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2023 MAMA Schedule

For the foreseeable future, we will be meeting at our new location, the *Salaried Employees Association (SEA) Union Hall*, 1300 Hanover Road, Hanover, MD 21076, on the schedule listed below, from *10 am to 2 pm*:

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

Hope to see you there

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"Serving Delmarva Car Modelers for 30+ Years!"



Show Season's Upon Us!

February's meeting is trending positively—more modelers (current and new!) and, more importantly, more models every month! Definitely a good thing, so we need to continue this. I would like to welcome one of our youngest modelers, new member Everleigh Ann Dubit. She not only had one on display, but it

looked like she was hunting for more from our vendors!

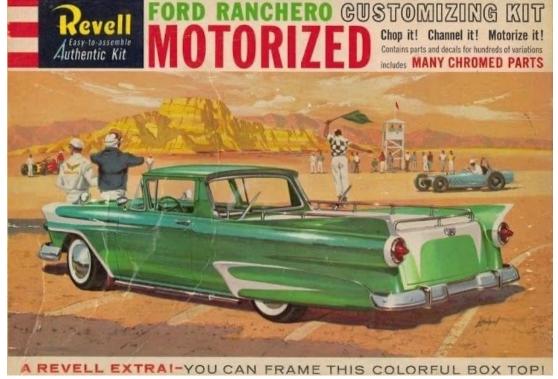
Dave Toups' choice was Duane Hinton's '72 Chevy pickup.

Three words for ya—Pontiac Reserved Parking.

The raffle raised \$85.00, while the door added \$185.00, plus a \$5.00 vendor donation,

meaning we made the rent from the following donors: Steve M. Buter, Mike Costic, Matt Guilfoyle, Dean Lewis, Rich Meany, Ron Shirey, Don Sutherland, yours truly, Historic Racing Miniatures (Brad) and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD (Norman). Thanks guys—we 'preciate it!—Tim

"Blast From The Past"!



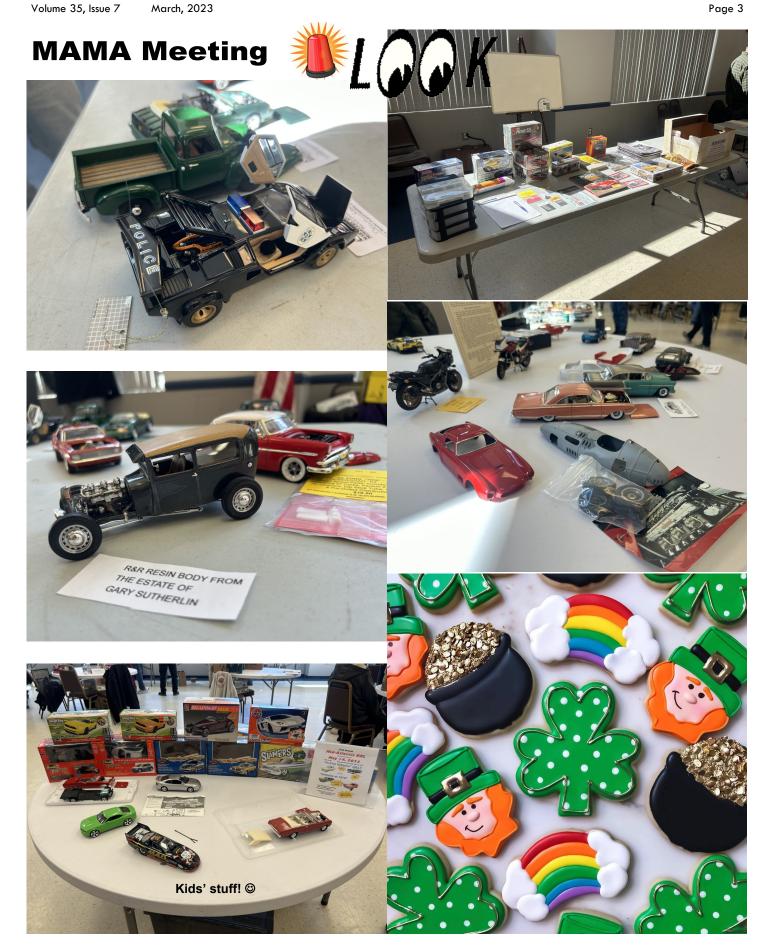
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VeePee Pick

This month, we will be featuring *Duane Hinton's '72 Chevy pickup*.

Duane is a new member, having attended only his third meeting, where his truck was chosen.

MAMA members Kevin Kovach and his dad Ken recruited Duane, their good friend Ben Dubit, and now Everleigh Dubit (5 years old) to the club.

Even after only three meetings, Duane says the experience, the people, and the new contacts are truly what it is all about, and it

has been amazing!

His inspiration for the truck goes back to the early 70's, when his grandfather and uncle had these trucks for work and they would go to Dorsey Speed way in them to watch the races. What a blast.

The model is the 1972 AMT kit. He used the engine from the Monogram '70 Chevelle 2 'n 1 with the blower, along with Pega-

sus wheels.

Originally, the truck was going to be green and white, made in to a 4x4. The green paint didn't go so great, so he stripped the body. Unfortunately, he forgot about the soaking for about a month

(!) in the garage and warped the body badly. He then had to "reacquire" the kit, and decided he could turn the one into a mud truck, and the other into a slammed "blower" truck, bright orange, with gold interior! He was back on track!

Funny how a mistake can sometimes turn in to something so cool!

Duane would like to thank all of us for his experience—so far.

Nice work on your truck, in only your third visit, Duane—

Dave ■







Modelers' Showcase!

In an attempt to spur some of you guys into providing more content, I will share a MAMA members' work on something other than a regular basis. So, there is no pressure in the form of deadlines to scare you off. Whenever you finish something interesting and would like to share, simply shoot pictures and text off to me, and I will do the rest.

This month, the column will be featuring a recent completion by Marcos Cruz, his Revell '71 Olds 442.

A few details follow:

This build took exactly one

month to complete

- Paint is Scalefinishes **GM** Viking Blue with Splash **Paints** 2K clear
- Engine is wired with a scratchbuilt bracket for the alternator. The kit supplies the bracket for the A/C unit but not for the alternator
- Engine was painted with the correct Olds blue from Testors

Basic painting on the chassis



- Chrome areas on the rims were scratched off in order to brush some primer and body color on them
- He also added a photoetch grill from The Model Car Garage
- Decals were placed after the clear was in place

This was a fun build and a much goes together very nicely.



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2024 MAMA NNL Theme Suggestions

What follows is what the members in attendance suggested for next years' MAMA NNL theme. If you have suggestions, please bring them up at this month's meeting, so we can have more to choose from to vote on, including a possible "Internet theme", i.e., a hot new kit current or coming in the near future.

Here's a tip—samples of kits available for your suggestions could make choosing a theme much easier. BTW, numbers in parenthesis indicate that the theme was chosen in prior years.

- "Bigs 'n Littles" Donks & Lowriders ('06)
 EXAMPLES
 - <u>Revell</u>—'86 Monte Carlo SS, '84 Caddie lowrider
- "Computer Cars" (3D-printed vehicles bodies) ('21)
- "Drag & Drive" (Drag Week vehicles)
- ◆ Early Muscle (1950-63) EXAMPLES

<u>Moebius</u>—'55 and '56 Chrysler letter cars

<u>Revell</u>—'50 Olds, Tri-Five Chevies, 57 Ford

Round 2—Tri-Five Chevies

◆ Japanese Cars ('07) EXAMPLES

Revell—Mazda RX7

Round 2—'83 Supra, 280ZX



- ◆ Hot Wheels Replicas (w/car)
- Lincoln Continentals
 EXAMPLES
 Round 2—'65 Lincoln Continental (station wagon)
- LS-Swapped Vehicles
- Magazine Car Models (with backup)
- Modern Muscle (2000-Present)

EXAMPLES

Revell—'13 Camaro ZL1, '14 Mustang GT, '15 Foose C7 Stingray

Round 2—Challenger (variations), Camaro (variations), '21 Charger R/T



- Moonshine Runners EXAMPLES
 - Revell—'57 Ford sedan & station wagon (?)

Round 2—'57 Ford

Movie/TV Cars ('24, '21, '18, '17, '12, '11, '10, '09, '08, '07)

EXAMPLES

Round 2—'67 "Supernatural" Impala, Batmobile (TV show and movie variations), "Munster Coach", "Drag-U-La", "Christine" Plymouth, '59 "Ecto 1A" Cadillac, '66 Monkeemobile, '69 General Lee Charger, '72 Beverly Hills Cop Nova, '82 KITT Firebird

- Off-Road Vehicles
 EXAMPLES

 Moebius—'66 & '70 Ford
 F100s

 Revell—'78 "Pulldozer"
 Blazer, Ford Raptor (snap),
 Jeep Wrangler (snap)
 Round 2—Ford "Hot Wheels"
 monster truck, '97 Ford F-150
 4X4, '81 "Sod Buster" Chevy,
 "Wild Hoss" Bronco, '21
 Bronco, "USA-1" Chevy
- Phantoms & Prototypes ('96)
- Pre-World War II Luxury (1939-45)
- Restomods EXAMPLES
 Moebius—'64 Nova

 $(1/32^{nd})$

wagon)

◆ Sedan Deliveries & Station
Wagons ('00)
EXAMPLES
Revell—'39 Chevy
Round 2—'55 "Wompin'
Wagon" Nomad, '63 "Coke"
Nova, "Alternomad", '65 Lincoln Continental (station

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We have a lot of recalls to get to this month, so, let's jump right into it. 'GMC' has issued a product recall for the following vehicles:

- 10 2023 Cadillac XT5s and GMC Acadias due to a problem with the right-front halfshaft assemblies. Defective right-front (or passenger's side) half-shaft assemblies have the potential to decouple from the transmission under certain load conditions. If the half-shaft were to be separated from the transmission. fected vehicles have an increased risk of a serious crash due to an unexpected loss of propulsion and mechanical braking. Certified 'GMC' techs will inspect and replace if necessary, free of charge.
- An unknown number of 2021-22 Chevy Equinoxes due to a problem with the fuel pump module failing to consistently give the engine enough fuel, potentially leading to stalls. 'GMC' notified Н T S The fuel pump modules have a defect that makes the flow of gas to the engine inconsistent. If the engine receives less fuel than it needs to keep running because of this fluctuation it c o u 1 d stop. The check engine light could activate, and the CUV could fail to start or might experience hesitation when already driving. The engine could potentially stall, which might cause a crash depending on at the time. location Dealers will replace fuel pump modules.

Αn и n known number of 2022-Chevy 23 LCF or Low For-Cab ward 5500 HD/XDtrucks due to problem with the ABS module. Trucks with a 200 or 212-inch wheelbase may have an ABS module that was not calibrated to function with the truck's long-

wheel-

base lengths.

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Trucks with this issue may experience erroneous input from the cameras for the ADAS (Advanced Driver Assistance System) as well, causing the ADAS to respond incorrectly to actual driving conditions and potentially cause a crash. While driving on a curve, the Automatic Emergency Braking system (AEB) may delay braking incorrectly, resulting in aggressive braking once the system does activate. Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) (RPO code KSG) may reduce following distance by 26 to 33 feet (8 to 19 meters), following the vehicle in front more closely than it should. Electronic Stability Control (ESC) may respond improp-

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erly while working in conjunction with the incorrectly calibrated ABS module. This can lead to several problems, including ESC activating in an understeer condition without switching on the brake lights to warn other drivers, or ESC delaying activation when oversteer occurs, potentially increasing the chance of overs telephone e e r. Dealers will recalibrate the

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'GMC' Recall Ticker
of Recalls

276 (!) # of Vehicles Affected 56,261,403 Page 8 MAMA Sez!

C8 Watch

The "good news" is that new C8 Z06 has been recognized by <u>Motor Trend</u> as the 2023 Performance Car of the Year.

When it comes to the business of speed, the C8 Z06 certainly doesn't disappoint. According to Motor Trend, the car went toe-totoe in testing with the McLaren 765LT Spider, a bonafide European exotic with a half-milliondollar price, and nearly matched the McLaren's figure-eight lap record, falling short by only a fraction of a second. The new C8 Z06 also recorded a run from 0 to 60 mph in a scorching 2.8 seconds, pulled 1.16 g in lateral grip, and scored the second-best 60mph-to-zero stop distance of the group at 95 feet.

Naturally, one of the big highlights is what the C8 Z06 is cradling just behind the cabin. Providing motivation is the atmospheric 5.5L V8 LT6 gas engine, rated at 670 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque, capable of revving up to a heavenly 8,600-rpm redline.

However, a car this good is about balance just as much as it's about straight-line speed. To that end, *Motor Trend* writes that grip levels seem "boundless, goading you into ever higher cornering speeds." Meanwhile, the suspension still retains its all-day comfort in Tour mode.

Design and styling are highlighted as well, with the publication stating that the aero add-ons included with the C8 Z06's available Z07 Performance Package (plus the optional carbon fiber

wheels) do well to "subtly up its curbside presence." Those aero bits are functional. too. pressing the new C8 Z06 into the pavement with 734 pounds o f downforce at

186 mph and making sure the sports car stays "glued to the pavement" (Just what you need for those high-speed runs to 7-11 for "junk food"!).

Finally, the publication highlights the new C8 Z06 for its value. Starting at "only" \$110,290, Motor Trend thinks Chevy "could charge more (?!)," despite the Z06 comparing favorably to high-dollar exotics from the likes of Porsche and McLaren.

Now, for the "bad news." The '23 C8 Z06 exhibits supercarlevels of performance and an exotic howl that rivals even the best from Europe. Unfortunately, for yet another Z06 owner, the fun ended a bit too soon after his engine failed with just 621 miles on the clock.

In a recent video shared online, the '23 C8 Z06 owner in question lays it all out, and even provides footage of the engine failure as it happened. Apparently, the car was taken out for some spirited driving on a two-lane backroad. In the driving footage, we hear the car rev out as the driver puts the throttle down, the exhaust note clearly indicating some full-throttle fun. However, as the car starts to decelerate, we hear something clunk inside the



motor. Definitely not a healthy noise.

After pulling a U-turn, the engine stops completely, and according to the folks in the video, the car subsequently "locked up," with an engine code reader returning misfires on cylinders two, seven, and eight.

Luckily for the owner, 'GMC' was quick to get a new engine installed. Although the owner expected the whole process to take two to three months, the dealer that serviced his vehicle took just two weeks to get it back in his hands with a fresh motor. Impressive, no doubt.

Naturally, the question is this—what happened? The video doesn't really detail why the engine failed after just 621 miles, but one obvious answer is improper break-in. According to Chevy, the naturally aspirated 5.5L V8 LT6 in the car requires a 500-mile break-in period at varying vehicle speeds and engine rpms for street driving, and a 1,500-mile break-in period before taking the car to the track. According to Assistant Global Chief Engineer, Small Block V8 Engines, Dustin Gardner, the process helps to protect vital engine components, including the running

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T 'n T

Cat-Con Crooks! A nationwide scourge of catalytic converter thefts caught up with the iconic Oscar Mayer Wienermobile in Las Vegas, temporarily stranding it. Someone stole the hot dogshaped vehicle's catalytic converter overnight in a hotel parking lot, KVVU reported. The Wienermobile team found it would not start Friday, Feb. 10h. After a tow to Penske Truck Rental, mechanics were able to install a temporary catalytic converter, parts administrator Joseph Rodriguez told KLAS. "A hot dog truck, no way," Rodriguez told the station. "Imagine like a huge hot dog in the middle of your bay. There's all these other trucks and you got to work on this." Ordering the parts for a permanent fix will take one or two months, Rodriguez said. Oscar Mayer has six Wienermobiles touring the US. Thefts of catalytic converters, which contain precious metals, have soared across the US, the National Insurance Crime Bureau reported. More than 14,433 catalytic conthe bureau said. The devices, which reduce pollution emissions, contain platinum, palladium, or rhodium, the National Insurance Crime Bureau reported. Sadly, I have "second-hand" knowledge. My company had converters stolen from three small Nissan vans, and it was far from cheap. The total damages were approximately \$27,000, or about \$9,000 per

truck...Tahoe Bel Air?! The Chevy Bel Air is one of the bestknown nameplates in the Bow Tie brand's long history, with enthusiasts churning out innumerable custom examples over the years. from luxurious street cruisers, to full-blown race cars, and everything in between. Now, however, check out something completely novel—a 2004 Chevy Tahoe customized to look like a Chevy Bel Air. As a cherry on top, it's even for sale. Right off, this Tahoe definitely captures a lot of the Bel Air. Let's start with the front fascia, which combines elements of the classic with those of the more

> modern SUV to cresomething unique. The headlights are from the Tahoe, while the square mesh grille recalls the Bel Air. The trim bits are all done in chrome. while a chrome crossbar with large black rubber bumper bullets are mounted

in the corners. The chrome bumper itself looks as though it is



extended downwards, while fog lights and extra lighting in the upper crossbar are added as well. Don't forget the Chevrolet script along the leading edge of the hood, or the iconic hood ornaments either. The look continues into the flanks, with the traditional chrome trim line running down the fenders and doors. The sideview mirror caps are chromed out. and there are classic-looking sixspoke wheels in the corners, but all eves will be on the large rear fins. Finally, the whole thing is covered in green paint, which is offset by a white roof. Inside, there's tan leather upholstery,



verter thefts were reported in 2020, compared to 3,389 in 2019,



while a V8 and automatic transmission provide the motivation.

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

All proceeds benefit the Museum.

- * Date: MARCH 11, 2023 * Time: 9:00 AM 2:00 PM
- ★ Location: The Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum 6825-31 Norwitch Dr., Philadelphia, PA 19153
- ★ Entry Fee: \$12 includes Museum admission plus unlimited model entries
- ★ Vendors: Please email Bob Doebley at rdoebley@comcast.net or Ariel Hernandez at Hernandez@comcast.net
- ★ Info: Visit simeonemuseum.org, email rdoebley@comcast.net, or Hernandez@comcast.net or on facebook at facebook.com/PACMSimeone/



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28th Annual

Mid-Atlantic NNL

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May 13, 2023

9 AM—3 PM

Admission \$10.00 (under age 16, free)



Main Theme:

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Note New Location!

Sub-theme:



El Caminos & Rancheros





Gary Sutherlin Memorial

Level Volunteer Fire Company 3633 Level Village Rd Havre De Grace, MD 21078 _

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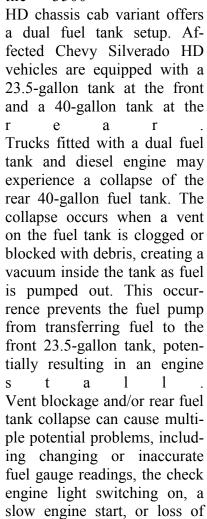
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ABS module so that the ESC system operates using the correct 200-inch or 212-inch wheelbase measurement, causing the vehicle to function properly.

- 10 2023 Chevy Blazers and Traverses due to a missing left-side half-shaft retaining n Vehicles built without this retaining ring have the potential for half-shaft inner joint separation, which could result in a loss of drive power or a vehicle rollaway while the affected parked. vehicle i s If the half-shaft inner joint were to be separated, affected vehicles have an increased risk o f a serious crash. Certified 'GMC' techs will inspect and add the retaining ring necessary, all free of charge.
- ◆ 17,436 2017-19 Chevy Silverado HD AND 4,696 2017-19 GMC Sierra HD pickup trucks, including both 2500 HD and 3500 HD models, due to an issue related to the dual fuel tanks (RPO code N2N) on diesel engine (RPO code L5P) m o d e l s



It's worth that noting while the recall refers to both Silverado 2500 HDand 3500 HD trucks, only the 3500



propulsion. The lack of fuel being delivered by the fuel pump can also cause a stall of the Chevy Silverado HD's engine, increasing the risk of a



- c r a s h .
 Dealers will carry out the necessary repairs on affected
 Chevy Silverado HD models.
- An unknown number of 2015 Buick Enclaves, Chevy Traverses and GMC Acadias because of a defect in the driver front airbag inflator with the potential to cause it to rupture during airbag deployment. The driver's side front airbag inflator could have been built with a significant defect by the supplier. The manufacturing defect could cause the inflator to rupture when the airbag deploys. If the defective airbag inflator ruptures during airbag deployment, metal fragments or shrapnel may pass through the airbag and into the vehicle's cabin, potentially injuring or killing people inside the vehicle.

In all cases, 'GMC' will notify owners about these recalls. Owners of affected vehicles can also visit *my.gm.com/recalls* with their VIN to view any open recalls or other actions that may be active for their particular vehicle. Unsold vehicles affected by this recall will be placed under a stop-sale order until the relevant repairs are performed.

'GMC'—Where the recall, not the customer, is king— Assorted sources ₩ Page 14 MAMA Sez!

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New Stuff!













Ron's Rant



- convertible

 AMT '60 Corvette 2
- 'n 1
 AMT '62 Impala con-
- vertible
- AMT I-H Paystar Hauler Dump Truck
- AMT '21 Charger R/T
- AMT '67 Shelby GT500 USPS
- AMT '67 Olds 442
- Revell '39 Chevy sedan delivery (1/24th)
- Revell '70 Duster f/c (1/24th)
- Revell '78 "Pulldozer" Blazer
- Revell '87 Firebird GTA (1/16th)
- Revell '99 Silverado pickup 🚔



C8 (cont'd)

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The owner states that the proper break-in procedure was observed for the first 500 miles, during which engine power is reduced in the first two gears. After

the initial 500 miles, the engine can be opened up a bit more. However, it's unclear if the owner pushed the engine harder than recommended prior to hitting the 1,500-mile mark, but given the pulls seen in the video, it's certainly a possibility.

Notably, this isn't the first instance of a '23 C8 Z06 blowing an

engine with just a few miles on the clock—early last month, a new Z06 owner got a blown engine with just 52 miles on it.

And there is the long and short of it for the C8's fortunes this month. Sounds as if they may have pumped hat LS up a bit beyond what is practical—Assorted sources



This month, beyond Pontiac in general, we had no clear theme evident.

Steve M. Buter returned with his **apple green Banshee**, along with it's "owner," if I am not mistaken.

Meanwhile, *Dave Matiko* displayed an "*in-progress*" '69 *GTO*, in another shade of green. It looks like he has all the right boxes "checked." I'll be interested to see how it turns out.

Last but certainly not least, I brought along a few projects that I need to find the time to get back to.

The first of these is my *Fi*-

ero GT. Pans are to build it pretty much out of the box, with simple paint detailing. The other project is my '70 Bonneville, which

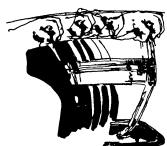
will be finished in the vein of older mid-sixties f u l l - s i z e P o n t i a c s, equipped with big V8s hooked up to 4-speed transmissions, rolling on 8-lug wheels.

Let's keep 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!!—Tim











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MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!

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Pricing is currently \$29,998, which does not include tax, tags, title, and \$499 dealer fee. Just because you can, doesn't mean you SHOULD (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

Websites

Central PA Model Car Club:

<u>https://www.freewebs.com/cpmcc/</u>

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

Classifieds

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ing/relocating, model and magazine collections available. Possibility of a visit to monthly MAMA meetings before relocation in Spring. Contact him for a list at pfxellis@verizon.net (Paul Ellis)

FOR SALE: \$15.00 each, all new, still shrink-wrapped

AMT Rides Magazine '40 Ford Woodie

AMT '51 Bel Air convertible

AMT '53 Ford F-100 pickup

AMT '57 Chrysler 300-C

AMT '58 Plymouth Belvedere

AMT '62 Thunderbird

AMT "USA-1" '63 Corvette AMT '65 2+2 Catalina

A M T ' 6 8

Z28 Camaro

AMT '70 1/2 Z28 Camaro

AMT '75 Gremlin X

AMT '90 Corvette

AMT '95 Stealth R/T Turbo

AMT Stealth Indy 500 Pace car

AMT VW Scirocco

AMT Raider's Coach

AMT "Tiger Shark" '06 Toy Fair exclusive

MPC "Spoiler" Vette

Lindberg '29 Mercedes SSK

Lindberg '31 Bugatti Royale Victoria

Lindberg '34 Ford Pickup

Lindberg '97 Ford F150 Flareside

Monogram '94 Mustang GT Monogram '53 Corvette

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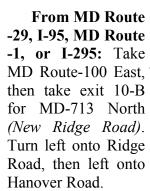
5377, or <u>shirey007@comcast.net</u>



Were on the web!

http://www.mamasboyz.org/

Directions



From I-97 or MD Route-2: Take



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MD Route-100 West, then take exit 10 for MD-713 North (New Ridge Road). Turn left onto Ridge Road, then left onto Hanover Road

Free parking is available, and the building is handicap accessible.

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