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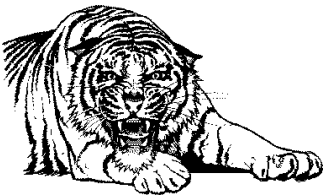
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2024 MAMA Schedule

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 🚗

Dog Days Of Summer Are Upon Us!

July's meeting had, as its highlight, nothing! Except, of course, hangin' out with friends, and sharing our miniature marvels—both finished, and in-progress! It don't get much better than that!!

The **"Pontiac Garage"** was in atten-

dance, with no more "baby steps" for me on the "Beswick Project" '69 D/Stock Judge!

Ron Shirey shared upcoming releases.

The raffle raised **\$122.00**, while the door added **\$162.00**.

Paid the rent again—and then some!

Thanks to the following donors: **Brad**,

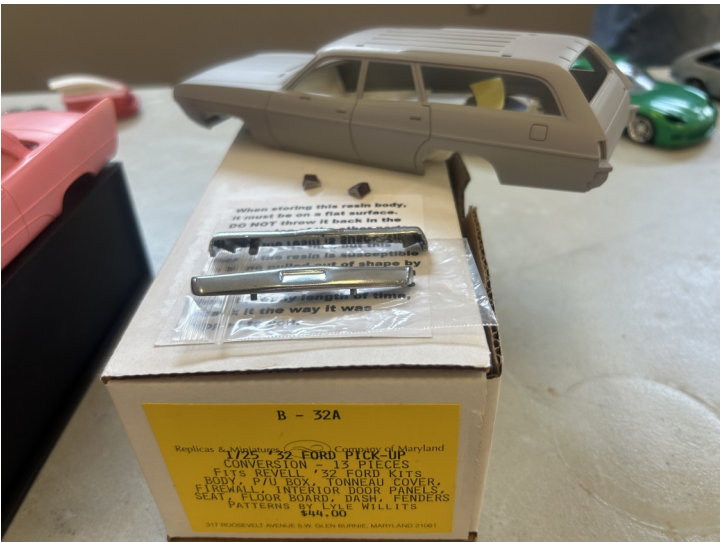
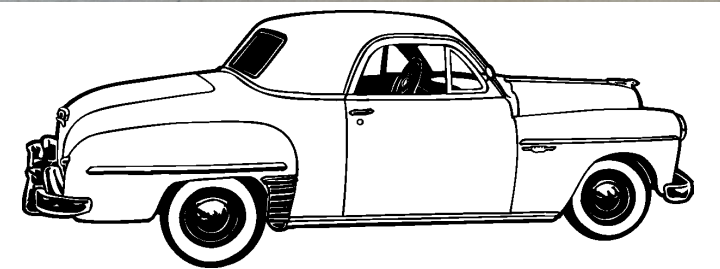
Steve M. Buter, Mike Costic, Jim Derreth, Mal Douglas, Matt Guilfoyle, Rich Meany, Gerald Neilsen, Mark Parkhurst, Chuck Rudolph, Ron Shirey, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD (Norman). Thanks guys—we 'preciate it—**Tim** 🍷



Wanna Race???

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MAMA Meeting



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Raffle Goodies!



Hot Wheels Legends!

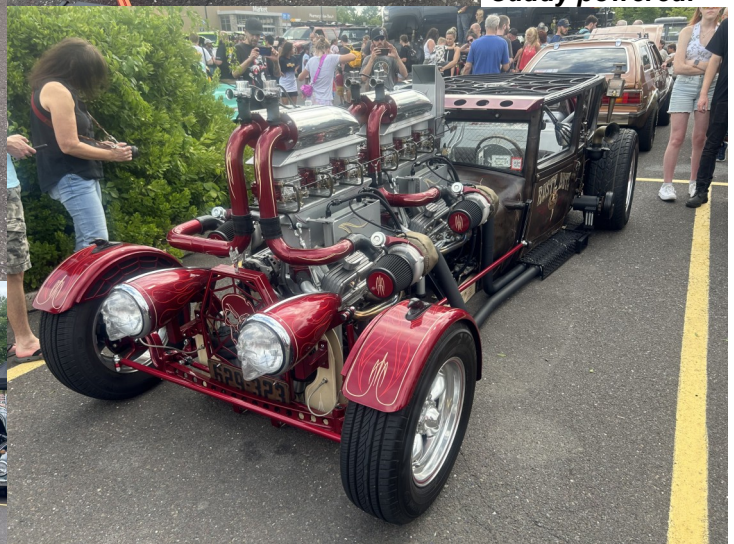
A few cars from the *Philly Hot Wheels Legends Tour* event. The winners of numerous Legend events around the country compete in a “judge-off” to possibly turn their cars into *collectible dollar Hot Wheels cars*—Tim 🏆



Rotary powered!



Caddy powered!



...And the winner is “Rusty Nuts”! A *dual-engined, quad turbo’ed, SIX four barrel-equipped rod with skull-shaped headlights*! What better car to turn into an actual Hot Wheels car—Tim 🏆

Mecum Insanity!

What follows are a few of the sights that *Matt Guilfoyle, Brian Schindler, Nick, his friend Wayne and I* experienced in Harrisburg last month—*Tim* 🚗



Bid Goes On @ \$92,000!!



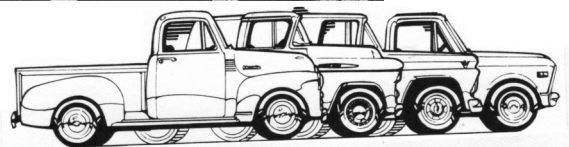
Sold for \$180,000!!



Hellcat-swapped Prowler—Bid Goes On @ \$45,000?!?



Sold for \$125,000?!



Mopar Or NO Car?!

There was so much interesting stuff at the *Mecum Harrisburg auction*, that I thought I would include some Mopars for inspiration for next years' MAMA>NNL. Enjoy, and I hope it helps—*Tim* 🍷



Ed. Note: See Hellcat-swapped Prowler on previous page for something REALLY cool for our Mopar theme!

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

- ♦ **2,510 2024-25 Cadillac XT5s**, and **4,360 2024-25 Cadillac XT6s**, for a blank instrument cluster resulting from damaged components.

These XT5s and XT6s, and those of other affected model years may have a condition in which the instrument cluster display is blank and cannot be programmed.

If this issue has occurred, these vehicles already have damage to the instrument panel cluster. In this case, the cluster cannot be programmed using a USB drive.

Multiple hazards can result if the instrument cluster is blank. These may include failure to activate turn signals, warning flashers, and/or high-beam headlights. Conversely, these signals, flashers, and/or headlights may be switched on without the driver's knowledge. The absent or incorrect visual info provided to other drivers or pedestrians could result in increased chances of an accident.

Certified 'GMC' techs will be ordered to inspect these vehicles to see if the blank instru-

ment cluster is present. If the instrument cluster is not yet blank, it is not damaged, and service personnel should reprogram it with the correct, updated software. The radio must also be updated. In this instance, no new parts are required. However, if it is blank, it is damaged and cannot be reprogrammed. The instrument cluster must be replaced with new components. Since no new components are currently available, the recalled vehicles cannot be repaired and must be held until parts are made available and the bulletin is updated.

'GMC' will mail notification letters to owners of affected vehicles instructing them to make an appointment with their dealer. If owners are unsure whether or not their vehicle is affected by these recalls, they can visit my.gm.com/recalls and input their VIN to see any open recalls or other actions that may be active.

Meanwhile, 'GMC' didn't fare very well in Consumer Reports'

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2024 ratings. In fact, it was ranked as one of the worst brands on the list, slotting in almost dead last among 34 automotive brands examined by the publication.

CR's annual brand rankings are based on a specific manufacturer's average overall score. This metric is determined based on a combination of road test scores, predicted reliability and owner satisfaction data, as well as safety data for all of the models from each manufacturer brand. In order to be considered for the list, CR must have tested at least two vehicles from the brand's lineup.

All told, 'GMC' earned just 53 points, landing the automaker in 31st place, thanks to its 71-point road test score, below average predicted reliability, and average owner satisfaction scores. CR

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'GMC' Recall Ticker

of Recalls
337 (!)

of Vehicles Affected
58,336,320

Gov't (cont'd)

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doesn't recommend any of the three vehicles it put to the test while compiling scores, and to top it off, 'GMC' doesn't offer any vehicles considered to be "Green Choices" by the publication.

'GMC's' lackluster rating places it **second-to-last among domestic brands, only outperforming Jeep**, which scored 46 points and slotted in last overall. 'GMC' was also the worst-rated nameplate among its GM brethren, tailing Buick in 13th (69), Cadillac in 14th (68) and Chevy in 22nd (62). For comparison, the highest-ranked brand overall was BMW with a score of 82.

It's not exactly a surprise that 'GMC' was near the bottom of CR's list this year, considering

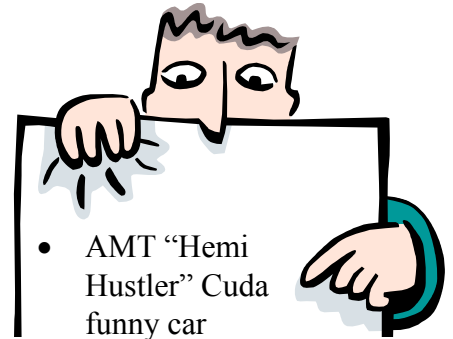
that the automaker hasn't done all that well in past studies. It earned low marks in the 2024 reliability study, indicating that owners reported experiencing quite a few problems with their vehicles. Back in 2023, the automaker scored poorly in terms of owner satisfaction, too.

However, the publication isn't entirely negative toward Big Red. It recognized the GMC Acadia as being an exceptionally quiet vehicle, commending the crossover for responsive handling and a smooth ride. Additionally, a survey found that GM vehicle owners are generally satisfied with their vehicle's integrated infotainment systems.

'GMC' has agreed to fork over **\$145.8 million in penalties** to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) because of excess emissions from several

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Ron's Rant



- AMT "Hemi Hustler" Cuda funny car
- AMT '57 Be Air hardtop Kustom Cruiser
- AMT '69 Falcon Modified Stocker
- AMT '70 Monte Carlo Lowrider Kustom Cruiser
- AMT Gremlin Modified Stocker 🍷

(1/25th, unless noted)



New Stuff





July's reserved parking was a tribute to the **"GOAT"** (*Greatest Of All Time!*), a.k.a. the GTO! Specifically, the **60th Anniversary of "The Great One."**

Steve Buter's "Yellow Fever" duo of '64 hardtop and '65 convertible really brightened up the lot.

To this I added my "major Award" '68 GTO, '69 Judge, '72 GTO, and Nick's '04 GTO.

I also showed my nearly complete **Beswick '69 D/Stock**

Judge—finally!

As noted in prior newsletters, my goal was to have it completed to display at the GTOAA Nats in Springfield, MO, where Arnie Beswick was in attendance. He **LOVED** it!!

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!

Gov't (cont'd)

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million 2012-18 model year full-size pickups and mid-size cross-overs, according to EPA standards.

According to an EPA investigation, a total of 5.9 million vehicles from 2012-18 are producing more emissions than standards allow, including 4.6 million full-size pickups and SUVs and 1.3 million midsize SUVs.

The report did not list the specific models involved, but noted

that the investigation found 10-percent higher carbon dioxide emissions than the figures reported by the automaker. In addition to the monetary fine, 'GMC' is surrendering carbon allowances equal to 50 million metric tons. The EPA is not attempting to have any of the vehicles recalled.

'GMC' said it "complied with and adhered to all applicable laws and regulations in the certification and in-use testing of the vehicles in-question." However, the automaker added in its statement, it decided to "swiftly resolve outstanding issues" by agreeing to the fine and the docking of carbon allowances related to the case.

This penalty follows **\$128.2 million in fines** The General paid last year, related to fuel economy violations for the 2016 and 2017 model years. 'GMC's' fines were the second biggest in June 2023 after those assessed to Stellantis, which was assessed **\$235.5 million in penalties** for 2018 and 2019 model-year vehicles.

The General was ranked as the second-worst carmaker for average miles per gallon in 2021, with its vehicles achieving 21.6 mpg, while Subaru, the most economical, got 28.8 mpg on average.

'GMC'—"The Standard of the World (?)"—Assorted sources 🍷



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) 🍷

We're on the web!

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

Websites

Carlisle Events:

<https://www.carlisleevents.com>

Central PA Model Car Club:

<https://www.cpmcc.org>

East Coast Indoor Nationals:

[https://motoramaproductions.com/](https://motoramaproductions.com/east-coast-indoor-nats)

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LIARS Model Car Club:

<https://www.liarsmodelcarbuilder.com/>

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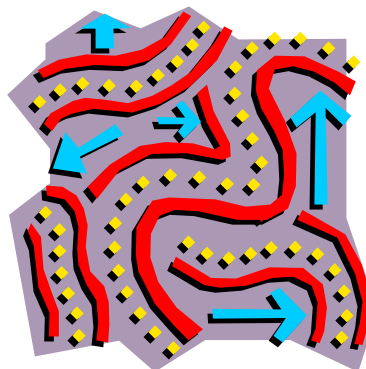
Online Event Calendar:

www.NortheastWheelsEvents.com

Directions

From MD Route 29, I-95, MD Route 1, or I-295: Take MD Route-100 East, then take exit 10-B for MD-713 North (*New Ridge Road*). Turn left onto Ridge Road, then left onto Hanover Road.

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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