electric vehicles designed to fit the lifestyle and budget of every new car buyer, including for work, adventure, performance, and family. The range of new EVs will include Cadillac, GMC, Chevy, and Buick products.

Does anyone else think that the new logo is wimpy?
—Assorted sources 🗣️



New Stuff!



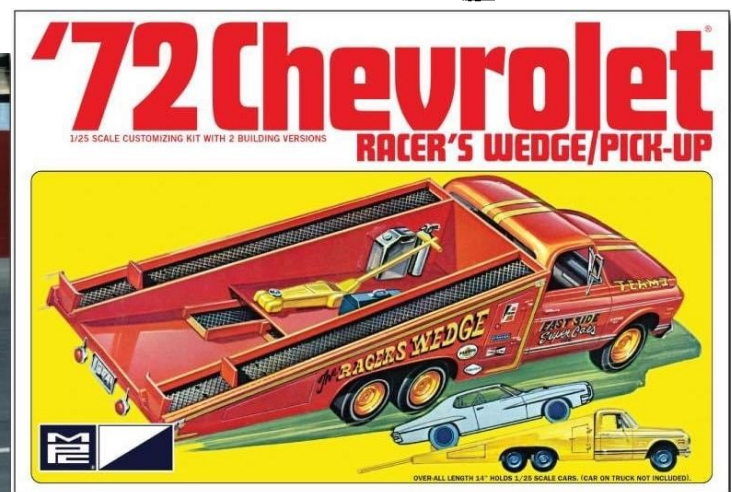
Plastic

- AMT ‘77 Ford “Surfer” van
- AMT Kenworth Challenge Transit Cement Mixer
- AMT Ford C600 truck w/trailer
- AMT ‘53 Stude Starliner
- AMT “Torque Trike”
- AMT ‘58 Fury Slammer (*snap*)
- AMT ‘88 Concorde Slammer (*snap*)
- AMT “USA-1” monster truck
- MPC Petty Charger (1/16th)

Diecast

- Zippo! 🚬

(1/18th, unless noted)





Just when I was starting to scramble a bit for some Poncho content, I got an e-mail from **MAMA's Boy Kevin Kovach**, allowing me to present the following update on a new project of his, with his permission, of course!

The color shot is Kevin's inspiration, and I must say that I have numerous shots of this exact car, for a project of my own down the road.

The minor difference here is that the Gold Rush is a '66 GTO, while Kevin's project utilizes the AMT (ex-MPC) '67 GTO (*think "Weekend Warrior," the most recent reissue*).

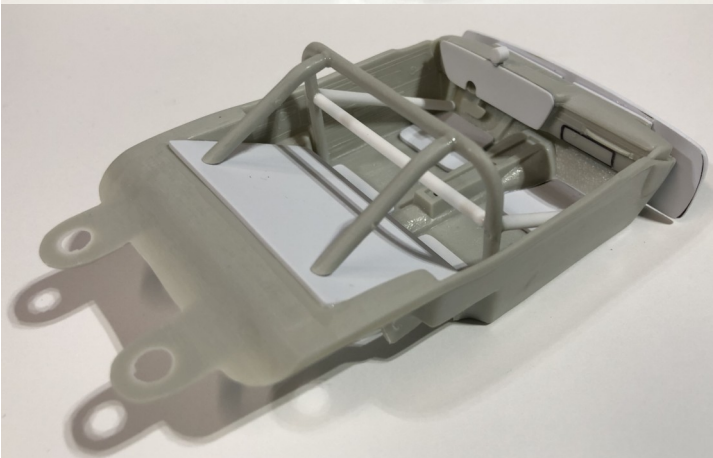
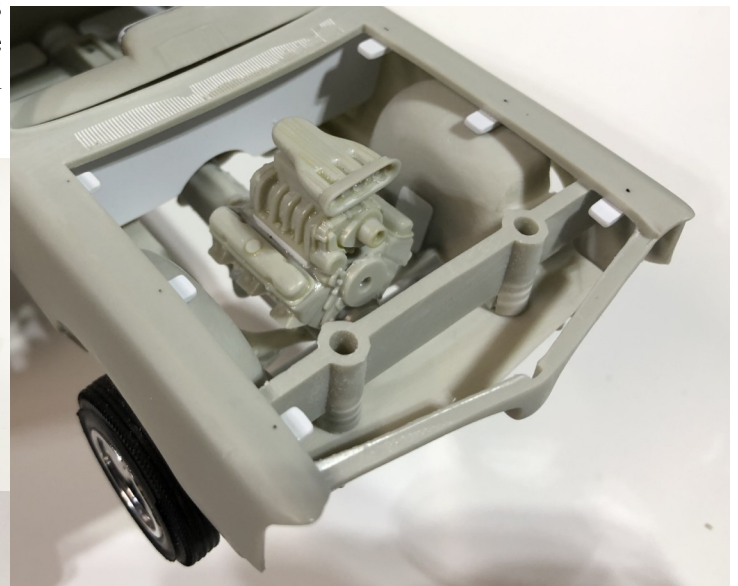
In the brief e-mail exchange we had, Kevin did comment on

this kit being one of the most ill-fitting kits he has ever tackled (*Ed. Note: I can attest to this!*)! He is trying to make the best of it, and I think you will all agree that what he has done so far is more than acceptable!

Great start, Kevin, and thanks for sharing! It's gonna be cool to see that one parked in the Reserved Parking area at a future meeting!

So, despite our government-on-again, off-again quarantine, c'mon—let's continue bringin' 'em and showin'

'em—virtually! Thanks, Steve! 'PoP' (Pontiacs on Parade!) **Sickle** signin' off! And don't forget—MAMA may not need all these Ponchos, but I'm diggin' 'em—thanks!! And here's looking forward to a better year in '21—Tim 🍷



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MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!

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freedom to integrate plates into the vehicle's design (*Thanks to GM Authority Autoweek, and other Internet sources for this insanity! Ya just can't make some of it up!! Thanks also to those of you in the Peanut Gallery who have helped entertain y'all by sending stuff—I 'preciate it!*)—Assorted sources 🍿

Websites

Central PA Model Car Club:

<http://www.freewebs.com/cpmcc/>

LIARS Model Car Club:

<http://www.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com/#>

Philly Area Car Modelers:

<http://www.pacms.org/>

NNL East:

<http://www.nnleast.com/>

Carlisle Events:

<http://www.carlisleevents.com>

East Coast Indoor Nationals:

www.eastcoastindoornats.com

York US30 Musclecar Madness:

www.yorkus30.com

Online Event Calendar:

www.NortheastWheelsEvents.com

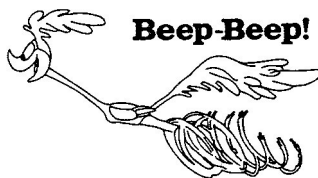
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model failed to reach the set minimum reserve price after attracting \$140,000 in bids. It seems the demand for the last production 2020 Corvette coupe wasn't nearly as high as it was for the first production model, which isn't very surprising.

The first production 2020 C8 convertible will cross the auction block at Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale next month—Assorted sources 🍿



Beep-Beep!

Classifieds

WANTED: Unbuilt/rebuildable Ponchos (*GTOs, specifically '68 MPC hardtops and convertibles, and '71 hardtops in particular!*). I have a collection to trade from. Want a Red Baron, an 1/8th scale Monogram '79 T/A, , '66 Bonneville (*MPC or Hasegawa*), '69-'72 Grand Prixs, '70-'81 Firebirds, and empty *Pontiac kit boxes*. Would like to buy/borrow *old model car catalogs*. Contact me at gtoguy@verizon.net, or see me at a meeting. *Thanks!* 🍿

Were on the web!

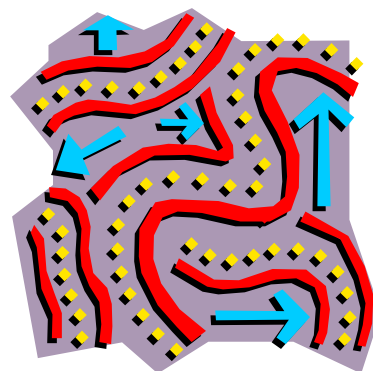
<http://www.mamasboyz.org/>

Directions

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 495/95): 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 (*read on!*)

Once on Southway: Go



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

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