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"Happy Thanksgiving!"

Another "**Get-together**" was held last month on the traditional MAMA meeting day at the MD Fire Museum. And again, Nick and I were MIA. We were in sunny Cali takin' a break.

Thanks to **Norman Veber** for Get-Together pix!

Due to circumstances beyond Tim P's control, there will be no **Virtual**

Meeting pix this month. Hopefully, they will be back next month.

Thanks again to **Howard Weinstein** for providing some interesting reading for MAMA members. So, now who has something that **THEY** wanna share, hmmm?

Poncho Parade this month shares more full-size Poncho Power from

the SEMA show in Las Vegas.

Pay attention to the piece on page 10, regarding **price increases on AMT, Lindberg, MPC and Polar Lights kits**. And for re-releases, yet (*see below*).

I hope all of you are still doing whatever is necessary to be safe, especially if you are in the target group—**Tim** 🍷



2021 **Get-Together** Schedule

In the near-term, with our Greenbelt location unavailable (*alternate locations are being considered, including the Fire museum*), interested modelers may "show up" at the Fire museum on the schedule listed below (*based on their comfort level*), from **10 am to 2 pm**:

- 👉 July 17th
- 👉 August 21st
- 👉 September 18th
- 👉 October 16th
- 👉 November 20th
- 👉 December 18th

Hope to see you there 🍷

NEW Stuff?!

The following info showed up on social media (*a.k.a. Facebook*), so, we may all want to hope that it is false, because if it isn't, then there is not a whole lot going for at least the first quarter of next year from the gang over at AMT. Read on for the purported release list, including **AP-PROXIMATE** release dates.

January, 2022

- ♦ Space 1995 Hawk MK IV

February, 2022

- ♦ '64 Ma-rauder hardtop
- ♦ '76 Chevy Caprice w/trailer
- ♦ Ramchargers dragster & Transport Truck
- ♦ March, 2022
- ♦ '58 Impala hardtop "Ala Impala"
- ♦ Hot Wheels Opel GT
- ♦ Star Wars Return of the Jedi AT-ST Walker
- ♦ '67 "Streaker Vette" Stingray

April, 2022

- ♦ Great Dane Dry Goods Semi Trailer
- ♦ Kenworth 925 Coca

- ♦ Cola Tractor
 - ♦ '78 "Wild Hoss" Ford Bronco
 - ♦ '82 Coke Dodge Ram D-50 Pickup
 - ♦ '05 Cadillac Escalade EXT
 - ♦ '40 Ford Coke Coupe
- No word on anything from Revell or Moebius, so we'll just have to wait and see—**Assorted sources** 🍷



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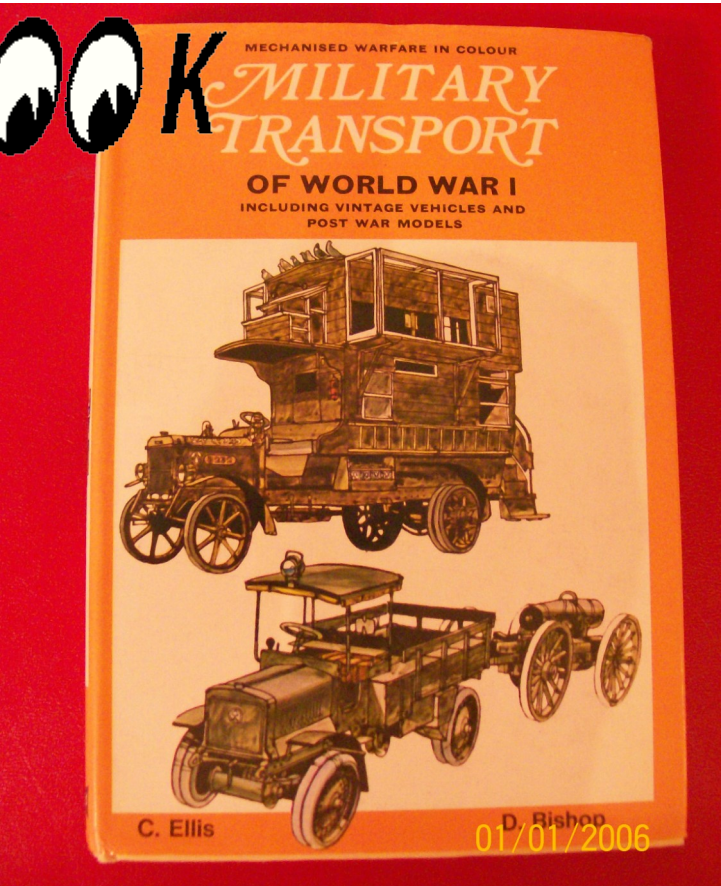
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“Get-Together”



'GMC' has issued a product recall for **3,241 2021-22 Chevy Silverado 2500HD/3500HD** and **2021-22 GMC Sierra 2500HD/3500HD pickups** due to an issue related to the vehicles' brake pressure modulator valve.

The bolt which attaches the brake pressure modulator valve assembly may not be adequately tightened, and thus may fail to seal the two sub-assemblies.

The vehicles with inadequately attached brake pressure modulator valve assemblies could allow water intrusion. As a result, an electrical short circuit may occur, increasing the risk of fire.

The pickups will have the brake pressure modulator valve assembly replaced by their local dealer, free of charge.

Owners will receive a notifica-



tion letter from 'GMC', which is expected to be mailed out by mid-November. Affected owners are advised to park outside and away from structures until the recall repair is completed.

NHTSA and 'GMC' have issued a product safety recall for **550 2013-17 Chevy Traverses** and **2008-17 Buick Enclaves** due to an airbag inflator explosion risk.

The vehicles may feature an airbag inflator that can explode upon deployment due to an unnamed manufacturing defect. The

airbag may have been installed either as original equipment or as part of a replacement driver-airbag module during a service event. This recall can be traced back to a fatal crash involving a 2015 Chevy Traverse that occurred on September 2nd, in which front driver's side airbag inflator may have ruptured. The airbag is manufactured by a Tennessee-based supplier called ARC Automotive.

An inflator explosion may result in sharp metal fragments striking the driver or other vehicle occupants. This can cause serious injury or death.

Certified 'GMC' service

techs will be instructed to inspect the driver's side airbag module and, if necessary, replace it entirely. This repair will be performed at no cost to the vehicle owner.

Owner notification letters regarding this recall are expected

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to be mailed out on November 22nd. Owners of these vehicles with further questions or concerns can also reach out directly to Chevy or Buick.

'GMC' has issued a product safety recall for an **unknown number of 2020-21 Chevy Silverado 2500HD** and **GMC Sierra 2500HD pickups** over an issue related to the factory spare tire.

The trucks were ordered with either the 20-inch accessory wheel and tire combo (RPO code REM) or the 18-inch accessory road tire (RPO Q2V). Despite being fitted



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with either 18- or 20-inch accessory tires, the trucks left the factory equipped with a 17-inch spare tire (*RPO ZHQ or RPO ZXT*). If this 17-inch spare tire is installed in the rear of the vehicle and one of the accessory road tires is installed on the other side of the rear end, the differences in revolutions per mile may prevent the anti-lock braking system (*ABS*) from controlling the rear wheels independently on low-friction surfaces.

If the *ABS* system cannot work as intended, there will be an increased risk of a crash.

Dealers will provide an 18-inch spare tire and wheel assembly to owners with trucks equipped with either the 20-inch or 18-inch accessory wheel/tire combo. Dealers will also apply a new spare wheel/tire information label over the existing tire placard label. Additionally, owners will be provided with an Owner's Manual insert explaining the 18-inch spare wheel/tire that should be used with the 18-inch or 20-inch accessory road wheels and tires.

Affected owners will receive a notification letter from 'GMC'. All affected trucks were also placed under a stop delivery notice on July 29th.

'GMC' has issued a recall for an **unknown number of accessory floor mats** that are offered for the **2017-21 Chevy Bolt EV**.

Vehicles equipped with these rubber all-weather accessory floormats ('GMC' Part #42686568) will not have adequate space between the mats and

the accelerator pedal, which can cause the pedal to become lodged by the floor mat. This problem can be tied to the grommet that holds the mat in place, which may shift and create a smaller clearance between the mat and pedal than 'GMC' originally intended.

If this happens, the floor may cause the accelerator to become depressed, leading to sudden unintended and unexpected acceleration. The vehicle operator can override the accelerator by pressing the brake, but this condition could still prove dangerous if the operator does not react in an ideal manner. No crashes or injuries have been tied to this problem, although 'GMC' has received a number of related complaints.

'GMC' dealers will replace the mats free of charge. In the meantime, owners of vehicles equipped with these floor mats are being asked to remove them from the vehicle.

Recall notification letters will be mailed to affected owners starting on November 29th.

Braun Corporation has issued a product safety recall for **639 2020-21 Chevy Traverses** equipped with its power-in-floor wheelchair ramp conversion.

These vehicles may have a condition where the screw and clip that hold the inner wheel-well plastic shroud in place may chafe against the transmission case, possibly resulting in a transmission fluid leak.



A transmission fluid leak could cause total transmission failure if the fluid depletes to a low enough level. If this happens, there may be a sudden loss of drive power, which can increase the risk of a crash. A leak in the presence of an ignition source also increases the risk of a fire.

Dealers will be instructed to replace the screw and clip that holds the inner wheel-well liner and inspect for signs of contact with the transmission. This repair will be performed at no cost to the vehicle owner.

Owner notification letters regarding this recall are expected to be mailed out on December 17th. Owners of affected vehicles with further questions or concerns can also reach out to Chevy or Braun directly.

Those who may be unsure whether or not their vehicle is affected by this recall can visit my.gm.com/recalls and type in their VIN to view any recalls that may be active on it—Assorted sources 🚗

'GMC' Recall Ticker

of Recalls

229 (!)

of Vehicles Affected

53,794,058

T 'n T

Christmas Wish Book?! A special edition GMC Hummer EV Edition 1 will be available for purchase via the **2021 Neiman Marcus Fantasy Gifts Christmas book** this year, giving **wealthy** Hummer fans the chance to own a one-of-one, special edition variant of the upcoming battery-electric pickup truck. The **Barrett-Jackson Hummer EV Edition 1** was created exclusively for the 2021 Neiman Marcus Fantasy Gifts Christmas book and was curated by automotive expert and Barrett-Jackson Chairman and CEO, Craig Jackson. The vehicle features a custom interior with two-tone black and red leather seats, along with red anodized trim and accents, Neiman Marcus badging, a bespoke Neiman Marcus steering wheel and model-specific entry illumination projection lighting. The buyer of this vehicle will also receive an electric charging station for their home complete with professional installation, ensuring they're able to keep the large, 9,000+ pound pickup charged. As part of the Fantasy Gift experience, the lucky recipient of the Barrett-Jackson Hummer EV Edition 1 will also receive VIP access for two to Carolyn and Craig Jackson's personal skybox at the 2022 Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction, which will be held from January 2nd, 2022, through to January 30th. The buyer will also have the opportunity to "drop the gavel" on the world-famous auction block and kick off the annual vehicle auction. The new owner of this

one-of-one vehicle will receive transportation of the Hummer EV Edition 1 provided by Reliable Carriers to a destination of their choice within the continental U.S., as well as priority parking with a charging station at their preferred Neiman Marcus store. Finally, Barrett-Jackson will donate \$10,000 to The Heart of Neiman Marcus Foundation following the completion of the transaction. The Neiman Marcus Hummer EV Edition 1 is based on the regular, series production Hummer EV Edition 1 and is thus powered by a three-motor powertrain putting out roughly 1,000 horsepower. This setup is enough to catapult the pickup from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat, with range-per-charge rated at roughly 350 miles. Prices for the **regular** Hummer EV Edition 1, which is now sold out, **started at \$112,995**. It's not clear how much Neiman Marcus is asking for its new special edition model...**REAL Hot Wheels?! The Hot Wheels Legends Tour** has partnered with Wal-Mart and Mobil 1 for a new



sweepstakes campaign that gives entrants the opportunity to win a

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brand-new **2021 Chevy Silverado 1500 Custom Trail Boss**. This contest is fairly straightforward. Qualified participants are allowed one entry each, with the winner to be announced following a random draw on December 17th. The winner will receive a 2021 Chevy Silverado 1500 Custom Trail Boss with an approximate retail value of \$60,000. There is no cash equivalent prize in this draw, either, so the winner will have to accept the truck as their grand prize instead of a lump sum. The exact specifications of the grand prize truck are not available at this time. The sweepstakes campaign is open to all legal residents of the fifty United States and the District of Columbia who are at least 18 years of age or older as of the sweepstakes open date of April 25th, 2021. Hopeful winners can enter via this online form at MobilPromotions.com, or text the keyword "WIN" to the shortcode "73876" to get the sweepstakes URL and then submit the entry form with all requested details. Those who'd rather take the old fashioned route can also write down their personal details including their full name, address, city, state and zip code, day and evening telephone numbers, and e-mail address and mail it in with a proper postage envelope to "Mobil 1 Hot Wheels Legends Sweepstakes" at P.O. Box 4006 Dept. W1832S, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. For those readers who may not be aware, the Hot Wheels Legends Tour is an annual travel-

ling car show that encourages car builders to create the most original and outlandish cars they can. The winner of the tour will have their car turned into a 1/64 scale Hot Wheels model, which will be sold at retailers across the globe, including Wal-Mart. A custom C6 Corvette with a Valarra body kit recently won the Houston leg of the Hot Wheels Legends Tour and will now go on to compete for top honors in the global semifinal round later this year. Last year's winner of the Hot Wheels Legends Tour, meanwhile, was a custom 1970 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am with a wide-body kit, air suspension and a modern-day iron block LSX V8 producing over 1,000 horsepower...**Musclecar Heaven Closed!** Just in case you hadn't heard, **Floyd Garrett's Musclecar Museum** in Sevierville, TN closed **FOREVER** on October 31st! So, no more musclecars, whether they are vintage or modern. Sad day...**Integra Returns.** Acura has announced it will revive the recognizable Integra nameplate as a "new compact premium entrant," which will go head-to-head with other small premium rivals like the Cadillac CT4 and Audi A4. The new Integra will likely share a front-wheel-drive based platform with the new 2022 Civic,



although in typical Acura fashion, it will probably set itself apart with a more powerful engine, premium exterior styling and a well-appointed cabin with more luxurious features. The Integra was one of the original two Acura models that were launched when the brand made its debut on March 27th, 1986—the other being the luxurious Legend sedan. The nameplate was discontinued in North America after the third-gen Integra went out of production in 2001, but enjoys strong brand recognition to this day thanks to the compact's attractive styling and fun-to-drive nature (*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 🍌



C8 Watch

Yet another C8 has bitten the dust. Sadly, this time, an innocent bystander and their pet lost their lives.

According to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, former Las Vegas Raiders wide receiver Henry Ruggs III was involved in a fatal DUI crash while driving a 2020 C8 early morning on November 2nd at approximately 3:39 AM.

“[In Las Vegas] a 2013 Toyota RAV4 was traveling northbound on S. Rainbow Boulevard, south of Spring Valley Parkway, in the right-most travel lane of three northbound lanes,” according to the police department’s press release. “A 2020 Corvette was traveling northbound on S. Rainbow Boulevard, south of Spring Valley Parkway, in the center travel lane of three northbound lanes at a high rate of speed. The Corvette veered right and entered the right-most travel lane, which the Toyota occupied.

“The front of the Corvette struck the rear of the Toyota. The Toyota came to final rest and caught on fire with the driver trapped in the driver’s seat. Clark County Fire Department responded to the scene and extinguished the fire. Despite their efforts to save the driver, she was pronounced deceased at the scene.”

“The driver and passenger of the Corvette were transported to University Medical Center Trauma to treat their injuries. The driver of the Corvette showed signs of impairment and was



booked in absentia at UMC Trauma.”

The woman who died was Tina Tintor, 23 years old. Her dog was also killed in the crash.

The passenger with Ruggs was his girlfriend Kiara Je’na Kilgo-Washington (*AKA Rudy Washington*) with whom he has a daughter.

Both are 22 years old, with injuries listed as “serious.”

However, Ruggs was released from the hospital and booked at the Clark County Detention Center on charges of DUI resulting in death and reckless driving, according to Metropolitan Police Department records.

At 9:51 PM the Raiders released Ruggs.

On Wednesday morning, the now-former NFL wide receiver made his initial court appearance wearing a neck brace.

According to the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Chief Deputy District Attorney Eric Bauman said that Ruggs was traveling at **156 mph about two seconds before the crash**, and at **127 mph when the airbags deployed**.

“I cannot recall a speed that high in my career on the bench,” added Justice of the Peace Joe Bonaventure.

The judge ordered a \$150,000 bail for Ruggs along with the highest level of electronic monitoring if he is released. Prosecutors requested a \$1 million bail.

Bauman said Ruggs’ blood alcohol level was **more than twice the legal limit**, and a **loaded gun was found in the car**. The legal limit for drivers in Nevada is 0.08 percent. FOX5 KVVU-TV Las Vegas later reported that Ruggs’ blood alcohol level was **0.161** and that the defense successfully argued down bail to \$150,000.

Chevy lists the top speed of the 2020 C8 Stingray, without the Z51 Performance Package, at 194 mph. Adding the package actually decreases the top speed to 184 mph—a 10-mph difference.

Ruggs’ C8 coupe involved in the crash was highly customized by Dreamworks Motorsports. According to its website, Ruggs nicknamed the car **#LIZZY**.

Over five years ago, Ruggs lost his childhood friend, Rod Scott, in a car accident in March 2016 on the way to attend a state playoff basketball game in Birmingham, Alabama. Ruggs pays tribute to him by putting up three fingers after big plays since Scott wore No. 3—*Assorted sources* 🍷

“Hell No!!!”

The annual SEMA show in Las Vegas took place this month, and included a long list of debuts and top-shelf custom builds. Among these was a new Chevy Silverado inspired by the legendary Burt Reynolds film “Smokey and the Bandit.” The new “Smokey and the Bandit” Silverado is sponsored by Toyo tires, partnering with Saleen Automotive, Inc. and Legendary Concepts from Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Based on a 2021 Chevy Silverado RST Crew Cab model, the new “Smokey and the Bandit” Silverado is fully customized from tip to tail, equipped with a bespoke widebody kit, new aero components, new wheels, and an upgraded interior.

The original “Smokey and the Bandit” was released in 1977, and

featured another ‘GMC’ vehicle, specifically a **1977 Pontiac Trans Am**, which was finished in black with gold detailing and a rubber-burning V8 engine. As such, the new “Smokey and the Bandit” Silverado keeps each of these attributes intact, but applies them to a Crew Cab pickup truck ☹.

Up front, we spot a large splitter jutting out from the lower bumper, plus bronze and gold outlining the



This...?



...or THIS!?

various intakes and scoops littered around the fascia. Large multi-spoke wheels are mounted in the corners, while a sizable spoiler was added the edge of the bed.

The engine spec is also pretty impressive. Lurking under the hood is an upgraded 5.3L V8 engine. Toyo tires states this is the L83, although it is more likely the L84. The engine

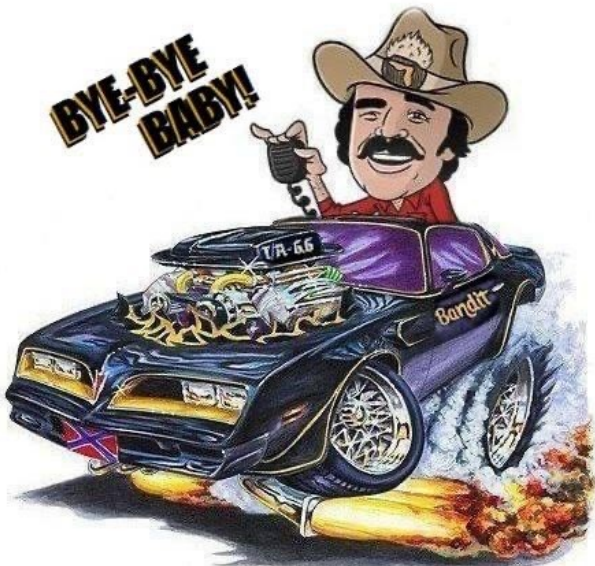
was blueprinted and topped with a new Magnusen DI supercharger kit, which boosts output to an impressive 700 hp, well above the factory rating of 355 hp.

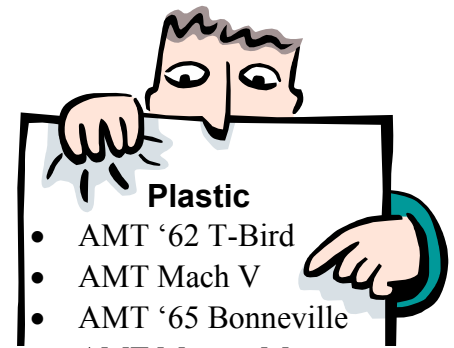
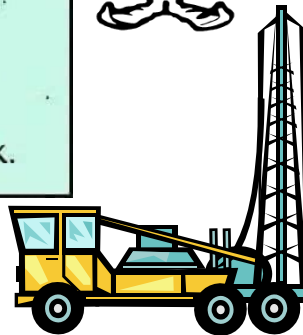
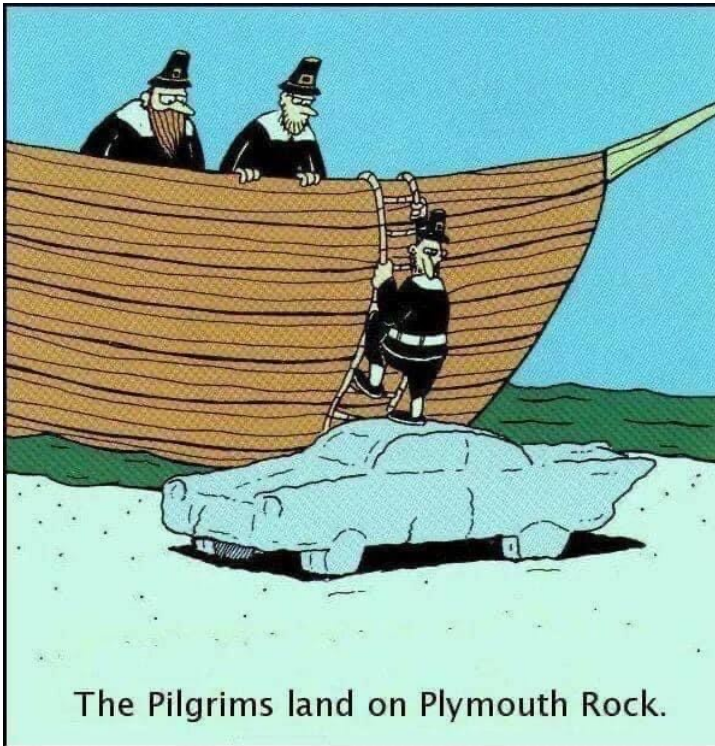
Complementary upgrades include a full Magnaflow exhaust system, Brembo's Monoblock 8-piston 4D braking kit, and Toyo Proxes ST III tires.

Now, I ask you—would you rather have a **big-ass ugh-a-lee** black Silverado, with gold bird and trim, or the much easier on the eyes—Special Edition Trans Am?! Yeah, that's what I thought!

Oh, and in another act of sacrilege, the former **Project X '57 Chevy**, was “castrated” (*robbed of its' ground-pounding V8*) and reincarnated as an **ELECTRIC vehicle!** Oh, the humanity!!—*Assorted sources* 🙄

The Bandit





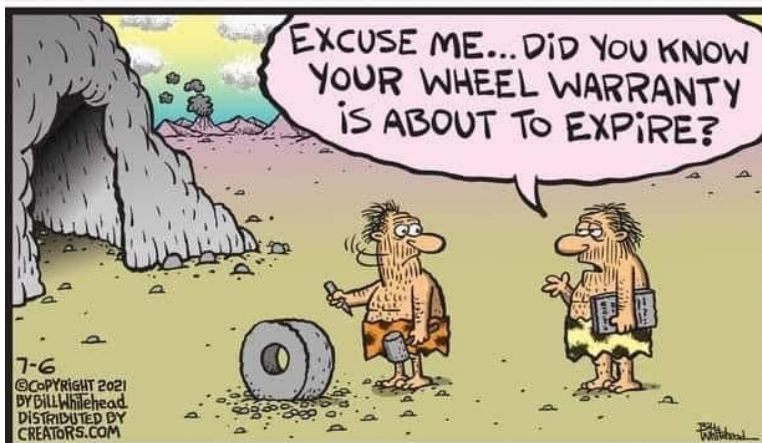
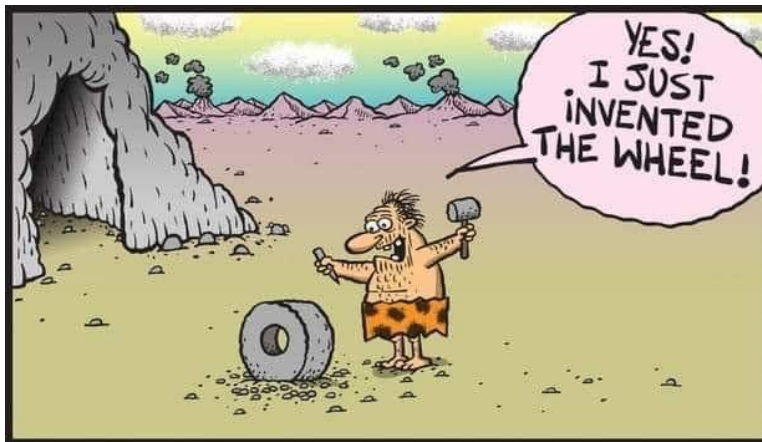
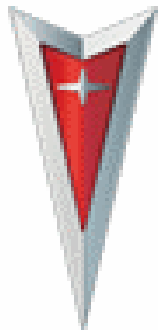
Plastic

- AMT '62 T-Bird
- AMT Mach V
- AMT '65 Bonneville
- AMT Meyers Manx
- AMT '63 Nova wagon w/trailer
- AMT '59 "Surf Shark" Caddy ambulance
- AMT '66 427 Fairlane
- AMT "Sandkat" dune dragster
- AMT Kenworth W-925 "Watkins" version
- Atlantis "Mooneyes" dragster
- Atlantis '71 Firebird (T/A, 1/32nd)
- MPC '74 Larson Vega
- Revell '51 Henry J
- Revell '30 Model A Coupe 🚗

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The "Arter Rake" ☺

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FYI Redux

Regarding recent items about kit price increases due to a combo of product and container shortages—both shoes dropped—**hard**. Sources confirm a **10% "Ocean Freight Surcharge"** will be added to the cost of all **AMT** kits (i.e., **AMT**, **Lindberg**, **MPC** and **Polar Lights**)—Assorted sources 🚗



This month, we revert to some full-size Poncho Power, making the scene at **THE** primo western venue in the country

With what I refer to as the “crate motor craze” (*a.k.a.* “*LS swap it!*”), this month’s Poncho Perfection column will be a refreshing change of pace.

This Firebird debuted at this year’s **SEMA show** in **Las Vegas**.

This ’69 Firebird built by BBT Fabrications is like no other Poncho seen lately, with every square inch of the car undergoing a transformation. The interior pulls subtle cues from the modern fifth- and sixth-gen Camaros with its silver-trimmed, double-pod cluster, but the parallels end there, with Pontiac medallions throughout the custom seats, console and panels.

The car rides on a Roadster Shop chassis with IRS, and just about every body panel on the car has been customized, including flared fenders, flush rear glass,

shaved drip rails, and a unique rear fascia and grille.

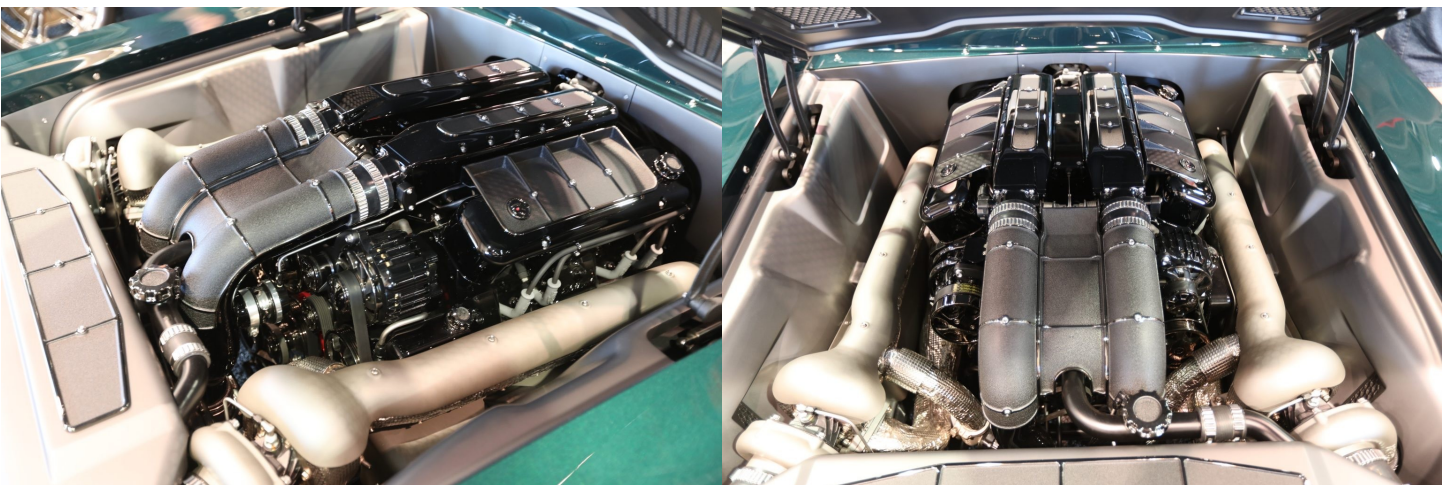
Beneath those massive extractors on the hood isn’t the typical LS, thankfully, but instead a **large-displacement Pontiac mill!**

The twin-turbo mill comes from **Butler Performance**, and makes somewhere “*in the neighborhood of 1200 horsepower (!)*” and sends it through a T-65 six-speed built by Bowler Transmission.

How’s **THAT** for makin’ the scene with a prodigious amount of Poncho Power?! That tops the recently released 1,000 hp Chevy

crate motor!

So, 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 2022—**Tim** 🏆



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MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!

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I can show you pictures of the
new Hummer, but the real ones
are too big to fit on the lot.



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/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 Prix, '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! 🍷

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