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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 🚗

Happy Anniversary, MAMA!

August's meeting featured show news. Specifically, the return of *The Big Sit* next March, and *The Jalopy Showdown*, possibly in May (*as in years past*). Details when available!

We also heard from **MIA MAMA member Ron Hamilton** via the magic of

social media! He hopes to return to meetings very soon. *We all miss ya, Ron!*

The "**Pontiac Garage**" was in attendance, but seriously ad-libbed, 'cuz I am normally in PA for my yearly **GTOAA East Coast Regional Pontiac show**. With an iffy forecast, and



packing to move, I split the day between packing duties and MAMA.

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Pontiac Tops 200MPH!

It's one thing to claim a theoretical top speed, and its quite another to go out and actually achieve it. The former is commonplace, while the latter is rare. Incredibly, this **fully cus-**

tom 1969 Pontiac Firebird has gone over the 200-mph mark, and still looks the part of a total show-stopper.

Once again coming to us from the folks at AutotopiaLA, a video



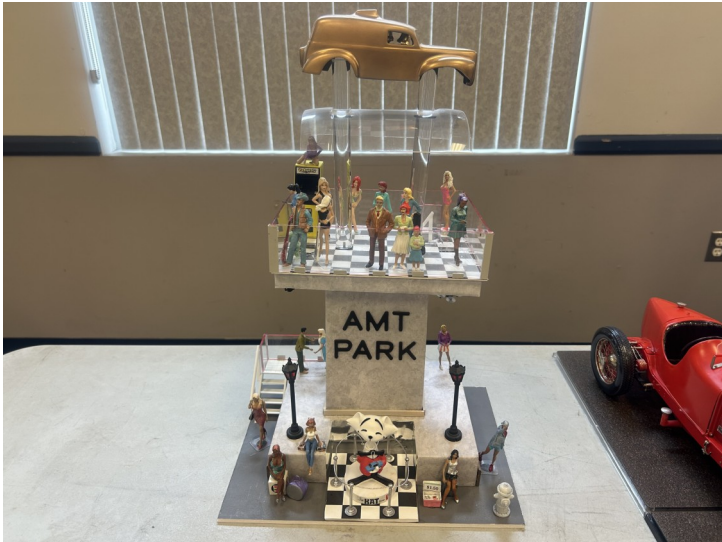
includes insights from Troy and BBT Fabrications. Although the build was originally started at another shop, the project was perfected by BBT Fab. Significant modifications include a Roadster Shop chassis and a **custom-built 482-cubic-inch Pontiac engine with twin turbos** providing the boost.

Diving into the details, the engine was built by Butler Performance, and was repositioned for better weight distribution and packaging. The Firebird produces around

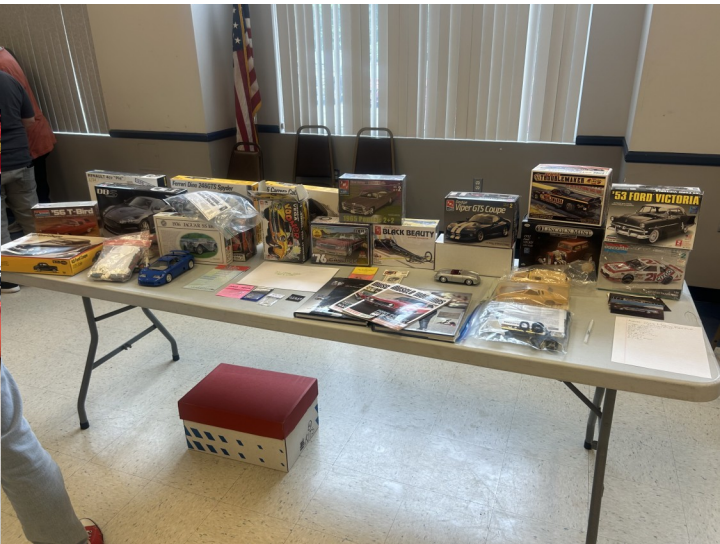
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MAMA Meeting



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Raffle Goodies!



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 **Porsche 356**.

A few details follow:

- ♦ **Paint** is Tamiya Racing

White, three coats in all and they were wet-sanded and polished carefully.

There was no need for a clear coat because it was never used on these cars

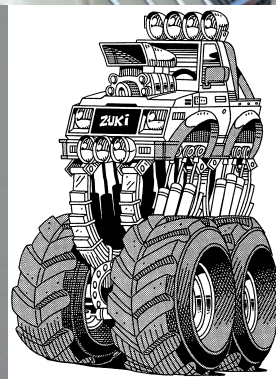
- ♦ I decided to go hubcapless because I love the details of the rims, though I did order some nut and stud pins from **RB Motion** to simulate the lug nuts. I also used button head cap screws from RB Motion for the up-top
- ♦ I included

knobs for the dash from **Detail Master** and added a few toggle switches from **Top Studio**

- ♦ **Model Car Garage** key ring and keys were also added. I also added carpeting for the floor

There are other little personal touches but all in all, it is basically a box stock build. With a lot of patience, these kits really turn out great, hope you guys like it.

Indeed we did, Cruz—as always, thanks so much for sharing!
—Tim 🍷



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

- ♦ **27,793 2024 Buick Envisions** due to an issue with the all-weather floor liners.

The vehicles may have a condition where the driver-side all-weather floor liner sold by 'GMC' can interfere with the accelerator pedal, causing it to become trapped beneath the liner and stick in a depressed position.

If this occurred, unintended acceleration may occur, thus increasing the risk of an accident.

Certified 'GMC' techs will be instructed to inspect the vehicles and perform one of two actions. On dealer inventory vehicles, techs are instructed to remove and discard the driver-side all-weather floor liner. On customer owned vehicles, if the driver-side all-weather floor liner is present, techs will modify the liner in the area of interference with the accelerator pedal. Once the liner has been modified, owners will be reimbursed the original cost of the all-weather floor liner. Owners who don't want a modified floor liner will have the option to return the liners for reimbursement.

'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.

A recent study provides a de-

tailed comparison of the five-year cost of ownership between the 2024 Chevy Blazer EV 2LT AWD and its internal combustion engine (ICE) counterpart, the Chevy Blazer 2LT AWD. 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 *Vincennes 2024 US EV Cost of Ownership Analysis*, indicating that the EV Chevy Blazer costs \$11,296 more to own over five years than the ICE version.

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 2LT 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

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Blazer EV includes advanced features such as Blind Zone Steering Assist (RPO code UKI), Rear Park Assist (UD7), 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

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'GMC' Recall Ticker

of Recalls

338 (!)

of Vehicles Affected

58,364,113

Condolences

It is my sad duty to inform the membership of the recent untimely passing of *MAMA's Boy Ron Roberts*.

According to an e-mail from Ron Bradley, he had been diagnosed a month ago with a cancerous brain tumor. Doctors operated and removed most of it, but determined that the cancer had spread to his kidneys.

In early September, he was getting his first chemo treatment, and succumbed to heart failure.

He is being cremated, and the family is planning a memorial service at a future date.

Godspeed, Ron—Tim 🚗

Miscellania

Hey blazer it's great to be back



SHUT UP, I came back as a car



4-4-2

Four Girls, Four Speed and Dual Exhaust



GODZILLA 7.3



Kind of like an LS...
but for men

200MPH!

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1,000 horsepower at the wheels on **16 pounds of boost**, with the capability of generating **up to 23 pounds**.

The engine mates to a T56 transmission with straight-cut first and second gears, plus a Moser nine-inch rear end, with all of the drivetrain components engineered for a balance of power and control.

With a **tested top speed just over 202 mph**, the Firebird stands out not just for its real-world performance, but also its show-quality aesthetics, a rare combination indeed. The looks this thing brings to the table are just as im-



pressive as the speed it can generate.

The custom-built interior is one such highlight, showcasing bespoke elements such as a custom fabricated dash and console, custom seats and paneling with unique foam work and detailed leather wrapping.

The exterior also features extensive body modifications, including a custom front end and

widened fenders. The whole thing is painted in a shade taken from the McLaren P1 color palette.

All in all, the build took approximately **10,000 hours to complete**, highlighting the craftsmanship and dedication required to make something so striking, yet functional.

How long have I been telling you guys that Pontiacs rock?!—*Assorted sources* 🚗



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Ron Shirey shared upcoming release news.

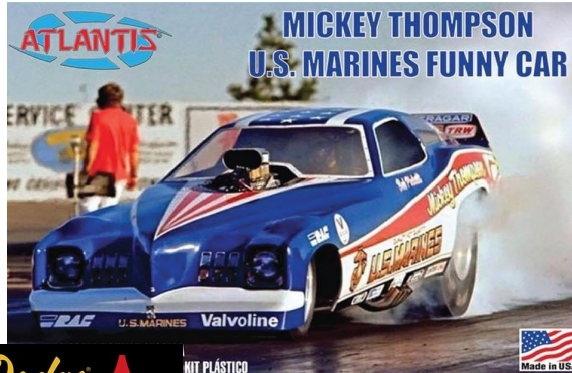
The raffle raised **\$237.00 (!)**, while the door added **\$81.00**. Paid the rent again—in spades!! Thanks to the fol-

lowing donors: *Steve M. Buter, Bill Booz, Mike Costic, Matt Guilfoyle, Jim Maness, Rich Meany, Dave Matiko, Gerald Neilson, Mark Parkhurst, Chuck Rudolph, Ron Shirey, yours truly, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD (Norman)*. Thanks

guys—we 'preciate it—*Tim* 🚗



New Stuff



Gov't (cont'd)

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and Android Auto.

Performance-wise, the Ultium-powered EV Blazer offers more horsepower (288 *versus* 228) and torque (333 *pound-feet versus* 258 *pound-feet*) 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.

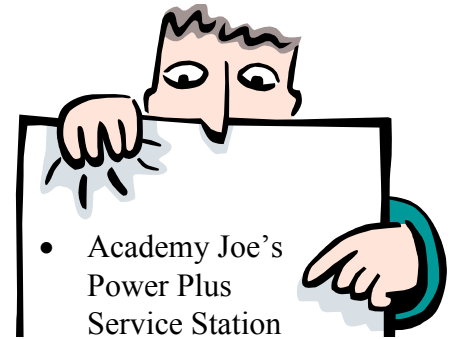
The study also reflects broader trends observed across the EV market, with many electric vehi-

cles 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.

With the higher cost of ownership and slow erosion of acceptance of EVs, who knows how long they may be around in any form—*Assorted sources* 🚗



Ron's Rant



- Academy Joe's Power Plus Service Station (1/24th)
- AMT Gremlin mod stocker
- AMT '92 F150 Flare-side pickup
- AMT Dart "Kit car" Sportsman short tracker
- Aoshima Speed Racer Mach 7 full version (1/24th)
- Atlantis M. Thompson Grand Am f/c (1/16th)
- Moebius '65 Dodge Coronet sedan
- Moebius '65 Dodge A990 S/S
- Moebius Strickler '65 Dodge AWB f/c
- MPC Multi Maverick f/c
- Revell '22 C8 Z51 coupe 🚗

(1/25th, unless noted)



August's reserved parking was a tough act to follow, coming on the heels of the celebration of the **60th Anniversary of "The Great One"** in July, and, given my impending move, much of my stuff is packed up and unavailable.

I brought out "**'Ol Blue,**" my **Pro Street '71 GTO**. He was joined by **KARR**, **KITT's** evil twin, from **Knight Rider**, keepin' an eye on things.

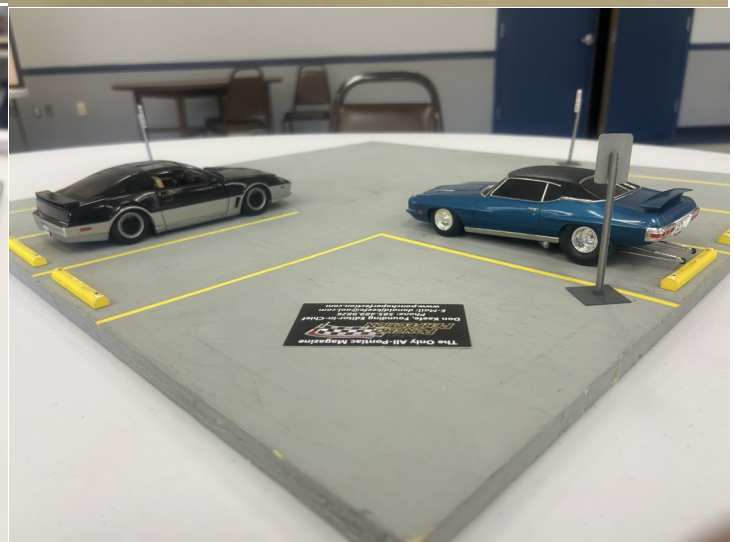
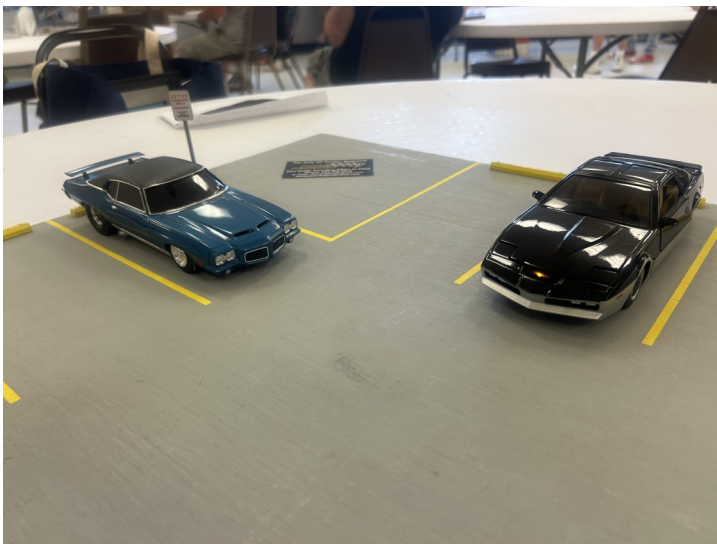
Nick and I were actually able to "enlighten" a few members as to the actual existence of KARR as a combatant on the show.

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!!

If all goes well, the next newsletter will be comin' to you from our new digs. Wish us luck—**Tim**



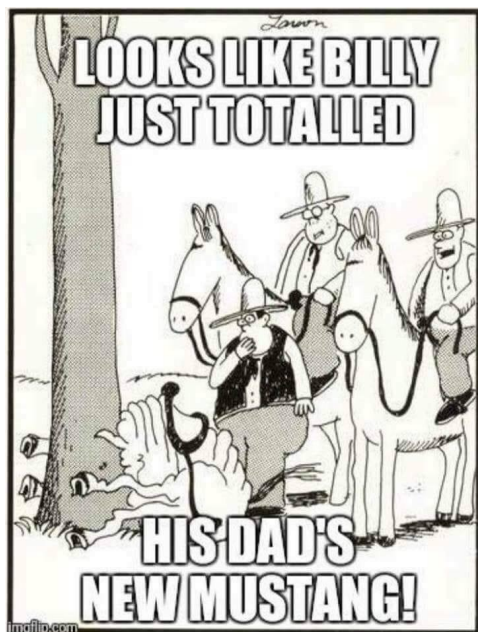
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MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!



Carlisle Events:

<https://www.carlisleevents.com>

Central PA Model Car Club:

<https://www.cpmcc.org>

East Coast Indoor Nationals:

<https://motoramaproductions.com/east-coast-indoor-nats>

LIARS Model Car Club:

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

NNL East:

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

THINGS I DO IN MY SPARE TIME



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"He caught an electric car."



funny car ACRONYMS

Mazda = Made After Zero Design Analysis

Subaru = Screwed Up Beyond All Repair Usually

Nissan = Need I Say Something About Nothing

Ford = First On Rust and Deterioration

Honda = Had One Never Did Again

Jeep = Just Eats Every Penny

Fiat = Fix It Again, Tony

BMW = Big Money Wasted



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)

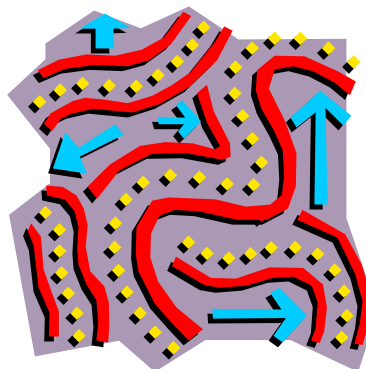
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<http://www.mamasboyz.org/>

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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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