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2023 MAMA Schedule

We meet in 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
- ←MMarch 18th
- ♠MApril 15th
- May—No Meeting!
- June 17th
- July 15th
- Amagust 19th
- September 16th
- October 21st
- November 18th
- December 16th

Hope to see you there 🖷

Happy Anniversary to Us!

The August meeting, I am told, was very well attended, despite excellent "outdoor event" (car shows!) weather. I was at a show in nearby PA (refer to my column for a few pics).

Beyond that, I haven't a clue as to what went on—not much, except hangin' out, I'm told.

The "Pontiac Garage" is 1:1 this month.

The raffle raised \$103.00, while the door added \$150.00! Thanks



GT500 -

\$176,000

8. 1963 Corvette

Split Window

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and Ron Shirey.
Thanks guys—we
'preciate it.

Nick and I will return in September—*Tim* ≒

Mecum Mania

Harrisburg Top 10

- 1. 2021 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat Custom -\$261,250
- 2. 1968 Dodge Charger Custom -\$220,000
- 3. 1969 Mustang Boss 429 -\$220,000
- 4. 2019 Corvette ZR1 \$214,500
- 5. 1969 Camaro SS396 - \$195,250
- 6. 1957 Corvette convertible -

\$187,000 coupe - \$176,000 7. 1968 Shelby 9. 1969 Camaro RS

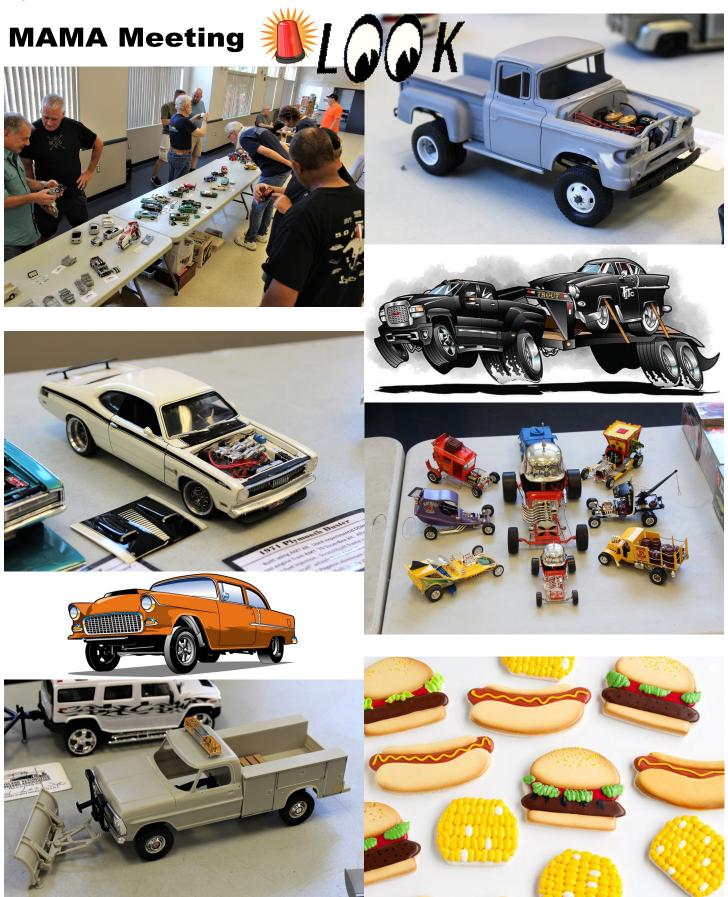
9. 1969 Camaro RS - \$167,750

10. 1967 "Eleanor" Mustang Fastback - \$165,000—*Tim*



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Were there any cookies last month?!





Raffle Goodies

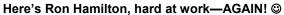


Brian Schindler



Lemme guess—Kevin Kovach's '24 MAMA NNL entry?! ©







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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 recent work by one of the *Buter* clan—*Kevin*.

Kevin has this to say: "These

t w o a r e "extremes" - the first 1/25th scale (AMT Impala, first in this scale built in over 40 years!), and the first 1/4 scale (Pocher Ducati Panigale), built at the urging of brothers my Steve and the late Cary Buter."

Great job, Kevin—*Tim* ≒



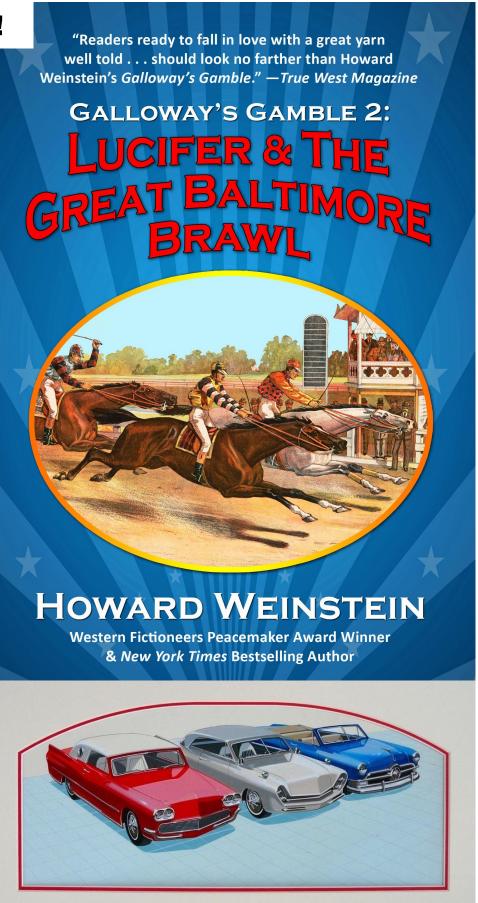


A REAL Writer!

News flash! Back in 2017, we chronicled the release of MAMA member Howard Weinstein's first novel GALLOWAY'S GAMBLE. Well, I recently heard from Howard that he's done it again. Yup, that's right—a sequel!

GALLOWAY'S GAMBLE 2: LUCIFER & THE GREAT BAL-TIMORE BRAWL, the new novel by MAMA member Howard Weinstein, involves endearingly argumentative brothers Jamey and Jake Galloway in the colorful world of horse racing, America's first truly national sport. Inspired by real people, places and events, the seguel starts in San Francisco, where Jamey and Jake's friends are swindled out of a champion race horse. After that, they all embark on a snakebit transcontinental quest to reach Baltimore in time for a long shot bid to win back prize stallion Phoenix in a grudge-match race at Pimlico. Of course, everything that can go wrong does, leaving the outcome very much in doubt.

In addition to the now-famous Triple Crown race track, **GALLO**-WAY'S GAMBLE 2 incorporates many local Baltimore details and locales, including landmarks, neighborhoods such as Pigtown and Bolton Hill, Camden and Mount Clare railroad stations, and the city's iconic fresh-produce peddlers known as crabbers. Maryland readers should enjoy 'visiting' bustling Baltimore in 1873, when it was America's sixth largest city. GG2 is available in paperback and ebook from Amazon.com. Thanks, Howard—Tim



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'GMC' has issued product recalls for the following vehicles:

43 '13 Buick Veranos, 537 '13 Chevy Camaros, 69 '13 Chevy Sonics and 118 '13 Chevy Volts (767 total) that were produced with a manufacturing defect that could cause the front driver-side air bag inflator to explode when deployed.

The driver-side air bag module is fitted with a defective inflator that may explode when the air bag deploys and/or inflates. If the inflator of the driverside air bag module explodes during deployment, sharp metal fragments or shrapnel may be expelled throughout the interior of the vehicle, potentially wounding or killing occupants.

Dealer service techs should inspect the vehicles and replace the driver-side air bag module, which will include the inflator, with a new, nondefective module. This fix fully corrects the problem and is carried out free of charge. 'GMC' used manufacturing records and part trace data to identify the units that may

produced using the defective and potentially dangerous

driver airbag inflator. Owners of affected vehicles will be mailed a notification letter by 'GMC' on or

shortly after

have been

September 11th, 2023 notifying them of the recall and the available repair.

◆ 163,611 2022-24 GMC Sierra 1500s, 2024 GMC Sierra HDs, 2021-23 GMC Yukons and 2021-23 GMC Yukon **XLs**. The trucks may not activate their automatic headlamps in the appropriate lighting conditions. The recall has been issued to address this problem, which 'GMC' will fix through an over-the-air software update (OTA). The Canadian government recently published several de-

> tails concerning the new recall, including a description of the condition and what 'GMC' will do to fix it. The recall was initially issued on August 24th, 2023. and was last updated on August 28th, 2023.

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To address this issue, 'GMC' will release an OTA to eligible vehicles, which will update the software on the body control module. As an alternative, customers with affected vehicles can also schedule an appointment with their local 'GMC' dealer to perform the software update manually. 'GMC' will notify owners by mail.

3,893 2024 Chevy Silverado **HDs** (2,005), and **GMC Sierra HDs** (1,888), that were produced with a steering gear shaft containing a manufacturing defect that could cause the shaft to fracture during use. The potentially defective steering gear shaft used on the trucks could fracture at the point where it connects to the

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'GMC' Recall Ticker # of Recalls 288 (!) # of Vehicles Affected 57.106.348



C8 Watch

The '24 C8 E-Ray sets an important precedent for the iconic sports car nameplate, dropping in as the first-ever hybrid-powered, all-wheel-drive production Corvette ever made. Naturally, there are plenty of folks out there eager to get their hands on one of these machines, which could lead some owners to flip their new ride for a quick buck. In order to mitigate this practice, 'GMC' has announced '24 Corvette E-Ray ownership requirements.

As it turns out, '24 E-Ray buyers will be required to sign a document stipulating that if the vehicle is sold or ownership is otherwise transferred within six months of taking delivery, the customer will lose the privilege of placing vehicle reservations or sold orders with a dealer for future high-demand models. These high-demand models will be identified by 'GMC,' and may include both future C8 variants and non-Corvette models.

In addition, owners who sell their '24 E-Ray within six months of taking delivery will risk voiding the vehicle warranty. If a new '24 E-Ray owner does sell within that six-month period, they will be required to communicate the loss

of warranty coverage to the transferee.

That said, the warranty covering the '24 E-Ray hybrid battery system would not be voided if the car

is sold in six months. The hybrid system battery warranty will remain valid for eight years or 100,000 miles *(whichever comes first)* regardless if the car is resold in the six-month period outlined.

Last year, 'GMC' issued similar ownership requirements for the '23 C8 Z06, Cadillac Escalade-V, and GMC Hummer EV, all of which are considered to be highdemand 'GMC' vehicles that could be the target of speculators. Vehicles originally had an ownership requirement of 12 months, but the requirement was later lowered to six months. What's more, 'GMC' offered 500,000 My Chevrolet Rewards points (a \$5,000 value) to those '23 C8 Z06 owners who met the ownership requirements. Unfortunately, the rewards points are no longer available for meeting the ownership requirements for the '24 E-Ray.

The C8 certainly has the right stuff to get noticed on the street, but this particular example does it

> in a way you may not expect. By the look of it, the owner was caught cheating, and one of the parinvolved ties took it upon themselves to



provide some payback by scrawling out a few crude messages on the body panels. Images of the C8 have been circulating social media, and apparently, the owner has no shame, because multiple accounts seem to be posting the same thing.

"U got a wife? LMAO" reads the driver's side of the C8. "Ur wife called me," reads the other side. The rear of the car is tagged as well, calling the owner a notso-nice name.

It looks like the messages were made with white paint, but it's not very clear. What's particularly wild about the situation is that the owner is driving their C8 with all the messages scrawled on it, seemingly unashamed or even really fazed by it. One social media account places the C8 on the street in front of a restaurant, while another shows it driving down the freeway. A third shows it parked in a parking lot.

Notably, the windows on the car are heavily tinted, so at least the owner can hide their identity behind the dark glass. Still, one has to wonder why the owner doesn't take some measure to hide the messages calling out the infidelity before driving around. Maybe some tape or cardboard would do the trick. Either way, it's a pretty bold move to drive



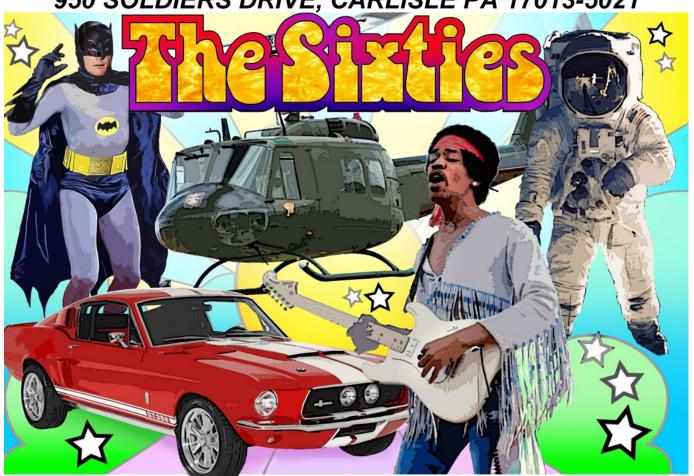
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SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 9:00AM TO 4:30PM US ARMY HERITAGE & EDUCATION CENTER 950 SOLDIERS DRIVE. CARLISLE PA 17013-5021



Contest fee (up to 3 entries):

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& under) \$5.00 Families \$10.00 Uniformed individuals admitted free! Make & Take for kids 15 and under.

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TAMS 31st Annual Model Car / Truck Contest & Swap Meet

Saturday, Oct 21st, 2023

VFW Post 4809 – 5728 Bartee St -Norfolk, VA, 9am – 4pm 28 CLASSES + Theme + People's Choice + Best of Show! \$20 Vendor Tables – Reserve Early! \$15 UNLIMITED ENTRY FEE - 18 and under FREE!



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CONTEST INFO: Greg – emailglayton@aol.com

VENDOR INFO: Joe – <u>akorna@aol.com</u>

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- The ACME Southern Nationals is a non-judged event organized to promote fellowship among model builders. However, special awards will be presented for Best in Show, Top Ten, Best Themes, etc.*
- The Clarence Brown Convention Center is located about 40 miles northwest of Atlanta, only 1 mile off I-75. The host hotel, Courtyard Cartersville by Marriott, is adjacent to the Center.
- A "Make It-Take It" event is scheduled for children 12 and under to learn modeling skills. A FREE kit is
 provided (one per child per paid admission).
- . We offer an "Early Bird" admission pass (\$30) which will include entry to the contest.

Entry Fee to enter models into the show: \$12 unlimited entries General admission: \$7 | Children under 12 free with paid adult | 6' vendor tables \$30 ea

*Previous ACME award winning models are not eligible, models must be entirely built and painted by the entrant. Other restrictions may apply.

VENDOR INFO

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pitman arm, causing the steering gear shaft and arm to become disconnected.

If the steering gear shaft fractures and connection with the steering arm is lost, it will no longer be possible for the driver to steer the vehicle. This could result in an accident or a crash.

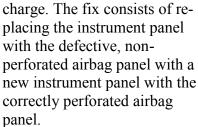
The fix is to replace the steering gear shaft and any associated parts that are damaged or defective, such as the steering gear pinion shaft/pitman arm nut. This repair is carried out free of charge to customers. Before the repair can be applied, 'GMC' instructs dealerships to inspect potentially affected trucks, to ensure the repair is necessary.

317 2022-23 Chevy Bolt EVs produced with an incorrectly perforated passenger-side airbag panel.

Notably, the Bolt EUV is not involved in this product recall. Some Bolt EVs were built with "suspect" instrument panel parts from a specific Tier 2 supplier, with the panel covering the passenger-side airbag manufactured without the perforation necessary for the panel to break off during airbag deployment.

The vehicles produced with the missing airbag panel perforation may experience failure of passenger-side airbag deployment during a collision, potentially increasing the risk of injuries to individuals sitting in the passenger seat when an accident occurs.

'GMC' has instructed dealerships to carry out repairs on recalled Bolt EV units free of



'GMC' does not indicate how long this specific free repair period will last. Dealers are instructed not to sell, demonstrate, or trade affected Bolt EVs until the repair is correctly applied and registered in the system.

A courtesy vehicle ("loaner") may be supplied to owners while the fix is being carried out.

'GMC' will send out notification letters to owners of Bolt EVs starting on September 25th, 2023 via regular US mail. The problem was initially discovered in late June 2023, causing an investigation that led to the current recall. Owners of Bolts with the problem are advised to avoid seating a passenger in the front passenger seat until the defective part is replaced.

Unknown number of 2019
 Silverado and Sierra 1500
 pickup trucks due to a prob-



lem related to a faulty Engine Control Module (ECM). Trucks equipped with the turbocharged 2.7L I4 gas engine may have a condition where the ECM fails to properly diagnose, set Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTCs), or illuminate the Malfunction Indicator Light (Check Engine Light) if certain fault conditions of a catalytic converter failure were to occur.

If the ECM were to improperly diagnose an emissions-related issue, the affected vehicle has the potential to fail emissions testing.

Certified 'GMC' techs will be instructed to inspect the ECM and reprogram as necessary. It should take techs roughly 45 minutes to perform the fix. It's worth noting that some owners may be eligible for reimbursement.

Over-the-Air Updates (OTAs) may not be what they're made out to be.

The *Cadillac Lyriq* is 'GMC's' first all-electric vehicle, initially rolled off the line for the 2023 model year. Many Lyriq owners have recently complained

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via social media about an issue that's draining their vehicle's 12-volt battery. Now, <u>GM Authority</u> (GMA) is looking into what's going on with this new battery-drain issue for the Lyriq.

For those who may be unaware, several Lyriq owners have recently reported that the 12-volt battery in their luxury crossover is turning up completely drained. The issue has cropped up in the past few days, and is believed to be tied to a *failed over-the-air* software update that leaves the infotainment system hanging, thus draining the 12-volt battery in the process.

Critically, this issue for the Lyriq looks to be similar to an issue reported by **2023 Colorado** and **Canyon** owners, as GMA covered previously. Just like the Lyriq issue, Colorado and Canyon owners report that the battery in their pickup is turning up drained, likely the result of a failed software update.

GMA reached out to 'GMC' for an explanation, and in response, a Cadillac spokesperson issued the following response:

"Our engineering team is working to learn more about and diagnose the issue to minimize any further potential impact to Lyriq customers. As part of regular vehicle care, Cadillac recommends Lyriq customers keep their vehicles charged to a minimum of 20 percent high voltage state-of-charge and plug their vehicles in to their home charging unit overnight to help maintain 12V battery

health."

'GMC' stipulates that the battery drain issue is not directly related to any over-the-air updates, per se. Rather, the issue is a glitch that leaves the downloaded uphanging. date The new Cus-

tomer Satisfaction program indicates that certain 2023 and 2024 model year Lyriq vehicles may have a condition where the 12 volt battery has almost discharged or is at an increased risk of accelerated discharge.

In order to address this issue, dealers are instructed to disconnect, then reconnect the 12-volt battery, then reprogram the serial data gateway. Only Cadillac dealers who have met EV Readiness Requirements are allowed to complete this Customer Satisfaction Program, while the technician must have successfully completed the required training.

'GMC' has filed to trademark the *Panther* name GMA has learned. The trademark will be used for the *2024 Camaro*.

The trademark was filed on July 25th, 2023 with the United

States Patent and Trademark Office *(USPTO)*.

Set to be the final model year for the current sixth-gen car, the 2024 Camaro offers a couple special



edition model variants, including a model variant dubbed the Camaro Collector's Edition.

As GMA has covered on several occasions prior, the Collector's Edition incorporates a wide variety of special features and unique twists to help it stand out from the crowd. Many of these features give a nod to the first-gen Camaro produced in the '60s by referencing Panther, the internal code name that 'GMC' gave the Camaro program back in the day.

"We found it fitting for this Collector's Edition Camaro to officially recognize the significance of the original code name and share it with Camaro enthusiasts," said design director, Chevy Performance, Rich Scheer, in reference to the Camaro Collector's Edition.

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Some of the standout features include Panther Black Metallic Tintcoat paint, which is available by selecting the Collector's Edition package for LT/RS, LT1, and SS trim levels. There's also Panther Matte Black paint, the first

factory matte paint option offered for Camaro, available when selecting the Collector's Edition package for the ZL1 trim level.

Further panther references include a panther on the steering wheel badge, while unique exterior badging includes the outline of a panther inside the "R" of the Camaro nameplate—Assorted sources

Ron's Rant

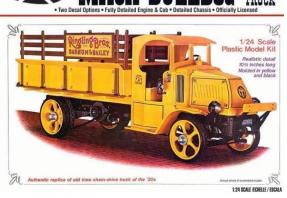


- AMT "Time Machine" '65 AWB Chevelle
- AMT '65 El Camino w/camper
- AMT '66 Skylark Mod Stocker
- AMT '69 Galaxie hardtop
- AMT '92 Toyota 4x4 pickup (1/20th)
- AMT George Barris Granny's Hot Rod
- AMT "Bantam Blast" Altered
- AMT Chevy Titan 90
- Atlantis Mack
 AC Bulldog (1/24th)
- MPC '32 "Switchers" Ford roadster/coupe
- Revell '69 GTO (1/24th)
- Revell '70 Torino Cobra
- Revell Lincoln Mark VII LSC P/S
- Salvinos '88 D. Earnhardt MC Aerocoupe (1/24th)
- Salvinos '23 J. Logano Mustang (1/24th)
- Salvinos '23 A. Bowman Camaro (1/24th)

(1/25th, unless noted)

New Stuff!















This month's "reserved parking," was of the 1:1 variety—the **2023 GTOAA East Coast Regionals** in nearby Landisville, PA.

Despite being a GTO Association of America event, it featured classes for *ALL* Pontiacs, so I will attempt to highlight "other" Ponchos. And there were about 160 to choose from, to boot! Everything from a stock Tempest Sprint, to a blown Safari!

Here's hoping that you all will keep bringin' 'em and showin' 'e m! '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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around with their car like that. Makes you wonder what the wife thinks about the situation—

Assorted sources



Websites

Central PA Model Car Club:

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

LIARS Model Car Club:

https://www.liarsmodelcarbuilder s.com/

Philly Area Car Modelers:

http://www.pacms.org/

NNL East:

https://www.nnleast.com/

Carlisle Events:

https://www.carlisleevents.com

East Coast Indoor Nationals: https://motoramaproductions.com/east-coast-indoor-nats

Online Event Calendar:

www.NortheastWheelsEvents.com

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AMT '58 Plymouth Belvedere AMT '62 Thunderbird

AMI 62 Thunderbird

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AMT '65 2+2 Catalina AMT '68 Shelby GT500

AMT '75 Gremlin X

AMT '90 Corvette

AMT '95 Stealth R/T Turbo

AMT Stealth Indy 500 Pace car

AMT VW Scirocco

Lindberg '29 Mercedes SSK

Lindberg '31 Bugatti Royale Victoria

Lindberg '34 Ford Pickup Lindberg '97 Ford F150 Flareside Monogram Fink Speedwagon

Monogram Goodwrench Monte Carlo

Monogram Mac Tools T-Bird

T-Bird Revell '65 Shelby GT350H
Revell '68 VW Beetle
Revell '71 Cuda
Revell Porsche 911 Targa
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WANTED: Unbuilt/rebuildable Tempests, GTOs (esp. '70 and '71 MPC hardtops and convertibles, in particular), Catalinas/Bonnevilles/Grand Prixs (esp. '66 MPC or Hasegawa), '67-'00 Firebirds, 1/8th scale Monogram '79 T/A, Red Baron and empty Pontiac kit boxes. Contact meat a testing. Thanks! (Tim Sickle)

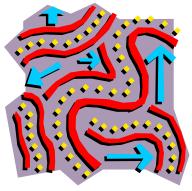
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Free parking is available, and the building is handicap accessible.

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