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2026 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 17th
- ☞ February 21st
- ☞ March 21st
- ☞ April 18th
- ☞ May—**No Meeting!**
- ☞ June 20th
- ☞ July 18th
- ☞ August 15th
- ☞ September 19th
- ☞ October 17th
- ☞ November 21st
- ☞ December 19th (10-3!)

Hope to see you there 🚗

Car Shows and Mecum Insanity!

Last month's meeting saw the welcome return of Brad, Susanne and Steve Bradford, after a few doctors' visits for Brad, and a hospital stay for Steve. Great to see them back! Question now is—where is Ron Hamilton?!

Kudos for all of the food last month—cookies from Matt and

Nick, Munchkins from Dave T, and donuts from the "Unknown Modeler."

Ron Shirey did his usual excellent work on what to expect regarding upcoming releases.

The "**Pontiac Garage**" was onsite as always, for the "100th."

The raffle raised **\$77.00**, while the door added **\$188.00 (!)**. Paid

the rent again—and then some! Thanks to the following donors: **Kevin Buter, Steve M. Buter, Mike Costic, Matt G, Greg Johnson** (northern VA benefactor), **Mark Mason, Rich Meany, Mark Parkhurst, Replacas & Miniatures Co. of MD** (Norman), and **Ron Shirey**. Thanks guys—we 'preciate it!—**Tim** 🍷

Mecum Insanity!



It is August as I write this, meaning that the Mecum Harrisburg auction is now history.

As always, yours truly, my son Nick, his friend Wayne, and MAMA club members Matt Guilfoyle and Brian Schindler made the trek to be abused for two days, forced to drive all manner of automotive transportation. The days were long, the pay was non-existent, but the perks of driving such a varied assortment of cars

cannot be overstated. Refer to pages six and seven for a small assortment of the 1,000 or so cars we got the chance to chauffeur around the grounds.

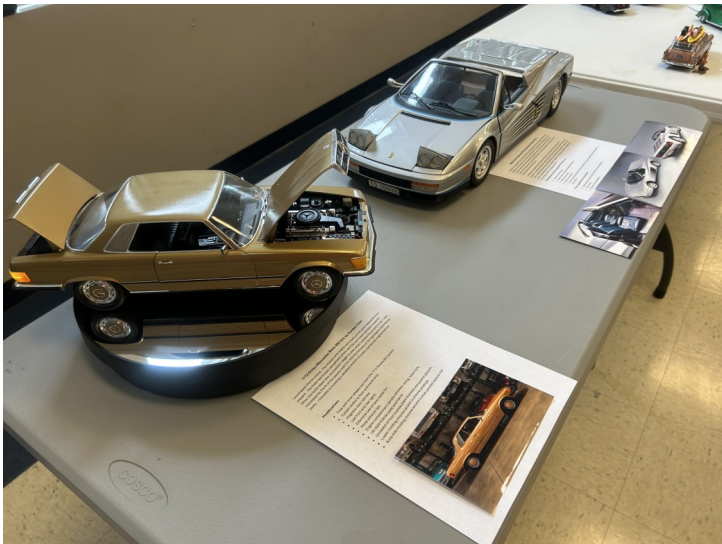
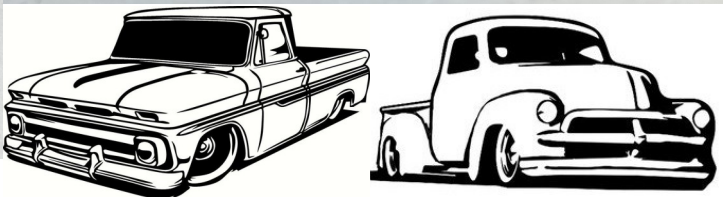
Meanwhile, the top 10 sellers follow (*I believe that buyers' and sellers' premiums are included*):

1. 2026 C8 ZR1 "Stars & Steel" edition convertible—\$561,000
2. 1969 Boss 429 Mustang fastback—\$550,000
3. 2026 C8 ZR1X Limited Edition convertible—\$473,000
4. 1967 Shelby GT500 fastback—\$264,000
5. 1967 Custom Mustang fastback—\$242,000
6. 1959 Cadillac Series 62 convertible—\$192,500
7. 1968 Shelby GT500KR convertible—\$181,500
8. 1968 Charger Hemi R/T—\$181,500
9. 1969 Roadrunner

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MAMA Meeting LOOK



MAMA Meeting



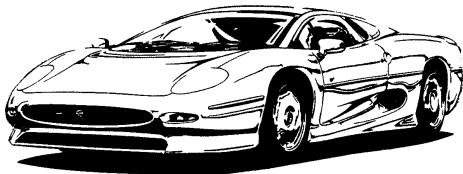
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Raffle Goodies!



Theme Table



M.O.M.*



The July honoree for this “official unofficial” award is **Steve M. Buter**.

Steve started with the AMT Nomad, and originally planned on a box stock build. Upon finding a large wheel and tire combo in the box, this combo was worked into the build.

Color is Krylon rattle can “Short Cuts” Rose Gold.

The scallops are decals from a ‘61 Ford Galaxie.

Steve applied magnetic strips to the surfboard rack and sheet metal strips to the bottom of the boards—boards stay put!! The boards, by the way, are courtesy of our own Norman Veber (*a.k.a. Replicas & Miniatures Company of Maryland*)—Cowabunga, dudes!!

No info on where the babe came from. Would you care to elaborate Steve?



Kudos to Steve, another M.O.M. honoree, and thanks to Kevin Kovach for doin' this—
Tim 🏆



** (Model Of the Month!)*

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



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Four Girls, Four Speed and Dual Exhaust



Mecum Insanity!



Nick drove this...



...but he REALLY wanted this one (for real!), a Bid Goes On at \$36,000!



Sold for \$230,000!



I drove this one, a BGO at \$40,000

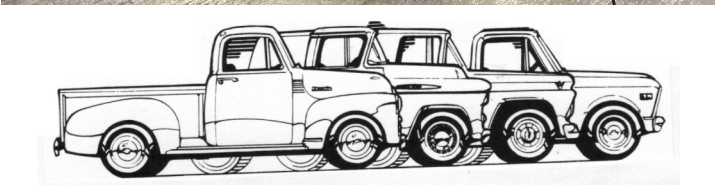




Chauffered by Matt G, sold for \$66,000



I REALLY wanted this one—'55 Pontiac!!



I drove this one as well, a BGO at \$125,000!!



Originally sold new in Martinsburg, WV!

Central PA & Silent Traffic Model Car Clubs Present...

Super September Showdown 26



THEME CATEGORY!

60's Fastbacks!

NEW LOCATION!

Norco Fire Company

144 W. Schuylkill Rd. • Pottstown, PA 19465

Saturday

9-12-26

9am to 3pm

Vendors setup: 7am

- Model Contest with 18 Classes & Trophies Awarded
- Contest Info: Rick Woleslagle • sgtwolfy@aol.com • (717) 887-2751
- \$15. entry • Juniors 15 & under free
- Vendor Tables: \$35. each. Vendor info: Smokey Fegley • (610)517-3473
• yekomS@comcast.net
- Breakfast & Lunch Available By Norco Fire Co.
- All Events on One Level • Ample Parking
- Find Central PA. & Silent Traffic Model Car Clubs on Facebook



DIVERSIFIED SCALERZ^{M.C.C.}

Model Car Meet & Contest
Saturday September 26, 2026
1 Pal Drive, Wayne NJ 07470
9am - 2pm



Sub Theme/ Parking lot Diorama

TOYOTA DAY



Toyota/Lexus/Scion

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C8 Watch



It seems the state of Florida has nabbed another super speeder in a C8. This time, deputies say the mid-engine sports car was clocked at an astonishing **130 mph (!)** in a posted 45-mph zone. According to the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, the driver was arrested at the scene and transported to the St. Johns County Jail.

If you're ever pulled over and the first words out of a deputy's mouth are, "What the hell are we doing?!" chances are your day is-



n't going to end well. That's exactly how the traffic stop began for the driver of this black C8, as bodycam footage released by the sheriff's office reveals the deputy's blunt reaction as he approaches the driver's window.

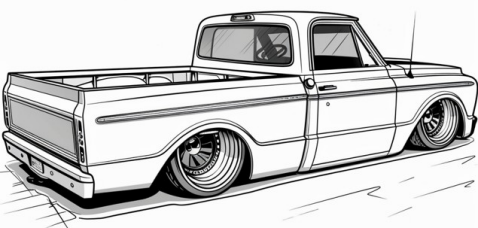
Modern Corvettes are incredibly capable machines; even the latest version of the C8 base

model, the '27 Stingray, is capable of hitting 200 miles per hour. But public roads are not the sort of place to responsibly test out such velocities, as it's easy to underestimate how quickly things happen at those speeds. A vehicle traveling 130 mph covers roughly 190 feet every second, leaving almost no time for a driver, or anyone else on the road, to react to an unexpected obstacle.

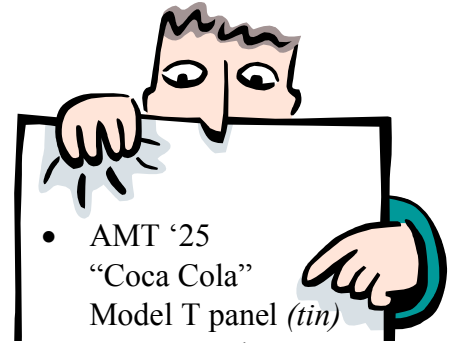
And that warning goes double for anyone in a municipality that has strengthened penalties for extreme speeding. The Sunshine State's Dangerous Excessive Speeding Law, sometimes re-

ferred to as the "Super Speeder" law, makes it a criminal offense to exceed the posted speed limit by 50 mph or more, or to drive at more than 100 mph in a manner that endangers people or property—and this C8 driver, according to police, violated both of those. A first conviction can carry penalties of up to 30 days in jail, a \$500 fine, or both.

Late for a big bowling date, maybe? Thanks to **MAMA's Boy Tom Gunshannon** for this one—
Assorted sources



Ron's Rant



- AMT '25 "Coca Cola" Model T panel (*tin*)
- AMT '32 Chevy Roadster street rod
- AMT '53 "Mr. Speed" Stude Starliner
- AMT "Hot Wheels" '82 Bronco
- AMT "Screamin' Eagle" Firebird funny car
- Atlantis "Pure Hell" Demon funny car (*1/16th*)
- Atlantis '26 Mack AC Bulldog Dump Truck (*1/24th*)
- Atlantis Tom Daniel "Fire Iron" show rod (*1/24th*)
- Atlantis Tom Daniel "Unreal Roller" (*1/24th*)
- Revell '26 Lamborghini Revuelto (*1/24th*) 🏆

(*1/25th, unless noted*)





Last month, given that this year marks Pontiac's 100th Anniversary, I attempted to "flood the zone" with a few older examples of my "Pontiac Power."

Let's first start off by acknowledging the builder of the *blood red WS6 Trans Am*, our own *Kevin Kovach*. Promise me you'll bring it back complete, Kevin.

As most of you can plainly see, my Ponchos run the gamut—

1960s to 1980s, certainly, but rest assured that I have a few kits outside this range that will someday, hopefully see the light of day at a meeting.

Here's hoping that you'll 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!



Aug Theme

This month's theme is ***pick 'emup trucks***. Bring whatever your fertile imaginations can conceive of (*and you may need to be even more creative!*). Dig deep, raid your display cases, stashes or finish bench projects to display at the meeting. Thanks to the **MAMA Presidential Monthly Theme selection sub-committee—Don Sutherland, Lyle Willits, and Dino Lewis—Tim 🍷**

Websites

Central PA Model Car Club:

<https://www.cpmcc.org>

LIARS Model Car Club:

<https://www.longislandautoreplica.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

Insanity (cont'd)

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A12 hardtop—\$170,500

10.1958 Impala hardtop—
\$165,000

A few things I'd like to point out here.

First of all, regarding the Mustang that sold for \$230,000 we have info that it was built ***twelve YEARS*** ago. The original owner picked the color, but did not like it on the car. In the ensuing 12 years, the car was reportedly driven ***ONLY 54 miles!*** Cost to build it? ***\$600,000!***

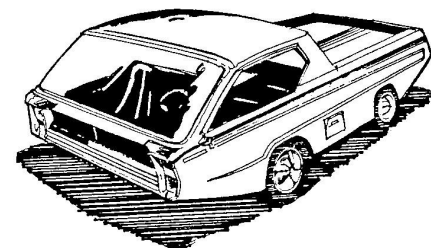
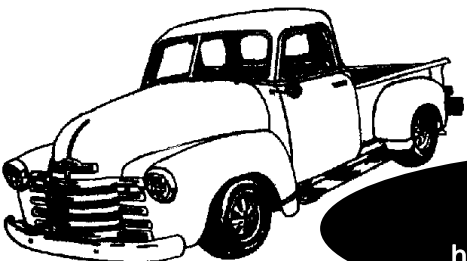
The Quail Silver ZR1X had almost ***\$63,000 worth of OPTIONS on it!!*** Included were the following dealer installed options: black lug nuts (\$295), dark stealth crossed flag emblems (\$275), highway safety kit (\$150), battery protection package (\$100), first

aid kit (\$60). Its' ***MSRP was \$228,100***, and had an ***as-delivered price of \$293,065!!***

The Stars and Steel ZR1 convertible was reportedly purchased by none other than Mecum owner Dana Mecum! A Mecum employee told me that he has bought and sold at his auctions in the past.

The yellow '70 Chevelle SS396 in the bottom corner of page seven which I drove was delivered new to Wagner Chevrolet in Martinsburg, West Virginia!

Finally, and most fittingly, I was able to drive the final car to be auctioned off in Harrisburg on Saturday—a ***2008 Pontiac Solstice convertible!!*** Sadly, it ended up with a BGO of \$7,750. Had I known, I might very well have gotten a Bidder's pass!! Oh well, there's always next year—July 21st—24th, 2027—***Tim 🍷***



Classifieds

WANTED: Unbuilt '06 Dodge Magnum kit, #85-2019, or 85-4059 for a friend. Contact me at gtoguy@verizon.net, or see me at a meeting. Thanks! (Tim Sickie) 🍷

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