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2022 MAMA 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**:

- ☞ January 15th
- ☞ February 19th
- ☞ March 19th
- ☞ April 16th
- ☞ May—**No Meeting!**
- ☞ June 18th
- ☞ July 17th
- ☞ August 21st
- ☞ September 18th
- ☞ October 16th
- ☞ November 20th
- ☞ December 18th

Hope to see you there 🚗

Happy New Year—MAMA's Back!!

Another "*Get-together*" was held last month on the traditional MAMA meeting day at the MD Fire Museum.

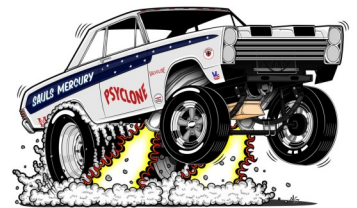
Again, for those MAMAs Boys interested in joining us in January, please refer to the schedule below for dates and hours, and the piece on the last page of this newsletter for museum location details. *See you*

there!

Poncho Parade this month shares some pictures from the annual *Poncho Perfection Buildoff Challenge* that I host on Facebook. Despite the name, any brand is eligible. The only rule we have is to have a good time building a model. If you think you might like to join in this year, ask me for details!

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

Bring on the model car shows!!—Tim 🚗



Thanks!!

I hope you all don't mind, but I would like to take this occasion, in the first newsletter of 2022, to offer up my thanks to all of you out there in MAMALand.

First off, to those of you who have attempted to help me with content (*or compliment me on it*) in order to keep the club amused (*especially Howard Weinstein*). Howard has started up again, this year, so watch for more from him in the coming

months. And, I hope others among you will jump in and add something as well. Hopefully, things will pick up, and content will be easier to come by, because, for a while, I'll admit that I was struggling. My retirement may also make things a bit easier, too.

Next, a big shout-out to our *new supplier Ron Shirey*. Ron jumped in when our original kit "*Go-To Guy*," *Ron Bradley*, retired.

Given the current "supply chain crisis,"



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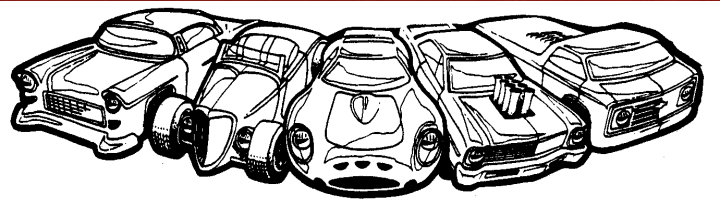
Ron seems to have done the best job possible in keeping us supplied with critical raw material.

He works consistently to improve his distributor chain, too, in search of the best deals possible on currently available kits.

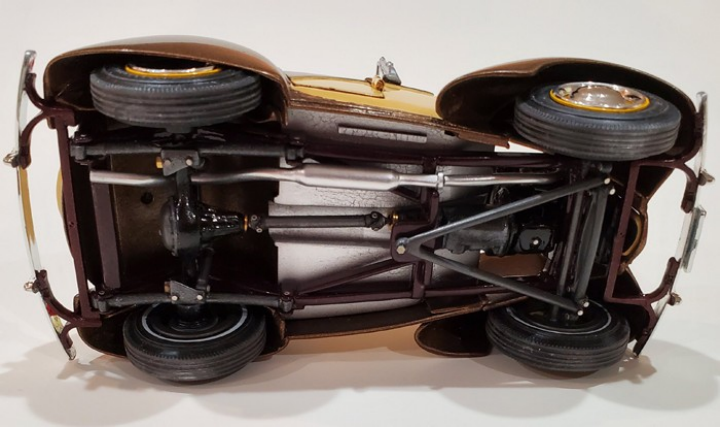
Here's hoping that things improve for 2022—*Tim* 🚗

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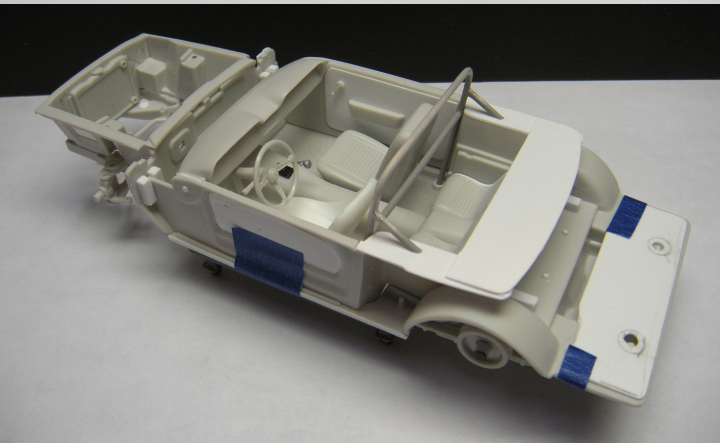
“Get-Together”  LOOK



Virtual Meeting  LOOK



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'GMC' has started a customer satisfaction program to replace the emergency jacks on **77,512 2021-22 Chevy Trailblazers** and **2020-22 Buick Encore GXs**.

They were shipped with a "mispositioned" emergency jack that may not be capable of properly supporting the vehicle. 'GMC' issued a similar customer satisfaction program over faulty emergency jacks in the same models earlier this year.

If the driver suffers a roadside flat, they may need to rely on the emergency jack. If the jack fractures while under load, the vehicle could collapse, potentially injuring people near or under the vehicle.

'GMC' will replace the emergency jacks that were shipped with affected vehicles with a different jack design that is capable of supporting the weight of the vehicle.

'GMC' and Transport Canada have issued a recall for **14 2019-21 Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra 1500 trucks** that were shipped with the incorrect factory spare tire.

They were all ordered with 18-inch, 20-inch or 22-inch optional accessory wheels. Despite the presence of the larger accessory wheels, the trucks are equipped with a smaller 17-inch spare tire.



Operating the vehicle with one 17-inch wheel and three 18-inch, 20-inch or 22-inch wheels can prevent the Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS) from engaging. A vehicle with ABS may have reduced braking performance or may be prone to locking up the tires under heavy braking.

'GMC' dealers will be instructed to provide the owner with the appropriate spare tire and will apply a new spare tire information label. These repairs will be performed at no cost to the vehicle owner. Owners will also be provided an owner's manual insert that says which spare tire should be used with the wheels and tires on their truck.

Affected owners will be contacted by their dealership to have the faulty emergency jack replaced. Buyers of vehicles that had the emergency removed prior to delivery will be provided with a replacement jack via a

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customer satisfaction campaign. If owners are unsure whether or not their vehicle is affected by this recall, 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 it.

The **Rivian R1T** has beaten the **GMC Hummer EV pickup** to secure the **2022 Motor Trend Truck of the Year** award.

In its summary of the newly launched battery-electric pickup, Motor Trend described the Rivian R1T as the "most remarkable pickup truck we've ever driven."

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Gov't (cont'd)

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The publication praised Rivian for re-imagining what a pickup truck can be, with the R1T serving mainly as an ultra-capable and practical family vehicle. It also complimented the R1T's ability to perform traditional truck tasks, though, noting its impressive off-road performance, towing capability and usable bed section.

Motor Trend provided reasoning for choosing the Rivian R1T over the GMC Hummer EV Pickup for this year's Truck of the Year award, as well – with the main issue being the Hummer's less-than-stellar value for money and capability.

"No matter how you compare it, the R1T's value stands up," Motor Trend said. "Put it against the only other electric truck out there, the GMC Hummer EV pickup, and the Rivian hauls more, tows more, has a nicer interior, has more storage space, drives better, rides and handles better, is only slightly slower in a straight line, and costs tens of thousands of dollars less."

When Motor Trend reviewed the 2022 GMC Hummer EV pickup recently, the publication said it liked the pickup's staggering power, fun-to-drive nature and four-wheel-steering agility, but disliked the vehicle's "absurd heft and size," along with its "limited towing and payload capacities." It also lambasted it for its "copious wind noise, cheap interior materials in plain sight, and exaggerated body motions."

In addition to the Rivian R1T

and GMC Hummer EV pickup, contenders for this year's Motor Trend Truck of the Year award also included the 2022 Ford Maverick and 2022 Hyundai Santa Cruz compact pickups.

Finally, in yet another blow to their corporate ego, 'GMC' is ***no longer the number-one automaker in the US***, ceding the top spot in US auto sales to Japanese car brand ***Toyota***. 'GMC' had previously held this position since 1931, marking the end of a ***90-year streak***.

Per the recent 'GMC' Q4 2021 US Sales Results report, 'GMC' delivered a total of 2.2 million vehicles in the US during the 2021 calendar year, a decrease of 13 percent compared to the year prior. Deliveries for Q4 of 2021 were reported at 440,745 units, a decrease of 43 percent compared to Q4 the year prior.

By comparison, Toyota delivered a total of 2.3 million vehicles in the US during the 2021 calendar year, an increase of 10 percent compared to the year prior.

Throughout the 2021 calendar year, US auto sales were dominated by the ongoing global microchip shortage, with dwindling supplies of the critical components affecting the entirety of the automotive industry. In response



to the shortage, 'GMC' prioritized its most lucrative and popular vehicles, namely its full-size SUVs and pickups.

Toyota has been credited as handling the chip shortage better than other automakers.

'GMC' says that it expects economic growth and increasing microchip availability to increase US auto sales in the coming year.

Isn't it interesting that the "New Kid on the Block"—Rivian, cleaned 'GMC's' clock for this prestigious award?

Sadly, its not too surprising that they are no longer Numero Uno in sales in the US—*Assorted sources* 🚗

'GMC' Recall Ticker

of Recalls

233 (!)

of Vehicles Affected

53,877,284

C8 Watch

In August, GM Authority brought you the story of a ‘GMC’ dealer tech who took a customer’s C8 for a joyride, even going so far as to engage in a street race with a Dodge Charger, hitting speeds of 148 mph on a crowded freeway. Now, it looks as though the customer will get a **brand-new 2022 C8 from the dealer.**

First, a quick recap of what happened. As covered previously, a C8 owner brought their new ride in for service after hearing a strange engine noise. The issue stemmed from a loose spark plug, which was an easy fix. However, the ‘GMC’ dealer tech that performed the repair wound up taking the customer’s car for an “extended test drive,” racing the mid-engine Chevy on public roads and hitting nearly 150 mph while racing a Dodge Charger.

Unsurprisingly, the entire affair was captured on the C8 Performance Data Recorder, and was promptly uploaded to social media.

Now, however, the customer will receive a brand-new 2022 C8 from the dealer. According to a recent report from The Drive, the customer was contacted by the dealer hoping to make amends for the tech’s wild test drive.

“The owner of the family of dealerships reached out to me... and I’m laying in bed and he texts me at 9 at night or something, just apologizing profusely and saying he wants to make this right,” the customer told The Drive. “And then [he offers] me a 2022 [C8], and that was pretty shocking. I

followed up with [the dealership’s general manager] the next morning and said ‘hey, when can we meet?’”

After arriving at the dealership the next day, the general manager met with the customer and presented him with completed paperwork, ready to order his new 2022 C8.

“We configured my 2022 together, [and] he let me push the submit button so my order is in with ‘GMC,’ ” the customer said. To sweeten the deal, the new ride will even come with the front lift feature and upgraded seats, two options his previous C8 did not have.

The customer says he’s very happy with the resolution.

“It’s not about the money, it’s not about anything else,” said dealer owner Inder Dosanjh in an interview with The Drive. “We do good [financially], we’ve got enough stores. This is about fixing the problem right.”

‘GMC’ filed paperwork with NHTSA to launch an investigation into reported problems with the eight-speed dual-clutch transmission found in the C8 Corvette.

Some C8 owners have experienced gasket failures with their car’s Tremec TR-9080 transmission, resulting in leaks, while others have observed error messages telling them to put the vehicle in park and take it in for servicing. Paperwork filed previously with the NHTSA indicates some prob-



lems could be traced back to “debris on the park position sensor magnet causing an incorrect position reading to the (*transmission control module*).”

After widespread complaints to ‘GMC’ and online, the automaker decided to launch an official investigation into the matter to see what’s really going on. The automaker sent out a letter to dealerships requesting technicians remove the transmission fluid filter when a 2020 or 2021 model-year C8 comes in for its first scheduled maintenance at 7,500 miles. Technicians are instructed to carefully remove the filter, place it into a plastic bag without letting the fluid drain out of it and mark it with the associated vehicle’s mileage and VIN. The filters will then be returned to the warranty parts center and later inspected by ‘GMC’ engineers.

A poster on [Corvetteforum.com](https://www.corvetteforum.com) previously shared communication from ‘GMC’ that indicated the transmission pan and gasket had been redesigned at some point during the 2021 model year. The older pan design, according to the poster, was made of steel and was connected via two

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IPMS RICHMOND

OLD DOMINION OPEN

SCALE MODEL SHOW & CONTEST

FEBRUARY 26, 2022

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Registration Closes at
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DRAG RACING!



THEME 3
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(Remembering
Le Mans 1970)

MARCH
12, 2022

VENDORS!
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Philly NNL is sponsored by PACM to benefit the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum.

All proceeds benefit the Museum.

- ★ **Date:** MARCH 12, 2022 ★ **Time:** 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- ★ **Location:** The Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum
6825-31 Norwiche Dr., Philadelphia, PA 19153
- ★ **Entry Fee:** \$12 includes Museum admission plus unlimited model entries
- ★ **Vendors:** Please email Bob Doebley at rdoebly@comcast.net or Ariel Hernandez at Hernandez@comcast.net
- ★ **Info:** Visit simeonemuseum.org, email rdoebly@comcast.net, or Hernandez@comcast.net or on facebook at facebook.com/PACMSimeone/

The Tri-State Scale Model Car Club Presents:

35th Annual

MAMA

Model Car Show **EAST**

SATURDAY **APRIL 23RD 2022**

RETRO THEME: **THE 50's** **SUB THEME:** **TINY CARS**



New Location

**WAYNE PAL BUILDING, 1 PAL DRIVE,
WAYNE, NJ 07470 USA. 9.00AM - 4.00PM**



27th Annual ***Mid-Atlantic NNL***

www.mamasboyz.org

May 14, 2022

9 AM—3 PM

Admission \$10.00 (*under age 16, free*)

“Tri-Five Vehicles” (ALL!)



Vendors



**Door
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Sub-Theme:

“Vehicles of 1970”



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**Vendor/Show Info—Contact Dave Toups
E-mail: davetoups351@gmail.com
Phone: (410) 239-7081**

**Make & Take
(Up to age 12)**

C8 (cont'd)

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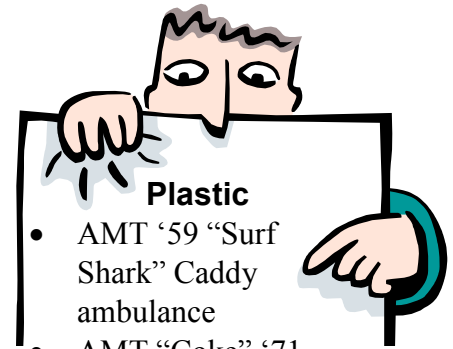
studs and 13 bolts, whereas the new pan is cast aluminum and features 17 bolts. The new pan also does away with two reinforcement plates used in the original design and has a new machined groove at its leading edge to help properly

seat the gasket.

GM Authority will feature an update on the C8 transmission investigation once more info becomes available. As they reported earlier, production of the C8's eight-speed transmission will begin at 'GMC's' St. Catharines plant in Ontario in the second quarter of 2022—*Assorted sources*



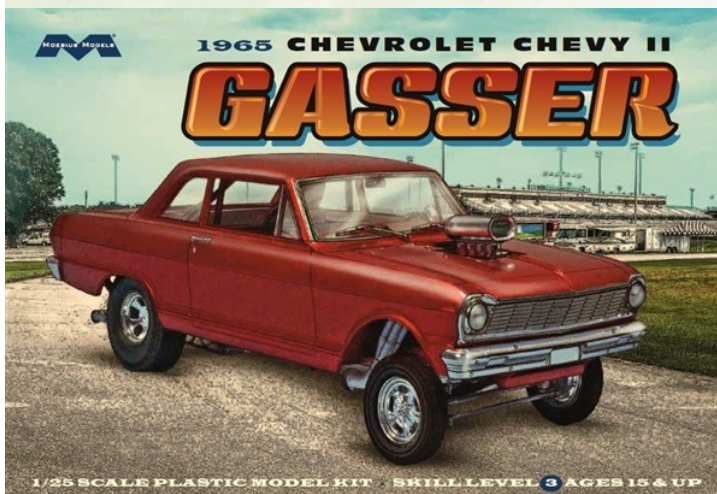
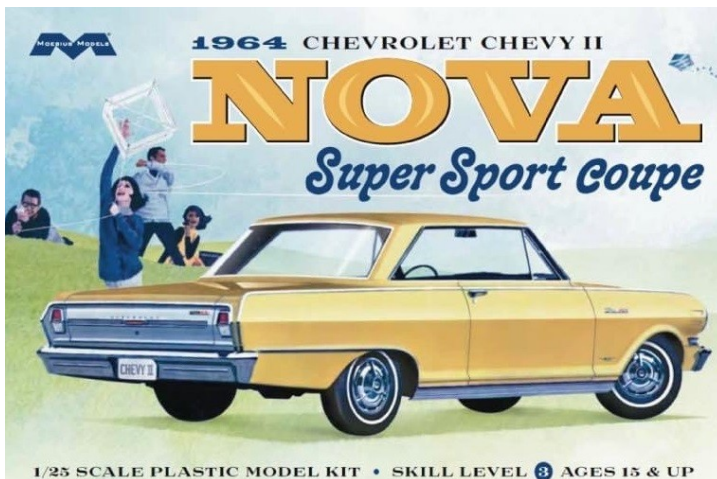
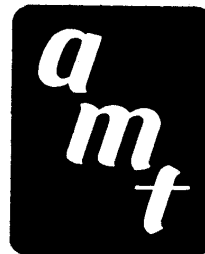
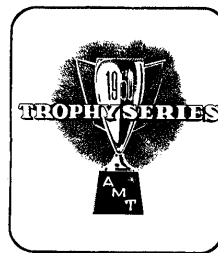
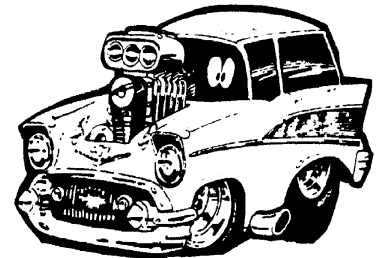
Ron's Rant



Plastic

- AMT '59 "Surf Shark" Caddy ambulance
- AMT "Coke" '71 VW Beetle
- AMT USPS '53 Corvette tin
- AMT "Hot Wheels" Ford Monster truck
- Atlantis "Surfink"
- Polar Lights "Hot Wheels" '69 Charger f/c
- Polar Lights "Godzilla's Go Kart" 🚗

(1/25th, unless noted)





This month, we will revisit an annual event on social media—the **Poncho Perfection Buildoff Challenge**, hosted by yours truly on Facebook.

This activity usually happens late in the year, when all 1:1 cars are all tucked snugly into their garages, leaving nothing to do for the car guys out there.

Participation is simple enough—you simply log onto the page, declare your intentions to build a certain kit (*or kits, plural, based on your speed*), create an album, and post updates along the way. You would also post a completion photo at the end. Sound simple? It is. Despite the name, any brand of kit is acceptable. It's more about the fun and camaraderie, than the brand. So, if you're not busy this year, consider joining in on the fun.

So, let's continue bringin' 'em and showin' 'em—virtually!

'PoP' (*Pontiacs on Parade!*) Sickie 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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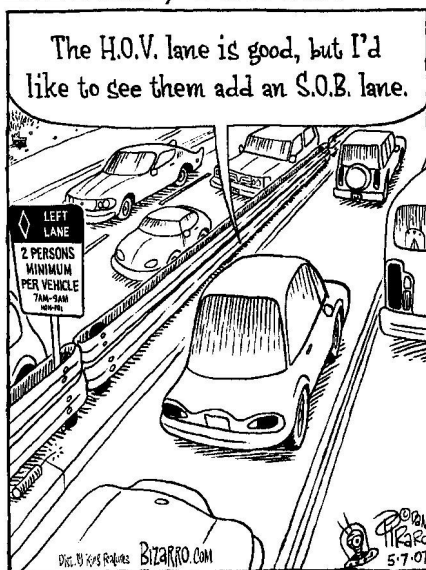
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MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!

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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.nnleasts.com/>

Carlisle Events:

<https://www.carlisleevents.com>

East Coast Indoor Nationals:

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

Online Event Calendar:

www.NortheastWheelsEvents.com

Club Contact Info

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!* 🍷

Were on the web!

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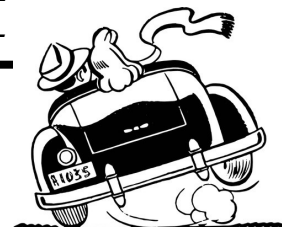
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