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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 🍷

Happy Anniversary, MAMA!

This month's meeting will mark the **37th Anniversary** of our intrepid group of people, thanks to **founding father Norman Veber**. **Thanks, Norm!!**

Ron Shirey informed us about upcoming releases. Ron was also recently in touch with **MAMA member Ron Hamilton**, who report-

edly has lost 70 pounds.

Ron is also helping Mark Mason out with moving some of his kits. Apparently, Mark had a stroke, and needs care to recover. Keep him in your thoughts—**Thanks, Ron!**

David Fuller provided an update on the **Paxcon show**. He also provided content in the

form of pictures from the **IPMS Nats in Richmond** (if I understand correctly). **Thanks, David!**

The **"Pontiac Garage"** was obviously MIA, as Nick and I were "soaking up the sun" at the **GTOAA Eastern Regionals show**.

The raffle raised **\$103.00**, while the door

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"MY Kinda Kit"!



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MAMA Meeting



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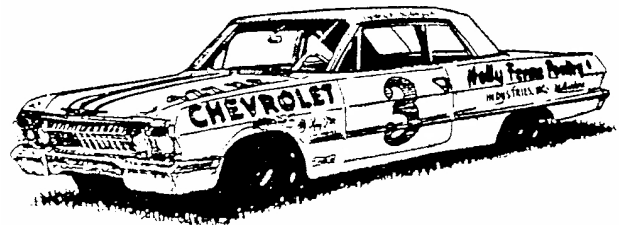


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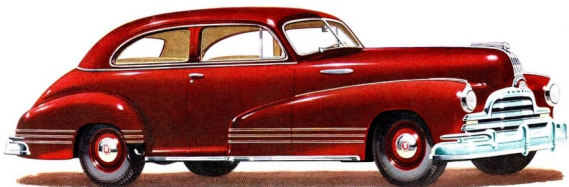
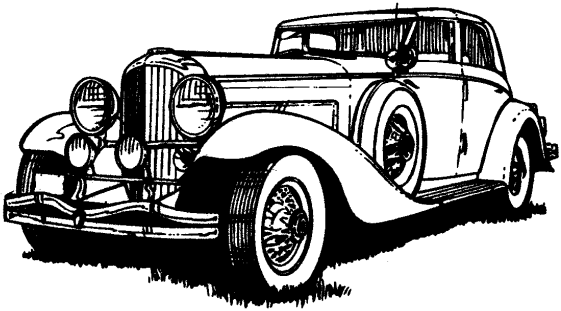


IPMS Nats

The following are a selection of interesting photos from the recent IPMS Richmond show, thanks to *MAMA member David Fuller*. David thought you all might enjoy them, and prepare you for the Paxcon show in Hollywood, MD on the 4th of October. *Thanks, David—Tim* 🍷



IPMS Nats



C8 Watch

The C8 Z06 and ZR1 are performance powerhouses, the Z06 featuring the 670-hp 5.5 liter V8 and the ZR1 boasting the fire-breathing twin-turbo'ed 5.5 liter V8 generating 1,064 hp. However, 'GMC' has just released a voluntary recall for 2023-26 model-year C8s over a fire risk while owners fuel up their vehicle.

According to the recall, **23,656 2023-26 Corvette Z06s and 2025-26 Corvette ZR1s** which are equipped with a left-side radiator/fan combination, are affected by a condition where excess fuel spilled into the fuel-filler pocket can leak down on an ignition source.

Fuel spilling onto an ignition source, such as in this case, increases the risk of a fire.

The problem stems from the left-side radiator/fan combination found in the LT6 and LT7 engines. In rare cases, excess fuel spilled into the fuel-filler pocket can leak down on an ignition source. Naturally, this increases the risk of a fire.

'GMC's fix for affected C8 Z06 and ZR1 models involves installing an insert or shield to divert fuel that may have spilled into the fuel-filler pocket away from any ignition source. The fuel-filler pocket is the only component affected by the recall, and every unit recalled will receive the fix.

Since the recall affects the most recent model years of the C8, Chevy has pulled Z06 and ZR1 units from online inventory search while it takes care of the

recall. Shoppers will likely still be able to find units for sale on dealer sites, but buyers searching for either **h i g h - performance C8** variant on Chevrolet.com will find no units available anywhere in the US.

To clarify, the Stingray and E-Ray variants of the C8 are unaffected by the recall. The 6.2L V8 powering the Stingray and E-Ray uses a different cooling system with a different radiator design than the ones in the 5.5 liter V8s, so they don't have the same risks outlined in the recall.

The C8 Z06 was once a "hot" commodity (*Ed. Note: see prior news item!*). Just two years ago, buyers were clamoring for build slots and were happy to pay markups for the opportunity. Now, though, it seems Z06s are beginning to pile up on dealer lots, with many available for MSRP. Some even have steep discounts. So if you've always wanted a new track-ready C8, now's your best chance.

First brought to light by [Car-scoops](#), Chevy currently has **1,702** Z06s sitting on dealer lots across the country, according to the car-maker's online inventory tracker tool. Of those, 1,001 are coupes, and the other 700 are convertibles.

Interestingly, the Z06 is the most populous version of the C8 on dealer lots right now. There are only 1,092 base Stingrays and 873



E-Rays currently sitting in Chevy's inventory. So if you see a C8 on a dealer lot, it's mathematically likely to be a Z06, rather than any other trim.

As *Corvette Blogger* points out, there are several reasons for the buildup of Z06 inventory. Markups from dealers likely kept buyers from swooping in right away, with the hopes that prices would go down. Then there's the mid-cycle refresh the C8 just received.

All of the cars currently in inventory are 2024 or 2025 models, meaning they haven't received the updated interior or new color choices. All of these cars still have the polarizing "button wall," which could be turning off buyers.

It's also possible buyers could be waiting for the ZR1 and the ZR1X. Whereas the 670-hp Z06 was previously the top dog in the C8 world, it's now overshadowed by the much more powerful twin-turbo model, which makes 1,064 hp (*or 1,250 hp in X form*).

New Z06s are largely hovering at or below MSRP, according to Chevy's inventory tool. The cheapest example, a Riptide Blue 1LZ coupe, is listed for

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RLC Insanity

Based on the preceding GMC Syclone turbocharged pickup truck, the GMC Typhoon featured a similar ethos wrapped in an SUV body. Only produced across two model years, the Typhoon embarrassed many high-performance vehicles of its day, so with that in mind, Mattel is re-releasing a **Red Line Club (RLC)** Exclusive 1992 GMC Typhoon.

This 1/64th scale model features a Spectraflame two-tone Apple Red and gray paint job, six-spoke Real Riders mag wheels, a full metal chassis, light smoke-tinted windows, and a black interior. Additionally, the hood pops open to reveal the turbocharged powerplant hiding underneath. Hot Wheels offered an RLC Exclusive GMC Typhoon in the more common Black paint scheme last year, and this is an opportunity to get a red one.

For background on the GMC Typhoon itself, this turbocharged

SUV follows in the footsteps of the aforementioned GMC Syclone. Just like the turbocharged pickup truck, the Typhoon boasted the 4.3L V6 gasoline engine, force-fed by a Mitsubishi turbo and intercooler strapped on. To handle the extra boost, the 4.3L LB4 featured special pistons, main caps, head gaskets, intake manifolds, fuel system, and exhaust manifolds, all of which helped the Typhoon produce 280 horsepower and 360 pound-feet of torque.

This power was directed to all four wheels via the GM four-speed automatic transmission, where up to 65 percent of output was sent to the rear wheels.

During independent testing, the GMC Typhoon was capable of hitting 60 mph in 5.3 seconds and running the quarter-mile in 14.1



seconds at 95 mph. As such, many publications found the Typhoon's performance comparable to that of the Ferrari 348ts, Corvette, and Nissan 300ZX Turbo, yet still criticized its plastic interior bits. Notably, pricing started in the \$29,000 range.

This Hot Wheels model launched on Tuesday, August 12th, and shipped on or before August 22nd (*likely gone!*). It's available to RLC members with a limit of two per customer. As of this writing, an annual RLC membership costs \$9.99—*Assorted sources* 🌟





PAXCON 2025

Scale Modelers Show & Contest
Hosted by The Southern Maryland Scale Modelers



Saturday, 4 October 2025

To Register, Vendor Tables, Sponsor Awards or Sponsor the Show:

paxcon2025.org

Where:

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department
24801 Three Notch Rd
Hollywood, MD 20636

When:

Saturday, 4 October 2025
Vendor setup 3-7 pm Friday
Doors open at 9 am
Show closes at 4 pm

Registration:

Entry Fee: \$15 for 10 models / 5
judged
Junior (17 & under) entry fee: \$10
Walk in fee (no models): \$10
Family: \$15

Sponsorship Opportunities:

paxcon2025.org
Basic Awards
Special Awards
General Show Sponsorships

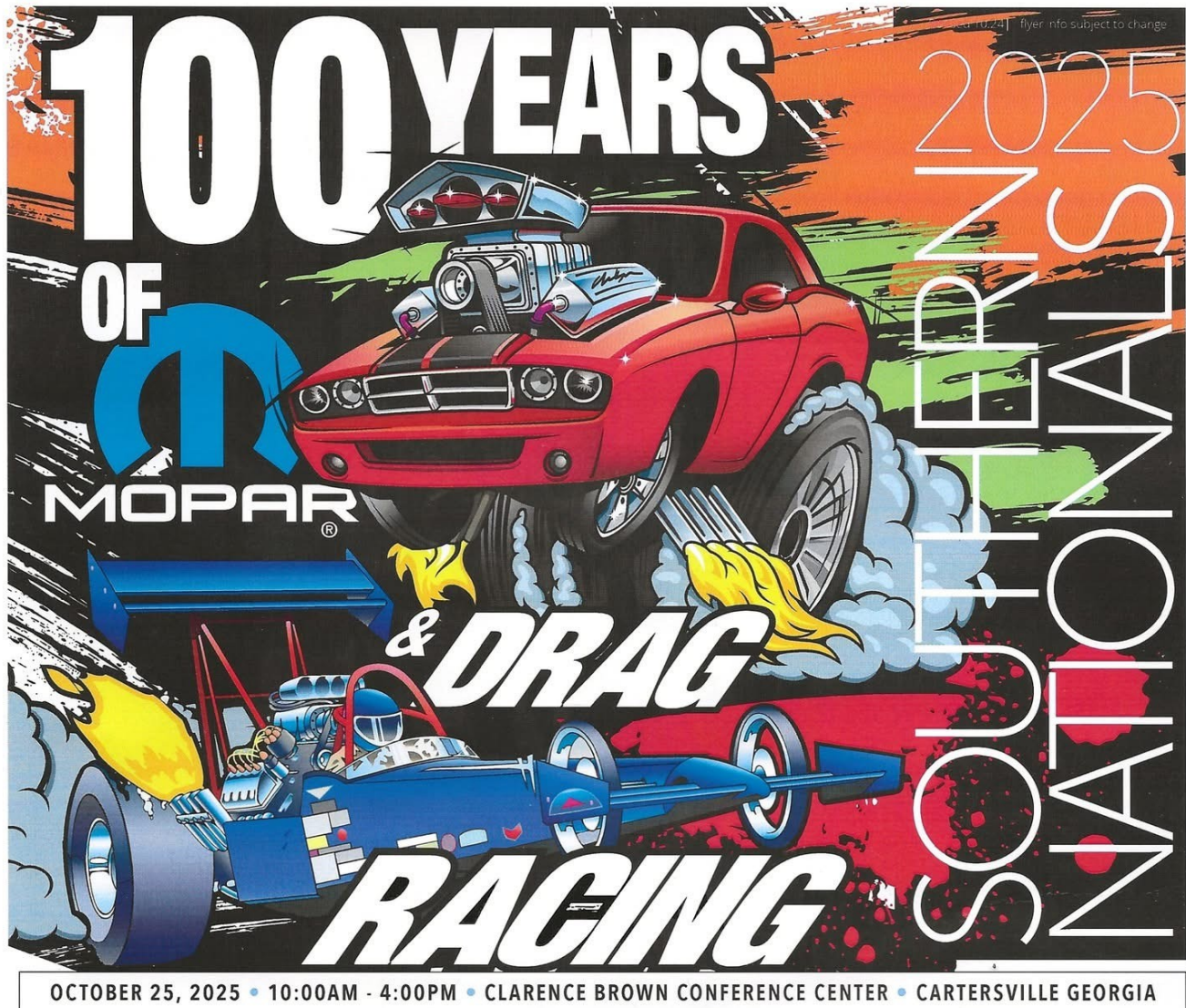
Vendors!

Vendors! Raffle Drawings every hour!
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structure! Food on site from the
Ladies Auxiliary

Raffle!

For more information contact the
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OCTOBER 25, 2025 • 10:00AM - 4:00PM • CLARENCE BROWN CONFERENCE CENTER • CARTERSVILLE GEORGIA

- 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 (\$30.00) which will include entry to the contest.

Entry Fee to place models into the show: \$12.00 unlimited entries

General admission: \$7.00 | Children under 12 free with paid adult | 8' vendor tables \$45.00

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**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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LOCATION:

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5450 State Route 20
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Cartersville**

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Cartersville GA, 30121
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NOVEMBER 8th, 2025
FREEPORT REC CENTER
130 EAST MERRICK RD. FREEPORT NY 11520
9AM TO 4PM - (AWARD CEREMONEY 3 PM)

This years theme: Any cars built with a model year ending in a "5"



WALK INS - \$5 for ADULTS
CHILDREN UNDER 12 - FREE!
MODEL ENTRY - \$15 (first 5 models, \$1 for each additional model)
Junior catagory - FREE!

MORE INFO

(<https://www.longislandautoreplicasociety.com>)

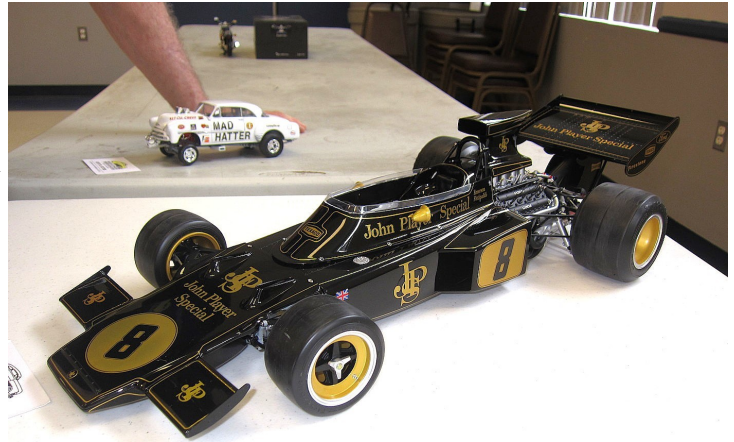
Model of the Month

The August honoree for this “official unofficial” award is *MAMA’s Boy Kevin Buter* (again, if I got it right!).

This large-scale *Pocher John Player Special Lotus 72D* was the focus of Kevin’s attention.

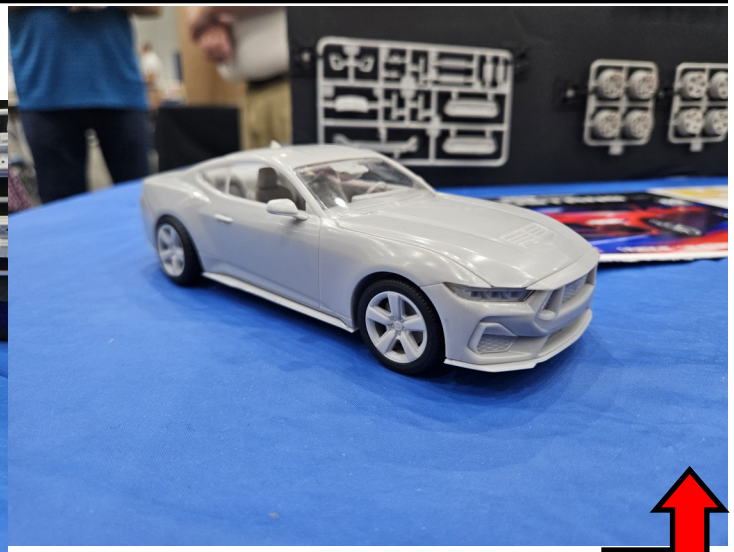
He was aided in his quest for “scale perfection” by an upgrade kit (with DVD) by Paul Koo, and hardware upgrades from modelmotorcars.com.

I would be the first to admit that despite the fact that I did not see it in person, it appears as though he succeeded—in spades. What do you all think? *Great work, Kevin—Tim* 🏆



New Stuff

LOOK



Revell '24 Mustang GT

Revell Lamborghini Revuelto

C8 (cont'd)

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\$107,464—\$12,000 off MSRP. In all, there are 10 Z06s with asking prices **under \$110,000**. A stark contrast to when the car first debuted, when some dealers were **asking up to \$100,000 on top of MSRP**.

If you want the sought-after Z07 performance package, which adds things like stickier tires, better brakes, and more aero, you'll

have to pay a bit more. But not that much more. The cheapest Z07-equipped Z06 is currently listed for **\$125,790**, again \$12,000 below MSRP. There are eight Z07 cars under **\$140,000** for sale right now across the country.

Whether you get the Z07 package or not, the Z06 represents an incredible value here, considering its closest competitor, the Porsche 911 GT3, carries an MSRP of **\$224,495**—and that's before any dealer markups. Even be-

fore discounts, the amount of performance per dollar is astonishing.

Admittedly, though, that's been the C8's MO for decades now. And while the stats have gone up, the game hasn't changed—*Assorted sources* 🏆



**7th Annual
HALLOWEEN BASH
Model Show**
Model Cars Trucks & other Vehicles
Saturday November 1, 2025

Fullerton Fire Company
851 2nd St.
Whitehall PA 18052

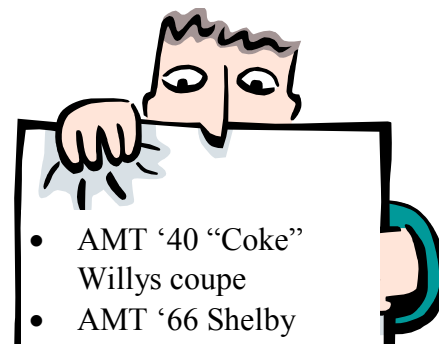
9am- 3pm

\$10.00 Entry Fee
Theme: "Tri 5's"
Sub Theme: "Customs Vans"
Special Halloween Bash 20 Year Theme "Brush Paint Only"
NO DIORAMAS, BASES OR PROPS!

Custom Best of Show: Trophy plus Special Awards!
And the Annual Memorial Award.



Ron's Rant

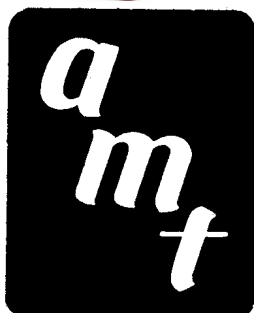


- AMT '40 "Coke" Willys coupe
- AMT '66 Shelby GT350
- AMT '67 "Supernatural" Impala hardtop
- AMT '68 El Camino Street Machine
- AMT '69 SS396 Chevelle
- AMT '69 H/O 442
- AMT '69 Cougar Eliminator
- AMT '76 Nova P/S
- AMT '89 Batmobile w/figure
- AMT '13 ZL1 Camaro
- AMT VW Scirocco
- Moebius '65 Comet Cyclone B/FX
- Revell Chevy LUV High Roller Pickup (1/24th) 🚚

(1/25th, unless noted)

1966 **SHELBY GT-350**
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Last month's parking lot was MIA, due to the fact that Nick and I were on the road—again, this time at the **2025 GTOAA East Coast Regionals**, in nearby PA.

I have included a few examples of some of the “Poncho Perfection” that was present.

I also included a photo of a group of models built by an “up and coming” modeler by the name of **Matt Gettys**, who moved from

the Junior to Senior class at the small model car contest Nick and I administer at the show. Matt is a member of the CPMCC.

Here's hoping that you all will keep 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!



Intro (cont'd)

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added **\$163.00**. Paid the rent again—and then some! Thanks to the following donors: **Bill Booz, Brad, Steve M. Buter, Mike Costic, Jim Derreth, Matt Guilfoyle, Dean Lewis, Mark Parkhurst, Ron Shirey, Chris Whalley, Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD (Norman), CTM (Czech Truck Models), FAB Resinworks, Gofer Racing, Micro Scale decals, Pro Tech, Tom Daniel, STS Decals and USCP (Ukrainian Scale Car Parts)**. Thanks guys—we 'preciate it—Tim 🍷



August Theme

The theme for this month will be **"Orphans."** I guess that would include but not be limited to brands such as **AMC, Hudson, Mercury, Oldsmobile, Packard, Plymouth, Pontiac (!), and Studebaker** would be fair game. So, raid your display cases, stashes or finish bench projects for display at the August meeting, okay? Again, thanks to the **MAMA Presidential Monthly Theme selection sub-committee**, including **Don Sutherland, Lyle Willits, and Dino Lewis**—Tim 🍷

Websites

Central PA Model Car Club:

<https://www.cpmcc.org>

LIARS Model Car Club:

<https://www.liarsmodelcarbuilder.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



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/>

Parting Shot!

This is funny, I don't care who you are!

If my body were a car, I'd be thinking of trading it in. I've got bumps, dents and scratches and my paint is getting dull.

My headlights are out of focus, and it's hard to see things up close.

My traction isn't good. I slip, slide and bump into things even in the best weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes a while to reach my top speed, and my fuel burns inefficiently. Here's the worst of it.

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires! (Thanks to MAMA member Gary Sutherlin)—Tim 🍷

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