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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

Shows Are *STILL* Comin'!

It was a great turnout to celebrate the club's founding. Please refer to the small column below.

Ron Shirey did his usual excellent work on what to expect regarding upcoming releases, and scale items of interest.

The ***"Pontiac Garage"*** was back, with some "vintage oldies."

The raffle raised ***$123.00***, while the door added ***$195.00 (!).*** Paid the rent again—and then some! Thanks to the following donors: ***Harold Bradford, Kevin Buter, Steve M. Buter***, ***Mike Costic, Bob Doebly, Bob Guarino, Matt G, Howdy Hoffman, Greg Johnson*** *(northern VA benefactor)*, ***Mark Mason, Rich Meany, Mark Parkhurst, Ken Shanks, Ricky Wallace, Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD*** *(Norman)*, and ***Ron Shirey***. Thanks guys—we 'preciate it!—*Tim*



"Let 'Em Eat Cake!"



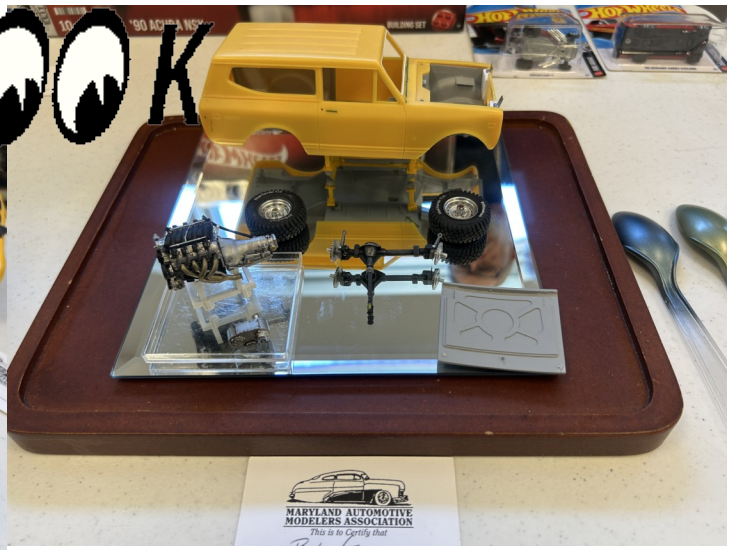
Thanks again to everyone who contributed to the September Anniversary celebration in one way or another—the unknown cookie donor whose name escapes me—apologies, ***Prez Tim Powers*** for the awesome cake *(almost too cool looking to eat!)*, ***Matt Guilfoyle*** for arranging the pizza and having drinks on hand *(and, is almost singlehandedly responsible for the after-party cleanup!)*, and, most importantly, ***Norman Veber***, without whom, MAMA wouldn't exist—thanks, everybody!—*Tim*



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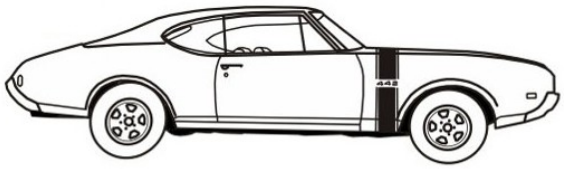
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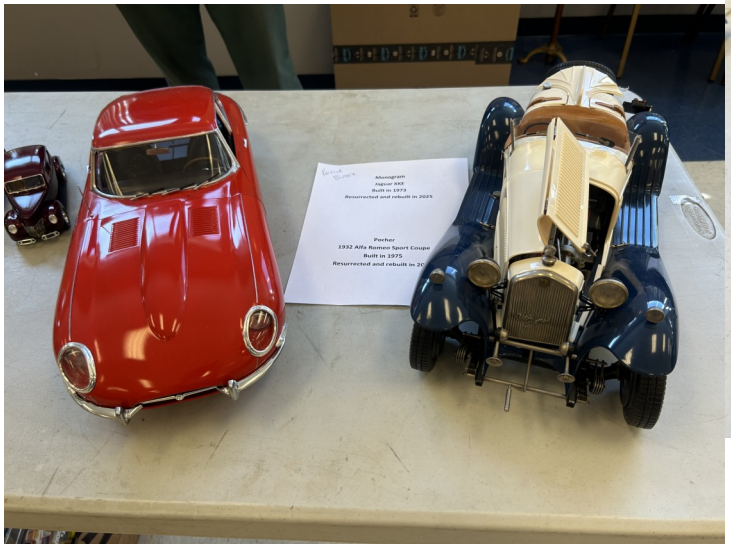






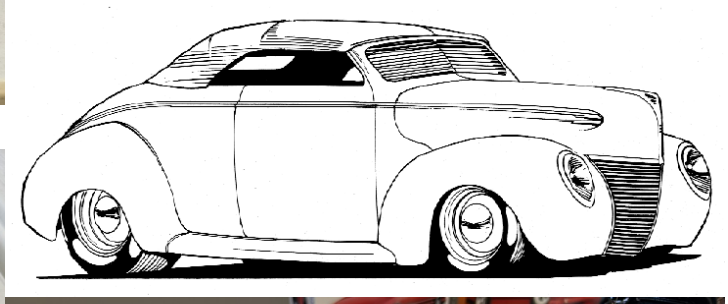
Raffle Goodies!

‘Legacy’ Builds















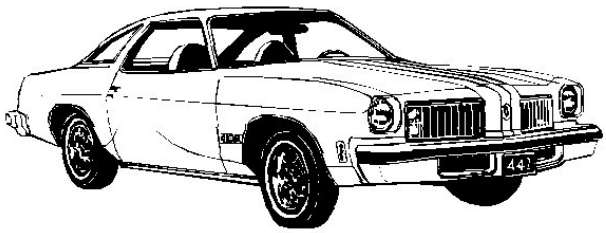
Theme Table






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Aug. M.O.M.* (Pt. 2!)

Here's bit more info that I promised on Alan Barton's "Long Distance" Holden display last month, gratefully provided by Alan when I reached out to him.

The real car was used for decades at both the Claremont Speedway until 2000 and then the Kwinana Motorplex to date. It is part of the John Day Smash Repairs team that has run a fleet of push cars and parade cars since 1960. They currently run 10 cars at a meeting. Most are push cars but they also have a dedicated starter car *(pace car)* and a winners parade car. I have built five John Day cars so far and eventually hope to have ten, spanning the sixty plus years they have been in action and the three local manufacturers *(Holden, Ford and Valiant)* that have been used.

Thanks again for being so helpful in providing further info, pictures and a bit of background on this project, Alan. Best of luck on finishing it—*Tim*











*** (Model Of the Month, natch!)**

Sept. M.O.M.**



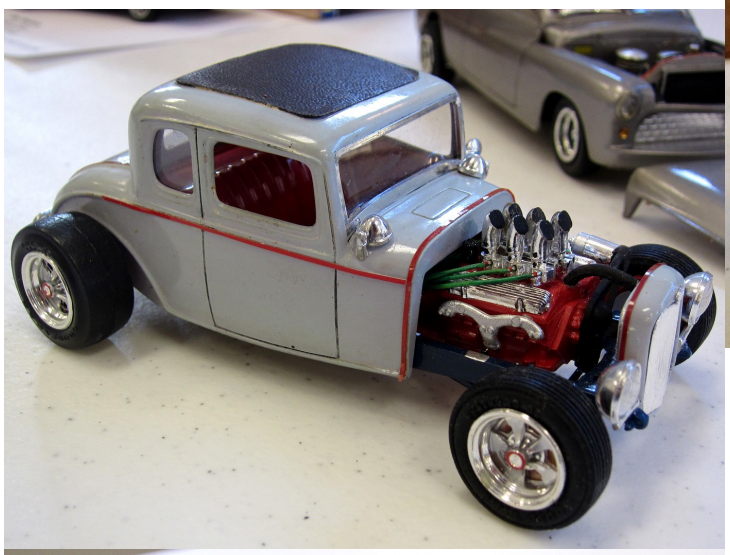
The August honoree for this "official unofficial" award is ***Vinny Tufano***.

The metallic burgundy racer displayed with its award won a first place local contest trophy for the intermediate age division at the ***1963 Revell/Pactra National model car contest***!

Along with trophy winner, he brought his '32 Ford 5-window hot rod, the '49 Merc custom he built after joining the club, and his '32 Ford Woody with a body crafted from real wood. Lastly, he had his metallic blue '35 Mercedes coupe *(from a JoHan kit)* that was radically customized and won back to back quality craftsmanship awards at the MPC model car contests held in the early '70s in New York city. After that, the judges didn't allow the model to be entered again so that other modelers could have a chance to win that award.







Vinny has other contest-winning models at home that he may bring to future meetings in case others might be interested in seeing them.

Kudos, Vinny—*Tim*





** (Model Of the Month, natch!)

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

- A total of ***29,347 2025-27 Cadillac Optiq electric crossovers*** in response to an issue impacting the front power windows when closed using the key fob.
  According to reports, the issue may be present when using the key fob to activate the express-up window function. In thee vehicles, the front windows may not stop and reverse if an object obstructs the final 13 millimeters of their upward travel. This is in non-compliance with Section S5.1 of the U.S. and Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 118, which addresses power-operated windows, partitions, and roof panels.
  If a person is caught in the path of a closing window, they may face an increased risk of injury if the glass does not stop and reverse while the express-up function is activated.
  ‘GMC’ will revise the window software calibrations in the vehicle body control module *(BCM)*. These vehicles can have the updated software installed at a dealership, with dealer recall work covered at no charge to the customer. An over-the-air *(OTA)* update will also be offered for vehicles that support wireless software installation.
- A total of ***306, 511*** subcompact crossovers, including ***2024 Buick Encore GXs*** *(701)*, ***2025 Buick Encore GXs*** *(30,150)*, ***2026 Buick Encore GXs*** *(1)*, ***2024 Buick Envistas*** *(5,857)*, ***2025 Buick Envistas*** *(35,466)*, ***2024 Chevy Trailblazers*** *(843)*, ***2025 Chevy Trailblazers*** *(73,665)*, ***2026 Chevy Trailblazers*** *(7)*, and ***2025 Chevy Traxs*** *(159,821)* affected by a new recall involving the rearview camera system.
  According to the safety recall, the rearview camera screen in the vehicles listed above may display a distorted or blank image.





‘GMC’ specified that a problem with the bonding process used to assemble the camera housing could have weakened the adhesive bond on some of these vehicles. The component supplier is ***Wuxi Sharp Optoelectronic Technology Co.***, located in ***China***. A non-functional rearview camera obviously reduces rearward

‘GMC’ Recall Ticker
# of Recalls
363 (!)
# of Vehicles Affected
59,569,948

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C8 Watch

In late September, A Tennessee man says an online auction for a ***2022 C8 Stingray*** cost him nearly ***$40,000***, yet he ended up with neither the C8 nor the promised refund.

As reported by Fox 17, Murfreesboro resident Randall Durham says that he placed a winning bid of $38,800 for a 2022 C8 Stingray through an online auction house. For reference, the 2022 C8 Stingray is powered by the naturally aspirated 6.2L V8 LT2 gasoline engine. After wiring the money to the auction platform, Durham received a collection code and traveled to a storage facility in Florida to pick up his newly purchased sports car. Unfortunately, the Corvette wasn't there when he arrived.

Durham filed a police report with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, but was reportedly told by authorities that because the crime actually took place in Tennessee, and it was under Tennessee jurisdiction. Durham subsequently filed another report with the Rutherford County Sheriff's office.

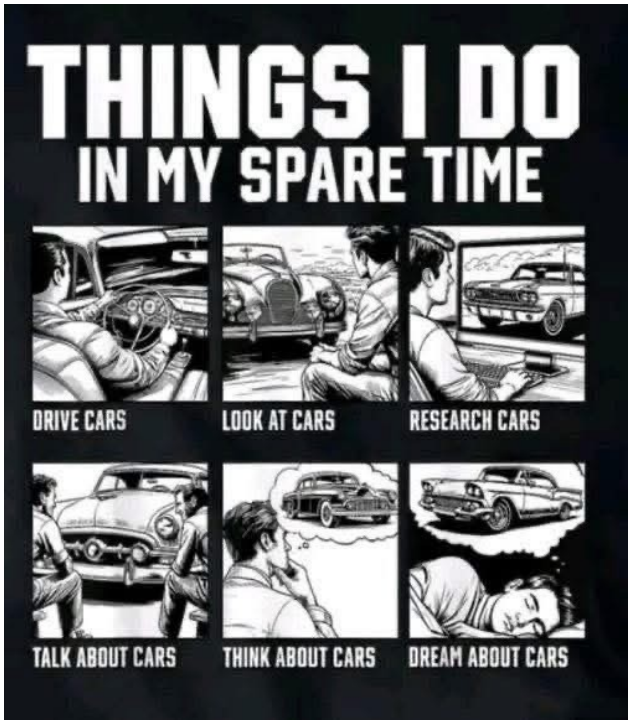


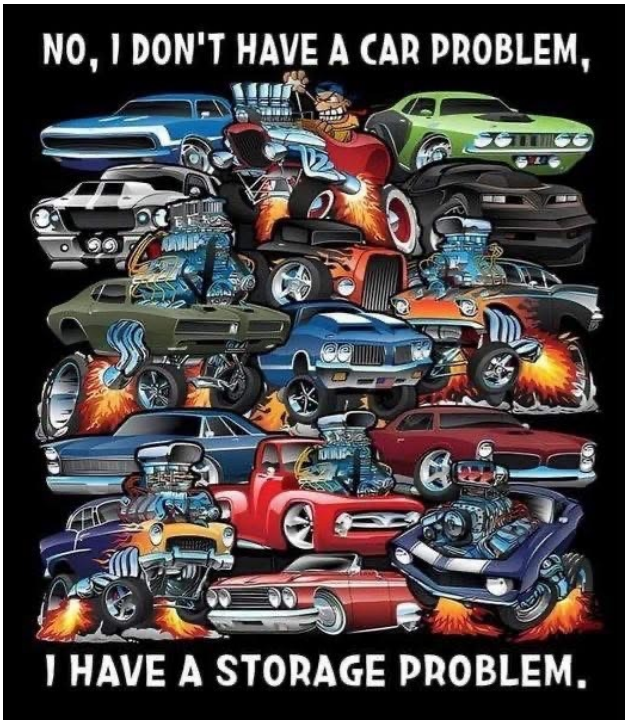
Durham said he had done some homework before participating in the auction, checking reviews of the auction house and finding a wealth of five-star ratings. However, Durham reports that the auction company eventually blocked his phone number, and that, incredibly, the very same C8 was subsequently put up for auction and sold for a second time under the same VIN.

The company later sent Durham an email saying that it had been unable to obtain further information from the vendor and transportation company, promising Durham a full refund, which would be processed within 14 business days. More than a month later, that refund never arrived.

Unfortunately, Durham says he does not expect to get his money back. Rather, he says he wanted to put his story out there in the hope of helping others avoid a potential scam.

"They do auctions every day, five days a week, and do approximately 50 cars per day," Durham says. "I don't know if anybody else has been scammed with them, but in my case, I was, I got caught with it"—*Assorted sources*

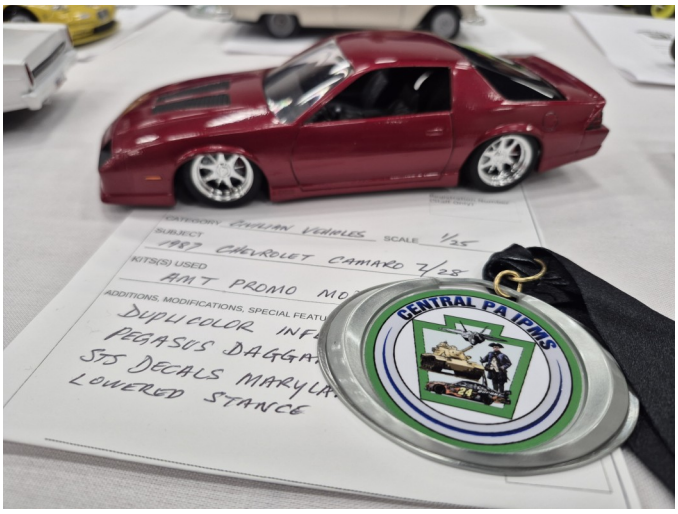




T 'n T

MAMA Kudos! The following individuals represented the club very well at recent shows: ***Mark Wheeler***—'62 Catalina, Gold award *(natch!),* '87 Z28 Camaro, Silver Award and '66 Fairlane, Bronze award, all at the IPMS Penncon show; ***Kelvin Brown***—Top 10 award at the Diversified ScalerZ show, '66 Nova; and last but certainly not least, ***Leonard Harrod***—'57 Chevy, Tri-Five Chevy award at the Diversified ScalerZ show. Kudos to all of you for the recognition of your hard work *(Thanks to the guys for info and pictures of their awards. Ya just can't make some of it up!! Thanks also to all of you in the Peanut Gallery who have helped entertain by sending stuff—I 'preciate it!).* ***Waytogo, guys****—Tim*















OCTOBER 24, 2026 • 10:00AM - 4:00PM • CLARENCE BROWN CONFERENCE CENTER • CARTERSVILLE GEORGIA

LOCATION:

Clarence Brown Convention Center
5450 State Route 20
Cartersville GA 30121

HOST HOTEL:

Marriott Courtyard Cartersville
5460 Highway 20
Cartersville GA, 30121
Phone: 678-721-1660

ACME
ATLANTA CAR MODEL ENTHUSIASTS

- 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 ($TBA)** which will include entry to the contest.

Entry Fee to place models into the show: $TBA unlimited entries
General admission: $TBA | Children under 12 free with paid adult | 8' vendor tables $TBA ea

**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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www.acme-ipms.com

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visibility when backing up, increasing the risk of a collision. 'GMC' dealerships will inspect the vehicles and replace the rearview camera as needed.

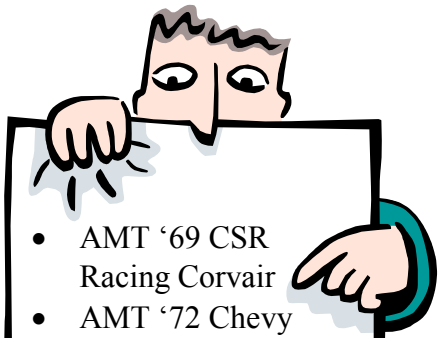


- A total of ***1,559 2016-17 Chevy Silverado 1500, 2016 Chevy Silverado 2500/3500HD, 2016-17 GMC Sierra 1500,*** and ***2016 GMC Sierra 2500/3500HD pickups*** for a defect involving roof-rail airbag inflators. These trucks may have roof-rail airbag inflators with a manufacturing defect. The defect can cause the inflator end cap to separate or the inflator sidewall to rupture. The trucks use crew cab configurations. Regular cab and double cab models are not included in the recall.
'GMC' believes two supplier manufacturing defects may have combined to create a small crack introduced during production, along with a small amount of water left inside the inflator after the washing process, can lead to stress corrosion cracking over time. That corrosion may weaken the pressurized inflator canister.
If the end cap separates or the inflator sidewall ruptures, compressed gas can escape rapidly and propel the end cap or other inflator fragments into the cabin. The failure can increase the risk of occupant injury. 'GMC' opened its investigation after receiving a customer report concerning a 2016 Chevy Silverado 1500. The roof-rail airbag reportedly ruptured shortly after the truck began moving. An inspection later found a split inflator sidewall, along with damage to the headliner and roof. Occupants experienced ringing in their ears, but no other injuries were reported.
Dealers will replace both left- and right-side roof-rail airbag modules with replacement parts manufactured outside the supplier's suspect production window. The repair will be free of charge.
Owners should wait for 'GMC' to mail official recall notification letters. Dealers have already been instructed to inspect inventory before delivery.

CHEVROLET
stands for
Constantly Having Every Vehicle Recalled Over Lousy Engineering Techniques
Abbreviations.com

As much as some of these vehicles cost, and salaries what they are, you would think they would get them built properly ***BEFORE*** they left the plants. ***"The Standard of the World"?!***—*Assorted sources*

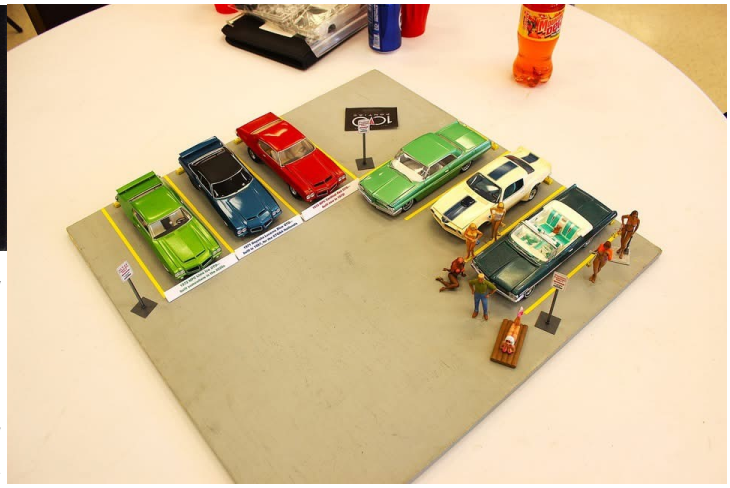
Ron's Rant



- AMT '69 CSR Racing Corvair
- AMT '72 Chevy C10 shortbed pickup
- AMT '96 Dodge Grand Caravan *(snap)*
- AMT All American Race team Ford LN 8000 & '65 Mustang mod stocker
- AMT "Twisted Metal" Ice Cream van
- Atlantis Tommy Ivo "Showboat" dragster
- Atlantis R. Guasco "Pure Hell" Demon f/c *(1/16th)*
- MPC '81 Pro Street Z28 Camaro
- SalvinosJR '74 D. Earnhardt Charger
- SalvinosJR '26 C. Elliott Camaro *(1/24th)*

(1/25th, unless noted)

Don Keefe's PONCHO PERFECTION



Between the "Reserved parking" lot and the "Satellite Parking" *(front tables!)*, we had quite a show of "Poncho Power."

The "Reserved Parking" showcased:

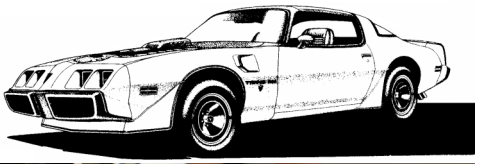
- ***Mark Wheeler,*** with his cool mint green '62 Catalina
- ***Steve M. Buter***, with his sweet Teal '62 Bonneville convert *(with entourage!)*
- ***George Openhym***, with his "rebuilder" MPC '70 Trans Am

Finally, I brought along several ***"old Goats"*** *(1971-72, dated, as to approximate build dates)* for show

The "Satellite Parking" included:

- ***Dave Schmitt*** and his '80 Turbo Trans Am pace car
- ***Duane Hinton*** and his monochrome '64 GTO

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!

Oct. Theme

This month's theme is ***Moebius kits.*** Bring whatever your fertile imaginations can conceive of *(and you may need to be even more creative!)* or built. 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.longislandautoreplicasociety.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

Condolences

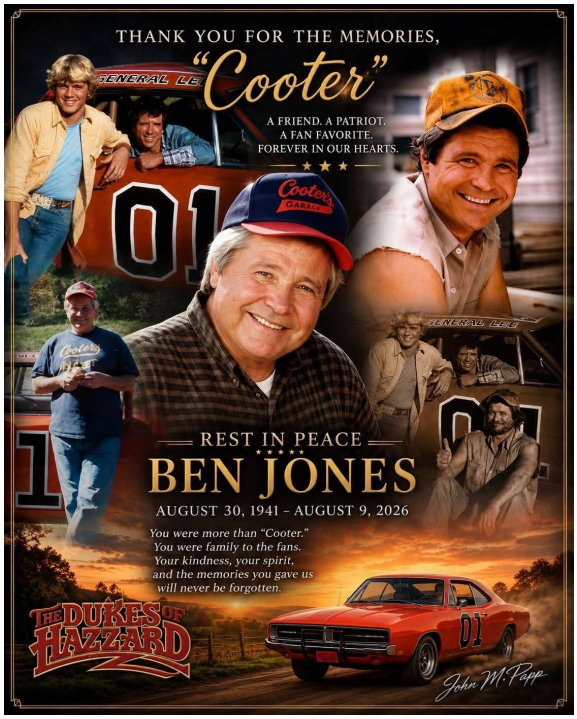
I am sad to share the passing ***Herb Deeks*** at home on June 23rd from complications of exposure to Agent Orange during his service in Vietnam. He was well known throughout the global modeling community for his love of long lost science fiction serials as well as obscure classic cars. Cars were another one of his many passions. Over the years he was a member of many classic car clubs, including Citroen, Renault, Chrysler, and antique trucks.

It recently came to my attention that ***John Mauchamer***, the former owner of Wheels Hobby Shop in Frederick had passed away in August. ***Godspeed, John***. Thanks to ***Lyle Willits.***

I also read on social media of the passing of ***Pat Redmond***. While, I did not know him personally, I knew of him, and also lament his passing.

Sadly, no details are available, but ***Ben "Cooter" Jones*** of ***"Dukes of Hazzard"*** fame passed away on August 9th of this year.

Godspeed to all of you gentlemen, for your contributions to the modeling hobby and the movie industry respectively—*Tim*



Classifieds

WANTED: Unbuilt/rebuildable Pontiacs *(any scale?)*—Tempests, GTOs, Catalinas, Venturas, Bonnevilles, Grand Prixs, and Firebirds, Also interested in empty Pontiac kit boxes and instructions. Contact me at gtoguy@verizon.net, or see me at a meeting. Thanks! *(Tim Sickle)*

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