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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 Halloween, MAMA!

Please thank **Matt Guilfoyle** for the pizza and sodas, **Tim Powers** for the cake, and **Norman Veber** for bringing us all together, making last month possible!! Simultaneously, Nick and I celebrated our "triumphant (?)" return. It seemed like a looong time since I last attended a meeting, and was great

to be back to see everyone!

A quick note here that will be repeated as needed—first of all, the **October meeting hours** will be from **9 AM to 1 PM**, due to a scheduling conflict. Also, the **Toys for Tots donations** will be collected for delivery at the **November** meeting, as the collection cut-

off in December necessitates this.

Next up, Ron Shirey informed us about upcoming releases.

The "**Pontiac Garage**" was back with a vengeance, and Nick and I were extremely glad to be there to present it!

The raffle raised **\$99.00**, while the door

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Movie Car Tie-In!

My son Nick and I are huge comic book superhero fans. We are both into the Marvel universe to a large degree,

while Nick s also into the DC Comics world (*me to a lesser degree*).

Imagine my surprise when he showed me the



Marvel Fantastic Four's "Fantastical" popcorn bucket that he had purchased at one of the theaters showing the movie!

He purchased it on his own, and we saw the movie together after he had the cool bucket.

For what it's worth, it has **NEVER** had popcorn in it.

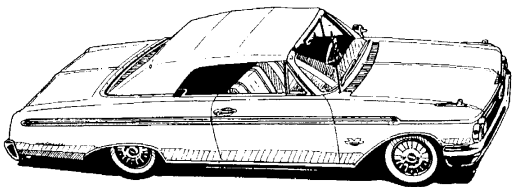
I am unsure of the price—it **MAY** have been \$50. If you are interested, try a local theater showing the movie, as I don't know how limited this 'rad ride' was.

Thanks, Nick—Tim



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Raffle Goodies!



Theme Table



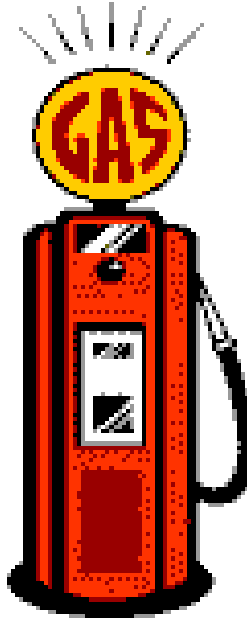
M.O.M*

The September honoree for this “official unofficial” award is *MAMA’s Boy Ricky Wallace*.

Beyond being almost totally scratchbuilt, not very much info is available on Ricky’s latest masterpiece.

I like the “in the weeds” stance, but the “Freebie” box out front is hard to pass up.

Kudos, Ricky. One can only wonder—what will you do that will top this?!—Tim 🚗



* (Model Of the Month!)

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

- ♦ An **unknown number** of **2021-22 Buick Envisions, 2021 Cadillac Escalade/ Escalade ESV/2021-23 XT4s/2021-22 XT5s/2021-22 XT6s, 2021 Chevy Blazers/Camaros/2022 Equinoxes/2021 Malibys/2021 Suburbans/2021 Tahoes, and 2021-22 GMC Acadias/2021 GMC Savanas/2022 GMC Terrains/2021 Yukon/Yukon XLs** for an issue with the fuel pump power control module that can interrupt the flow of fuel to the engine. Vehicles affected by the recall may have a fuel pump power control module that is prone to failure. If a fuel pump power control module fails, fuel flow to the engine could be interrupted, creating a potential traffic safety hazard. 'GMC' techs will replace the fuel pump power control module, pending an inspection.
- ♦ A total of **1,275 2026 Chevy Silverado EVs (567), and GMC Sierra EVs (624), and 84 Canadian trucks** also affected, over an issue with the ESC instrument cluster warning light. After experiencing an electronic stability control sys-



tem malfunction, the driver instrument cluster malfunction warning light may not illuminate on the next key cycle, even if the ESC malfunction may still exist.

An ESC malfunction indicator light that doesn't illuminate won't warn the driver of a system issue, increasing the risk of a crash.

GMC techs will be instructed to update the electronic brake control module software, free of charge to the customer. The issue can also be solved through an over-the-air software update.

- ♦ A total of **23,700 2024 Chevy Equinox EVs**, which potentially fail to conform to minimum sound requirements for hybrids and EVs in the US and Canada. A similar recall was issued late last year for the 2025 model. The recall appears to encompass the entire 2024 model year, with affected production dates between August 8th, 2023 and August 28th, 2024.

The vehicles may have an incorrect software calibra-

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tion and may not produce exterior sound at the required relative volume when the vehicle is traveling between a standstill and 6.2 mph.

Vehicles that don't meet the required sound threshold may present a safety hazard to pedestrians who may not hear the car in low-speed driving situations, such as parking lots.

'GMC' Recall Ticker

of Recalls

345 (!)

of Vehicles Affected

59,116,654

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C8 Watch

Florida recently passed a new law that targets individuals traveling at “dangerously excessive speeds,” with law enforcement officers now arresting anyone caught driving at more than 100 mph, or 50 mph over the posted speed limit. It’s called the “Super Speeder law,” and unfortunately for one C8 driver, the penalties of the new law were laid out in full after they were caught traveling at **107 mph** on the highway. The driver’s excuse? They were late for a *haircut*.

In a new video posted to social media by the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office, we see the first-hand perspective on an officer on duty. The video opens to reveal the dash cam of an officer monitoring traffic while parked between opposing lanes on the highway. The

video appears as though it was captured on September 23rd, around 6:15 p.m. local time.

As the video gets underway, we see a C8 zoom by the parked police cruiser. The officer responds by merging onto the highway and chasing down the Vette. After pulling behind the mid-engine sports car, we hear the officer activate the siren, prompting the driver to pull over.

After pulling onto the shoulder, the officer approaches the Vette. The driver is seen with their hands stretched into the air. The officer asks the driver to exit the vehicle, and they quickly comply. After patting the driver down, the officer puts the driver in handcuffs



and tells them the C8 was clocked traveling at 107 mph and was “weaving in and out of traffic.”

The officer later asks the driver why they were driving so quickly.

“I have an appointment with my barber,” is the response.

According to the post, the driver was subsequently transported to Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility and was later released on a \$150 bond—*Assorted sources* 🚗

C7 (?!) Watch

A new viral video making social media rounds shows two hi-po GM icons getting a little too close for comfort—a Z06 and Cadillac CT5-V Blackwing trade paint outside a car meet.

According to the video, the drivers were a *father and son auto enthusiast duo*, turning a friendly family outing into one very expensive insurance claim.

The video was captured by an onlooker standing next to a two-lane road outside of the meet. The video opens to show the unmistakable shape of a black-and-blue C7 Corvette Z06 slowing to make a right-hand turn into an adjacent

road lined with parked cars. Everything seems fine at first, but just a few seconds later, a Cadillac CT5-V Blackwing comes flying into frame. We hear the sound of tires

straining to slow the four-door as the CT5-V driver hits the brakes, suddenly realizes the Z06 is moving a lot slower than anticipated.

Unfortunately, it’s not enough. The Cadillac dives right in an attempt to avoid contact, but ends up clipping the right rear quarter panel of the C7, sending bits of



bodywork falling to the ground. The Z06 skitters off into the grass while the Caddy rolls to a stop a few feet ahead.

Apparently, dad was in the CT5-V Blackwing, while his son was in the Corvette Z06. The Z06 looks like it’s quarter panel took

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T ‘n T

Sorry officer! Police in Northern California were understandably perplexed when they pulled over a Waymo taxi after it made an illegal U-turn, only to find no driver behind the wheel and therefore, no one to ticket. The San Bruno Police Department wrote in now viral weekend social media posts that officers were conducting a DUI operation early Saturday morning when a self-driving Waymo made the illegal turn in front of them. Officers stopped the vehicle, but declined to write a ticket as their “citation books don’t have a box for ‘robot’.” “That’s right...no driver, no hands, no clue,” read the post, which was accompanied by photos of an officer peering into the car. Officers contacted Waymo to report what they called a “glitch,” and in the post, they said they hope reprogramming will deter more illegal moves. The department’s Facebook post has generated more than 500 comments, with many people outraged that police didn’t ticket the company. People also wanted to know how police got the car to pull over. But San Bruno Sgt. Scott Smithmatungol said they can only ticket a human driver or operator for a moving violation, unlike parking tickets that can be left with the vehicle. Thanks to **Tom Gunshannon** for this kneeslapper...**Last Camaro?!** The sixth-gen Camaro has officially reached the end of the road. Following the nameplate’s discontinuation after the conclusion of the 2024 model year, production officially

wrapped in December of 2023, much to the dismay of enthusiasts. Now, the very last new unit of the 2024 Camaro is still available, but it comes with a hefty dealer markup. The very last new 2024 Chevy Camaro is listed for sale at Permian Chevrolet GMC Cadillac in Hobbs, New Mexico. The vehicle in question is a 2024 Camaro 2SS finished in Summit White paint, matched with a Jet Black interior. Under the hood sits the naturally aspirated 6.2L V8 LT1 gasoline engine, delivering 455 hp to the rear wheels through the GM 10-speed automatic transmission. The dealership has priced the car at **\$59,205**, which includes a whopping **\$20,000 markup over MSRP**. Despite the steep premium, demand may be on the dealer’s side for this one. With the car now discontinued and no successor in sight, enthusiasts may be willing to pay extra for the last remaining new one. Further specs include 20-inch five-spoke Gloss Black wheels with red accents, Brembo six-piston brakes, LED headlamps, a carbon fiber shift knob, and an eight-inch HD color touchscreen with wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. For now, speculation over the car’s future remains uncertain. Rumors suggest that a next-gen model could abandon its internal-combustion roots in favor of an



all-electric powertrain, potentially as a sedan or crossover. However, with ‘GMC’ pivoting back towards internal combustion in a new “ICE Renaissance,” an EV Camaro may be less likely. **GM Authority** has previously reported that internal proposals for a seventh-gen car were considered, but ultimately dismantled due to a weak business case, although the possibility has not been entirely ruled out quite yet. Adding to the intrigue, ‘GMC’ recently filed to trademark the Camaro name in **Cambodia**. While the filing alone does not confirm any future plans, it does signal that the company may be considering the possibility of a new Camaro some time in the near future. And given the nameplate’s legacy, this small but important step keeps hope alive that the iconic musclecar may eventually return, in some form at least, to ‘GMC’s’ lineup (*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

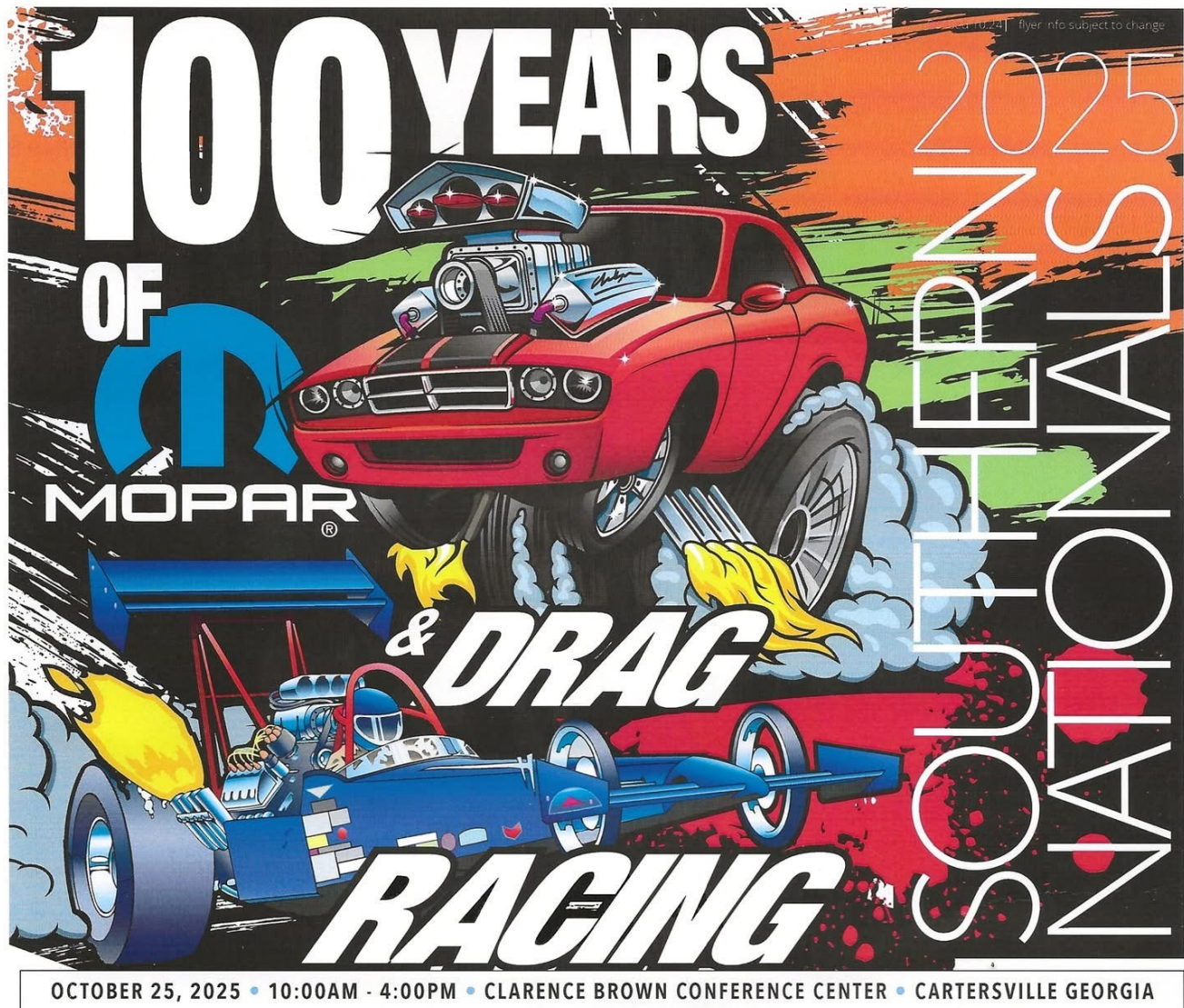
New Stuff LOOK



**1963 Pontiac Lemans
Convertible**
AMT1416



1930 Ford Tudor Sedan
AMT1499



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- 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 ea

*Previous ACME award-winning models are not eligible, models must be entirely built and painted by the entrant. Other restrictions may apply.

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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>)

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

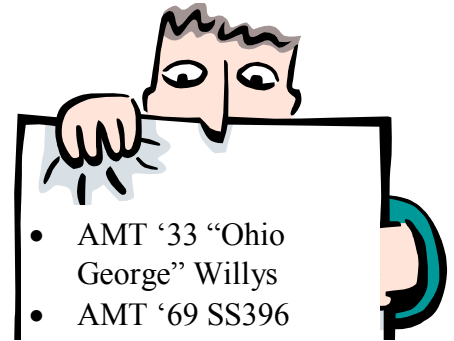
Fullerton Fire Company
851 2nd St.
Whitehall PA 18052
9am- 3pm



\$10.00 Entry Fee
Theme: "Tri 5's"
Sub Theme: "Customs Vans"
Special Halloween Bash 20 Year Theme "Brush Paint Only"
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Custom Best of Show: Trophy plus Special Awards!
And the Annual Memorial Award.

Ron's Rant



- AMT '33 "Ohio George" Willys
- AMT '69 SS396 Chevelle
- AMT '69 Cougar Eliminator
- ♦ AMT '69 H/O 442
- AMT '76 Nova P/S
- AMT '72 "Coke" Racer's Wedge Chevy
- AMT '76 Pro Street Nova
- AMT '89 Batmobile w/figure
- AMT '13 ZL1 Camaro
- AMT VW Scirocco
- AMT Diamond Reo
- AMT Kenworth Aerodyne
- Revell '79 "Captain Hook" GMC Wrecker
- Tamiya '25 Honda Prelude (1/24th) 🏆

(1/25th, unless noted)





Last month's parking lot was a very nice mixture of vintage Pontiacs from a small collection that found it's way to me.

First off, **Chris Whalley**, though not present, was there in spirit. Norman Veber helped Chris to "remotely" display a very cool, original '67 **GTO funny car**. Thanks for sharing, Chris!

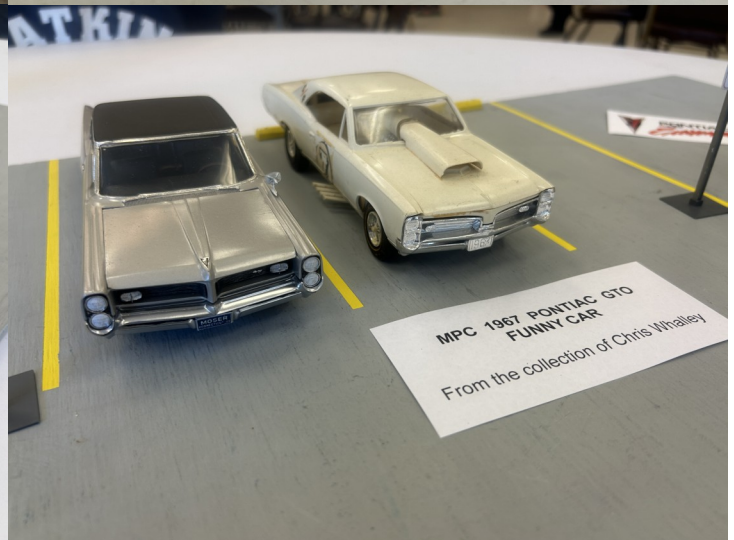
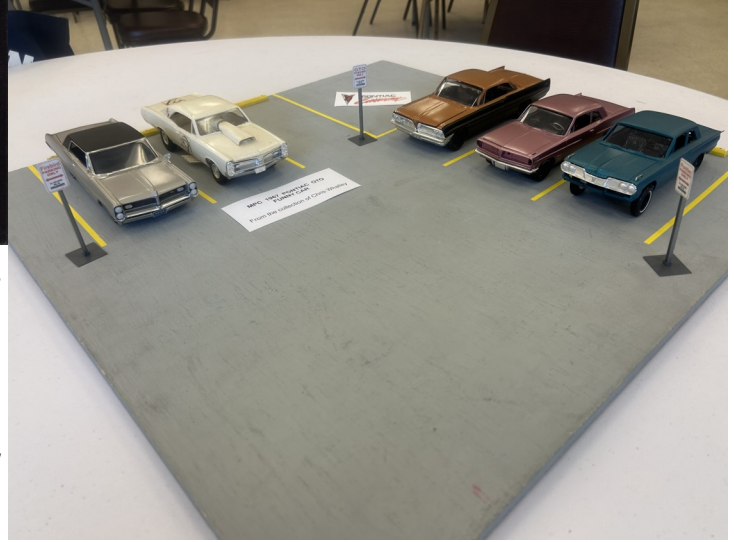
Next up is a gorgeous '64 **Grand Prix**, built and displayed

by **George Openhym**.

Finally, I was responsible for the '61 **Bonneville** (Fireball Roberts), '63 **Tempest hardtop**, and '62 **Tempest Gasser**.

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!



Oct. Theme

The theme for this month will be, quite simply, any and all body styles of “*Model Ts*” (*sedans, convertibles, pickup trucks, stock, modified, etc.*). So, let’s all dig really deep or raid your display cases, stashes or finish bench projects for display at the October 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



Intro (cont'd)

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added **\$182.00**. Paid the rent again—and then some! Thanks to the following donors: *Bill Booz, Brad, Steve M. Buter, Mike Costic, Cruz, Matt Guilfoyle, Sean Kirby, Mark Parkhurst, Ron Shirey, Lyle Willits, “Unknown Modeler,” 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 🚗

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the brunt of the impact, although the video doesn’t show the Caddy’s front end.

It’s unclear what the “Dadillac” was doing. Odds are he was distracted by something. Maybe cars lining the adjacent road caught his eye and he didn’t see the Z06. Either way, it’ll be a Thanksgiving story retold for years to come—*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!

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Gov’t (cont'd)

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‘GMC’ techs at EV-certified dealers are instructed to update the software calibration in the vehicles’ body control module (BCM) to correct the condition.



Some unsold vehicles may receive this update via wireless over-the-air (OTA) technology.

Affected vehicle owners will begin receiving official recall letters in the near future. Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact Buick customer service for more information—*Assorted sources* 🚗

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