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2024 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 20th
- 📅 February 17th
- 📅 March 16th
- 📅 April 20th
- 📅 May—**No Meeting!**
- 📅 June 15th
- 📅 July 20th
- 📅 August 17th
- 📅 September 21st
- 📅 October 19th
- 📅 November 16th
- 📅 December 21st

Hope to see you there 🚗

Summer's Here—So Are The Car Shows!

May's meeting was our annual NNL in Havre de Grace, MD! Accordingly, I will attempt to wrap up the show, and provide those of you who were unable to attend a chance to see what you missed. Make appropriate plans for next year!

Our 2025 themes will be *Sixties Drag Cars* and *Mopars*. I guess that our

Mopar contingent (*Ron Leedy, Ron Dreschler, and Bob Guarino*) had better start now!

There was obviously no Pontiac Reserved Parking, 'tho, I spotted some great ones at the show!

Likewise, the raffle didn't

raise anything, 'cuz there wasn't one!

MAMA's Boy Ron Hamilton is under the weather.

Thanks to everyone who came out, whether you were working, vending, or buying—we 'preciate it—*Tim* 🍷



"Recall King" Challenge?!

Motor Trend's 2023 Ford Maverick Hybrid continues to trudge along, serving as week-end chore helper, commuter vehicle, and all-around agreeable daily driver. There has been little to complain about—it gets decent fuel economy considering their heavy-footed, highway-heavy usage; it's comfortable for long stints behind the wheel; and nothing has broken. That's not to say there hadn't been the potential

for problems: Ford has sent them a whopping **FIVE RECALL NOTICES** since they purchased the truck last year, one safety-related, two regarding emissions, and two for compliance-related problems. Here they are, in the order.

June 2023: Safety Recall 23S27 (*NHTSA Recall 23V380*) for fire risk—Not Fixed.

November 2023: Emissions Recall 23E07 for emission controls—Fixed.

December 2023: Emission Recall 23E09 for air/fuel enrichment—Fixed.

January 2024: Compliance Recall 23C41 (*NHTSA Recall 23V848*) for turn signals—Fix Scheduled.

March 2024: Compliance Recall 24C01 (*NHTSA Recall 24V140*)—Fix Scheduled.

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Seriously?—*Assorted sources* 🍷

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MAMA NNL!



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Thank you all for your support. And to all MAMA members, support these sponsors when building those killer contest models—*Tim* 🍷

Thanks Again!

What follows here are the generous sponsors of the class awards:

Customs—Ron Leedy

Competition (*Joel Chevery memorial*) - Ron Shirey

Curbside—Dave Touts

Replica Stock (*Harry Charon memorial*)—Lyle Willits

Street Machine—un-sponsored

Street Rod (*John Kester memorial*)- un-sponsored

Truck/Light Commercial (*Arthur Henriques memorial*)—un-sponsored

Tuners—Diversified Scalerz

The theme award winners:

Theme award #1 - Longroofs —un-sponsored

Theme award #2 - Drag & Drive—CPMCC

And, finally, what you've all been waiting for—the coveted

“Best” picks:

People's Choice - Junior (*Mandy Wheeler Memorial*)—Kitchen Table Scale Models

People's Choice - Adult—Chris Whalley

Thanks not only to all of the generous folks listed above, but also to those of you who chose to remain anonymous—we very much appreciate your support, without which this would not have been possible—*Tim* 🍷

Winners!

Congratulations to this years' lucky recipients of the Lucite “MAMA” awards.

They are as follows:

Competition (*Joel Chevery memorial*)—Chris Collier, Asphalt Modified

Curbside—Mark Wheeler, Cyclone GT

Customs—Ryan Keyser, '55 Chrysler 300C

Replica Stock (*Harry Charon memorial*)—Dave Schmitt, Cord 810

Street Machine—Rob Graham, '56 Bel Air

Street Rod (*John Kester memorial*)—Joe Mateusz, Ford Tudor Rat Rod

Truck/Light Commercial (*Arthur Henriques memorial*)—Kenny Mansberger, Chevy C30 pickup
Tuners—Moses Aborrecedores, Skyline GTX

The theme award winners:

Theme award #1 - Longroofs—John Dell'Osa, '58 Pontiac

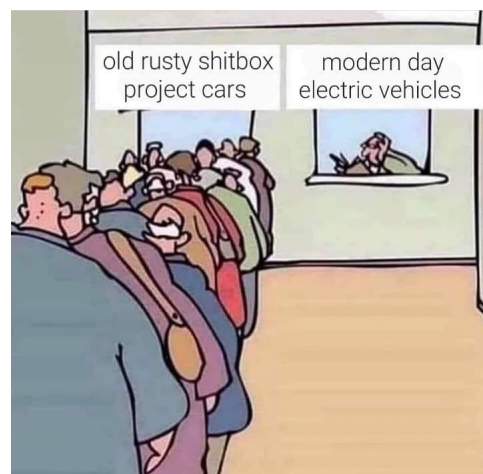
Theme award #2 - Drag & Drive—Lewis Hicks, '79 Camaro

And, finally, what you've all been waiting for—the coveted

“Best” picks:

People's Choice - Junior (*Mandy Wheeler Memorial*)—Tyler Zinn,

'32 Ford Roadster
People's Choice - Adult—Ricky Wallace, A+ Tool Truck
Congratulations to all the lucky winners—*Tim* 🍷



T 'n T

Condolences. Racing great **Parnelli Jones** passed away earlier this month at the age of 90, after suffering from Parkinson's disease. Godspeed...**Ron Hamilton MIA.** In case you didn't notice, our resident "**Big Car Guy**" was not in attendance at our NNL last month. I know—shocking, right?! Well, I wanted to provide a bit of an update, having been in touch with him. He is moving between the hospital and rehab in an attempt to get things cleared up, and he can return to the monthly meetings. Sadly, he feels that we may not see him for a few months, and he has requested no visitors so he can focus on what he needs to

do to speed up his return. So, let's all keep him in our thoughts and prayers, okay?

...**New model car magazine!**
Auto Modeler magazine

(<http://www.automodelermag.com>), the first issue is scheduled to arrive in September, with publication slated for every other month. **Tim Boyd** is reported to be a contributor. Thanks to Club Prez Tim P for the info—(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



A few big Ponchos for a "Big guy"
Ron. Enjoy, and hurry back!



Gallery who have helped entertain
by sending stuff—I 'preciate it!—
Assorted sources 🍷

A "Blast From The Past"!

With a whole lot of space to fill, and the meeting fast approaching, I decided to resurrect an old feature of the newsletter that I believe was well received.

And, given the situation with Ron Hamilton (*see above*), I thought that this might cheer him up—**Tim** 🍷

'61 FORD COUNTRY SEDAN

CUSTOMIZING KIT BY Hubley

4-WAY KIT

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★ DRAGON WAGON ★ STOCK CAR ★ POLICE CAR ★ THRILL DRIVERS

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

- ♦ **56 2024 Chevy Colorado pickups** due to an issue with incorrect tires and an inaccurate tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS). The trucks may have a condition where the incorrect tire was installed and doesn't match the pickup's tire label. In addition, the TPMS doesn't provide accurate information for the improper tires. If the tire doesn't match the label, owners may choose the wrong tire size when purchasing a replacement. Additionally, the TPMS may not give a timely warning if the tire pressure drops below more than 25 percent of the recommended cold inflation pressure. Certified 'GMC' techs will be instructed to inspect affected vehicles and install the correct tires as necessary, which will allow the TPMS to generate accurate information. Notably, this process should



take techs roughly 1.2 hours to complete. It's worth noting that a stop-delivery order is now in effect for new or used vehicles in dealer inventory, meaning those units can't be delivered to customers until the fix is applied. 'GMC' will notify owners of affected vehicles via letter by July 8th, 2024, and instruct them to make an appointment with their local dealer.

That's all, folks—
Assorted sources 🚗

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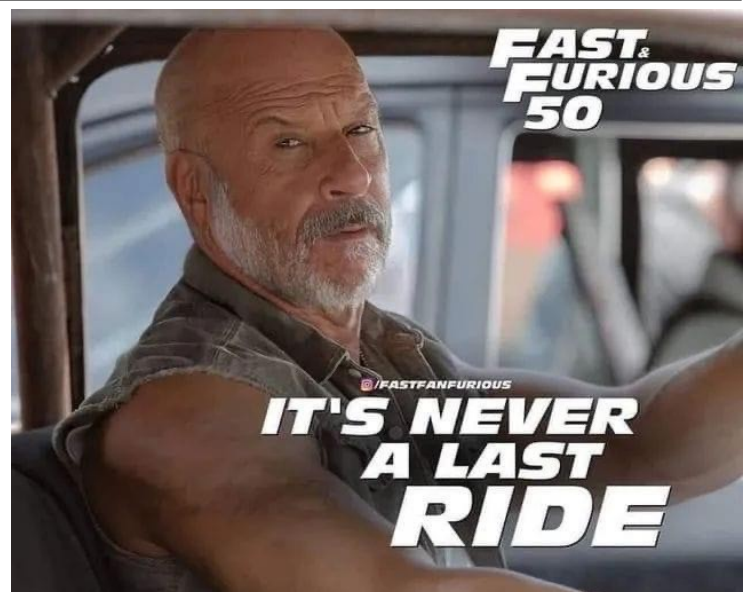
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'GMC' Recall Ticker

of Recalls
328 (!)

of Vehicles Affected
58,314,010



EV Blues

A recent study provides a detailed comparison of the five-year cost of ownership between the **2024 Chevy Blazer EV AWD** and its internal combustion engine (ICE) counterpart. The study reveals a notable difference in cost effectiveness over a five-year period, favoring the traditional ICE model by a substantial margin.

The findings were published in the Vincentric 2024 US EV Cost of Ownership Analysis, indicating that the 2024 Chevy Blazer EV AWD costs \$11,296 more to own over five years than the Chevy Blazer AWD.

The calculation factors in depreciation, fuel, maintenance, and other operating costs. However, it's important to note recent adjustments to the Blazer EV's pricing, which has seen a reduction from \$53,195 to \$50,195 for the AWD model. This price adjustment, not factored into the study, could influence the cost comparison to some extent.

Additionally, the comparison fails to highlight discrepancies in standard features that add value to the Blazer EV. For instance, the Blazer EV includes advanced features such as Blind Zone Steering Assist, Rear Park Assist, and an infotainment system with a 17.7-inch touchscreen, as compared to the 10.2-inch screen in the ICE Blazer. Although the ICE Blazer lacks Google built-in functionality, it does include Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

Performance-wise, the Ultium-powered 2024 Chevy Blazer EV AWD offers more horsepower

(288 versus 228) than the ICE Blazer, although it also carries additional weight (*about 1,200 pounds more*). These factors contribute to a different driving experience that may justify the higher initial cost for some buyers.

The study also reflects broader trends observed across the EV market, with many electric vehicles facing higher initial purchase prices but benefiting from lower fuel and maintenance costs over time. Despite the higher five-year ownership cost, the environmental benefits and lower operating costs of the Blazer EV may present a compelling case for those buyers who prioritize sustainability and lower day-to-day expenses.

Yet another study sheds light on the new **Cadillac Lyriq** is \$909 more than the cost to own a new Cadillac XT5 over a five-year time period. This relatively close cost parity is despite the fact that the Lyriq's purchase price is nearly \$10,000 higher than that of the XT5. Lower fuel and maintenance costs are touted as responsible for closing the gap.

Vincentric found that of 41 EVs examined, 20 had lower total ownership costs than gasoline-powered equivalents. The study focused exclusively on Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs), with Plug-In Hybrid Vehicles (PHEVs) and other Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEVs) excluded.

The study estimates the cost to purchase for a new 2023 Cadillac Lyriq Luxury at \$62,990, with a total cost of ownership after five years set at \$80,440. Meanwhile, the cost to purchase for a new 2023 Cadillac XT5 Premium was

estimated at \$51,390, with a total cost of ownership after five years set at \$79,531.

The study points to significantly lower fuel and maintenance costs for EVs as neutralizing the initial price disparity between EVs and equivalent ICE-vehicles. All 41 of the EVs examined had lower fuel costs, while 37 had lower maintenance costs than their ICE alternatives. The study states that EVs offer an average fuel cost savings of more than \$8,000, which can help compensate for typically higher depreciation rates.

When considering depreciation, a key factor in ownership costs, EVs generally did not fare as well as ICE vehicles, with just 10 of the EVs studied showing lower depreciation costs than equivalent ICE vehicles.

The Vincentric study also highlights the environmental benefits of driving an EV, noting that all EVs analyzed in the study generate fewer greenhouse gas emissions than their ICE counterparts over 75,000 miles during a five-year period, even when considering the emissions from electricity production. The study looked at three types of greenhouse gasses to determine the environmental cost of EVs, including carbon dioxide, volatile organic compounds, and nitrogen oxide. The study notes that the emissions created during electricity generation fluctuates based on the type of power plant in use—*Assorted sources* 🌱



Mark Your Calendar Now!



The Tri-State Scale Model Car Club Presents

The 37th Annual

NNLTM

East

- MODEL CAR SHOW
- SCALE MARKETPLACE
- COTTAGE INDUSTRY EXPO

Next Year's Theme:

CIRCLE TRACK VEHICLES



Next Year's Sub- Theme:

Race Team Transporters

Retro Artwork from NNL East 14 - 2000

April 26, 2025

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May 10, 2025

Save the Date!

Mid-Atlantic NNL

Main Theme:



Vendors

'60s Drag Cars

Door
Prizes



Sub-theme:

Mopars



GTx



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Level Volunteer Fire Company

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Havre De Grace, MD 21078

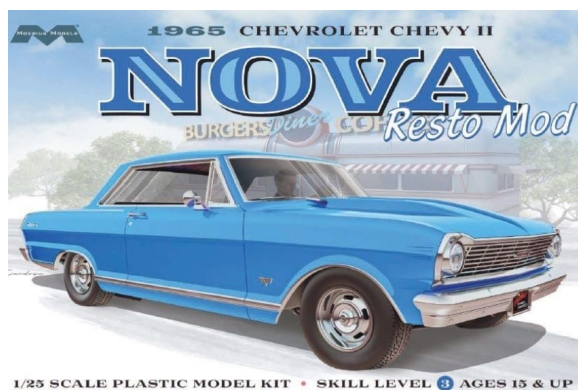
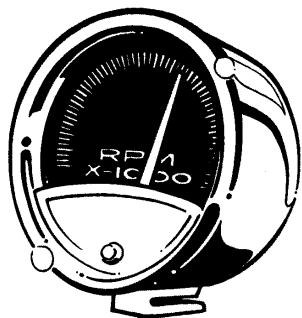
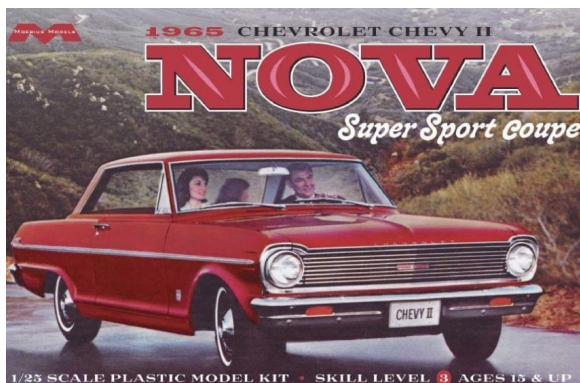
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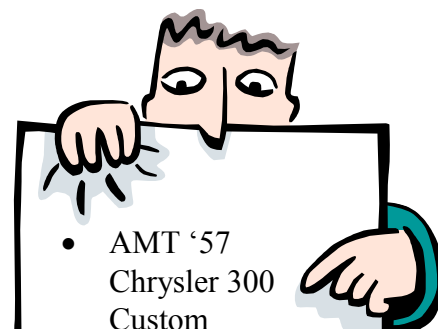
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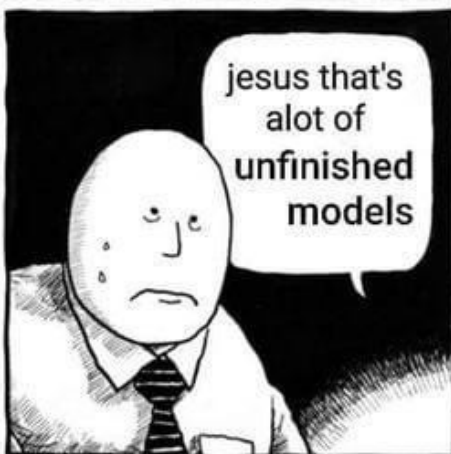
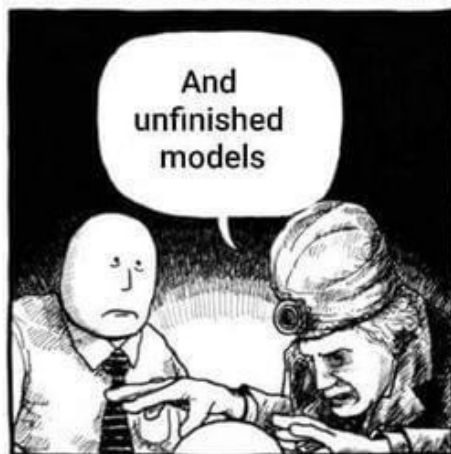
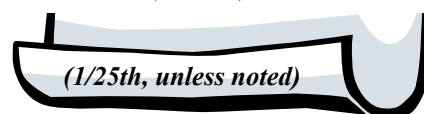
New Stuff



Ron's Rant



- AMT '57 Chrysler 300 Custom
- AMT 64 Malibu SS
- AMT '71 Hemi Charger R/T
- AMT '92 F-150 Flareside pickup
- AMT "Boss Nova" f/c
- AMT "Gulf" Kenworth
- Atlantis D. Garlits "Swamp Rat XXX" dragster
- Atlantis T. McEwen dragster (1/24th)
- Fujimi '80 Z28 Camaro (1/24th)
- MPC '53 Ford pickup Flip-nose
- MPC "Multi-Maverick"
- SalvinosJR D. Kopec Asphalt Modified (1/24th) 🏆





No reserved parking due to our NNL, but I thought I'd expand this feature's reach by highlighting a few cool Ponchos I saw at the show.

1964 GTO station wagon: A "What if" concept built by Karl Sheffer.

1962 Custom Catalina: An absolutely bitchin' custom built by Keith Murphy!

1981 LeMans: Bruce Boyer built this Salvino's JR kit as independent racer JD McDuffie's ride.

Firebird III: A racy Firebird in a series of concepts built by Chip Wamsley.

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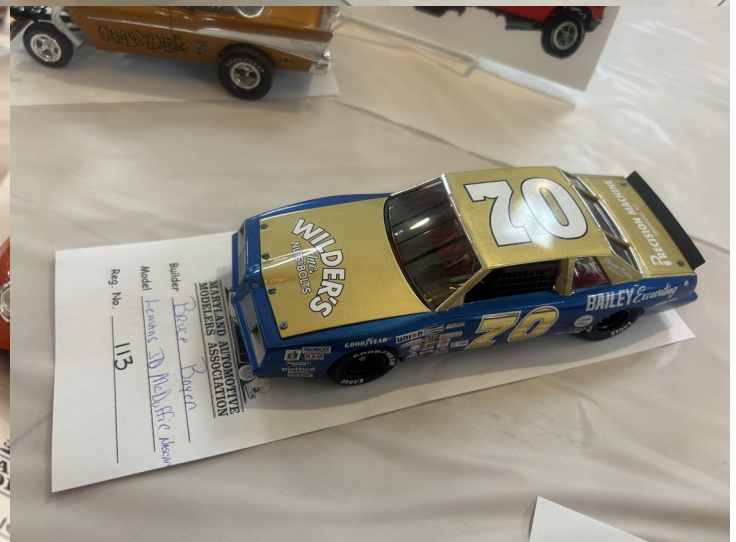
Pontiac Safari:

Another seriously cool Poncho, built by John Dell'Osa, which coincidentally, won the Longroof trophy!

Here's hoping that you'll all keep buildin', bringin' and



showin' 'em! '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 🚗



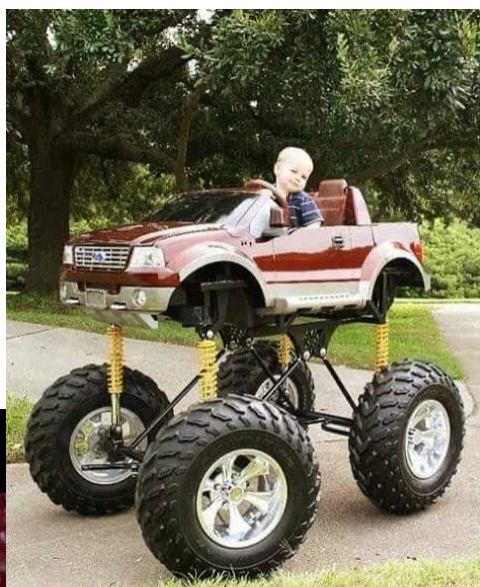
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MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!

*Timmy didn't know it then but it was
all downhill from that moment on...*



Lost "Stash"?

After the dust had settled from last month's meeting, and everyone had cleared out, it became evident that in their haste, that a MAMA member had forgotten part of their "stash."

I posted a note on the MAMA Facebook page, with no response. I am repeating that request here. If the member who left

Classifieds

WANTED: Unbuilt/rebuildable Pontiacs (*any scale?*)—Tempests, GTOs, Catalinas, Venturas, Bonnevilles, Grand Prixs, and Firebirds. Also interested in a Red Baron, and empty Pontiac kit boxes and instructions. Contact me at gtoGuy@verizon.net, or see me at a meeting. Thanks! (*Tim Sickle*)

FREE TO GOOD HOME:

Numerous assorted Musclegar magazines. If interested, I can deliver them to the July meeting. Thanks (*Tim Sickle*) 🍷

something behind last month would be so kind as to identify their property, I will have it with me, and be ore than happy to return it to them at that time—*Tim Sickle* 🍷

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<https://www.cpmcc.org>

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NNL East:

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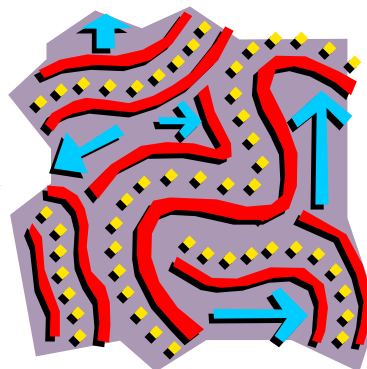
Online Event Calendar:

www.NortheastWheelsEvents.com

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From I-97 or MD Route-2: Take



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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