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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** 🚗

## Mid-Atlantic NNL Wrap-Up!!

We *ARE* on a real tear now, gang! MAMA meetings left and right, and getting kinda crowded, too.

Again, for those interested, refer to the schedule below for dates and hours, and the last page for museum location details. *See you there!*

The raffle raised **\$123.00**, while the door

kicked in **\$150.00 (!)**, meaning that we more than made the rent. Thanks to the following donors: *Steve M. Buter, Mike Costic, Cruz, Rick Donovan, Mal Douglas, Matt Guilfoyle, Rich Meany, George Openhym, Ron Shirey, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD. Thanks guys—we 'preciate it!*

Last month the mu-

seum found a digital camera battery and charger. So, if you are missing yours, please check with the museum to claim it.

Poncho Parade sees the return of an "old friend" - the **'65 Bonneville** reissue.

I hope all of you are still doing whatever is necessary to be safe—*Tim* 🚗

## MAMA NNL!

Our show was a rousing success after a two-year absence. 430 models were displayed.

First, we would like to thank our very generous sponsors very much for their support:

**Diecasm:** James Cowen: 1/24th diecast 1963 Mustang II Concept car in Wimbeldon White

**Flock-It!:** Kari Crane: ½ ounce black flock, applicator, and adhesive

**Highlight Model**

**Studio:** Eero Kumanto

**Olson Brothers Resin Cast Model Parts:** Chris and Jim Olson: Bronco bumper/winch set, high clearance quarters, Jumbo fender flares, roadster doors, and Foose Cadillac fender skirts

**Pro-Tech Model Parts:** Charlie Saglin-bene

**Ukrainian Scale Cars Production:** Misha Samarskiy: Resin Cosworth Engine w/ transmission, (2) photoetched seatbelts, and (2) photoetched hood pin

sets

**Atlantis Toy and Hobby (Pete Vetri):** Fireball Dragster and 1982 Z/28 Camaro kits

**Czech Truck Model (Jan Rosecky):** (54) Photoetched and resin accessories and a book

**VCG Resins (Josh and Barbara Reese):** (1) \$25 and (2) \$10 gift certificates, Blown Outlaw BBC, 302 Ford, 8" Speaker set w/amp, 6-spd manual trans, TH350, TH400, Powerglide, MANLL Ultimate Fuel Cell pack (4 cells), (2)

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# MAMA Meeting LOOK



Congrats Dave!



# MAMA Meeting



# LOOK



Hope y'all had a cookie ☺

# MAMA>NNL!

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MANLL Ultimate  
Underhood Detail

Packs with Optima Battery, MSD ignition, oil filters, brake booster w/master cylinder, and a standard 12V battery

**Scale Finishes** (*Jameston Kroon*): (6) Paints, (10) Gopher instrument panels, (6) Gopher decal sets, (1) Gopher sign set

**Iceman Collections** (*Joel Mendoza*): (4) engine kits, (1) off-road wheel/tire set

**MCW Finishes** (*Mike Guest*): (6) bottles of PPG based, ready to airbrush paints

**Motobitz** (*Mark Burgess*): (2) decal sets, (1) set of wheels

**ATS Magazine** (*Bill Coulter*): (2) autographed editions of Auto Trends in Scale (ATS) magazine

**Slixx Decals** (*Gene and Becky Sisemore*): (16) decal sets

**Scale Repro's Plus** (*Bob Asselta*): (9) machined aluminum and cast pewter part sets

**Tru-Color Paint** (*Scott Cohen and Rick Galazzo*): (8) bottles and two 6-pack sets

**Tom Daniel**: (12) autographed and dated box art prints (*Mean Maverick, Cherry Bomb, S'Cool Bus, Beer Wagon, '71 Cuda, Cop Out, Garbage Truck, Rommel's Rod, Badman, Dragon Wagon, Red Baron, and Big Red Baron!*)

## Total retail Value: \$2,204.02

I believe we also received items at the show from:

**Auto Models LLC** (*John Boettger—kits*)

**Starfighter Decals/Marks Models & Toys** (*Mark Tutton—decals*)

Meanwhile, here are the lucky award recipients:



**Competition:** Hilton Zapata, '15 Ford Mustang

**Curbside:** Chris Coller, Ferrari 458

**Custom:** Lewis Hicks, '59 Impala

**Replica Stock:** Ron Palmer, '67 Camaro

**Street Machine:** Paquito Vega, '51/'52 VW

**Street Rod:** Lyle Willits, '48 Ford Coupe

**Truck/Lt Commercial:** '70 Winnebago Brave

**Tuner:** Moses Aborrecedores, '74 Datsun Skyline

**Gary Burkey award:** John Rothermel, Amish

Buggy

## Themes

**Tri-Five Chevies:** Dave Schmitt, '57 Bel Air

**1970 Cars:** Dave Matiko, '70 Dodge Charger

**People's Choice Junior:** Tyler Zinn, '32 Ford Vicky

**People's Choice Adult:** Joe Merteusz, '63 Chevy Pro Mod

Next years' themes are slated to be *Gassers* and *Rancheros* and *El Caminos*, in honor of former MAMA member *Gary Sutherlin*. *Get crackin' now*—Tim Powers 🍷



## VeePee Pick

This month, the focus of this column is “*Old School*” drag racing, featuring new member *Dave Matika’s Arlen Vanke Pro Stock Duster*. Here is Dave’s story.

I like building mostly drag racing cars from the 60’s and 70’s. Pro Stocks, gassers, funny cars and dragsters. I get enjoyment from the research process and trying to make the model a decent representation of what the cars looked like back then. The technology and trail and error thinking had these cars changing on a weekly basis, so the car may not be built to any particular picture, but rather a compilation of pictures from old magazines and web-pics. But with this Arlen Vanke Pro Stock Duster it all started with a postcard I found at a Carlisle Swap Meet one year. Then I noticed that Slix Decals did a set of the car. **Game on!**

I built this car about 10 years ago, so much of this information is from memory. Many of the parts used are from my spares box. There are also some resin

pieces that I pick up at the model shows when I see something that I could use. The main kit is the AMT/Ertl ‘71 Duster 340. The hood scoop is a resin piece from a show that mimics the shape of some of the scoops used back in the 70s. Yellow paint was one of the yellow Model Master spray cans that were available about 10 years ago. They actually had pretty accurate factory colors. I clearcoated the model after decals and bare metal foil application. I like to clear over everything, most guys don’t, but I like having my models durable and capable of being handled without fear of something peeling off. It’s not really too “scale accurate” but...

Believe it or not, I use PPG 2 part clear (*from my full size car activities*) sprayed through a small door jamb spray gun that I bought



at Harbor Freight. They are cheap and I can dial it down enough to get a decent look that is super durable. My models tend to have a glossy, candy-coated look to them. This isn’t correct to some people, but I like the way

they look. One note about the Slix decal sheet: that decal that covers the trunk lid was not on the Arlen Vanke sheet. But I noticed on one of their “graphics” sheets was an image that would work perfectly. Maybe they ran out of space on the Vanke sheet and just added it later to another sheet. Who knows.

For this chassis I actually added frame connectors and rear spring relocation items made from plastic tube and sheet. I was familiar with the Mopar design because I was playing with a 1:1 Dodge Demon at the time and did the modifications on the real car. A Dana rear axle came from one of the other AMT kits that had a Hemi.....probably the GTX or SuperBee. Looking at the engine and transmission, they may have come from one of those kits as well. The valve covers are from the parts stash. The intake and carbs look like they are from the Monogram Pro Stock kits from the 90s—The Camaro and Thunderbirds. It had the right look that I was after and with the added wires and plumbing you can’t see much anyway.

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'GMC' has issued a recall for **89 2020-22 Chevy Traverses** and **Buick Enclaves** over an issue related to the roof rail airbags, which are often referred to as side-curtain airbags.

The harness connector for the left or right side roof rail airbag may have incompatible electrical terminals, which could prevent the airbags from deploying in the event of a crash.

The risk of injury in the event of a crash would be increased if the driver-side roof rail airbag does not deploy as intended.

Dealers will be instructed to inspect and, if necessary, replace the harness attachments for the roof rail airbags on affected vehicles. Recall parts are not currently available. When a sufficient quantity of parts is available, the recall bulletin will be officially released and dealers will be able to begin repairing vehicles.

'GMC' has issued a stop-sale order on the **2022 Chevy Silverado** and **GMC Sierra HDs**, and **Chevy Silverado MD (4500/5500/6500HD)** equipped with the 6.6L V8 L5P turbodiesel Duramax engine, **GM Authority** has learned.

According to **GM Authority** sources, the trucks may experience a hydro-lock/no start issue. Hydrolock is when an engine cylinder is filled with liquid, preventing the piston from completing a full stroke.

With 'GMC' issuing this new stop-sale order for these trucks, they cannot be delivered or sold until further notice. What's more, new vehicles subject to this stop-sale order must be held and not delivered to customers, dealer-traded, released to auction, used for demonstration purposes, or any other dealer use, until further instructions are received.

Earlier in the month, **GM Authority** reported that 'GMC' was poised to repurchase some Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra HDs due to apparent quality issues with the 6.6L L5P V8 turbodiesel Duramax engine. Although 'GMC' has agreed to replace affected trucks, replacement vehicles are subject to feature constraints as a result of the ongoing global microchip shortage, which limits the availability of features

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The 6.6L V8 L5P Duramax turbodiesel is produced at the DMax Ltd. engine plant in Moraine, Ohio as part of a joint venture between GM and Isuzu Diesel Services of America, Inc. The facility has produced over 2 million Duramax diesel engines since 2000. The facility began production of the L5P engine in 2016 for the 2017 model year.

A class-action lawsuit has been filed against 'GMC' over problems with the **2.4L Ecotec four-cylinder engine** offered in **2010-17 Chevys, Buicks and GMC vehicles**.

This lawsuit, which was first covered by **Car Complaints**, claims the 2.4L engine does not have a traditional positive crankcase ventilation valve, but rather a fixed orifice vacuum port in the intake manifold. This small fixed orifice, located between the #2 and #3 intake runners, can get clogged with water, sludge and

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## C8 Watch

Lightning struck twice last in mid-April as *Chevy dealer* and *NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick* placed the winning \$1 million bid for the *first production '23 Chevy C8 Z06 convertible* at *Barrett-Jackson's Palm Beach auction—surprised?!* The convertible version of the top-performing C8 Z06 will make the perfect bookend for the first production C8 Z06 coupe that Hendrick won at the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale sale in January, sealing rights to the car with a **\$3.6 million bid**. The proceeds for both cars went to charity, with the \$1 million Z06 convertible's sale benefitting the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

The new C8 Z06 is powered by the all-new 5.5-liter LT6 engine. Featuring a flat-plane crankshaft, a sky-high 8,600 rpm redline, and boasting 670 horsepower, it is the world's most powerful naturally aspirated production V8. Backing the LT6 is the 'GMC' eight-speed dual-clutch automatic.

It features a retractable hard top, a first for any Corvette. It has its own unique bodywork, with wider fenders, larger wheels and air intakes, exclusive rear fascia,

and tuned exhaust. The cockpit of the Z06 is a driver-centric design, constructed of premium fabrics and surfaces.

Hendrick will have his choice of colors, wheels, interior options, and more. Available options include eight different interior colors, a carbon fiber steering wheel and shift paddles, doors and instrument panel wrapped in custom leather, upper interior trim in suede microfiber, and GT2 seats trimmed in Napa leather and carbon fiber.

Hendrick will be able to build his own engine for the Z06 if he chooses, and will have the option of taking delivery of it at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. As if all that didn't complete the Corvette delivery experience, he will receive a day of private driving instruction at Ron Fellows Performance Driving School at Spring Mountain Motor Resort.

Meanwhile, on the list of *Things Not To Do With Your Brand-New Sports Car, driving into deep sand at the beach* has to be pretty high up there. Unfortunately, it looks like the owner of



video was captured in Galveston, Texas, per the video description. The video opens with a beach scene, where we see a new C8 pop into frame and promptly sink into the sandy ground. The driver tries to gun it, but that only gets the sports car more stuck as the rear tires endlessly spin and dig two nice big holes.

As the camera pans over, we see several other vehicles that look very stuck, including a Ford F-150 pickup. To add to the absurdity of the scene, what sounds like an ice cream truck jingle can be heard playing in the background.

Hilariously, a Chrysler Pacifica van is seen around the 1-minute, 20-second mark effortlessly cruising across the sand, almost taunting all the vehicles stuck and spinning their wheels.

They then cut back to the C8 which is seen fitted with a tow strap wrapped around one of the front wheels in yet another not-so-brilliant solution to the situation at hand. The strap is wrapped around one of the C8's wheel spokes and connected to a tow vehicle up front.

You can probably see where this is going. The tow vehicle starts to pull the C8 gingerly, then

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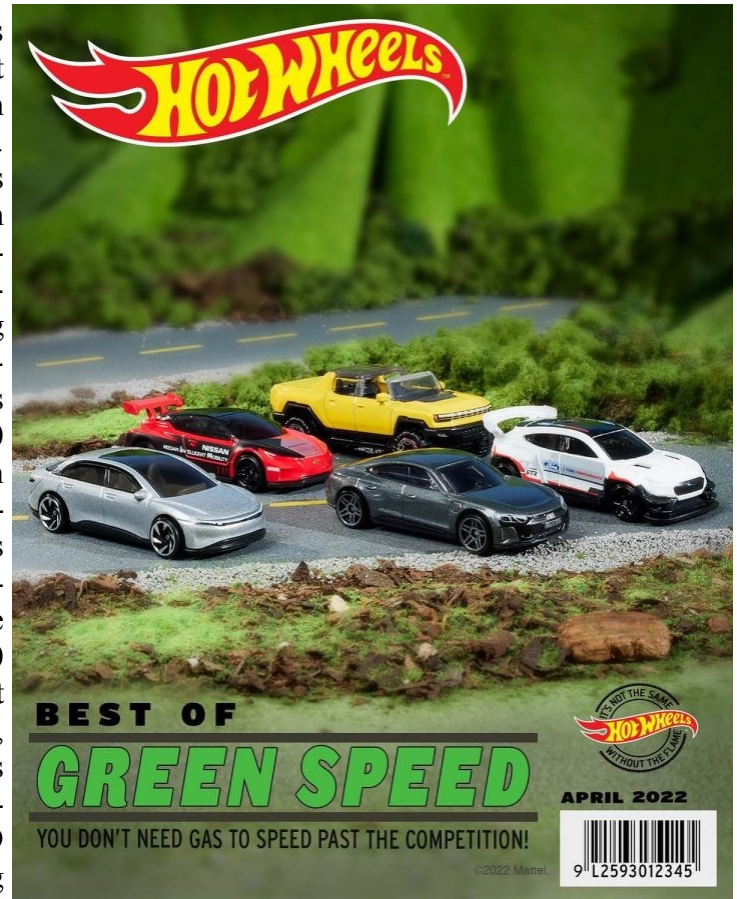
this particular C8 Corvette never got the memo, as evidenced by a video online.

Recently posted online by YouTube user D'Z Ridez, a

## T 'n T

***Insanely-Priced Hummer Pickup!!*** GMC's ***Hummer EV Pickup Edition 1*** is proving to be a highly sought-after and hugely valuable vehicle. In early April, an example was listed for sale at an eye-watering **\$325,000** and shortly after, one of these battery-electric pickups fetched **\$286,000** at a Mecum collector car auction. It was also reported that one hopeful Hummer EV buyer was hit with a **\$50,000 ADM** (*Additional Dealer Markup!*) on the vehicle he pre-ordered once he got to the dealership to do the paperwork, which would have raised the transaction price to over **\$177,000** post-tax. Now, we've stumbled across yet another GMC Hummer EV Pickup Edition 1 with a laughable asking price. This private [Autotrader.com](https://www.autotrader.com) listing for a 2022 GMC Hummer EV Pickup Edition 1 has the vehicle listed for **\$360,000 or best offer**. The Allen, Texas-based seller very graciously says they are "willing to work with a local dealer," if they have a buyer who has a trade-in or needs financing done, as well. While this asking price is truly absurd, it's hard to fault this seller for wanting to capitalize on the current market situation. Seeing as an identical Hummer EV Edition 1 already sold for nearly \$300,000 at a collector car auction, it's easy to understand why they listed this vehicle for \$360,000 or best offer. It's unlikely they'll get the full \$360k asking price, but it wouldn't be shocking if they were able to find a buyer willing to fork over around \$300,000 for it. This

precedent has already been set with the Mecum auction, after all. The truck comes standard with an Ultium Drive tri-motor powertrain producing 1,000 horsepower, which is fed by a ~200 kWh Ultium lithium-ion battery pack. This gives it the ability to accelerate from zero to 60 mph in about three seconds, while range sits at an EPA-certified 329 miles. Pricing for this range-topping trim starts at **\$110,295**. It is produced exclusively at the 'GMC' Factory Zero plant in suburban Detroit. 'GMC' is currently only building these fully loaded Edition 1 variants of the Hummer EV at Factory Zero and will transition to production of regular series trim levels later this year....***SLIGHTLY More Affordable Version!*** Now, ***Hot Wheels*** has recognized the truck with the new ***Hot Wheels Green Speed collection***. As the name suggests, the collection is a celebration of those things all-electric and fast, including production cars, race cars, and more. In addition to the GMC Hummer EV Pickup, the collection also includes the ***Ford Mustang Mach E***, the ***Lucid Air***, the ***Audi E-Tron GT***, and ***Nissan Leaf Nismo RC***, among others. As



for the GMC Hummer EV toy model specifically, the exterior is covered in Stinger Yellow paint, complementing the black trim running alongside the lower portion of the body and the tinted windows. The cabin up front is exposed, with the roof removed to provide a clear view of the seats and the rest of the interior. Up front, the Hummer logo is clearly displayed, while in the corners, the GMC Hummer is riding on some appropriately beefy tires and wheels. Indeed, this thing looks like it's ready to head out and conquer the local trails—or your favorite backyard track, as the case may be. The collection is available now at retailers. As a reminder, the GMC Hummer EV is available in two body styles, including a pickup body style and

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grime or, in cold weather conditions, ice. If the PCV is clogged, the crankcase pressure can cause the engine's rear main seal to fail, which can lead to an oil leak and, if left unaddressed, total engine failure.

According to **Car Complaints**, this class-action suit is open to all American consumers who purchased or leased one of the following vehicles from April 1st, 2016 onward: **2010-16 Buick LaCrosse** (including Hybrid/eAssist models), **2011-17 Buick Regal**, **2012-17 Buick Verano**, **2010-15 Chevy Captiva**, **2010-17 Chevy Equinox**, **2013-14 Chevy Malibus** (including ECO, eAssist and Hybrid modes) and **2010-17 GMC Terrains**.

The publication also points to a 'GMC' diagnostics bulletin that was sent to dealers in February of 2019, which was titled "Diagnostic Tip for Oil Leak from Rear of Engine After Extended Driving in Cold Temperatures Below 0 Degrees." This bulletin indicates that some customers "may comment that an engine oil leak appeared as they were driving the

vehicle in extremely cold ambient temperatures," and that some customers may have "heard a single 'pop' noise right before the oil leak started."

To address the problem, 'GMC' suggested technicians clean any debris out of the PCV hose/fixed orifice and inspect/replace the PCV hoses if necessary. This bulletin is applicable for vehicles in cold weather climates only, suggesting the problem could be tied to low ambient temperatures. A separate bulletin from March 2015 was also found titled 'Plugged PCV Orifice in Intake Manifold' that instructed technicians how to unclog the PCV system in certain 2.4L Ecotec powered vehicles.

Plaintiffs are seeking damages as they say 'GMC' has not officially recalled affected vehicles for this problem and will instead temporarily fix the solution by using a drill bit to clean out the PCV port. They also say 'GMC' has not offered an extended warranty beyond its fixed five-



year/60,000-mile coverage.

The suit so far involves four plaintiffs, four of which own Chevy Equinoxes and three of which own GMC Terrains. These plaintiffs are seeking the "recovery of the purchase price of their vehicles, compensation for overpayment and diminution in value of their vehicles, out-of-pocket and incidental expenses, disgorgement of 'GMC's' unjustly derived profits, and an injunction compelling 'GMC' to replace or recall and fix the Class Vehicles," according to the suit, as quoted by **Car Complaints**—Assorted sources 🍷

### 'GMC' Recall Ticker

**# of Recalls**

**240 (!)**

**# of Vehicles Affected**

**55,291,465**

## VeePee (cont'd)

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Again, I try to build something that looks convincing enough but may not be super accurate. The headers are from the parts box but I added collectors made from electrical wiring shrink wrap. This stuff comes in many different sizes and looks great. You can get

it at Lowes/Home Depot, Harbor Freight, and auto parts stores.

I added a "cool can" made from plastruct tubing and sheet. This "cool can" was an item sold by companies like Moroso. It had the fuel line coiled around inside. The racers would add ice. The idea was to make the fuel as cold as possible before entering the engine. It made a bigger **BANG** and

therefore more **POWER!** Fuel lines and ignition wires were added along with sponsor decals inside the engine compartment. I doubt Arlen Vanke did this (*I didn't find any pictures of such*) but I thought it looked pretty cool and added interest.

The interior has the rear seat removed and front fiberglass rac-

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## T 'n T (cont'd)

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an SUV body style, both of which ride on the 'GMC' BT1 platform and utilize their Ultium battery and drive motor technology... **Gas-engine DEAD?!** Washington state is set to **ban the sale of most new gasoline-powered vehicles by 2030**. A bill signed into law by Washington Gov. Jay Inslee in late March indicates the state will instruct its interagency electric vehicle coordinating council to complete a scoping plan by December 31st, 2023, which will outline how to achieve the 2030 target. The measure, known as Clean Cars 2030, is described as "the most aggressive state target in the US for the phase-out of gasoline cars," setting a goal of **outlawing the sale of such vehicles five earlier than California's much-talked-about 2035 deadline**. The measure was passed as part of a so-called "Move Ahead Washington," transportation package that was detailed last week, which is valued at nearly \$17 billion. Legislators say the bill will help to "spur

public and private investment in EVs and EV charging infrastructure and help Washingtonians save money on vehicle fuel and maintenance while enjoying cleaner air and water." The measure was first introduced by Washington Representative Nicole Macri in 2020, but was only signed into law by Inslee last week. "Clean Cars 2030 puts Washington on the road to powering its vehicles with cheap, clean, renewable electricity produced in-state and reduces the threat that oil and gasoline pose to our air, water, health, and economy," Macri said in a prepared statement. In addition to Washington, a variety of other states have previously outlined their own plans to outlaw the sale of new gasoline and diesel vehicles within a certain timeframe, including New York and California. The federal government in Canada has also said it will outlaw new gasoline and diesel vehicle sales by 2035, while



the Biden Administration has set a target of achieving 50 percent EV market share in the U.S. by 2030. With federal and state governments moving to outlaw gasoline vehicle sales, the automotive industry is reacting accordingly. Virtually every major automaker now has its own aggressive EV rollout strategies, including GM, which previously said it would launch 30 new EVs globally by 2025. GM also said it will invest more than \$35 billion in electric and autonomous vehicles by mid-decade (*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 by sending stuff—I 'preciate it!*)—Assorted sources 🍌

## VeePee (cont'd)

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ing seats from the spare box. Seat belts were made from white masking tape with photo-etched buckles added. I added gauges with wiring onto the dash and a fire extinguisher to the rolbar tube.

Finally the wheels and tires: the things that I can positively identify are the wheels and the

Firestone Drag 500 decals. The decals are from Fireball. The wheels are from the Johan Maverick/Comet kits. I did add lug nuts made from hexagonal Plastruct tube. Johan did not mold any lug nuts on the wheels! I love these wheels for 70s Pro Stock builds. They are perfect Fenton "Gyros" that all the cars used at the beginning of pro stock racing. I need to find someone to resin cast about 10 sets for me. I tried, and I am

not a good resin caster. The tires are, again, from the spares box. I kept digging until I found something that looked like photos of the car.

Thanks for picking my model for model of the month. **Wooo-Hoooo!**

Congrats, David. Nice work—*Dave Toups* 🍌



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## C8 (cont'd)

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decides to gun it, spraying the sports car with sand. Luckily, it doesn't take long before the poor Chevy is finally free.

To note, while the mid-engine design does provide loads of traction at the track, the new layout does not make the C8 a good choice for off-roading. Just saying

Behind the wheel of this unique 2023 Corvette Z06 70th Anniversary Edition pace car will be ex IndyCar Series driver Sarah Fisher. The 41-year-old Ohio native has nine Indy 500 starts to her name, a record for a female driver. Her fastest four-lap qualifying speed of 229.439 mph in 2002, which earned her a strong third-row starting position for that year's race, also remains an event record for a female driver. She retired from driving in 2010 to focus on her race team, Sarah

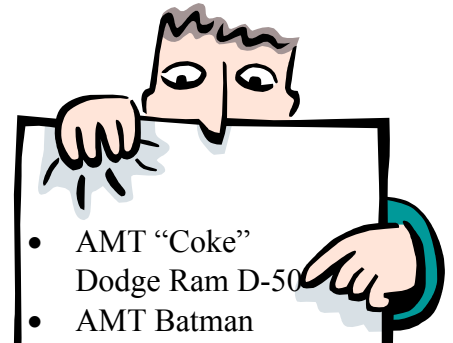
Fisher Hartman Racing, and today operates the Speedway Indoor Karting chain with her husband Andrew O'Gara.

The 2023 C8 Z06 70th Anniversary Edition pace car comes equipped with the optional Z07 Performance Package, which includes a full carbon fiber aero package, specific Magnetic Ride Control 4.0 calibrations, Michelin Sport Cup 2 R ZP tires and a Brembo carbon brake system. All 2023 Corvette models with the 70th Anniversary Edition package also feature 70th Anniversary Edition exterior badging, Edge Red painted brake calipers, two-tone Ceramic leather GT2 or Competition Sport seats and contrasting red stitching and seatbelts, among more.

Power comes from the naturally aspirated 5.5L V8 gasoline engine, which doles out 670 horsepower.

The 106th Running of the Indy 500 will be on Sunday, May 29th—*Assorted sources* 🏁

## Ron's Rant



- AMT "Coke" Dodge Ram D-50
- AMT Batman Forever Batmobile
- AMT "Coke" '40 Ford
- AMT "Copperhead" R/E dragster
- AMT US Mail C-900 tilt cab w/trailer
- AMT Rat Fink trailer
- AMT George Barris T Buggy
- Atlantis "Yellow Fever" Fiat
- Moebius Ford F-350 Ramp truck
- MPC "Ramchargers" Challenger f/c
- MPC '76 Caprice w/trailer 🚗

(1/25th, unless noted)





This month, we'll look at the return of an "*Old Friend*" - the **AMT '65 Bonneville**.

This kit appears to be pretty much a straight reissue, with the exception of the decals. But, we'll get to that.

You get the same 'ol Pontiac engine (389 or 421—take your pick!), split down the middle. It is optioned with either a single 4-barrel or tri-power.

Simplified chassis, with everything molded in, and metal axles connecting a set of 8-lugs or a dished set of custom wheels, mounting whitewalls.

Tub-style interior, with stock and custom options.

Not one, but **TWO** sets of custom parts—"mild" and "full" custom.

The instructions mimic the

original long, accordion-fold directions of old.

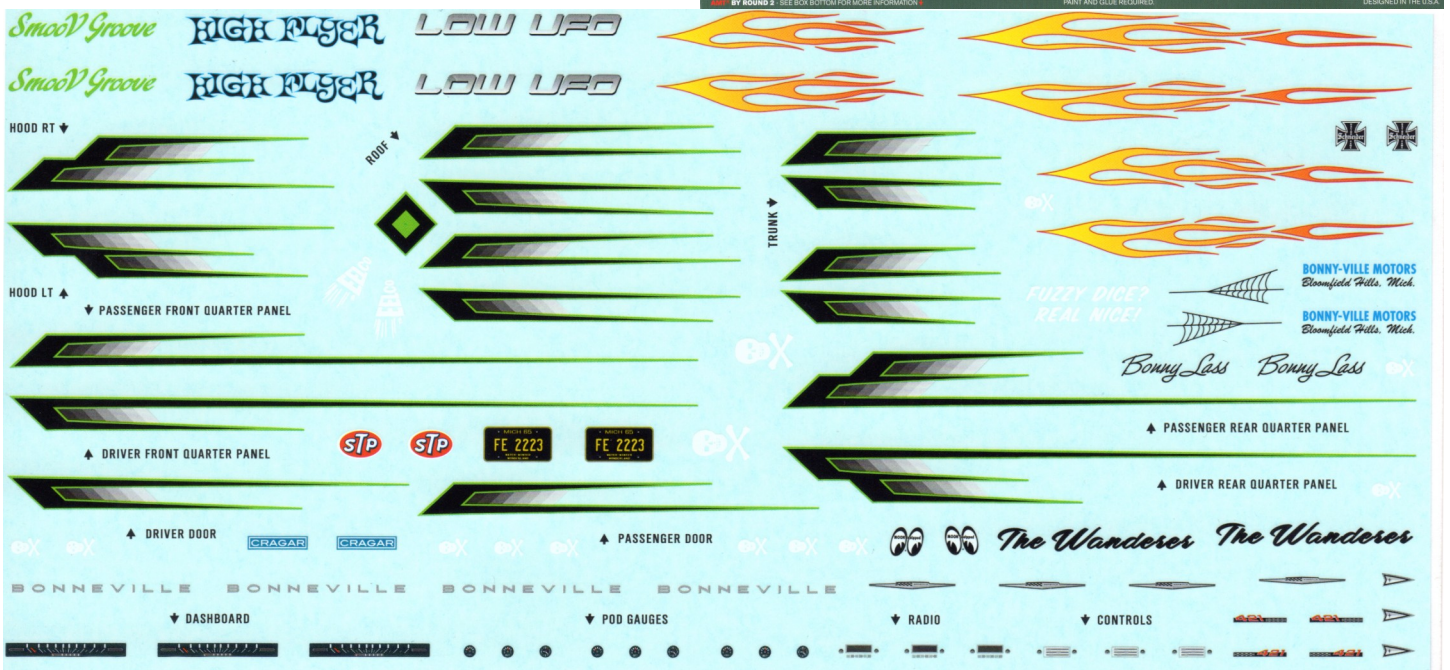
The decals seem to be heavily biased towards the custom side (75%?), including scallops flames, and car names. We also get exterior scripts and gauge faces (*see below*).

Even the box art harks back to an earlier issue (1965?!).

I know that I definitely have several of these in my collection (built and un-built!), but how can you say "No" to an Old Friend?!



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* 🚗

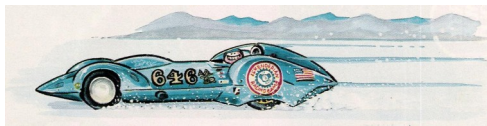


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**MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!**



## 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](http://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](mailto:gtoguy@verizon.net), or see me at a meeting. **Thanks!** 🍷

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

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