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2025 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 18th
- 🔊 February 15th
- 🔊 March 15th
- 🔊 April 19th
- 🔊 May—**No Meeting!**
- 🔊 June 21st
- 🔊 July 19th
- 🔊 August 16th
- 🔊 September 20th
- 🔊 October 18th
- 🔊 November 15th
- 🔊 December 20th (10-3!)

Hope to see you there 🚗

"Show's On—Come On Out!"

Choosing next years' theme categories for our show last month flew by! There was one additional category brought up for consideration—pickup trucks, and, **BAM!** Done! Come to our show for details, or you'll have to wait for the newsletter. Oh, and do **NOT** show up for a meeting!

Kudos to **MAMA** for

the *sodas* and *cookies*, **Dave Toups** for the *Munchkins*, and **Rich Meany** for the *donuts*!

Another highlight of the meeting was the appearance of **Ricky "Model Cars & Coffee" Wallace**. He wanted to thank MAMA for the support he received for this event, announcing its return next year, with one

change—more space! Oh, and he is now a "MAMA's Boy" for life (or, until he pays the \$500 "termination fee" to quit!).

Ron Shirey started off with the bad news—tariffs (i.e., price increases!). He then covered announcements for the next few months.

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B-J Auction Insanity

As we continue to mourn the loss of the sixth-gen Camaro, which was discontinued in 2024 with no direct replacement, there are still some out there in new or like-new condition that are up for grabs. One very special example appeared at the Barrett-Jackson 2025 Palm Beach auction late last month, the very first 2024 Camaro ZL1 Collector Edition (CE) ever produced.

The panther badge on the bottom of the steering

wheel of this ZL1 indicates that it's number **001/350**, confirming it was the first-ever Camaro ZL1 CE. This car is already rare and desirable, and its first-ever status and 85-mile odometer reading multiply its collectability.

Not only is this likely one of the last ICE-based Camaros ever made, but production was relatively limited, with only 1,335 CE units produced. Of those 1,335 units, just 350 are the range-topping

ZL1 trim (274 in the coupes and 76 convertibles).

The content of the CE package varies between the different trim levels. ZL1 models receive a black metallic center stripe, badging, Panther Black matte paint, a Mosaic Black front splitter and grille, a carbon fiber spoiler, and more. Like all sixth-gen ZL1 models, this one cradles the mighty supercharged 6.2L V8 gas engine.

It's hard to predict a sales price for such a

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Raffle Goodies!



WIPs (Works in Progress!) by Ricky Wallace



T 'n T

Rodding History?! It's always fun to see obscure concept cars go up for auction, and we have quite an oddity to show you today. The unique **1998 Cadillac EldoRODO** is up for auction in Wisconsin on Bring a Trailer. It is still in excellent show car condition with 8,500 miles on the clock. Built by Huntington Beach-based California Street Rods in collaboration with GM, the Cadillac EldoRODO was originally built as a tribute to Southern California car culture and takes inspiration as a sort of futuristic low rider. It was shown at various car shows, including the LA Auto Show, and it was featured in a few car magazines that were in vogue in the 1990s. While it retains the general shape of the Eldorado's final generation, this concept's body was chopped to accommodate a four-inch drop courtesy of its air suspension system. It also has a steeper windshield rake to make a lower roof. The front end was fabricated to give it thinner headlights and a slimmer grille in line with the car's overall lower profile. It's

finished in Ignite Orange, a much more daring color than the average 12th-gen Eldorado. The Cadillac Eldorado hasn't had skirted rear wheels from the factory since 1974, but this Cadillac concept has wheel skirts as a nod to the car's heritage. Speaking of the wheels, it rides on 18-inch wheels wearing chrome plates bearing the Cadillac crest. Around back, you'll find a smooth rear end with thin, vertical tail lamps and exhaust tips to match. The Neutral Shale interior is more normal than you might expect. It has the plush seats typical of this era of Cadillac, heated front seats, and Bose audio. The only notable interior modification is some carbon fiber trim. It's also mostly stock under the hood, with a 4.6L V8 Northstar making 300 horsepower and 295 pound-feet of torque. Power is routed to the



front wheels via a 4-speed automatic transmission. The high bid for the Cadillac EldoRODO is at \$15,250 as of this writing, and the auction ends on Wednesday, April 16th. It has a junk title and no muffler, so there might be a challenge in making this street legal, but it makes a fine addition to any collection of unique GM vehicles—(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 🍌



C8 Watch

The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) is showing off its latest acquisition—a **2023 C8 Stingray**. It was seized “from a drug dealer” and been repurposed for use as a patrol vehicle, as well as for use in community outreach, recruitment, and public safety awareness. In addition to posting a series of photos highlighting the new patrol-spec C8, FHP also posted a video showing it on patrol.

Looking over photos of the new FHP ride, there is a custom two-tone paint scheme, with glossy black bodywork underneath a creamy tan roof and rear deck, tying back to the standard FHP color scheme. Prominent “STATE TROOPER” markings are applied to the rear quarters, doors, and bumper, while the Florida Highway Patrol badge is displayed on both doors and the rear bumper. The official plate reads “3870”, a unique FHP identifier.

This C8 is also equipped with blue LED flashers in the front fascia, lower grille, side markers, and rear bumper, and a low-profile light bar mounted across the inside top of the windshield. Inside, this upgraded C8 equips a standard MDT, or Mobile Data Terminal, allowing officers to access

police databases, issue citations, and receive dispatch updates. There’s also a portable radio and controls for the emergency lighting and siren system.

Assuming this C8 is equipped with the optional Z51 package, the naturally aspirated 6.2L V8 is equipped with a factory performance exhaust system, upping output to 495 hp. The package also includes an electronic limited-slip diff, performance-tuned suspension, and upgraded cooling systems.

In a video, FHP states that the Vette was handed over to the police department through an asset forfeiture following a joint task force operation with the DEA. The vehicle was originally owned by a criminal suspect, and after being seized during the investigation, it was repurposed for law enforcement use. FHP states that no taxpayer money was used to obtain the car.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, it’s not often we see a **Corvette food truck**, but that’s exactly what the “**Vetro**” is, and it’s on display at the New York



the Vetro is a **2021 C8 Stingray Z51**. That’s right: a C8-based food truck. The body is sourced from a **1952 International Metro van**. Vette plus Metro equals Vetro. It was built by **Luc’s Fajita Hut**, which serves New Jersey and New York.

One of the most amazing things about the Vetro is that it appears to have a largely unmodified C8 interior. The seats, steering wheel, dash, infotainment screen, and center stack all look factory.

It’s a little unclear how capable the Vetro is at actually preparing food. Unlike a more traditional food truck, it doesn’t have a full-blown kitchen inside. It’s mid-mounted powertrain, comprising a 6.2L V8 mated to an 8-speed dual-clutch transmission, is in the way.

Instead, it has panels on the sides of the body to reveal serving areas, and Luc’s Fajita Hut has demonstrated that there’s enough room for a Snap-On toolbox that was converted into a beer tap. The actual fajita cooking would need to occur in a different truck, but the Vetro can store and serve said fajitas.

This C8 food truck will go for

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International Auto Show. It’s going for a world record that nobody was keeping track of previously: the world’s fastest food truck.

The basis of

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

- ♦ A total of **597,630 2021-24 Chevy Tahoe/Suburban, GMC Yukon/Yukon XL, and Cadillac Escalade/Escalade ESV full-size SUVs**. The recall refers to a problem in which the 6.2L V8 has manufacturing defects that can lead to **loss of propulsion, engine damage, and engine failure**. 'GMC's decision to issue a recall follows a **series of lawsuits, investigations, and engine replacements** regarding consistent problems with this engine. 'GMC' notes that the connecting rod and/or crankshaft components in the aforementioned vehicles may have unspecified manufacturing defects. Manufacturing defects in the connecting rods or the crankshaft can ultimately lead to **engine failure**, increasing the risks of an accident. Full-size SUVs affected by the recall will be inspected for manufacturing defects. Those that pass inspection will receive an engine oil and filter change, this time using high-viscosity 0W-40 Mobil 1 Supercar oil. The owner's manual for these models calls for

0W-20 oil. The oil fill cap will also be replaced. It's unclear what happens if an SUV does not pass inspection, but it's likely an **engine replacement**.

Affected components include connecting rods, crankshaft, engine oil, filter, oil fill cap. 'GMC' will notify owners of affected SUVs. Additionally, 'GMC' has placed a stop sale on SUVs currently in dealership inventory, meaning they cannot be sold, delivered, used in demonstrations, or traded to other dealerships until they've passed inspection and gotten the appropriate oil change. The SUVs that do not pass inspection cannot be sold or delivered to customers.

- ♦ An **unknown number of 2023-24 Chevy Low Cab Forward (LCF) 3500, 4500, and 5500 trucks** equipped the 6.6L V8 due to an issue related to the ignition coil pack fuses.

The trucks may have a condition where incorrectly sized wire seal was selected for the two externally mounted engine ignition coil pack fuse holders. This mishap could

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allow for potential water intrusion into the fuse holders and lead to eventual corrosion or failure of the fuses.

If the ignition coil packs were to fail, there are a number of events that could occur, including:

- 1) The Check Engine Malfunction Indicator Light may illuminate and the engine may misfire and produce decreased power output.
- 2) The truck may derate and limit maximum vehicle speed to 5 mph. However, power steering and power brake assist would still function normally.
- 3) If the engine is shut off, it may stall when attempting to restart.

All three events above increase the risk of an accident.

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'GMC' Recall Ticker

of Recalls
333 (!)

of Vehicles Affected
58,923,126



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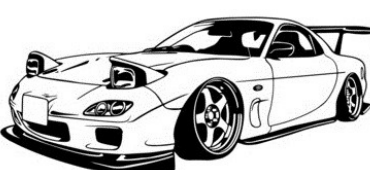
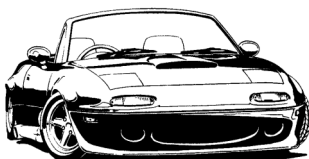
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- Certified 'GMC' techs will be instructed to inspect the trucks and replace both engine ignition coil pack fuse holder assemblies with new versions.
- ♦ An **unknown number** of **2024 Cadillac XT4s, Chevy Colorado and GMC Canyon pickups** that were produced with park lamp function that is not in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 108. The recall describes a remedy available from authorized dealers. When the driver of one of these vehicles switches off the master light control at night or in other dark conditions, the taillights, license plate light, and side marker lamps will switch off. However, the parking lamps will remain on. Federal motor vehicle safety standards require that if the parking lamps are on, the taillights, license plate light, and side marker lamps must also be illuminated. Since this is not the case in affected trucks, they are out of compliance with federal law. Certified 'GMC' techs will reprogram the Body Control Module. No parts are required to fix of this issue.
- ♦ A total of **11,542 2025 Cadillac Lyriqs** that have an inaccurate description of rear-seat head restraint usage in the owner's manual. The Lyriqs were shipped with owner's manuals that contain incorrect information on how

to adjust the rear outboard head restraint. The instructions as printed show how to adjust the **Chinese Lyriq** variant's headrest, which does not use the same adjustment method as the **North American Lyriq** (or the Lyriq anywhere else in the world).

Incorrectly adjusting the rear seat head restraints following the instructions included in the noncompliant manual might increase the risk of injury in the event of a crash or collision. The manuals are also not in compliance with US and Canadian regulations about printed safety instructions. A remedy requiring no parts is available. 'GMC' will mail a printed insert to all owners of record with correct head restraint adjustment instructions, which should be inserted in the manual. This insert will also be supplied to dealers and owners can opt to have it inserted at the dealership. Dealers must also add the special insert to the owner's manual of any Lyriq crossovers in their inventory before selling or delivering them. Owners should wait for the arrival of the correct Lyriq headrest adjustment instructions from 'GMC' and insert these in their owner's manual, or have the dealership do this. Inserts will be mailed on May 12th, 2025.



- ♦ An **unknown number** of **2023-25 Cadillac Lyriqs** that have loose front stabilizer bar bracket bolts. 'GMC' Safety Recall numbers N252494190 and N252494191 also describe a remedy available to Lyriq owners. 'GMC' issues **two separate recalls**—one for the left front stabilizer bar and another for the right front stabilizer bar. The vehicles were shipped with improperly fastened front stabilizer bar bracket bolts. If both bolts on the left or right bracket loosen and separate from the frame, a loose stabilizer bar or bracket can damage the vehicle's high-voltage cables or EV battery coolant lines. If these cables or lines are sufficiently damaged, over time, the vehicle may shut off or become undriveable, increasing the risk of an accident. 'GMC' service techs will inspect and, as necessary, re-torque or replace these bolts. Owners should wait for 'GMC' to communicate whether their Lyriq is affected by the recalls—*Assorted sources* 🚗



Last month's "reserved parking" area "morphed" into a nearly full table, thanks to Prez Tim Powers' designation as the "inaugural theme month" table.

I obviously did my best to bring a few of my old builds in support, adding one "new face"—a 2004 GTO started ages ago being displayed on a 3D-printed 2-post lift that I won at last month's "Model Cars & Coffee" show. It

was done by **TJWedge**. He seems to have a lot of diorama stuff available. Check him out on Facebook, or e-mail him at irocmanllc@gmail.com.

While I recognize many of the cars displayed here, I can't begin to credit all of you who took the



time to bring your Pontiacs out to "play," but appreciate very much seeing them like this.

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Poncho (Cont'd)



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MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!

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Kudos to Duane Hinton for the shirt commemorating the display!

Here's hoping that you all will keep bringin' and showin' 'em! 'PoP' (Pontiacs on Parade!) Sickie signin' off! And don't forget—MAMA may not need all these Ponchos, but I'm diggin' 'em—thanks!!—Tim 🍷



Websites

Central PA Model Car Club:

<https://www.cpmcc.org>

LIARS Model Car Club:

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

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

Intro (cont'd)

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AMT has announced a price increase effective immediately. No word on Revell, Moebius, or Atlantis.

The "Pontiac Garage" was in attendance, but in a different form. It started our monthly theme table off (with a bang, if you ask me!).

The raffle raised \$110.00, while the door added \$125.00. Paid the rent again—and then some! Thanks to the following donors: *Steve M. Buter, Mike Costic, Mal Douglas, Bobby G, Matt Guilfoyle, Rich Meany, Mark Parkhurst, yours truly, Howard Weinstein, Ron Shirey*, and last but certainly not least, *Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD (Norman)*. Thanks guys—we appreciate it.—Tim 🍷



B-J (cont'd)

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unique and collectible car, but we've seen 2024 Camaro ZL1 CEs *change hands for as high as \$236,500*, and that was for number 22/350. Could this Camaro cross the quarter-million-dollar mark? Time will tell—*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 Sickie) 🍷

We're on the web!

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

C8 (cont'd)

the *first-ever Guinness world record for the highest speed achieved by a food truck*. Guinness told Luc's Fajita Hut they need to hit *130 mph* for the record to be recorded. The Vetro make the record attempt this July at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway during Memorial Day weekend as part

of the Indy 500 festivities.

A mid-engined sports car like the C8 is a highly unlikely and, frankly, impractical candidate for a food truck build. However, the Vetro is sure to draw attention to Luc's Fajita Hut—*Assorted sources* 🍷



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