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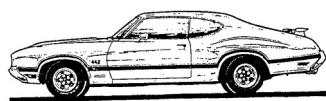
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2026 MAMA Schedule

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 🗓️

Happy Anniversary, MAMA!



I can't speak to last month's meeting, because Nick and I were MIA. We were partaking in things car guys know best—sunshine, steel and octane! Refer to page eleven for a brief recap.

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

The "**Pontiac Ga-**

rage" was obviously MIA.

The raffle raised **\$114.00**, while the door added **\$180.00 (!)**. Paid the rent again—and then some! Thanks to the following donors: **Kevin Buter, Steve M. Buter, Mike Costic, Bob Guarino, Matt G, Mark Mason, Rich Meany, Mark Parkhurst, Ken**

Shanks, Lyle Willits, Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD (Norman), and Ron Shirey. Thanks guys—we 'preciate it!

Finally, I hope you all brought some of your earlier builds with approximate build dates for the club's Anniversary. Thanks to everyone for their feedback for the newsletter—**Tim** 🗓️

Long Distance!



Alan Barton and his wife, **Ute**, are doing a month long vacation in the US.

Their first stop was the **Model Car Museum** opening at the **American Museum of Speed** in Nebraska. A friend of his in their model car club in **Australia (!)**, **Marty Malpass**, is a customer of **Norman Veber's** and **Alan** was picking up an order for him. When **Alan** learned from **Tom Geiger** that **MAMA** was having a meeting this

weekend, and he was on the east coast, he made his way to **Tom's** for a visit and they all came down here for the meeting. **Alan** and **Tom** have known each other for over 30 years.

Tom and **Diana Geiger**, who brought **Alan Barton** to the meeting, had never been to a MAMA meet-



ing before. So **Tom** is now a MAMA member.

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MAMA Meeting LOOK



1940 FORD STREAMLINER PICKUP
 Scale: 1/25
 Built by: Lyle Willits
 Original Patterns by: Rik Hoxby



1950 IMPERIAL CONVERTIBLE
 1:25 AMT KIT
 BUILT BY: NORMAN WEBER
 Around 1986-87

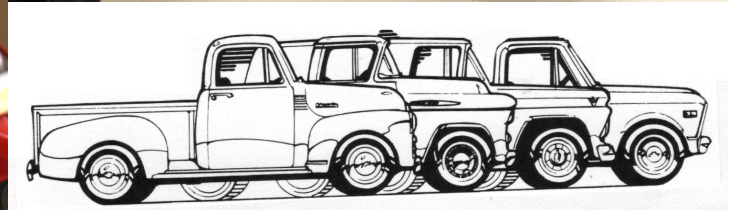
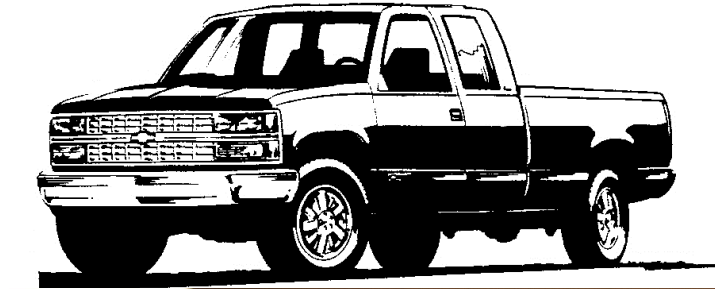
BUILD DETAILS:
 This was a (at that time) customizing project, using
 parts. This involved cutting away the rear
 could fit there. I believe there were
 cutting guide. Pickup bed is contact
 sticking after all these years.
 are (mostly thread) or
 basis is paint.



MAMA Meeting



LOOK



Raffle Goodies!

Theme Table



M.O.M.*



The August honoree for this “official unofficial” award is new MAMA member **Alan Barton**.

The model, truly a team effort, consists of an **AAAResins 1972 HQ Holden 1 tonner cab** on a Monogram 1971 Chevelle chassis with a scratchbuilt tray. The paint was done using a touch up spray can of John Day Orange that their fleet uses for quick repairs.

Alan modified the figures and then his wife **Ute** used her acrylic folk art paints to realistically paint them. The driver's uniform is in the correct livery for the years that their fleet uses HQ 1 Tonner was in use. The team changed their uniforms every few years and external advertising on the cars change but the colors and John Day signage remains the same.

Alan had much more to add, but I hope to address that in another issue, due to space constraints.

Kudos and thanks to Alan, another M.O.M. honoree, and welcome to the club to both you and your wife Ute—**Tim** 🍷



* (Model Of the Month, natch!). Tune in next month to see what else Alan had to say!

‘GMC’ has issued product recalls for the following vehicles:

- ♦ A total of **513 2026 Silverado EV** and **439 GMC Sierra EV pickups** due to a potential manufacturing defect that could cause the spare steel wheel to crack. The recall follows a similar one announced for the **2026 GMC Sierra EV**, as both electric pickups share the affected spare wheel assembly.

Per ‘GMC,’ one or more spare steel wheels installed on affected Silverado EVs “may have a manufacturing defect that can eventually result in cracking at the disc vent holes.” The defect develops over time and may not be immediately visible, allowing damage to worsen before the wheel is put into service.

‘GMC’ warns that “a cracked wheel that goes undetected could lead to disc separation, reducing the driver’s ability to steer and increasing the risk of a crash.” Because the recall involves the spare steel wheel rather than the four primary road wheels, the risk arises only if the defective spare is installed after a flat tire or similar roadside incident. Dealers will inspect the spare wheel for suspect disc lot dates. Spare wheels identified as belonging to these production lots will be replaced at no cost to owners. Vehicles that pass the inspection require no additional repairs. Any unsold vehicles that fail the inspection must remain on hold until replacement parts become available. ‘GMC’ has also in-

structed dealers to identify customers who purchased affected over-the-counter replacement wheels so they can be notified of the recall.

- ♦ A total of **4 2026 Silverado EV** and **1 GMC Sierra EV pickups** and **2 2026 Cadillac Escalade IQ** and **3 Cadillac Escalade IQ SUVs** due to a manufacturing issue involving the high-voltage battery pack. The recall also covers certain **2026 Cadillac Escalade IQ** and **Escalade IQ models** equipped with the same battery design. According to ‘GMC,’ an internal battery module component may not have been properly secured during assembly, creating the potential for battery damage and an increased risk of fire.

According to ‘GMC,’ “the high-voltage batteries in these vehicles may have an internal module component that is not fully secured in place.”

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‘GMC’ says battery module components “that are not properly secured may move and cause internal damage to the battery,” and that batteries with this condition “have increased risk of a fire.” If the improperly secured component shifts inside the

‘GMC’ Recall Ticker

of Recalls

363 (!)

of Vehicles Affected

59,232,531

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C8 Watch



A speeding C8 caused a chaotic series of collisions in New York City in late August, leaving three people injured and multiple vehicles damaged, according to police. The incident was captured by a security camera, while the aftermath was documented by eyewitnesses at the scene. Incredibly, no one was killed.

As reported by CBS News, the crash occurred shortly after 5:30 a.m. near Sherman Avenue and West 204th Street in Manhattan's Inwood neighborhood. Police said the C8 was traveling east on Sherman Avenue when it struck a Mercedes SUV, setting off a chain of impacts that ultimately ended with the mid-engine Chevy crashing into a building.

Surveillance footage from the area captured the severity of the initial collision, showing the Mercedes SUV lifted off the ground following the initial impact. Police said the Mercedes then struck a parked moped, and it appears as though it struck a Mazda crossover as well.

After striking the Mercedes SUV, the C8 hopped an adjacent curb and struck a 34-year-old pedestrian. Both occupants of the C8 and the pedestrian were transported to a hospital in stable condition.

Video captured in the aftermath of the crash showed debris scattered across the sidewalk and roadway, with the occupants of the C8 knocked unconscious and the pedestrian on the ground. One vehicle came to rest on its side, while the Mazda was also heavily

damaged.

It's now confirmed true what they say... New Yorkers really do not know how to drive.

Police arrested the 27-year-old driver at the hospital and now faces several charges, including reckless driving, endangerment and aggravated operation of a vehicle without a license. Meanwhile, police said the driver of the Mercedes left the area following the crash.

Witnesses allege that the C8 was seen performing donuts and driving dangerously for over an hour prior to the collision, while other residents said that the C8 and Mercedes were seen street racing.

Residents told reporters that reckless driving is a recurring problem along Sherman Avenue, with motorists frequently seen speeding, running red lights, and racing.

A man in California was taken into custody after witness video captured him setting a red C8 on fire as the car sat parked in a driveway.

According to a report from CBS News Sacramento, the incident occurred the morning of Thursday, July 30th, in Stockton, California. Footage shows the suspect arriving by bicycle while carrying a red gasoline can. The man then walks toward the C8, looks it over, and pours liquid on top of the vehicle roof. At one point, the suspect looks as though he takes a drink from the container.



Seconds after covering the C8 with the liquid, the suspect is seen igniting the car. Rather than leaving, the suspect reportedly walked across the street and watched as the Corvette burned.

The witness footage is very brief, but records the suspect propping his bike up against a mail box before walking over to the car. The bike falls over as the suspect approaches the car. After looking over the parked car, the suspect walks back to the bike to retrieve the can and begins to pour the liquid on the roof of the vehicle before setting it on fire. The fire immediately flares up on the vehicle roof and underneath the rear end. It's unclear why the witness initially began recording the footage.

Police arrested the suspect at the scene without any further incident. First responders also sent an ambulance to the scene to evaluate the suspect in the event that he had consumed gasoline. The suspect was later booked into San Joaquin County Jail and charged with felony arson.

The C8's owner told CBS News Sacramento that the car was completely destroyed in the fire. Luckily, no one was injured. The motive behind the arson is still unclear.

Scratch a few more C8s—*Tim*



T 'n T

Ford vs. Chevy! On August 15th, at Pebble Beach, a '64 *Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe* sold for \$42,905,000, making it not only the *most expensive Shelby sold*, but the *highest price ever paid for an American car at auction*. The Daytona was one of just six produced by Shelby and played a key role in securing the automaker's '65 FIA GT Championship in the over 2,000cc class. That title remains the only such championship earned by an American automaker. Meanwhile, an ultra rare '63 *Corvette Grand Sport coupe* (number #003 of five produced) sold the same day for \$18.7 million including buyer's fees, making this the *third most-expensive American car ever sold at auction*. In light of the \$42.9 million sale of the '64 *Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe* above, a not dissimilar American racing coupe from the same era, the Grand Sport was expected to go higher. Kudos to **Tom Gunshannon...Attention, Wal-Mart Shoppers!** Be on the lookout for **Round 2 model kits** (AMT, MPC, and Polar Lights) heading to select Wal-Marts across the country with the pallet

program. These pallets contain 54 different facings of popular model kits, display cases, paints, and glue. Each side of the pallet will be catered towards a specific theme; **Pop Culture**, **Coca-Cola**, **Automotive**, or **Sci-Fi/Other**. Starting in September, some of the kits you will find are the '65 *Pontiac Bonneville*, *Supernatural* '67 *Chevy Impala*, *James Bond* '71 *Ford Mustang Mach 1*, *Bill "Grumpy" Jenkins* '67 *Chevy Vega Pro Stock* (?!), '68 *Shelby GT500*, '77 *Ford Van with Coca-Cola vending machine*, various *Wacky Racers*, the *Star Trek U.S.S. Enterprise*, and more. This is an ongoing program with dynamic offerings so be sure to check your local Wal-Mart stores early and often. Check out the interactive map on the Round 2 website—round2corp.com/wpm—displaying which store locations will carry the Pallet Program for September and October...**A Goat By Any Other Name.** Animals figure strongly in the GTO's history, with the first round of propaganda in 1964 pushing a tiger theme, a la "**GTO Tiger**," with the



first portion frequently lettered as "**GeeTO**." On the street, the GTO's letters, rearranged to produce a malapropism, suddenly became "**Goat**," which is fine for the car's proponents, because the acronym **GOAT** is often used to mean the "**Greatest of all time**." The GTO initialism was also mangled to form "**The Great One**," a nickname also shared with Jackie Gleason, who ironically starred opposite a Firebird in one of Pontiac's biggest PR victories, the movie *Smokey and the Bandit*. "**The Humbler**" nickname for the GTO came in 1970 and was also engineered by Pontiac's public relations department (*Tip: giving yourself a nickname is almost always an epic fail*). By 1970, there were so many more powerful cars on the market (*Chevelle LS6 SS454*, *Hemi Challenger*, *Boss 429*...) that calling the 370-hp Ram Air IV GTO "**The Humbler**" was considered a lot of hot air by the real experts. The best GTO

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Saturday September 26, 2026
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Gov't (cont'd)

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battery pack, it can damage internal battery components over time. That damage could ultimately increase the likelihood of a battery fire, whether the vehicle is parked or in operation. Because the issue originates within the sealed high-voltage battery pack, owners are unlikely to detect the defect before a failure occurs.

'GMC' has instructed dealers to replace the complete high-voltage battery pack in affected vehicles at no cost to owners. The company has also ordered dealers to hold all affected inventory and prohibit the sale, lease, demonstration, or dealer trade of involved vehicles until the repair has been completed. The replacement procedure must be performed by technicians who have completed GM's required EV service training.

The recall involves the high-voltage battery assembly. Dealers will replace the entire battery pack rather than repair individual internal components.

- ♦ An **unknown number** of **2024 -25 Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra 2500 HD pickups** in response to incorrect tire-pressure information supplied with a specific accessory tire-and-wheel package. The information provided shows a lower tire pressure than is needed. Dealers will correct the issue free of charge.

The trucks, equipped with the enhanced towing option and 20-inch accessory tire-and-wheel package may include incorrect tire pressure information stating that the rear tires should be set at 70 psi, rather than the correct rear tire pressure of 80 psi.

Inflating the rear tires to 70 psi rather than the required 80 psi could reduce tire performance while the truck is towing very heavy loads, potentially increasing the risk of a crash.

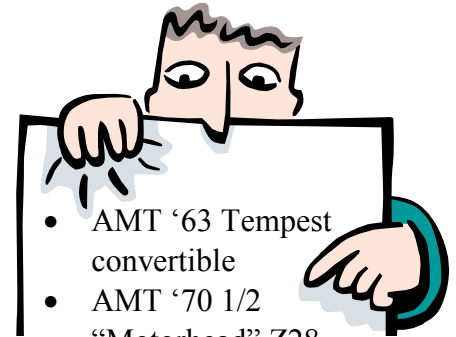
To fix this issue, dealers will first inspect the vehicle to verify that the 20-inch accessory tire-and-wheel kit is installed. If the wheels and tires in question are indeed present, technicians will then reflash the engine control module, install a corrected tire-information label overlay, inflate the tires to the correct pressure, and complete a tire-pressure monitoring system relearn procedure.

Owners should wait for 'GMC' to mail official recall notification letters. Dealers have already been instructed to inspect affected inventory before delivery.

Whatever happened to the good 'ol days, when 'GMC' actually built good **CARS** that people actually wanted, and could afford?!?—Assorted sources 🍷



Ron's Rant



- AMT '63 Tempest convertible
- AMT '70 1/2 "Motorhead" Z28 Camaro
- AMT '72 Chevy C10 shortbed pickup
- AMT '82 Mitsubishi L200 pickup
- AMT '86 "Home Alone" Dodge van
- AMT '95 "Coca Cola" Viper RT/10
- AMT '21 Charger 250th Anniv. Ed.
- AMT All American Race team Ford LN 8000 & '65 Mustang modified
- Atlantis "Unreal Roller" 250th Anniv. Ed. (1/24th)
- Revell '79 "El Jefe" GMC C30 dually pickup (1/24th)
- Revell Lamborghini Countach LP500S (1/24th)
- SalvinosJR '26 C. Elliott Camaro (1/24th)
- WMCC Jensen Ford Racing Dirt L/M
- WMCC Benji Hicks Racing Dirt L/M 🍷

(1/25th, unless noted)



As it happens every year, Nick and I visited Landisville, PA, the site of the annual **GTOAA East Coast Regional** event. It is a very laid back two-day affair, and has been expanded to include all Pontiac vehicles, rather than just the “Great One.”

Since we were MIA, we will showcase some grrrreat examples of “Pontiac Power” from the 140 cars onsite. Every one of them

were great examples showcasing Pontiac’s 100th Anniversary.

We’ve marked our calendars—Aug. 20th and 21st, 2027, for next year.

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!



Sept. Theme

This month's theme is **Oldsmobiles**. 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

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nickname of all? That has to be **"gas, tires, and oil"**! (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 🍷

Condolences

It is my sad duty to inform you that **Peter Cullen** has passed away at the age of 85. If you watched cartoons or movies in the '80s then you'd have certainly heard his work.

He is best known for voicing **Optimus Prime** in the Transformers cartoon as well as in the Michael Bay film series. He is also known for providing the vocal effects of the **Predator**, **Eeyore** from Winnie the Pooh, **Monterey Jack**



from Chip 'n Dale Rescue Rangers, **Venger** in Dungeons & Dragons, **K.A.R.R** in Knight Rider and many more.

Godspeed Peter, and thank you for your contribution to the movie and TV fans out there—
Tim 🍷

Long (cont'd)

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Rick Martin, after **MANY** years, found our meeting location after he drove up and down the road a few times.

They are the newest MAMA members and Alan is officially the **long distance winner** at **11,575 miles** from Hanover, Maryland to Perth, Australia (*almost exactly the other side of the Earth*), displacing our long-time long-distance record holder, **Rik Hoving**.

Thanks to **Norman Veber, Lyle** and **Matt**. Welcome, everyone—
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 Sickle) 🍷

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