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Car Show Season IS Back!

Another "**Get-together**" was held last month on the traditional MAMA meeting day at the MD Fire Museum, with no apparent response from MAMA's "old" meeting place in Greenbelt. With the current vaccination rate at a level allowing the state to "Re-open for business," it appears that the club may need to pursue a

new meeting location. Anyone with ideas is directed to provide info to a club officer for vetting.

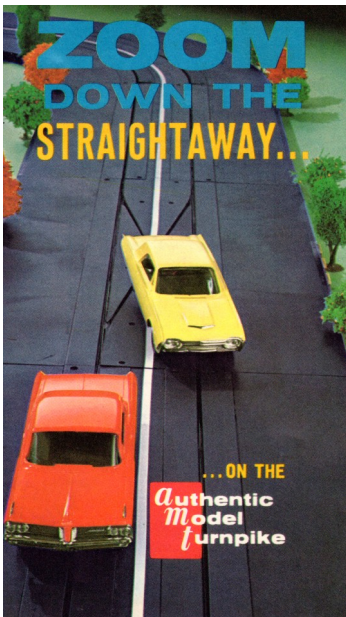
For current "Get-together" info, please refer to the last page.

MAMA's Boy **Jim Maness** provides a bit of entertainment this month with a small article on a local "Bi-scale" car show, which included both 1/1 **AND** 1/25th

scale displays. Check it out. Maybe this idea can be spread around local shows? **Thanks, Jim!**

Poncho Parade this month is an extension of the Virtual Meeting format, showcasing a few more Ponchos.

I hope all of you are doing whatever is necessary to be safe, especially if you are in the target groups. **Soon!**—**Tim** 🚗



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. 📞

Trans Am Resurrected!

The legendary **Trans Am** has been gone for years, but thanks to the **Trans Am Depot (TAD)**, there will be a '21 model.

TAD is of a group of car enthusiasts who make brand new custom T/As. The company was able to secure exclusive legal rights to the Trans Am, which has allowed them to make products just like the originals. They have teamed up with **Hurst Performance** for this new project.

The car, which is being called the "**Bandit Edition**" was unveiled at the New York Auto show. The creators have called it a modern representation of the legendary '77 Special Edition, which was one of the hottest T/As out.

It is going to be extremely rare, with the company promising to produce only **77 units**, making it possibly the most limited Firebird ever. It was even en-

dorsed by legendary actor and car enthusiast **Burt Reynolds**.

It will have an 840 Extreme Performance Package which will combine the 7.4L LSX V8 and a 2.9-liter twin-screw supercharger. It will have 840 hp and run from 0-60 in about 3 seconds, with a top speed of around 200 mph.

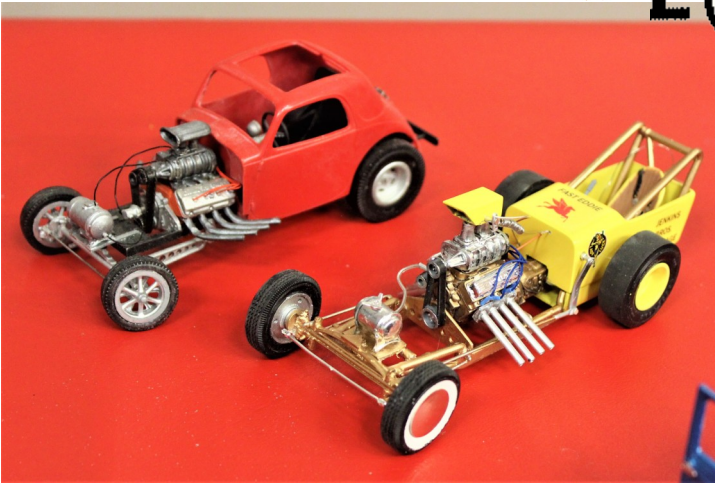
It will be available in both automatic or manual transmissions, and is expected to cost about **\$115,000**. Now, where's that MAMA checkbook, Matt?!—**Tim** 🚗

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"Get-Together"



LOOK!



I think the yellow rail is Steve Buter, while the red Fiat belongs to Mal Douglas. I apologize Mal!



Kevin Kovach has been busy here...



...and here!



A tasty duo from Dave Schmitt



A new magazine from across the pond, courtesy of Norman Veber

Virtual Meeting



LOOK



Bob Dudek's very cool '56 Chevy!



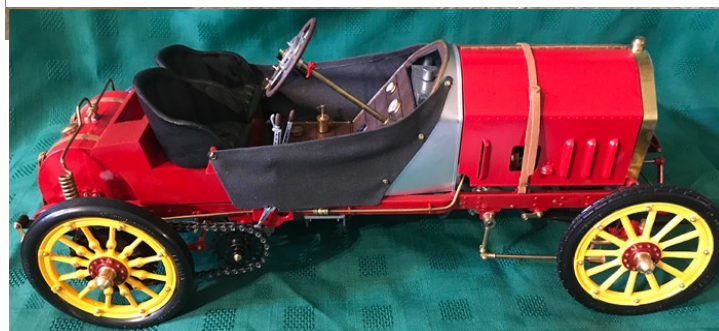
Paul Lee again submitted another handful of builds (30s Fords), highlighted by this pair



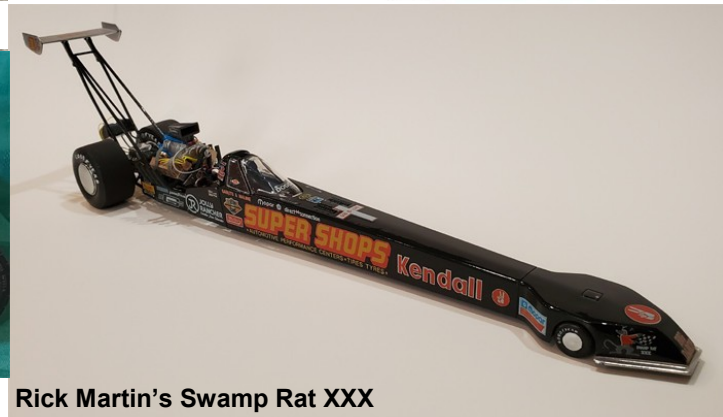
The "Buter Boys" return, with Steve's '64 GTO...



...Cary Buter with this '66 GTO, and...



...Kevin, with his 1/8th scale Pocher Fiat!



Rick Martin's Swamp Rat XXX

Virtual Meeting



LOOK



A retired Bruce Black finished this cool custom!



Joe Bush's "In-progress" Toronado



Ted Bonar's Aoshima Honda CB400T Hawk



Paul Lee built another handful, this month 30s Fords!



SweetSugarBelle

Help yourself to a cookie!

American Legion Car Show



On May 8th, American Legion Post 200 Auxiliary in Hampstead held their annual car show. As an added display, I brought about 20 models to display.

There was enthusiastic interest, as many participants reminisced about build models while growing up. There was even a show participant that has 120 models he is looking to sell.

This may be something others might want to attempt. Fair warning—be sure to bring along your “Do Not Touch” signs. With things opening up, this could really catch on!—*Jim Maness*

Thanks, Jim! 🍷



2021 Trans Am Firebird, courtesy of the enthusiasts from Trans Am Depot (refer to page 1)

'GMC' has issued a service update for an **unknown number** of **2021 Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra HD pickups** that may have been delivered with a damaged diesel nitrogen oxide sensor (NOX) connector wire.

A NOX sensor is used to monitor the level of nitrogen oxide being emitted by a diesel to ensure compliance with state and federal emissions regulations. A damaged or faulty NOX sensor can produce fault codes and can also result in a warning light illuminating on the instrument cluster. 'GMC' did not say what kind of issues owners of vehicles affected by this problem can expect, however.

Dealers are instructed to replace the 'Position 2' NOX sensor. These repairs will be done at no cost to the vehicle owner.

'GMC' will notify owners of affected vehicles and instruct them to make an appointment with their dealership. Owners can also use the contact information below to reach out to Chevy or GMC customer service with any questions or concerns they may have. This service update will expire at the end of the 'GMC' new vehicle limited warranty period, which is valid for up to three years or 36,000 miles.



'GMC' has issued a voluntary product emissions recall for an **unknown number** of **2020 Cadillac CT4 and CT5 sedans** over an issue related to the vehicles' emissions labels.

The vehicle Emissions Control Information (VECI) label may not contain the correct On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) system identifier for the OBD II port.

This problem does not pose an immediate safety hazard to vehicle occupants. The VECI label displays relevant emissions-related information, however, so it is ideal for the proper version of this label to be installed.

Since a new label can be easily installed, and to reduce any inconvenience to the customer, 'GMC' will send the label directly to customers along with detailed

instructions for installation. Customers can install it or, if they desire, they may take the label to their dealership for free installation. The VECI label is usually located under the hood of a vehicle, sometimes on the underside of the

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hood itself, on one of the strut towers or on the radiator support.

Owners will receive a replacement VECI label in the mail. If owners are unsure whether or not their vehicle is affected by this action, they can visit my.gm.com/recalls and type in their VIN to see any open recalls that may be active on it. Affected owners can also reach out to Cadillac or 'GMC' directly.

Correct labels—really? What can I say?! —Assorted sources 🤖

'GMC' Recall Ticker

of Recalls
214 (!)

of Vehicles Affected
53,454,551

C8 Watch

Not surprisingly, the '21 Corvette convertible served as the *Indy 500 pace car* for the 105th running of the “Greatest Spectacle in Racing” last month.

This year's Indy 500 pace car is a '21 C8 convertible with an Arctic White exterior, Strike Yellow accents and a matching Strike Yellow/Sky Cool Grey interior. It also has an exclusive stripe package, unique Stingray decals and rear-facing safety lights incorporated into the tonneau cover nacelles. These lights are joined by additional safety strobes in the headlights, front vent louvers and taillights. This will be the first convertible to lead the 500 field to green since '08, when a C6 convertible was drafted for duty.

“The Chevy team is privileged every time we're invited to pace the Indianapolis 500,” said Chevy marketing boss Steve Majoros. “We are confident the track-capable Stingray convertible will catch every race fan's eye as it leads the pack toward the Yard of Bricks. From the color scheme, to the special race weekend decals and how the safety lighting is skillfully integrated into the nacelles of the hard-top convertible Corvette's revolutionary appearance, we're putting Chevy's best on display for the fans.”

The pace car will feature a stock 6.2L LT2 V8, rated at 495 hp equipped with the optional performance exhaust, and a factory eight-speed dual clutch automatic transmission.

A Chevy driver last won the race in '19, when Simon

Pagenaud prevailed in a wheel-to-wheel battle with Honda driver Alexander Rossi to take his first Borg Warner Trophy. A Chevy has won the race a total of eleven times with nine different drivers in the race's history.

It seems like everyone is trying to get behind the wheel of the new C8 these days. And for good reason—with its mid-mounted, naturally aspirated 6.2L V8, the eighth-gen Vette has the goods to deliver. That said, you should always ask before driving someone else's car, something a few Chevy dealer service techs failed to do before taking a customer's ride out for an extralegal spin.

The video is pretty long, at over 30 minutes, including owner commentary and the entirety of the techs' joyride. The video was posted by YouTube user Jaysmizle, whose videos *GM Authority* has previously covered. He has had more than a few problems with his C8 in the past, including an odd glitch in the infotainment system that displayed the Cadillac logo on startup. Other issues have included a problem with the actuator for the hood latch, and various other electronic errors.



The latest issue, however, has nothing to do with the C8, but rather the folks assigned to work on it. After getting his car back from some routine maintenance, he noticed that it had quite a few more miles on it than expected. After checking the onboard Performance Data Recorder (PDR), he found that the Chevy dealer service techs had taken it for a joyride, accelerating to **104 mph**.

For those that don't know, the PDR captures high-def video using a front-facing camera, with overlays displaying critical data like engine rpm, lateral acceleration, and vehicle speed. Designed primarily for track days, it can also be used to document street driving—even if the owner isn't behind the wheel.

Understandably, he isn't happy about the situation—*Assorted sources* 🚗

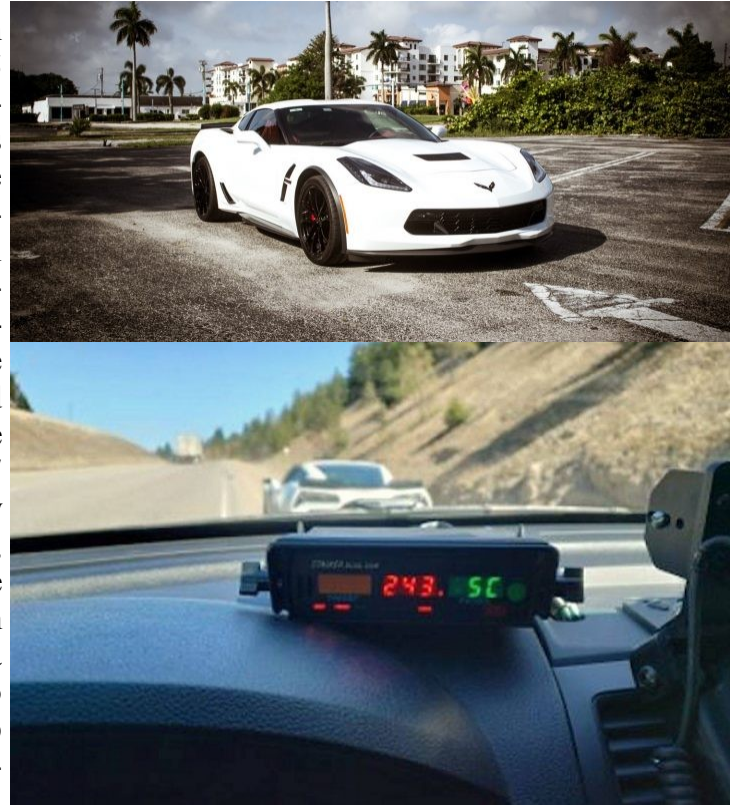


T 'n T

Super Speeder?! With track-bred performance and a thunderous V8 engine, the **C7 Corvette** is no joke. As such, anyone looking to unleash it should do so in the proper environment—that is, a racetrack. Unfortunately, one British Columbia resident recently decided to test their Vette on public roads, netting them some serious legal trouble. According to a recent report from local news outlet The Chilliwack Progress, the C7 driver was clocked at 243 km/h, or **roughly 150 mph**. That's more than double the 120-km/h speed limit. "The officer activated his emergency equipment and brought the speeding car to a stop, aborting the driver's 'flight plan'," said BC RCMP Traffic Services Media Relations Officer Mike Halskov, per The Chilliwack Progress. "The driver was issued an Appearance Notice for excessive speed, meaning that he must appear in court, where, upon conviction, penalties may be significantly higher than the maximum fine allowed by serving a ticket. In addition, the vehicle was impounded and the officer is considering other options, including submitting a High Risk Driver report to RoadSafetyBC requesting a lengthy driving prohibition." The standard C7 Corvette is equipped with the naturally aspirated 6.2L V8 gas engine, producing 455 hp from the factory. Higher in the model range, the Z06 is equipped with the supercharged 6.2L V8, which produces 650 hp, while the range-topping C7 Corvette ZR1 is equipped with the supercharged

6.2L V8, which produces 755 hp. Transmission options across the range include a seven-speed manual and an eight-speed automatic. While the need to speed behind the wheel of the C7 is undoubtedly quite strong, doubling the speed limit on public roads is a surefire way to end up in a heap of legal trouble—or worse.

Stay safe out there, folks...Godzilla is a V8?!? Ford is reportedly working on a twin-turbo'd version of its Godzilla V8 engine that it currently offers in the F-Series Super Duty line of trucks. The Godzilla V8, which is also available as a crate motor, is a naturally aspirated, pushrod V8 engine with a whopping 7.3L of displacement. The engine was introduced to the F-Series Super Duty lineup as an indirect replacement for the automaker's 6.8L modular V10 engine and is rated at 430 hp in its highest state of tune. According to



the website **Ford Authority**, the Blue Oval is now experimenting with a twin-turbo forced induction setup for the Godzilla V8 engine. Very little is known about this new twin-turbo V8, but **Ford Authority's** sources say the boosted V8 is being tested in at least two different Ford Super Duty test prototypes and describe the engine

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as a verifiable “monster.” Sources also say these prototypes can be easily identified as they have unique heat shields on each corner of the front end, along with a modified hood treatment, although photographers have yet to catch them out in public. As stated above, the 7.3L Godzilla V8 produces 430 horsepower in certain F-Series Super Duty models, though less powerful and more eco-friendly versions of the heavy-duty engine are also available in the E-Series cutaway and F-600, as well as the F-650 and F-750 heavy trucks. It’s safe to say the twin-turbo version of the engine would have over 430 horsepower, but it’s not clear how much more power it may produce, or what kind of vehicle application it may be used in. ‘GMC’ should keep its eyes peeled for more information on this front, though, as this Ford-built pushrod engine has the ability to steal some of the thunder from its own push rod small block V8s like the 6.2L, for example...**High-Priced Hummer!** Back in late March, the first production example of the **2022 GMC Hummer EV Edition 1** was sold at Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale, raising an incredible **\$2.5 million** for the **Tunnel to Towers Foundation**. The winning bidder of the auction won the rights to one once production of the battery-electric pickup begins later this year. It will be built at ‘GMC’s’ Factory Zero plant in metro Detroit, which is currently undergoing a major \$2.2 billion

renovation that will transform the 40-year old plant into a modern-day EV production facility. All proceeds from the sale will go toward the Tunnel to Towers Foundation—a non-profit that builds mortgage-free and fully accessible smart homes for injured vets, Gold Star families and families of first responders killed in the line of duty. The charity was started by Frank Siller, who currently serves as its chairman and CEO, to honor the memory of 9/11 first responder Stephen Siller. “One-hundred percent of the hammer price from this auction will resonate across America,” said Siller. “This donation from the Hummer EV Edition 1 will help build homes for our catastrophically-injured veterans to give them their independence and a better quality of life.” “We are thrilled with the auction results and what the proceeds will mean for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation,” added GMC brand boss Duncan Aldred. “We also recognize the support of Barrett-Jackson for this special occasion, which made it a 100 percent charitable endeavor.” Order books opened up immediately following it’s debut earlier this year, with the limited-production model

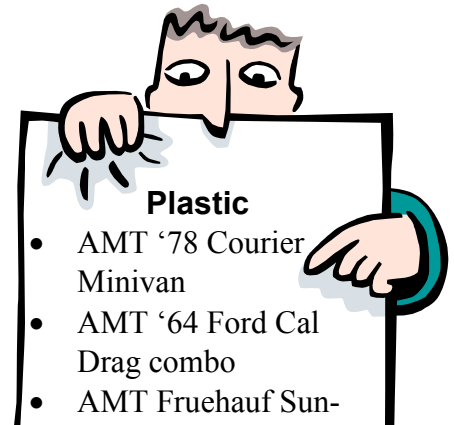


quickly selling out. It comes with a 1,000 horsepower tri-motor powertrain, as well as an Extreme Off-Road Package with 18-inch wheels and 35-inch tires, Adaptive Air Suspension, GMC MultiPro tailgate, 800-volt DC fast charging and the latest version of ‘GMC’s’ Super Cruise hands-free driving system. All Hummer EVs will tap ‘GMC’s’ BT1 dedicated electric vehicle platform, and will use an Ultium lithium-ion battery pack and Ultium Drive electric motors. While the Hummer EV Edition 1 is sold out, ‘GMC’ is still accepting reservations for the rest of the available models via its website (*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 🙏

New Stuff!



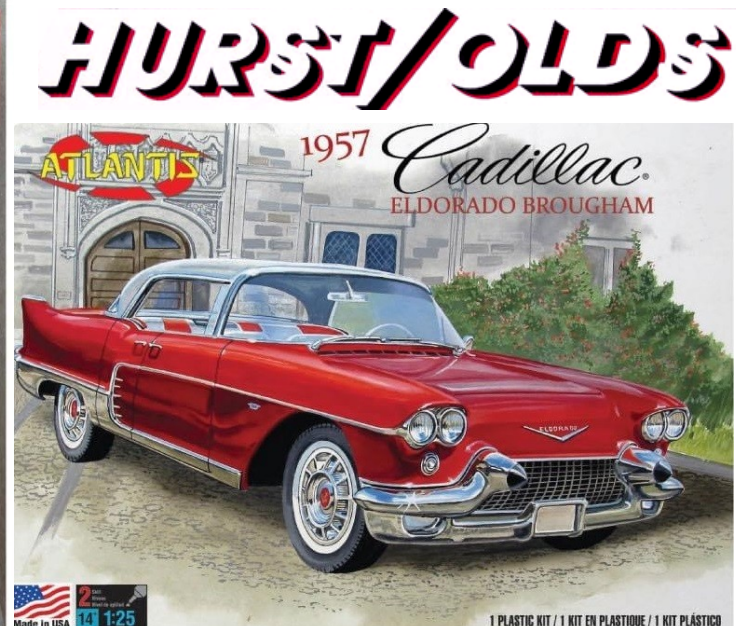
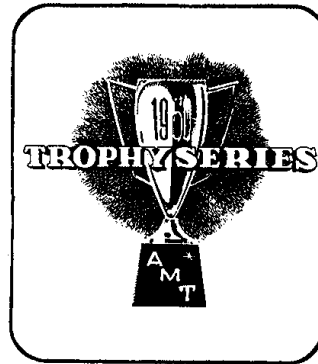
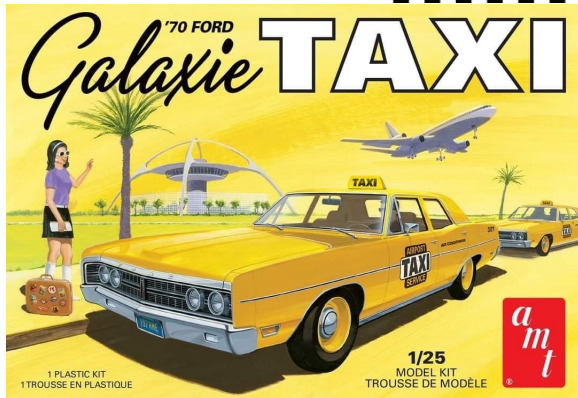
1/25 SCALE



Plastic

- AMT '78 Courier Minivan
- AMT '64 Ford Cal Drag combo
- AMT Fruehauf Sunoco tanker
- AMT '70 Ford taxi (late-June)
- Atlantis "Green Elephant" Vega f/c (1/16th)
- Atlantis '57 Mon-goose Chevy f/c (1/24th)
- Atlantis Tom Daniel Groovy Grader
- Atlantis Tom Daniel Unreal Roller
- Salvino's '76 "STP" Charger 🏆

(1/25th, unless noted)





With so many great models vying for space in the few pages dedicated to the “Virtual Meeting” in this newsletter, I thought that maybe some of them could receive attention here. Of course, that means that they would need to be of the Pontiac persuasion!

With that said, and without further ado, let me present to you some more examples of Poncho Power!

Joe Bush: Joe’s ‘67 Firebird project has just been “greenlighted.” His color choice for this one is rumored to be gold. Joe wanted Tiger Gold (1965-66), but the correct color for ‘67 I believe is Signet Gold. Either way, should be a sharp ride when completed!

Steve Buter: Meanwhile, Check out the duo ogling Steve’s ‘64 GTO screamin’ yellow zonker. I think that they are anxious to take her out to the local

cruise night. Who wouldn’t?!

Cary Buter: And finally, Cary has taken a page from brother Steve’s book on brand selection, with his Tiger Gold ‘66 GTO, equipped with all the “right stuff” - tri-power, 4-speed and redlines. A winner in *ANY-ONE’S* book!

So, despite our government-on-again, off-again quarantine, c’mon—let’s continue bringin’ ‘em and showin’ ‘em—virtually! **‘PoP’** (Pontiacs on Parade!) **Sickle** signin’ off! And don’t forget—MAMA may not



need all these Ponchos, but I’m diggin’ ‘em—thanks!! Here’s looking for a better year in ‘21—Tim 🍷



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MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!



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Websites

Central PA Model Car Club:

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

LIARS Model Car Club:

<https://www.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com/>

Philly Area Car Modelers:

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

NNL East:

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

Carlisle Events:

<https://www.carlisleevents.com>

East Coast Indoor Nationals:

<https://motoramaproductions.com/east-coast-indoor-nats>

Online Event Calendar:

www.NortheastWheelsEvents.com

If you would like to attend the monthly "Get-together," here is the necessary info:

The Maryland Fire Museum is located off York Road (1301) at the Beltway I-695, Exit 26B, in Lutherville, 410-321-7500. Go north on York Road and make the first right to go behind the Heaver Plaza Office Building. Free parking is available, and it is handicap accessible. No RSVP is required.

FYI—current Maryland COVID-19 guidelines will be respected and enforced.

Come join the fun! 🚗



Classifieds

WANTED: Unbuilt Monogram '66 Chevelle Malibu (*molded in black plastic*). There were **TWO** versions of this kit, and either **MAY** be acceptable, depending on the deal. Please contact MAMA member Russ Kirkpatrick at (410) 721-5439 📞



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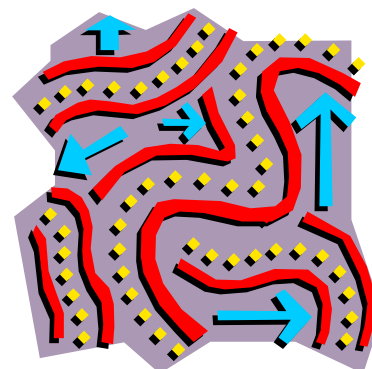
<http://www.mamasboyz.org/>

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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