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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 1 pm:

- √ January 15th
- February 19th
- March 19th
- ♠MApril 16th
- ✓ May—No Meeting!
- June 18th
- July 17th
- August 21st
- September 18th
- October 16th
- November 20th
- December 18th

Hope to see you there 🚍

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Time To Go Racin'?!

An actual MAMA meeting took place last month at the MD Fire Museum. And I must say, it seemed it was back to "business as usual" with raffle and box collections. door More importantly, members engaged in the friendly banter we became accustomed to at regular monthly meetings, something that was

apparently sorely missed!

Again, for those interested, refer to the schedule below for dates and hours, and the piece on the last page for mu-

seum location details.

See you there!

The raffle raised \$86.00, while the door kicked in \$140.00, meaning that we more than made the rent. Thanks to the following donors:

Matt Guilfoyle, Tim Powers, Ron Shirey, Tim Sickle, Lyle Willits and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD. Thanks guys—we 'preciate it!

Show flyers included are currently informational only (NOTE Cancellations!). As the dates approach, we will attempt to make whatever status updates that are

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New Stuff?!?

What follows is a listing of supposed 2022 releases from online.

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- Batman Forever Batmobile
- "Coca Cola" Opel GT
- ◆ "Coca Cola" Kenworth W925
- Copperhead r/e dragster
- Ford C600 Garbage truck
- Gurney Lotus Indy car

- Meyers Manx dune buggy
- Rat Fink Fruehauf trailer
- USPS Ford C600 w/ box trailer
- ♦ Western Star 4964 tractor (1/24th)
- Kelsey Hayes wheel/ tire set
- Spokes & Stripes tire pack
- '34 "Sunoco" Ford pickup
- "Coca Cola" '40 Ford coupe
- ♦ '49 Ford coupe
- USPS '53 Vette (tin)

- "Gulf" '53 Ford pickup w/Modified & trailer
- ♦ '55 Nomad
- ♦ '56 Ford Victoria
- '58 Impala
- Dyno Don '62 Belair
- ♦ '62 Vette
- "Twister" '65 AWB Chevy II
- ♦ '65 Marauder
- ◆ '66 Mustang GT (snap)
- ♦ '67 Z28 Camaro
- '68 Vette Custom
- USPS '77 Pinto (tin)
- ♦ '78 Bronco
- "Coca Cola" '82 Dodge D-50

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'GMC' and NHTSA have expanded a recall for the *Chevy Malibu*, *Buick Regal* and *La-Crosse* that was issued over rusting suspension toe links. This expanded recall campaign includes *4,271 vehicles*, which are in addition to the previously recalled *213,128 vehicles*.

As was covered in two separate previous articles, the rear toe links in affected vehicles may have received excessive electrocoating corrosion protection. which can cause the coating to become brittle and break away when contacted by road debris. Over time, the e-coat may chip away entirely, exposing the metal toe link and making it more susceptible to corrosion. If enough corrosion accumulates on the toe link, it may eventually cause it to thin and ultimately fracture. This recall is only for vehicles sold or that were ever registered in coldweather states.

If a rear toe link fractures, the driver may be unable to properly control the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Dealers will be instructed to replace the rear suspension toe

links and adiuster fasteners in affected vehicles. These repairs will be performed at no cost. 'GMC' says parts for this recall campaign are not currently available. As such, owners will be mailed letters notifying them of the safety risk, which will

be sent out early this month. A second notice will be sent once the remedy is available.

'GMC' will notify owners of affected vehicles and instruct them to make an appointment with their dealer. 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.

A lawsuit has been filed against 'GMC' and LG Energy Solution over the defective, fire-

prone batteries used in the Bolt EV and Bolt EUV models.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of 30 plaintiffs in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan this week, according to The Detroit Free Press. The suit alleges the

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defective battery modules have reduced the resale value of the plaintiff's vehicles and limited their usefulness. Plaintiffs are represented by Powell Miller, managing partner at the Rochester, Mich.-based Miller law firm.

"('GMC' and LG) imposed limitations on consumers' use of their Bolts, those limitations dramatically reduced the value and usefulness of the Bolt, the resale value, restriction of driving range and when and where they can charge their vehicles—even where they can park them," Miller told the Free Press. "You can't park them inside your house because of risk of fire."

'GMC' initially recalled 2017-19 Bolt EVs after it received numerous reports of customer vehicles catching fire. It was then forced to extend the recall campaign to all Bolt EV and Bolt EUV units this summer, with the recall now including roughly 140,000 vehicles. The fires were traced back to a manufacturing defect in the battery modules,

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C8 Watch

A set of photos showing a lime green C8 that was split *in half* following a high-speed crash are being circulated online this week.

The photos were posted by the Mantua Township Fire Department, based in Sewell, New Jersey, to its own Facebook page on January 22nd. The gallery shows a modified lime green C8 split clean in half, with the passenger cell sitting near a wooded area, about 15 or 20 feet away from the rear sub-assembly.

While local police have not shared any official details on the crash, it seems as though the vehicle was travelling at a very high rate of speed, as the impact ripped the 6.2L V8 engine and eight-speed dual-clutch transmission right out of the car.

The two occupants of the C8 were later transported to hospital with minor, non-life-threatening injuries – a true testament to the engineering prowess of the folks over at General Motors.

"During the overnight hours, Rescue 2218 responded to Route 55 in the area of mike marker 57 for a reported motor vehicle crash with entrapment and fire," the fire department said in the Facebook post. "Crews arrived and were able to remove the patients inside the vehicle as well as extinguish the engine that was on fire. All pa-

tients were transported to local hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries. The crash is currently under investigation by the New Jersey State Police."

A user shared a photo they took of the lime green C8 earlier that same day in the comments of the fire department's Facebook post. Judging by this photo, the car appears to have been fully repainted in the eye-popping lime green color, rather than vinyl wrapped, while the brake calipers were also painted lime green to match. The car features the optional GM High Wing Rear Spoiler as well, and appears to have left the factory with the optional Z51 Performance Package.

It's possible the owner of this vehicle owned it for only a handful of months before totaling it.

> Ciocca Corvette, a highprofile Chevy dealer located in Atlantic City, New Jersey, shared a photo of an identicallooking lime green C8 to its Instagram page back in October,



which indicated the vehicle was available for purchase. If this is indeed the same car, it seems as though the owner may be paying Ciocca Corvette another visit in the near future.

A '23 C8 70th Anniversary Edition will join the '23 C8 Z06-based version of the limited-run model in Chevy's sports car stable this year.

The '23 C8 70th Anniversary Edition will feature all the same cosmetic enhancements as the Z06-based variant. This includes 70th Anniversary Edition exterior badging with a unique Corvette crossflags logo, Edge Red painted brake calipers, a stitched 70th Anniversary Edition logo on the seats, 70th Anniversary Edition sill plates, a unique rear bumper protector/trunk cover and a custom luggage set with red stitching and 70th Anniversary Edition logos.

Inside, these specially-equipped C8s will be set apart by Ceramic leather GT2 or available Competition Sport seats, contrasting red stitching and seat belts, sueded microfiber seat inserts and suede steering wheel. Just like the Z06, the 70th Anniversary Edition package for the '23 C8 Stingray

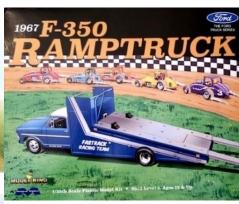


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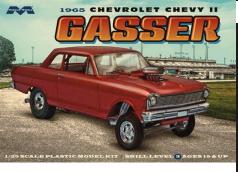










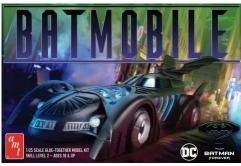


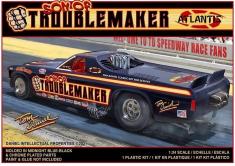














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"Vehicles of 1970"



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



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Auction News

Black and Gold Gold! A 1977 special edition Trans Am owned by Burt Reynolds sold at the Barrett-Jackson auction for a cool \$450,000! The car was not used in the actual movie, but was a gift to the actor. The sale included Burt's autograph on the glovebox door, an engraved dedication plaque on the driver's door and an autographed copy of Reynold's autobiography "But Enough About Me," a late 1970s-style "Trans Am" jacket and a "Bandit" cowboy hat. It also was sold with a professionally made show board and a DVD of "Smokey and the Bandit"... More Auction Gold. In case you had not heard by now, the Hirohata Merc sold at the Mecum Kissimmee auction for a \$1.95 **MILLION** whopping

BUCKS (!), a figure that I believe, surprised even the Mecum folks. It must be nice to have that kind "disposable income" (Thanks t oG MAuthority, Autoweek, and other Internet sources for this insanity! Ya just can't make some of it up!! Thanks also to those of vou in the Peanut Gallery who have helped entertain bvsending stuff—I 'preciate it!)— Assorted sources



Stuff (cont'd)?!?

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◆ '05 Escalade EXT

MPC

- George Barris Rickshaw
- George Barris T Buggy
- Ramchargers dragster/ transporter combo
- ♦ '67 Corvette
- ♦ '76 Caprice
- '80 Chevy Monte Carlo

Moebius

- '64 Nova SS coupe
- '65 Chevy II Gasser
- 65 Ford F100 service bed (limited reissue)
- '70 Ford F100 custom cab
 2WD short bed (limited reissue)
- '67 Ford F350 Ramp truck

- '68 Ford F250 Custom Cab Revell
- '37 Ford pickup 2 'n 1
- ♦ '56 T-Bird
- '66 Malibu 2 'n 1
- '67 Vette coupe
- '70 Buick GSX 2 'n 1
- '84 Porsche 911 Carrera (new tool)
- '84 Porsche 911 Targa (new tool)

Salvinos JR Models

- A. Bowman '22 Ally Camaro NASCAR Cup next-gen car (NGC)
- W. Byron '22 Axalta Camaro NASCAR Cup (NGC)
- ◆ C. Elliott '22 NAPA Camaro NASCAR Cup (NGC)
- K. Larson '22 Hendrickcars.com Camaro NASCAR Cup (NGC)

There may be more down the road, because I've heard rumors of things that aren't on this list. So, not much exciting here, folks. But if you see something you like, you may want to get your orders in now—Assorted sources





Gov't (cont'd)

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which are produced by LG Energy Solution at two facilities in Michigan and South Korea.

'GMC' has released a software update for affected vehicles that reduces the risk of battery module fires, however this limits the vehicle's usable range to around 90 percent and customers are advised to not let the range dip below 70 miles. The automaker had previously advised customers to avoid parking their Bolt EV or Bolt EUV within 50 feet of another vehicle and to avoid parking it in covered garages.

The automaker has already filed a motion to dismiss the Michigan lawsuit, saying it did not know about the battery defect prior to the sale of the vehicles and moved quickly to address the problem. Plaintiffs are seeking damages "well in excess," of \$5 million in the class action suit, Miller told the Free Press. Miller's firm is seeking class-action status for this filing, at which point Bolt owners will be able to join the suit.

'GMC' has paused production of the Bolt EV and Bolt EUV at its Lake Orion Assembly plant until at least the end of January 2022 as it focuses on getting replacement battery modules and other recall repair parts to owners of affected vehicles.

'GMC' is facing a new classaction lawsuit over claims the automaker shipped vehicles with faulty eight-speed automatic transmissions.

This class-action suit was filed against 'GMC' in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division. According to Car Complaints, the plaintiffs say the 'GMC' eightspeed automatic transmissions in certain vehicles "slip, buck, kick, jerk, harshly engage, suffer abnormal internal wear, sudden acceleration, delayed acceleration and downshifts, difficulty stopping the vehicle, and eventually require replacement of the transmission or its components." These problems are allegedly traced back to an issue with the torque converter that causes excess friction.

The lawsuit also cites more than 60 technical service bulletins and service updates put out by 'GMC' regarding the eight-speed transmission problems, saying these documents are evidence 'GMC' was aware of problems with the transmission and decided to sell the affected vehicles any-

way. Separately, C7 owner complaints submitted to *Car Complaints* back in 2015 stated they were told by a "'GMC' insider" that the automaker was " aware some transmissions are defective and is working on a kit to fix the fluid starvation problem inter-

nally," which is allegedly the reasoning for the shuddering/jerking transmissions.

Numerous class-action suits have been filed against 'GMC' over its 8L45E and 8L90 eightspeed automatic transmissions in recent years. The automaker sought to have one of these suits thrown out last August, claiming the transmission problems are related to a design defect and not a manufacturing defect. 'GMC's vehicle warranties only cover manufacturing defects with parts and components and not design defects. Most of these suits claim all vehicles with these eight-speed transmissions are defective, which would imply a design defect and not a manufacturing defect.

This latest class-action suit calls on 'GMC' to reform its warranties to address these transmission problems and also issue a recall for affected vehicles.

The full list of vehicles in this class-action suit includes: 2015-19 Cadillac Escalade/Escalade ESV, 2016-19 Cadillac ATS/ATS-V/CTS/CTS-V/CT6, 2015-19 Chevy Silverado, 2017-19 Chevy Colorado, 2015-19 Corvette, 2016-19 Camaro, 2017-19 GMC Canyon and 2015-19 GMC Sierra/Yukon/Yukon XL.

I'll say it again—I am so glad that Pontiac isn't a party to the current constant 'GMC' "Chinese Fire Drills"—Assorted sources

WE FIGURED IT MIGHT SAVE SOME TIME...

'GMC' Recall Ticker

of Recalls
234 (!)

of Vehicles Affected
53.881.555

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C8 (cont'd)

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will be offered on both coupe and convertible models in the range-topping 3LZ trim level only. Customers will be able to choose from a total of two exterior themes: White Pearl Metallic Tri-coat with optional Satin Gray stripes and Carbon Flash Metallic with optional Satin Black stripes.

All '23 C8s, including those not equipped with the 70th Anniversary Edition package, will also feature a commemorative 70th anniversary interior plaque located on the center speaker grille and a 70th Anniversary graphic imprinted on the lower rear window.

"Passion for Corvette runs deep at Chevy and this anniversary is extra special because of the excitement and sales success we've achieved with the eighth generation of America's iconic sportscar," said vice president of Chevrolet marketing Steve Majoros. "Even after 70 years, Corvette still makes hearts race and kids dream of the open road."

Production of the '23 C8 Z06 70th Anniversary Edition will commence later this year at the GM Bowling Green Assembly plant in Kentucky.

The '23 C8 Z06 is here, debuting last October and upping the ante with a new level of performance for the mid-engine C8. Now, as is tradition, the very first retail production '23 C8 Z06 will be auctioned off for charity.

Unsurprisingly, the highest bidder for the first retail C8 Z06 is none other than *Rick Hendrick*, CEO of Hendrick Companies.

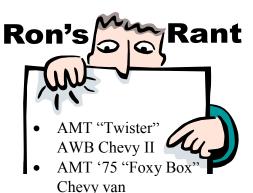
Hendrick has an affinity for purchasing the first production unit of high-performance 'GMC' machines and his company has many 'GMC' dealers under its umbrella. One hundred percent of Hendrick's \$3.6 million winning bid benefits non-profit organization Operation Homefront. Retired Corvette Racing champ Oliver Gavin had the honor of driving it across the auction block.

Just for reference, when Barrett-Jackson auctioned off the first production '20 C8 coupe back in '20, *NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick* nabbed it for a cool *\$3 mil*, with all proceeds benefitting the Detroit Children's Fund.

Production of the new C8 Z06 has yet to hit full stride, and as such, details on the '23 C8 sold with this auction are not set in stone. However, it is expected to be a hardtop model, rather than a convertible, with the auction winner selecting from the Z06's many options, which includes 12 exterior colors and seven interior colors, not to mention the highly desirable Z07 Performance package.

What's more, it's possible the car may not even bear the coveted "VIN 001," as the auction states that "depending on the state of registration of the buyer, the vehicle may require an inspection and be subject to a state-issued VIN and/or other requirements of that state."

However, like all '23 C8 Z06 models, this one will be equipped with the naturally aspirated 5.5L V8 gas engine, featuring a flat-plane crank, an 8,600-rpm redline, and 670 hp. The exterior will have a wider stance than the C8 Stingray, as well as more aggressive



- AMT Tommy Ivo R/E dragster
- Atlantis "Fireball" dragster
- Moebius '64 Chevy II SS
- Moebius '65 Chevy II Gasser
- MPC "The Californian"
- MPC Monte Carlo Super stocker
- MPC Rupp snowmobile dragster



aero and a unique rear fascia with a center-mounted exhaust

Production set to take place shortly at the GM Bowling Green facility in Kentucky—Assorted sources





This month, we will take a look at a new Pontiac resin item, namely, a *1973 Grand Prix*.

Let me start off by saying that I do not actually have this item as of this review. It was spotted by me on a Facebook page, shared by John Papp.

The transkit in question comes from *Tapani Rauramo*, of *Air-*

Trax Resins. As you can see from the pictures, it appears fairly comprehensive, even including a small

photoetch fret for some smaller details. No word on a donor kit chassis.

From what I understand, the kit retails for \$100. If you are interested, or would like fur-

ther info, you can contact him via e-mail at <u>raurata@yahoo.com</u>. And, tell him I sent ya! And thanks not only to Tapani, but also to John Papp for posting it!

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!

Racin' (cont'd)

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Poncho Parade reports on a new resin offering of a classic Pontiac.

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

Bring on the model car shows!! And, let's hope there are no more cancellations!—Tim



Websites

Central PA Model Car Club:

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

LIARS Model Car Club:

https://www.liarsmodelcarbuilder s.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 "Gettogether," 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.

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

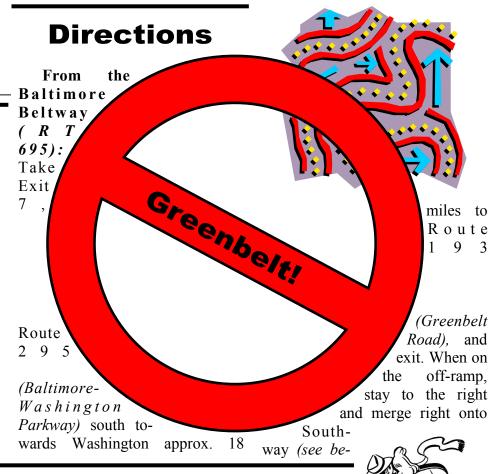
No RSVP is required.

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 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!

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