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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
- 📅 April 16th
- 📅 May—**No Meeting!**
- 📅 June 18th
- 📅 July 17th
- 📅 August 21st
- 📅 September 18th
- 📅 October 16th
- 📅 November 20th
- 📅 December 18th

Hope to see you there 📅

Show Season—Yay, or Nay?!

Another MAMA meeting took place last month at the MD Fire Museum. We may be starting a trend here! And I must say, more people seem to be showing up v for "business as usual" with raffle and door box collections, the friendly banter we became accustomed to at regular monthly meetings.

Again, for those in-

terested, refer to the schedule below for dates and hours, and the piece on the last page for museum location details. **See you there!**

The raffle raised **\$88.00**, while the door kicked in **\$130.00**, meaning that we more than made the rent. Thanks to the following donors: **Steve Buter, Mike Costic, Matt Guilfoyle,**

Rich Meany, Tim Powers, Ron Shirey, Tim Sickie, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD. Thanks guys—we 'preciate it!

The show situation is stark: The Richmond ODO was held, but, the Philly NNL and NNL East are both cancelled. As of right now, our show is a go.

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T 'n T?!

A pair of authentic **1984 Indy 500 Pace Car Edition Fieros** is currently being auctioned off via **Bring-A-Trailer**, presenting a rare opportunity for a Pontiac or American open-wheel racing fan to lock down two examples of this somewhat rare piece of 'GMC' history.

'GMC' built just 2,000 examples of the 1984 Indy 500 Fiero Pace Car Edition, which serve as a nod to the ac-



tual Fiero pace car that led the Indy 500 to green that year. Each car featured a two-tone white and silver exterior with matching white-painted alloy wheels, 'Official Pace Car' body side decals, a 'Pontiac' windshield decal, a standard glass sunroof, quad-tip

exhaust outlets and a rear spoiler.

The Indy 500 Pace Car Edition Fiero also featured an eye-popping two-tone interior with white and grey leather upholstery, red seat inserts and red carpeting. A white leather-wrapped

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MAMA Meeting LOOK



Virtual Meeting LOOK



Ford's Buyer's Digest 1959-67: Men vs. Women

Car sales boomed in the 1960s, and women were a big reason why.

Growing suburban families found one car in every garage was no longer enough. They needed two—one for Dad to drive to work, the second for stay-at-home Mom's busy days spent shopping at the local supermarket and shiny new suburban malls, and hauling the kids to Boy and Girl Scout meetings, beach clubs, music lessons and little league games. In addition, as more women—both

single and married—entered the work force, they began buying their own cars in ever-greater numbers for the first time.

Using increasingly sophisticated *Mad Men*-era market research, car companies soon realized—as Tom and Ray Magliozzi of *Car Talk* radio fame used to say—“Men are from GM, Women are from Ford.” Selling cars in a changing market environment meant finding new ways to appeal to the increasing population of female drivers and buyers.

Many of those strategies turned up in Ford's annual *Buyer's Digest* articles. In the fifth in our series of time-traveling looks back at these fascinating Ford publications, here's a sampling of what the marketing boys had up their sleeves in the '60s.

Check out the following pages for graphics referenced in the aforementioned paragraphs.

Thanks again to Howard for stepping up and helping out with newsletter content. Who's next?

by: Howard Weinstein 🍷

Mustang Car Show?!





It's a Woman's World on Wheels

by Mary Motorwise



Dear Mary, After 11 years of marriage I still get all choked up every time my husband and I take a drive in the winter. It's just that pipe smoke gets in my eyes. And my husband says he won't give up his pipe. What can I do?

FUMIGATED

Dear Fumigated, Pass that peace pipe. One solution: wear a scuba diver's mask. Or get a new Ford with Comfort-Stream Ventilation. It siphons off smoky air. You enjoy a steady flow of clean air directed just where you want it. And he can smoke in peace.

Dear Mary, My husband is a real sports addict. Whenever we go on a trip and get on one of those big turnpikes, he tunes me out and tunes in a baseball or a football game on the radio. I can learn to live with this except for one thing: during a baseball game he slows down gradually without realizing it till cars start bunching up behind us. When he's got a football game going the excitement seems contagious and he edges up above the speed limit. What can I do about it?

BAFFLED

Dear Baffled, Ford has just the thing for you. Rx: the Fingertip Speed Control. Especially designed for turnpike driving, the Speed Control lets you choose your desired speed (anywhere from 25 to 80 mph)—and cruise with your foot off the accelerator. No worry about going too fast, or too slow either up hill or down.

Dear Mary, My husband is threatening to leave me. All because of Bach. I listen to him constantly. Yesterday I got so wrapped up listening to him at home that I forgot to pick up my husband's suits at the cleaner's. Another time I was late picking my husband up at the station.

BACH LOVER

Dear Bach Lover, Act fast. There is room in your life for your two loves. Order a new Ford with stereo tape and listen to Bach as you go to the cleaner's or the station. One tape plays up to 70 minutes of stereophonic music from a self-contained, easy-to-change cartridge.

Dear Mary, Before I was married I worked as an efficiency expert.

Three children, two dogs and a litter of kittens later I find that life can get pretty chaotic, especially when I've got an arm load of groceries and I'm trying to get half a pack of cub scouts piled into a station wagon. I must be doing something wrong.

DISHEVELED

Dear Disheveled, First

stop—the hairdresser's. You're always better equipped to handle minor crises with a new hairdo. Second stop—your Ford Dealer's—where you'll find the wagon everyone's talking about. The one with the exclusive Magic Doorgate. You'll love the way it opens down like a tailgate for loading groceries . . . and swings out like a door when you're chauffeuring children or grown-ups. In no time you'll be your old efficient self again.



Dear Mary, We enjoy living like millionaires. But it's not easy. Especially if your husband is in the diplomatic corps. And part of your job is entertaining oil-rich sheiks and ambassadors. Our car looks so shabby. Is there any way for people like us to stay on a budget—and dazzle a sheik or two?

DRY WELL

Dear Dry Well, You could get out your Aladdin's lamp and wish for a shiny new limousine. Or better still—get a shiny new LTD by Ford! With its long sleek lines, thick carpeting and expensive woodlike trim, LTD looks like one of the \$17,000 imports and it rides as quietly as they do, too. The only problem you'll have is when your sheik finds it so chic he wants to take it home with him.

Dear Mary, I'm a shy schoolteacher in a small town. There's not much of a social whirl here and my maiden aunt is worried I'll follow in her footsteps. I am young, attractive with dark blonde hair that I wear pulled back and a 4-year-old compact that's seen better days. What can I do to meet new friends—give up and move away to the big city?

MISS PARKS

Dear Miss Parks, One—go summer blonde and let your hair swing. Two—buy a pants suit in a muted beige plaid and wear it with a poison green turtleneck—after school's out, of course! Three—get a bright red Mustang 2+2 and drive it everywhere. Concentrate on the ski areas.

P.S. If things get too lively let us know.

Dear Mary, My husband is on an antivacation kick. He says our 4 kids are so restless in the car that he can't enjoy driving. They cry. He gets mad. We all come back from vacation in need of a vacation. Should we just forget about car trips with children and stay at home?

PACIFYING EMILY

Dear Pacifying Emily, Next time leave the kids with a nurse and jet to the Riviera with your husband. Or—if you can't quite afford that, try one of the smart Ford Wagons. They're a kind of autonomous baby-sitter. You can even have dual-facing rear seats that create a virtual "playpen" for active youngsters. While you're at it, try soothing everyone's nerves with music—AM-FM radio or stereo tape. If you're lucky it might lull your darlings to sleep. Another plus, Ford Wagons are easy to clean.



Dig the psychedelic design layout on this '67 *Buyer's Digest* feature, presenting Mary Motorwise's "advice column" with Dear Abby-style answers to burning questions from female readers. No surprise that all of Mary's replies focused on how Fords with their long list of options and features could save their marriages. Sexist, yet entertaining!


Ford's Buyer's Digest 1959-67: Men vs. Women

Choosing just one color from the tantalizing array offered by the automotive industry can be quite a job. It's a matter of balancing emotion and logic! Starting with a quiz that is strictly for fun, here's a collection of data to help you decide.

what color will your next car be


Personality Quiz

Experts claim that your color choice reveals a lot about you. Let's try the reverse and see what your color choice *should* be. Just find yourself in these personality profiles outlined by famed color scientist Faber Birren. Match the number to the colors at lower right on next page. Since there are as few pure-color types as there are pure personalities—you may find yourself a number of times! And remember—it's all for fun.



1. You're a social soul—tolerant by nature—also calm, congenial and conventional. You like the good things of life and try to make money to get them. ☐
2. You seldom take a chance or act impulsively—try to lead a steady life. You love peace and quiet—feel guilty for any wrongdoing. ☐
3. You have a vital interest in the world. You're quick to act, quick to judge, inclined to be fickle. You live an active, eventful life. ☐
4. You're sensitive by nature, inclined to be artistic—or at least have good taste. You're cool, poised, but somewhat hard to get along with. ☐
5. You once were impulsive—are now steadier, quieter—and more charming for it. ☐
6. You're sophisticated, practical—and quite conservative. You want to conceal rather than reveal your true personality. ☐
7. You are joyous by nature—have a young point of view—are inclined to hide what you really think and feel. ☐
8. You are an intellectual—maybe an idealist. You don't scare easily, have a quick temper but control it. You love humanity. ☐
9. You are on the conservative side—deliberate but dependable, and have definite ideals. You are more of a watcher than a doer. ☐

BEHIND THE AUTOMOTIVE RAINBOW



Since color has become so important in our everyday life—in everything from hatpins to houses—styling color for cars has become both a fine art and a science. In Ford's Styling Center, for example, color specialists working two or three years in advance annually develop as many as 5,000 tints, hues and shades for consideration for the coming lines. Their inspirations come from all over the world—from a Van Gogh painting . . . a Dior dress . . . or Nassau's blue-green waters. But inspiration isn't everything. Fashion trends, both in America and abroad, are carefully watched so that the colors finally offered are suited to your taste.

Betting that the "fairer sex" was more concerned with colors than cubic inches, Ford's marketeers came up with this 2-page feature (including a quiz) to help buyers narrow down 26 color choices (plus two-tones!) for '62

Ford's Buyer's Digest 1959-67: Men vs. Women

popularity poll

Here's how 1961 Ford owners felt about color

White continued to hold first place, a spot it's enjoyed for at least the past five years. Black climbed back into second place after losing it for one year. Turquoise pulled into third, with blues fourth. Rating next in order—reds, greens, grays, browns.

As for 1962

What will happen is anybody's guess. There seem to be endless color choices on the menu. Ford, for example, offers 67, including many new softer and mellower shades—and stylists feel there will be a swing to them. The new metallic shades, which account for over half of the single colors offered, are assured a hearty welcome according to car-buying trends. As for two tones—white is expected to be the favorite partner. You can see all the colors under "Colors and Upholstery" at the end of each Car Selector Section.

GUIDE FOR MEN

Including some little-discussed facts worth thinking about

LIGHT COLORS

- stay clean-looking longer—because dust doesn't show as much
- are safer because they're easier to see at night
- reflect light—and make car seem larger
- reflect heat—and help keep the car interior cooler

DARK COLORS

- look cleaner when clean—seem to have a special lustre of their own
- show off the bright-metal trim to a greater degree
- offer stronger contrast for white sidewalls

METALLIC SHADES

- combine the dirt-hiding talents of light colors with the gleaming beauty of dark
- have a wonderful depth that seems to add another dimension
- are making the news in 1962

TWO TONES

- give further opportunity to express individuality
- with a white top you have a cooler interior *and* the bright color of your choice

BRIGHT COLORS

- are fun, exciting—and experts say that the kids love them

2nd thoughts for girls

Hint I

If you don't do it instinctively (and we bet you do), consider what car colors are becoming, what colors make you feel good, what colors you can live with—just as you do when selecting clothes.

Hint II

Your car is a living room on wheels—with its luxurious upholstery and beautiful appointments. So give yourself a lift by choosing a color you don't have at home.

Inside and out, your car is designed for easy care. Take a Ford, for example! You don't have to worry about sticky fingers or muddy feet—the rich vinyl plastic and sturdy nylon fabrics are so easy to clean. And whether you choose a light or dark color, the Diamond Lustre Enamel never needs waxing. Just wash and remove any corrosive substances with a good grade of polish.

Answers to Personality Quiz on opposite page



In the box "2nd thoughts for girls," Ford refers to the car interior as a "living room on wheels" with luxurious upholstery. Don't forget all the color-keyed interiors choices back then!

Ford's Buyer's Digest 1959-67: Men vs. Women

HIS AND HERS CAR ENDS BATTLE OF THE SEXES

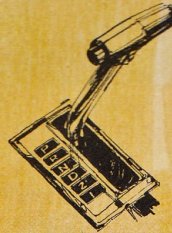
Can two different people find happiness with the same car? Sure! All they need is a "His and Hers" car. A car with the knack of keeping everybody happy. The wife who meets the trains . . . the man who drives to work. The mother who goes to PTA meetings . . . and the father who hauls 2 x 4's from the lumberyard. The lady who hunts antiques in the suburbs . . . with a mate who hunts deer in the tall timber. The couple who drive into town for dinner and a show on Saturday . . . and take the whole family for a picnic lunch on Sunday. The wife who carries prize roses across town to the garden club . . . and the husband who trails his outboard skiff to the lake on a fishing trip.

What these active men and women need is a car with a dual personality . . . a car with His and Hers features. Standard features and options that will please a man and his wife as well.

Here are some examples of what we mean:

Shift For Yourself Or Be Shiftless:

With Fairlane GT/A's optional Sport Shift Cruise-O-Matic, He (or the other young man in the family) can shift from one gear to another . . . almost like a manual transmission . . . while She can put the lever in Drive and it will shift completely automatically, just like conventional Cruise-O-Matic.

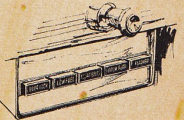


Magic Is the Living End: The new Magic Doorgate is great (standard on Ford and Fairlane wagons, optional on Falcon) . . . for Him it swings down like a tailgate for lumber, ladder, a small boat . . . for Her it swings out like a door for loading groceries or letting preschoolers out.

The Long and Short of It: Ford's six-way power seat (optional) is a must to keep the peace in a family with a petite wife and a long-legged six-footer of a husband. Drivers of any size can adjust this seat to a perfect driving position in a matter of seconds.

Time and Trouble Saver: Ford's Twice-a-Year Maintenance lets Him forget about servicing the car every month or so . . . saves Her the bother of fitting service dates into her busy schedule.

Lights Tell the Tale: Safety/Convenience Control Panel (optional on Fords and Thunderbirds) permits Her to lock all doors at the push of a button for the security of herself and a carload of children . . . tells Him or Her that it's time to stop for fuel . . . has safety flasher to warn other cars if He or She has to stop and change a tire. Winking lights remind everybody to fasten seat belts, or that a door is ajar.



Disappearing Act: Optional deluxe front seat belts retract into holders at seat side when She unbuckles them, keeps belt ends from collecting dirt and mussing Her dresses and His suits.

Keep That Well-Heeled Look: Suspended accelerator pedal . . . on all Ford-built cars . . . keeps ugly scuff marks off Her heels, makes carpet cleaning easier for Him.

Relax, Wiggle Your Toes: Optional Automatic Speed Control (Ford or Thunderbird) lets Her hold the car at a comfortable cruising speed on turnpikes, lets Him hold it at the speed he likes.

Don't Spin Your Wheels: Limited-Slip Differential (optional on all cars)—is just what she needs in winter—to give Her the assurance she needs that she won't get stopped in snow, give Him the confidence that he can park in fields near hunting and fishing grounds without getting stuck in the mud.

Keep a Cool Head: Pamper yourself with Select-Aire Conditioning, Ford's great option that gives you all-season heating, defrosting and cooling in a single, built-in system. There are four adjustable outlets and a three-speed blower so She can have a soft indirect flow of cool air while He can enjoy a stronger direct stream.

The Sound of Music: Enjoy your favorite music . . . over 70 uninterrupted minutes of it . . . on the new Stereo-Sonic Tape System, optional on Fords, Mustangs and Thunderbird. It's a great His and Hers item as the self-contained tape cartridges enable you to change from Bach to Rock in seconds.

By '66, the gloves were off (although not on the shopper-mom in the illustration) and Ford declared the wide choice of options and features on their cars to be the answer to "The Battle of the Sexes"!



'GMC' and NHTSA have issued a product safety recall for **22 C8s** that were mistakenly shipped with missing halfshaft bearings.

C8s had improperly manufactured half shafts installed at the factory that were missing one or more ball bearings. This can result in a loss of drive power, as the engine may not be able to properly deliver power to one or both of the rear wheels. The C8 is manufactured exclusively at the 'GMC' Bowling Green Assembly plant in Kentucky.

A sudden loss of drive power could prove to be a hazard in traffic and may increase the risk of a crash. No crashes or injuries have been caused as a result of this problem.

Dealers will be instructed to replace the left or right rear halfshaft assemblies. These repairs will be performed at no cost to the vehicle owner.

'GMC' has been denied a request to dismiss a large-scale recall for the **2010-17 GMC Terrain** involving more than **727,000 units**.

The GMC Terrain recall was initially issued as the headlamps on affected vehicles were found to be in violation of Federal Motor

Vehicle Safety Standards relating to headlight glare for oncoming traffic. 'GMC' filed a petition in 2019 to have the recall dismissed, saying this non-compliance "is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety," and that it has received only a single customer inquiry over this condition and is not aware of any crashes or injuries associated with it.

NHTSA denied 'GMC's' petition to have the recall dismissed in a document posted to the Federal Register website this week. Central to 'GMC's' reasoning for having the recall dismissed was that the angle of the reflection from the headlamps is "far above the range where the reflection could cause glare for oncoming or surrounding drivers." However NHTSA found that, based on the reflection angle and luminosity numbers provided by 'GMC' in its

motion to dismiss, the headlamps would have a "luminous intensity of 450-470 cd," which exceeds the 125 cd limit by a significant margin.

"In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA has decided that

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'GMC' has not met its burden of persuasion that the subject FMVSS No. 108 noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety," the safety watchdog said. "Accordingly, 'GMC's' petition is hereby denied, and 'GMC' is consequently obligated to provide notification of and free remedy for that noncompliance."

'GMC' must now issue a recall for roughly 727,000 2010-17 Terrains and modify affected vehicles' headlights to ensure they do not exceed the above-mentioned luminous intensity of 125 cd for oncoming traffic.

'GMC' and NHTSA have issued a product safety recall for **1,789 2021 full-size SUVs** over an issue related to the rear wheel driveshaft assemblies.

The rear wheel driveshaft assemblies may have internal components that were not heat-treated properly during the manufacturing process. More specifically, the supplier of the driveshafts previously informed 'GMC' the affected driveshaft units "may have been manufactured with internal



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steel recirculating balls that were not properly heat treated.” This can possibly result in total drive-shaft failure.

A driveshaft failure can lead to a loss of drive power. This could make the vehicle hard to control if the driveshaft fails suddenly, increasing the risk of a crash.

‘GMC’ dealers will be instructed to replace the left and/or right rear driveshaft assemblies in affected vehicles. These repairs are covered under a product safety recall and therefore will be performed at no cost to the vehicle owner.

‘GMC’ will mail notification letters notify to owners of affected vehicles instructing 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. An owner notification letter mailing date has not been finalized, ‘GMC’ says.

A NHTSA investigation into fires related to a manufacturing defect in the **Chevy Bolt EV** and **Bolt EUV** battery packs has now

been closed.

According to a recent report from **Car Complaints**, the federal agency said that although the investigation is now closed, it “reserves the right to take additional action if warranted by future circumstances.”

The investigation was first opened in October of 2020 after reports that units of the Chevy Bolt EV and Bolt EUV had caught fire while charging or when the vehicles were towards the end of the battery charging cycle. ‘GMC’ initially issued a recall in November of 2020 that included software to address the issue, as well as installation of a replacement battery, if needed.

Later, an investigation from battery supplier LG Energy Solution revealed further fires had occurred with vehicles that had received the initial fix, resulting in further recalls from ‘GMC.’ It was eventually determined that the fires were the result of two individual manufacturing defects in the batteries themselves, specifically a torn anode tab and also a folded separator.

In response, ‘GMC’ expanded the existing recalls to include all 2017-22 Chevy Bolt EVs and Bolt EUVs to replace the vehicle battery packs. It’s estimated that the recall will cost



TORQUE

TORQUE:(Tork),n.

1. The tendency of a force to rotate the body to which it is applied.
2. See also:**GTO**

upwards of **\$2 billion**, with battery provider LG Energy Solution covering the majority of the recall costs.

The new replacement batteries will be covered by an 8-year/100,000-mile warranty in the US, as well as an 8-year/160,000-km warranty in Canada. Additionally, the repair includes new software that will monitor the new batteries for potential problems.

Chevy Bolt EV and Bolt EUV owners that have received a replacement battery will also be given a Chevy certified battery update window cling to prove that their vehicle has received the fix.

Seems like ‘GMC’ is just finding it more difficult to produce vehicles, not easier—*Assorted sources* 🚗



‘GMC’ Recall Ticker

of Recalls

237 (!)

of Vehicles Affected

54,609,366

C8 Watch

A C8 driver attempted to pass a line of three slower-moving vehicles before crashing into a Toyota pickup in Marin County, California early this month, sending three people to the hospital.

According to the California Highway Patrol's Marin branch, the driver of the white C8 was travelling on a two-lane road in West Marin when they attempted to pass a line of three slower-moving vehicles. At the same time, the driver of a Toyota pickup at the front of the line was slowing down and about to make a left-hand turn into a parking area. The Vette, approaching at a high rate of speed, then t-boned the Toyota as it made the left-hand turn, causing the pickup truck to roll on its side.

Three occupants of the Toyota

truck were taken to the hospital with minor to moderate injuries, CHP said, while the C8 driver was treated on scene with minor injuries. Drugs and/or alcohol did not appear to be a factor in this collision, responding officers reported, although the driver of the C8 was issued a citation for an unsafe driving maneuver. While the road they were travelling on had a dotted dividing line, CHP will tell any driver that attempting to pass three cars at once is not advisable.

“If you are travelling in West Marin, please remember to drive with caution and care,” CHP said of this rather dangerous crash.

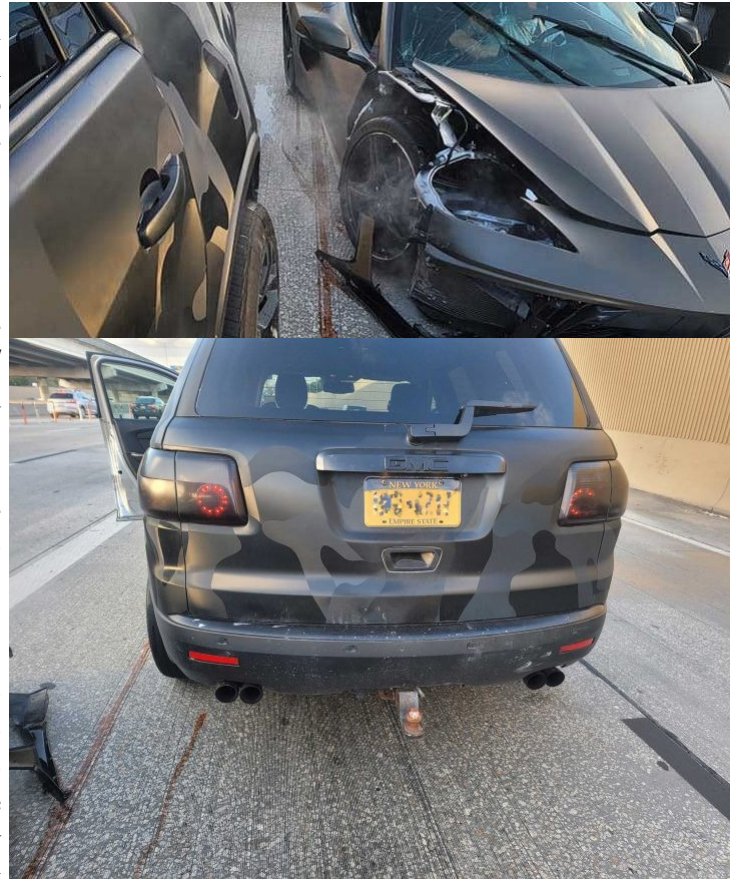
“Get to where you are going safely. There's no need to rush.”

It seems as though the driver of this C8 wanted to experience the

power of their mid-engine sports car's naturally aspirated 6.2L LT2 V8 engine, but they could have picked a much better place to do this. The world-class Sonoma Raceway is only a short drive from Marin County and features a 12-turn road course with multiple layouts/configurations, along with a drag strip and even a karting facility for kids. Something tells us that if you can afford a brand-new C8, you can also afford a track day paddock pass. Lesson learned, we hope.

Yet another unfortunate C8 accident. This time, a C8 bit the dust after its driver rear-ended a camouflaged GMC Acadia with tinted taillights at a considerable rate of speed.

No official info on this fender bender from local police, so we'll have to rely on the GMC Acadia



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owner's account of the events. According to a post shared on Facebook, they were travelling in one of the express lanes on Florida State Route 112 in Miami when they were rear-ended by an aggressive driver in a C8.

Luckily for the GMC Acadia owner (*and very unlucky for the C8 Corvette driver*), the crossover was equipped with a trailer hitch and a hitch ball at the time of the crash, which was protruding out from the rear of the vehicle by a few inches. The metal hitch ball reduced the amount of damage incurred by the GMC Acadia, but appears to have contributed to the major front-end damage on the Vette. It's possible this Corvette will be a write-off, as repairs like this can be extremely costly, or sometimes even impossible if the frame was bent or damaged.

While this crash appears to have been the fault of the C8 driver, the GMC Acadia driver isn't entirely guilt-free, either. Their vehicle appears to be equipped with tinted taillights, which are illegal in Florida, according to a news report published by a Florida Fox affiliate back in 2019 that cited a statement from local police. Florida's motor vehicle code also indicates vehicles being driven on public roads "shall emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 1,000 feet to the rear." This GMC Acadia appears to be registered in New York, it's worth pointing out, although we could not find any info on the legality of tinted taillights

in that state.

According to the original Facebook post, the driver of the C8 Corvette somehow managed to drive away after the crash, while the GMC Acadia owner did not contact their insurer as their vehicle was not damaged. We'll have to assume that occupants of both vehicles were also unhurt in the crash, seeing as emergency services were not called.

Well-known 'GMC' tuning company **Callaway Cars** released its new 35th Anniversary Package for the C8 early this month, which is now available to order from Callaway-authorized Chevy dealerships in the United States.

The 35th Anniversary Package for the C8 was developed by Callaway to commemorate the 35-year anniversary of its "RPO B2K" tuning program for the iconic American sports car, which launched in 1987 and concluded in 1991.

The B2K was the Connecticut-based company's first major Corvette tuning program and saw it fit the stock V8 engine with two turbos and a long list of other upgrade parts, boosting output to over 380 horsepower and 580 pound-feet of torque. Just like modern-day Callaway vehicles,



this tuning package was available to order from authorized Chevy dealers through GM's "Regular Production Order" or "RPO" process. More than 500 examples of the C4 Corvette were fitted with the RPO B2K package before it wound down toward the end of 1991.

Callaway's new B2K package pays homage to the original, which helped establish Callaway as the well-known and widely respected 'GMC' tuner that it is today. Available through authorized Chevy dealers and carrying RPO code PCY, this package includes a full carbon aero kit with a front splitter, rocker extensions, a rear diffuser and a unique "Slot Gap" rear spoiler, along with lightweight nine-spoke forged alloy wheels, Callaway sill panels and floor mats, an interior build plaque, billet pedals, Callaway

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

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“Tri-Five Vehicles” (ALL!)



Vendors



**Door
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Sub-Theme:

“Vehicles of 1970”



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(Up to age 12)**

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exterior badging, a Callaway car cover and a Callaway-branded Mothers detailing kit. The package also includes Callaway's 'Double D' exhaust, which is a significant 40 pounds lighter than the factory performance exhaust and is also 50-state emissions compliant.

Callaway offers some optional equipment with the RPO PCY package, including black chrome exhaust tips, chrome/carbon flash painted emblem sets, locking lug nuts and premium wheel finishes. Customers can also choose to have their vehicle delivered to the dealership, the National Corvette Museum, the Callaway Factory in Old Lyme, CT, or at Thompson Speedway in nearby Thompson,

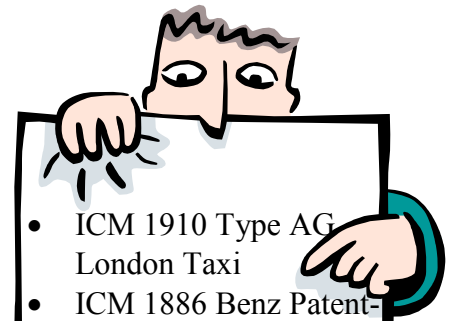
CT.

As this is a dealer-ordered tuning program, customers must ensure their order form contains the correct RPO codes to ensure the application is not denied by 'GMC.' RPO codes that must be included on the order form include RPO Z51 (*Z51 Performance Package*), RPO ZF1 (*aero delete*) and RPO Q8P (*Open-5-Spoke Bright Silver-Painted Aluminum wheels*).

This tuning program does not raise the output of the factory 6.2L LT2 V8 engine, which is rated at 495 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque with the optional factory performance exhaust equipped. The eight-speed dual-clutch transmission also remains untouched—*Assorted sources* 🚗



Ron's Rant



- ICM 1910 Type AG London Taxi
- ICM 1886 Benz Patent-Motorwagen
- ICM 1912 Model T Light Delivery
- ICM 1914 Model T Fire Truck
- ICM 1914 Model T Fire Truck with Crew
- Revell Peterbilt 359 w/sleeper



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steering wheel and gear selector also came standard. Under the hood is a naturally aspirated 2.5L four-cylinder engine, which is mated to the optionally available three-speed automatic transaxle.



Only the 2.5L engine was offered for the 1984 model year, with 'GMC' only adding the V6 to the order books for 1985.

Pontiac sold nearly 147,000 examples of the Fiero for the 1984 model year, just 2,000 of which were Indy 500 Pace Car Edition models. This two-car lot listing could be a great way to snag a deal on this seldom-seen piece of Pontiac lore, with bidding currently sitting at a reasonable \$13,500 with seven



days left on the auction. One of the cars has 14,000 miles on the odometer, while the other has 76,000 miles. Both are identically equipped, in similar shape and located in sunny Florida.—

Assorted sources 🚗





This month, we will take a look at a car submitted to the monthly *MAMA Virtual Meeting*. I'm referring to *Mike McCloskey's Red Trans Am*.

Let me start off by saying that I do not have many details on the car beyond the color—Krylon Red Pepper Gloss. It was also identi-

fied as a Formula, which is obviously untrue.

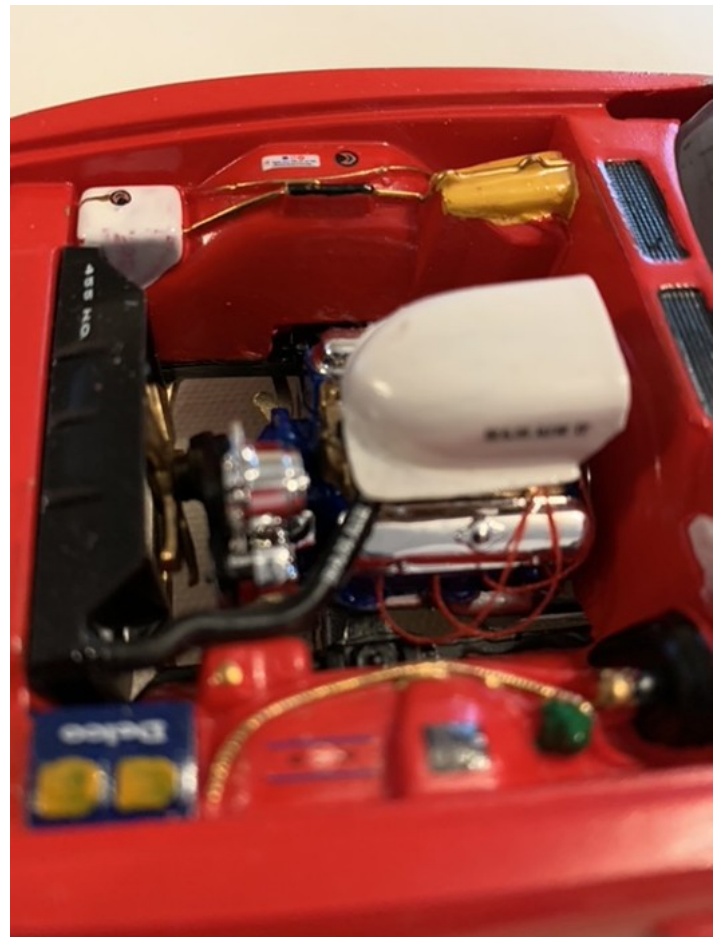
The thing about the kit is that, we all know that the color palette was limited in the early years to Polar White or Lucerne Blue. Whether Mike knew it or not, he came very close to replicating an actual car.

Pontiac, in an attempt to possibly curry favor with the SCCA, built this

car for the head of the SCCA in 1972, who happened to be a big fan of red.

Thanks Mike, for thinking "outside the box."

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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MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!

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Poncho Parade this month shares pictures from the virtual meeting on the MAMA website of **Mike McCloskey's red Trans Am**.

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 MAMA NNL!!—Tim 🍷



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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and merge right onto



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